

Editorial Opinion

Elections, Summit Meeting Should Get Student Interest

What's ahead for University students in 1960?

This year will be no pushover. Many events will take place outside the limits of State College, outside Pennsylvania and even the United States...

This conference could be a huge success in eliminating the constant threat of international war. But then again, it could also turn into the usual stomping ground for participating diplomats...

Another major event, the biggest in the domestic periphery, will be the national elections. Many students will be casting their votes for the U. S. president and vice president...

And what do students have to do with any of these things?

Needless to say, students will be affected by the outcome of the events and many others which will highlight the year 1960.

Cold War, peaceful co-existence, summit conferences, birth control, steel strike, disarmament—so many other terms—what do they mean to college students? Compare the interest of these terms on college campuses with the more significant interest shown in terms like fraternity parties, beer, cocktails, dating, ivy, etc.

A recent survey by Redbook Magazine does not reflect well on the young voters who will be participating in the 1960 elections. To determine the attitudes of men and women between the ages of 21 and 40 concerning possible 1960 presidential candidates...

Is this what the nation has to look forward to when the young people go to the polls for the first time?

This year is not going to breeze by. It will be spotted with important events destined to affect the future of the nation.

The first duty of students should be to find out all they can about the presidential candidates, for the winner will be around for four years, determining national policies.

And then of course, the Summit Conference would be worth looking into. While it won't be held at University Park within the perimeter of our most vital interests, it could be pretty important.

In view of these promising national and international events, it would be quite worthwhile for every student to take an active interest in acquiring this knowledge.

Without Malice OK, Let's Play with Signs

by denny malick After hearing "outside" people complain for years about signboards — big, little and otherwise—ruining the beautiful countryside scenery, University students finally have a chance at the sport.

The Sign Age has finally come to Penn State via those blue and white things along Pollock Rd. We understand that the administration has threatened to erect some 25 of these around campus.

The signs are supposed to direct visitors to important locations and give some pertinent fact about each place—such as, Psychology Lab, oldest building; Old Main, president's office; Recreation Hall, the Magician dribbles here.

From this humble beginning and evident trend we're sure you can visualize returning to campus in about five to 10 years—Nostradamus willing—and touring your alma mater.

Picture yourself driving off Rt. 322 and stopping at the toll-

gate before crossing Burrowes Rd. A toll is being charged as the only fair way to make those who really use Pollock Rd. pay for its upkeep.

After paying the \$1 toll and crossing Burrowes, we see a huge sign in the courtyard in front of West Halls. Atop the sign is a smaller sign which reads: "Next exit . . . Shortlidge Road . . . 1 mile."

The large billboard reads: "Stop . . . Rest . . . at the new, modern Simmons-McElwain Motel . . . Swank accommodations for 1000 . . . TV, somewhat Private Bath, Excellent Hostesse . . . Visitors Welcome . . . turn right at next exit."

Further down Pollock Rd. is another billboard which reads: "Everybody in University Park reads The Daily Collegian."

At the top of the Mall a third signboard reads: "See the World's Eighth Wonder—Walker Lab, oldest firetrap." This sign draws a small inconspicuous blue and white one which has been standing since 1960.

The multi-colored Schwab marquis is flashing: "Best of TKE," advertising an IFC-sponsored movie of highlights

of the last 15 IFC-Panhel Sings. A no-billboard ban has been placed on the area from the Mall to the Shortlidge exit so we can catch a glimpse of the scenery — Psychology Lab, Graduate Hall, Walker Lab, Mac Hall, etc.

A 15-foot-high neon sign atop the HUB glares: "Park, Shop, Eat." And so we drive onto the Shortlidge exit ramp to the HUB lot.

We pull out the maps we obtained at the APhiO tourist information trailer located just outside town. It's great the way they take care of us visitors now. They provided us maps that give the location of signs which direct you to various buildings.

But to top off the plush visitor's carpet, we later discover a new gadget. We are walking up the Mall past an electric eye—although we aren't aware of it—and the next thing we hear is a mysterious voice saying:

"And now ladies and gentlemen, to your right is Old Main, our office building; to the left, Sackett Building and the Obelisk whose world famous legend states . . ."

Letters

Readers Want More Letters

TO THE EDITOR: Having been reading the letters to the editor for the past few weeks, we have observed a general category to which most of the letters belong. This category concerns itself mainly with the University's welfare.

There have been letters about school spirit, loyalty oaths, living conditions and other general problems about the University. These letters were written with the intention of making a better place of the University.

We feel that for the betterment of the University, unsatisfactory situations should be constructively criticized. But are not the presidential race or peaceful co-existence a prime influence in our lives? We wonder if the lack of expression of opinion about national and world situations indicates a lack of thinking on the part of the student body or merely a laziness to state it.

Then again, some may feel this is not the proper place to state one's views about these subjects. If this column is not the proper place, where else can a student express his opinions so that they are beneficial to all.

We believe that if the current space allotted to the letters to the editor column is not large enough for this purpose, these issues are important enough to merit increasing the area provided.

