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## Little Man on Campus      By Bibler



"Class—the odds are 40 to 1 that someone in here will flunk, unless of course, he should decide to drop this course."

## Leave a Good Taste

The mass exodus will begin this afternoon. By tonight Philadelphia will be swarming with Penn State students. Enthusiastic, rollicking fans will crowd the city's fun spots. Tomorrow afternoon Franklin Field will reverberate to the cheers of the Lion supporters when Penn State tramples the Red and Blue.

Tomorrow night the real test will come. Exhilarated Lion supporters will want to blow off steam in celebrating the third victory of the season. This is fine if done within the bounds of good taste.

Two years ago the celebrating was way off bounds. The repercussions from the rowdy displays by University students did much to harm the name of Penn State.

But last year University students conducted themselves as ladies and gentlemen and the post-weekend comments emanating from Philadelphia reflected the good impression left by the students.

This weekend students have an opportunity to completely erase the memory of the poor conduct of two years ago. We feel sure that on Sunday Philadelphians will have nothing but good things to say about Penn State and its students.

—The Editor

## For the 'Educated'

University students, sometimes called "educated," are often seen at the United Nations. In fact earlier this week two bus-loads of them took it on themselves to tour this world organization.

Many of them were amazed at the modern buildings and they thought it was wonderful that delegates from the 60 member-nations could communicate with each other, either directly or by translation.

But few of them were able to see beyond the mechanics of the UN to the real purposes for its founding. Even those "educated" men and women seemed to think the East River office building was founded to be a dissemination point for United States ideology propaganda.

They refused to accept as normal the Russians' church-going habits, Yugoslavia's view on world politics, and France's outlook on economics.

These "educated" tourists pitted foreign ideas against American ideas, judged America to be the winner, automatically downed the foreigners, and in the true American spirit, subtly ostracized the non-conformists.

Busloads of such people should not be taken to the United Nations.

—Jackie Hudgins

## Safety Valve...

### Outlines Accomplishments of Panhel

TO THE EDITOR: In answer to an editorial concerning Panhel in the Collegian Wednesday, Oct. 26:

Panhellenic Council, composed of representatives from each of the 22 sororities on campus, believes that it has accomplished the objectives as set forth by its constitution. Those being:

"... to maintain on a high plane fraternity life and interfraternity relations within the University ..."

Panel cooperates with other organizations on campus such as IFC, AIM, and Leonides and participates in All-University Cabinet, WSGA Senate, the University Senate Committee on Social Affairs, plus numerous other committees within the University.

"... to further fine intellectual accomplishments and sound scholarship ..."

The council's fireside chats and UCA cultural meetings, together with individual sorority welfare projects and chapel attendance en masse, are stepping stones toward this goal. Panhel also participates in the Orientation Week program with Leonides, to present an explanatory skit concerning sorority and independent life on campus.

High scholastic ideals are maintained by sorority women who last semester averaged a grade point ratio of 1.93 (old system) in comparison to the All-University women's average of 1.67. It has been the policy of Panhel to present a scholarship trophy to the sorority with the highest semester average at the annual IFC-Panhel banquet in the spring.

### Defends NSA Against Editorial

TO THE EDITOR: The Collegian editor pointed out his arguments against NSA in an editorial last Tuesday. It is easy to take any organization or idea, no matter how good it is, and criticize it piece by piece. And these criticisms can be answered piece by piece. True, the NSA meeting on Sunday evening was attended by a sparse crowd; however, it should be noted that this sparse crowd was indeed larger than the attendance at the last regular Cabinet meeting.

Mr. Miller further stated that "member schools of NSA vary so much in makeup that there is little common ground for an exchange of ideas." This is true and is one of the beauties of NSA—schools of varying makeup can contribute new and different ideas to each other. Penn State has much to learn from a school like UCLA, with a student government yearly budget of 1.5 million dollars.

