



Fred Lewis Pattee

# Old song — new attitudes

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After standing for 74 years, Boyhood's Gate has finally been torn down.

Late last month, University President John W. Oswald approved a revision of the third stanza of Penn State's Alma Mater which contained two controversial phrases: "boyhood's gate" and "into men."

Those phrases had been attacked by many individuals and organizations over the years, who claimed that they did not recognize the women who were a part of Penn State. When the song was written in 1901 by Fred Lewis Pattee, there were very few women here.

But the new version — which changes "boyhood's gate" to "childhood's gate" and "into men" to "dear Old State," was written in 1948 by Pattee himself. By that time, there were more women on campus.

Pattee wrote that he did not realize the significance of those phrases when he first penned the alma mater in 1901. "To me, then, a college was for the education of men," he said. "Thus, not realizing what it would mean in later years, I wrote the third stanza."

But in later years, that stanza became a source of discontent. Martha Lewis Starling, a member of Penn State's Alumni Council — which unanimously endorsed the change before Oswald approved it — said many of her friends have been complaining about those phrases for 40 years. "Back in '35, graduates were fussing about it," she said.

University Trustee Ridge Riley was also aware of the problem. "When I was alumni director, we would get letters from women graduates suggesting the change," he said. "But it wasn't a crusade then. The college was still 95 per cent men, and no one gave it a thought."

But as time went on, more and more people thought differently. Letters to the Collegian complained that the words were outdated, meaningless, and unfair to women. Then, last spring, the Association for Women Students sent a letter to the Alumni Association proposing the change. Finally, the new version was approved and sung at last term's commencement.

"It's about time that the women of the University were represented," said Marjorie Storch, former President of AWS. "We need to change things like this — just words can change what people think."

"It was long overdue," said Alumni Council member Phillis Crabtree. "I've always resented standing at boyhood's gate." But some students felt differently. Cheerleader Nancy Prelosky (9th — health education) said she liked the old version better because of the tradition attached to it. "But because of the trend towards modernization, maybe the student body will like it better," she added.

Bob McIntyre (11th-forestry) saw it in a different way. "I don't resent the break with tradition," he said, "but it's childish that someone can't say 'into men, into men.' It's carried a little bit too far." Other students said it didn't matter because they didn't know the words anyway. "I don't think that many people even know the original words to the song," said Mike Gambone (9th-metallurgy). "To change it so nobody gets upset is absurd."

Ridge Riley said the revision would probably have little effect on the students. "I have my doubts whether they'll sing it," he said, "but most of the alumni will understand." "I'm a traditionalist," he continued, "but I can still take change. I don't sing the Alma Mater myself — but I think it."

*Alma Mater*  
For the glory of old state,  
For her goddesses strong and great,  
For the future that we await,  
Raise the song.  
Sing our love and loyalty,  
Sing our hopes that bright and full  
Rest, & mother dear with thee,  
I'll with thee  
When we stand at boyhood's gate,  
Shadeless in the sun of fate,  
Thou didst mold us, dear old state,  
into men.  
May we art of our boyhood  
To our heart that loves thy name  
May our lives but swell thy fame  
Dear old state.  
Written March, 1901 Fred Lewis Pattee

## New goddamn words!

THE UNDERLINED WORDS of Fred Lewis Pattee's "Alma Mater" above have succumbed to recent social pressures.

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## Laos gets Pathet Lao leaders

BANGKOK, Thailand (UPI) — Laos formally completed its swing into the Communist camp today with the appointment of the nominal head of the Pathet Lao movement as president and a Marxist hard-liner who is close to North Vietnamese leaders as prime minister.

In a news conference broadcast from the Laotian capital of Vientiane and monitored in Bangkok, the Pathet Lao said the so-called "Red" Prince Souphanouvong would be president of the new Peoples Democratic Republic of Laos. It said Kaysone Phomvihane, a member of the Pathet Lao politburo, would be prime minister.

The news conference followed yesterday's announcement that representatives of the entire people of Laos had accepted the abdication of King Savang Vatthana and dissolved the coalition government set up 19 months ago under terms of the 1973 Laos peace agreement.

Sisana Sisan, named as information minister of the new Pathet Lao government, told the news conference that

King Savang had been given the title of "Supreme adviser to the President" and the neutralist leader of the coalition government, Prince Souvanna Phouma, had been named "adviser to the government."

