

Editorial Opinion

Nittany Improvements... Are or Aren't There Funds?

The Nittany Council is up in arms over the lack of action by administrative authorities in taking care of the residence area's much needed physical improvements.

More than a month has passed since the Nittany men received unanimous support from SGA Assembly in the campaign to improve Nittany living conditions.

When the complaints were laid before the administration, it was promised that something would be done... if sufficient funds could be obtained.

The University's financial condition is well known to everyone—student, professor and administrator alike. However, we wonder if the administration isn't overworking this as an excuse for not taking action on several projects, Nittany improvements among the most urgent.

Certainly there is some money floating around in the University's pocketbooks. More than \$500 was spent to erect the obnoxious blue and white building signs. It would seem that this money could have been directed toward improving student living conditions before it was allocated for guiding visitors.

In addition to this, a project has been underway in West Halls since the summer to paint the room interiors. It appears that the "rich get richer," while Nittany gets rustier. Many Nittany residents are wondering if the administration knows the area exists.

The area council has vowed to make itself and its problems known. And if the administration takes no action—as the feeling apparently is now in the council—other methods will be tried, such as writing to state legislators.

It would be to the administration's advantage to have legislators aware of these conditions if the conditions resulted from lack of funds. However, there will be some red faces, and rightly so, if it is discovered that money is available but is being used for less-needed projects.

The Nittany Council should not let any doubletalk dampen its drive. After all, comfortable living conditions are the least that can be provided.

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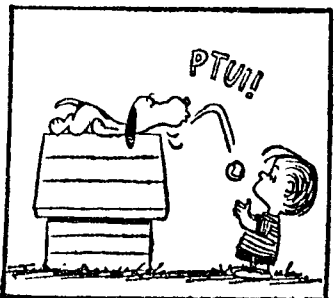
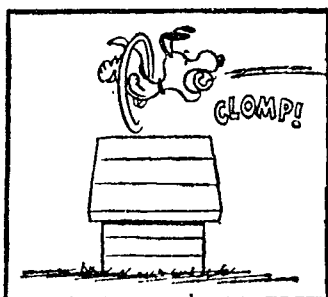
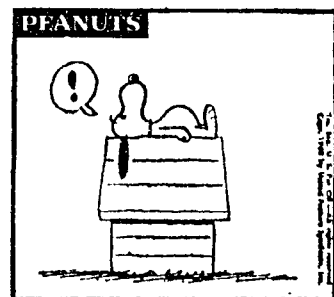
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Week's Thoughts

Ike Restates New Concept Of Doctrine

By J. M. ROBERTS Associated Press News Analyst

Some thoughts after a week of scanning the news:

President Eisenhower has restated the new concept of the Monroe Doctrine outlined by the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles at the Inter-American Congress in Caracas in 1954. Under it, the United States would regard it as intervention if any power, by invasion, coercion or subversion, succeeded in denying freedom of choice to any American people. But the bigger question is how to keep poor and politically immature people from doing it to themselves in the misguided hope of improving their lot

"The wife who insists on having the last word often has it," says a British doctor, warning that nagging can shorten the lives of husbands. Well, a lot of husbands get nagged because they have yielded responsibilities which put the women in a position to do it, and they must like the net result

People quarrel about high taxes and high prices.

Then they quarrel because the government doesn't spend enough on what they think the government should spend for.

And they get worried over the general economic situation if prices begin to fall.

After this week's tragedies—air accidents, explosions, the killing of innocent passers-by and the like—a great many people were asking questions like that of Billy Greiser, 7, whose fireman father was killed on duty: "Why did daddy go to heaven? We still need him here."

Gazette

TODAY Freshman and Sophomore Dance Committee, 1 p.m., 214 HUB Graduate Student Association Square Dance, 8:30 p.m., HUB ballroom Gymnastics Meet, Pitt, Freshman 1 p.m., Varsity 2 p.m., Rec Hall Student Movie, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room Wrestling, Pitt, Freshman 6:30 p.m., Varsity 8:30 p.m., Rec Hall WSGA Elections Committee, 1 p.m., 212 HUB

SUNDAY Art Department, 3 p.m., HUB main lounge Center County Laymen's League, 7:30 p.m., Eisenhower Chapel Chapel Service, 10:55 a.m., Schwab Chem-Phys Committee, 2 p.m., 214 HUB Chess Club, 2 p.m., Waring lounge Christian Fellowship, 2 p.m., 217 HUB Circa, 6:30 p.m., 204 Boucke Graduate Student Bridge, 7 p.m., 214-215 HUB

Matrix Dinner, 6:30 p.m., HUB ballroom Newman Club, 7 p.m., 217-218 HUB Protestant Service, 9 a.m., Eisenhower Chapel

Roman Catholic Mass, 9 a.m., Schwab Sophomore Advisory Board, Membership Committee, 1:30 p.m., 218 HUB Sophomore Advisory Board, 3 p.m., 218 HUB

