

John F. Kennedy—A Great Man

A great man was laid to rest yesterday and the entire world mourned.

That John Fitzgerald Kennedy was indeed a great man is evidenced by the universal sorrow which accompanied his tragic death.

Leaders of foreign states—enemies just last week—stood united in a common bond of sorrow yesterday, a tribute to the high regard in which they held the late President.

To the people of this country, who knew him and loved him, the death of the youthful, dynamic leader seems even today somewhat incomprehensible.

But the sorrow, which reached new depths yesterday, was obvious. The procession of the cortege from the Capitol to the national cemetery at Arlington was a sight that none of us will ever forget. Nor will we forget the emotions so vividly displayed on the faces of those who journeyed to the Capitol to view the flag-draped casket and pay their last respects.

History, of course, will ultimately decide whether President Kennedy will rank among the great Presidents in our history.

But to those of us who knew him, who listened to his speeches and read of his actions, who witness-

ed his relentless pursuit to see mankind bettered, he was truly a great man.

The black mark which was recorded on our nation's history by the assassination of President Kennedy Friday was compounded Sunday when the accused assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, was himself shot by a self-appointed executioner.

The murder of Oswald is unfortunate for two reasons. First, it is unfortunate because we may never know now the full story behind the assassination of the President. We may never know if Oswald was solely responsible, or if he was simply a pawn in a hideous plot. We may never know what his reasons were for committing such a heinous crime, if he alone was responsible.

Second, and much more important, the murder of Oswald is contrary to the principles on which this country is based and in which President Kennedy himself believed so strongly.

The death of such a beloved President certainly causes emotions to reach a high peak, but it does not justify the act committed by Jack Ruby.

That such an event should bring cheering is a tragic commentary on some of the American people.

For it should not bring cheering, only questioning. We should all question what, in a society that prides itself on the importance of the individual, has caused human life to be regarded so cheaply.

Minder Study Indicates Pattee Library Department May Undergo Automation

Automation, the ever-expanding field which has penetrated so many areas of American business and industry, is about to play a part in the creation of a more efficient and economical data processing system for libraries. A study of the acquisitions department of Pattee library and its college branches has pointed to the feasibility of its reorganization based on computer programming. The study was under the direction of Thomas L. Minder, librarian for the College of Engineering. He was assisted by Gerald Lazorkik (graduate-industrial engineering-State College).

The study revealed that use of the digital computer served to improve work flow, increase operating capacity, and lower cost in the acquisitions department. According to Minder, a new system was devised in which automation was implemented as "a tool—not the essence of

the system. Automation for the sake of automation was not tolerated." The computers used were of the same general service type as in Boucke. Three Phases The study program was divided into three phases: a comprehensive analysis of the present operations of the acquisitions department, the design and testing of a new system and the beginning of implementation. In the first phase each job in the department was analyzed. Notable findings included organization along manual lines, delays involved in form transferring, and time consumed in excessive checking of requests for books and order forms. A cost analysis was conducted which resulted in a summary of the total costs of 50 types of library operations. The analysis demonstrated, for example, that the total cost to the library of purchasing a book, including labor, supervisory, and indirect costs, was \$2.15, and that of purchasing a new periodical was \$6.69. These results thus showed need for improvement in both efficiency and economy.

Developed New System The second phase was concerned with the development of a new system based on automation and testing of the system. It was found that organization of library material by form (book, periodical, or serial) was more efficient than organization by operation. This organization will allow for later introduction of documents and technical reports into the system. Under the new system computers would follow through the entire process of book acquisition, but would not interfere with the card catalogue department. The acquisitions department would be concerned primarily with verification of order information. Since all processing would be done by computer, the duties of the department personnel would be primarily "decision making." Routine clerical work would be eliminated.

