

Editorial Opinion**On Solid Ground**

Something is finally being done about the Department of English.

The department's faculty was presented Friday with a recommendation for changes in the English major requirements. Dean Ben Euwema also revealed that a confidential report on the department's reorganization has been presented to President Eric A. Walker.

Euwema won't reveal what the recommendations are, but it's good to know there will be some changes in the unhappy situation of the English department, for the department is not at all what it should be.

First, the courses offered are not nearly so extensive and comprehensive as they should be, considering the size of the University. There also have been problems in personnel, on the question of who should head the department and also in connection with the merging of the literature and composition branches.

In general, neither students nor faculty members have been happy with the English department in the past few years.

But a new head has been appointed to the department—Dr. Henry W. Sams, of the University of Chicago, an institution well-known for its intellectual accomplishments.

And with the evaluation now seemingly on solid ground, with definite recommendations being presented to the faculty, the department seems determined to build itself to the strength and prestige needed for a subject so important to any university.

Killing the Ostrich

The All-University Elections Committee has taken a step toward making student government's attitude toward politics look a little less like an ostrich hiding its head in the sand.

The committee took an uncommonly realistic attitude when it voted a recommendation to junk all regulations on political party spending. The action, taken Sunday night, still must be approved by All-University Cabinet to become effective.

The existing elections code sets forth spending "limits" of \$400 for each party's spring campaign and \$150 for each party's fall campaign.

But, as elections committee members noted, parties have found ways to circumvent the restrictions year after year. Often they have double-billed items or gone out of town to buy them, not bothering to list out-of-town expenses which would be hard to check.

By approving the elections committee proposal and thus taking a more realistic attitude toward party finances, Cabinet would help take the committee itself out of politics.

Political campaigns should run by the parties alone, not supervised by a control group. Elections committee should do no more than register party members, set election dates, man the polls, count votes and find ways of improving these functions.

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Letters**Coeds Protest Dining Rule**

TO THE EDITOR: Last week a girl from Stephens' Hall was stopped while carrying her half-eaten hoagie out the Redifer Dining Hall and was told by the supervisor to return it immediately.

The next day, another girl, eating her ice cream bar as she walked out of the dining hall was told that she must finish it in the dining hall before dashing to her 12 o'clock class.

Previously the rule had not been enforced. Most girls were not even aware that such a rule was in existence. How could a student be expected to know of a rule that was never announced, posted or printed in a handbook?

One explanation (of the rule) by a supervisor vaguely indicated that the University was required to provide only three meals a day. We are in complete accord with this, but what objection can be made to students economizing by saving part of their meals for the snacks that often accompany late study hours?

Another explanation given by this supervisor was occasional loss of silverware. We appreciate their belated concern for cutting down expenditures that in the end would fall to the student, but frankly, we fail to see how a piece of silverware or a salt-shaker could be concealed in a half-eaten ice cream bar.

That very week food vending machines were installed in the lower floor of Redifer. Far be it from us to insinuate that we are being unconsciously encouraged to patronize these machines, but it does seem a strange coincidence.

As University students, we are willing to obey rational, legitimate rules. Can this rule qualify as such?

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Gazette

TODAY

AIM, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
AIM Judicial Board, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
American Rocket Society, 7:30 p.m., 105 Mechanical Engineering
American Society of Agricultural Engineering, special program, 7 p.m., 206 AkKing
Chemistry and Physics Student Council, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
Chess Club, 7 p.m., 7 Sparks
Christian Fellowship, 12:30 p.m., 218 HUB
DOC Council, 8 p.m., 214-16 HUB
Kappa Phi model meeting, 7 p.m., Kappa Phi Room of Wesley Foundation
LaVie Sophomore Board-Junior Board Test, 7 p.m., 217 Willard
Newman Club, Stations of the Cross and Benediction, 7 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church; Prof. Case Lecture Series, 7 p.m., 104 Chapel; Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
Riding Club, 7 p.m., 217 Willard
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Women's Choir, 6 p.m., HUB assembly hall
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UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Wallace Bishop, Michael Caplan, George Dietz, Virginia Dunkerton, Sara Dunmore, Joan Ericson, Stephanie Estreicher, George Gaskin, Valerie Gneiser, Linda Griffey, James Hahn, Douglas Hall, Barbara Hannum, Bernadette Kielczewski, Ronald Kifer, James Macinko, Concetta Mastroianni, Josephine Mazzu, Richard Nicholls, William Nystrom, Beverly Robinson, Maxine Wexler.

Job Interviews

MARCH 4 Diamond Alkali Co.: BS & GRAD STUDS IN CH E, ME, CHEM.
MARCH 6 Raytheon Manufacturing Co.: BS & GRAD STUDS IN ACCTG, ECON, FIN, EE, ENG SCI, IE, ME, PHYS.

