

## Editorial Opinion

Spring Week Carnival:  
A Profitable Tradition

The Spring Week Carnival is more than a social event on campus, it is a fund-raising project that annually adds thousands of dollars to a student scholarship fund.

An estimated \$4,500 was earned for student scholarships by the Carnival Saturday night.

In view of this huge financial success of Spring Week, coupled with the social success of the event, we strongly believe it should not be replaced by a float parade as proposed at the Interfraternity Council meeting last week.

In order for a float parade to duplicate the amount earned by the Carnival this year, the Spring Week Committee would have to charge a non-returnable entrance fee of over \$100 for each float if the parade drew the same number of entrants as did Carnival this year.

We believe that this added expense would be insurmountable for many groups desiring to enter Spring Week.

In addition to the financial importance of the Carnival, we feel "it has certain advantages such as the good will and student spirit associated with Carnival which would be lessened if it was eliminated.

At Carnival time, all groups participating work in the same general area erecting their booths, whereas floats are usually built in near secrecy. Thus, the spirit generated by everyone working together, but still competing against one another would be lost.

We feel this close association of one student group with another is a strong point in favor of retaining the Spring Week Carnival.

In addition, the feasibility of having a float parade in the fall in conjunction with Homecoming seems to be almost a certainty. We believe that this is a more natural time for a float parade and that it should be held then instead of replacing the annual spring Carnival.

Finally, we would hate to see Penn State lose one of its few traditions—Spring Week Carnival with its crowds and laughter, its highly original skits, its lights, its rides and its colorful come-on attractions outside the tents which urge everyone to "come inside and see the show!"

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## Summer Stigma

by joan mehan

Now that we are well into the spring term, many students are thinking about whether they should attend summer school. To encourage students to attend the summer term the University should adopt a new propaganda policy.

One of the basic functions of the term system is to insure that the University is filled to capacity all year long. However, students seem to attach a stigma to attending school in the summer. It is often thought to be an indescribable torture. From where does this attitude stem? As closely as I can determine



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it arises from the lack of imagination in the University's summer term literature. The term is purported to be an exciting and stimulating intellectual experience. The stress is placed on qualified faculty and excellent learning facilities.

This simply does not have much appeal as evidenced by a small enrollment for last year's summer term and the small number of advanced registrations for this summer. No one seems to want to go to summer school unless they are absolutely forced to attend.

There is definitely a need for a new approach and I purpose that more emphasis be placed on the recreational facilities at this resort-like summer hideaway, than on the educational facilities. Summer term literature should read more like a resort brochure than a dry copy of the NEA Journal.

It should read something like this: "Come to Penn State, nestled in the green rolling hills of Pennsylvania. Overlooked by picturesque Mt. Nittany, the campus is a virtual paradise of flowers and grass. Stay at our lively new Pollock

Arms. Rooms are of ultra-modern design, with wood panelling and a wonderful view of historic Bellefonte.

Dine in our romantic candlelit dining rooms. Feast on the delectable food prepared in our very own kitchens by our Paris-trained chefs. Many guests return season after season just to enjoy our food.

Penn State is, but a few minutes away from the famous Whipple's Dam and the new recreational area at Stone Valley. Black Moshannon state park and rustic Fisherman's Paradise are practically at your back door.

As an extra added attraction, intellectual discussions with nationally known professors will be offered at times convenient to you. See our special agent at the college of your choice. He will make all the arrangements for you. Act now!! The accommodations are limited."

With a campaign like this, the University could easily boost its summer enrollment to equal that of the fall term even without the added attraction of "big league" football.

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## A 'Normal' April

by joel myers

A few hours ago meteorologists closed the weather books on one of the strangest Aprils in local weather history.

If in the future someone looks back on the summary of statistics for April 1962, he will find that the average temperature for the month was exactly normal.

But, hidden behind the averages is a dramatic weather change. For the first 21 days of the month the thermometer followed a record course, which if continued would have produced the coldest April in the 77-year weather history of State College.

A MAJOR change in weather patterns occurred about two-thirds of the way through the month, and almost overnight Pennsylvania passed from a weather regime of unseasonable cold to one of abnormal warmth.

