

Editorial Opinion

It's Practiced Here

Six students walked into a restaurant in order to have dinner. At first they were left waiting for 20 minutes. When they asked for service they were told "if you don't like it you can leave"

Another student made arrangements for a room by telephone, and when he appeared to look at the room a few minutes later he was told the room had been taken.

Another boy walked into a shop to have his hair cut, but somehow his turn never came.

These students have two things in common. They are Negro, and they were, at the time, in State College, a supposedly sophisticated University community.

This community is separated by about three feet from a great University, which has as far as we know, eliminated nearly all vestiges of discrimination within its jurisdiction.

Can we accept a situation in which the Negro is accepted by the University as a student but is discriminated against in the community in which he has to live in order to attend the University. Obviously, the answer is no

This whole situation places the Negro in an awkward situation from which there is apparently no escape. The law makes him equal but people won't. The solution lies in a change of basic attitudes.

In the South, discrimination prior to the sit-ins was politely overlooked. Both sides preferred to ignore it. Yet the disgusting situation was never too far below the surface there. That is, when those participating in the demonstrations decided to upset hypocrites on both sides, they didn't have to work too hard to uncover the real feelings.

Their problem is chiefly that of changing the basic attitudes of Southern whites and Negroes.

However, here it seems we first have to hit people over the head to make them realize that segregation is a real problem not only in the South but in our own communities as well.

This is precisely what a group of students have decided to do—to make the community aware of the local problem, to help the demonstrators in the South through fund drives; and perhaps most important of all, to see if they can't do something about this local situation.

These students walk in a small circle in front of a local barbershop. They wear signs and are laughed at. They are warned to beware of Communist infiltration. No single organized, established group sponsors them. They don't get any praise. Why do they persist?

Maybe they aren't "starry-eyed students." Maybe they do believe in "the basic human dignity of man".

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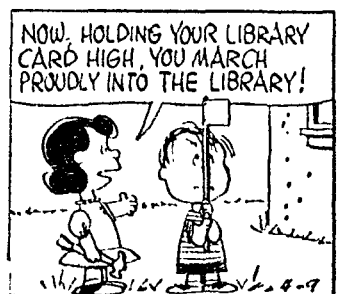
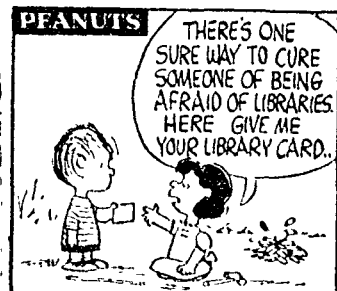
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— tongue in cheek —

People Are the Greatest

by bobbi levine

In the beginning the state created the campus and the school, and Old Main was small and void of wings and darkness was on the face of the tower.

That's the way it was in 1855 when the University was being readied for its first class, and when we got here over 100 years later the campus had spread quite a bit from its one-building beginning.

We thought the campus was huge then, and as we walked down the Mall with our new dinks we wondered how we were going to get from class to class in 10 minutes.

When we first got here there were no North or South Halls. There was no Boucke Building, no dispensary wing on the Health center, no Sackett and Home Ec extensions, no Hammond Building, no Wagner Building, no Pollock Halls as we now know them and no roof on the skating rink.

There were no dial phones or unlimited hours for calling. There

was no pizza or soft ice cream in the HUB, and the evening meal in the upperclass dining halls was served instead of cafeteria style.

When we first unpacked our trunks and hung up our brand new blue - and - white blazers with the University seal on the pockets, there was no SGA Assembly, no Circa magazine, no Artists Series, no Lecture Series, no check cashing agency, and no

Miss Levine. If we had come a year earlier there would have been no HUB. When we first got here there was a Daily Collegian, however, and we quickly joined the staff and proceeded to watch the progress of our world from our vantage point in the basement of Carnegie Building. We have always been amazed, often been amused, sometimes been upset, but never been bored by the things that have gone around here.



