

Editorial Opinion

Spotlight on ROTC

The ROTC question is in the spotlight again.

The question of compulsory vs. voluntary ROTC, which raised a furor last year before it was dumped by All-University Cabinet, was brought before Cabinet again last night. And the issue seems sure to receive much more thorough consideration this time than it did the last.

Cabinet last night committed for further study a motion to go on record as opposing voluntary ROTC. Donald Zepp, president of the Inter-College Council Board, brought up the motion.

Zepp used an argument against compulsory ROTC which is brilliant in its simplicity and obvious in its relation to ROTC. He quoted a Cabinet recommendation that the Inter-College Council Board "investigate and seek to improve or abolish courses which are not sufficiently challenging to the average student," and said he felt the recommendation applied to ROTC.

Zepp explained that he brought the question to Cabinet because ROTC does not belong to any college and therefore does not come under the jurisdiction of the ICCB.

It is easy to see Zepp's point. Many ROTC courses are certainly no intellectual challenge; many are, in fact, academic nonentities. The purpose of a University is to teach students to think, not drill.

Eleven pertinent points concerning the purposes and future of ROTC were brought up last night—points which had been overlooked in last year's committee report, which was a triumph of incompleteness. Cabinet members apparently wanted more information on these and other points, and so it seems they will be answered in a new committee report.

Some of the pertinent questions included faculty opinion on the question, the feasibility of voluntary ROTC, the opinion of members of the Board of Trustees, the possible effect of money coming from Washington and Harrisburg, the effect on the University's building program.

Now it appears the ROTC question will get a thorough going-over by Cabinet before any decision is reached.

And with good reason. Compulsory ROTC seems to have been wasting many students' good time for too many years—it's time it proved its worth or disappeared.

TIM Triumph

Town independents received some long-overdue recognition last night as All-University Cabinet voted to include a Town Independent Students' Lounge in the proposed Hetzel Union Building expansion plans.

The proposed lounge, favored by an 18-5 vote, would be for both men and women town independents.

These facilities for town independents have been needed for a long time. Now, with Cabinet strongly behind it, the lounge may have a good chance for success.

Under the plans presented for the lounge, it will be available to all University students when not in use by town students. Thus it could prove a benefit to the whole student body.

Cabinet should do everything in its power to push the lounge plans. There are more than 4000 town students who deserve recreational facilities—Cabinet owes it to them to see that the plans receive every chance for success.

Letters

Coeds Question Centers Report

TO THE EDITOR: How many years has it been since the article on the University Centers has been revised?

While reading your recent article on centers, I kept looking for at least a mention of the Altoona Center's new million dollar building containing many classrooms, administrative offices, labs, library, and lounge. Seemingly, this University doesn't even know it exists yet. The article said that DuBois has a new building built eight years ago and Ogontz has one completed three years ago. The Altoona Center building, dedicated only last month, will probably deserve mention about five years from now when The Daily Collegian realizes it's there.

Furthermore, Dr. Eric A. Walker broke ground for the new building, laid the cornerstone, and dedicated it in October.

It seems to me that since the Altoona Center is only an hour's drive from here, the new building (the Smith Building) should play some importance in The Daily Collegian article and have some influence on this campus.

Also, the article said that the Altoona Center, among others, has a May Queen and May Day celebration. In our two years there as undergraduates, we don't remember anything about May Day celebrations. Things like that aren't missed at that center either. The Collegian should realize that the center's activities are important to some people.

—Barbara Foster '60
—Donna Adams '60

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Collegian carried a front page story and picture when the Altoona Center was dedicated earlier in the semester.

Textbook Store Is Asked for Campus

TO THE EDITOR: We believe (Professor Carl Faith's) proposal for a campus bookstore supplying "intellectual" books is a valid one. However, we doubt that this is the main objective behind the Campus party plank.

The Campus party and the rest of us poor students operating on a limited budget are interested in a bookstore selling textbooks at reduced prices. Let's be reasonable—none of the Big Three are presently fulfilling our needs!

In our experience with much smaller schools, (the Universities of Georgia, South Carolina, and Toledo) we had the benefit of a university-operated, non-profit bookstore. This was the case even at the tiny (approximately 400 students) University of Georgia Augusta Center.

It is our opinion and the opinion of a full 100 per cent of students here with whom we have discussed this situation that Penn State would do well to follow the example of almost any school you can name and establish a non-profit bookstore to sell textbooks.

