

Feature

Mass panic ravages Hazleton

By Jerry Trently

HAZLETON, Pa., June 27, 1981—A state of extreme emergency has been declared here as a severe drought has devastated this town.

A water shortage that began late last fall, heightened to an unprecedented level yesterday as the town's water supply went completely dry. Fire, looting, disease, and a score of other related problems plague this town as panic has taken hold of its residents.

The biggest problem remains — three fires that have been burning out of control. Two started yesterday, and a third started this morning on Broad Street in the town's business district.

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

- 9-13 —Movies in the Residence Hall
- 14 —Valentine's Day dance
- 23 —Classes end
- 25-28 —Final exams

MARCH

- 8 —Arrival date
- 9 —Registration
- 10 —Classes begin
Change of assignment to U-Park
- 17 —Dance Teller in the Commons, 8 p.m.
- 18 —Open coffeehouse in The Commons, 8 p.m.
- 19 —Backgammon tournament in The Commons, 7-11:30 p.m.
Last day to register late, add a course, or apply for Fall Term change of assignment
- 23 —RHC Skating party at Skate Odyssey
- 26, 27, 30 —File Pass/Fail

APRIL

- 14 —Mid-term "Below grades" in
- 17 —Good Friday—NO CLASSES
- 22 —Deferred grade deadline
- 27, 28, 29 —Summer Term pre-registration

MAY

- 1 —Awards Banquet
Big Buddy Night
"Gershwin by George," C-1, 7 p.m.
- 2, 3, 4 —Fine Arts Festival
- 4 —Late drop deadline
- 19 —Classes end
- 20-23 —Finals
- 25 —Memorial Day
- 28 —Commencement

There is little chance of bringing the fires under control in the immediate future since the only water firemen have to work with is being flown in by helicopter from fifty miles away. Firemen are now meeting to discuss what few alternatives they have. One of the plans being considered involves dynamiting all buildings within a one block radius of the fires. This would act as a fire block, similar to the method used in fighting forest fires.

The National Guard has been brought in to control the mass looting that has taken place during the crisis.

The crime rate here has gone up astoundingly. One man remains in critical condition after he was shot while trying to take some water from his neighbor's storage tank.

All routes leading out of the town are completely congested with bumper-to-bumper traffic. At several points, traffic is at a total standstill as automobiles overheat as the massive exodus continues. Everyone appears to be leaving Hazleton in hope of finding a place where there is water.

As if things were not bad enough, meteorologists predict

that a heat wave, that has pushed temperatures well past the ninety degree mark for the past three days, will continue through next week. No precipitation is in sight.

Officials claim that the water supply here went completely dry after panicking residents filled youngsters' wading pools and other containers with water in anticipation of a shortage. This water stored in back yards has introduced a health problem to the troubled town. Insects have been breeding in this stagnant water and several cases of typhoid and malaria have been reported. As one health official observed, "This place is full of infection everywhere you turn." There have been five heart attack deaths and three heatstroke cases during the crisis here but officials are certain that all cases have not been reported due to disorganization caused by the emergency.

At present, there is little hope that the crisis here can be brought to a swift termination. Officials will hold a press conference tomorrow to reveal what courses of action will be taken to aid this stricken community.

"Lot A Filled" Sign Stolen

By Arty "Bull" Stuff

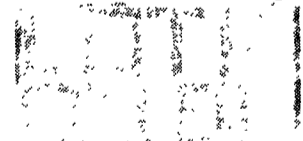
Sometime during the final days of the fall term the campus suffered the loss of its "Lot A Filled" sign. The purpose of the sign was to inform students that the "upper lot", lot A, was filled to capacity; then, vacancies in the lower lot were to be utilized. As of yet there are no leads as to the identity of the culprits who stole the sign.

Since the sign received around-the-clock attention, it is apparent that the abduction was a carefully planned operation, no doubt carried out by professionals. No finger prints were discovered on any blades of grass in the immediate location in which the sign was last seen. Also, the bandits knew the exact location of the sign at the time of its abduction, which makes it evident that the criminals had "staked out" the sign, mapping its daily movements. The fact that there has been no word from the thieves concerning a ransom indicates that the abduction was not part of a kidnap-ransom scheme.

The thought that such villains are present on campus worries

some students. Joe Swift had this to say, "Like, it's bad, you know." Ann Nonimus stated, "I think it's terrible. I have a 'minimum speed 40' sign, but I don't put it on my dorm door because it just isn't safe." Also, Rocky A. Head told us, "All day last Wednesday people was kicking me and when I got undressed that night I found a sign that said 'Kick Me' on the back of my pants. I think it's da same guys who dun it."

Because of the abduction of the sign, students were left unable to determine whether or not Lot A was filled except to drive to the lot and see. Campus security officials, however, immediately responded to the problem by drawing another sign. In order to ensure the new sign's safety, it has been kept locked twenty-four hours a day in an undisclosed location somewhere on campus.



Highacres Harry



BOGGLE

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A	L	d	D
S	P	E	T
E	N	I	N

How many words can you make?

To make a word, use letters, in sequence, that adjoin at any side or corner. Each letter may be used only once in a word. Any word found in a standard English dictionary is acceptable.

*Play against the Boggle — find the phrase in the grid.

*Play against a friend — compare your lists and cross off the words you have in common. Score the remaining words as follows: 1 point for words of three or four letters, 2 points for five letters, 3 points for six or more letters.

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