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## Good Neighbors

Tonight more than 6000 fans are expected to set a record attendance mark at Recreation Hall when they watch the Swedish National Gymnastics team in its second appearance at Penn State. Those fortunate to have tickets for the event will witness a once-in-a-lifetime treat.

When the Swedish team appeared in competition against Penn State last year during their first United States tour, the meet proved to be one of the most colorful and fascinating athletic events ever staged on the Penn State campus. This year, although there will be no competition, the show has been billed as better than ever by Penn State gymnastics coach Gene Wettstone. Graced by the addition of 11 of Sweden's most outstanding women gymnasts, the Swedish team has captured the fancy of fans in New York, Philadelphia, West Point, West Chester, and West Virginia University in the first leg of its 32-stop tour.

The Swedish tour serves many purposes, but unnoticed behind the spectacle of the show itself are the underlying political ramifications of the tour. Students and administrators at the University helped cement relations with this great European nation through their enthusiastic and kind response to the team on its visit last year. It was largely because of this response that another trip was arranged this year.

Through the media of athletics we are making friends with a nation at a time when the United States needs friends more than anything else.

The fans who watch this event tonight, Coach Gene Wettstone, the University administration, participating student leaders, and the Penn State gymnastics team become, in a sense, diplomats this evening. A warm friendly hello to our guests will go a long way.

—Dick McDowell

## One-Man Committee

Rudolph Lutter's one-man committee to bring about revisions in the present grading system has done a good job to date, but it's up to the student body as a whole to make the committee truly a success.

The six college councils before which Lutter has discussed inadequacies in the present system have gone on record as favoring a change. It is safe to assume, on this basis, the remaining three councils also will favor a grading system change.

Mr. Lutter has already given All-University Cabinet its answer—there is wide-spread dissatisfaction with the present grading system. Now it's up to Cabinet to take the next step.

Cabinet should study Mr. Lutter's proposals for change and present concrete suggestions for revision to the administration. While the administration can not be expected to respond to impulsive ideas, sound suggestions for improvement based on fact cannot be ignored.

Mr. Lutter has spent considerable time and energy to do his job and do it well. Cabinet should follow his lead.

—Ann Leh

## On Solicitations

The action taken by the Senate Committee on Student Affairs to restrict student organizations from soliciting memberships and promoting their programs outside Recreation Hall during registration will clear up a lot of confusion and avoid the habitual cluttering of the walks with the material passed out.

Various student organizations have in the past distributed pamphlets, blotters, folders, and other types of promotional material outside Rec Hall. This has slowed students' escape from registration and has turned the sidewalks outside Rec Hall into catch-alls for the material in which the majority of the students are not immediately interested.

Granted, the organizations should be commended for their efforts to promote their benefits to the student body, but they should be able to carry on their advertising campaigns at a time when students will pay attention to them of their own accord.

—Rog Beidler

There is nothing truly valuable which can be purchased without pains and labour.

—Addison

A closed mouth catches no flies.—Cervantes

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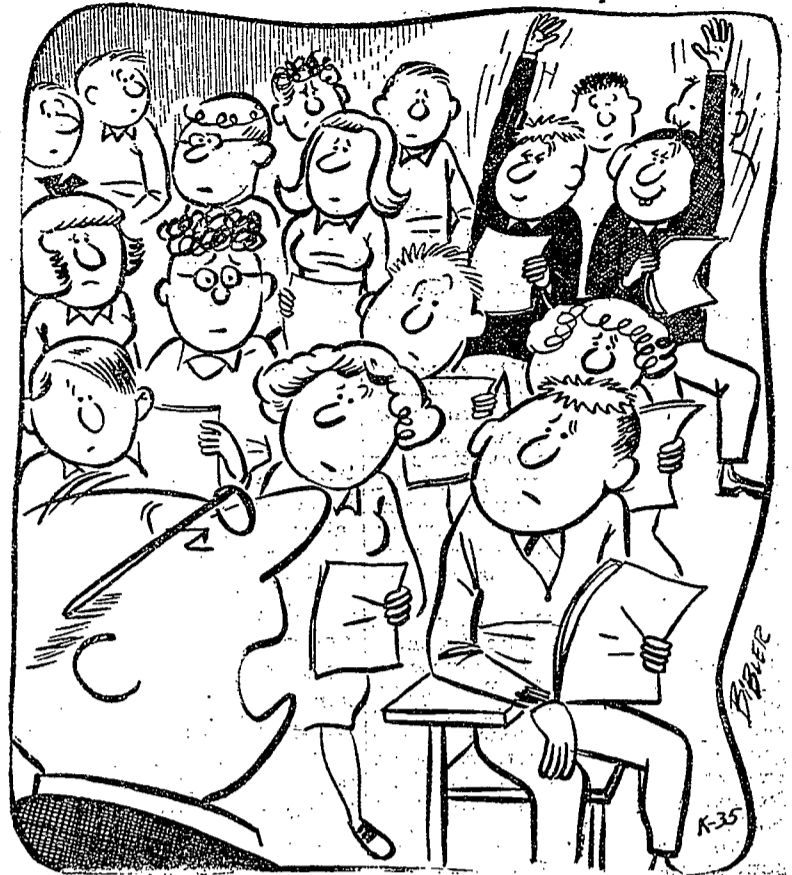
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## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Now that you have exchanged and graded papers—do we have anyone who made a '100'?"