The current phase of the program is that of implementation. After writing of a computer program has been completed, a prototype acquisitions department will be established. The purpose of the center is to provide adequate facilities for persons who attend various programs here. During the 1962-63 period the University served 421 groups involving 57,020 people.

probably in the engineering library. The prototype is expected to be in operation by early next year. Once this has been evaluated, instruction manuals must be written before conversion to permanent installations can be made. If the prototype is successful, the acquisitions procedure of the entire university library system may be converted. As far as students are concerned the automated system should provide "faster service, more complete information about library material, and more efficient service in terms of cost," Minder said. One of the problems in library automation, according to Minder, is standardization of symbols used and computer language. The so-called FORTRAN language now employed is considered to be inadequate. Also, there is currently a need for computer engineers to coordinate the computer programming. Several library schools are now offering courses on library automation. There are no such courses at the University at the present time. Minder recently presented a report of his study to the American Documentation Institution as part of its meeting on automation and scientific information in Chicago.

GSA Plans New Conference Center on Old Beaver Field

A five-story conference center will be constructed by the General State Authority on the north-west corner of Old Beaver Field, near the Nittany Lion Inn. Bids for construction opened in Harrisburg Nov. 20. Unofficial low bids were submitted by Gamble Construction Co., Bolver, for general construction, and by Herre Brothers, Inc., Harrisburg, for heating, plumbing and electrical work. Bids are expected to be awarded in the near future.

The purpose of the center is to provide adequate facilities for persons who attend various programs here. During the 1962-63 period the University served 421 groups involving 57,020 people. The new building will consist of a basement and five upper floors plus an adjoining meeting room. First floor facilities are to include a lobby, exhibit area, classrooms and a main meeting room with a seating capacity of 384. The rest of the building will contain class and meeting rooms with forum classroom and television control center on the second floor. General administrative offices of Continuing Education Services will be located on the fourth and fifth floors. Facilities on the ground floor include a multi-purpose dining and meeting room, a production room for Continuing Education Services and storage and utility areas. The project was designed by Lacy, Atherton and Davis, Wilkes-Barre and Harrisburg architects and engineers. The present Conference Center, which has been used since 1955, is a frame structure that was constructed after World War II for use as a student union building.

TODAY ON CAMPUS

Lecture Irmgard Schuchardt, a representative of the West Berlin Fellowship of Reconciliation, will speak on "Steps in Reducing East-West Tensions" at 8 p.m. in the Hetzel Union assembly room.

Tryouts Students wishing to tryout for "Dinny and the Witches" or "A Midsummer Night's Dream" should report to the Pavilion Theatre promptly at 7 p.m. tonight.

Other Events Christian Science Organization, 2 p.m., Helen Bakin Eisenhower Chapel. Freshman Class Advisory Board, 8:30 p.m., 203 HUB. Junior Class Advisory Board, 7 p.m., 218 HUB.

IMPORTANT! Final AD Staff Meeting 9:30 TONIGHT AT THE OFFICE

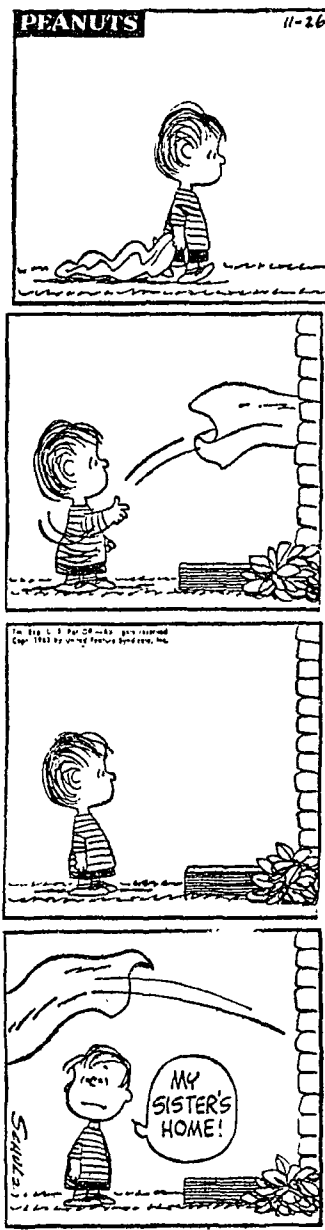
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out of the fog 'God Bless America' by tony foglio

