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President Grayson Kirk has urged student and faculty resistance to political pressure, saying both must rise above the pressures and the intellectual atmosphere of the university.

In an address delivered in a Nov. 15, 1967, address during the Christmas holidays, Dr. Kirk asserted that in making public statements, members of an academic community "cannot entirely divorce themselves from their university associations."

While defending the right of students and faculty members to speak out on "any question of public policy," Dr. Kirk asserted that "the hero of the Greek myth, Odysseus, was not a synonym for apathy but a basic requirement of intellectual responsibility."

"Despite the views of a few of our students, and even those of an occasional faculty colleague, it is not the principal role of the university to create a society by the result it achieves."

Dr. Kirk also reaffirmed that the university's standards of academic excellence and objectivity must be maintained, and that the freedom of will to insist upon the environmental conditions that will permit the university to maintain and enhance these standards, stated Dr. Kirk.

President Kirk had previously urged faculty restraint in dealing with the labor dispute, which he removed from their own field of scholarly competence in a statement last week.

According to another source, "The position was sharply questioned by Brunsen Matthews Professor of Dramatic Literature Eric Bently in an article in the Nation magazine."

Pupin Hall Named As Nat'l Landmark

The Pupin Hall building has been designated a national landmark by the United States Department of the Interior in honor of the atomic research done in the building's story structure since its construction in 1925.

A cyclotron from the building, recently placed in the Smithsonian Institution, was used in pioneering work which led to the invention of the atomic bomb. Over the years, five Nobel prizes have been awarded, and the institution has been created to more work in the field of atomic research. The cyclotron was designed to speed electrons through the air and to make uranium atoms the focus of the electrons that bombard them.

Although the structure is being singled out for the history-making work done within, the building will not be removed. Even as a bronze plaque is placed on it memorializing its past, work is going forward which will eventually renovate virtually the entire interior of the building.

I'd Walk a Mile....

It's Business As Usual at CU In Spite of City Transit Strike

By Peter Greene

Almost all divisions of the university are carrying on normal class schedules with regular attendance despite the New York City transit strike, a University spokesman reported yesterday.

While Mayor and St. John's were closed yesterday, Columbia remained open because, "such a large number of students live on or around the campus," the spokesman commented.

Four other divisions—administration, student services, research, and libraries—students depend heavily on buses and subways to reach school.

Although the transit strike is not disrupting campus activity, it is turning even the simplest mechanics of living into trying experiences for some Columbia employees. Ben Jerman, the switchboard operator at Furmaid Hall, spent almost four hours yesterday walking to work from his home in Brooklyn.

Tonight Ben will sleep in a vacant dormitory room, as will sixty other "essential" workers who cannot get home. Demand for campus accommodations is great, an supply and administrators say, because a student whose sleep is "most essential."

During the strike College Walk will be open for parking to faculty and other University employees on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Columbia libraries have been least about overtime fines. The school has said that the strike not be used as an excuse to deliberately keep books over.

At least one University division is making special provisions. Melvin Miller, who owns the college's book store, said his store is tape recording important lectures for replaying at a later date. The Dean also reported that his "daughters " are running a shuttle service between Columbia and the railway stations."

There is one man at Columbia who is not particularly concerned about the transit strike. "This may make some fascinating studies," said Dr. Robert Wolofsky, professor of sociology.

Retired Prof. Former Dean Die During Holiday Vacation

Three former members of the faculty died during the Christmas recess.

Lynn Thorndike, professor emeritus of history, died Dec. 27 at the age of 83, Professor Emeritus of English George W. Hibbert, and associate dean for the years 1906 to 1961, passed down on Dec. 19 at seventy, and F. Fraser Bond, former professor at the School of Commerce, died Dec. 26. He was 74 years old.

Professor Th o r n d i k e, who wrote several books and articles during World War II, was a leading authority on the medieval period, He specialized in the works of the poet Dante. Professor Hibbert joined the faculty in 1916 and went in English in 1926, and retired at the conclusion of the spring term in 1950. Of special interest, he developed the College’s speech program in 1880.

During World War II, he assisted the Navy in creating speech programs of submarine crews. That the soldiers could understand each other in emergency situations. Dr. Bond was a noted author and had written a number of reports for the New York Times. While at Columbia, he was well known for his historic style of teaching.

However, the new Parks Commission indicated that he was unprepared to testify to any plan of action beyond conferring with Columbia officials and continued: "There is a great distance between skepticism and opposition." The Mayor's final stand apparently will hinge on the extent to which the University and the New York City athletic facilities will serve the community. "In general," the Commissioner said, "the most difficult thing is calling for institutions to build in parks only when the public gets a good benefit." As currently planned, the gymnasium blueprints include separate classrooms and a field for the school's adjacent athletic fields.

The University's lease from the city for the park land, signed in August 1961, stipulates that construction of the gymnast must begin by August 1967. Thus far $5 million of the necessary $8 million has been raised, but no date has been set for groundbreaking.

Although it was feared that the Mayor's threat to cut fund-raising efforts, several sources suggested that the Parks Department's decision would bolster the position of those in the administration who wish to go with ground breaking soon and ensure that Columbia will have a place in the current lease.

Even before Mr. Hoving's remarks, it was generally conceded that it would be difficult for the school to obtain the favorable conditions of the present lease in the event of a failure to meet the deadline.

John W. Wheeler, University at Buffalo, after a year as acting director of the world's largest known meteorite crater in the United States.

The crater, over one hundred feet in depth and 3,760 feet in diamater, is located in a flat area ten thousand feet above sea level.

An authenticated meteorite crater of such magnitude is a geologic rarity, said Columbia geologist Lewis H. M. A. Cassidy, a member of the expedition.

