

# Bathtubs aren't Just For Bathing

The favorite outdoor sporting event from 1968 to 1978 was the annual Bathtub Races. The event, sponsored by the student chapter of Pennsylvania Society for Professional Engineers, consisted of teams of eleven people pushing modified bathtubs around a set course.

The route, which varied from year to year, was typically two miles in length, beginning at the student center parking lot (now Continuing Education). The course then headed past the

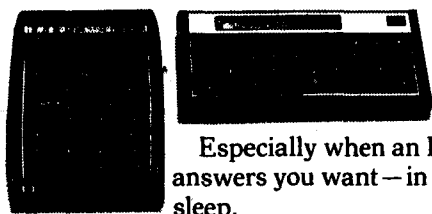
power plant, around the main building and then returning to People's Park just beyond Meade Heights.

The winning team won a five-foot trophy and a keg of beer, which was presented at the conclusion of the races at club-sponsored cookouts. For many years this was the major attraction of "Rites of Spring, the May celebration honoring the end of the semester.



Pre-race inspection of tubs at the starting line.

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