

Editorial Opinion

1970--Nittany Still There

By 1970, the University will have grown to a modern, sprawling institution with an on-campus population of 20,000 students. But according to future plans announced last year, one of its antiquated landmarks will still be standing — Nittany Residence Halls.

The only improvement that has been announced is that the infamous Nittany dining hall will be abandoned. Nittany men will dine in the Pollock Circle area which is now under construction.

Nittany men have been complaining for years about cramped quarters, inadequate heating systems and general shabbiness of the living units. This fall, poor telephone service has been added to the long list of complaints.

However, very little has been done to correct the inadequacies. In fact, many of the problems have merely been ignored.

It has been said jokingly—and seriously—that it is time the University began integrating Nittany with the rest of the campus. How true! There has been much criticism of town housing lately, but let's start cleaning up some of our own backyards before telling people residing off campus what to do.

Indies, Think Collectively!

The AIM-Leonides merger, a long-discussed proposal, has been postponed until further study can be done to insure its acceptability to all factions.

This in itself is a good step for the two groups have indicated that this is not going to be any helter-skelter plan thrown together for convenience sake. The plan involves reorganization of the two independent bodies into one unified body.

In terms of the future increase of enrollment on campus, a unified independent body would increase the effectiveness and cohesion of the University's many independent students.

As was stated by student government reorganization leaders last year, it would be better for students to think in terms of the student body as a whole and not as separate units, and this warning can also be applied to the factions opposing the merger for fear of underrepresentation.

Should the plan, when completed, offer independent students a more advantageous and stronger position on this campus, then it would be foolish for the various factions to oppose the merger in order to retain tinges of pseudo feudalism.

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Letters

Official Shows Distinctions In Loyalty Clauses

TO THE EDITOR: It seems to me that much of the controversy being generated over the "loyalty oath" provision of the National Defense Education Act is based on misunderstanding. It is evidently not clear to many that Section 1001 (f) of the NDEA act contains not one but two obligations that must be satisfied to qualify a person to receive funds under this act.

One of these is a simple affirmation of loyalty or allegiance to the United States. Although many people feel that the dignity and value of such oaths are not well served by their being made a part of a routine commercial transaction, almost no one has objected strenuously to this inclusion of an affirmative oath in the act.

It is generally reasoned that no loyal American can object in conscience to a declaration of his loyalty, however inappropriate the occasion might seem to be. To my knowledge, no college or university has protested this requirement.

The other is a declaration that the individual "does not believe in, and is not a member of and does not support any organization that believes in or teaches, the overthrow of the United States Government by force or violence or by any illegal or unconstitutional methods." It is this provision that Dr. Pusey of Harvard, Dr. Griswold of Yale, Dr. Walker here at Penn State, and many other distinguished educators find objectionable. At the very least, these people feel that this negative affidavit is discriminatory, unnecessary, and futile.

When we speak of the "loyalty oath," we are talking about the first of these provisions. When we speak of the "disclaimer," we are referring to the second. The two are not the same thing, and the distinction between them should be kept in mind as a guide in our thinking about this important issue.

—Christian K. Arnold,
Staff Assistant to the President

Nittany Gets More Defense

TO THE EDITOR: In answer to Mr. Muller and the letter in Thursday's Collegian, I would like to add some facts to the many complaints already registered.

Mr. Muller said that Nittany didn't get more telephones because North and West paid more, and Thursday's letter pointed out that it amounts to \$25 a semester. This boils down to \$1.51 more a week, or 21 cents a day per man.

As stated Thursday there are many things that West and North have that Nittany doesn't. When you look at that 21 cents pays for quite a bit: almost twice as much usable floor space sufficient storage space, decent work space, beds that don't sag like hammocks, adequate lighting, wall plugs, ventilation, screening and closet space, a reasonable waste basket, comfortable chairs to study in, etc.

To elaborate, North has tile bathrooms with the same and more facilities for 36 men as Nittany has 44. They have inner-spring, single beds, that slide back under the book cases behind them and provide more seating space. Their closet space for one man is almost the same as Nittany's for two men. As far as the heating system goes in Nittany, in addition to excessive racket it is almost impossible to adjust so that the room is comfortable. North and West have many more little extras, such as drapes and bed spreads.

