

Editorial Opinion

Donald W. Davis

Death claimed a true friend of Penn State journalism students Monday night and the aims of Donald W. Davis will long be remembered by all those who knew him. It was the second time within a year that students had lost a friend in the field of mass communications—last October, Louis H. Bell, director of public information and editor of the Penn State Press, died suddenly in New York of a heart attack.

Professor Davis was a pioneer in the field of teaching advertising as a profession and he established the first advertising courses at Penn State when he came here in 1936. He was most active in advertising teacher's groups and other phases of advancing the instructional program of advertising.

He was well-known throughout the state and nation for his interest in the field of advertising and was active in many professional groups and societies. Davis served as advisor to Alpha Delta Sigma advertising fraternity for 23 years and was national president in 1947. He had a deep interest in his students and always found time to talk with them about possible jobs, arrange placement interviews and keep tabs on them once they had graduated. Often graduates returned to the campus to see him.

Davis had planned to take a leave of absence in the fall to rewrite his basic textbook in advertising, which is used in many departments throughout the nation. In three years he would have retired but his interests in advertising would have not ceased.

For many years he served as president of Collegian Incorporated and stepped down only when the University began to try to exercise censorship upon the paper. He was proud of a free student newspaper and promised always to fight for its freedom from censorship.

Heat, Rationalization

It's been mighty hot lately and University students have been quick to take advantage of the cool Whipples, Greenwood Furnace or Black Moshannon waters. The extreme heat has been used as an excuse for missing work and lack of initiative to study.

If students would forget about the heat and humidity and just talk about those cool drives in the countryside or the latest ice cream blends, there would be nothing to complain about—but that isn't human nature. So, we just keep talking about the things which bother us the most and forget about the niceties of life and the many daily pleasures we enjoy.

The funniest example of a typical hypochondriac is the fellow we met the other day who was moaning about the hot weather in one breath, and who in the other was taking off work to play a round of golf on the sun-baked and treeless golf course. Common sense, you say—no just quick rationalization.

For the past six months, coeds have been clamoring for sunny days to obtain those rich, dark tans. Once it rains, the clamoring increases for hotter and sunnier days. Now that we have had these "requested" days, any coed will tell you that the suns been too hot or the roofs not at the proper angle to catch the sun for the most penetrating tan. Excuses, excuses.

Forget about the heat . . . live with it and just remember those cold, snowy, windy days will soon be here again.

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Campus Beat

Standing Stone And Whipples Are Favorites

If you haven't made the Standing Stone Playhouse scene yet this season, put it on your "must" list. Last week we enjoyed the tense drama of the emotional love between a mother and her stepson in "Desire Under the Elms," and this week's show brings together a naive poet, some not-so-naive horse players and many laughs in "Three Men on a Horse."

Two years ago a dark quiet and attractive coed named Lois Piercy was just another girl on Penn State's campus. At that time one of the off-campus fraternities sponsored Lois in a campus queen contest. She didn't even make the finals. Today the attractive brunette is Miss Pennsylvania and a good bet for the Miss America crown. What changes time does bring.

Three well designed buildings which grace the University's campus are the HUB, the infirmary and Boucke building. In the center of these three attractive structures there is the eye-sore of campus. The little green shack, which was used as contractors' offices during building operations two years ago, is still standing and today is the office for Bell Telephone's workers. The next step is to put a fire escape on it, name it after a vice-president and begin holding classes.

We were most disturbed the other day when we walked through the quadrangle in West dorm area and found the grass covered with part-animal, part-human male students . . . of all ages. Loud and distasteful comments followed each girl that walked to and from Waring. The whole scene, to us, was quite gross. And the "college men" played the role to the hilt as they were decked in a variety of clothes ranging to T-shirts and dungarees—which have no place on the college campus.

We were under the impression that Penn State in the summer was a suitcase college, but a trip to Whipples on Sunday brought strong doubts to our mind. Nearly 2000 people jammed the beach and parking was impossible with cars parked on both sides of the road back into the woods. Of course, everyone might not have been at the beach.

