

Editorial Opinion

Wider Sidewalks

One of the biggest congestion problems for students in the center of campus nowadays is the narrow sidewalks along Pollock Rd.

The number of students has consistently expanded each year adding to the center campus congestion but the walks have not been enlarged to handle the extra load.

During class breaks, irregardless of the day, these sidewalks are crowded to the extent that students are forced to walk on the grass. This is evidenced by the two to three-foot-wide bare spots on each side of the walks.

In the past, physical plant has kept an eye out for paths that have been worn in the grass. When continued wearing away of the grass is evident, a sidewalk is built in its place.

Heavy gravel has replaced the grass on the street side of the walks in front of Osmond, Boucke and the Hetzel Union Buildings. However, except where chains prevent it, the grass is continually being worn away.

Now, many students must travel across campus within the 10 minutes between classes. The crowds on the sidewalks slow walking considerably. A rainy day slows walking traffic even more since the bare spots beside the walks turn to mud.

Wider sidewalks would be a big step toward breaking up this congestion and help save the dwindling amount of grass on campus.

Improved Bidding System

Panhellenic Council last night discussed a recommendation to establish a system of open bidding throughout the year instead of the present three-times-a-year program of rushing.

One of the strongest points brought out in favor of the proposal was that through this system, unfilled sororities would have the opportunity to reach their quotas.

The proposal has some merit.

It offers a solution to the quota problem which has existed for a number of years, and which will grow as University enrollment increases. As it now stands, there are a few sororities that are lagging behind in members.

But more important, it will give women students who have not been pledged in formal or informal rushes an opportunity to become a part of the sorority system.

As was indicated in last night's meeting, 35 per cent of those who registered for rush did not pledge. This percentage may grow in the future and it does not reflect favorably upon the present system of rushing.

The recommendation has been referred to the individual sororities for their views and these views will be weighed either for the status quo or for change.

The sororities should try to consider the plan as affecting the entire Panhellenic system and the rushees as well as the groups individually.

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Letters

Senior Hits New Rulings On Bicycles

TO THE EDITOR Dr. Elwood Oliver has re-issued his bicycle regulations, not entirely without cause, as some kind of regulation is needed.

As dormitories continue to be erected farther from the center of campus and with the advent of a fee for parking, the increase in the number of bicycles on campus is a foregone conclusion.

It is unfortunate that no demonstration of ability or responsibility is required to ride a bicycle, and consequently, such obvious traffic rules as obeying stop signs, giving pedestrians the right of way, and not parking so as to block entrances to buildings are frequently ignored. (Incidentally, a student was fined \$15 for cutting a corner to avoid a red light downtown not too long ago).

However, with all due regard for Dr. Oliver's conscientious efforts, there are a few obvious faults in the rules. Perhaps the worst fault is that no representative of the bike riders was invited to sit in on or aid in their drawing up.

The other big fault is that the banning of bikes from the walks ignores reality. There are just not enough north-south roads on campus. Between Burrowes and Shortlidge Rds., there are six borough streets (on the south side of College Ave.) and no campus roads.

The intervening walks are used frequently by University vehicles, and bike riders rather naturally assume the right to traverse by thoroughfare utilized by motor vehicles.

The University has demonstrated its lack of foresight and planning regarding present and future parking needs. Let us hope that the same mistake is not made regarding bicycles. Prohibition is neither an efficient nor a just form of regulation, despite its apparent simplicity.

-Rae Hoopes, '60

Gazette

TODAY

- AIN, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
ASAE, 7 p.m., 206 Agricultural Engineering
Business Administration Student Council, 4 p.m., HUB main lounge
Chemistry and Physics Student Council, 7:30 p.m., 103 Osmond
Chess Club, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 213 HUB
Club Hubana, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
Dancing Classes, 4:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m.; HUB ballroom
DOC Council, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
Engineer and Architect Council, 6:45 p.m., 211 HUB
Home Economics Club, 5:30 p.m., Wesley Foundation
Nittany Grotto, 7 p.m., 121 Mineral Industries
Penn State Engineer, 7:30 p.m., 106 Osmond
Physics Colloquium, 4:15 p.m., 117 Osmond
Pi Lambda Theta, 7 p.m., McElwain lounge
Psychology Club, 7:30 p.m., 209 Willard
Schuhplattler Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., 3 White Hall
Scooter Club, 7 p.m., 213 HUB
SEAP, 7 p.m., Simmons lounge
Slavic Club, 7:30 p.m., Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel
Sports Car Club, 7 p.m., 109 Osmond Lab Student Council Convocation, 3 p.m., HUB assembly room
Women's Chorus, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
WRA Bowling Club, 7:30 p.m., White Hall alleys
WRA Dance Club, 7 p.m., White Hall dance studio
WRA Hockey Club, 4:15 p.m., Holmes Field
WSGA Senate Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Simmons lounge
Zoology Club, 7 p.m., 105 Frear