Student Movie, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room Swedehorgian Service, 10:30 a.m., 212-213 HUB

Theta Sigma Phi, 2:30 p.m., 215 HUB USF, 9:30 a.m., 217-218 HUB

MONDAY AAUW Bridge, 8 p.m., HUB cardroom Alpha Phi Omega, 7 p.m., 212-213 HUB Alpha Phi Upsilon, pledge induction ceremonies, 8 p.m., 213 HUB Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 219 HUB CPIC, 7 p.m., 214 HUB Engineering Mechanics Seminar, James I. Martin, "Stress-Free Temperature Distribution," 4:15 p.m., 203 Engineering A

Faculty Luncheon Club, Orvel A. Schmidt, "Impressions in Panama," HUB dining room A

Faculty meeting, College of Physical Education and Athletics, 7 p.m., 241 Rec Hall IFC, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room IUCF, 7 p.m., 217 HUB

Home and Family Living Program, Mrs. C. C. Lee, "Food from China," 8 p.m., 204 Home Economics Model Railroad Club, 7 p.m., 213 HUB

Placement, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., 203, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218 HUB Student Christian Association, Dr. Elton Atwater, "The Prospects for the Geneva Disarmament Talks," 12 noon, Eisenhower Chapel UCA, 5:15 p.m., 214 HUB

Dean's Article Published By Science Magazine

Dr. Merritt A. Williamson, dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture, is the author of an article in the February issue of Industrial Science and Engineering.

In the article, titled, "Handling the Expense Account," Williamson offers some pointers for college seniors invited to visit a firm interested in employing them and offering to pay their expenses on the trip.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



Letters

4-Year Compulsory ROTC?

TO THE EDITOR: Concerning the recent ROTC controversy, I as a member of this democratic community feel entitled to voice my opinion.

Too many people misunderstand the purposes and values to be derived from military training and discipline. I view with apprehension the plan of voluntary military training, since very few students would possess the maturity to take advantage of this most valuable aspect of military training.

I myself feel that military training should be not only compulsory, but should be extended to four years endurance. I also feel that the coeds are missing a splendid opportunity for this most valuable training and discipline.

Military training benefits both the mind and body. It teaches one to think clearly,

to take orders, and to give orders. Essentially, it teaches one to be a leader among men, which is most important in a democratic society.

An extended program of four years will give ample time for the student to gain this necessary discipline and maturity through a program such as ROTC.

In this country of ours, where patriotism should be the keyword, it is all too often lacking in our society and, as I note, especially in college. A program such as the one that I have offered, I feel, is the best possible solution to this lack of patriotism.

I hope that the administration and the student body as well, will carefully consider this matter with some objective thought.

—Albert Murray, '62

Indies Balk at Fraternity Life

TO THE EDITOR: We are referring to Mr. Hancock's letter of last Wednesday that by mistake got into the Collegian instead of Froth. One needs a rather strong stomach to swallow all the "pros" he gave on fraternities, and we feel the other side of the picture should be shown for the sake of balance.

We are afraid Mr. Hancock is somewhat misled when he says "No mode of independent living offers the pleasure and satisfaction of working as an integral part of a functioning group of respected men." Good grief! This is precisely what the dormitory unit offers. Besides, what makes Mr. Hancock think fraternity boys are so respected?

Any boy who transfers his dependency from Mommie's apron strings to his brother's coat-tails at the first opportunity will never learn to stand on his own feet in his University career. If you want to think for yourself instead of being

forced to conform to mediocrity, by all means, remain independent.

Which leads us into some of the joys of independent living. Being an independent means more than a category you automatically fall into if you don't go Greek. It means a way of life in which you choose your own friends; a way of life in which you are accepted by a group of men and women who are not interested in your financial status or ability to play the role. It means being accepted on your own merits and not because of a fraternity or sorority pin attached to your sweater.

Freshmen, if you want to lose your average and shoot one semester on slave labor while the "superior" brothers give orders and laugh, by all means, pledge. But if you have any self-respect, remain independent.

—Dan Speace, '60; Leo Herman, '61; Burt Frieser, '62; Matthew Shade, '62

Nittany Man Asks Repairs, Not Signs

TO THE EDITOR: With the advent of the now notorious "blue and white" building signs, certainly a handsome contribution to the campus beauty, we felt confident that the Nittany area would receive both recognition and prestige through such a sign.

It appears as though this is a futile hope; either the administration feels that the Nittany area may be easily located, due to its drastic departure from the dominating architectural theme at P.S.U., or the Physical Plant cannot discover any solid ground in

the area in which to erect the sign. However, we will repress our disappointment and graciously make the following offer. In lieu of the "Nittany" sign, we will accept a long-overdue repair project on the Nittany Dining Hall roof.

As an additional feature, we will donate to the housing department the numerous buckets presently used to catch the drippings on rainy days. We feel that the administration will realize the value of this move and will take appropriate steps.

—Charles Starbuck, '63