

Editorial Opinion

A Break for Frosh

The Lion's Den in the Hetzel Union Building soon may be open an hour and a quarter later on Friday and Saturday nights.

The question of later hours for the Den yesterday was referred to Ossian R. MacKenzie, vice president for business administration, by the Hetzel Union Board.

The board recommended that the food line hours be extended from 11 p.m. to midnight and that the Den itself remain open until 12:15.

The action was taken despite a 2-weekend experiment by Food Service which indicated the Lion's Den would not break even financially if later hours were allowed. Under the experiment the Den and the food line remained open until 12:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights Oct. 4, 5, 11 and 12.

Food Service went to a great deal of trouble to make the experiment. Food line employees had to work overtime. Cleanup crews were delayed. A check on the number of paying customers was made every 15 minutes.

For their willingness to cooperate with the Hetzel Union Board and to conduct the experiment, and for the manner in which the experiment was made, Food Service staff members deserve a vote of thanks.

But basing their estimate on figures derived from the experiment, Food Service officials predicted that between \$20 and \$25 would be lost each night the Lion's Den would remain open until 12:30, if this were done on a permanent basis.

This figure should be reduced substantially if the food line is closed by midnight and the Den itself shuts at 12:15.

Members of the Hetzel Union Board believed the financial loss involved is outweighed by the welfare of the students—especially the freshmen and other independent men, who would be expected to benefit most from the later hours.

The board members' feelings toward student welfare should be shared by the administration.

Hear This, Vets of '98

The Daily Collegian has received the following press release from the Veterans Administration regional office in Wilkes-Barre:

"Spanish-American War veterans should not assume that Veterans Administration can pay bills for their care in non-VA hospitals, the agency cautioned today.

"A substantial number of these veterans have entered private hospitals under the assumption that their care would be at VA expense and later have found that they were not eligible for this benefit.

"The veterans and their families have had to accept responsibility for the cost of the hospitalization, which often has been expensive . . ."

The release runs on for five more paragraphs on the plight of the Spanish-American War veteran.

Now we don't know for a fact how many Spanish-American War veterans read The Daily Collegian. If any do, we'd like to hear from them, since we've just asked to be removed from the VA mailing list.

But the point is that this release is typical of the junk mail that Collegian and most other newspapers receive from government agencies (yesterday The Collegian received three identical releases from the Civil Service Commission).

Most of this stuff is not of general interest and is good only for lining wastebaskets in newspaper offices from coast to coast. It burns almost as well as the taxpayers' dollars it represents.

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Washington

1800 Politicos Campaigned On the Side

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here are President Eisenhower and former President Truman hurrying about like bird dogs during quail season.

Although politicians love to quote the founding fathers as gospel, no one mentions this fact:

The men who set up this government would have been horrified by such behavior.

Watching Eisenhower speak from Chicago, reading about Truman in Wilmington and points east, you may get the idea this type of pleading for votes has gone on forever.

Yet this country had been in business for almost a half century, and had had seven presidents, before anyone campaigned openly for the job.

William Henry Harrison broke the precedent in 1836. He took a tour from New York to Illinois, making speeches and leaving the impression that he was willing.

But presidential politicking did not immediately become accepted practice. Many a candidate still thought it was smarter to keep quiet. Lincoln, for instance, made no campaign speeches, either in 1860 or 1864.

Not until modern times did a President concede that a man doesn't stop being a politician the moment he moves into the White House. Not too surprisingly, Theodore Roosevelt was the first to churn out political statements.

Yet some of the old feeling lingers. To this day, we hear of this or that political comment being beneath the dignity of a President or a former President.

And the man who seeks the office must be careful not to appear too eager.

However, historians appear agreed that only George Washington ever got the job without making a move in his own behalf, carrying out the belief of many of the founders that this could be a nation without factions, that is, parties.

The others may not have lifted a finger publicly, but they managed to sneak in a few rabbit punches behind scenes. Jefferson, for example, kept up a continuous correspondence.

Although the presidency was to remain a special case, political campaigning was to become more open and more industrious.

By 1840 John Quincy Adams was writing:

"One of the most remarkable peculiarities of the present time is that the principal leaders of the political parties are travelling about the country from state to state, and holding forth, like Methodist preachers, hour after hour . . ."

"Besides the prime leaders of the parties, numerous subaltern officers of the administration are summoned to the same service, and, instead of attending to the duties of their offices, rave, recite, and madden round the land."

They've been raving, reciting and maddening round the land ever since.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Do it over again—I told you I would NOT accept a MESSY paper."

Behind the News

Psych 2 Lecture: 'Shut Up and Deal'

By Bob Franklin

The ultimate in television course programming has happened—Psychology 2 has produced its own version of "Shock Theater."

However, the show still looked to us more like "Bob and Ray" than the chilling program which rocketed Roland—Philadelphia's "Cool Ghoul"—to nationwide fame.

It all started in Wednesday's class with a friendly little card game among students who traded the cards with each other to try to accumulate four of a kind. The players won points for their speed in reaching the goal—the points counting toward the ultimate prize, a \$2' pot.

But as the students became more engrossed in their little game, the stock-market-type trading got wilder, which moved the silver-tongued orator who sits next to us to remark, "They ought to put the whole bunch in a cage."

As the game reached fever pitch, a professor unkindly dumped a white rat right into the middle of the pot. It sort of broke things up.

One coed recoiled amid screams of horror. Another just sat there with a startled look on her face. One of the male students also looked shaken, but quickly recovered and be-

gan playing with the rat with a card.

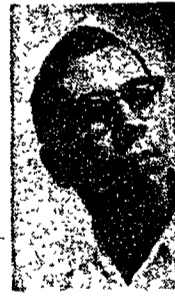
The dealer, who reminded us of a Las Vegas croupier without his green eyeshade, calmly ignored the whole mess and kept on passing the cards around, as if to say, "Shut up and let me deal!" (By the way, he won the pot).

However it affected the students, the whole thing was rather wearing on the rat. Not only did he perform rather indelicately over a Sparks-wide TV hookup, but later forced one of the professors to set him down suddenly.

This type of lecture does provide something different in the way of classes—even Music 5 by TV was never like this. Psychology 2 is the only class that makes us wish for commercials so we can go to the kitchen for peanuts or something without missing anything.

But perhaps there are no commercials because of the talk-back speaker system.

During Wednesday's lecture the students around us stifled their urge to call in to ask "What's Wild?"—but they are looking forward to the day when there will be a roulette wheel in every TV classroom.



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Gazette

TODAY

- Hillel Sabbath Eve Services, 8 p.m., Hillel Foundation
Home Economics Extension, 10 a.m., 217 HUB
Interlandia Advanced Folk Dancing, 7:30 p.m., 3 White
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., 214 Boucke
Lutheran Student Association, "Olde Tyme Movies," 7:30 p.m., LSA Student Center
UCA, 4 p.m., 214 HUB
Wesley Foundation, open house, 8 p.m., Wesley Foundation

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

- William Bailey, Barbara Bell, Julia Calderon, Anne Cynher, Mary Davenport, Marlin Ebert, William Eckel, Linda Firrell, Michael Fullerton, Ronald Gray, Barry Herr, Marjorie Kapelsohn, Joseph Kerenick, Patricia Kern, Linda Mannen, David Nelson, John Orr, John Rapchak, Russel Stevenson, Kenneth Sullivan, David Wilkinon.