—Leonard Lichty, '63 Earl LaKier, '63

(Editor's Note: It's pretty hard to carry letters to the editor on the topics you suggested since no one has submitted any such letters.)

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Freshmen Ask Later Hours

TO THE EDITOR: We feel that we are speaking for all freshman coeds when we express the opinion that our curfews are unfair.

After speaking to students attending various colleges in the East, we have discovered, much to our dismay, that Penn State's hours are considerably earlier.

Let us first speculate week nights: The doors of the Pattee Library are open until 10 p.m. to enable students to study and do research work; however, as Old Main tolls the ominous hour of 9 p.m. we must gather our materials and make our way to our respective dorms.

And, when our male counterparts are gleefully celebrating TGIF, we are faced with the sad realization that our name

must be on the dotted line by 11 p.m.

Since we are on the threshold of adulthood, and are expected to act as such, we should be treated as such.

Consequently, we feel that our 11 p.m. curfew should be extended along with our weekly 9:15's to midnight and 10:30 p.m. respectively. We do not feel that this is an unreasonable request and sincerely hope it will be taken into consideration by the proper authorities.

—Marty Aberbach, Sandy Tanner, Terry Wein, Ruth Weiner, all of '63 (Editor's note: It seems that freshmen are not the only coeds with legitimate gripes concerning curfews. It's time to get rid of the antiquated with an entire revision of the system.)

Student Approves of New Signs

TO THE EDITOR: After reading the Collegian editorial of Tuesday, I think that the University officials are unduly criticized for the erection of the signs around the campus.

It says that people attending conventions and the such are provided with maps to follow. This point is true; however, what about those people who are only visitors on the campus and do not immediate-

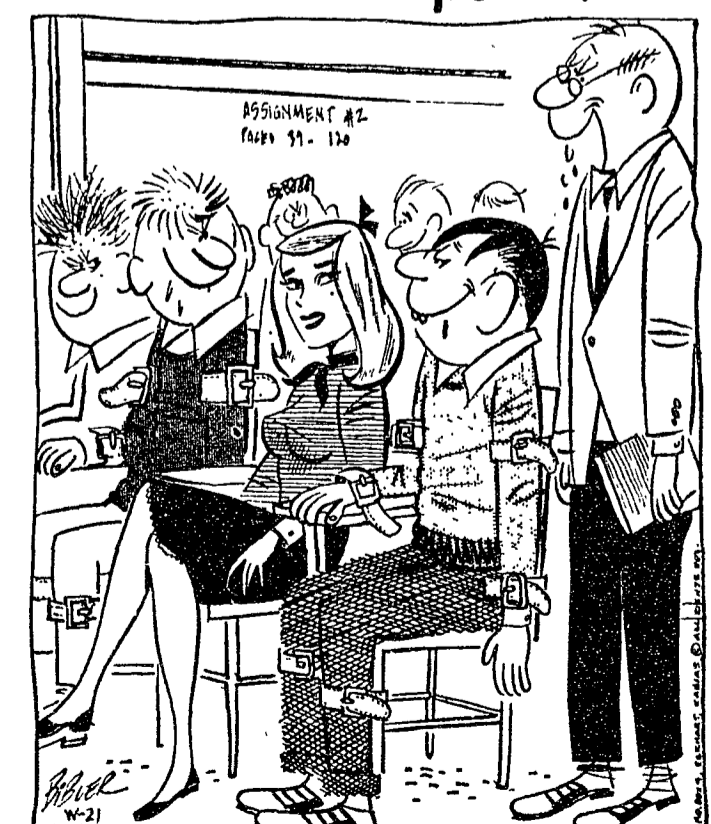
ly have a map accessible?

The article refers to the signs as "gaudy eyesores." This is absurd! To those who know the location of the buildings quite well, it may seem to be a useless spending of money, but the consideration of the visitors should be taken. Perhaps the writer of this article could suggest some better way in which to direct the visitors "who can't follow maps."

—Robert Braziloski, '63

Little Man on Campus

by Dick Bibler



SORRY ABOUT YESTERDAY, MISS LATOUR - IT'S JUST THAT WE VERY SELDOM HAVE A GIRL ENROLLED IN AN ENGINEERING CLASS.

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Gazette

- TODAY Air Force Glee Club, 8 p.m., HUB assembly room Alpha Phi Alpha, 7:30 a.m., 218 HUB American Meteorological Society, 7:30 p.m., 222 M.I Big-Little Sister Committee, 8:30 p.m., 219 HUB Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., HUB cardroom Campus Assembly, 7 p.m., 218 HUB Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB History Roundtable, 7:30 p.m., 211 Boucke Jr. Panhellenic Council, 7 p.m., 203 HUB IFCPA, 7 p.m., 216 HUB Penn State Book Exchange Control Board, 5 p.m., 217 HUB Recreation Society, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB University Party, 6:30 p.m., 212 HUB WRA Bowling Club, 6:30 p.m., White WRA Bridge Intramurals, 6:45 p.m., White WRA Officials Club, 6:30 p.m., 2 White WRA Volleyball Intramurals, 7 p.m., White

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