—Bill Barley, '59
—Russ Kiker, Grad Student
—Don Paley, '59

Gazette

TODAY

Alpha Phi Mu, 5:30 p.m., 217 HUB
Bridge Club, 7 p.m., HUB card-room

Bryan Green's Thursday Lecture, "Drawing the Line," 9 p.m., Chapel lounge

Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB

Hillel, Sabbath Eve Services, 8 p.m., Foundation

Hubz-a-poppin, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly room

Interlandia Folk Dance, 7:30 p.m., 3 White

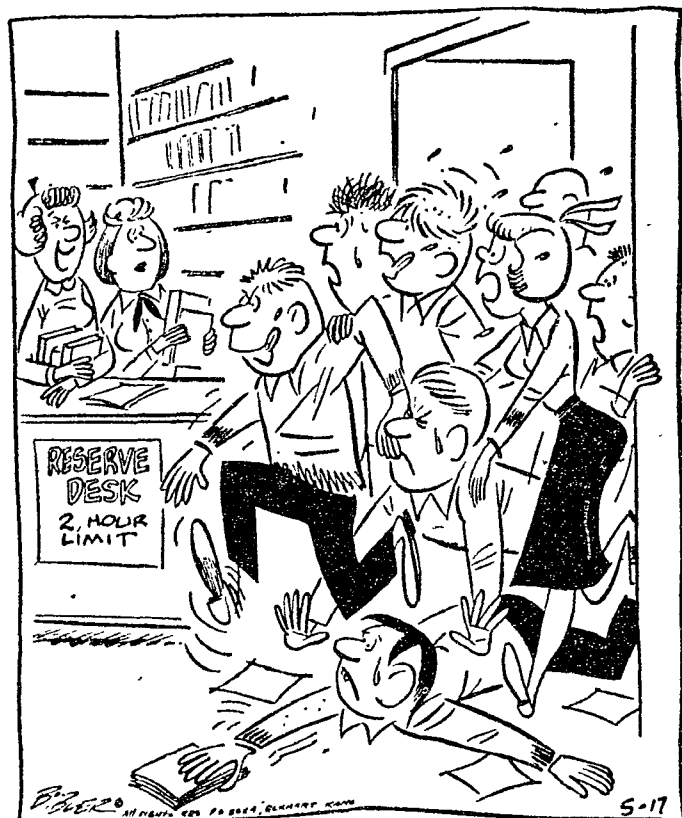
Lutheran Student Association, "Gobble Gathering," 7:30 p.m. Scarab, 5 p.m., 212 HUB

Wesley Foundation, "Olympics—Penn State Style," 8 p.m., Foundation.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Lawrence Dull, Robert Fee, Marcia Gorin, Carrie Karas, Richard Lucas, Ronald Martin, Arthur Nagel, James Pringle, Robert Rees, Wallace Weigel, Ruth Wrigley.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bible



"Prof Snarf is up to his old tricks—making an assignment and putting only one reference book on reserve."

Washington Beat

Iroquois Inebriates Really Ran Riot

By Arthur Edson

WASHINGTON (AP)—To the early Iroquois Indians, drunkenness wasn't a vice, but a virtue.

They even had a word for it, "gannontiouaratonseri."

And when an Iroquois went on a gannontiouaratonseri, that means he was really loaded.

The early Indian guzzling habits were up for discussion Tuesday at the 6th annual American Indian Ethnohistoric Conference at the Smithsonian Institution.

Edmund Carpenter of the University of Toronto had a look at Indian drinking, in some ways as puzzling to us now as it was shocking to the Jesuits who first reported on it.

"Unlike the Jesuits," Carpenter said, "the Iroquois did not regard the temporary loss of mental control as sacrilegious—but, on the contrary, believed that by getting outside the ordinary human order, they could get inside a higher spiritual order, and thereby more intimately in touch with reality."

To these Indians, simple social drinking was a horrible waste of firewater.

Their religious rites called for ecstasy and frenzy. And when the good fathers tried to ration their brandy, the redskins nobly pooled their shares so that at least one among them could have a glorious binge.

Since the Indians deliberately courted drunkenness the re-

sults still are frightening after all these years.

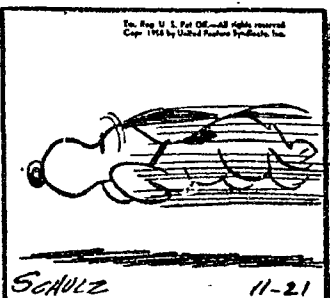
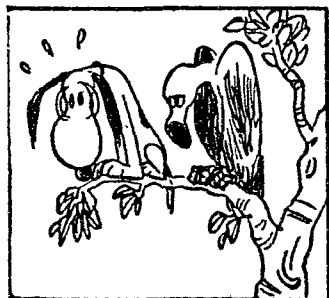
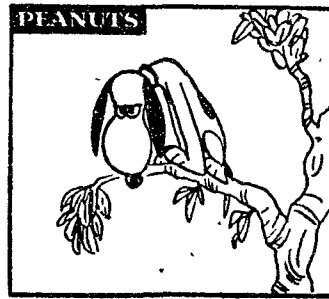
Here's the way Francois Vachon de Belmont, a missionary who worked near Montreal, described the scene:

"Once inebriated, they throw off their clothing, or let it drop, and running about the town naked, beat one another. They bite each other's noses and ears so that there are few whole, entire visages remaining"

Well, eventually soberer times came for the Iroquois. In 1800, their prophet, Handsome Lake, preached a new doctrine. Alcohol, he said, was the work of the devil.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

Grid of crossword puzzle answers including words like GARB, STRAP, CLAY, ALOE, NTOBE, HERA, BLUERIBBON, PANEL, SANTA FE, NASSAU, DRIFT, SALE, MOTELS, ROMERSET, ALAE, WILEY, IRE, NEBS, FIRES, IDAS, GAL MULES, REST, ONE WORLD, SCOPES, ANSA, OMANI, SOITREE, RINGERS, MILITARY ATTACHE, ELSE, LOATH, TEES, ESER, SIKES, ESES.



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