

Editorial Opinion

Coed Cars—But Where?

Women's Student Government Association Senate last night provided upperclass coeds with one of their most sought after privileges . . . having cars on campus. But it apparently failed to consider the consequences this may bring.

We do not begrudge coeds possessing cars on campus. However, the additional cars will merely expand the existing problem of what to do with the cars already here.

In 1955 the University banned freshmen from driving and possessing cars in the county. This year it tightened regulations to further limit the number of cars on campus.

This underlying problem here is that there are just too many cars. Permitting coeds to possess cars on campus will just add to the number.

Practically all coeds live in residence halls. This would mean that parking areas would be needed to accommodate their cars. These areas would have to be on campus.

However, this is one of the objections to freshmen with cars. They must live in residence halls and therefore the cars must be parked in some campus lot.

WSGA Senate should reconsider its action and not from the angle of coeds having an equal right as men to have cars on campus. We grant that. But it must consider the terrific parking problem already present.

Perhaps one solution would be to allow junior and senior men and women to possess cars on campus, but then ban sophomores from this privilege.

The future is almost bound to bring further restrictions on cars. Is it worth relaxing restrictions now that will only be tightened again in years to come?

Big Send-Off

University students, rained out last night in an effort to give the Nittany Lion Gridders a big send-off prior to the Army encounter, have a chance to prove their school spirit this morning.

The Lions, led by coach Rip Engle, will embark for their northern jaunt at 9:30 this morning from Recreation Hall. Not since the Lions arrived home from the famous victory over Ohio State two years ago have students shown their interest in sending off or receiving a team back from a big game.

The cheerleaders announced last night that they would help send the team off this morning, but they need help. Students, who don't have classes, can show their spirit by cheering the team as they move from Nittany Lion Inn to Recreation Hall at 9:15.

A similar reception should be accorded the Lions when they return from West Point tomorrow evening. Win or lose, they will have done their best and all of us should be proud of them.

Step Toward Reality

The Women's Student Government Association Senate deserves a pat on the back for taking a realistic attitude toward women's regulations.

At long last, women students are allowed to use their own discretion in dressing for meals and dates with the elimination of rules of how?, where?, and what to do?.

This is a commendable step in treating coeds as the adults that they are supposed to be, and letting them make their own decisions. Many have been doing this for years away from campus.

Recognition of the maturity of women students has been lacking for many years and action has been needed in the past. Here's to a promising year of legislation for the college woman and not the college baby.

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Letters

Coed Objects To Reputation Of University

TO THE EDITOR: The editorial of the Louisiana State University paper came at an opportune time. Within the past few months I have become terribly discouraged with Penn State—its reputation, its academic standing, and the students' attitudes.

All of these, in one way or another, have been "shot down" directly or indirectly by non-Penn State students with whom I have had an opportunity to speak of late.

I wish someone could help me. What do you reply when a non-Penn Stater makes the statement that "Penn State is a party school and a country club?"

I usually reply that the preceding is true for some but not for all the students. The plain and frank truth is that Penn State is a "country club" for the majority and a university for the minority.

As alums, I wonder how long we will have to wait before we can deny truthfully that Penn State is not a "country club" but a university with one main purpose—the academic.

Will we have to wait until the state legislature provides more money for professors' salaries? Will we have to wait until the excellent suggestions of the 1959 Student Encampment are taken out of a moth-filled file box? Will we have to wait until the University denies admission to every "Tom, Dick and Harry" high school graduate?

As for me, I'm impatient! —A Senior Coed

Jr. Hits Policy Of Infirmary

TO THE EDITOR: The University administration refers to its students as men and women, but it seems that at least one of its professional services disagrees with this terminology. The reference is to the Ritenour Health Center, which treats these "men and women" as if they were juveniles.

The health center forbids coed visiting, the reason given is that if this practice were permitted, the students would act as if they were on dates.

Such an attitude is positively ridiculous. When a person visits someone who is sick enough or injured enough to be hospitalized, the last thing that enters his or her mind is to do anything that might upset the patient.

Yet the staff at the health center fears that coed visiting might lead to immoral practices—despite the fact that there are other patients, visitors and nurses just a few feet away. How illogical can educated "adults" be?

It is time those directing the health center revise their outmoded views and realize that the persons with whom they are dealing are mature men and women who are fully aware of the fact that there is a time and place for everything.

