

Did You Know?

... When Penn State's school colors were originally selected in 1887, they were pink and black. The school colors might still be that if the striped blazers worn by early cheerleaders hadn't faded (pink to white) in the sun. The students, disgusted, voted to change the colors to navy blue and white.

... Pennsylvania is the fourth largest state in the nation — with 11.8 million people — according to the latest United States Census Bureau estimates. The bureau says California is the most populated state with an estimated 22.3 million people. New York is second with 17.7 million, and Texas is third with 13 million. After Pennsylvania, in order, are Illinois with 11.2 million, Ohio with 10.7 million, Michigan with 9.2 million, Florida with 8.6 million, New Jersey with 7.3 million, and Massachusetts with 5.8 million people.

... Penn State Alma Mater
by Fred Lewis Pattee

I
For the glory of old State,
For her founders, strong and great,
For the future that we wait,
Raise the song, raise the song.

II
Sing our love and loyalty,
Sing our hopes that, bright and free,
Rest, O Mother dear, with thee,
All with thee, all with thee.

III (softly)
When we stood at childhood's gate,
Shapeless in the hands of fate,
Thou didst mold us, dear old State,
Dear old State, dear old State.

IV (louder)
May no act of ours bring shame
To one heart that loves thy name,
May our lives but swell thy fame,
Dear old State, dear old State!

Food Fights at U.P.

Vandalism has erupted as a large problem on and off campus at University Park. Arson and other forms of property damage are on the rise in residence halls. According to Mr. McKinnon of Food and Housing, vandalism cost the University \$68,000 last year.

A fire in Pinchot Hall on December 19, which caused more than \$26,000 in damages, has received much recognition. The fire was believed to have been caused by someone lighting piles of old newspapers which had been stuffed into an elevator as a prank.

Included in this area of disorderly conduct are food fights. Some students have been given citations for disorderly conduct, classified as a public disturbance, for food fights in some dining halls. Officer John Rideout of Police Services said a citation is a summary offense, comparable to receiving a speeding ticket, intended to discourage repetition of such incidents as it was received for. Many students believe the citations are unfair and have turned to the USG Department of Legal Affairs for assistance.

According to Officer Rideout, food-throwing occurred during his student days at Penn State. "However, it was an occasional olive or pickle to get an individual's attention," said Rideout. The motivation for the recent food fights seems to stem from the movie "Animal House."

"Fire and vandalism in the residence halls have to be paid for by someone," said McKinnon. Most of these costs are absorbed by the students.

When a student enters the University, he pays a General Deposit fee of \$50. This fee is used by the University to pay for any damages a student may cause. The fines for the damages at Pinchot Hall are estimated at \$90 per resident of the hall. Students are reacting negatively to the idea of paying a high fine for a possible accident or an outside individual's actions.

Last year students of Pinchot were required to pay for a piano thrown down an elevator shaft. No proof that the action was by residence hall students was found.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — More than half the nation's motorists exceed the 55-MPH speed limit on clear roadways, but few of them are driving more than 65 MPH, the Federal Highway Administration reports.

Pushing the Limit

As a result of motorists' heavy feet, more than 8 million speeding tickets were issued nationwide for the fiscal year ending Oct. 1.

The Information from state highway officials is reported annually under the 55 MPH national speed limit law. The speeds are monitored only on flat stretches of roads posted for 55 MPH under good conditions and do not include rush-hour traffic jams or hazardous roadways.

Five states had more than 70 percent of monitored traffic going over the speed limit. They were Kansas, 72 percent; Missouri, 71; Texas, 77; Vermont, 73, and Wyoming, 74.

Only 30 percent of Virginia's monitored traffic exceeded 55 MPH.

A Federal Highway Adminis-

tration official said the figures indicate that more than half of American motorists are exceeding the national speed limit.

California issued the most speeding tickets of any state, more than 1 million citations.

The data indicate that while much traffic exceeds 55 MPH, only a small percentage — 10 percent in most states and a high of 18 percent in Texas — exceeded 65.

Starting this year, states that fail to report that 30 percent of their highway traffic is moving within the 55 MPH or less could lose up to 5 percent of certain federal highway funds.

Compliance with the speed limit must increase gradually to 70 percent in 1983, when states could lose 10 percent of those funds.

Fiction Novelist, Marge Piercy

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are like drugs, for example Alka Seltzer, plop-plop-fizz-fizz."

At the end of her lecture she answered questions from the audience. I asked her later whether she would ever set her poetry to music. She replied "It

has been done three or four times but I don't take it seriously since I don't have any musical background."

In closing, it was nice to know that there are some writers in our time that are still down to earth. I thought she would be

totally arrogant and transparent from her audience, but her presence fooled me. Gratitude should be given to the Keystone Society, Dr. Raneri, and the library staff, for making this historical gathering possible.

— Joe Reagos

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