



"We strive to be No. 1. We work hard to achieve our goals and when..."

...we listen to our beliefs. We have achieved our objectives. We are ready to let's go. Let's see how good you are. Let's play. We are ready. We play with enthusiasm and recklessness. We aren't afraid to lose.

—Joe Paterno commencement address, June 16, 1973

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"OF COURSE YOU REALIZE IT'S NOT AN EXACT SCIENCE"



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## Letters to the Editor

### All for the best

Although a subsequent letter has done much to clarify the issues raised by the complaints of the officers of Interlandia ("Dance dissent," Dec. 13), some erroneous impressions remain to be dispelled.

Although there was no "panic," a great deal of last-minute decision making was necessitated by two factors: 1) a notification that Interlandia would be performing in the HUB Ballroom during the Dec. 10 International Fair which was received five days before the event, and 2) the discovery, less than three days before the event, that Interlandia planned to deviate from their written program and perform Israeli dances.

Since the primary purpose of the International Fair was to bring together as many diverse cultures as possible, the University-wide organizing committee, International Council, and the International students organizing the event agreed that the Organization of Arab Students, and others who might agree with their position, should not be placed in a position which obliged them to withdraw.

I might add that it would have been blatantly unfair to let the preparatory efforts of these students go to waste because of changes initiated by others.

The "behavior" of all international students involved in the International Fair (including that of the Organization of Arab

Students) was responsible in every respect. Contrary to the impression left by the original letter, these students did not levy an ultimatum, threaten to disrupt the fair, or anything of the sort.

They simply made their feelings known and left the decision to the responsible administrators. We, in turn, requested that Interlandia consider the sensitivities of the participating groups before deviating from the program. When our requests were refused, the groups were separated. (Interlandia ended up in the HUB Main Lounge, which, with the carpet rolled up, had been their first choice of location, anyway.)

In retrospect, the decision provided for the best arrangements physically, respected the sensitivities of all concerned, and forced no censorship on anyone that I can discern.

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Dec. 18

### Concerned

I am a law student and I recently became aware of University Provost Edward D. Eddy's decision to arm the campus police. I believe this to be an unfortunate decision. There are enough problems with the improper use of firearms

by highly trained police, let alone errors committed by less qualified campus police.

Personally, I am worried about the campus policemen's being allowed to carry firearms. I have little faith in the campus police due to a previous experience with them.

During my 8th term at Penn State, I was called down to the Findlay Union Building by the campus police concerning the theft of money from my roommate. I was read my rights and informed of the evidence against me. I was told that I was the prime suspect in the investigation and was asked to confess. I then realized an obvious area that the officer did not investigate, and I informed him of this and of my innocence.

Sure enough, a day later I was "cleared." It was an uneasy time for me, but what really bothers me is that I had to tell a campus police officer how to do his job.

That incident concerned me then just as Provost Eddy's decision to arm the campus police concerns me now.

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Dec. 27

### Great debate

Do fellow students share our concern at Oregon State University that actions affecting freedom for centuries are taken in Washington, DC, and even applauded on some campuses without any review or analysis by independent experts?

Sponsored "free" trips to mainland China paid by the present regime have seduced students and faculty to return with glowing accounts of life under the communist People's Republic of China. Such propaganda seldom if ever gets countered with facts about the more prosperous life in freedom for Chinese people in Taiwan under the nationalist Republic of China.

Numerous older students selected after indoctrination by the mainland regime of Mao and successors will arrive soon on our campuses. Will we take their stories at face value, or will we know the issues and facts so that worthwhile dialogue can ensue for freedom?

Has your campus lecture series included even one independent expert on China policy? You could select from a number of American professors having real expertise on the Far East and quite able to discuss the consequences for us college students of President Carter's unilateral abrogation of the U.S. treaty with the Republic of China.

Dr. David N. Rowe of Yale is just now at Sun City, Ariz., releasing his new book based on lifetime study of China entitled "U.S. China Policy Today" with a 1979 analysis of Carter's act.

Drs. Ivan and Miriam London, psychologists of Brooklyn College, have interviewed many Chinese arriving at Hong Kong for insight on the China not seen in the communist-conducted tours.

Dr. Anthony Kubek of Troy State University, Ala. has many publications on modern Chinese history, background to Carter's act.

Professor R. L. Schuettinger of Washington, D.C., has insight on the intrigues in the Carter abrogation of the U.S. treaty with the Republic of China.

Dr. Anthony Bouscaren of LeMoyne College has written and lectured nationally on international policies and the consequences for us of such moves as Carter's treaty abrogation.

Will fellow students demand an appearance on their campuses by an independent American expert on China, or will the campus lectures ignore the issues of the controversy over the proposed treaty-breaking by Carter, the "great debate" of 1979?"

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### Shaky ground

The relations established between your government and the Chinese Communists deeply shook us.

We, by all means, have been closely connected with your country for more than half a century, not simply in diplomatic and commercial but in cultural aspects as well. By the fact that President Carter's policy is very damaging to our position, we think that we must let all your students know what we think and how we feel. By the fact that Mr. Carter's decision was unwise, we believe that he cannot, and will not, set human rights on its firm foundation.

