

# Review of the Week

The first week of Winter Term opened with the biggest news coming from the University Senate.

On Tuesday, the Senate met to approve a long pushed for pass-fail grading system, and Ernest C. Pollard, head of the biophysics department, suggested suspending student demonstrators who "disrupt the operation of the University" in their protest actions.

The pass-fail grading system, effective Fall Term, will allow all students to schedule a minimum of nine credits and a maximum of 18 credits towards graduation requirements. Students will be permitted to take pass-fail grades in elective subjects, but, if departmental policy permits, students may take required courses under the pass-fail system, too.

Included in the new system, which ends a year-long push by various campus organizations, is the option to switch from pass-fail grades to the usual numerical average system during the drop-add period at the beginning of each term. Students can schedule all courses on a regular grading system if they find pass-fail grading unsuitable.

In his comments to the Senate, Pollard said "something of crucial value has been lost" when students will not listen to speakers defending the Johnson Administration's policy in Vietnam, but will listen attentively to Timothy Leary, LSD apostle. He added that local police action to control unruly action by demonstrators is not adequate and that the "stronger deterrent," the threat of suspension, is necessary instead.

Pollard will speak before the next Young Americans for Freedom meeting at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday in 213 Hetzel Union Building. He'll follow up his views on student protest and will lead a discussion afterwards.

Although the pass-fail grading system will be an addition to the academic system, President Eric A. Walker said that the quarterly term system will stay in effect. President Eric A. Walker told reporters in North Halls that the ten week term, four terms per year at the University, will stay in effect. The University switched from the semester system to the quarterly system in 1963.

Walker also spoke on the University's current financial situation. On Thursday Gov. Raymond P. Shafer signed a \$48.5 million appropriation bill for the University. The University had had to borrow per month for the last four months to meet operating expenses and faces mounting interest payments on the loans. In December, the University had considered the possibility of a tuition hike, but Walker has since announced that there will be no raise in tuition rates.

The University President also expressed concern

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about the "overly middle-class nature of the student population. We were established to teach practical things to the disadvantaged. It hasn't turned out that way, and this is unfortunate. I think we've lost our character," he said. He explained that the University can't admit disadvantaged students because there would be a "discrimination" factor in seeking them out through admissions policies.

The Undergraduate Student Government started the term with an attack on campus apathy by USG President Jeff Long and closed the week with praise for the University Senate's approval of the pass-fail grading system and with the establishment of a financial aid fund for students under care at the Ritenour Health Center.

Steven Gerson, USG Administrative Action Commission chairman, said Thursday that students unable to afford the \$10 a day bed charge can apply for financial assistance to the University Health Association. Gerson said that USG will still continue to work on a solution to the strongly criticized bed fees, but added that USG has not received substantial complaints concerning medical services at Ritenour.

The Interfraternity Council began the term on a good financial note as the Fraternity Purchasing Association collected \$40,000 Thursday night from member fraternities for bills the FPA incurs in March. The FPA is a fraternity co-operative which buys house supplies at a discount for its 43 member houses at the University.

Meanwhile, fraternity rush programs began Monday night with more than 650 men registered. IFC says it aims to double the 400 man pledge figures of last term.

Froth, the campus humor magazine, didn't begin the term with as big a start as other organizations.

Anthony Podlecki, Froth advisor, resigned this week stopping publication of the magazine until a new faculty adviser is selected by the Froth board of directors. According to reports, Podlecki had not been satisfied with subject matter in recent issues of the magazine. Froth had planned to go to press in approximately 10 days.

And, the miscellaneous note of the week includes a University development of fruit-flavored honey to give a "shot in the arm" to the entire honey industry. Colleagues of Robert Berthold, Jr., developer of the flavored honey, are reportedly sorry to see Berthold complete his work.

"Before our field trials began," the graduate student explained, "we used all the secretaries in our building, as well as staff members we could corner, as taste-testers. Honey and crackers were a part of all the coffee breaks."

And, the Young Americans for Freedom is now the largest chapter in the state, according to Doug Cooper, chapter chairman. "Our being number one in the state is a tribute to the many members who helped attract new people to the libertarian-conservative movement," announced Cooper.