A man was buried yesterday amidst all the honor that a broken-hearted, grateful country could summon from its very depths. Television commentators, eager to impress upon the people of this nation the influence John Fitzgerald Kennedy had upon the world, quoted statistics of the number of foreign dignitaries present at the funeral and burial services: a dozen members of the world's ruling families, 18 presidents and other heads of state, 20 foreign and defense ministers. In all, representatives of 53 foreign countries attended a sorrowing nation's last tribute to its fallen Chief. This gathering of foreign dignitaries, according to the commentators, was the greatest since the burial of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery 40 years ago. John Fitzgerald Kennedy has joined that unknown soldier and the unknown soldiers of World War II and the Korean conflict. Mr. Kennedy is no longer physically with us—the people who, three years ago this month, chose to elect him to

their greatest office. But, although physically he is no longer with us, his youthful dynamism will remain with us of the generation closest to his in thought, enthusiasm, idealism. Especially poignant in our memories will be the special messages he had for us, messages which many of our generation heeded. They are now in places like Tanganyika, Chile, Laos, serving in the President's own vehicle for peace, the Peace Corps. Those of us who have not yet discovered our means of meeting his admonition to "Ask not what your country can do for you—but what you can do for your country" will perhaps, through the death of one man, find the incentive that is needed and the area in which we are needed. But, there is little point to my eulogizing President Kennedy, because there are so many who could do it and have done it so much better. What does need a eulogy, however, is a state, a nation, a world, that could produce the likes of a being who, for whatever insane, irrational motives, could assassinate the President of the United States. Assassination is too good a term to apply to the foul, senseless butchery of John Fitzgerald Kennedy because it connotes to many people of the world an honorable deed,

Letters To The Editor

Junior Hits Integration Column

TO THE EDITOR: Miss Hartman did a marvelous job of openly hating our "Yankee" token signs of racial non-prejudice. But, I seriously doubt that she has ever been in the Deep South for any length of time or she could not ridicule our nothern efforts so bombastically. It is the effort we make toward racial equality that seems of the utmost importance to me. If Miss Hartman could see the disgusting and heart-breaking humiliation a Negro has to undergo just to order a hamburger "way down South," she might change her tune. The sight of a small child standing at the designated end of the lunch counter, trying to look as polite as can be so the "white trash" wiping an already spotless glass will "suddenly" notice her customer, is just slightly less pitiful than that of a strong young man standing and waiting with equal patience. The white passengers, standing, packed like sardines in the aisle of a bus while in the rear sits one wizened old lady, would make a very funny scene if it were not so sad. The white household which embraces its "nigger" and allows her to care for the children and prepare the food with her capable, but black hands, yet yells "Hell no, her kids can't go to school with mine" denotes a reasoning so far behind our northern brand of

hypocrisy as to be comparable to the Dark Ages. Miss Hartman should visit the South. Not the vacation spots, but a place where she will come in contact with the future leaders of the South. She should visit an institution of higher learning such as I went to. She should count the number of Negroes she passes on campus (one hand will leave her plenty of room). She should look into the law cases—one especially outstanding in my mind of five grown men, under the pretext of discipline, who took turns beating a 15-year-old colored boy in a reform school.

The boy died! She should listen to the boasting: "Yes, ah hate niggers and ah'm proud of it." If it doesn't turn her stomach, then she has a much stronger constitution than mine. Sure, they admit it. And, just how big a point in their favor is this when compared to the many sincere efforts we try to make. I would rather be in an atmosphere of mere efforts than smothered in an atmosphere of blind hatred intended to preserve the illusion of the grandeur of "the Southern Tradition." —Johnnie Lee Schaffer, '65

Kennedy's Death Brings Realization of 'Burden'

TO THE EDITOR: I'm not even 21. I never voted for the man, or against him. I was interested in what he had to say, in what he did, and how well he served what we're fond of calling the "national interest," which in reality is our own idealized version of what we individually would like. I plan to vote in 1964. I might've voted for him—who can tell? But how do we go about reshaping our ideas, our thoughts, to fit what amounts to a new order? What—and whom—do we think of in the wake of this thing?