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## Carter shooting craps with future

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WASHINGTON — President Carter is taking what his top aide calls "considerable risks" with his political future.

Hamilton Jordan, presidential assistant and the person Carter values as his best political brain, argues that two of those risks will pay dividends. But the third looks like a crap shoot.

First is the budget. Carter is cutting back some traditional Democratic programs and holding others at current levels of spending. The programs are designed to help the poor and disadvantaged.

When Carter unveils his budget later this month, blacks, big-city mayors, consumer advocates and labor leaders are not likely to be very happy. It might prompt some to withhold active support if Carter decides, as most expect he will, to seek a second term.

Carter has one more budget to prepare — a year from now — before the 1980 election. He can give back half a loaf.

And if disaffected Democrats have no one else to turn to, he might be able to persuade some of them to work for him after all.

But then again, he might not. "I'd argue that, although it's upsetting to some people to cut the budget, the option is for the government not to do its part in the fight against inflation," Jordan says. "And that's the single most pervasive problem the people face."

The second risk is Carter's effort to make the government responsive politically and administratively.

To that end, the White House personnel office, under Jordan's supervision, began a review several months ago of second and third-ranking officials in the departments. It sent evaluation reports in mid-December to Labor, Commerce, Justice and Energy.

The move resulted in public embarrassment. Word leaked that the White House didn't like the way Under Secretary of Labor Robert Brown and

Assistant Secretary Francis X. Burkhardt were performing.

Secretary Ray Marshall asked Burkhardt to resign. Burkhardt once worked for the AFL-CIO. The labor federation called the effort to oust him "a damn outrage."

Jordan considers such embarrassment an acceptable risk. The review will go on.

The crap shoot has to do with the image Carter will portray as an incumbent. Can a president, who is the biggest Washington insider of all, run again as a Washington outsider?

Can he still tell people he's not like all those politicians in Washington?

"I think he can really have the best of both worlds," Jordan says. "On the one hand, he's reached an accommodation of sorts with the power brokers of this city, and on the other hand he has retained the boldness and the new approaches that he brought to the presidency."

The question is whether any man, even a president, can have it both ways.



## Penn State's towering inferno?

(The following is a dramatization that could happen.)  
Jeez, second period in Willard and I only got four hours sleep studying for that stupid test. Why does a teacher have to give a test right after break?

Now I've got to fight my way up to the third floor and then try to find a seat. Scheduling a class with 200 people in it in this classroom. These desks are so small and there's always someone bumping my elbow when I'm taking notes.

Ah, there's a seat over on the far side of the room. Let's see, this looks like a good location. Maybe I'll be able to catch up on some of my sleep. This class is such a drag.

Oh no, here he comes. The professor. When they invented the word drone, they must have had this guy in mind.

O.K., notebook out, pen in hand, other hand supporting head; time to ZZZZZzzzzzzzz.

"Fire! Fire! Everybody get out! Get out! Get out! There's a fire in Willard! Fire! Fire!"

Huh, what? Why's everybody leaving? They really look like they're in a hurry. Maybe there's a fire or something.

"Fire! Fire! Everybody out! Fire! Fire!"

Jeez, there is a fire. How am I going to get out through this mess? Look at this, people climbing over the desks, pulling people away from the door to get out.

I've got to get out of here!

This is impossible to try and get through this crowd. I'm going to burn to death if I don't get out of here.

Finally, I made it to the hall. It's worse out here than it was in the classroom. Look at the number of people on the floor. Come on, get up. You're going to burn to death. What's the matter with them? Don't they want to save themselves?

John Hewitt

Ah, the stairwell. I'm going to make it out. I'm going to make it.

Oh no, how am I going to get through that crush of people? This is twice as bad as trying to get out of Willard when the class ends normally.

I feel terrible, but I've got to get out somehow. I can hardly see 10 feet in front of me now. This smoke is too thick.

I've got to get back into one of the classrooms and take my chances by jumping. This is impossible. I don't even know where a classroom is.

Here's a door. Thank God the room is empty. I'll just go over to, to, now stay calm, it's only 20 or 30 feet to the

ground. O.K. you can do it, you found a window, now open it and look for a soft place to land.

What the hell is this? These windows don't have any handles or any other way to open them. What kind of construction went into this place? The stairs are too small, the windows don't open and there aren't any fire escapes.

Well, if the school gets on my case for breaking a window, I'll just have to get it through their heads that my life was at stake. O.K., get a desk and smash one of the windows. Oh no, the desks are bolted down. I can't get out. I can't get out. The smoke is too thick. I can't see. I can't breathe. I can't...

According to John D. Miller, assistant director of physical plant, the possibility of this situation occurring is nil. He said the new section of Willard Building is built from incombustible materials. In plain language, the building is fire-proof.

However, there is no sprinkler system in the building that would activate in the event of a fire.

Miller said Willard was built in compliance with the fire and panic codes of Pennsylvania.

Unfortunately, during each second, third, fourth and fifth period on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, there are 2,500 students in the building.

Even though the officials say the above dramatization could not happen, there is always that remote possibility.

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