

Editorial Opinion

Clean-up, Paint-up

The sudden upstart of the clean-up, paint-up, fix-up campaign for the Nittany Area has given the administration a perfect chance to prove that it has an immediate interest in student welfare.

Since an SGA committee has begun studying living conditions in Nittany, the administration has reported several projects are being planned to improve the area.

Albert E. Diem, vice president for business administration, has listed projects for installing drain pipes to prevent "flooded" living units, landscaping and painting to further dress up the area.

Diem said that he has thought something should be done to improve the area ever since he came here last year. Students have been complaining for many years previous to Diem's arrival about the shabby conditions in the area. However, little has been done to correct the situation.

Instead, it has become worse. Nittany students have had to trudge through mud created first from construction of the new Pollock halls and then from the new women's halls near Wagner Building. Living units have become even more drab and more beat up.

The administration has now committed itself to a fix-up campaign. And it will certainly take a considerable amount of renovation to warrant the difference of only \$25 per semester between Nittany and West Halls.

More Flexibility Needed

Members of both the SGA executive and legislative branch have found themselves at odds with one another because of a possible meeting of the SGA Assembly this week.

Some Assembly members have signed a petition urging the SGA president to call a meeting tonight, but the entire issue boils down to a muddle of constitutionality.

The SGA constitution stipulates that there be two Assembly meetings a month. In another section, the constitution gives the president the power to call special meetings. As it now stands, the president is calling two special meetings of the Assembly a month in addition to the two prescribed in the constitution.

However, no meeting was called for this week. Rules Committee and the executive branch felt the issues to be brought up would be better served if presented after the vacation. Some assemblymen disagreed.

It was quite reasonable for the disagreeing faction to start a petition. However, there is nothing in the constitution to provide for a petition to call for special meetings.

In order to prevent future misunderstanding, Assembly should provide for such petitions in its constitution.

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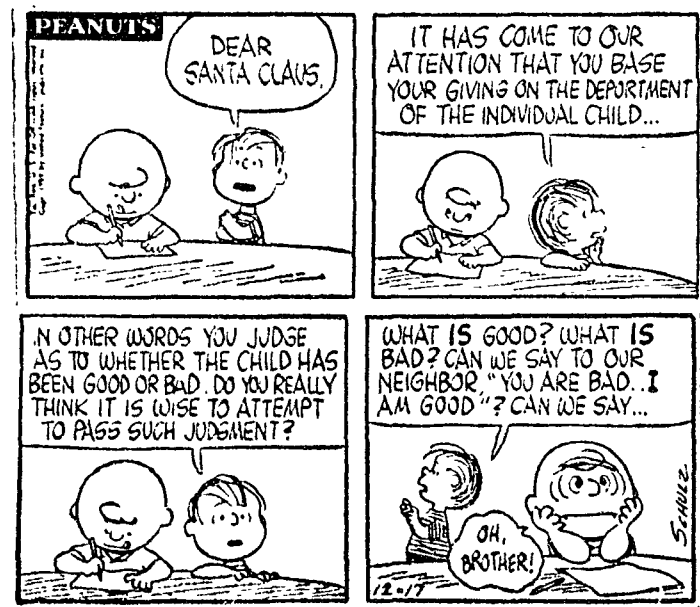
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Campus Beat

Holiday Spirit; But None For Liberty Bowl

Ho Ho Ho, Hello there, students: Hope everyone has their "in town" Christmas shopping nearly finished. Only a day left to cash in on the local bargains.

We were glad to see that the Campus Patrol was in good Christmas spirits Saturday. They might at least have written "Merry Christmas" on the tickets they put on students' cars parked on campus while their occupants were attending the Chapel Choir's midnight carol service.

And speaking of the carol service and Campus Patrol, the patrolmen looked dapper walking around Schwab Auditorium before the service in their leather jackets. They didn't even bother to remove their hats.

Let's hope that this weather keeps up until Saturday's game. Maybe Dudley can duplicate Florida weather in Philadelphia Stadium.

Remember the pre-Pitt apathy? Don't look now, but history seems to be repeating itself as far as the pre-game Liberty Bowl spirit goes.

We bet there won't be too many students going to Alabama to paint their campus.

Richie Lucas is rather glad he didn't have a 10-minute spot on Ed Sullivan's show. He rehearsed six hours for his 47-second appearance on the show a few weeks ago.

We hear through the grapevine that there's a parking regulation in the offing that's really going to be unpopular with student drivers.

We also hear that a student promoter is working on another engagement for a popular singing group that appeared on campus last year.

Evidently the Physical Plant believes in putting its light under a bushel. Notice where they hid the Christmas tree in front of Old Main?

Well, students, I have a class to get to. Be careful driving home tomorrow - or today if you're one of the luckier ones. Merry Christmas. See you next year.

-Prof Wayne

Gazette

TODAY

- Air Force Glee Club, 3 p.m., HUB assembly room
Alpha Pi Alpha, 7:30 p.m., 213 HUB
Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., HUB cardroom
Campus Assembly, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Faculty Women's Bridge, 7:45 p.m., 212 HUB
Greek Week, IFC Committee, 8:15 p.m., 203 HUB
Jr. Panhellenic Council, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
Le Cercle Francais, 7:30 p.m., Home Ec. living center
Sociology Club, 7 p.m., 211 Boucke
WRA Bowling Club, 6:30 p.m., White bowling alleys
WRA Bridge Intramurals, 8:45 p.m., White playroom
WRA Nalade, 6:30 p.m., White pool
WRA Volleyball Intramurals, 6:30 p.m., White gym

Alums to Sponsor Harrisburg Dance

Students from the Harrisburg area will be able to enjoy themselves without the strain of blue-books and term papers over the Christmas holidays at the Penn State Intercollegiate Ball.

