



From the Steps of Old Main ... To the Floor of Rec Hall

'For the Times They Are A Changing' Sit-Ins, Speakers, 'Firsts' Spark Year

"Come gather ye people wherever you roam, and admit that the waters around you have grown, and accept it that soon you'll be drenched to the bone, if your time to you is worth saving . . ."

Events during the year 1968-69 at Penn State ranged from the hard rock sound of Janis Joplin to a silent candlelight vigil held in front of Old Main and many more.

Each student has different memories of the past year. The following are a few of the events which occurred here this year. Decide for yourself what is worth saving . . .

Fall Term

Sept. 15—More than 200 students were unable to find a place to live as a result of a

ladder of football rankings to third place in the nation.

Nov. 15—Walker endorsed the Martin Luther King Fund Drive, aimed at collecting \$10,000 in donations. Sponsors of the drive said its purpose was to provide financial assistance to deprived students from urban poverty pockets who deserve to enroll at Penn State.

Nov. 18—The undefeated Nittany Lions accepted a bid to the Orange Bowl to oppose Kansas State's Jayhawks (8-1). Speaking on behalf of the University, Walker announced, "We are very pleased to accept this invitation to the Orange Bowl."

Nov. 22—Singing "We Shall Overcome," approximately 75 faculty members and 50 students held a vigil in front of Old Main in sup-

Jan. 21—Nearly 100 blacks filed into Old Main and deposited red bricks on the floor of Walker's outer office. They built a triangular brick wall, three feet high to symbolize lack of communications.

Jan. 24—A 10-member citizens' committee from Pittsburgh walked out of its meeting with Walker when a Collegian reporter was barred from the meeting. The committee was here to discuss the relationships between blacks and the University. Bouie Haden, a member of the committee and civil rights leader, led the walkout. Later in the HUB Haden lashed out at white society for allegedly portraying blacks as "lazy and immoral."

Lewis Bans Water Tunnel

Jan. 29—Charles L. Lewis, vice president for student affairs, banned the student underground newspaper, The Garfield Thomas Water Tunnel. No immediate reason for the ban was given to the staff of the paper. The cover of the Tunnel was adorned with a picture of John Lennon and Yoko Ono in the nude.

Jan. 31—USG condemned Lewis' ban on the Tunnel. USG also called for the withdrawal of the ban.

Feb. 6—Student groups sold 5,400 copies of the Tunnel in the HUB.

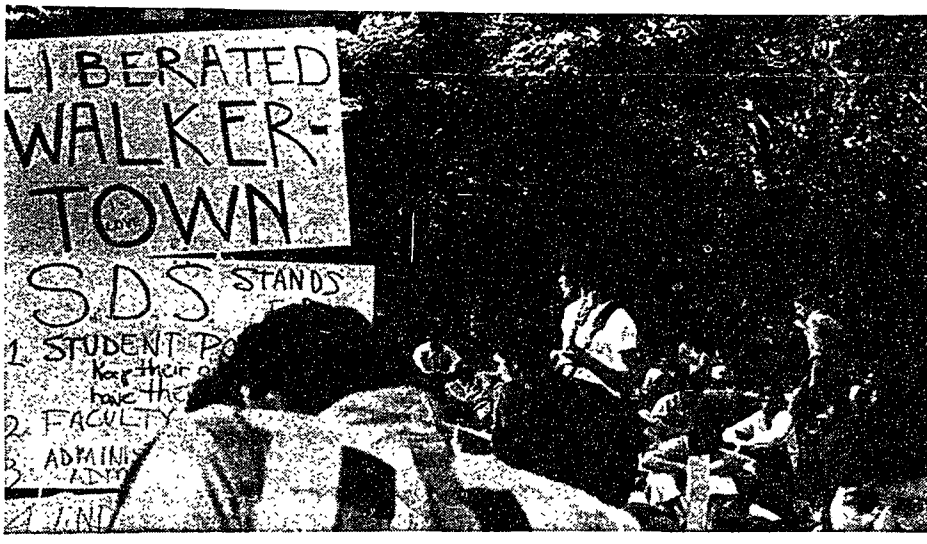
Feb. 11—Parents of the Tunnel staff members received letters from the Administration warning that disciplinary action might be taken against their sons and daughters.

Feb. 13—Yippie leader Jerry Rubin spoke to students in the HUB Ballroom. Students stayed after the 11 p.m. deadline but HUB manager William F. Fuller said they could stay all night.

Feb. 14—A HUB confrontation was avoided. Nearly 300 students left the HUB at 1 a.m. after they drew up a list of nine demands to be presented to the Administration. The demands, for ROTC and support of the Douglass Association's 13 requests.



