

# The Last Gasp: How We Stood

(Editor's Note: This is a recap of our editorial views on the major issues this year. Monday a new Board of Editors takes over operation of The Daily Collegian.)

## University Growth

- The University must obtain the fullest possible use from its present facilities to help meet the crisis in higher education, even if this means more evening and noon classes, more televised lectures and a year-round school year.
- The state cannot expect the University to meet the challenge in higher education if it keeps providing "disaster budgets."
- The University must attempt to keep fees as low as possible.
- Salaries must be increased not only to maintain but increase the quality of the faculty and staff.
- The Graduate School must be increased not only in size but in stature if Penn State is to become a great university.
- Penn State cannot become a great university without a great library.
- In order to become a great university and to offer a broad education to all students, Penn State must place in central focus a college of the basic arts and sciences, for around it centers the atmosphere of a great university.

## Academic Affairs

- The loyalty oath should be repealed.
- The University must guard that these 3-credit general education courses such as Arts I do not become too general with students learning too little about too much.
- The trend toward honors courses and honor systems could be encouraged.
- The Commonwealth and the state need not only professional people but also semi-professional people. Therefore, the 2-year associate degree program should be expanded as well as the regular baccalaureate degree program.
- A cut system which imposes penalties is not in keeping with modern trends in education giving students a greater degree of responsibility and control of their activities.
- A junior-year-abroad program should be set up as soon as funds are available.
- The ROTC program should be made voluntary.

## Student Government

- Student government must represent the students if it expects to command the support and respect of the student body.
- Membership in the National Student Association should not be revived until a realistic plan of how NSA will operate locally is presented.
- Cabinet membership should be revamped to make it more representative of the students.
- The Women's Student Government Association Honor Code should be dropped and a new start made, but not before thorough planning.
- WSGA acted realistically when it modified its no-drinking regulation to apply only to women of minor age.
- Cabinet, to be most effective, must look into the future, for the University is already planning for 1970.

## Fraternities, Sororities

- Hell Weeks should be abolished.
- Fraternities and sororities should eliminate their racial and religious discrimination clauses and give brotherhood a wider meaning.
- Penn State does not have a serious drinking problem, and what problem there is should be dealt with realistically and not with such cover-up bans as the one on freshman minors.
- The fraternity man will become the "man of extinction" if steps are not taken for expansion of the fraternity system.
- The sorority system must also grow as the enrollment increases.

## Independents

- The Board of Trustees wisely adopted the principle of community living for future residence halls.
- Independents should not be pampered, for this will never help to unite them.

## Administration

- The Board of Trustees should hold open meetings.
- President Eric A. Walker has wisely removed much of the secrecy in Old Main, but more remains to be eliminated.
- The dean of men's office should stop pressuring the fraternity system to cover up its problems and help it to meet them realistically.
- The University must start treating students as young adults and stop protecting them.

## Campus Politics

- Any student should be free to run for any office.
- Elections Committee should conduct elections—not control them.
- The "Gentleman's Agreement" is a wise substitute for unfair vote-docking.
- The campus political parties should be designed to operate more in line of national parties, thereby aiding in the educational process of students.
- The parties and candidates must encourage larger vote turnouts to become more representative of a larger number of students.

## State and National

- Horseracing should be legalized in Pennsylvania.
- The Daughters of the American Revolution pulls off too many goofs.
- The first step at banning nuclear weapons—and putting nuclear power to peaceful use—is banning tests. And the sooner the world does this, the better.
- A far more dangerous man than Stalin is now premier of the Soviet Union.
- The American adult population should not be permitted to read and see just what is fit for children.
- The government should return J. Robert Oppenheimer, the father of the A-bomb, to "respectability," for this would be a symbol to American scientists that the heat of McCarthyism was really off.
- Federal aid to education need not bring federal control.

## Miscellaneous

- Penn State needs a student-run, non-commercial AM station.
- The Alumni Association must be supported, for the University must receive the aid of the alumni if it is to meet the crisis in higher education.
- Ways of improving the customs program and its enforcement must be found to preserve what Penn State tradition there is.
- A Campus Chest is better than many small charity drives.
- Football half-holidays should be included in future University calendars.
- President Eric A. Walker has more than earned the title of "Prexy."
- The student body showed it can unite behind a cause—Larry Sharp.
- Food Service has provided good meals as far as institutional cooking goes.
- The Artists' Series has done more to bring culture to Penn State than any one program in 103 years.
- Students are beginning to ask questions about Lion's Paw, senior men's society, and this secret organization should be made to come up with the answers.
- The University is lacking in necessary recreational and social facilities, with the Hetzel Union Building already overcrowded.
- The student insurance program was long overdue, and it is unfortunate it took a Larry Sharp to make it a reality.
- May Day is not worth the expense.

## Collegian Policy

- This newspaper will print publicity only when what is being publicized is also news.
- This newspaper will print the truth even if some readers would prefer not to face the truth.
- This newspaper will be influenced by no group, and will strive "For a Better Penn State."

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## Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Whadda ya mean ya got an examination—did you come here for an education or ta play baseball?"

## From Here

# ... And for the Last Darn Time

By Ed Dubbs

I have just about had it as far as my undergraduate Penn State days go. And this is my last column for The Daily Collegian since I am giving up the editor's chair to a younger lad.

People are already calling me a "has-been," and I

have been called worse things.

When people call me a "has-been," being the modest soul I am, I reply: "Yes, that's me."

My roommate says he is going to get a new roommate since I will no longer be editor. He says he'll move downtown and room with Warren Carmichael of WMAJ fame.

Oh, well... I could get an inferiority complex or something out of this. After all, I may drop from editor to copyboy, after one month's vacation, of course.

It may not be a vacation after all. Someone has promised me the chairmanship no less of a committee on committees. I hope Jay Feldstein keeps his promise.

But even if I don't get the appointment from Jay, graduation, after all, takes time to prepare for—especially when you're 10 weeks behind in all your courses!

Graduating from Penn State will be difficult for most of us, especially with no jobs waiting outside.

But there's a big challenge awaiting us. There may be few jobs; it's going to be a challenge.

You may not have thought about this: We are members of

the first college class to be graduated into the space-age world.

However, I don't feel like I'm entering it. I feel more like it's been tossed upon me by those unsporting Russians.

But it could be a blessing, you know. There may be jobs on the moon!

A few serious notes:

To all seniors: Be sure to join the Alumni Association. Penn State needs your help more than ever.

To all students not leaving: Talk up Penn State and make it better.

To the faculty and students: That engineer running the show over in Old Main is quite a man of action.

To the Bookworm: Keep plugging away.

To my Board of Editors: My sincere thanks for your cooperation and understanding. No one person can run this newspaper, as you know. Thanks also go to the entire staff for what I consider a great job.

To the faculty in the Journalism School: Thanks too for the advice, criticisms and help. Special thanks to our adviser, John D. Vairo.

To Penn State: greatness.

To Editor-elect Robert Franklin: My chair, my typewriter, my desk and my sincere best wishes.

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## Gazette

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- Bible Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., 214 Boucke
- Fluid Mechanics Seminar, 4:10 p.m., 1 Sackett
- Hillel Sabbath Eve Service, Foundation
- Hubszapoppin, Walt Gedeckie Quartet, 8 p.m., HUB Auditorium

- Mathematics Colloquium, 4:10 p.m., 305 Sparks
- Mineral Industries Colloquium, 4:10 p.m., Mineral Sciences Auditorium
- Newman Club, Forgotten Frolic, 8 p.m., Church Hall
- Players, "Tonight at 8:30," 8 p.m., Center Stage