

## Editorial Opinion

# No Decision

This week's referendum on the abolition of the Undergraduate Student Government proved two things:

The vast majority of University students do not care enough about student government to even express their opinions on its abolition.

A small majority of persons in student government want all-campus government to survive, although they agree it has failed in the past.

We had presented an alternative plan for student government at Penn State. We stirred up those who are interested in student government, but we proved that most students are not.

The margin by which USG survived is a lesson for all student government leaders of the future. It is a lesson that USG or any future all-campus government must be alive and interested in the student welfare. USG presently is not, but the 2,500 students who voted for its survival have concretely expressed their conviction that it can be.

USG has a long way to go, but the controversy of the past two weeks has pushed it along that path. We have stimulated thought in student government. We feel we were successful.

# Open Forum

In a society which rallies to cries of, "Freedom of speech!" it seems strange that debates—perfect showcases for this "freedom"—evoke so little interest. Unfortunately, an exception to the rule is not to be found at University Park.

On Sunday night, the Hetzel Union ballroom was less than half-filled for a debate between Benjamin Novak, president of the Undergraduate Student Government, and Collegian editor John R. Thompson. East Halls residents were reluctant to listen to their USG Congressional candidates before "Bonanza" had ended.

This debate, re-scheduled after the first attempt drew no audience, was eventually attended by only six students.

Such flagrant disinterest has no place in a university community. Indeed, a university community can take no pride in those who exhibit it.

Important, interesting, intelligent issues are raised daily—on campus, in Washington, around the world. Are we to follow blindly those with the most expensive propaganda techniques, or shall we insist on hearing both sides to better arrive at individual conclusions? In a democracy, we reserve the right to insist.

Believe it or not, Penn State has more than its share of future leaders—students well-informed on various issues of specific interest to their fellows. In addition, we have a faculty and administration well-versed in topics of both national and international significance. Why not permit these people to share their knowledge?

Debates provide a golden opportunity for the fair exchange of ideas, but they cannot be scheduled until they are asked for. We urge students who care to seek the issues and ask that their fine points be raised.

Speak to your student representatives—or those who serve on your college councils, but be willing to take the initiative, if necessary, in calling for a debate. We need more of them.



The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## allons au cinema

# Seek Elsewhere!

by vince young

### "The Pleasure Seekers"

In the first scene in which Carol Lynley, Ann-Margret, and Pamela Tiffin appear together in this film, I was reminded of the opening scene in "Macbeth." Remember those three ugly witches? Well, they're back, long hair, dagger-sharp fingernails, pancake makeup and all in this, the first bad film of 1965.

In effect, "The Pleasure Seekers" does have a lot going for it. There is Jean Negulesco, a once reputable director; Gene Tierney; Brian Keith; some gorgeous shots of Spain. But, it still stinks to high heaven!

All the bad things said about Hollywood become sickeningly apparent in this tasteless and gaudy bore with which 20th Century-Fox has attacked us. The genius of flamenco dancer, Antonio Gades, is ridiculed and put to shame when Miss Margret attempts to do a few steps with him. She hasn't any talent at all, and why producers still put up with her is way beyond me, as cynical as I am toward Hollywood, notwithstanding.

And there is that fine actor, Tony Franciosa, who must have suffered throughout the entire affair as the Iberian playboy who chases Miss Lynley about in sportscars. Gene Tierney is wasted, along with Brian Keith, playing husband and wife.

Back to that crowning drag,

Ann-Margret, however; someone in the theatre last night remarked that she is possibly the ugliest mammal on the face of the earth. She certainly doesn't photograph well from any angle; and as to her homely status, she is given tough competition from the other two, Lynley and Tiffin.

...Anyhow, there are very few reasons why anyone should see this film, even fewer ones for mentioning it, and absolutely none for discussing it any further. So, I won't.

Those of you who have heard the rumor about Flash Gordon have heard correctly. Due to several legal complications concerning the copyrights of this Universal serial, all episodes have been withdrawn from non-theatrical distribution. However, "Nickelodeon Nights" will continue as planned, sans Buster Crabbe, but fundamentally the same.

### Letters

## Prohibition Lift Asked By SENSE

TO THE EDITOR: I, along with my fellow members of SENSE, Students for Peace, am greatly disturbed by the unfortunate remarks made by our University President, Eric A. Walker, concerning the Berkeley free speech movement.