## The Paddy-wagon

By PADDY BEAHAN

Now is the Time . . .

With what reason is left after taking Thursday's classes Monday, Friday's classes Tuesday, and whatever it is we're taking Wednesday, Penn State students can get out last year's No-Doz and forget about sleep for a week or two.

Everyone has his own method of keeping in the semi-conscious condition required from cramming. Some find uncomfortable positions—one coed in McElwain sits on a washroom sink and runs alternating cold and hot water on her feet; some point to the caffeine in coke; some swear by coffee.

According to an article in the Boston University News, the practice of using stimulants to cram goes back to the 1880's when college students drank beer in large quantities—and probably all went peacefully to sleep.

Some others have tried minute doses of strychnine and one advocated caffeine to stay awake, chocolate bars to give him energy, and gin to relax.

Relax, anyone?

### Morse Code

Coeds in one of the dormitories at Kent State University in Ohio have developed a system of communication via lights and Morse code. The sight of the dorm lights flickering on and off all night was too nerve-racking for the administrators and they called it off. The girls have switched to candles and now mimeographed copies of the code have been distributed.

Just for the record, be it known the Penn State coeds are way ahead of the Kent women. Back in the good old days when the women students lived on the fifth and the men on the fourth floor of Old Main, the two groups tapped Morse code messages to each other on the pipes.

### Big Fuss, No Noise

Last year at Tulane a group called the Young Republicans Club petitioned the student council for official recognition. The council, fearing political controversy on campus, refused the request. The group tried again, backed by the Tulane Hullabaloo, and the council reversed itself and sent the petition to the University Senate.

The Senate passed the buck back to the student council asking for a more decisive vote, which was given. A Young Democratic Club formed at once and began arranging programs, meetings, etc. The Democrats thought political debates with the Republican group would be a good idea.

But no one has been able to locate the Republican officers or members.

### Look, No Problem

College drinking is a custom, not a problem, reports the New York University College of Medi-

cine after a research survey to determine the drinking habits of college students. The only prevalent pattern found was that of the "all-male beer drinking fellowship."

### Where the Vale . . .

Penn Staters can hold up their heads again. Maybe we stole the tune for "Blue and White" from Cornell's "Far Above Cayuga's Waters," but Cornell took it from somebody else.

The tune belongs to Civil War ballad, "Annie Lisle." Other aliases are "Close Beside the Winding Cedars" (Michigan State), "Close Beside Cuyahoga's Waters" (University of Akron), "On the Shores of South Carolina" (The Citadel), "Far Above the Walnut Valley" (Southwestern), "Living Symbol of Our City" (University of Toledo), "Midst the Mountains of the Westland" (Seattle Pacific), "Where the Hills of Pennsylvania" (Washington and Jefferson), and the last straw—Annie Lisle must have turned over in her grave—"Where the Blue Ridge Yawns Its Greatness" (Clemson Agricultural College).

## Carlone Is Elected President of FTA

Vincent Carlone was recently elected president of the Future Teachers of America for the spring semester.

Other officers are Gertrude Lutz, vice president; Linda Gerber, treasurer; Sandra Weiss, recording secretary; Walter Stryczek, corresponding secretary; and Leah Obert, librarian.

Rosalie Majorana, outgoing vice president, gave a report on the United Nations trip.

## This Weekend On WDFM

91.1 MEGACYCLES

7:30	Sports Roundup
7:35	Hamburger Stand
8:15	B.B.C. Drama "The Rhodes Scholar"
8:45	Just for Two
9:30	Hi Fi Open House
10:30	Thought for the Day Tomorrow
7:30	Third Program
10:30	Thought for the Day Monday
7:30	Sports Roundup
7:35	One Nite Stand
8:00	U.N. Story "Miracle of the Needle"
8:15	Pop Drawer
8:30	Progressions in Rhythm
9:00	Spotlight on State News
9:15	Symphony Hall
9:30	Thought for the Day

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