

Editorial Opinion

Music Men and Palm Trees

Penn State's Blue Band is not accepting its relegation to bowl-time silence in silence. Carl Sipe, president of our music men, yesterday paid a call on another president, Eric A. Walker, to see what could be done to bring his musical team into Gator Bowl action.

Happily enough, Walker said he would look into the problem—all \$9,000 worth—and report his findings.

The figure doesn't seem too high when you consider Penn State has been guaranteed a very solid \$100,000 for playing in Jacksonville next month. The diligent members of the band are entitled, we think, to share in the sunny spoils.

They are so entitled because of their daily practices in the traditional Nittany Valley rain and mud and their unflinching allegiance to their team.

The last two December's have seen the Blue Band marching through icy winds at the Liberty Bowl, giving spirit to the team that was hardly provided by the meager 16,000 attendance, and adding color to ceremonies that featured little more than Boy Scouts.

Few students can make the 2400-mile trip to cheer the team, and the band would be an important spearhead of spirit for our players in partisan hostile territory.

It would mean a loss of prestige and a poor showing for the University not to send its band to this major bowl game that will be seen by millions across the nation.

The band has earned its right to share in the national T.V. coverage and add to the resultant pride that all Penn Staters will feel on Dec. 30.

A bowl game without a band? We might just as well try banning palm trees in Florida.

Necessity and Invention

Necessity and the dean of women's office are this week vying for that long established title "mother of invention." As referees, we declare a tie score.

Necessity, which is not unfamiliar in campus crises, has forced the housing department to find better living quarters for the overcrowded and long suffering men of Nittany Halls.

And since the housing department listed over 250 empty rooms in women's residence halls this term, the invention of the dean of women's office was obvious if unconventional.

The women of Lyons Hall, who are moving so it can be converted to a men's residence, have held up gracefully (as women usually do) under the strain and inconvenience. They have agreed to be dispersed into other residence halls so that the men may find more suitable quarters.

The dean of women's office and department of housing are to be complimented for making every effort to see that moving problems are eased for this transition.

The women of Haller Hall, which adjoins Lyons in the South Halls community, will have to forego some of the shared facilities some of the time, but again, we know they will do so gracefully.

The significance of the move is that the roadblock that has held up community living in the South Halls area for two years has been hurdled by necessity. And the concept that has worked well in other residence hall areas tip-toed in the back door.

Although necessity refused to comment, the Dean of Women was correct in saying that all eyes will be on this new experiment in community living. Such experiments have worked out happily at other universities and we are sure the maturity of the students will carry them through.

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Letters

Kahle 'Admits' Rush Violation, Takes Penalty

TO THE EDITOR: I have a confession to make, so I've decided to unburden my soul to The Daily Collegian and its readers.

On the afternoon of the alleged rush violation by Kappa Delta, I, too, was a guest in their suite. Little did I suspect at this time that the KD's were rushing me. I'm sure that Panhel can interpret one of their vague rules to mean that a sorority may not rush a fraternity man.

Since the KD's are on strict silence, I find that I can only say a Penn State Hello to my pinmate, as I was obviously considered to be a rushee by the "unidentified" individual who made the accusation.

Although I realize that I have no right to speak in my defense, I do feel compelled to make one statement on the matter.

It seems unfair that not only have the KD's been silenced on campus, but also that Panhel has silenced their plea of not guilty before the Judiciary Committee, before the Panhellenic Council, and before the future sorority women of Penn State.

I also include my congratulations to the Kappa Deltas for their valiant efforts to fight the unscrupulous actions of certain individuals, who in my estimation have handled this affair with incompetence and without due respect for basic democratic principles.

-Jay Paul Kahle '62

Vacation

Post Script: IBM Letters

TO THE EDITOR: In the past weeks I have seen two or more factions hurling grapes at one another, all over the Thanksgiving vacation. Here is some food for thought for those anti-Thanksgiving and/or vacation parties:

Perhaps you were right in condemning the lack of interest of your opposites in a college education. But not one of you (in the letters that I read) stated any of these reasons for no three day break, which to me seem only common sense:

• We will be home for a month's vacation in a few days.

• It is easier to enjoy a vacation when there are no finals to worry about—most people would not study over Thanksgiving vacation anyway.

Instead, you intellectuals tried to malign the Thanksgiving tradition itself, and directed blasts at immature playboy college kids—since you, of course, are diligent, sophisticated college students.

I would bet my "Froth" that 9 out of 10 of you IBM's who wrote letters wanted to join the foot-stomping, finger-snapping happy Fizzies party mob in Old Main and elsewhere who hold their Marlboros and texts high "for the glory . . . etc."

-Harry M. Kachline '64

Dahmus Letter

Draws Comment

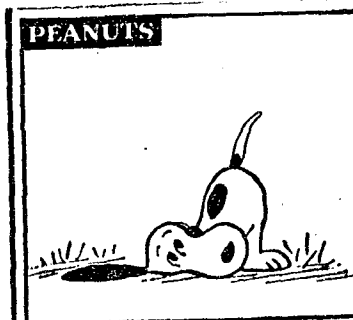
TO THE EDITOR: It was very refreshing to read the letter of Dr. Dahmus in Wednesday's Daily Collegian. It was a refreshing, swift breeze that stirred the moldy atmosphere of our surroundings.

