

Editorial Opinion

Too Short Notice

It looks as though another breakdown in communications between the administration and the Nittany men has resulted in an unpleasant situation which might well have been avoided

Over the weeks pressure has been building in the Nittany area; and when the men in Nittany 27 were told by their counselor on Saturday to move by Sunday, they decided, to be brief, they had had it.

It seems the physical plant decided it was not feasible to attempt to completely improve all 24 dormitories during the summer months. The result of this decision was to begin work immediately so six could be completed before the summer. The men in Nittany 27 were the first to be moved and they were a trifle unhappy.

Their method of retaliation for this short notice evacuation was rather unique. The scattered paper all over the floor and overturned chairs and stuffed blankets behind radiators. They were noisy when they moved and, in general, the situation was "messy," as one counselor described it.

Rumors of a Nittany "riot" flew around the campus on Sunday. However, after the commotion died down, we can definitely conclude that "riot" was a strong word and not applicable to the situation which stemmed partly from administration bungling and partly from a lack of understanding by the Nittany men.

In addition to the short notice, the Nittany men have a few other valid gripes in connection with this little evacuation. The counseling program and the intramural program in the living area has been completely disrupted. The Nittany 27 men are not moving as a unit but are being dispersed all over the campus.

If the administration could not have possibly completed the improvements in the Nittany area by next fall unless they were begun now, then the Nittany men are in a rather untenable position. They are objecting to the very improvements for which they have been fighting all year.

However, we definitely think that the administration could have given a more complete explanation prior to the request to move and extended the time since some men had already gone home for vacation.

In short, "an explanation in time saves papers, blankets, sugar bowls and feelings"

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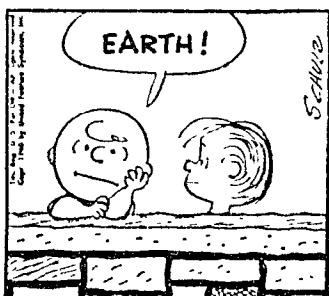
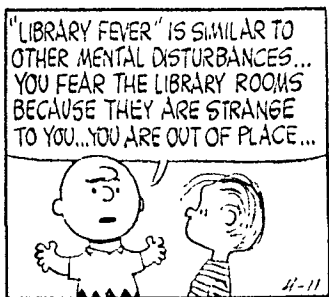
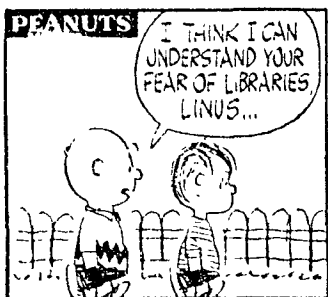
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Campus Beat

Spring, Rats Trophies, Cops And Elections

Hello again, students:

Well, I'm certainly glad it's over... Spring, that is. A common remark around campus this week was, 'It's a wonderful Spring, wasn't it?'

But seriously, now that warm weather is here, buds are coming out of their trees, coeds are coming out of their trenchcoats and worms are coming out on their sidewalks. In the midst of it all, the Campus Cops just keep rolling on. One night last week, a cop singlehandedly gave out 115 tickets in four hours. He must be one of those which the State College police force wants to deputize

When Miss Mary Jane Wyland, now a member of the Board of Trustees, asked to leave her luggage in Graduate Hall over one summer, her request was turned down. Miss Wyland was told that the building probably would be torn down before she returned in the fall. That was in 1929.

I read in the Collegian about a biologist who experiments with rats. He used to loan them out to fraternities for initiation ceremonies. However he had to stop this practice when many of the rats came back to him diseased. This was the first sign of a disease now common among all Frat Rats.

Penn State was proudly displaying the beautiful trophy it received for winning the national gymnastics championship for the second consecutive year. Then someone noticed the engraving on it. It bore a word spelled "GYMMASTICS"

Sue Sherman, new SGA secretary-treasurer, arrived late for a Collegian press conference Monday. She asked whether there were any questions the reporter had for her. Then she added: "Whatever Jack Crosby said, I'll say it backwards."

Trophy engravers aren't the only ones with spelling problems. One poster entered in the Greek Week poster contest and later displayed in a downtown store read: "Knowledge is strenth"

-Prof Wayne

Soph Criticizes 'People' Column

TO THE EDITOR: Miss Levine's last production for the Collegian, "People Are the Greatest," was in very poor taste in my opinion. Her takeoff on the opening verses of the book of Genesis is representative of the flippant attitude with which things religious are regarded today.

This disposition to mock religious ceremony and belief may be admired in some circles, but to those who treasure the beauty of a Biblical verse, a Sunday morning service, an Old Testament story, such writing is nothing less than blasphemy.

If one must write in such a manner, please confine it to the select group who appreciate it and do not subject everyone to it by putting it in a publication read by everyone.

