

For This, We Give Thanks

It seems almost impossible today to feel truly thankful about anything.

It has been less than a week since the assassination of a President and most of us are still numb with grief.

Newspaper and television accounts keep reminding us of the tragedy.

We see the sadness, coupled with grim determination, of a new President as he takes up the tasks of his office.

We cannot help but think on this Thanksgiving Day of the characteristically happy Kennedy clan, and the celebration that was to have been today.

It is ironic that our sorely-missed chief executive's last proclamation was one reminding us to be thankful today.

But the late President went further than merely reminding us to be thankful of our heritage. "As we express our gratitude," he said, "we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them."

In so many ways, John F. Kennedy did just that. And in his death, perhaps, more people may

come to realize that only by living by our words can this nation ever uphold its heritage.

During the past week, we have witnessed two tragedies—tragedies which have sliced deeply into the basic fabric of our society.

We have seen the President of our country assassinated and we have seen his alleged assassin gunned down without due process of law.

We have seen people cheering the unjust death of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Each day, we see members of minority races subjected to cruel, sometimes inhuman, treatment.

All this has occurred, and is occurring in a nation which claims to be based on equality, liberty and justice under law for all men.

President Kennedy proved, throughout his tragically short term of office, that he believed in these claims. He worked constantly toward making them a reality, rather than just words.

His death, hopefully, will bring home the realization to many people that these ideals have not yet been attained.

With this, also, will come a desire to attain them by, not uttering, but living by our words.

For this, we can be thankful.

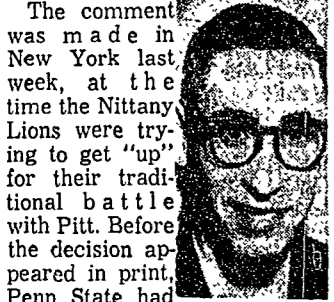
THANKSGIVING SERVICES



Lions Cheated

by joel myers

The student body and perhaps the football players as well deserve an explanation for Dean Ernest McCoy's announcement that Penn State will not participate in a post season bowl game no matter what.



The comment was made in New York last week, at the time the Nittany Lions were trying to get "up" for their traditional battle with Pitt. Before the decision appeared in print, Penn State had been considered

for the Gator Bowl, Liberty Bowl, Orange Bowl, and Cotton Bowl.

McCoy apparently feels that it would not be academically sound for Penn State to appear in a bowl this year.

This is not only ridiculous, but it seems incompatible with existing policy.

It is no secret that Penn State is a football power, that it recruits players and that they hold grants-in-aid. Our top-flight schedule engineered by McCoy himself and four consecutive bowl appearances are further testimony to Penn State's football prowess.

Why then prevent the Lions from attending a post-season game this year if they want to? Neither practice sessions nor the game itself would interfere with classes or studies due to the lengthiness of the Christmas vacation.

Rip Engle has said many times that this year's team has played up to its potential more than any he has coached.

If the Lions were to upset Pitt and wanted to play in a bowl game, it seems detrimental to them and the "good

name of the University" to stand in their way.

College football is played, it seems to me, for two important reasons. One is to foster school spirit, and the other is to allow the players to develop their athletic skills and sense of sportsmanship. The appearance in a major bowl game is often the reward for a successful season.

Considering this year's effort by the Nittany Lions and the great enthusiasm demonstrated by the Penn State student body, an explanation of McCoy's action seems in order.

Letters To The Editor

For All This, We Mourn

TO THE EDITOR: Our President was killed Friday. The leader of our country, our protector, a martyr, a legendary figure already. It brought me great sorrow. Everyone in the world is mourning his death.

Everyone felt close to this personable man and his charming family: the model of the American family. Everyone feels the deepest sorrow for the widowed Mrs. Kennedy, and her two babies, Caroline and John-John, who hardly realize what the tremendous ordeal is all about.

I've never seen such a powerful reaction, I myself feel part of the common spirit—the feeling of grief that all people are sharing because of this loss. I finally can realize the meaning and impact of what the word "tragedy" stands for.

