

Editorial Opinion

A Queen of What?

Just what is the purpose of a Homecoming Queen? In past years, Penn State's Homecoming Queen has been referred to as a queen without a queen-dom.

The reason for this is simple. A big to-do is made over choosing a queen for Homecoming Weekend. Collegian carries a story announcing the queen the Friday morning of that weekend. She is introduced at Thespian productions.

But after that . . . nothing. The football team chooses the winner from five finalists. But her name isn't even announced over the public address system at the homecoming game Saturday afternoon.

A glance to other campuses for Homecoming Weekend makes Penn State's program look sick. Their celebrations range from gigantic float parades before the traditional game to introducing the queen and having the football captain plant a big kiss on her rosy cheek at halftime.

Every year, alumni complain about the lousy competition for the football team, the lousy program and lousy everything about THEIR weekend. A glance at future schedules show that competition on the field will become much tougher.

A colorful parade and coronation of the Homecoming Queen would add very much to a weekend to which alumni and students would look forward.

The Homecoming Queen should be THE queen of the fall semester at least.

It is not necessary to copy the elaborate programs of other universities. However, the queen should at least appear at the pre-game pep rally and be introduced sometime during the game.

Support and Finances

The Student Government Association will be reimbursed for its \$200 to \$300 expenditure the Assembly approved last Thursday for the UN Weekend, Oct. 23 and 24.

Chairman Carmella LaSpada told The Daily Collegian last night that the SGA would be reimbursed through the profits derived from the World University Service-SGA sponsored Chordettes' concert Sunday, Oct. 18.

It seems many Assembly members were not aware that in voting for SGA support for the project, they were obligating SGA to \$200 to \$300 in expenses. It was not made clear whether "support," implied financial support as well.

The purpose of the weekend is worthwhile, but the committee should have made the expenses clear in its report to the Assembly. The idea of combining the WUS concert with the rest of the weekend's activities was made at the last minute. This concert is the only means of raising a large amount of money for student refugees—one of the purposes of the event.

It was only natural that the expenses incurred be subtracted from the Chordettes' concert and not from SGA funds. The weekend should be on a self-supporting basis at least, although the original intent of the weekend was enlightenment on the refugee problem and not fund-raising.

Assembly members should be more careful in accepting committee reports which will require SGA appropriations and more directly student funds. Questioning from the floor can alleviate embarrassing situations later on when the Assembly has already committed itself.

Letters

Student Urges More Protests On Parking

TO THE EDITOR: During the last few weeks I have heard many verbal complaints about the recently imposed parking restrictions. However, there have been a fantastically few number of written complaints published in the Collegian.

To me, this can mean but two things. The first is that Mr. Diem is correct when he says that 90 per cent of the student body does favor his ridiculous solution to the parking problem.

The other possibility is that the University student is complacent and thus happy to do as he is told. In other words, he does not have the initiative or the backbone to stand up for what he feels is right.

Since I have not heard any student speak in favor of the new regulations, I can only conclude that the average student is very apathetic. A united student body would have had Mr. Diem's head by now, even if only in effigy.

Prof Wayne took a step in the right direction by stating in Friday's Collegian that a good fuel for the winter would be the burning of all the new campus parking rules and regulations.

It is noteworthy to recall that the only students to complain about the new regulations were among the more than 300 students who received tickets on the Sept. 27 weekend. What about the other 15,000 of us who are eligible for "violations" on future weekends?

The only solution to the parking problems lies in the hands of us, students. We are the only ones who can make the administration admit their mistake.

This is our University—our means to a better way of life through higher education. Apathy can only lead to further losses in privileges now enjoyed.

Use your freedom of speech to let yourself be heard!

—D. L. B.
Graduate Student

Hat Sox Await Lion Suit Drive

Dear Prof Wayne:
The hat societies heartily support your suggestion that it would be very nice to see a respectable-looking mascot when the new stadium is opened next year.