HOSPITAL

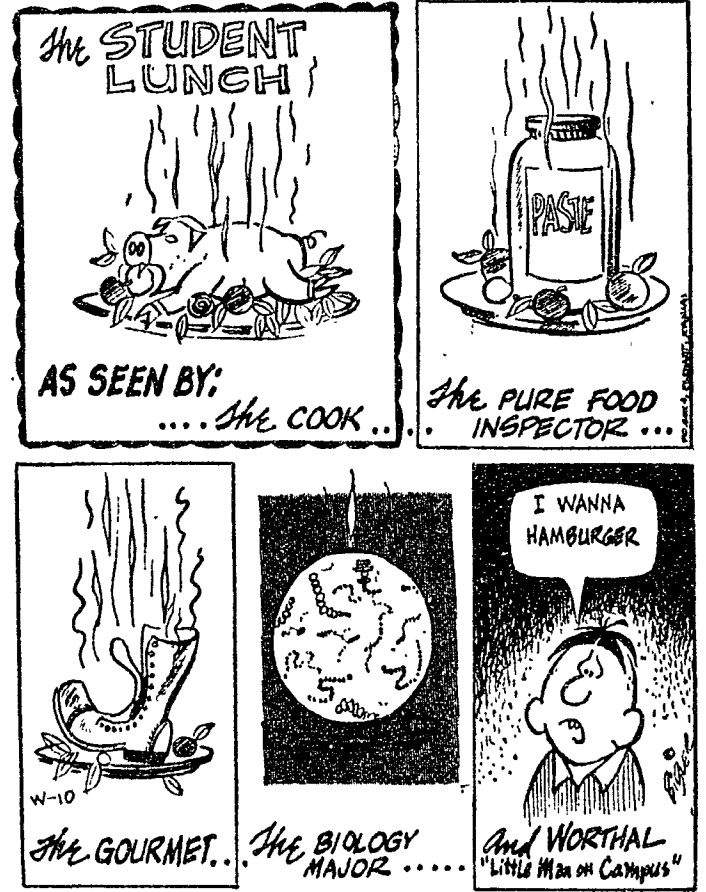
Patients in the University Hospital yesterday were: Larrimore Anderson, Judith Berman, Donald Davis, Robert Goldblum, Bonnie Hamilton, Larry Huber, Katherine Hughes, Sheldon Katz, John Kosko, Jacquelyn Mariner, Joseph Mastilak, Brenda Neale, Helen Reese, Dorothy Rheiner, David Sigman, William Talbott, Gretchen Vankirk, Florence Wynne.

Job Interviews

October 23

- New York Life Insurance Co.: for Jan grads in BUS AD, LA ED & LMR, and those interested in Sales.
Reaction Motors Div, Thiokol Chem Corp.: Jan grads in AERO E, Ch E, CHEM, EE (Elect option) ENG MECH, ME, PHYS.
General Telephone Company of Pa.: Jan BS grads in ACCTG ECON, MARKET-ING, EE, ME, PHYS.
Arnco Steel Corp.: Jan BS & MS grads, BS in Ch E, CE, EE, ME, IE; BS, MS IN METAL; MS in PHYS; BS in ACCTG; BA in LMR, PSYCH for Personnel; BA in A & L (MATH MINOR) for Industrial Engineering; BS in Bus Ad for Sales.
Bessener & Lake Erie R.R.: JAN BS, MBA, MS in Bus AD with minor of 6 hrs. in ACCTG. Also BS in CE, EE, IE (Prod), ME.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



So What Bicycle Legislation Kills Convenience by Marty Scherr

It has occurred to me that there is entirely too much legislation at this old University.

We have rules governing from "FFF" (Feet Flat on Floor) to how fast one may or may not ride his bicycle on the Mall.

Many people have taken to the idea of riding bicycles because of the convenience involved. They found, after much controversy, that a bike can get one from one place to another faster than any other method of conveyance.

But, the University has taken it upon itself to discourage the use of bikes through not-so-subtle legislation.

We are no longer allowed to race on Pollock Rd., scoot around stopped or slow traffic or hop a curb to get to the front door of a building. Parking in front of a building that doesn't have a bike rack is worthy of capital punishment.

OK, so we must have legislation, rules, laws, etc., but must they infringe on the rights of a student to use a convenience wisely?

For instance, a bicycle-owning friend of mine has a 9 o'clock class in Forestry and a 10 o'clock in Sparks. The trip, formerly an easy jaunt on a bike, now presents complications that could cause the sale of many bikes.

Some of the old Greek

