

Editorial Opinion

Core College Plan

The resolution last Wednesday night of a new college set up within this University has finally ended the rumors of a major change in Penn State's college structure.

We have been hearing unofficial reports for the last six months of a possible drastic shake-up in the college system.

While full plans have not been released, the preliminary statements by John R. Rackley, vice president for resident instruction, indicate to us that the plans will greatly simplify the present college set-up while providing a much improved education set-up.

The major plan of a group of three core colleges, which will provide instruction needed for all professional and vocational interests is an excellent one.

It will finally classify departments in a more logical order.

The present Colleges of Agriculture, Business Administration, Mineral Industries, Engineering, Education, Physical Education and Home Economics will be arranged into this group of professional and vocation colleges.

We lend our full support to this change in the college system. We feel it is the best way to arrange the university into colleges.

The change will avoid alienating colleges by gradually removing departments from them in a slow shift to the system. We believe this to be one of the significant reasons for the major reorganization.

The plans have been approved by President Walker; one of the three core colleges, the College of Arts and Architecture, has already been organized and will go into operation with the beginning of the winter term.

We hope the faculty will give speedy approval to the plans and send them on to the Board of Trustees for a likewise favorable decision.

Congressional Resignations

The resignation of two very able and experienced Congressmen within the month have left a gap in the Congress which will be difficult to fill.

The first resignation was that of George Gordon, former chairman of Rules Committee and a leader of one of the opposition parties—the Liberal Party—in the Congress.

Wednesday night Barbara Baer, a first-term Congresswoman, resigned because she was leaving school.

Miss Baer had shown promise as one of the hardest working and intelligent new members of Congress. She had taken an active part in the early debate and activities of the Congress.

Both Congressmen will be missed. Their respective places will be hard to fill.

We hope that someone will appear in the Congress to fill the places left by these two able representatives.

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Letters to the Editor Memo on Thanksgiving Seen as Valid Policy

TO THE EDITOR: The comments of Messrs. Shaman and Makadon (Nov. 15, 1962) with regard to Dean Maloney's "proclamation from above," are exemplary of those made by students in our midst who in a fervent desire to identify themselves with a contemporary campus issue, seize, rather unfortunately, on one which betrays a blatant lack of information and plain reasoning.

The initial assertion singling out the College of the Liberal Arts as the sole unit involved and their statement that "... members of his own faculty are displeased" are clearly illustrative of gross misinformation.

If these gentlemen were so interested in presenting an objective view of this "vital issue" to the student body, they would have taken the trouble to inquire as to what the other colleges are doing in this matter. Had this been done, Shaman and Makadon would have discovered, to their chagrin, that, oddly enough, their counterparts in mining engineering, interior design, and journalism were issued a similar directive.

This discovery would have subsequently led our benefactors to the finding that Dean Maloney's recommendations were in direct response to those of a similar nature that he received from the President.

Other colleges, perhaps, have not chosen to issue policy statements of their own, but it will soon be clear to all students that actions taken in this matter will be quite the same.

These self-appointed spokesmen for the student body have asserted, without any apparent trace of evidential support, that the dean has acted "against the wishes of the student body."

A bit more time spent by these gentlemen on their extensive study would reveal that the Department of Academic Research and Services has been able, as a result of studies taken on student work during the fall of last year, to conclude with a reasonable degree of finality, that much course work resulting in lower grades for many students, was caused by assignments missed, done without interest, and in

some cases never given by professors, during the sessions immediately following Thanksgiving, which incidentally, were a week before finals.

The only clandestine and "undemocratic" thing about the entire issue is the misinformed, one-sided and, consequently undemocratic view that these gentlemen have offered to the students. If the issue at hand did indeed rightly claim the gravity and moment that Shaman and Makadon have endeavored to impart to it, their unsophisticated threat of "general uneasy rebelliousness" is hardly the solution required.

We hope that these gentlemen will be able to disentangle themselves from the dilemma into which they have been forced—whether to attend the Pitt game or to fulfill the academic obligations to which they have already voluntarily committed themselves.

When they do arrive at the game, they will doubtless behold a goodly number of Penn State students who will be neither failed by professors nor suspended from school as the result of Dean Maloney's "legislative penalties."

Lastly, the suggestion of possible redistribution of our vacation time is one which might be well investigated and is a campus issue to which Shaman and Makadon might have been wiser to address themselves.

—Kenneth S. Spier, '64 —Mark Schwarz, '64

Football Fans Hit For Poor Actions

TO THE EDITOR: What kind of reputation are the students of Penn State trying to make for themselves and our Alma Mater? Obviously, they don't care.