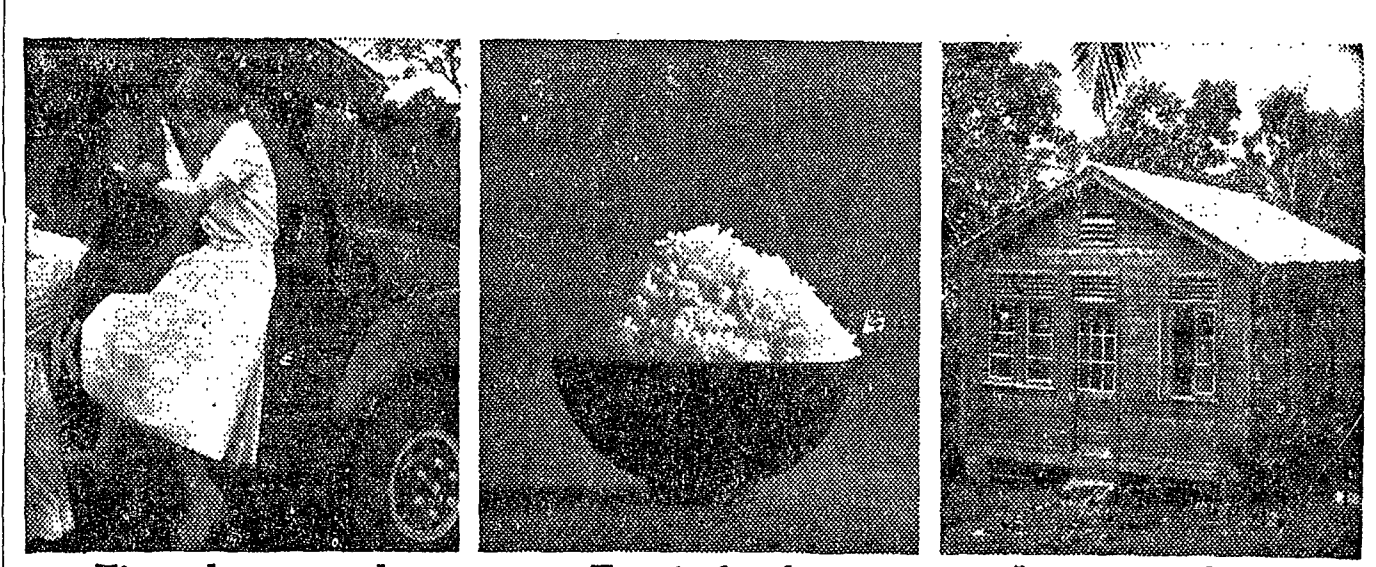
I never knew him, of course; put his death is as personal as though it were my brother, or a cousin, or a close friend. When so much is riding on what he says, how he says it, and who listens to him, who among us dare not listen? But in this tragedy, the real provocation of grief is the stark truth that so many didn't care (and still don't?), so many looked away from him and his problems instead of to them for understanding and to lend support, so many ignored what problems he tackled, what solutions he offered, and the bull-like clashes he both provoked and engaged in, so that real understanding, in depth, of the nature of things was so widely missing in his lifetime. Maybe from this one death, our personal involvement will increase our appreciation of the system will be fostered (for what other country in the world, large or small, could have a chief of state within two hours after the death of the previous leader), and our memories will contain an image of what he was and what he sought, to spur us to become a country, which, potentially so broad-based in its support of its wishes, is in actuality ignorant and uncaring.