### THIS WEEKEND ON CAMPUS

<b>TODAY</b>	Vogues Rehearsal, 1 p.m. HUB Ballroom
Jawbone, 8 p.m., 415 E. Foster Ave.	
<b>MONDAY</b>	Alpha Phi Omega, 6:30 p.m., 215, 216 HUB
Student Films, 7 p.m., Hetzel Union Building Assembly Hall	American Institute of Physics, 7:30 p.m., HUB Assembly Hall
Used Book Agency, 8 a.m., HUB Cardroom	Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., HUB Cardroom
<b>TOMORROW</b>	Gamma Sigma Sigma, 6:30 p.m., 214 HUB
Church services, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., HUB Ballroom and 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., HUB Assembly Hall	Interfraternity Council, 1 p.m., 218 HUB
Folklore Society, 7 p.m., 214 HUB	Rugby Club, 7:30 p.m., 217, 218 HUB
Muslim Student Association, 10 a.m., 217, 218 HUB	Students For State, 9:15 p.m., 215 HUB
Student Films, 6 p.m., HUB Assembly Hall	Student Religious Liberals, 8:30 p.m., 214 HUB
Thespians, 4 p.m., HUB Assembly Hall	Used Book Agency, 8 a.m., HUB Cardroom

### BERRY'S WORLD



"Now, let's get with it—there must be lots of ways to spend money that no one has even thought of yet!"

### Letter to the Editor

#### More On Dewar

TO THE EDITOR: I should hope that Robert Dewar's highly emotional sentiments against the anti-war protesters are not typical of those who support the Administration's Vietnam policy. With extremism and overemotionalism within the peace movement tarnishing the efforts of some of us in bringing about further dialogue on the Vietnam question, it is comforting to know from reading Mr. Dewar's letter that this is not a problem occurring only within our movement. Mr. Dewar's seeming support of a Vietnam veteran's throwing a pitcher of beer on a group of peace demonstrators in front of a Detroit bar makes me feel that if he were within our movement, he would probably support those who burn flags or charge the Pentagon.

Most of us in the peace movement are moderates who share the good company of some of our most articulate Congressmen and legislators as well as noted military people such as Marine General Shoup. The reason that some of our dissent has had to take to the streets is the tremendous lack of meaningful dialogue taking place on the war. Aside from emotional tirades against the few in the peace movement who desecrate the flag or obstruct draft centers, all we seem to hear are endlessly repeated generalities about why we are in this war.

If men like Secretary of State Rusk would agree to appear before the Foreign Relations Committee and have it televised; if professors and ROTC people and you veterans would start flooding the Collegian with letters on why you support this war, then maybe some meaningful dialogue could begin in the papers and on debating platforms rather than in the streets.

So Hawk's Rise! Many of us would like to hear what you have to say, or is the oft heard contention true that one either opposes this war or apathetically goes along with "whatever the government thinks is best" and has made little concrete study of the issues involved.

Philip N. Klopp '69

### Letters to the Editor

#### Pollard Rebuttal

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to reply to the remarks about me in the January 10 Collegian by Mr. Serrill. To me the most telling thing is that in order to make a case against me, he needed to alter my actual statements. Here are some corrections.

I did not call for a voice vote in the Senate; there was no "icy silence."

I gave no broad definition of "disruption," but I explicitly excluded all forms of protest which are covered by the First Amendment. Freedom of speech is one such freedom and certainly I never, no never, advocated that anyone who "opened his mouth in opposition to the Vietnam War would be eligible for suspension." Instead, I advocated the institution of debates to allow much of this to happen. I am delighted that USG has started the process of organizing such debates. In my view demonstrations are not intended to cause disruption. If they are large, they are made with police permission in advance. Permission to prevent an invited speaker from speaking on our campus would not be given.

My remarks to the Senate were not primarily concerned with Vietnam. At City College disruption occurred because of student opposition to a building construction. The closest thing to disruption at Penn State occurred because of a question regarding the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Under questioning in my office after the Senate meeting, I gave Mr. Serrill some of my views regarding the Vietnam War. I asked him not to use them as I disliked being publicized on an extemporaneous discussion. I do have to say that if "staying out of politics" means that I cannot discuss political matters in my own room, then surely I am not one who is stifling expression. I think one should look carefully at an editorial writer who says I don't have that freedom.

Head and Professor of Biophysics  
Ernest C. Pollard

#### Disruption and Education

TO THE EDITOR: Regarding Mr. Serrill's column concerning Dr. Pollard's recent Senate speech, I find it rather alarming to note his definition of a demonstration as an intention to disrupt. I want my education and I want it very badly. It is my right to have it and anyone who interferes with it in the way education was disrupted at Harvard, is clearly not a responsible dissenter, since he does nothing whatever to prejudice me in favor of what he might have to say.