The Winter Term saw the first issue of The Water Tunnel



The year began with Walkertown, a protest against lack of housing

summer crackdown on sub-standard housing. Temporary housing arrangements were set up in the residence halls to accommodate at least 1,000 homeless students.

Sept. 13—Three tents and several sleeping bags appeared on Old Main lawn to signify the opening of Walkertown. The canvas town was erected by homeless students in protest of the housing shortage.

The Satisfactory-Unsatisfactory grading system was approved by the University.

Oct. 4—A petition requesting changes in the University's admissions policy was circulated among the faculty. The petition dealt mainly with the lack of representation of black students on campus.

Oct. 9—Women students, second-term and above, were granted permission by the University to visit men's apartments without the written consent of their parents. A 2 a.m. curfew for women's residence halls also was approved by the Association of Women Students.

UCLA Rally

More than 4,000 crazed football fans crammed into the area surrounding Rec Hall to welcome back the Penn State football team after its resounding victory over UCLA, 21-6.

Oct. 16—The Douglass Association endorsed the faculty petition calling for changes in the University's admissions policy. The group also backed a call for the recruitment of black students.

Oct. 19—Nearly 6,000 persons filled Rec Hall to see Janis Joplin perform at the first Jazz Club Concert of the year.

Oct. 22—Dick Gregory, comedian and candidate for the presidency, addressed more than 4,000 students in the Hetzel Union Building, telling them that America is "the most morally corrupt, polluted, insane nation on the face of the earth."

Student Housing: 'Unfit'

Oct. 24—A state legislator toured student housing facilities in State College and charged that many of the apartments were "unfit for human beings."

Oct. 31—Lion football team extends record to 5-0 and receives fourth-place ranking of college football teams.

Nov. 2—Ann Hopkins was crowned 1968 Homecoming Queen during half-time of the Penn State-Army football game.

Nov. 4—Morris A. Shepard, assistant professor of human development, called for the resignation and public censure of University President Eric A. Walker. He criticized Walker for his handling of Gen. William C. Westmoreland's visit here for the Penn State-Army football game.

Nov. 4—The Interfraternity Council issued a statement saying that chaperones would no longer be required at fraternity functions.

Nov. 7—The Undergraduate Student Government refused to approve a constitutional amendment, known as the Bill of Rights. The amendment called for USG to be the "sole authority and final judge in areas concerning student affairs."

Football Team Ranked Third

Nov. 12—Lions went up a step on the

port of their petition for increased black enrollment.

Winter Term

Jan. 2—Whew! That was the unanimous reaction from the stunned millions who saw a breath-taking comeback by the Nittany Lions in the Orange Bowl. The 15-14 victory over Kansas in the final two minutes assured the nationally second-ranked Lions of a place in football folklore for one of the most exciting finishes in the history of bowl games.

Jan. 12—Walker announced that he would retire before July 1, 1970. "It was not a sudden move, either on my part or the Board of Trustees," he said. He also announced that he turned down a job with the Nixon Administration.

Jan. 15—One hundred and fifty members of the Douglass Association entered Old Main to check on the progress of their 13 requests. The requests include a call for a black enrollment of at least 1,000 by Fall Term, black recruiters and "black counseling."



Bouie Haden walked out of a meeting with University President Eric A. Walker

Students Arrested

Feb. 17—Four students were arrested for the publication and selling of the Water Tunnel. They were Alvan Youngberg, Tunnel editor; Russ Farb, business manager; Jay Shore, former managing editor, and Tom Richdale, then chairman of Students for a Democratic Society. Nearly 500 students marched on Old Main to protest the arrests.

A list of nine demands, formulated Feb. 14 in the HUB by a group of students known as the Steering Committee to Reform the University, was presented to the Administration. The committee termed the demands non-negotiable and gave the Administration until Monday, Feb. 24, to reply.

Feb. 21—A group of about 20 students broke open the locks on the flag poles in front of Old Main and lowered the American and state flags to half-mast, in commemoration of the fourth anniversary of the assassination of Malcolm X, the black Muslim leader.

Youngberg, Farb, Shore and Richdale were bound over to Centre County Court on charges stemming from the publication and the sale of the Tunnel.

Old Main Sit-in

Feb. 24—More than 400 students ended a seven-hour sit-in in Old Main after they were handed a court injunction ordering them to leave the building. The students entered the building at 3 p.m. to demand an answer to the nine demands of the Steering Committee to Reform the University. The injunction, served by Centre County Sheriff Richard V. Waite, was addressed to eight named students and "250 John Does."

Feb. 25—Walker said the Administration would take any action which would result in the expulsion of any student found guilty of disrupting the University.

March 1—Gov. Raymond P. Shafer visited the campus and talked with students in the HUB.

