

Editorial Opinion

What Worth-Hat Council?

Hat Society Council is under careful scrutiny by its members due to the withdrawal of Mortar Board from its membership—and for sound reasons.

The organization formed to coordinate the activities of the various hat societies has proved in the past to be little more than a meeting ground three or four times a year with little or nothing accomplished.

Last year for instance, the Council met four times and accomplished six things: Collected \$502.05 for a new Lion suit; Assisted with Larry Sharp Week; Sponsored the Spring Activities Exposition; Arranged a new system for filing tapping cards; Coordinated dates for tapping; set Monday as Hat Day; and sponsored pep rallies. This little from an organization representing approximately 100 student leaders.

Women's societies are questioning the worth of their membership on the Council because their tapping dates are coordinated by the Dean of Women's Office. And some of the men's societies are just questioning the limited activities of the organization.

What is to be done now that these faults have been brought to light in the past few days? And can the Council prove itself to be worthwhile?

Hat Society Council officers seem to feel that this year will be a vast improvement over previous ones and to accomplish their objectives, they have planned a number of projects. These projects are still in the planning stage and no one can be certain whether they will help the Council achieve its goals.

However, there is a marked enthusiasm on the part of the officers and this may be the deciding year for the continuation of the Council. If the hat societies decide to withdraw now, the Council will become defunct.

This is up to the individual societies to decide. Each hat society has its own pet projects to carry out each year and most of the projects are beneficial to the University and the student body. The Council itself has many projects in mind that would be undertaken collectively by the hat societies.

If the Council is maintained, then it should be an active body and beneficial to its members—not a four-times-a-year organization.

The hat societies should keep this in mind and when the Council meets this Sunday, offer good suggestions to make it the service organization it was designed to be. Otherwise, it is time to evaluate the Council's worth to the individual societies and, if there is none, it should be abolished.

Advanced Registration

Name one of the biggest complaints about Recreation Hall. How about the fact that that's where registration is held?

Well, this may soon be only a memory. Thanks to that modern miracle—the electronic computer—registration can be finished three months before the start of classes.

The new system, modeled after one at Purdue, would allow a student three months to drop and add courses. Valuable time would not be lost dropping a course after classes have already started.

Concerning the new system we comment: Thank goodness for progress.

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Letters

Orientation Heads Thank Workers

TO THE EDITOR: The Orientation Week Committee wishes to express its appreciation to The Daily Collegian staff for their complete cooperation, coverage, and publicizing of the Orientation Week activities.

The enthusiasm of your staff once again exemplified that many students have as their goal a "Better Penn State."

We also acknowledge our indebtedness to the more than 400 students, administration and faculty members who generously gave of their time and services to the numerous Orientation Week activities.

To these Penn Staters, we extend a very sincere thank you.

-Helen Skade, '60
Marty Leshner, '60
Student co-chairmen
Orientation Week

Gazette

TODAY

- Air Force Glee Club, 8 p.m., HUB assembly hall
Alpha Lambda Delta, 5 p.m., 217 HUB
Alpha Phi Alpha, 7:30 p.m., 214 HUB
American Association of University Women, 8 p.m., State College High School
Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., HUB eastroom
Campus Assembly, 7 p.m., 216 HUB
Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Dancing Classes, 6:30 p.m., HUB ballroom
Gamma Sigma Sigma, 6 p.m., HUB assembly room
Graduate Student Association, 8 p.m., 212 HUB
ICCB, 6:30 p.m., 212 HUB
IFCPA, 7 p.m., 217 HUB
News and Views, 6:45, old members, 7:00, candidates, 11 Home Economics
Student Council Election Committee, 7:30 p.m., 215 HUB
Student Lobby, 7:30 p.m., 216 HUB
WRA Bowling Club, 6:30 p.m., White Hall bowling alley
WRA Officials Club, 6:30 p.m., 2 White Hall
WRA Nmaids, 7 p.m., White Hall pool
WRA Tennis Club, 1 p.m., East tennis courts

Summer Weather To Return Today

Sunny skies and unseasonably warm temperatures will return to State College today for a one day stand.