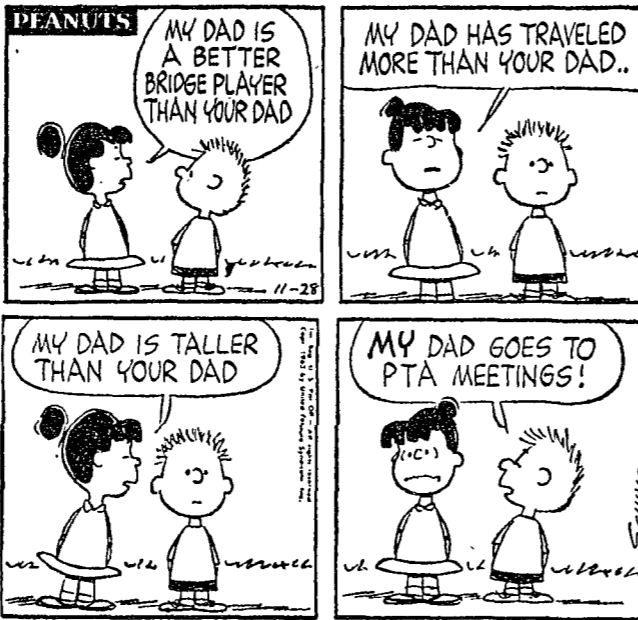
But, I wasn't sure why I felt so sad, why I was crying. Was I merely identifying with the personable first family; was I concerned with the future of the country; was I following the lead of the mass in their hysteria? Why is everyone crying? Is everyone truly mourning?

Do they know what they are crying about? I think not, for in a matter of hours they forget what has befallen them and return to the mundane trivia that was interrupted last Friday afternoon by the earth-shattering event.

How can they discuss what to wear, college exams; how can they even eat their meals? No one sees any farther than his nose. More than what the eye sees has been brought to light, yet no one sees, comprehends, nor acts.

This death should bring a new light upon the people of the world. An introspection should take place—on large scale. What this event has brought to the human race; the mask, the shell of stupidity and unreasonable fear that the mass wears; the unbreakable shell that can not even be penetrated by such a devastating event as this great President's death.

Everyone cries today and returns to routine tomorrow,



forgetting his tears and turning JFK into a legendary hero who died for his country and for freedom, liberty and equality—just like Abraham Lincoln.

But it is more, much more that we can learn from this dramatic episode. Will the human race not look within itself? Ask itself for what it is crying; pause a moment and think before returning to its everyday life—of studying, politicking, cooking, cleaning, or watching TV commercials; before losing sight of what has been brought before it. Why doesn't it look? It's right there, waiting to be grasped.

The act of murder itself was one of stupidity. The murder of the suspect Oswald was one of stupidity. The fact that everyone goes back to everyday existence without examining the funeral's impact on themselves is a result of stupidity. No one sees the truth behind this entire tragedy.

The tragedy itself is the proof of human stupidity and fear. Will everyone look within, ask themselves why they hate, why punish; will they know that they fear? Why are they unsure of themselves? This is the only possible reaction—in protecting themselves from what they do not know; to punish and hurt others, to clam up in a shell—impenetrable by reason, guarded by fear, based on stupidity. Drop the shell and let life show through.

There is so much potential in every human being, which is being destroyed by suffocation and suppression. Acting natural is non-conformist and puts the individual outside of the solidity of groupness—a group based on fear of being alone. But to be with oneself in understanding, in naturalness to live pure life,

to see what really is takes courage.

One must dismantle his robes of stupidity, his mask of fear, take a deep breath of the fresh air of the natural world, relax, look around, accept what is food as good, try to understand the awkward and the bad and make efforts to correct them.

Prejudice comes from lack of understanding and causes fear. An open mind and heart can cleanse the human race of that which suppresses it. Break the bonds of conformity to fear, know yourself as a human being, react properly, don't do what everyone does for the sake of conformity. Do what is necessary to live a good life; do things for their own sake.