It would seem that a responsible dissenter ought to be able to make his views known to me in such a way as to avoid disrupting such an important aspect of my life as my education.

Further, it was very amusing to see Mr. Serrill state that the Harvard demonstrations served to stimulate debate concerning the war. The only debate I have seen stimulated concerned whether such demonstrations ought to be allowed to continue.

Alan Train '68

#### Practical Advice, Please

TO THE EDITOR: USG President Jeff Long's statement, "this campus is dead," has the effect of saying, fellow student, you are a deadhead.

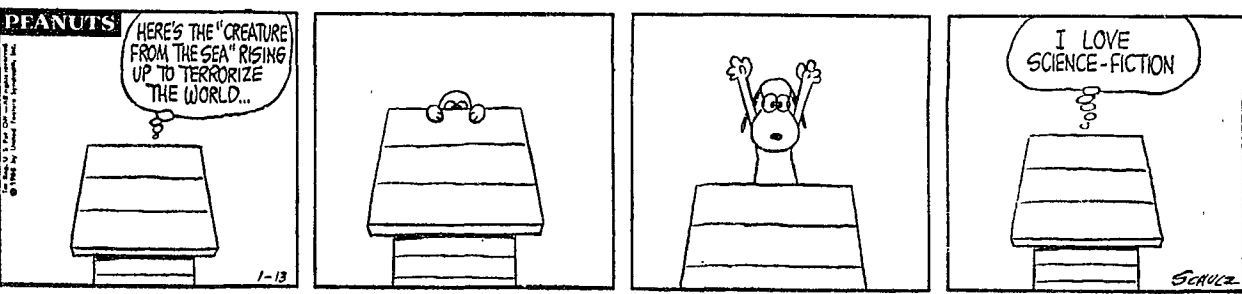
Obviously designed to arouse student interest in campus and national affairs and to stamp out apathy, it states that just going to classes and studying is not enough. In order to change or improve everyday life on campus, we must become active and involved in student affairs and national politics. Almost all of us would come to this conclusion after reading Mr. Long's statement.

What can I do? A practical reply would be desirable, Mr. Long.

Gene (Deadhead) Hendrickson '71

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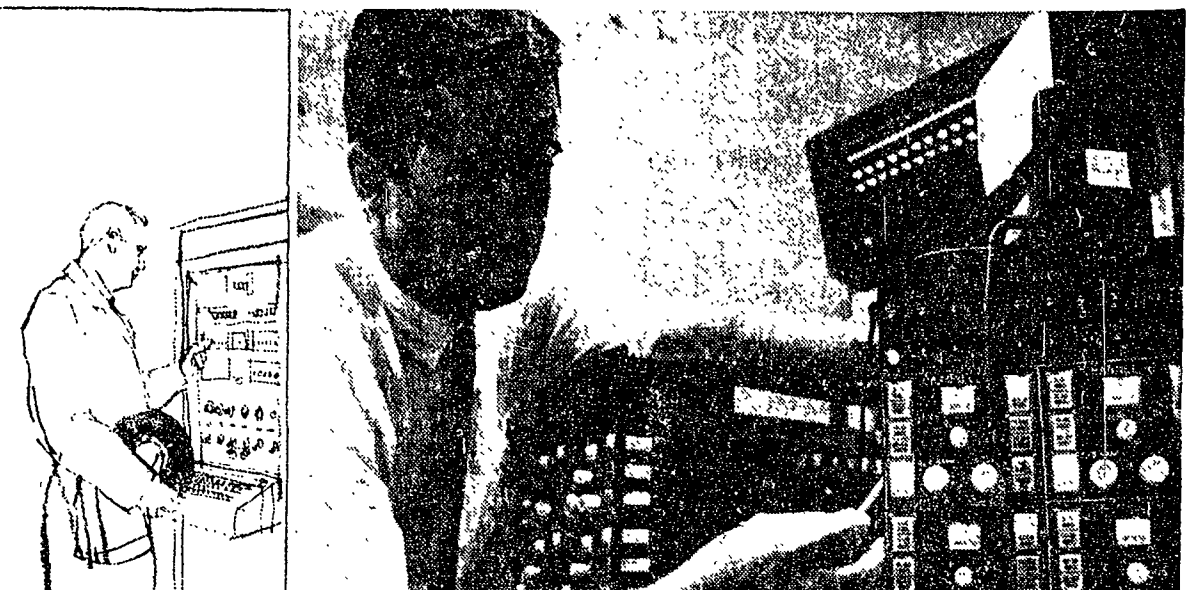
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