

The Last Gasp: Here's How We Stood

(Tomorrow a new Board of Editors takes over operation of The Daily Collegian. Today we summarize some of the editorial opinions which have appeared on these pages during the past year.)

Toward Greatness . . .

●To fulfill its goals of better education for more Pennsylvanians, the University must receive more state aid, keep fees low and at the same time pay adequate salaries to its faculty.

●In growing, as it must, to meet the needs of the state, the University cannot in any way neglect its academic quality; must not neglect the extracurricular, social and recreational aspects of education; and should not neglect Penn State traditions and spirit.

●The University must decide whether it is a public institution or a private corporation. If it is a public institution, it should act like one, consult the public more fully on its plans and open its trustee meetings to public scrutiny.

●The University should help provide more student services, such as a student bookstore, a student AM radio station and better student social and recreational facilities.

●Present and future parking, traffic and transportation facilities are woefully inadequate.

●There is no reason to ban sophomore cars at this time—and there are a good many reasons for keeping them.

Some Academic Questions . . .

●The University has been planning and making some striking educational advancements, including the 2-year college system; promotion of honor systems and honors courses; open classes and open library stacks; a proposed combined engineering liberal arts curriculum.

●Limiting class cuts also limits student responsibility and teaching incentive.

●ROTC should be re-evaluated in consideration of student recommendations calling for a 1-year compulsory course and other changes. It should not be part of the Liberal Arts college.

●Penn State needs a great library to become a great university. Perhaps the State Library Association can help build Pattee into a good library.

●Comp Zip must go.

●Students should make greater use of loans—but not at the price of a "loyalty" oath.

●The extra day-and-a-half provided between the end of classes and the beginning of finals will pull up grades.

●The scheduling office many times has seemed dedicated to making finals tougher by tightening conflict rules.

●Students often get so involved in activities that they forget how and when to learn.

The Senate-Go-Round . . .

●Award one brass ring for the University Senate's failure to adopt a complete new calendar system, a failure which may have hurt the University's cause in Harrisburg.

●Award a brass ring to the Senators who managed to "lose" for seven months the students' exempt-vets-from-required-phys ed proposal—and let last year's student leaders share the award.

●Award another brass ring to the Senators who brought vets' phys ed back for another bout with a vague, ill-defined committee report and finally killed the proposal after an 11-month, 9-day ride.

●Award a brass ring to the Senate for its inability to take definite action on class cuts, despite two direct student recommendations in two years.

The Case for Culture . . .

●Culture cannot be installed overnight, but the Artists Series and the Lecture Series have contributed greatly to the University's growing atmosphere of culture.

●The acquisition of Standing Stone Playhouse, HUB art exhibits, Circa, Pivot and other University programs have added to that atmosphere.

●Froth has subtracted from it.

●The Jazz Club, as a cultural endeavor in its own way, must be given every opportunity to bring big-name artists to the campus.

The University Giveth . . .

●Members of the Class of '58 voted for by far the best gift idea last May when they chose funds for a campus AM radio station.

●The students were left holding the bag—an empty one—when they found out that the Senior Class Gift had been in reality only a clerical error since 1948.

●The University turned its back on the Class of '58 and on student radio when it altered last year's class gift, delayed two months before making the announcement and then said the change was made because a campus AM station isn't "necessary to strengthen the instructional program."

●Temporary University aid and student fund drives at registration should be able to revive the Senior Class Gift, the most valuable of Penn State traditions.

The State of the Students . . .

●Complete reorganization was the best thing to hit student government in 20 years. The new SGA will give students a more representative, more effective voice in their affairs.

●Political parties must become continuous, highly responsive and responsible organizations. They should not be hamstrung by archaic, unrealistic spending limits, platform censorship or campaign restrictions. Voters must become more numerous.

●Political irresponsibility, unrealistic election rules and willing downtown merchants must share the blame for that old Lion party debt.

●Student government this year by and large has done an excellent job.

●Too many students consider politics "dirty" per se. There is nothing wrong with a smoke-filled room if the smoke is yours. Behind-the-scenes organizing is where the real essence of politics is, always has been and should be.

●The HUB Lion's Den is for the students' benefit and should be run that way—even if later hours or helping Larry Sharp mean slight losses.

●"You can take it with you"—Penn State, that is—by joining the Alumni Association.

From the Fraternity File . . .

●Deferred rushing needs a thorough re-evaluation. It is too early to make a definite decision, but if an evaluation bears out general opinions, deferred rushing should be tossed out.

●A fraternity man's solvency has nothing to do with his academic standing. It is illogical to hold up diplomas because of unpaid house-bills.

●It's nice to have fraternity "open houses" every day—but not every night. The "open door" policy is an invitation to burglars.

●Equally tempting to irresponsible students and dangerous to student-town relations are contractors' "unlocked steamshovel" policies.

●It would add greatly to student social life if fraternities were permitted to house coeds on big weekends.

●The IFCPA should be able to prove that

fraternities can live cheaper by the 54.

●Fraternity undergraduate chapters should have the right to initiate any deserving student—regardless of race, color or creed. Fraternities have no discriminatory right to be wrong.

Independents AIM High . . .

●AIM must act quickly if it wants to fulfill the ideal upperclass residence hall units.

●Town Independent Men need a place to call their own—in a central location—a lounge in the expanded HUB.

●Nittany men should throw in the T-Shirt and conform to elementary standards of decorum.

●Indie Week is a valuable tradition which can contribute some spirit and unity to the Independents.

Never Underestimate . . .

●The proposed women's "honor code" came to a final and well-deserved demise because it really gave nothing, solved nothing.

●Quick and vigorous action by sorority and independent women forced the University to recognize their legitimate group housing needs.

●Penn State crowns at least half a dozen campus queens every year—and promptly forgets about most of them.

●Whether May Day is held inside or outside appears irrelevant in light of a better alternative—junking the whole fiasco in favor of something worthwhile.

Beyond the Nittany Valley . . .

●The unilateral U.S. pledge to suspend nuclear tests for one year came not a day too soon.

●Faubus-ism is McCarthyism with a southern accent.

●A sensible reciprocal trade agreement is vital to U.S. world leadership.

●DeGaulle's great victories brought him equally great duties to responsibly lead a new France.

●Holding national and state elections on Sunday might be beneficial—especially to college students.

●Whether tomorrow's world better remembers the atomic electric plant or the atomic submarine depends largely on the faith, ability and training of today's college students.

Students and Their Newspaper . . .

●Student representatives must stand up and be counted. They have no business trying to keep their names and public actions secret from their constituents.

●Student government leaders—as well as administration officials—have a duty to the students to announce newsworthy developments at the earliest possible time.

●Lion's Paw, as a controversial secret society which may or may not make policy, means many different things to many people. As members of the Board of Editors of the student newspaper, we would not be a part of any such group.

●Our policies for operating The Collegian are outlined in editorials published last April 29 and Sept. 16.

And Then We Said . . .

●A parents' Association, admittedly difficult to start, might pay off in public relations, money and parental interest.

●Penn State lost a great friend in Lou Bell.

●Why is Penn State one of two major Eastern universities without a football public address system for play-by-play use?

●Why should State College be so named?

●Students cannot overemphasize their own highway safety.