Both posts were believed to be mere titles with no real function in the Communist government. Sisana said Souphanouvong, 64, the half-brother of the 73-year-old Souvanna, had proposed the appointments.

The action ending the 600-year-old monarchy in the Buddhist kingdom known as the Land of One Million Elephants brought all of Indochina — Laos, North and South Vietnam and Cambodia — under Communist domination.

An official Radio Vientiane broadcast, monitored in Bangkok, announced that the Neo Lao Hak Sat People's Central Committee had accepted the abdication of the 68-year-old king, fired Souvanna and is appointing a new government to be known as "The People's Democratic Republic of Laos."

### Weather

Chilly and sunny during the morning with some clouds arriving by afternoon and the risk of a passing snow flurry towards evening. High 33. Partly cloudy and not as cold tonight. Low 29. Partly cloudy and quite mild tomorrow. High 48.

## Bikes in dorm rooms impounded

By TOM LUCAS  
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The Office of Housing and Food Services seized about 100 bicycles left in students' rooms during term break.

Registered bicycles were placed in storage and unregistered ones were turned over to Police Services, according to John Fishburn, director of housing services.

Registered bicycles may be reclaimed after paying a \$3.50 fine to Housing. Fishburn said this covers the cost of removing and storing the bicycle, along with the paperwork involved in impounding it.

The owner of an unregistered bicycle may reclaim it at the Department of University Safety in Grange, according

to Thomas Harmon, Police Services manager. After returning the owner's bicycle, Police Services automatically issues a \$5 ticket for not registering the bicycle. The ticket is payable at the Student Traffic Office.

In addition, the owner of an unregistered bicycle that has been impounded may have to pay the \$3.50 fine assessed to bicycle owners. The circumstances, such as whether the bicycle had to be stored, determine if this fine is levied, Fishburn said.

The dorm contract prohibits bicycles in the dorms at any time, according to Fishburn. "Students are supposed to be knowledgeable that they can't store their bikes in their rooms, and we must uphold that," he said.

All dorm rooms are cleaned during the

term break, Fishburn said, and if any University employees see a bicycle being stored in a room they are required to report it. According to Fishburn, that is the only way a bicycle can be seized because staff employees cannot search rooms for bicycles in particular.

Signs were prominently displayed in all dorms to warn students that the rooms would be cleaned and bicycles left in the rooms would be impounded, Fishburn said. He also said that in many cases, RA's took the time to warn people on their floor.

If University employees while cleaning found other illegal items, such as a hot plate, a notice was posted informing the student he was in violation of the dorm contract, and that the items

in question must be removed. The notice also warned the student his room would be checked in the future to see if the illegal items were removed, Jim Kline, manager of the residence halls, said.

In an unrelated matter, a room search was conducted late last term on the B level of Hamilton. A chemical fire extinguisher was stolen from the B level hall, according to Chris Horn, assistant coordinator of West Halls.

Horn said the B level was searched because they suspected somebody on the level had stolen the extinguisher. The building supervisor and a RA conducted the room search, and according to Horn, they did not report any illegal items they saw in rooms. Horn said they were only concerned with finding the extinguisher.

## Ford: U.S.-China ties improved

PEKING (UPI) — President Ford and acting Premier Teng Hsiao-ping joined today in pronouncing Ford's four-day China visit a success that speaks for itself in a strengthened relationship between their nations, so no communique on the progress of their talks will be necessary.

Ford, beginning his last full day in China with a final round of talks, brought up the subject of a communique or written report on the visit as he arrived at the Great Hall of the People.

"I would believe that the discussions are far more significant than a piece of paper," Ford said. "This relationship has been strengthened by this visit and the meetings we had with Mao Tse-tung ... these kinds of meetings that can be helpful in the months ahead."

Ford was warmly welcomed to an extraordinary one hour and 50 minute audience with Communist Party Chairman Mao Tuesday, but has said little about its content other than that it was a "significant" and "wide-ranging" conversation.

From the outset American officials had stressed that no diplomatic breakthroughs or surprises could be expected from the trip. In deference to their Chinese

hosts, who prefer to maintain secrecy, American diplomats have declined to characterize what if any changes might be portended in Sino-American relations as an outgrowth of the visit.

Sitting at a long table in a huge and elegant salon, Ford, flanked by Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger on his right and Ambassador George Bush on his left, began by saying that he had had a "good rest" and that he believed that the past three days of talks with Chinese leaders had been "very very beneficial, very friendly and constructive."