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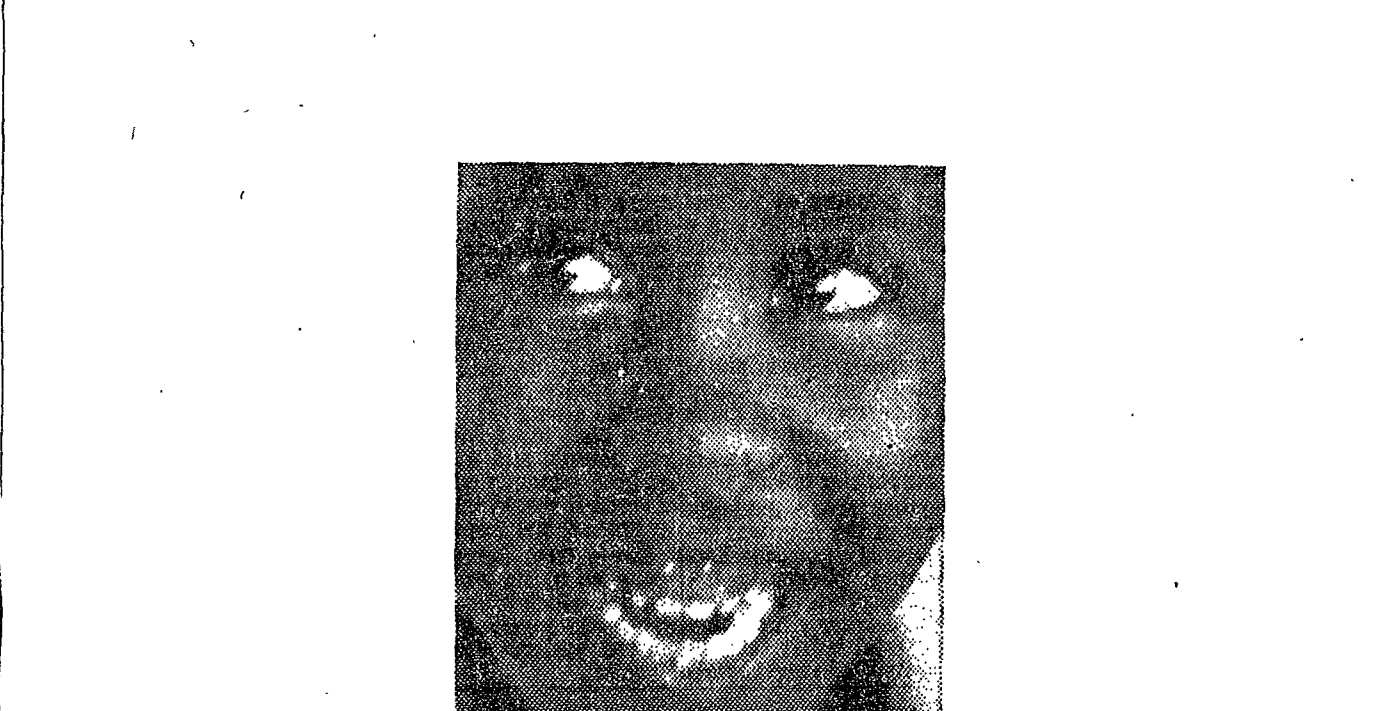
Nigerian Asks Correspondent

TO THE EDITOR: I am very happy to write these few lines of words to you. I wish you would kindly publish my name and address into your newspaper as a Nigerian boy seeking for a pen-pal in the USA from both boys and girls. May God Almighty be with you always. (Amen.) I am a Nigerian boy of 18 years of age. I am 5 feet 9 inches tall with brown eyes. My hobbies are football, listening to radio, swimming, running, jumping, reading, dancing and going to the cinema. We might also exchange Nigerian products. I shall be very much grateful if this, my humble letter, is favorably considered. —Sab'itu Alabi O'bode 18 Willoughby St. Lagos Nigeria, W. Africa

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