MISS LEVINE Scrolls Hat Society. If we had come a year earlier there would have been no HUB.

We have watched new courses being added and old courses being revamped. We have seen notices saying courses we took as "absolute necessity" requirements are now obsolete.

We have seen an old "aristocratic" form of student government replaced with a sound representative system—a system where the channels of communication are open to any student who wants something badly enough to speak up for it.

We have watched the calibre of the student and of the professor going up rapidly as entrance and course requirements get more and more stringent.

All this we have seen in four short years, and we can only sit back and marvel. We applaud the people whose talents and energies made these things possible for us, and we put our future faith in the people who will put their minds and hearts into further progress.

For if there's one thing we have learned in our years here, it's that people are the most amazing and wonderful beings ever created, and student youth is people at its best.

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Letters

Surely Harris Was Jesting

TO THE EDITOR: I was highly incensed by the implications in Mr. Harris' letter (April 7). Does he imply that I must consider all men equal and act accordingly? Does he think that I should disregard my own selfish interests and petty problems to consider such abstract concepts as right, freedom and equality? Surely, he was jesting.

We average Americans are above that sort of thing. Everyone knows that America today is absolutely perfect. Anyone who thinks otherwise is a radical, or even worse, a Communist

I haven't heard the official policy of the D.A.R. or the American Legion yet on the local picketing, so how can I possibly care about it? The next thing you know, people like Mr. Harris will be expecting me to think objectively about the problems facing Americans today. Never!

—David Rich, '60

21 Decry Segregation

TO THE EDITOR: We the undersigned are in unanimous agreement that the Christian religion is unequivocally opposed to racial segregation. This applies in housing, barbershops, restaurants and any other area of human relationship.

The common brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God is affirmed by Jesus Christ in the Bible in unmistakable terms. Every man with whom we come into contact is a person for whom Christ died and we are obligated to help and serve him. To refuse to serve a fellow man, in barbershops or elsewhere, because of the color of his skin, is to reject him as a neighbor and a child of God

To those members of our community who are not members of the Christian Church or who are not motivated by Christian concerns, we make this further witness: Every American citizen has equal rights before the law and under the American Constitution. To refuse to serve a fellow American in a campus barbershop is, therefore, both undemocratic and un-American.

We commend those shops which do not segregate and hope that this will be a universal practice in State College in the interest of fair play and simple justice.

We make this further observation. Penn State University enrolls Negro students from many parts of our State in ever increasing numbers. Many great universities in order to serve students properly have set up certain shops in the student union buildings. This has not been done at Penn State. Therefore, the University depends on certain privately-owned shops to give service to

all students. For the most part this has worked out well.

It seems to us, however, that any shop with public service obligates itself morally to serve all who come for service. It seems doubtful if a shop owner at the gateway to the campus has the right to refuse service to Negro students.

State College residents have always been courteous to the many International students on our campus. Many of these friends from other lands are non-white. It is only simple courtesy as hosts to these visitors that we do not discriminate against them.

The very small minority which now does discriminate, damages the good name of our country in its foreign relations.

International students who have been insulted and rejected by the small minority in State College will not necessarily be good public relations witnesses for our country and our university town now or in the future.

- The Rev. Arthur R. Seyda
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The Rev. Theodore E. Kiffer
The Rev. Ivan W. Moyer, Jr.
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Mr. Charles Trautmann

Philadelphia Group Commends Pickets

TO THE EDITOR: It has come to our attention that students at your University are planning to demonstrate sympathy and unity with the courageous Southern students by picketing, testing civil rights and holding public meetings. We congratulate you on your attempts to make freedom and justice a reality for all Americans.

This has long been a goal of Fellowship House in Philadelphia, and at this time we are gathering together students who are willing to stand up for this way of life, in support of Southern students.

We commend the leaders on your campus who have taken the initiative in such actions.