—Patricia Vargo, '61

Gazette

TODAY Bridge Class, 6:30 p.m., HUB caidroom Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB Delta Theta Sigma, 9 a.m., 217-18-14-15-16 HUB Eng College Magazine, 10 30 a.m., 212-13 HUB: 2 p.m., 212-13-14-15-16 HUB Farm Management, 9 a.m., 212-13 HUB Penn State Bible Fellowship, 7 30 p.m., 111 Boucke UCA, 8 a.m., HUB lounge WRA Hockey Club, 4:15 p.m., Holmes Field WRA Open House, 7 p.m., White Hall

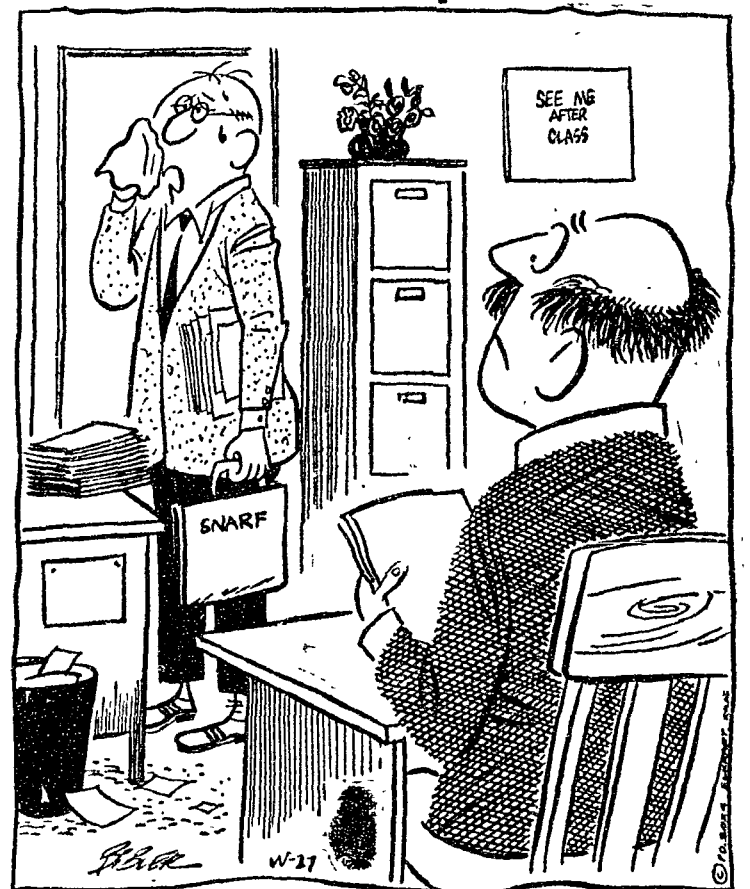
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Encampment Pictures

Student Encampment participants who ordered group pictures may pick them up at the Hetzel Union desk. The pictures cost 75 cents.

Little Man on Campus

by Dick Bibler



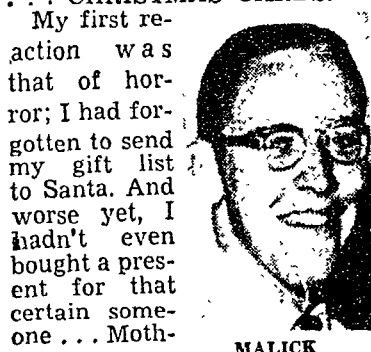
"ONE CONSOLATION ABOUT TEACHING FRESHMEN— WITH ANY LUCK YOU WON'T HAVE THE SAME GROUP NEXT YEAR."

without malice Merry Christmas ...Get Serious by denny malick

This is a mad column. And I'm writing it, incidentally, because I'm mad.

I was paying my weekly visit to the downtown business district yesterday afternoon when I stopped to get a birthday card.

As I approached the counter where the birthday cards usually are kept, I notice THEM there, gaily perched in bright red and white colors . . . CHRISTMAS CARDS.



My first reaction was that of horror; I had forgotten to send my gift list to Santa. And worse yet, I hadn't even bought a present for that certain someone . . . Mother.

But coming to my senses, I dug into my wallet for my Charlie Weaver calendar and reassured myself. It was still October.

Then I thought back, remembering last year how I complained because Christmas items were coming out on the counters by the middle of November.

Now let's get serious, people. Just what is the purpose of

Christmas? Why has this been a holiday during all these years?

I would hope that most people observe Christmas as a celebration of Christ's birth. I realize it's pretty hard to tell that now.

It certainly is good to think of Christmas the year 'round, but not from the idea of: Boy, I bet I can make a lot of money by putting these Christmas cards out on Labor Day.

I guess this means we can forget about Thanksgiving since we're concentrating on Christmas promotion from the beginning of October on.

It would take a powerful force to hold off all the advance promotion for Christmas until the beginning of December. Let's hope this force appears someday.

I think starting these promotions around Thanksgiving is a little off base. But it is just plain sickening to begin in October. But my word for you who have started already is: You are Sick! Sick Sick!