March 6—Milton J. Shapp, 1966 Democratic gubernatorial candidate, spoke to students in the HUB Ballroom. He said he "strongly opposed the state legislature's setting special penalties for campus dissenters."

President-elect Mrs. Richard M. Nixon came to State College to attend the funeral of the President's uncle, Ernest L. Nixon.

March 8—Ralph D. Abernathy, leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, spoke in Schwab.

Spring Term

April 5—The Penn State Gymnastics Team placed second in the nation. Senior Bob Emery was the All-Around runner-up.

April 8—A hundred candles lit the foot of the mall during a silent vigil to protest alleged malpractices at a military stockade in San Francisco. The vigil was held in reaction to a charge of mutiny brought against 27 prisoners when they held a sit-in protesting alleged mistreatment, including the slaying of a mentally disturbed inmate.

April 9—McElwain Hall began a new policy of no curfew hours.

April 10—Centre County Criminal Court convicted Laura J. Hahn of selling obscene literature. Mrs. Hahn was arrested with four University students in connection with the publication and the selling of the Tunnel.

April 12—Labor mediator Theodore W. Kheel released a statement to the University suggesting the immediate establishment of an office for Student Discussions to serve as a communications agent between the student body, faculty and Administration.

Court Drops Charges

April 14—Centre County Court dropped

charges against Shore and Richdale, who had been charged with publishing and distributing obscene material.

April 15—Jacob J. Kaufman, professor of economics, agreed to serve as director of the Office for Student Discussions.

April 22—Ted Thompson, former USG vice president, won the USG presidency after a four-day withholding of election results.

April 23—A student was attacked in the HUB while debating politics with the military recruiters there.

April 24—The Special Judiciary Board, established by Walker to hear cases of students who participated in the Old Main sit-in, recommended disciplinary probation for four students and a warning for a fifth.

May 1—Mollere's "The Miser" ran for three days at the Playhouse before the entire cast flew to Washington, D.C. to participate in the first American College Theatre Festival.

Military Recruitment Protest

A scheduled protest against military recruiting on campus resulted in a sit-in, fistfight and the issuing of an injunction against seven named students. 50 John Does and 50 Jane Does. The injunction, obtained by YAF, called for a halt to any actions "preventing access to the area utilized by military recruiters, preventing communication with recruiters and occupying so great an area of the HUB to prevent free ingress, egress and regress for that area utilized by the recruiters."



Spring Term saw military recruitment in the HUB and students serve an injunction against students

May 2—The Injunction was served by Centre County Sheriff Richard V. Waite after it was obtained by YAF May 1.

May 3—Dionne Warwick presented a concert in Rec Hall.

May 5—The injunction was lifted at 5 p.m. Former YAF Chairman Doug Cooper said the injunction was lifted because "the SDS crisis is past."

Rise in Room, Board Rates

May 10—Walker announced that room and board rates were expected to increase by at least \$15 a term, starting this fall. The Board of Trustees authorized the rate increase, which could go as high as \$35 a term.

May 15—Adam Clayton Powell (D-N.Y.) spoke in Rec Hall. He defined black power as black self-sufficiency and said it is not violent unless "whites make it violent."

May 20—USG began a two-week vigil in protest of the war in Vietnam. A fast also was scheduled but the number of days for the fast was not specified so that students could make their own personal commitment.

Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and Acacia fraternity were awarded the overall trophy for Spring Week 1969. Linda Nye was crowned Miss Penn State.

May 21—Colloquy—"The American Dream: Conflict '69" opened with an address by Ralph Nader, consumer crusader. He said self-seeking businesses are responsible for the perpetuation of inferior and dangerous consumer goods.

The American flag in front of Old Main was lowered by dissident students protesting the alleged police murder of a SDS bystander in a May 15 demonstration at the University of California at Berkeley. University officials returned the flag to full mast.

May 22—Paul Kupperman (graduate physics-New York, N.Y.) was arrested for his part in the lowering of the American flag. He was charged with "malicious mischief to private property, that property being of the Penn State University."

Muhammed Ali Speaks

May 23—Muhammed Ali, former heavyweight champion, spoke in Rec Hall as the second speaker for Colloquy. He said that the only peaceful solution to the racial crisis in America is the total separation of the races.

May 24—SDS presented a statement to the Administration calling for it to drop the charges sworn by Old Main against students for their part in lowering the American flag on May 22. SDS sponsored a third day of rallying protesting the killing of a bystander at a Berkeley demonstration.

Al Capp, creator of 'Lil Abner, denounced "fakery, foolishness and facism everywhere, specially on the student left." Capp was the third Colloquy keynote speaker.

SDS sponsored a pig roast on the Old Main lawn.

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