

Editorial Opinion

# Summer Relaxation

The summer term is billed as a "term like all others" in the attempt to condition students' thinking on warm weather enrollment. More deliberate attempts are being made, however, to inform the students of the social and recreational opportunities available to them in June, July and August than during the fall, winter and spring terms.

The planners and publicists of these summer programs—as well as all other groups active this term—are to be commended for their efforts. Even though more organizations will function in the fall, and thus more activities will be available, many of these services deserve continuation then.

Students with varied entertainment likes can find their favorite means of relaxation throughout the summer. There have been several concerts this summer by the internationally-known Curtis String Quartet which many people have said "made" the summer term for them.

The dancing public has been catered to by folk dances, square dances and ballroom dances. High school students have provided band, orchestra and chorus concerts and the Department of Music's faculty has added to the program with several recitals.

The silver screen has hardly been neglected either. In addition to the movie theatres in State College, there have been free movies on the HUB lawn and continuation of the International Film Committee's efforts have brought top foreign movies to the students. Foreign language movies have also been shown by the National Defense Education Act's summer language institute.

Summertime athletes have little cause for complaint. Available to them are facilities for baseball, bowling, golf, swimming, tennis and now even cricket.

Nearby Whipple's Dam and Stone Valley have hardly been unpopulated during the summer months. Whoever created the infamous saying that the University is a country club must have attended the summer term.

Yet in the midst of all the activity, classes do go on. There is something about the psychology of summer that few have been able to overcome. Classes may continue at a brisk pace and still, paradoxically, the aura of relaxation clings to the term.

There remain many extra lectures students may attend, such as those sponsored by the Associated Mormon Students or the summer council of the Association of Women Students. The growth of the mind is by no means tied to the classroom.

Summer is a time when thoughts can ramble and ideas germinate. We repeat here that the summer programmers might well note any stray ideas which pass their way, storing them for consideration and possible use in the fall. When our fellow students return in the fall, we should like to point to YOUR accomplishments with pride and say, "See what happened this summer. The summer term is coming of age."

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# Republican Opportunity

by tom browne

President Kennedy revealed his strategy for the fall's congressional campaign at his press conference last week. He indicated that he plans to present the Democratic Party to the voters as the "action" party and the Republican Party as the "opposed to action" party.

He will bring out the Republicans' opposition to his medicare bill, his proposal for a Department of Urban Affairs, his farm program and his bill for federal aid to higher education. At the press conference he said, "The American people will have a choice. They will choose either to anchor down or to sail."



BROWNE

In recent months the Republican Party has tended to take on the image of the "Anti-Kennedy" Party. If it continues simply to oppose Kennedy, and to project a negative image, it will play right into the President's hands. No group, political or otherwise, can get very far simply being against things. It must have a positive approach to the problems at hand.

The Republicans' reaction to the great depression and Roosevelt's "New Deal" gave that party a negative image and it has yet to regain a positive one. With the crash of the stock market and the ensuing depression, Americans began to have doubts about the meaning and course of U.S. society.

The Democratic Party under the direction of Roosevelt took full advantage of the uncertainties of the American people. It recognized the need for change and presented a positive program of action, the "New Deal." And although the "New Deal" failed to get the country out of the depression, the Democratic Party has been able to hold onto the image of the party with the positive solutions to the country's problems, in many people's minds.

Today the Republican Party has a golden opportunity to gain the offensive. If the economy starts to go into a recession by November, the Demo-

crats may find themselves in the same situation as the Republicans did in the early nineteen thirties—a party apparently unable to cope with the economic problems at hand.

It can of course be argued that the government is not necessarily responsible for a recession, but since Kennedy made such a point of the fact that he was going to get the economy moving forward at a faster pace, he will have the responsibility for a recession fall on his shoulders.

Even today there is an indication that the stage is set for the Republicans. Kennedy's "warmed-over New Deal" program has met with strong opposition in Congress. Certainly the legislators opposing Kennedy would not do so if they didn't feel that their constitu-

ents back home were not also disappointed with Kennedy's program.

If the Republicans can come up with new and positive solutions to the nation's problems instead of just being against those proposed by the Democrats, they could make themselves a party of action and immune to Kennedy's charges of merely being practitioners of "obstructionism."

Instead of having to choose either to "anchor down or sail," the voters may have the choice of whether to sail with the Democrats along an old and inadequate course or to sail with the Republicans along a new and possibly better course. It depends on whether or not the Republican Party takes advantage of the opportunity at hand.

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# Fringe Benefits

by joan mehan

The summer term has many fringe benefits besides the beautiful weather and pleasant surroundings, not a small one of which is that the University's facilities are much more adequate for the 5,000 summer enrollment than the regular enrollment of 17,000.

Anyone who has ever waited for 45 minutes for a book at Pattee's circulation desk certainly appreciates the less crowded conditions and more efficient service. The hours of waiting for reserve books needed by 60 other students has also been considerably reduced since with smaller class enrollments there are fewer students clamoring for books.



MISS MEHAN

The once noisy overcrowded rooms in the library are now more pleasant places for study and research. The encyclopedias and periodicals are more often available now also.

The HUB also seems more adequate in the summer. You can actually find a table in the Lion's Den to enjoy that between class cup of coffee. During the regular year you usually had to drink your coffee standing up, being pushed

and shoved by the other hurried coffee drinkers.

The mobs of people going in and out of the Den made your entrance and exit much more time consuming. Now you can leave the HUB and be at your class on the fourth floor of Boucke in two minutes, a significant improvement over the regular year records of 10 minutes.

The weekend movie lines are now much shorter. In the summer you can usually see a movie without the regular line waiting so common the rest of the year.

Tickets to concerts or lectures are more easily obtainable, where not too long ago I can remember standing in a line that twisted around the HUB and outside near Grange for an Artists' Series ticket.

This smaller enrollment gives the summer leisure time a more relaxed pace and makes it much more enjoyable.

Undoubtedly we would not have all these facilities for the summer if it weren't for the money paid in fees by the large regular enrollment. However, the summer term enrollee surely benefits. During the year the facilities are there but so overcrowded that only a fraction of the students can enjoy them.

I don't propose that we reduce our enrollment, but I do propose, however, that we don't raise it either until we can better accommodate our regular student body.

Letters

# Prayer Seen As Solution To Dilemma

TO THE EDITOR: What is man to do in a world of bureaucracy and feather bedding? As ethnocentric entities in such a hamlet consisting of iconoclastic warlocks having a revelation, the contemporary students in this peer environment of sin must at once take arms against the insolent bores which inhibit our fair campus. These misled margates are suffering a mere traumatic bi-variate curve of the mind—a purely mental catharsis.

Ah, but I ask unto thee, is the dichotomy which severs the essence of mind and body the bi-serial correlation man is to search for? (Cerebral intonations of the mind are presently being directed to the invidiously soliloquacious esne-like dictator of Ayn Rand, who follows the theory that "fretting can never solidify itself into an overabundant artifice" (Martin Buber, "The Mind—an Artifice").

Forthwith, we (using the editorial form) must never climb into the womb of lust and depravity. Hence, seek the gastronomy of the natural and "nuda veritas" shall prevail through out. The Gallis princes who never found this out were put into said dichotomous dilemma.

In short, change, for the sake of change—go away and pray! Gwen Epstein '63

# Little Man on Campus

by Dick Bibler



LOUISE IS A GRADUATING SENIOR—IT'S HER LAST CHANCE TO CATCH A MAN.