

Bad Thoughts on the Twenty-fifth Week

by Doug Gibboney

An Apathetic Commuter Student

Five weeks until the term ends; half of the people here will graduate and scatter like locusts to points unknown. The other half will go underground for three months until the September chill brings them running back like lemmings to the warm confines of Capitol Campus.

That's nicer and so is the natural flow of the seasons and all that. But, in another way, a repetition of this year's cycle is kind of a discouraging forecast. Another thirty weeks of dread discontent and bad rumblings should not be the stuff campus life is made of.

Let's face it; the Capitol Campus of the Pennsylvania State University is not a happy place, and I am sure no one on campus will dispute that - with the possible exception of Mister Paul who is one individual who seems to really enjoy his job. Anyway, all year the Reader has used the literary talents of Charlie Holecry and Jim Bollinger to document and bitch about the raw deals that go down here. For that matter, any student or faculty member can give you a personal list of grievances - which might be why a slew of good people are disappearing after this term.

There could be, and get ready to disagree, another reason. The solid, bedrock majority of the 1,200 students that attend this campus are not exactly shakers and movers. True, groups like the XGI's and the B.S.U. are continually sponsoring events that add a little flash to these bleak, cinder block walls, but they are the exception. Overall, Capitol is a hotbed of apathy.

Why are we like we are? Hmmm, any member of the Student Government Association will tell you it is the college administration that has crushed the life from the student body by its practice of killing any program that shows imagination. The administration will blame its problems on University Park and no one knows what "The Park" has to say about the matter. (myself, I think "The Park" is a legend invented by some punch-drunk rocker from Meade Heights.)

This puts the load back on our shoulders - and considering the student body's track record for change, we shouldn't expect too much from ourselves. Maybe, with a few good leaders, we could get organized and do all those protest tactics that were popular in the Sixties; but no messiahs are on the horizon. I am not going to do it. Hell, I'm just an apathetic commuter student that got a typewriter for Christmas. Right now I'm making plans to go Summer term so I can get out of this place and get a job.

Get a job? Maybe that is the wisdom of all this. Shut up, study and go for the big money when you get out. Is this a happy thought? Are we turning into what Rolling Stone correspondent Hunter S. Thompson calls "gutless, old hacks?" Are we only in it for the money?

But this column is straying too far from its goal, whatever its goal is. Maybe those Capitol Campus dropouts had the right idea when they quit and got high-paying jobs unloading trucks in the exciting world of interstate commerce. Maybe that's what the Placement Office postage meter means when it says, "Capitol Campus - new ideas in higher education."

THE WATCHER IS REAL

by Bill Matthews

The other day I received a notice from housing about turning in deposits for reservation of Meade Heights housing. For me those worries are over, I graduate. But what was interesting about the notice was the drawing of Kilroy peering over a fence emblazoned on the flyer. Underneath the drawing were the words, "The Watcher is Everywhere. The Watcher is watching you."

Well let me tell you, the watchers are alive and well and living in the form of maintenance personnel in Meade Heights. What?

That's right . . . you know those nice guys who paint your rooms and fix the doors? Well, they report you too. For everything from the growing of cannabis-sativa to black lights to strange clothes (female's in a male's house or male's in a female's house.)

Can this be true? You bet. I took the liberty of asking a number of Meade Heights students what their major complaints were. Surprisingly enough about 60% of the complaints dealt with the attitude and problems with maintenance and housing. Why?

Well, further investigation points out that maintenance is having a race to see who can top who on reporting students on living infractions. Incidents and reports have occur where articles of clothing were seen in a male or female's household, that belonged to a member of the opposite sex. Gadzooks! Could it be our upright vitruous students would be chance be living with each other? Nay, not our students, but apparently maintenance thinks so and so does housing.

Students living together or not isn't the question, it's that maintenance is watching. (Get those brownny points). Housing has no right to try to dictate morality. It's bad enough maintenance can come into your house at any time unannounced and without knocking. But to have the audacity to survey your place for housing infractions is absurd, childish and bordering close on legal infringements of the rights of privacy. I can understand gross infractions being reported, holes in the walls, broken furniture, etc. . . . but underwear or someone's hair? (mmmmmmmm, strange).

Oh yes, as long as we are on surveillance, what about those nice names on the mailboxes in Meade Heights. Good Idea? At first we thought it was. Seeing how students tend to move around a lot, it seemed logical that this would serve to locate the wayward students. Well it does, but that's only the beginning. Suppose you get a letter addressed to your friend in care of you. Well, odds are housing will hold it and call you down to pick it up and then grill you on why you are getting so and so's mail. Neat trick huh?

To top it all off they have a deal with the mailman (I understand) to deliver all mail to the housing office if a name doesn't appear on the mailbox. Something sounds amiss? Well, its elementary my dear housing. Housing should understand that mail gets delivered to a house number and not an individual and to withhold mail is a federal violation.

Just a warning, Scotland Yard is just around the corner. I hope they change before the case closes on them.

Spring Dinner Dance

The Student Government Association has announced the date for the annual Spring Dinner Dance.