I realize there will be much fun made of this letter in North and West. So I invite those who pooh-poo my criticism to visit me (Nittany 26-Room 20) and I, personally, will show you that this is no laughing matter.

Bill Masyn, '63

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"I AGREE WITH YOU THAT SHE ISN'T VERY BRIGHT AND I GAVE HER AN 'A', TOO."

tongue in cheek

Terrible Toys Try To Taint Tiny Tots

by bobbi levine

If the problem of what to get little brother or sister, your favorite niece or nephew or your own child (if you are so endowed) for Christmas is bothering you, you will be happy to know that your problems are solved.

In keeping with the latest trend toward "educational"

toys, one of the nation's leading manufacturers has come up with a gadget guaranteed to widen the eyes of any youngster on Christmas morning.

They have come up with a realistic-looking miniature missile complete with launching pad and electric wiring. At a signal from the electric switch, the missile "blasts off" the pad makes a wide arc high above the living room and lands on a miniature house (supplied as part of the "game"), completely demolishing it. As a final touch, a little mushroom-shaped cloud of talcum powder slowly rises above the wreckage.

Of course, the manufacturer's guarantee says, there's absolutely nothing to worry about. The little house can be put together again like a jigsaw puzzle, and your child can spend many more happy hours learning to take pleasure in the powers of destruction.

Nothing to worry about, huh? Nothing at all — just the possibility that your child will come to associate missiles, mushroom-shaped clouds and the destruction of homes with an exciting Christmas game.

The possibilities that can arise if this new toy catches on are unlimited. Just think, a promotion-minded manufacturer can come up with some really exciting "educational" toys. Picture a tiny model of a jet plane equipped with an ejection seat and a little cardboard man.

At a touch of the button, the little plane will begin to develop engine trouble. The cockpit

will burst into flames, and the little cardboard man will be ejected into the air. But it will be too late. The little man will burn to a crisp before the eyes of your highly-impressionable child thus teaching him that ejection devices in airplanes do not always insure the safety of the pilots.

Manufacturers will undoubtedly supply a package of one dozen cardboard man "refills," and your child will be able to amuse himself with the spectacle for weeks.

Manufacturers who go in for large scale productions can really go wild. Imagine a town of little plastic doll houses, stores, churches and schools complete with tiny plastic population. At the top of the tallest building you will see a small scale radar antenna. By flicking the appropriate switches, the radar antenna will begin to revolve; a siren will wail; some of the tiny people will move into buildings labeled "Air Raid Shelter"; and a squadron of jet fighters will zoom over the town dropping powder bombs.

When the town has been reduced to rubble and the "smoke" has cleared, your child will be able to see that the people who took shelter are still "alive" while those who did not are "dead." This will eliminate all further need for Civil Defense drills.

We could go on for hours dreaming up new toys with which to educate our youngsters to take their place in this new "jet age," but right now we are on our way down town to do our Christmas shopping. We understand some reactionary manufacturer has come out with a set of cowboy guns that do not fire bullet-like caps and produce no smoke—in fact you can't even move the trigger.



MISS LEVINE

GAZETTE

TODAY
Alpha Pi Mu, 5 p.m., 217 HUB
Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 213 HUB, and 7:30 p.m., Schwab
Cosmopolitan Club Christmas Party, 7:30 p.m., Chapel Lounge
EUB Student Fellowship Christmas Party, 7:30 p.m., St. John's Church
Kappa Phi Kappa, 5:15 p.m., 214 HUB
Library Expansion Committee, 4 p.m., 213 HUB
T.M.L. 6:30 p.m., 201 HUB...

HOSPITAL
Maryann Buckewicz, James Burrows, Charles Collins, Diane Derrickson, Donald Hearne, Louis Helfrich, Gwendlyn Hilburn, Madeline Hunsicker, Edward Kotchi, Paul Krieger, Edgar Leedy, Gordon Lehman, Stephen Lenhardt, Abigail Lorant, Maureen Mack, Charles Munroe, Marilyn Newman, Patricia Niedbala, Norman Potter, Yong Shin, William Snauffer, Dean Stiles, John Uriah, Robert Waldo, Charles Zaleski

