

Editorial Opinion

Basic Changes Are Needed To Speed State's Future

Last of a Series

Penn State already has achieved a reputation as probably the finest public university east of the Ohio River and as one of the top institutions in Pennsylvania.

Yet it appears that the future development of Penn State will be hampered by its organization and its environment.

There is little doubt that the University will continue to increase in size and in academic standing. But we believe the University will not come anywhere near realizing its full capabilities unless some very fundamental changes are made.

Some of the situations that should be altered are not under the University's control. But many are.

First, the University needs more state aid if it is to build as it should to serve the Commonwealth. Pennsylvania has been notorious for its lag in proportional public support of education and welfare.

Second, the University must develop an organization which will allow the dynamic leadership that is necessary to deal adequately with the problems of the future. The president must be able to do far more than coordinate ideas of the faculty, staff and trustees.

Certainly every group in the "University family" must have a voice in Penn State's plans—particularly in the plans which most directly affect that group. But these groups should not be in positions to hamstring the total University planning.

Third, the University must develop a more enlightened view of its relation to the student body. Just as far as is practical, students should govern their own affairs.

And certainly they should be far better informed on and have far more to say about the plans which will affect their successors. The student body is more than a stepchild in the University's doorway.

Fourth, the University must develop a more enlightened view of its relations with the public. Penn State is either a public institution or a private corporation. It can't afford to play both ends for very much longer. The public has a vital stake in the University's future, and deserves the best and most direct information on all aspects of its development.

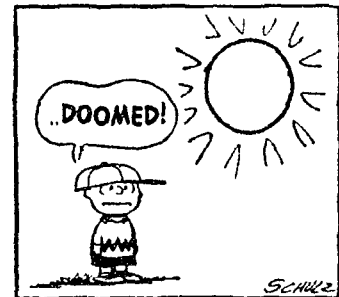
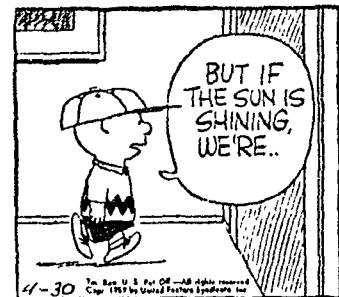
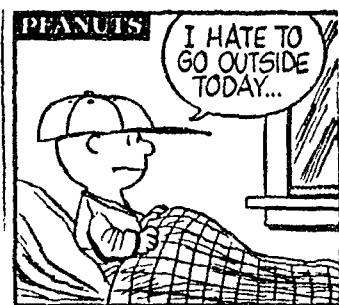
Fifth, the University must promote its own interests in its own back yard—State College. It has a duty to protect all University interests—including those of the students, who are at a disadvantage as transitory residents of the borough.

Sixth, the student body must take a more aggressive attitude in protecting its interests, both as a part and within the University. A student long-range planning commission, for instance, is a vital necessity.

The new student government is a step toward a more aggressive student body. But only the elected student leaders can provide the vigor needed to properly promote and protect the students' interests.

Lastly, the students must become more aware of their own positions. They must realize the underlying purposes of the University, their stake in its development and their extracurricular, social and recreational opportunities. They must support their University and their student leaders in every way possible.

We believe the gaining of these goals could accelerate Penn State's progress into a bright future.



Dance Tickets To Go on Sale

Tickets for Senior Ball which marks the close of Spring Week will go on sale Friday.

The tickets will be distributed at the Hetzel Union desk from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 4:45 p.m. and also will be sold at the door. The dance tickets cost \$5.

Buddy Rich and his 16-piece orchestra will provide the music. The decorations are based on a "Springtime" theme.

Graduation announcements and invitations will be ready for distribution at 9 a.m. Monday, May 18. Seniors may pick them up at the HUB desk. Receipts must be presented in order to get the announcements and invitations.

A limited number of extra announcements and invitations will be available and may be ordered now at the HUB desk.

Women's Debate Team Wins 1st Place Trophy

The University women's debate team was awarded a loving cup for taking first place at the New York University Spring Forensic Festival last weekend.

The four girls attending the festival were Ellen Donovan and Margie Ganter, negative team; and Joan Kemp and Lurene Jochem, affirmative team.

Besides taking the award for the best four-woman unit, the University team won two individual places. Miss Donovan took second place in the after-dinner speaking contest, and Miss Jochem placed fourth in the persuasive speaking contest.