I mourn this day not only for the death of a man, for the uncertain future of our country, for the widowed Jacqueline, and the fatherless Caroline and John-John, but I mourn also for the people whom I see around me, for humanity, for the hopelessness I envision, for the never-ending lack of human understanding, for the persistence of fear and the unreasonable stupidity.

I mourn for the world—for those who cannot mourn for themselves. I mourn because I can see no end to it. Nothing will bring people to the realization that could save the human race, that would bring peace and freedom to everyone.

They lowered the casket containing JFK's remains. With this act came the close and end of this magnificent opportunity to show the people of the world themselves. Everyone returns to mediocrity and mass stupidity. For all this I mourn.

—Heather Cordover, '64

TO THE EDITOR: The thunder has passed and we are silent. The caisson, relieved of its sad burden, is covered once more to await the next chapter of man's inhumanity to man. The sound of taps dies in the distance and there is silence.

For silence is the most profound sorrow—the bitter acceptance of the sad price each must pay for losing something we have loved.

But silence is not the only sound we hear. There are the cries of hate; the temple has been desecrated, the holy defiled. Lament can no longer linger and our tears are dry ones, lost amid the howls of execration. We lift our accusing finger toward this "butcher," this "beast" who has "ripped out the guts of a nation." "Kill him!" we cry with a trembling pen, "Vengeance is mine."

And kill him we did. Twice we have pulled the trigger and twice we have killed something we have believed in. But they are only ideals, I imagine—freedom and justice, trial by jury, and perhaps . . . bitter compassion.

Are they not ours to trample on, ours to value, to judge, and to punish?

Service Sorority Spreads Spirit

TO THE EDITOR: I find it very disturbing to see that Gamma Sigma Sigma, national service sorority, was omitted from the names of the campus organizations that are aiding or plan to aid Laurelton State Hospital.

At present, our pledges have made it their concern to make Christmas a happier time for more than 60 residents of the hospital through letters, cards and small gifts.

The size of the pledge class itself—over 110 girls—and of the sisterhood—over 80—bears testimony to the fact that many find the sorority worthwhile.

Not only does Gamma Sig initiate and participate in community and nation-wide projects, but also projects valuable to the University itself.

I, for one, would like to see Gamma Sigma receive more of her share of credit and enjoy more campus popularity as an active service group.

—Barbara Kudlak GSS Historian

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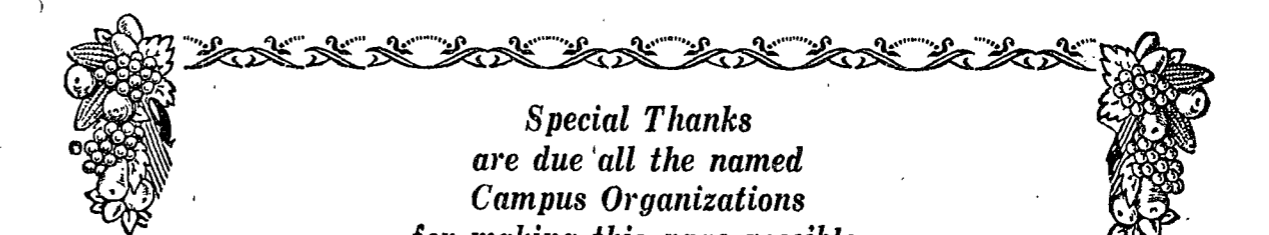
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WDFM Schedule

