

Editorial Opinion

Small But Good

The academic atmosphere of most summer session classes is most stimulating and a change from the rapid pace and mass television instruction predominate during the regular academic year.

Summer session classes provide instructors with a rare opportunity also. As one professor aptly said, "There is a big difference between 10 people staring you in the face than 30 of 40 students.

Smaller classes also provide the professor with a chance to experiment with new teaching techniques and course outlines. Granted, courses must be condensed from a 16-week-program to 6 weeks but liberal arts and education courses should not suffer from the compactness of the course.

A large number of 400 and other graduate level courses are given in the summer sessions and these can best be taught through small groups and spontaneous discussion. The University gets away from its "factory-like" educational system during the summer months as the television cameras and mass lecture classes are put in three-month mothballs.

But by September 21, there will be over 14,000 students preparing for another year of learning—and the cameras and impersonal lectures will once again return to the campus life. Which is better? Mass education of Commonwealth's students or small, informal classes concentrating more upon learning than grades.

Lines, Lines, Lines

The lines of people waiting to eat in the Terrace Room of the Hetzel Union Building have been increasing in length during the past weeks. And there is not much you can do about them except being patient and waiting your turn.

Louis A. Berrena, food service manager at the HUB, said that nearly 1200 students, faculty members and guests of the University pass through the cafeteria-style room each noon and another 1200 in the evening. Over 750 people are served breakfast. That's over 3000 meals served daily in the HUB.

All this points up one thing—the HUB must be expanded, especially the dining and recreational facilities. Plans are now underway for enlarging the present building but how soon this project will be undertaken is not known. All-University Cabinet approved a HUB Expansion report last winter which called for additional facilities and enlargement of present facilities to meet the needs of the anticipated student population of 25,000 in 1970.

With the year-around operation of the University being so strongly supported, the HUB will continue to be overcrowded and long lines will prevail.

If it is any consolation—it takes roughly 12 minutes to move from the cigarette machines in the Lion's Den to cafeteria square in the Terrace Room!

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Campus Beat

Night Visitors, Plastic Bags, Graduation

Four college-age men climbed from a ground level window of a coeds' dormitory — Thompson Hall. It was a little after 1 a.m. and we were amazed at the sight. As the first stepped out he walked past us and quipped, "Don't look so surprised, there are three more coming."

The photography editor of this paper missed possibly the best shot of the year last week. The scene was the new dormitory construction in the Pollock area. The spectacle was a fully-loaded cement truck which was backing toward the building forms.

We wish to offer a warning. Everyone is now conscious of the life-taking disasters occurring across the nation as a result of careless disposal of plastic bags. Here at the University each week thousands of these clingy plastic bags are distributed as wrappers on shirts and blouses from the laundries.

Instead of wasting valuable man-hours patrolling nearly-empty parking lots the campus patrol might constructively spend its time on Pollock Road between 4:45 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. where illegally-stopped cars cause a serious hazard.

The traditional long hot procession of candidates for degrees is to be eliminated, a commencement speaker has not been scheduled, and a University Summer Session Band will play at graduation ceremonies August 7 at the University.

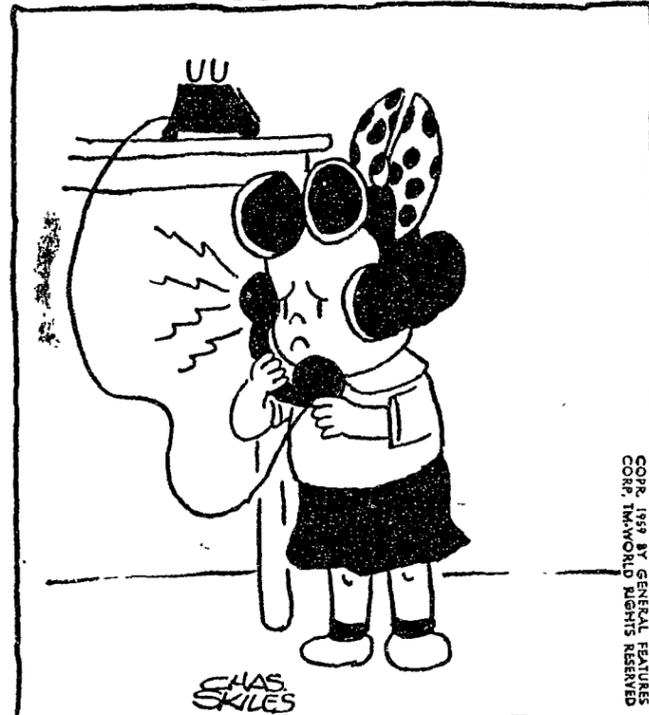
We often watch some of our less fortunate students who cannot afford a large American car and have to put up with those tiny European vehicles. While observing the small cars we can not help but think of a fellow prof who was driving down the turnpike one afternoon and collided with a 20 pound raccoon.

It seems two students have been reported for suspected cheating in a Psychology 2 course this week but no one is willing to talk about it. Collegian reporters were given a deaf-ear by the administrators involved.

Well, my students, we wish a happy and prosperous future to those of you who complete your studies tomorrow. I just hope none of you had plans to be employed in the steel industry. —Prof Wayne

Letters to the Editor of the Summer Collegian must be signed by the writer. Names will be withheld upon request but all letters and other correspondence must be signed.

JOSEPHINE



"If I don't hear the extension phone hang up in 5 seconds, I know somebody who isn't going to the show Saturday!"

breakfast with bill

Russian-American Goodwill Trips

by bill jaffe

The United States and Russia are engaged in an exchange of visitors. I guess you would call it a reciprocal trade agreement.

First it was Russian ballets, then diplomats and now athletes are pounding the American capitalistic pavements, so to speak. American governors recently finished a month-long tour of Russia and now the American-Russian exchange trade exhibits are drawing numerous spectators in their respective countries.

What does all this combine to produce? Is it goodwill or just more propaganda and ways of sneaking spies into each other's nations? Everyone seems to have a different view on the subject. Two years ago a member of the Russian Embassy in the United States visited the University and was rudely greeted and treated by a few students. On the whole, though, his visit was cordial and without incident. The startling discovery



Jaffe made by one student was that the Russian diplomat wore a "Robert Hall" suit! A preview of the American fashion show was given recently in New York and several scenes were recommended to be cut. These involved scenes showing whites and negroes together in wedding processions and were labeled as not the right thing to show our Russian friends. American industries were banned from giving away free

samples in several of the exhibits because the Russians claimed they would cause a stampede. However, Pepsi-Cola did manage to get permission to give away free drinks—an American tradition.

Soviet cameramen shot every scene available on Soviet First Deputy Premier Kozlov's recent nation-wide tour. One of these cameramen was supposedly the top man in the Soviet's secret security department. Now why would he want pictures of steelmills, atomic power plant and other American industries?

Kozlov also spoke at the National Press Club but required that all questions put to him by reporters in the after-dinner period be handed to him in advance and he carefully screened out all controversial issues.

These are probably just a few of the constant incidents of bantering back and forth between the "peace loving" friends from across the world. Even after these exchanges of culture, talent and men, we still seem to reach the same conclusions about the Russians and they still say the same things about the American way of life. Anyway it's fun watching the diplomatic warfare and at least it is better than atomic warfare.