Our so-called "mature young adults" tried their hardest to bring about a degradation of Penn State at last Saturday's football game against West Virginia. I refer specifically to the barrage of assorted paper missiles, coke cups and megaphones levied against the visiting bandmen as they prepared to march onto the field to present part of the halftime show.

As they stood in formation near student sections NB and NC, the bombardment was instigated by ten or twelve "leaders of tomorrow" and was supported by perhaps as many as 200 others.

I assure you that by now the behavior of these 200 students has been related to the student body at West Virginia by either an editorial or letter like this one.

Students of Penn State—let's grow up!

—Norman Brodsky, '66 Letter Cut

Model U.N. Assembly Backed by Sophomore

TO THE EDITOR: The Model U.N. General Assembly, which is planned for Penn State in February, 1963, offers all students at the University Park campus an excellent opportunity to learn and to expand their knowledge of world affairs. Since the Assembly will be run by the same procedures as those which govern the regular United Nations General Assembly, students will gain first-hand experience, so to speak, of the functioning of the U.N.

When an organization commands as much world attention as the U.N. does in our present day situation, it is imperative that we acquaint ourselves with its operations and procedure.

Lynn Kelley, '65 Letter cut

Soph Discusses Laotian Situation, Military Warfare

TO THE EDITOR: Your Nov. 7 issue contained a letter written by Gomer Williams which was written as an answer to Peter Miller's letter questioning why we should fight. I find in this letter many convincing arguments that communism would not be desirable in America. However, I still ask the question "Why should we fight?"

If communism does take over America, it will not be as a result of military warfare. Communism finds a much easier and less expensive mode of war in psychological, political, intellectual and economic warfare. If we are to win this ever-present war, we must recognize where the battleground is.

One of the many places which Gomer Williams cites as a place where we must be able to fight is Laos. I think that perhaps our problem is that we are too willing to fight. William J. Lederer, author of "A Nation of Sheep," discussed the Laos fraud.

Our State Department had been spending 35 million dollars per year to stabilize Laos. The people to whom we were supposed to be giving this money saw precious little of it. American officials were not even told where the money went.

When it was time for elections, what we thought would be a Western landslide was a sensational Communist victory. As a matter of fact, Laotians installed in the Royal Cabinet a pro-Red leader who controlled U.S. foreign aid. American funds were actually supporting two pro-Communist troops.

When the United States was considering not sending any more large sums of money to Laos, Laos announced that it was the victim of a vicious "invasion" from a foreign Communist aggressor. Immediately, tons of weapons were airlifted into Laos.

It was not until several months later that correspondents got into the areas where the so-called war was taking place.

This was a war with communism the Communists were fighting. It was a non-violent war and we lost it because we had no U.S. agencies with trained men who were fluent speakers of the language and who would go into Laos and work with the people.

We have come to the point where we cannot afford to engage in military warfare because it has become too dangerous. Our arms have become so powerful and capable of such destruction that they are useless.

Why is the modern-minded American so slow in realizing that we must think in other terms than the military and that we must adopt a new form, a non-violent form, of deterring any threat to our welfare?

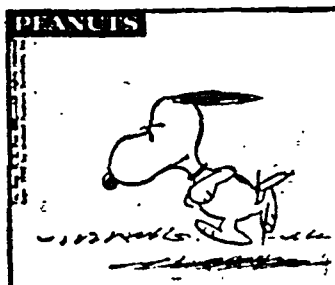
—Lynn Hayes, '65 Letter Cut

Campus Beat

I'm sure you've all heard of the Old Philosopher of recording world fame. Well, darned if he hasn't moved into the USG office! Got a publicity release just today from him. Here's how it read: "Are you proud of Penn State? Is your enthusiasm so overwhelming that you'd enjoy praising her glories to others?" Is that what's buggin' you brother? Well, hop right on the bandwagon and we'll all go out and kill the world and we'll

Maybe he'll send musical accompaniment with his next release.

Prof Wayne



WDFM Schedule SATURDAY 7:00 Hi-Fi Open House: classical music 8:00 Spotlight: Lambert, Hendricks and Ross 9:00 Off Beat: Weird sounds of music 1:00 Ken's Korner: Anything goes! SUNDAY 1:00 Sunday Moods 4:00 Poetry and Music 5:00 Sunday Morning Chapel Service (taped) 6:00 Mormon Tabernacle Choir 6:30 Chamber Music 7:00 The Third Programme: 3 hours of classical music 12:00 News and Weather MONDAY 5:00 Dinner Date 6:00 News of the Week 6:15 Weathercope: Joel Myers 6:20 Operatic Highlights 7:30 Campus News 7:40 Two of a Kind 8:00 Jazz Panoramas: Penn State Jazz Club 9:00 Mostly Music 10:00 Symphonic Notebook 12:00 News