

## Editorial Opinion

### Both Sides Adjusting?

The remarks made by Donald H. Ford, director of the Division of Counseling, earlier this week concerning the pressures and problems of being alive at the same time as the term system brought more than a nod of recognition to our term-worn weary head.

Ford is not the only person who has recognized a change in the student body. We note that students are more serious, probably because they have less time to be unserious. They are more tired, they are more nervous, they are living in a tense atmosphere.

Basically, they are making many concessions to the faculty and to the administration in order that the term plan might work as effectively as possible. Those that won't concede, leave.

Finals and our mental and physical well-being aside, only one thing worries us—the question of whether the faculty will be taking our readjustment into account when exams begin and papers are due.

Do professors realize the strain—both mental and physical—of undergoing three comprehensive examinations on a single day—with no adequate time to prepare for any of them?

We wonder if they will be making grade adjustments for these facts. We wonder, in fact, if the concessions of the students will be met by faculty concessions too.

### Going Too Far

The decision of the USG elections commission chief to declare a petitioner automatically elected if no more than a full slate is running in an area is an abrogation of free democratic elections.

And to declare that, if there were not enough petitioners in an area, there would be no elections for the remaining seats is to usurp a power beyond the authority of anyone.

We still maintain that one of the reasons the number of petitions filed is so low is that an exorbitant amount of signatures were required. A petitioner must get the signature of 100 of the 500 people he will represent—that is 20 per cent.

Since the actual voting percentage at elections has seldom exceeded 20 per cent, it is totally unrealistic to expect a candidate to get that much support in what is essentially a substitute for primary elections.

Miss Nancy Williams, who has demonstrated courage in protecting civil liberties in past times, will have to rescind her action and allow full voting rights in all areas since the lack of petitions forces use of the privilege of write-in ballots.

### Hidden Significance

We wonder what significance the resignation of Albert Diem as vice president for business administration has for the University.

While we have differed vociferously with Diem on some issues we have always respected the man for a quality that is too rarely found among the administrative hierarchy. He was forthright and frank.

He was always willing to listen to student complaints or requests. He then made his decision and told you why. We may have disagreed with his decision or his reasoning but we could not deny his forthright dealing with students or his frankness about why he felt the decision had to be made.

The position he is leaving is one that draws complaints from all sides. The position interposes a man between the Board of Trustees and the University inhabitants and directs him to run the University as a business.

It is to be expected that running an academic institution as a business will bring complaints from one side—the faculty and students. But when it is run as an efficient business (as this University was), we see no reason for complaints from the other side—the Board of Trustees.

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## Letters

### Sr. Supports Blue Band Bowl Trip

TO THE EDITOR: I have heard some ridiculous things during my four years at Penn State but the Administration's last major move tops them all. Who ever heard of a major team going to a bowl game without the full squad or the school band? A bowl game is a spectacle, more than just another football contest played on an away field.

Also, it is a pay-off for a bunch of guys who have ground out their guts day after day, week after week at practice, and another bunch who have devoted themselves to supporting the team whenever they get the chance, also after countless hours of practice.

Let us first consider a last-string player, a "scrub" on our team. True, he may not have all the skill of Galen Hall, the speed of Roger Kochman, or the drive of Jim Smith, but he stands ready to go in a game and give his all if one of them is injured.

With respect to the Blue Band, there is the aspect of school prestige. What sort of a small-time outfit are we? The fans that go to a bowl game go not only for the game itself, but for the pageantry, the spectacle, the show, in short, the snap and the precision of the bands that march at half-time, etc.

Are we ashamed to show our Blue Band to the world? Do we want the nation to think we are little more than hick penny-pinchers, playing in the Gator Bowl only for the profit it will bring the school, rather than a proud University with a great team and a great band?

\$100,000. One tenth of that sum will take the Band and a little more will take the whole team, rather than just the headline stars. Is our financial position so unstable that we need the profits from a bowl game to keep the creditors away from our door?

Or does the same apathetic administration which kept us away from our home on Thanksgiving, and which puts as many of the student body in the end zone at home games as possible, not care about school morale and prestige, except where it will enhance the underfunded purse of the state university and one of the lowest paid faculties in the country?

This \$100,000 would not go far enough in correcting these evils to be worth while and I doubt if the administration would wind up using it for that anyway.

—John S. Reimer, '62

TO THE EDITOR: PAY THE BLUE BAND'S WAY.

It is the unanimous opinion of Cottonwood men that every effort should be made to see that the blue band appears at the Gator Bowl.