The informal dance sponsored by the Penn State Alumni Club of Greater Harrisburg will be held from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Wednesday, December 30 at the West Shore Country Club in Camp Hill.

Tickets at \$3.50 per couple may be purchased at the door, or by contacting Edward Smith at Kingswood 5-3686.

The dance is open to all area college students, alumni and their guests.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1 Saved.
7 Estrange.
15 The dawn.
16 Makes up.
17 Capricorn or Cancer.
18 State houses.
19 Members of early religious order.
21 December: Abbr.
22 Caviar.
23 Doe or roe.
24 Ominous phrase.
27 Permit.
30 Small chip.
34 A New Testament book: Abbr.
37 Graphite.
38 Confection.
40 Type of singer.
42 Noble enterprise.
43 Creator of Lord Jim.
44 a-brac.
45 Bleak.
46 Short for Scrooge.
47 Stable sounds.
49 Fortune.
52 Domicile.
56 Declare.
59 Yugoslav city.
60 Pertaining to fingers.
63 Mere display.
66 False statement.
67 Special type of camera.
68 Appear.
69 Deceivers.
70 Nimbler.
DOWN
1 Glutted.
2 Pocketbook.
3 "Mighty Lak" ____: 2 words.
4 Round-up workers.
5 Land of Blarney Castle.
6 Fresh-water fish.
7 Grammatical case: Abbr.
8 Stevedore.
9 Drive forward.
10 Great books.
11 Negative.
12 Hebrew lyre.
13 End: Comb. form.
14 To be: Lat.
20 To that extent: 2 words.
25 Rosy.
26 River into the Danube.
28 Bone.
29 Cornstalks, hay, etc.
31 Steel beam.
32 Musical finale.
33 Was sure of.
34 Behold: Lat.
35 Problem: Abbr.
36 Sharpen.
38 Two-masted ship.
39 Pained exclamation.
41 French department.
42 Exclaimed.
44 Wager.
47 African dictator.
48 Minnow.
50 Charlie McCarthy's friend.
51 Color slightly.
53 Eared seal.
54 One of the Champions.
55 Church leader.
56 Accelerated.
57 Norse name.
58 Loud outcry.
61 Desserts.
62 Large umbrella: Colloq.
64 Delta ____ Delta.
65 Speaker's hesitations.

Letters

Grad Supports Oath Views

TO THE EDITOR: In regard to Mr. Arnold's letter, his point that we tend to lose sight of the distinction between the loyalty oath and the disclaimer affidavit is well taken. That the latter is the cause of the most violent of the objections is unquestioned.

However, for Mr. Arnold and others who know of no objections to the "plain loyalty oath," may I mention an opinion or two they have evidently missed.

Very early in the game, Secretary Fleming (of cranberry fame) went on record as strongly opposed to both features.

Senators Kennedy and Clark and Representatives Oliver and Green have sponsored bills proposing the elimination of the oath as well as the affidavit.

Science Magazine has quoted testimony in hearings on the Kennedy Bill calling the loyalty oath improper. Some have asked why other recipients of government aid (farmers, veterans, bankers, airline operators, etc.) are not also required to take loyalty oaths. The same editorial says, "Most academ-

ic people would like to see it (the oath) dropped because they consider it at best unnecessary and absurd."

The majority of an American Council on Education committee has gone on record as believing the oath of allegiance "unnecessary and undesirable."

Time limits prevent me from gathering more of the widespread support of the position, that those advocating removal of the disclaimer affidavit only don't go far enough.

Now here's your opening, Mr. Arnold (and too-little and too-laters in high places, e.g. university presidents). No one "to my knowledge" has made a reasonable statement as to how either of these provisions can possibly do what they were designed to do - enhance the security of our country. I believe that our present laws are adequate to safeguard us from subversion and that these are the only proper instruments for detecting and prosecuting subversives.

Much as I hate slogans: "The test of loyalty, as of character, is action."

-Ken Carter

Books, Coats Lost or Stolen?

TO THE EDITOR: The author of this article has lived a half century on this earth striving the last few years of that time to save enough to spend a semester at this University. Every dollar must count and it is not easy to know how one will replace stolen books, clothing and other articles. Gloves do not wriggle out of deep pockets; coats do not slither down the hallway; expensive books do not evaporate. Why do we hear in every class or social gathering, "Was your coat stolen too?"

There is such a thing as right or wrong, my friends. What prompts people to take

things that do not belong to them? Certainly not the Christmas spirit! Are they cold? If so, there are relief agencies. Are they unable to purchase the books required to gain knowledge? Hardly. Perhaps the clothing I have "lost" will make someone's Christmas warmer and happier, but this "Oldster's" Christmas would be much pleasanter if the person who has my World's Nations textbook would carefully study the ad in the "Lost and Found" column and follow directions to the letter. Even in my present disillusionment - Merry Christmas to All.

-Mrs. Betty Dye