Gazette

- Air Force Club, 3 p.m., HUB Assembly hall
AIM, 7-9 p.m., 202 HUB
Big Little Sister committee, 8:30 p.m., 213 HUB
Book Exchange Board to Control, 7 p.m., 216 HUB
Bridge Club, 8:30 p.m., HUB cardroom
Chem-Phys Council, 7 p.m., 103 Osmond
Christian Fellowship, 12:30 p.m., 213 HUB
DOC Student Council, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
Education Student Council Coffee Hour, 4 p.m., HUB dining room
Gamma Sigma Sigma, 6:15-7 p.m., HUB assembly hall
Hillel Passover Services, Yizkor (Memorial Service), 10 a.m., Hillel
WRA Tennis Club, beginners, 6:30 p.m., White Hall
WSGA Vice Presidents, 6:20, 212 HUB

Looking Ahead Spring; Baseball, Coeds—and Thanks

By Bob Franklin

PENN STATERS ARE TALKING ABOUT: Spring Week surprises... summer plans... Senior Ball weekend... finals and term papers...

The Phillies and the Pirates (and perhaps a few out-of-state teams)... the monsoon season which recended on

campus earlier this week... heading out to Whipple's soon...

Classes on the lawn beside Carnegie Hall... straw hats... convertibles—with tops down, of course... umbrellas instead of bare heads in the rain... suntans, artificial and otherwise...

The new student government and the first meeting of its Assembly... the increasingly important role of political parties... a lot of new student leaders breaking in...

The Summer Collegian... prospective fraternity construction... Sen. Styles' Bridges' lecture tonight... when Lion's Paw will tap and, of course who...

John Bott's ROTC report, which now goes to the administration... the abominable condition of State College "streets" including the holes and ditches on Garner, Prospect, Fairmount, Burrowes and Hamilton... the "no stopping or standing" signs on Shortlidge Road...

COEDS ARE TALKING ABOUT: What to wear... whether fraternity socials... whether

in spring a young man's fancy turns more to love or baseball (maybe love OF baseball?)... each other...

SENIORS ARE TALKING ABOUT: Graduation, only 38 days away... ex-leaders of the campus who don't know what to do with all their spare time... the Skellar, etc... what the coeds are (or are not) wearing... joining the Alumni Association... contributing for a Senior Class Gift... job offers...

I'M THINKING ABOUT: Leaving Penn State and a lot of friends... some newspaperwork ahead... arranging a bonfire to burn what must be 87 tons of old papers and notes... taking off for the South Jersey seacoast...

Collegian for the next year... the very real fear that more powerful people will become increasingly skeptical of keeping a free college newspaper run by its own staff... the capable people who will take over our jobs and try to improve on them...

Most of all, I'm thinking of my special debts to Penn State; to Howard J. Lamade and the Grit Publishing Co., for scholarship assistance; to Collegian, its present and past staffers and Adviser John Vairo; to friends and co-workers.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS: 1 Volcano in Martinique, 6 Ticket speculator, 13 Famous lady on horseback, 14 Namesakes of Mrs. Durocher, 16 Ammonia compounds, 17 Sweet liqueur, 18 Discoverer of new stars, 20 Stocking ladder, 21 Macmillan's predecessor, 22 For goodness' sake!, 23 Good golf scores, 24 Paints a word picture, 26 Parisian nursemaid, 27 Freightless, 28 Comedies, 29 Shore bird with long, pointed wings, 31 Describing sun glasses, 32 More relaxed, 33 ___-face, complete reversal, 34 "Rule, Britannia" is ___ composition, 35 Upset, 39 Printer's term, 40 French mail, 41 Beneficiary, 42 Holds in the hand, 43 Comedian plus piano, 45 Excessive amour-propre, 47 Rowdies, 48 Osceola was one, 49 Little maps within big ones, 50 Tranquilized, 51 M. P.'s, DOWN: 1 Ointment for hair, 2 Roman factotums, 3 Household repository for white goods; 2 words, 4 Lined up, 5 One from a certain part of town, 6 Slow up, 7 Transportation for campers, 8 Early Greek theologian, 9 Final, 10 What mother used to make, 11 Delight, 12 Came back, 13 Having doors, 15 Sight, hearing, etc., 19 Sword, 23 Tenderloin, 25 Speaks with enthusiasm: Slang, 26 African tribesman, 28 Latest gimmick in cigarettes; 2 words, 29 Overland transportation of 7 Down, 30 Lonely, 31 Quickt Mia, 32 Eyewinkers, 33 Having a view, 35 Tractable, 36 Singer Erna, 37 Racing crew, 38 Frock, 40 Mexican pine, 43 Weathercock, 44 Part of skeleton, 46 Chief, in Persia.

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