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Let's Move Penn State—to Mt. Nittany

The campus-wide switch in Penn State's name, from college to university, has been almost complete since the new status was obtained last November. But Penn State is not being recognized nationally as a university as quickly as could be hoped. This is primarily because people find it hard to believe that a university can be located in a borough named State College.

The importance of being recognized as a university with all the connotations of the name cannot be underestimated. A college, according to definition, is limited in scope, lacking a graduate study program, and without research facilities. A university represents a more extensive and broader educational institution.

The voters in the borough of State College will vote this November to decide whether the name of the town shall remain the same or be changed to Mount Nittany, a name which would give the borough a distinction of its own. As has been pointed out by University officials, the borough itself has grown into a lovely little community—there is more of State College than the University.

Students will have little to say about the name change, for only residents of the borough who are over 21 years of age will have a vote in the issue. Students actually have little right to a voice in the controversy, for they spend only four years here, and State College is only a temporary residence, not a hometown.

The opinion of students is important, because in general, it probably reflects the ideas of the University as a whole. Certainly the University,

with a population greater than that of the borough, is a factor to be considered.

The disadvantage of being located in State College in one instance was illustrated by President Milton S. Eisenhower in speaking before one of the plenary sessions at Student Encampment in early September.

When Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson visited the campus this summer, a picture of his milking a Penn State dairy cow turned out to be worthy of front page play in the New York Daily News. The News has the largest circulation of American newspapers. In the first edition, despite the State College dateline, the institution was referred to as the Pennsylvania State University. In later editions, because someone on the staff of the News questioned the difference in the names of the town and the institution, the name was changed to college.

When the photograph became Picture of the Week in Life magazine, a member of the magazine staff phoned the public information office in Old Main, asking for details. The University staff member, sitting in an office of the Pennsylvania State University at State College, Pennsylvania, had a difficult time convincing the Life staffer that University was the correct title. The name appeared in its proper form in Life.

Public information, relieved that the use of University in a mass-circulation magazine, overlooked the Reader's Digest. The Digest ran a story, using College instead of University.

This is only one example of the headaches encountered by the University in trying to gain acceptance for Penn State as a University.

Although the name Mount Nittany may not be the first choice of community residents, obviously the change from State College is the significant problem. In order to be legally proper, the name committee was forced to choose only one name for the ballot. The choice could not possibly be that of all borough residents, but it was believed to be the most popular and appropriate suggestion.

Most local residents are as proud of the University as are the students, and students should not overlook any possibility of explaining to voters that the name change would promote the University, and therefore the community.

Gazette . . .

Today
DAILY ROSARY RECITATION, 4 p.m. Our Lady of Victory Church
INTERCOLLEGIATE CONFERENCE ON GOVERNMENT, 7 p.m., McElwain Lounge
INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 7:30 p.m., 405 Old Main

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Jesse Arnette, Samuel Aldenderfer, Ralph Bitler, Ann DeFuria, Peter Duncan, Edward Brogan, Esther Feldman, Edith Gross, Leona Hart, Virginia Hance, Elaine Hoffman, Roosevelt Grier, Theresa Guinnard, Allen Morrow, John Olsen, Malcolm Perry, Joseph Polli, John Robinson, Carol Schwing, Judith Solomon, William Straub, Michael Thomas, Norman Weingarten, Charles Willard, and Paul Welz.

PLACEMENT SERVICE
GENERAL ELECTRIC will visit the campus Oct. 14 to interview January graduates in the fields of Physics, Aero. Engr., EE, IE, and ME.
HASKINS AND SELLS will visit the campus Oct. 14 and 15 to interview January graduates in Accounting.
DU PONT will visit the campus Oct. 14 and 15 to interview January graduates in Chemistry, Physics, and C.E.
SOCONY-VACUUM will visit the campus Oct. 15 to interview January graduates in GE and ME.
WAGNER ELECTRIC CORPORATION will visit the campus Oct. 5 to interview January graduates in the fields of EE and ME.
THE TRANE COMPANY will visit the campus Oct. 7 to interview January graduates in the fields of EE, IE, and ME.

—Jack McMeekin

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Are you reading ahead in the assignment again?"

Children's Games

Singing In The Wilderness

By EDMUND REISS

Late the other night we were awakened by a telephone call, and grogily answering it, we were questioned about a political meeting we supposedly were organizing.

This absurd information surprised us so much that we were immediately wide awake, and then not being able to go back to sleep, we began to reflect on politics and student government at the University.

Since the closest we have ever come to taking part in the political scene was flipping a coin three years ago to see who would run for the position of secretary-treasurer of B-level Hamilton, we aren't anything of an expert on the workings of student government. However, having heard that a fresh, innocent view is at times welcomed, we don't feel too inferior.

By the way, we lost the flip, but after seeing a little of what we might have been involved in, we're not too regretful.

Observing the way pseudo-campus leaders prowl around making sly rendezvous at the Tavern reminded us of a group of little girls dressing up in their mothers' old clothes, wearing high heels, and putting on lipstick. Both seem to be trying to impress either themselves or somebody else with their supposed maturity and knowledge.

The only difference between the two cases is that our Tavern big wheel does at times succeed in fooling people.
At the end of last semester

when the Lion's Paw fiasco was in all its glory, we were amazed at the amount of student interest in the situation, and we wondered how so many people could take seriously a group of little boys who supposedly were trying to control the University's student government.

Our reaction to the farces was that if a government allowed itself to be put in such a situation, it couldn't be very worthwhile. In fact, we believe student government, at least as it is known here, to be a ridiculous thing. We wonder if its participants are in college for an education or for a chance to wear a black hat and show that they know secrets nobody else does.

However, we still have some faith in some of these pretenders.
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Tonight on WDFM

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8:30 Marquee Memories
9:15 News
9:30 HMS Pinafore
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