—Joyce Barrett, Staff, Fellowship House, Philadelphia

Carnegie Tech to Meet Chess Team Tomorrow

The Varsity Chess Team will play Carnegie Institute of Technology at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the Hetzel Union cardroom.

Dr. Orrin Frink, professor of mathematics, still leads in the chess club's round-robin tournament.

HOSPITAL

Elmer Brown, Timothy Coakley, Richard Demyan, James Ebert, Barton Friedman, Francine Garfinkle, Peter Galie, Linda Hunt, John Janetka, Robert Kimble, Elyse Klein, James McDonald, Jerome Niel, Carol Oswald, Charlotte Potkonski, Charles Rolling, Sheron Rowles, Mary Ann Sabalnice, Milton Schewler, Ellen Sulks, Edward Surgalski, Bernard Tandarich, Harry Wilford, Frances Zengerle.

Gazette

TODAY
Alpha Phi Omega, pledging, 7 p.m., 211 HUB
Glee Club Trip, 3 p.m., 117 Carnegie
Home Ec Spring Weekend, 1-5 p.m., HUB assembly, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., 214 HUB
Student Movie, 7 and 9 p.m., HUB assembly
TIM, 1-8 p.m., HUB ballroom
TIM Las Vegas, 8-12 p.m., HUB ballroom
'The Dark at the Top of the Stairs,' 8 p.m., Center Stage
Varsity Baseball, vs. Syracuse, 1 p.m., Beaver Field
Varsity Tennis, vs. Maryland, 2 p.m.
WRA Acquacade, 8 p.m., White Hall pool
TOMORROW
Chapel Service, 10:55 a.m., Schwab Auditorium
Chem-Phys, 2-3:30 p.m., 218 HUB
Chess Club, 2-5 p.m., HUB cardroom
Christian Fellowship, 2-4 p.m., 217 HUB
Cwens, 6:30-7:30 p.m., 216 HUB
Easter Service, 8 p.m., Schwab Auditorium
Emerson Society, 6:30 p.m., Eisenhower Chapel Lounge
Float Parade, 6:30-8 p.m., 217 HUB
Grad Student Bridge, 7-10 p.m., 212 HUB
IFC-Panhel Judicial, 2-4 p.m., 212 HUB
Lutheran Student Association, 6:30 p.m., Student Center, 412 W. College Ave.
Newman Club, 7-8 p.m., 214 HUB
Roman Catholic Mass, 9 a.m., Schwab Auditorium

Senior Class Day Committee, 1:30-4 p.m., 214 HUB
Student Movie, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly
Swedenborg Service, 10:30 a.m., 212 HUB
USF, 9:30-10:30 a.m., 217 HUB
Worship Service, 9 a.m., Eisenhower Chapel
MONDAY
Alpha Phi Omega, 7-9 p.m., 212 HUB
Biological Sciences Lecture Series, 4:15 p.m., 112 Buckhout
Botany Club, 7 p.m., 218 Buckhout
Campus Tour, 5-5:30 p.m., HUB assembly
Christian Fellowship, 12:45-1:15 p.m., 218 HUB
Christian Fellowship, 8-10 p.m., 214 HUB
1935 Class Reunion, 8-10:30 p.m., 214 HUB
Disarmament Discussion, 12 noon, Eisenhower Chapel
Eng Mechanics Seminar, 4:15 p.m., 208 Eng "A"
Faculty Luncheon Club, 12 noon, HUB dining room "A"
Group for Desegregation, 2:30 p.m., Eisenhower Chapel
IFC, 7-10 p.m., HUB assembly
IVCF, 7-9:30 p.m., 217 HUB
Leonides, 6:45-7:30 p.m., 203 HUB
OIL, 8-12 a.m., HUB assembly
Placement, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 208, 212-218 HUB
SGA, 8-10 p.m., 218 HUB
Sociology Discussion, 4:15 p.m., 10 Sparks
State College Slide Club, 7:00 p.m., MI auditorium