

Editorial Opinion

Show Some Spirit!

The spirit shown by the student body toward the Liberty Bowl game has been nil.

Why? Students must accept the game and realize that more than Penn State's football record and prestige is at stake. The Liberty Bowl game may be new, and administrative blunders may have been made earlier in the month, but the bowl and the University's appearance in the game against Alabama can bring nothing but prestige to the University.

Attendance at the game isn't mandatory to exhibit the spirit and enthusiasm of an appreciative student body. The team has worked long and hard for this game. Undoubtedly it is tough to gain campus enthusiasm for football after a 4-week layoff, but the Lions are in a position to bowl game, ranked 10th in the nation and have a very worthwhile opponent in the Crimson Tide.

Not more than 40 students showed up for the Lion game movies sponsored by the Varsity "S" Club Sunday night. A big cheering contest was to be held Monday between the Nittany, North and West Halls areas. A handful of men showed up for it.

Tonight, movies of the 1948 Cotton Bowl will be shown and a final pep rally will be held in the Hetzel Union ballroom. It will look pretty disgraceful if 16 senior football players attend the rally—only to be introduced to another handful of students.

How can the team be expected to be prepared mentally for the game, if nothing but pessimism is shown about campus? If the students don't show an interest in the game and don't care if the team wins—why should the 53 players making the trip to Philadelphia? Are they playing this game for their own benefit or for the University's?

Tomorrow afternoon a farewell pep rally will be held in Recreation Hall. Stars of the 1947 team will be introduced and the Blue Band and cheerleaders will also be on hand.

How many students will be there to give the team a sendoff really deserving of a bowl-bound squad?

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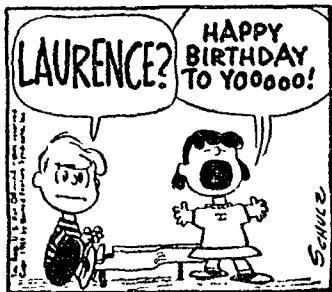
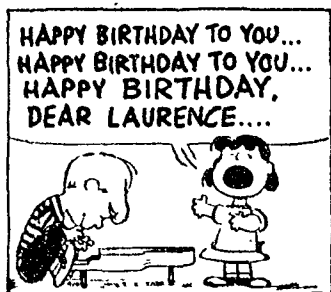
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Press Mourns Resignation Of Volatile Lewis

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON (AP)—To the nation's feature writers and columnists, to cartoonists everywhere, this is a black day in journalism.

John L. Lewis is quitting, and where shall we find another?

This volcano of a man, who spewed molten prose, who roared, who glowered, who threatened, seemed born to be caricatured, to be described and quoted, to be hated violently, or to be followed unquestioningly.

In recent years he has been comparatively quiet. But in the background he could be heard occasionally, grumbling and rumbling.

Now, at 79, John L. is stepping down as head of the United Mine Workers Union that he dominated so long, and an incredible era has ended.

This is a timid age, and the words are weasel. If a politician wants to call another politician a liar, he says his opponent is something less than candid.

Who is left who can spend his words so abundantly, so lavishly, as Lewis?

Ten years ago I wandered into a congressional hearing on mine safety. Normally safety is important but dull. Yet here was John L. Lewis, crying out that 1,259,081 miners had been "maimed, mangled and killed" in the past 19 years.

"A million and a quarter!" Lewis thundered. "If I had the powers of a Merlin, I would march that million and a quarter men past the Congress of the United States—the quick and the dead."

"I would have the ambulatory drag the dead after them, so the Congress might see; and I would have the men whose eyes were shot out and who were disembowled in the mines crawl in that procession along the cobblestones so that the Congress might see them trailing their bowels after them."

"I would have the concourse flanked by five weeping members of each man's family, six and a quarter million people, wailing and lamenting."

Dante didn't do much better in describing the inferno.

Gazette

TODAY

- Agricultural Economics Club, 7 p.m., Delta Theta Sigma
AIM, 7 p.m., 204 HUB
ANME, 7:30 p.m., telephone building behind Boucke
Chess Club, 7 p.m., HUB cardroom
Christian Fellowship, 12:15 p.m., 218 HUB
Delta Nu Alpha, 7:30 p.m., Lambda Chi Alpha
Engineering Student Council, 6:15 p.m., 212 HUB
Forestry Convocation, 11 a.m., 121 Sparks
Nittany Grotto, 7 p.m., 121 MI
Penn Dairy Industry Comm., 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., 214 HUB
Sigma Alpha Eta Christmas Party, 7 p.m., Speech and Hearing Clinic, Sparks
Sigma Theta Epsilon, 7 p.m., Wesley Foundation chapter room
University Lecture Series, 8 p.m., Schwab
Women's Chorus, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
WRA Dance Club, 7 p.m., White Hall dance studio
WRA Volleyball Intramurals, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., White Hall gym
Zoology Club, 7 p.m., 105 Frear