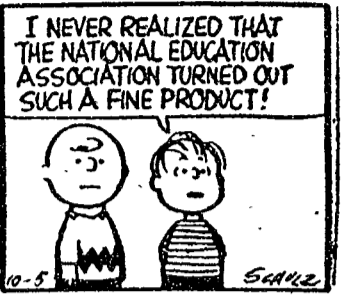
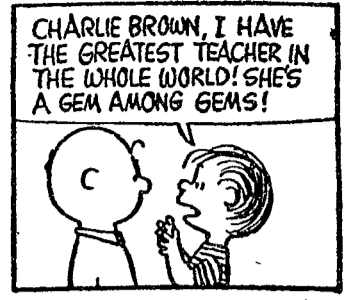
However, since responsibility for pep rallies and for the drive for a new lion suit has been taken from the hat societies and is now the property of the cheerleaders, it is not our place to begin collecting the funds without their "go ahead." Larry Buck, head cheerleader, is well aware of our enthusiastic offer to assist him.

Let's hope that the cheerleaders "get on the ball" and enlist our help for the collection of the funds we agree are necessary for our poor tattered and battle-scarred Lion. Meanwhile, we're ready and waiting for the word "go!"

Hat Society Council,
Stan Foster, '60 Pres.
Marianne Ellis, '62 Sec.-treas.

Gazette

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- American Institute of Chemical Engineers, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room
 - Belles Lettres, 7 p.m., Simmons study lounge
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 - WRA Swim Club, (Interest Group), 6:30 p.m., White
 - WRA Tennis Club, 4 p.m., East Tennis Courts



Spirit Asked At Army Game

TO THE EDITOR: Ask any Penn Stater where he'd like to be come this Saturday and I'm be, come this Saturday and I'm swer would be "at the Point."

As we all know our undefeated Lions meet the Black Knights of Army this Saturday at the Academy.

Due to limited seating accommodations at West Point, only 500 tickets were given the University student body. Needless to say, these were sucked up faster than sections close at registration.

The 500 people who were lucky enough to get these tickets may indeed feel happy and proud—but they should also feel responsible, responsible to those of us who must stay behind content to chew our nails and have our ears glued to our radios.

I feel that those 500 "Lions" should "roar" loud enough for the thousands of us here on campus. I'd love to hear the sportscaster tell us that some 500 students poured onto the field at Army and formed an honor line for our team all the way from the stands to Penn State's bench.

I'd also like to hear a "Short Yell State," led by a full contingent of University cheerleaders, float loudly over the radio "mile" all the way to the tower of Old Main.

Whenever anyone hears of Army, they immediately think of the cadets all fired up and displaying a brand of spirit that's hard to believe. I know it's asking a lot, but I'd like to see our 500 "representatives" beat Army at its own game, and I have great confidence that they will.

So come Saturday, Oct. 10, let's beat Army in more ways than one.

See you in Dallas.
—Vince Marino, '60

Senior Urges More PA Use

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to congratulate Dean McCoy and the Athletic Advisory Board for the occasional, but limited, use of the public address at the football game last Saturday.

Student leaders and mem-

bers of the student body have been requesting this service for five years. I believe that a great deal is added to the game itself and to the spirit of the spectators to know who carried the ball, who made the score, who made the tackle, etc.

It can be seen from the limited test periods that the complete use of the system during the entire game by competent personnel is desired by most of the spectators.

In the past the Athletic Advisory Board and Dean McCoy have never publicly given their reasons for not using the speaker system. It has been admitted, though, that Penn State is one of the very few colleges in the country which does not provide this service to its patrons.

Again, as in the past, I would like to request that the public address system be put into use during the entire game. If this request is refused, I believe that it is the duty of both Dean McCoy and the Athletic Advisory Board to publicly report to the student body, the faculty, the administration, and to the visitors to the University their reasons for not providing this desired service.

—Carl Smith, '60
(Editor's Note: Dean McCoy has announced that play-by-play description of football games will be carried on a trial basis in the new stadium next year.)

Coed Replies On Lighting

TO THE EDITOR: In answer to Mr. Lawrence Smith's letter of Oct. 3 regarding the lighting conditions of this campus, it is my humble opinion that Mr. Smith has slightly overplayed the position of the coed.

Let me ask Mr. Smith if he has ever come out of his world of sarcastic remarks long enough to realize or notice that the days are getting progressively shorter as the nights increase in length.

This undeniable fact of the behavior of our universe causes it to get quite dark before the "fragile little flowers" are requested to return to their "hot houses" for the remainder of the evening. In case you didn't know it, coeds are permitted to be out until
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