We deplore his anti-intellectual attitude and his poorly disguised attempt to label as Communist the genuine expression of student grievances. We give our whole-hearted support to the Berkeley students, and we commend the Berkeley faculty for their enlightened support of the students and their aims.

We would remind our fellow students that the right of campus organizations to collect funds on campus for off-campus activities, the denial of which resulted in the Berkeley demonstrations, is also denied to the students of Penn State.

We urge the immediate lifting of this unrealistic and unnecessary prohibition, and we invite others to join us in calling for this long overdue reform.

—James Grant, Graduate Student

## Clemson Argues Novak Statement

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to say, as Mr. Novak has said, it would be necessary to have a building and full time management in order to have a "student" or University operated bookstore, and it would be necessary to secure a loan to begin operations.

However, I don't see why it would be necessary to sell books at the same price that Keeler's and Metzger's are selling them. Keeler's and Metzger's are making a profit on textbooks!

I don't claim to know how much profit, but profit there is or they would not be selling textbooks! A University or student operated bookstore would have no need for profit... therefore cheaper books!

—Richard R. Clemson, '68

# 'Willing To Die'

by john r. thompson

The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., who speaks tonight in Rec Hall, is an overwhelming personality.

If you have never heard this contemporary man of history, prepare for an encounter with yourself. King will bring you out of your synthetic world of prejudice into an experience with reality, a reality that startles because it is personal.

If he were a politician, King would be outstanding, for he presents a powerful image of a man fighting for his beliefs. He speaks extemporaneously, drawing from his vast intellect and formal education to bypass the usual routes of human communication.

But King is more than a politician. Perhaps because he is a clergyman, his speeches are touched with a deep awareness of humanity. He touches the human heart at its most sensitive point—the chamber of self.

King is controversial because he is contemporary. He has grasped the significance of our present-day encounter and communicated it into the hearts of men through social action.

King is a revolutionary figure. He proclaims the revolutionary gospel of our time to help men grasp the meaning of the rapid change in which we live.

Persons who cannot change with the changing complexion of our society are like Rip Van Winkle, who slept through the American Revolution, King asserts.

"A great many people find themselves in an age of change and... fail to remain awake through the revolution," he has said.

For King, all life is interrelated. Our society has been caught up in a garment of mutuality, which forces one

to proclaim to his brother, "I can never be what I ought to be until you're what you ought to be."

He adds, "Man through his scientific genius has made of the world a neighborhood. Now we are challenged by our ethical commitment to make of it a brotherhood."

As the social revolution of our day breaks human barriers and sweeps away the old age of division, King expresses confidence that the victory achieved will be more than black and white integration; it will be a double victory, for freedom will come to the former slave and a change of heart shall encompass the white man.

His philosophy is simple, yet deeply perceptive. "If a man hasn't discovered something he is willing to die for, he isn't fit to live," he proclaims.

It is unthinkable that a man such as this should be slugged in Selma. It is unthinkable that he should have to spend his efforts working to convince men of their minimum duties as human beings. It is unthinkable, but that is why he is great.

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Angel Flight Drill Team, 7 p.m., 217, Mineral Industries Student Council, 7 Hetzel Union Building.  
Applications for fall 1965 Women's Orientation leaders available at HUB desk until Jan. 27.  
Association of Women Students, 6:15, 212 HUB.  
Christian Science Organization, 6:15 p.m., Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel.  
Committee on Student Organizations, 1:30 p.m., 218 HUB.  
Gamma Sigma Sigma sisters, 6:30 p.m., 214 Boucke.  
International Film, "King Kong" (U.S.A.), 7 and 9 p.m., HUB assembly room.

## WDFM Schedule

4:15 The Philadelphia (Bob Solosko)  
5:00 Classical Cameros  
5:55 News (Jc. in Rosenbaum)  
6:00 Collage: The University Readers  
6:15 Evening Moods (Lynn Hopewell)  
7:25 News (Stan Lalton)  
7:30 Showcase 15

7:45 Weekend Preview  
8:00 Music  
8:25 Artists and Lecture Series: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Ted Lux announcing)  
9:30 Music  
10:00 Symphonic Notebook  
12:00 News



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