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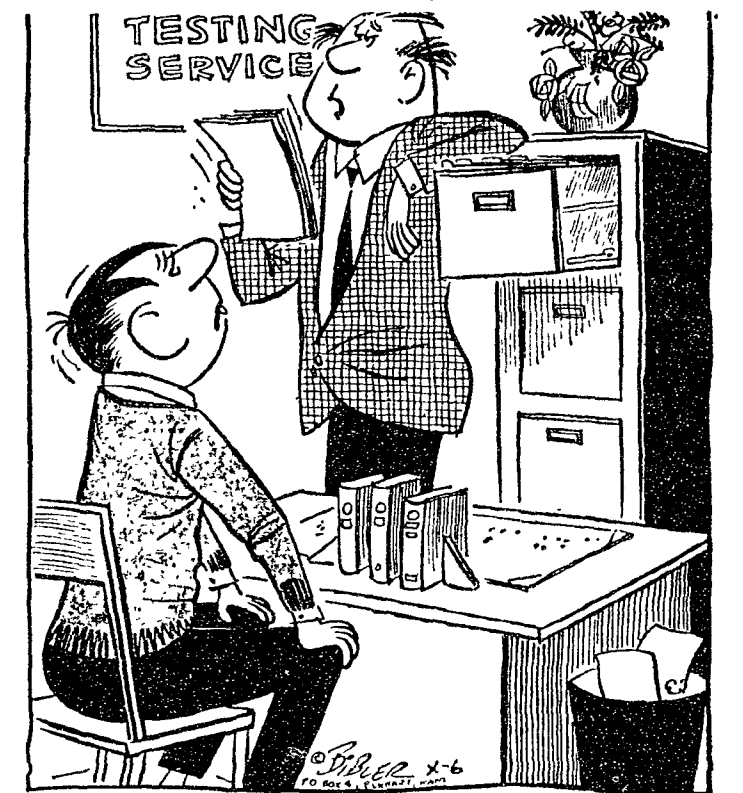
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Letters

Hibbs Hall Appreciates Nittany Christmas Spirit

TO THE EDITOR: A "thank you" must be extended to Nittany 28. Monday night, a phone rang in Hibbs Hall. When I lifted the receiver I heard, "This is Nittany 28 calling. We would like to wish you a Merry Christmas." Blending in harmony, they sang "Deck the Halls." It was a delightful surprise to be serenaded over the phone with a Christmas song. Thank you, Nittany 28, and Merry Christmas to you, too. —Lyndale Dey, Class of '63

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"No, your study habits don't seem to be the cause of your low grades. These tests indicate you're just stupid."

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NOISE Discusses 'Vital' Local Issue

by zandy slosson

In the dark, hallowed corridors of Pattee Library a student organization is forming. Their numbers, once few and insignificant, have grown unbelievably.

These zealous comrades meet every night at the stroke of eight in the first floor hall where the drinking fountain is located.

Anyone who has nudged his way through at this hour is familiar with the issues they discuss with true devotion.

This year's agenda opened with a discussion of "Summer at the Shore" and "Have You Seen 'You Know Who'?" As the year progressed other topics included: "You'll Never Guess Who Called," "What Happened at Pitt?" and "Do You Have a Date for the Liberty Bowl?"



The organization is officially known as the New Order of Insecure Sound Educators. Otherwise known as NOISE, they are planning to request recognition from SGA this spring, provided membership increases at the present rate.

Their charter, carried in a barely used PoliSci book, contains such noteworthy pur-

poses as: to discuss problems vital to University living, to praise member morale before tackling that book report, to provide an opportunity for members to introduce their friends to "the cutest girl," and—but I am giving away trade secrets!

Their grounds for seeking University recognition are obvious; they were able to utilize a few more square feet of University property without a budget appropriation.

NOISE has raised a great deal of notice lately as the number of term paper assignments have increased. It seems they are called a "downright nuisance" by those intellectuals who seek quiet solitude with their books.

But do not worry, I foresee a day when NOISE will conquer and the intellectuals will be driven to their barren wine cellars.

The old battle cry of "Remember the Alamo" will be forgotten and freshmen will scream "Remember the NOISE" until they are hoarse.

Letters

Band Wanted For Parade

TO THE EDITOR: It has come to my attention that the Penn State Blue Band has been invited to participate in a Liberty Bowl parade, on Friday. After consulting with Dean McCoy, the Blue Band was informed that they could not attend because of the cost involved which was a mere \$1300.

Alabama was also invited and they readily accepted the invitation. Is it that our University is not proud of the school team and band? I do not see how the University can state that \$1300 is too extravagant a sum when the prestige and honor of the school is to be upheld and honored.

Perhaps the administration should reconsider their decision, and consider the students honor and the prestige of their school.

Let's see some action on this important issue. Let us prove that Penn State is as interested in their students as Alabama. —Ginny Schroeder, '63

Dean Wants Pix Returned

TO THE EDITOR: Please, may I have returned the portraits of Cordelia L. Hibbs, Anna O. Stephens and Barbara S. Haller that were removed from the three South Halls that bear their names?

I am sure that whoever borrowed the pictures did not realize that their disappearance is cause for embarrassment to the University. The pictures have an intrinsic value to the families who gave them in memory of their loved ones, and the University values them as a part of its heritage.

The intent of the disappearance of the pictures should have been served by now, and I am hoping that someone will take the responsibility of hanging them back where they belong or returning them to 103 Old Main.

—Dorothy J. Lipp, Dean of Women