MARCH 10 Jersey Production Research Company: BS IN CH E, PNG, PHYS, CHEM, GEO PHYS

Camp Interviews

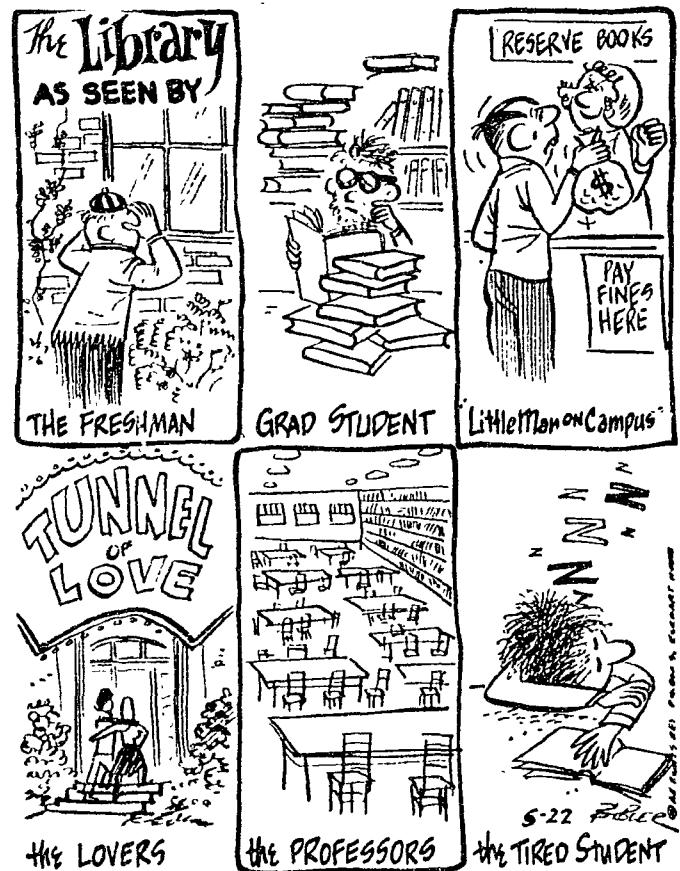
The following camps will interview at the Student Employment Service, 112 Old Main. Appointment must be made in advance.

Camp Menatome, Me.—Men—Friday, Feb. 27 and Sat., Feb. 28.

Camp Quinibec, Vt.—Women—Thursday, March 19.

Cradle Beach Camp, N.Y.—Tuesday, Feb. 24. (Men & Women)

Camp Wise, Ohio—Men and Women—Thursday, March 6 and Friday, March 7.

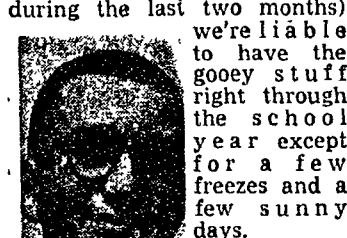
Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler**Fishing Around****That Sticky, Gooey Liberal Arts Mud**

with Dick Fisher

Water, water everywhere but not a drop to drink—it's just MUD.

The monsoon season (or seasons, depending on how our luck holds up) was bad enough with mud up to the ankles. But now we have another enemy—the February thaw.

At least, in previous years the Spring thaw teamed up with the Spring monsoon and the end result was Spring mud. But if the scientists are right and the earth is becoming warmer (and nobody on campus would have believed that during the last two months) we're reliable to have the gooey stuff right through the school year except for a few freezes and a few sunny days.



In the past, there has been a great hue and cry FISHER raised about students walking on the grass.

Penn State mud will certainly end this problem. With the condition of parts of the campus, you could become bogged down indefinitely, to use a cliché.

But it also could have the opposite effect . . . that is, if the physical plant people decide that the mud is giving them too much trouble they may try to get rid of it. And the only feasible way to solve this problem (anyhow, one of the ways) is to create a concrete campus. Of course, this

would be tough on couples in the dry Spring, as well as bird lovers, squirrel feeders and others.

But enough ideas like this. After all, the power of the press is quite impressive and far be it from us to try and entice the administration or the students to any untoward acts.

And many students did come here to escape the all encompassing concrete thoroughfares of the "big city."

However, this is one time when the so-called "rabble of Boucke" really have it well off. Once these much-maligned but much-needed economic thinkers are entrenched on the solid concrete steps of the business administration home all danger of the mud is forgotten.

Alas, those paragons of individualism—the liberal arts students—have not yet realized the value of such a haven. As you walk down Pollock Road you see them massing around the bulletin board, similar in a way to a herd of sheep. Here, as the crowd of free-thinkers grows larger, the milling edge comes closer and closer to the edge of the concrete apron. Closer and closer until they finally fall—into the MUD.