The semi-formal affair will be held Saturday, May 4, 1974. Cocktails will be served from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., followed by dinner from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Dancing will follow from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. The dinner and dancing music will be provided by "Rainbow".

The Dinner Dance committee, Peggy Vanderslice and Mike Leasher, have selected the pleasant atmosphere of Allenberry on the Yellow Breeches, Boiling Springs, Pa. for this year's event.

The buffet dinner menu features steamshop round of beef, roasted chicken, and seafood newburg.

The annual Spring Dinner Dance is open to all students, not only Seniors. However, space and finances have placed a limit of 100 couples on the event. The price of the tickets is \$6.00 per person and \$12.00 per couple. Tickets will go on sale on Monday, April 15. Location of sale will be announced. The directions to Allenberry will be provided.

WALK-A-THON

On May 5, 1974 a Walk-A-Thon is being sponsored by the March of Dimes. Currently there are three Walk-A-Thons planned for the Harrisburg Area; one on the East Shore; one on the West Shore and one in Carlisle. Starting points have not yet been determined.

Walkers are sponsored either by themselves or by someone else. The minimum sponsorship is 10 cents a mile. As of this date we have three students who are participating -- Lisa Yaffee Pat Nevin and Bill Matthews. Obviously we need more people to make this work. Please come out and support this fine organization. We need your help. Interested students can contact Bill Matthews in the S.G.A. Office, W-104 or Call 787-1663. Thank You.

Club News

D.T.K.

BY Vic Pawluk

Delta Tau Kappa (D.T.K.), the international social science honor society, held a recent meeting on April 9, in the T.V. Lounge. The meeting was highlighted by the election of new D.T.K. officers for the coming year. The new officers elected are as follows: Gretchen Sensemen, President; Ray Barbush, Vice-President of Programs; Nancy Wilt, Vice-President of Membership; and Debbie Hall Secretary-Treasurer.

These new D.T.K. officers were installed into office on April 16, 1974, at the annual D.T.K. banquet. The D.T.K. banquet was held at Schindler's Restaurant this year with a smorgasboard style dinner. Dr. Ed Racey was the guest speaker for the event.



LISA YAFFE AND BOB HETZEL AT S.G.A. ELECTIONS.

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So, as shown by this chart, student participation, in terms of total votes cast in elections, has decreased since '72, but isn't as bad as it could be. Of course, this data may not be totally reliable or conclusive (OK, Mrs. Thorne), but it is illustrative, and it does show which categories need help. We can only hope that the next elections will see more candidates (at least enough to fill all the positions), better campaign tactics (which may at least include pictures, of the candidates on their posters), and students who are, if not caring, at least amused enough by it all to vote for their favorite candidates (or at least for the one whose name they like best). Finally, I'd like to extend my congratulations to the winners, condolences to the losers, and adamant wishes for a better government and cooperation for all.

S.G.A. Spring Term 1974 Elections

S.G.A. Spring Term 1974 Elections		S.G.A. Spring Term 74 Elections	
		SENATORS OFFICIAL	
President	164*	Business	101**
Michael McAllister	138	Bruce Karchner	Write-in
David Nicholas	1	Max Pifer	27*
John Kozial	1	Jim Kiehl	9
Dennis Heck	1	Ken Armstrong	1
Vice President	126*	Dave DeLong	1
Russel Hogg	92	James Convino	1
David DeLong	85	Mark Brennen	1
John Klock	1	Bob Gallager	1
Peter Sarmanis	1	Joe Gardy	1
Barry Smitsch	1	Gary Tobin	1
Treasurer	103*	Elementary Ed.	51**
Jonathan Wren	98	Nancy Witt	Write-in
Brian Elgish	97	Janice Stephey	20
Thomas Sheets	1	Rose Lovelick	2
Robert Dudash	1	Barb Keler	1
Secretary	264*	Engineering	80**
Joy Raytik	1	Eugene Laratonda	42*
Max Pifer	1	David Shrader	Write-in
G. Anthony	1	Mike Borkholder	1
Ray Battistoni	1	John Schrum	1
Tom Studer	1	Frank Hemming	1
Jim Niznic	1	Humanities	Write-in
Peter Micewitz	1	Al Houser	1
Chris Morgan	1	Bill Grubb	1
Ed Conners	1	Linda Bilger	1
Skip Laratonda	1	Paul Smith	1
Barry Schmidt	1	Twila Brown	1
Mr. Paul	1	Math/Science	Write-in
		Mark Fey	5**
		Rob Minaya	2
		Rose Reed	2
		Social Science	
		Andrew Pevarnik	75**
		Gilson Lebo	38*
		Lisa Yaffe	2
		** Category Winner	
		* Senator-at-Large	

		University Faculty	
		Senate	
		Eugene Laratonda	168
		Kevin O'Neal	83
		James Jordan Award	

* Winners

The list of nominees will not be given to the student body. This is necessary to protect the evaluation process of the Evaluation Board.



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"It is by the goodness of God that in our country we have those three unspeakably precious things: Freedom of speech, freedom of conscience, and the prudence never to practice either of them."

-- Mark Twain