Dr. Dahmus, in order to conserve space no doubt, dealt with only one aspect of our "decadent civilization." This is not a judgement, merely an observation, and someone has to say so (Twist anyone?). A short trip past the local theaters and into the local magazine shops would, indeed, complement the picture.

The importance of Dr. Dahmus' message is—will it be heard, will it cause action? One hopes so, but fears not.

-Patrick Taylor, Graduate Student

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Letters

A Bowl Without a Band?

TO THE EDITOR: During these past months I have been trying to realize that this University's stand on various issues concerning student welfare was for the students' benefit.

However, the action of certain administrators this week has firmly convinced me that their only interest is getting as much money as possible, whether or not it affects the morale of the student body, and directly, the football team.

Their stand on not sending the Blue Band to the Gator Bowl is based mainly on the "lack of funds." I have always believed that a college band was an integral part of the football game and the chief booster of the team's morale.

A good example is the recent Pitt game, where without any reservations, I believe that

the Blue Band initiated at least half of the cheers, while the cheerleaders idly watched the game.

I have yet to see a major bowl game in which the band representing the college playing in the bowl hasn't appeared.

What kind of a reputation will Penn State get, when the public, the television audience, finds out that Penn State is too cheap to send or "not proud enough" to represent its band at the Gator Bowl.

I, as well as 107 other Blue Banders, am proud of the service the band has given the team and Penn State and I feel that the band deserves to continue its service to Penn State and be represented at the Gator Bowl.

-Donald M. McMahon '62

Name Change Protested

TO THE EDITOR: I am writing this letter on behalf of the OSGA, the advisory liaison between the Student Government Associations of all 14 Commonwealth Campuses of the University system. This includes University Park.

When OSGA was formed in October, 1960, an attempt was begun to have all campuses standardize their governing bodies by calling them SGA's. At the time, some were called Student Councils, Student Associations, Councils and the like.

It was a slow process, but finally, at the May meeting of OSGA, all campuses reported that they now had full-fledged "SGA's," patterned after University Park in name.

In March, Randy Carter, who was then president of the Ogontz SGA, began his work on standardizing SGA keys, certificates and establishing ID buttons for SGA members on the 13 smaller campuses.

Again, there were schools who were a little unwilling to change their traditions to provide for a better, more-unified Penn State University. But, gradually, in the spirit of the latter statement, all campuses finally agreed on the adoption of these uniform awards, all bearing the letters "SGA."

Three weeks ago, at the November meeting of OSGA, Randy Carter made his final report on the project. He re-

ported that each campus would have to pay \$18.75 initial die charge for the certificates, plus \$39.50 for the first hundred copies.

Next came the keys, which would cost \$56.25 per campus for the original die charge, plus from \$2.50 to \$7.25 each for award keys. Finally, the ID buttons would cost \$1.50 plus 14 per cent tax apiece.

Add these figures, and you can see that a campus with an SGA of only ten members would have to pay about \$161.50 to cooperate in this program for the first year. With some of the small allotments these campuses receive, this sum is a great sacrifice. However, all campuses agreed to the plan. Many have already ordered all or some of the materials.

Now, three weeks after the adoption of this plan, University Park, after whom the initials had been adopted, decides to change its name to USG with the stroke of a pen.

I regret I was not present at the beginning of Tuesday's assembly meeting when the change was made, but in the interest of University-wide unity, which is a prime objective of OSGA, I strongly urge the members of the Assembly to restore the name of SGA to their body. After all, it is not a name which makes an organization successful, it is the members themselves.

-Robert M. Fisher, '63 President, OSGA

Music for Gator Spirit

TO THE EDITOR: Today we learned that the Blue Band is NOT going to the "Gator Bowl." This made us very unhappy, because for the last two years the band has practiced in the snow and cold for the Liberty Bowl.

Also each week during football season we practice over 7 1/2 hours for neither credit nor PAY. Our efforts and reward are seen and gotten on Satur-

day's at the football games. We were told the Athletic Dept. could not afford to send us. We hope some way could be found to send us because we are still willing to practice for this bowl and give the team some added support at the game, as we have done all season.

-James Shoff '62
-Tom Robinson '64
-Don Stewart '63

Gazette

TODAY
Air Force Drill Team, 7 p.m., HUB ballroom
Christian Science, 4 p.m., 218 HUB
Chess Team, 8 p.m., 217, 218 HUB
Film Series, 3 p.m., 6 p.m., HUB assembly hall
Gamma Sigma Sigma, pledges only, 6:30 p.m., Simmons main lounge

Hillel Freshman Council, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
History Round Table, 7:30 p.m., East Lounge Atherton
PS Bible Fellowship, 12:15 p.m., 218 HUB
SENSE, 6:30 p.m., 214, 215 HUB
USG, 7 p.m., 203 HUB