Columbia geologists speculated that the crater may have been caused by a natural satellite in a degenerating orbit, by the impact of a meteor. Radiocarbon dating techniques placed the age of the crater at 3,500 years ago.

Morningside Park

Hoping Wary of Gym in Morningside Park

Skepticism, Not Opposition, Marks

New Parks Commissioner's Stand

By Leigh Dolin

Thomas P. Hoving, the new Commissioner of Parks, yesterday stated that he will speak to University officials in an effort to "perhaps change the site of its proposed gymnasium.

According to present plans, the new 91 million gymnasium will be located in the southwest corner of Morningside Park on Morningside Drive near West 135th St.

In a telephone interview yesterday afternoon, Mr. Hoving declared, "I'm very wary about any use of the city's parks for private organizations."
Buff Must Go

It is an open secret that the University has been pondering the question of whether to rehire its football coach, Aldo T. ("Taff") Donelli. Many levels of the administration have been involved in the discussions and talks have been going on for a long time. It is now nearly two months since the season ended.

Any decision may be of minor importance to University officials, who would undoubtedly prefer to deal with more academic matters. But the jobs of four other men may also be at stake, since if Coach Donelli is not rehired a new head coach will have to be given the opportunity to plan his own staff. In postponing an announcement on Coach Donelli’s status, the University is probably being reasonable. And his staff a most grave discourtesy. These men were entitled to know on the last day of the season whether they would have jobs for the coming year. At least this minimal show of fact could have been expected.

By delaying any action, the University has put the coaches at a disadvantage in seeking new positions, if such a step should prove necessary. And the administration rehire Coach Donelli, its present foot-dragging will further undermine the team’s spirit, which was noticeably bad toward the end of the season. Delay means that the administration itself may be having its doubts on Donelli.

In view of the absence of any administration move that could be reluctantly put forth, we may express our opinion on the subject. Coach Donelli should not be rehired. He has served Columbia well in the past, winning a tie for the Ivy championship in 1961. But in the past two seasons, he has won only four games. Although many factors beyond Coach Donelli’s immediate control have accounted for the team’s bad showing—factors which will not be controlled by appointing a new coach—it would seem that the new feeling of confidence a fresh man could bring to the position is just what is needed to get a faltering program back on its feet. And alumni and student interest could not help but be aided by a new head football coach.

A football team, like a military organization, must make every effort to be competitive in the league in which it has chosen to play. The appointment of a new man to head these efforts is the first step the administration must take.

“…all right. No trains are running.”

Home Sweet Home?

by Jeffrey Newman

If you went home for Christmas vacation—especially if you live in a small town—you walked into a world that looked very familiar and proved strangely distant. Somehow, something had changed and what was once your town had become a town. Once a motel resident, you had become a visitor, little more.

Your family welcomed you, took you in, and tried to make you feel as if you belonged there. And it very nearly worked, but not quite. They gave you the best food you’d eaten in weeks and perhaps the most money, too. Privacy was yours for the asking and, for the most part, so was the family car. The son had come home, a young man to be greeted with open arms. But the son was a bit of an enigma now, and he knew it.

Almost all of the old ingredients were there, but this time they didn’t mix. You didn’t see very many of your old friends; most of those you did see seemed to have changed into other people. With some, you talked like a stranger. New pastimes, new clubs, new people. And the old house was a strange place. It seemed to be somehow different now. Perhaps more a gathering, a forced smile, and a vague “How’s school?” or “Still seeing Nancy?” there wasn’t much to be said.

With others—few others you were still close. Perhaps you gathered together at someone’s house, perhaps at a show and then afterwards for coffee. You didn’t speak very much of the past; mostly you talked about things you could share as a group, such as school activities, girls, future plans. You enjoyed yourself in your company, and were glad that there were still some you liked being with. Some, but not many.

Of course, part of your estranged feeling was due to circumstances over which you had little control. Unlike your cheerful friends from Penn and Michigan who had semester hadn’t ended yet. Unless you are an unusually efficient student, you had two papers to write and selections from them to present to the professor. And final exams to face in a few weeks. If you are like most students you have a conscience. And chances are good that the days spent by your conscience began to work overtime. So you worked, somewhat.

If the town hadn’t changed much, you had. You saw things through different eyes now, and you thought a bit more about what you saw. Like your own house or your neighbors’ houses. You’d begin to realize that they’re not perfect possessions to which young middle-aged men are somehow “entitled.” They were earned, nearly every one of them, and each represents a different number of years of work and savings. And in a frankly materialistic vein, you reflected that if you wanted your own roof and porch someday, you’d have to work that many years and draw upon your savings to buy them.

And so your vacation has passed. You saw a few of your friends and lost contact with the rest. Perhaps you dated a favorite girl; perhaps for you there were no favorites—perhaps even no girls. You wrote one paper, read two books, and got slightly blimp on New Year’s Eve. You thought about what you’d seen and about what you hadn’t. The last weekend you ran; you packed your bag, shook hands, and left for school.

Now you actually spent your vacation depended, of course, on who you are and where you live. But you’ve probably found it the Christmas break as sobering as it was warm, as meditative as it was festive.

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In Tampa Tourney

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In the opening minutes of the second half, the Lions stretched their lead to ten points. But then a pressure defense by Auburn led to costly floor mistakes. With four and a half minutes remaining, the team from Alabama tied the score at 67-all on two free throws by Monk Montgomery.

After Columbia failed to hit, Auburn took control of the ball with 2:41 remaining and successfully froze the ball until Turk Ganzenmuller stole a pass with twenty seconds remaining.

The Lions worked the ball for a final shot but Ken Bowen failed to hit on a jumper from ten feet out, and the game went into overtime.

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Newmark of Lions Is Selected MVP

By Jesse Berman Special to Spectator

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