THURSDAY, NOV. 28

- 4:15 The Philadelphia (Sanford W. Hinkal)
- Wm. Schumann: Symphony No. 6 and Ravel: La Valse
- 5:00 Concert Hall (Wally Juravick)
- Concert for Organ, Strings, and Tympani—Francis Poulenc
- E. Briggs, Organist
- Eugene Ormandy conducts the Philadelphia Orchestra
- 6:00 News (Roger Drank)
- 6:05 Weatherscope (Joel Myers)
- 6:10 Dinner Date (Cardi Price and Tom Dorley) Light Instrumentals
- 7:15 Washington Reports
- 7:30 The World of Sound (Bob Resch)
- Climax: Every Mountain, 1951 National League Playoff
- 7:40 Highlight (Dorothy Drasher)
- Guest: Stanley H. Campbell, Vice President of Business
- 7:55 News (Bob Resch) (Also AM)
- 8:00 This is the Subject (Barb Resch)
- A rebroadcast of past Penn State event
- 8:55 Sports (Bill Cantella) (Also AM)
- 9:00 Sound of Folk Music (Bob Resch)
- 9:55 Campus News Report (Barb Resch) (Also AM)
- 10:00 Symphonic Notebook (Ginni Carter)
- Beethoven: Concerto No. 4 in G
- Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 6 in B Minor
- Beethoven: Sonata No. 30 in E Major

Assembly of God Church Sunday: 10:30 A.M. 7:45 P.M. Rev. Crosby Eastern District Council of the Assemblies of God. Sunday school Director will speak	Eisenhower Chapel THANKSGIVING DAY 7:00 A.M., Catholic Mass 11:00 A.M., UCA 12:00 noon, Catholic Mass 4:00 P.M., Episcopal 5:00 P.M. Catholic Mass 6:30 P.M., Presbyterian	Saint Paul's Methodist Church THANKSGIVING DAY Service 10:00 A.M. at Grace Lutheran Church. Sermon by Sam M. Gibson, Ex. Secretary of UCA. "Give Thanks Whatever Happens"
Church of Christ 405 Hillcrest Ave. Sunday School: 9:30 A.M. Regular Worship Service: 10:30 A.M. John M. Baston	St. Andrews Episcopal 208 W. Foster Ave. THANKSGIVING DAY 10:00 A.M. Communion and Sermon	Grace Lutheran Community Service sponsored by State College Council of Churches 10:00 A.M. Rev. Sam Gibson
Wesley Foundation College & Locust Jazz Service 4:00 P.M. Thomas Baugh Combined with United Christian Service at Faith United Church of Christ	First Church of Christian Science THANKSGIVING DAY Service 11:00 A.M. Readers: Mrs. Boneyfield Mrs. Stephens	Calvary Baptist Church 112 W. Hamilton Ave. Sunday: Bible classes 9:30 A.M. Communion: 10:45 A.M. "Money Talks" 7:00 P.M. R. F. McLaughlan
State College Christian Church 145 W. Suburban Street Christian Student Fellowship 8:15 A.M. Regular Worship 9:30 A.M. Christian Student class: 10:30 A.M. Robert G. Martin	Our Lady of Victory THANKSGIVING DAY 7:15 A.M. 9:00 A.M. Worship Services	Hillel Foundation 224 Locust Lane 8:00 P.M. Guest Speaker Dr. Henry Finch
Pilgrim Holiness Sunday Services 9:30 A.M., Sunday School 10:30 A.M., Morning Worship 7:30 P.M., Youth Hour 7:30 P.M., Evangelistic Services	Friends Meeting Services 10:45 A.M. Sunday Potluck Lunch 12:30	Lutheran Student Association Sunday Services 8:00 A.M. 10:00 A.M.
Saint John's Lutheran Combined Service: Bellefonte Community of Churches 9:30 A.M., United Church of Christ 9:30 A.M., Milesburg Baptist Church	St. John's Evangelical United Brethren 306 W. Beaver Ave. Rev. Melvin L. Whitmire Sunday: 9:30 A.M., Morning Worship 10:45 A.M., Church School 5:00 P.M., Student Fellowship Meeting	Presbyterian Church 132 W. Beaver Ave. THANKSGIVING DAY Community Service at Grace Lutheran 10:00 A.M. Sunday Services 9:15 A.M., Sacrament of Holy Communion 10:45 A.M., Sacrament of Holy Communion



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