If the University feels it cannot afford to support this trip, we feel that the students would gladly assume the responsibility ducked by the administration in the form of a small contribution:

Let Housing clean our rooms every three weeks instead of every two weeks. Then the \$120,000 saved (based on figures given us to raise our tuition in order to get weekly cleanings) could be put toward sending our Blue Band to cheer our team.

The Band and the Team should be inseparable.

—The 64 Men of Cottonwood House (West Halls)

### Gazette

TODAY  
Men's Residence Council Ball, 8 p.m., HUB hall  
Student Films, 7 p.m., HUB assembly hall

TOMORROW  
Art Club, 1:30 p.m., 218 HUB  
Student Films, 7 p.m., HUB assembly hall  
Swedenborgian, 10 a.m., 212, 213 HUB

MONDAY  
Alpha Phi Omega, 7 p.m., 212, 213 HUB  
Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., HUB card room  
Penn State Bible Fellowship, 12:15 p.m., 212 HUB  
Penn State Bible Fellowship, 7 p.m., 214 HUB  
USAF Recruiting, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., ground floor HUB

## Snowed

### A Student Request

—by joel myers

Several weeks ago the two leading Philadelphia newspapers carried stories that said the Army-Penn State football games scheduled for 1963 and 1964 will be played in Philadelphia.

Athletic Director Ernest McCoy has denied that a

decision has already been made to move the games, but he indicated that the possibility of transferring the site of those two contests is being discussed.

The attempt to create a Penn State-Army football rivalry in Philadelphia could lead to greater gridiron prestige and more profits for both schools.

However, a game in Philadelphia will not be easily accessible to University students, particularly for students with Saturday classes.

Students who spend time and money to attend the football games in Philadelphia should be admitted free just as they are admitted free to home games. The 1963 Army-Penn State game is currently scheduled for Beaver Stadium, and if the game isn't moved, students will be able to gain free admittance.

If the games are moved to Philadelphia, they will be played in the 102,000 seat Philadelphia Stadium where the admittance of a few thousand students certainly won't hurt the profits.

In fact the prospect of free admission will probably encourage several thousand students to attend the game, and thereby increase the excitement and interest of the game by providing Penn State with a large cheering section.

This student request should be made early so the administration cannot use the same excuse that prevented action on the student proposal for extending the Thanksgiving vacation.

## Letters

### Blue Band Gets More Support

TO THE EDITOR: We have recently heard that the Athletic Association has refused to spend the \$9,000 or so that it would cost to send the Blue Band to the Gator Bowl game in Jacksonville, Florida.

Considering the fact that the Blue Band contributes an essential part of the school spirit and good will between the University and the general public, we feel that the Athletic Association should reconsider this decision.

Georgia Tech is much closer than we are to Jacksonville; therefore they will have a good sized cheering section and they will probably take their band.

We realize that \$9,000 is a lot of money, but compared with the large profit the Athletic Association will make on this game, it is only a negligible amount in contrast to the representation it will give Penn State.

If it should become necessary we're sure that the members of the Blue Band, the student body, and possibly, the Alumni Association would contribute toward this cause.

Remember, the game is receiving nation-wide television coverage, what do you want people to think of your school?

—Judy Bogar, '63  
Judy Nork, '65  
Dolores Williams, '63

TUESDAY  
AWS, 6:30 p.m., 212, 213 HUB  
Panel, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB  
Penn State Bible Fellowship, 12:15 p.m., 212 HUB  
Tomea Group, 8 p.m., 218 HUB



## Letters

### Grad Objects To Editorial

TO THE EDITOR: I am getting tired of editorials such as yours of Dec. 1, pitying the poor University and castigating that mean ol' Legislature for cutting the school's budget requests.

If this is really a state University, and not the private property of the Trustees and Administration, open the meetings of the Board of Trustees and other policy-making bodies to the press and public.

Let the taxpayers of Pennsylvania feel that this is their University, and perhaps they and their legislators will feel a greater responsibility at budget time.

—E. A. Hirschmann,  
Graduate Student

(Editor's Note: This news paper has editorially backed open meetings of the Board of Trustees. In addition, we have proposed a plan which would redistribute the membership of the board so that it would be more representative of the population and could be held accountable by the citizens.—cf. editorials Oct. 19, Nov. 11.)

### Nittany Council Gives Thanks

TO THE EDITOR: In behalf of the Nittany Area Council, I would like to commend the Department of Food Service and its staff for an excellent job in presenting Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 23.

I feel that Mr. Campbell, Mr. Proffitt, Mr. Voorhess and the remainder of the staff should be praised and thanked for their excellent work in providing us with an atmosphere and meal appropriate for the occasion.

—Frank Northrup, '65