Teng told Ford "we are all very happy about the fact that both sides are setting a new style this time — that is, we don't think we are compelled to issue a communique."

"We think that the importance lies in the visit itself," he added. "And that our two sides can have these significant discussions."

"We don't think the importance lies in such superficial things as a communique."

Then Ford spoke up. "I would agree that actions and agreements are much more important than words," he said "and dis-

Teng said, "relations have been strengthened by the visit."

Then he added with a smile "but the fact is that the ladies and gentlemen of the press may not be so satisfied."

The subject arose from a go around the American press corps traveling with Ford had with press secretary Ron Nessen last night.

Nessen told reporters that at the wind up of the talks, this evening, Kissinger would provide an on the record briefing of the results of Ford's four-day visit to China, but that no communique would be issued.

Since Ford's arrival Monday there had been little word from the White House about what was being discussed with the Chinese leaders except for Soviet-American detente, which Chinese officials openly attacked at Ford's welcoming banquet.

The decision not to issue a communique was made by Kissinger and Chinese Foreign Minister Chao Kuan-hua Tuesday evening when they held a meeting near midnight at the government compound where the American party is staying.



### Outcry

WOMEN DEMONSTRATED outside Phi Gamma Delta fraternity Nov. 12 to protest a gang rape that allegedly occurred there. Hearings for the alleged rapists are being conducted this week.

## University, IFC set frat hearings

# Gang rape charges investigated

By LEON POLLOM  
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Reports of a gang rape occurring at a Penn State fraternity will be investigated at two private hearings this week.

The individuals reportedly involved in the case will appear before the Office of Conduct Standards and the Interfraternity Council Board of Control.

Neither of the hearings will be open to the public nor will the names of those involved be released. According to a University press release, the secret nature of the hearings is "in keeping with established procedures for private hearings."

State College Borough Police Chief Elwood G. Williams said that his department is conducting an "intensive investigation" of its own.

The borough police investigation began Nov. 4 after an unidentified woman student filed a formal complaint claiming that she had been drugged, taken unconscious to a bedroom and gang raped during an Oct. 10 party at Phi Gamma Delta.

Williams said that no criminal charges have yet been made because "the department has not arrived at a conclusion that there's anybody to be

charged as a result of the complaint that was filed."

One of the major problems, Williams said, is that the complaint was filed 26 days after the incident allegedly occurred. The charges were first placed with the campus police and later turned over to borough police.

The time delay "gave ample time for possible suspects to substantiate their alibis," he said.

Williams said the decision by the University to conduct hearings into the matter may hurt the investigation.

"Whatever disciplinary action the University takes I hope it does not impede the progress of our investigation," he said.

The incident received a great deal of publicity following a protest rally conducted outside Phi Gamma Delta Nov. 12. Rally participants claimed the complaint was not receiving enough attention from police and University officials.

About 40 women participated in the 90 minute demonstration which included the burning in effigy of a Phi Gamma Delta member. The women chanted such slogans as, "Castrate Rapists," and "No More Rapes."

Before the rally, Richard A. Knechtel,

president of the fraternity, said he didn't know if a rape occurred or not because he was out of town at the time.

"Even if it did happen," he said, "this demonstration is premature. The city police have been talking to members. They have not filed any charges."

"This demonstration is hurting the Greek system at Penn State. Even if this ends here without any criminal charges people will still remember the rape demonstration at Phi Gam," he said.

James Sullivan, president of the Interfraternity Council denied charges that the council has been ignoring the reported incidents of gang-rape at fraternities.

In a public statement Sullivan said, "We feel it is important to dispel the notion that the Interfraternity Council is just pushing this thing aside."

"The Council and more specifically, its regulative body, the Board of Control, has known of these allegations for some time and has been working closely with University officials and State College Borough officials in the handling of these accusations," he said.

Sullivan said the Board of Control, composed of students does not have the time, money or the facilities to conduct its own investigation. The Board is

waiting for the borough police to complete its investigation before it takes any action, Sullivan said.

He said any action that might be taken would be against the fraternity as a whole. "The Board's decision can range from a probation, to social probation (no parties or social functions), to revoking the fraternities charter and closing the fraternity," Sullivan said.

"The Interfraternity Council, comprised of all fraternity presidents, felt it was very important not to influence the investigations or the due process of justice by making these allegations public at an earlier time," he said.

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