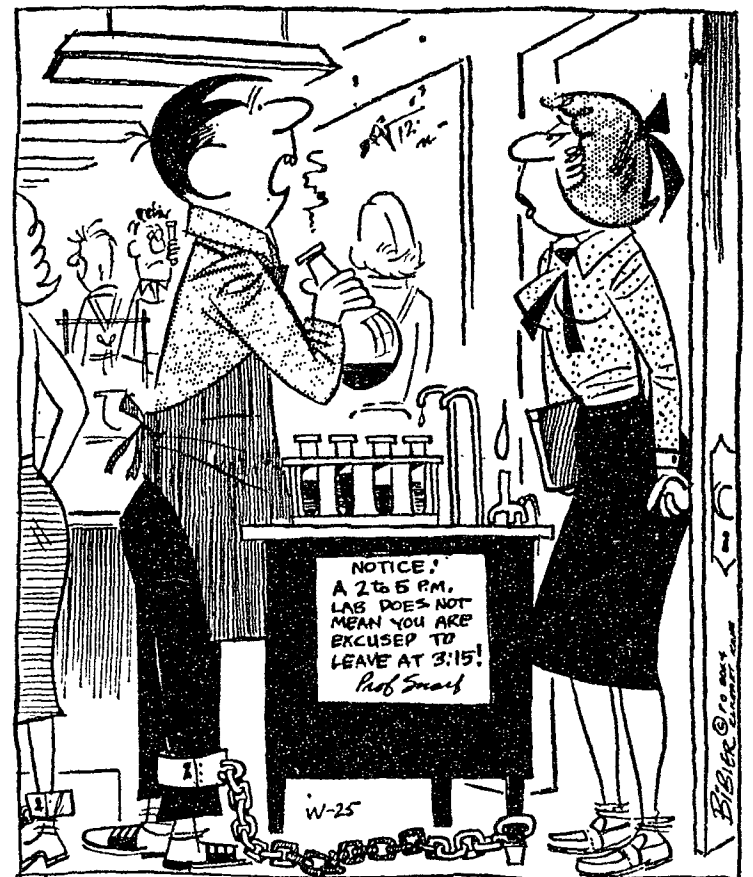
A storm system developing in Nebraska and the new tropical storm, Irene, which is moving northeastward from the Gulf of Mexico will combine to bring rain to this area tomorrow.

The forecast is for partly cloudy and warm weather today with a high of 78 degrees.

Tonight should see increasing cloudiness and pleasant temperatures with a low of 61 degrees.



Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"I'D LIKE TO TAKE A COFFEE BREAK WITH YA, FLOSSY, BUT ANYMORE IT'S PRETTY HARD TO SKIP SNARF'S LAB!"

Letters

Jr. Criticizes Student Directory

TO THE EDITOR: The Penn State Student Directory that came out last week is a total disgrace to the University and to those involved in its compilation.

Personally, I would have preferred paying a half-dollar more or waiting another couple of weeks for a book not possessing earmarks of being thrown together in a matter of hours.

In turning to page 48, for instance, the reader will find in the group of last names beginning with "F" those names beginning with "D" and "B" (yes, even B"). Other examples, such as a "W" with the "B's" and an "M" with the "A's", merely indicated to me that the editors were more interested in speed than anything else.

The point here, of course, is that these students are going to have a hard time finding their names. Even more important is the difficulty their friends will have trying to get in touch with them.

In some cases, the local address is wrong, thus ruling out the pos-

sibility of correspondence by mail, without a phone call first. And, unless I am mistaken, the main purpose of the book is its function as an address and telephone guide.

The fate accompanying a multitude of first names is even more discouraging. In the case of "Smith," of which there are 111 entries, the first name Wayne actually precedes that of John. That isn't even close; and to top it off, a non-Smith is thrown in among the group. The editors might just as well have disregarded first names altogether.

And to think that last year's directory was a nice, neat job! It is hard to believe that the addition of a few hundred more students this semester could have made such a profound change.

Let us hope that a little more care will be taken next year to prepare a directory of which we can be proud, rather than one that is inaccurate and a conglomeration of "un-alphabetized" names.

-Harry Felton, '61

Another Student Hits Parking

TO THE EDITOR: The parking problem has gotten out of hand this year. Why are some large parking lots without cars after 5:30 p. m. and on Sundays?

Someone has yet to present a clear cut solution to the parking problem. There is no reason why the parking lots cannot have the greatest possible use made of them.

Parking lot 23, east of the Hetzel Union Building, has become a mad house. There is no decent entrance to the lot, and it is always full. Even lot 11, south of Rec Hall, was full by noon Saturday.

On Tuesday night, I received a ticket for parking behind Osmond Lab while attending an F.F.A. meeting in Buckhout Lab. Lot 23 was full, so I had nowhere else to turn.

It was pouring down rain and the lot was almost empty. I hope some of the other students who attended this meeting will protest their tickets.

I would like to propose the following changes in the parking situation:

- 1. Short-time, high rate parking meters be installed at vital points on campus. (They are cheaper than parking tickets).
2. Sunday parking be permitted in any area.
3. Parking between 5:30 p.m. and 2 a.m. be permitted in all areas with a few exceptions.
4. Make another entrance to parking lot 23 south of the HUB.
5. If none of these can be done, then no student should be permitted to have a car on campus.

•Letter cut. -Philip Johnson, '61

Students to Lobby on National Issue

TO THE EDITOR: The role of the American university student in the affairs of the nation and in the unresolved crisis of our age has become one of serious default.

We as students and members of the intellectual community should bring our opinions and influences to bear on the policy-makers of our country and take responsible action on key issues confronting the American people.

A group of students within the Pennsylvania State Uni-

versity are seeking to awaken our University to a more responsible role in today's dilemma of social and political problems. This group is the Student Lobby—a campus agency through which responsible student opinion can be voiced to fellow students in the university, to the public, and to the nation's policy-makers.

Interested students are invited to attend the first formal meeting of the Lobby in 216 HUB, 7:30-8:30, tonight.

-Robert Stauffer, '60
Jacob Dentu, '60