It has been stated that the \$600-\$700 per year cost of NSA at Penn State is extravagant. Ideas, philosophies, or student organizations cannot be assessed a monetary value much the same as the value of a man's education cannot be fixed in dollars and cents. Only one person, Bob Smoot, a ninth semester student and Cabinet NSA coordinator of two years ago, wants

more money to be spent on NSA.

It was pointed out that NSA is not prominent in the news, is ignored by the professional press, and that it isn't a student "voice." True, NSA does not receive a great deal of newspaper publicity, but is there another student organization in the United States that receives more publicity than NSA? Be it a weak voice or not, NSA is the only voice of the students.

As has been stated before, the NSA coordinator system at Penn State has not been a good one. Each year one or two persons handled the entire project. NSA is much bigger than one or two people and needs a full time committee to operate effectively.

But it is foolish to debate small points about NSA and not see the forest for the trees. Proving or disproving this point or the other in a vicious circle of debate tactics accomplishes nothing. And it is poor policy to criticize without making positive suggestions.

Whether NSA is voted in or out, the entire issue will have been worthwhile. Cabinet members have done some real thinking on a real issue, and have proven themselves. Their decision will certainly be a wise one.

—Bruce J. Lieske

## The Lodger's Lodgin's

By ROGER BEIDLER

If you had the choice, would you rather interview a famous movie actress or a hermit? Believe it or not there is a man who would choose the latter.

Harold V. "Hal" Boyle, veteran Associated Press news correspondent and noted columnist, would rather talk to hermits or children than all the other people in the world.

Boyle spoke at the Sigma Delta Chi initiation banquet last Sunday night when he made the unusual statement.

According to the veteran reporter, interviewing famous Hollywood personalities isn't so bad at first, but gets pretty monotonous and difficult to keep the conversation going after the third or fourth year on the job. Every interview seems to be exactly the same as the one before, he complained.

### There's a Difference

But hermits and children are different, he said, because they are so unpredictable. Some of the most interesting and intelligent remarks have come from persons in these categories, he added.

Boyle cited as an example a six-year-old girl living in New York City. Returning home from an afternoon in the historic museum with her nurse, the child was asked, "Where have you been this afternoon?" "To a 'dead zoo,'" was the reply.

### Favorite Hermit

Boyle's favorite hermit lives on an island off the southeastern coast. He said he heard of the hermit when passing through a small southern town and decided to stop and visit him. Outside of his lengthy beard, there was nothing else unusual about his appearance, Boyle said.

The hermit's favorite pastime was going to the mainland and laughing at the tourists, Boyle said. His occupation was selling necklaces and bracelets made of sea shells to the visitors, and farming a small plot of ground which supplied him with sufficient vegetables.

When Boyle inquired as to how

the hermit occupied his time, his host said his "work" consumed most of it, but he spent his off hours reading the Bible. Since there was no electricity on the island, Boyle inquired as to what he did when it was dark. The hermit called attention to the softness of his beard which amazed Boyle. He said when it was dark, he would spend his time grooming his beard. He would reach down, find a good strong strand and begin splitting it. When it had progressed to a certain point, with a sudden pull, he would split it all the way up to his chin.

Boyle pointed out that this was the thing that his friend had in common with the rest of mankind—he was continually splitting hairs.

### This Weekend On WDFM

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7:20	Just For Two
7:30	News Roundup
8:00	Light Classical Jukebox
10:30	Sign Off
Saturday	
7:16	Sign On News
7:30	Musical Marathon
8:30	Campus Beat
9:00	Hi Fi Open House
10:30	Sign Off
Sunday	
7:25	Sign On Third Program
7:30	Sign Off
10:30	Sign Off
Monday	
7:16	Sign On News
7:20	News
7:30	Music My Friend
8:15	As You Believe
8:30	Concert Caneos
9:00	Informally Yours
9:15	News
9:30	Symphonic Notebook
10:30	Sign Off

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