

Letters

# Vacation Policy Protested

**TO THE EDITOR:** For some time, the University administration has been painting a picture of a growing intellectual community at Penn State. We have heard a great deal about the development of this University as one of the best schools in the country.

We are told that the public will expect a great deal of sophistication from a graduate of this University. This is as it should be. However, the administration of Penn State is not consistent.

First, they do not have the foresight to allow students to join their families for the Thanksgiving holiday. It would have been a simple matter to cancel the classes on Friday and Saturday following Thanksgiving. After all, the University administration has added a three day examination period to the regular term. This lack of foresight is bad enough in itself, but it is made a thousand times worse by certain departments within the University, namely the English department.

This department has instructed the English professors to note the names of any students who

cut classes on the Friday following the holiday for possible disciplinary action.

We who are pictured as mature individuals, who are paying for our education and who ultimately receive the benefit of our education, are to be treated as grade school children and given a slap on the fingers if we don't attend class on a certain day. I think this is inexcusable.

I for one am twenty-one years old, married, and am paying for my education and do not expect to be told when I must attend class at this or any University. I suggest this administration act in the manner they expect the students to act—mature and responsible.

—Gene Paul Abel, '63

*(Editor's note: According to Henry Sams, head of the Department of English, his department has imposed no attendance requirements other than those prescribed by the directive sent to all liberal arts departments by Dean Richard Maloney. See description of this directive in The Daily Collegian; Nov. 15.)*

# Bloodmobile Surpasses Quota

The University exceeded the quota set by the Red Cross in its campaign for blood donations this week.

The Red Cross originally asked for 300 pints of blood but 359 were donated, Robert Spangler, student co-chairman of the campaign, said yesterday.

An additional 60 persons volunteered to give blood but were turned away by the Red Cross for medical reasons.

A Red Cross plaque was presented to Alpha Zeta fraternity, 77 per cent of whose members donated blood.

Six fraternities and one sorority competed against each other on the basis of the percentage of members who donated.

Another drive for blood will be held in April. The competition may be extended to groups other than fraternities and sororities at this time, Spangler said.

# Geochemistry Prof Conducts Research With Aid of Optical Company Grant

Research on the preparation and properties of substantially defective structures is being conducted by Rustum Roy, professor of geochemistry, under a grant of \$9,750 from the Bausch and Lomb Optical Co. of Rochester, N.Y. The company has been supporting Roy's studies for three years.

Roy points out that all crystalline substances are defective in one way or another. In many, the

defect is a missing atom or an extra atom.

Substances are being prepared that have large concentrations of such defects to attempt to relate the various interesting properties of such phases to their construction. The research is concerned at present with materials which can be used in lasers, both crystalline and glassy.

# Ross Heads Association

Margaret L. Ross, who received a doctor of philosophy degree in nutrition in 1955, took office as president-elect of the American Dietetic Association recently. She will automatically become president of the group in October 1963.

Dr. Ross is now professor of nutrition and director of the School of Home Economics at Simmons College in Boston.

# Vaughan Hits LA Directive

**TO THE EDITOR:** As you refrain from commenting on the recent decree to the faculty of the College of Liberal Arts from the administrative committee of that college, may I point out that even within the "academic" environs of Penn State, one is rarely privileged to witness such audacious totalitarianism.

Although most of the faculty and students appear to have abandoned the idealism of academic freedom, those newcomers with some little spirit remaining might be reminded of their former image of a university, now no doubt but a dim light on a far horizon, and be consoled by the fact that Penn State is not necessarily a typical example. Indeed such a decree would usually be countered with empty classrooms, and not the usual quiet acquiescence typical of Penn Staters.

In closing, may I suggest that the above named college be appropriately renamed the "Factory of Illiberal Arts" (without union representation).

—D. E. W. Vaughan  
Grad Student

# Physics Prof Appointed

Jack Yahia has been appointed assistant professor of physics.

He comes to the University from the National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D.C., where he served as a solid state physicist.

Yahia received his bachelor of science degree in physics from Brooklyn College. His master of science and doctor of philosophy degrees are also in physics and were awarded by Northwestern University.

# Student Reads TDC IN Nigeria

**TO THE EDITOR:** This letter will be a surprise to you for this is my first missive to you. You might be greatly surprised how I came about your name but not understanding. You should realize that a friend of mine has introduced you to me, that you are a good editor who renders obligation for someone who needs it. Reading The Daily Collegian in my friend's house it gives me great pleasure and impresses me deeply. I like it much, and I am sure it will

bring us to brotherhood. Kindly publish my name and address in the young people's column that I would like to correspond with boys and girls regardless of ages in your wide country of America. I am a student of eighteen years of age. My hobbies are reading, sports, and collecting pictures. I send heartfelt greetings to all readers of The Daily Collegian.

Olanrewaju Alade  
1 Fakolujoh Street  
Lagos, Nigeria

# Brotherhood Religion Plea Lauded

**TO THE EDITOR:** (Re: Letter from Barbara Evans, Nov. 9). Paul Tillich, a modern theologian, defines religion as "the ultimate concern of every individual." Hence, it is our opinion that the advertisement for Brotherhood Religion was the most significant ad that The Daily Collegian has published.

If, in Miss Evans' opinion, it was in bad taste for a liberal newspaper to publish this article, may we assume from her logic that a conservative newspaper

could print the same article in good taste?

And of what consequence is grammar, style, and punctuation? This is clearly argumentum ad hominum! Obviously, Mr. Arnold intended to convey certain ideas of "ultimate concern"—not examples of exacting literary form.

We sincerely believe that Mr. Arnold's plea for world unity under God is offensive to no religion, and in fact, man should consecrate his utmost endeavor toward this goal!

—Ron Riley, '63  
—Joe Gilmore, '63

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