Graduation this August should be a large affair. We say this on the basis of seeing so many of the Class of '59 members who were slated to graduate last June still attending classes. Yes, there is more than one way to keep a summer school full!

—Prof Wayne

French Professor Will Speak Today

Dr. Maurice Dreyfus, professor of chemistry and physics at the Lycee Voltaire in Paris, will speak at 4:15 p.m. today in the Hetzel Union Building Assembly Hall.

Dreyfus will speak on "Secondary School Physics in France." His lecture is open to the public. He comes to Penn State under the National Science Foundation Distinguished Foreign Lecture Project which is sponsored in conjunction with the National Science Foundation Institute for High School Teachers of Science and Mathematics which began at the University Monday.

Dreyfus will be on campus Wednesday and Thursday. He is engaged in a tour of 50 universities throughout the nation.

Collegian Distribution

Students and institute members may obtain issues of the Summer Collegian at the following locations: the Hetzel Union desk, Waring Hall lounge, The Summer Collegian office, Corner Room, State College Hotel, New College Diner, Penn State Diner, Nittany Lion Inn, Spudnut Shop, Nittany News and at residence halls now being occupied.

JOSEPHINE



"The purse contains a hanky, seven pennies and two pieces of bubble gum. Finder may keep the bubble gum!"

Letters

Students Blast Conduct Edit

TO THE EDITOR: Members of high school extension courses were recently shocked by an article against them, entitled "Safe Conduct Passes," which appeared in the Summer Collegian. The editorial strongly implied that high school students were responsible for insulting conduct against coeds.

The editors blasted extension course members for heckling girls; yet some groups of college men committed such thoughtless acts as embarrassing a member of the Journalism Institute who made the innocent mistake of taking the wrong turn and going toward the men's rest room—even though she was unfamiliar with the college and did not know where she was going.

The editorial also stated that there would be loud cheers and cat-calls whenever a co-ed dared to come to the window; yet what group of college men traveled 400 miles to purchase a telescope for nighttime viewing entertainment?

The dress and manners of the extension course students have been severely criticized; yet how many regular college students do you see going around in beards, Bermudas, T-shirts, and sneakers?

Although we do not deny that some of our members have performed impolite or sometimes childish actions, we feel that the editors should look around them at their fellow students before placing the blame on someone else. College students are older than any extension course student here. The actions of institute members cannot be so severely criticized when one looks at the example being set for them. Most people are imitators by nature. What concept of maturity can we possibly get when we see a large group of college "men" placing a

rubber snake on the steps of Willard Hall and then jeering at anyone who jumps. We feel that the editors would do better to consider the comparative ages before criticizing their guests.

—Dick Williamson, Muncy High; James Wolfe, Sharon High; Scott Ward, Mount Lebanon High; Dave Walton, Bellmar High.

Noise in Dorm Grieves Grads

TO THE EDITOR: How about a little less noise in the dorms? My roommate and I are graduate students working on our degrees and need to do some serious study. We like to do our work in peace, then go out and have a good time—but not at the expense of our neighbors.

We blame the poor conduct in our dorm on the planning of the University. A lack of dorm counselors permits a group of undergrads who act like they have never been away from home before to have late hour track meets, wrestling matches and other games in the hallway. Comments fly from the windows at passing girls, radios blare from the sills of open windows, and burps that would rate an A-plus echo through the building.

Women's conventions don't help either. A group of women in a men's dorm is a rather unique idea, but after the novelty wears off the noise remains. They seem to be here more for a good time than for any serious purpose.

We have spent many years in dormitories, but none like this. Who is it that mixes grads, undergraduates and "Atlantic City" women's conventions together in the same hallways? We surely wish he would drop around and see what it's like, but it seems as far as the college knows, we could be running a State Store up here.

—Richard Altman
—Lee Engdahl