-Sandra Pfeleger, '62

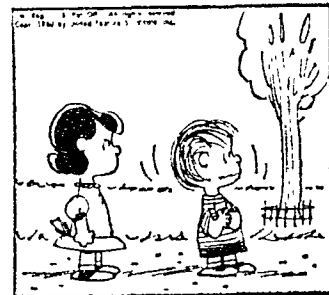
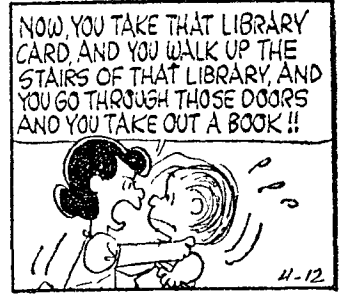
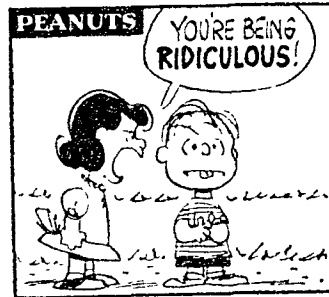
(Editor's note: Miss Levine taught Sunday School for three years. She, too, treasures the beauty of a Biblical verse and thinks religion is for everyone.)

Men's Debate Squad Places Fifth in Contest

The men's debate squad placed fifth out of 15 schools in the State Debate Tournament recently at Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pa.

The affirmative team of David Goodhart and Vernon Barger won three out of five contests. The negative team of Peter Gale and Alan Elms also won three out of five contests.

Goodhart placed third in extemporaneous speaking. Elms was fourth in the oratory contest.



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Seniors Owe Debt For College Benefits

by cathy fleck

With the passing of four quick years, graduating seniors' thoughts turn toward the future hoping to catch a glimpse of what it holds for them.

Recollections of how the past four years were spent by each senior may often come to mind in these next eight weeks.

For some, such recollections may be pleasant; for others, they may have the reverse effect. It all depends on the kind of attitude which the student has adopted during his college years, and it is this attitude that guides him along through his studies, extra-curricular activities and other aspects of the college life.

College as a training ground for mature men and women cannot be surpassed, for it is here that one learns not only to live with all types of personalities, but about people - how they think, what they believe in and what they want to derive from college.

There are the real students, who give every bit of time and energy to the absorption of knowledge. Another type of student is one who is satisfied to maintain passing grades in his courses and have the 2.0 graduation requirement at the end of his four years.

Still another type is the person who becomes so bogged down with extra-curricular activities that his studies become secondary and graduation does not appear pre-eminent.

Last but not least is the student who is interested in maintaining the highest grades possible while contributing to the University through his scope of activities. We hope that students can

leave this University knowing that they have given something in return for the four years of education given them. One should not adopt the attitude that "I've paid my money so why should I worry about giving anything except my time."

If this attitude were to be predominant among all graduating seniors, the University would surely be in a sorry state. While it is very true that there is a relatively small proportion of students who have become well-known in extra-curricular activities and have contributed through these in some degree or another, there is much more that can be done in gratitude to the place in which the past four years have been spent.

The smallest contributions such as time and energy devoted to small projects within or outside of a student's academic field add up to a total larger than those made by a few leaders. For all students carry the University's name and reputation to the outside world and exert influence over people who have never been within 100 miles of University Park.

You are known by your actions. And so is your alma mater. We hope that contributions small and large will be left behind but more important, that the University's name is carried on admirably after graduation by those who are its products.

For the greatest life is here at Penn State. We know!

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MISS FLECK

Letters

Frosh Hits Picketers

TO THE EDITOR: In reply to Mr. Johnson's letter, April 8, 1960. He has taken it upon himself to play the "Great Crusader" role. Evidently, he must think that he is a very self-righteous person and has taken upon himself to "reform" the community of State College.

He has even called the people of this community ignorant and prejudiced. I think it would be quite adequate for his purpose to criticize the person who is obviously the target of his uncomplimentary remarks.

Furthermore, I believe that if the policy of a barbershop is such

that it will not cut a Negro's hair, that is certainly the owner's privilege. As an American he should be able to run his business the way he wants to.

Certainly there are other barbershops in State College that will cut a Negro's hair and these are the establishments they should patronize instead of trying to create a community problem such as Mr. Johnson advocates. This picketing of Bunn's barbershop can only create trouble which seems to be the only objective of Mr. Johnson and his friends.

-Robert Kanouse, '63

Gazette

TODAY American Society for Metals, Dr. Fred D. Rosi, speaker, 7:30 p.m., Mineral Industries auditorium Christian Fellowship, 12:15 p.m., 218 HUB Father Hasanic discussion, 7 p.m., 217 HUB Geophysics and Geochemistry Seminar, Robert Woodliff, speaker, 3:15 p.m., 121 Mineral Industries ICG, 7:00 p.m. 203 HUB Mixed Choir, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room Pan American Week observance, flag raising, 11:50 a.m., front of Old Main Panel Council, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB

Physics Colloquium, Dr. T. F. Anderson, speaker, 4:15 p.m., 117 Omond Placement, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., 203, 212, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 HUB Sigma Delta Epsilon, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB WSGA, 4:15 p.m., 214 HUB HOSPITAL Grandison Allen, Timothy Coakley, Richard Demyan, Henry Ford, Leon Greb, Lucinda Hart, Linda Hunt, David Kuba, Peter Love, Frank Mascia, Jorge Melendez, William Mthok, Michael Minarik, Jerome Neil, Carol Oswald, Janet Richardson, Robert Struble.