The temperature during the last nine days of April averaged a fantastically warm 64 degrees, which is 10 degrees higher than the average temperature of the warmest April in history. The normal temperature for April is 48 degrees.

The sum of the hot and cold weather regimes produced what the statistics say is an average month, but no resident of central Pennsylvania will consider April 1962 as "normal."



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## Letters

## Fisher Thanks

## 'Week' Committee

TO THE EDITOR: On behalf of the students at the 13 Commonwealth Campuses, I should like to express my gratitude to the Spring Week Committee, in particular the publicity subcommittee for having the courtesy of inviting Penn Staters scattered from Erie to Altoona to Philadelphia to Scranton to the annual festivities.

A personal letter was written to each of the newspaper editors at the campuses, inviting the respective student bodies to come to the Spring Carnival. In most cases, these letters were printed; and, I am sure, had much to do with the decisions of many Commonwealth Campuses students who made the trip to University Park.

It was a fine act of courtesy, and the entire Spring Week Committee is to be congratulated for the manner in which they conducted the 1962 version of Spring Week.

—Robert M. Fisher '63  
President, OSCA

## World at a Glance

Soldiers Leave  
European Area  
Of Algerian City

ORAN, Algeria (AP) — Crowds of strollers blithely ignored the army's no-driving, no-assembly order on Oran's downtown streets yesterday, and soldiers made no attempt to enforce them.

Oran's European settlers poured onto the streets by the thousands shortly after the army withdrew its heavy concentration of troops. The streets circumscribe a secret army area.

The army moved into the streets Sunday with military vehicles and barbed wire and unexpectedly moved out yesterday.

A few foot patrols returned later. But the soldiers made no effort to enforce the latest government regulations: No driving on the streets, no parking, no walking anywhere but on the sidewalks and no forming of groups.

Officials said the rules would be enforced — even to the point of firing on violators.

The troop movement apparently was part of the government's maneuver to wrest control of the European quarter from the secret army without bloodshed. Officials said there had been a change of plans, however, about staying in the quarter in force.

Marines Disclose  
Reserve Changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Marine Corps announced yesterday a sweeping reserve reorganization geared to formation of a fourth division and air wing team in time of emergency.

The plan, disclosed to a House Armed Services subcommittee, also envisages the deactivation of ten existing Marine Reserve rifle companies and the reduction of four other similar units to detachment status.

Brig. Gen. William T. Fairbourn, director of the Marine Corps Reserve, testified that the authorized strength of 45,500 for the Marine Reserves would be unchanged by the plan, which is to take effect July 1.

Fairbourn said that upon mobilization, the present Air Reserve Training Command at Glenview, Ill., would become the operating headquarters for the fourth air wing.

Rocket Plane  
Hits Altitude  
Of 48 Miles

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — The X15 rocket plane shot more than 48 miles into space yesterday, a record for winged craft, and apparently achieved its goal of flying higher than it was designed to fly.

Scientists said a foulup in data from ground radar tracking stations made it impossible to be certain immediately that the designed altitude of 250,000 feet, or about 47½ miles, had been passed. But preliminary computations, they said, indicated it had.

An early reading, while the X15 still was in the air, had indicated the top was 245,000 feet.

The record flight was made by pilot Joe Walker.

Other figures on the flight were not at once available.

The old mark of 217,000 feet, or about 41 miles, was set last October by Air Force Maj. Bob White.

Dilworth Pledges  
Shortway Project

HARRISBURG (AP) — Richardson Dilworth, Democratic candidate for governor, promised yesterday to expedite construction of the Sharon to Stroudsburg Keystone Shortway.

Following a meeting with the executive committee of the Keystone Shortway Association, Dilworth termed the Shortway "one of the most important major projects in Pennsylvania."

"If elected governor, it will be my first purpose to see to it that every section of the Keystone Shortway is either completed or in construction before I leave the governor's office," Dilworth declared.

"This means advancing, even more, the already expedited Keystone Shortway schedule," said Dilworth.

## Missile Test Succeeds

WHITESANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. (AP) — A Nike Zeus antimissile missile scored an electronic hit yesterday in a successful test high above this desert missile test center.

It was launched from an underground cell, controlled in flight and steered to its target in a completely automatic firing test.