

Editorial Opinion

Perfect Illustration

The State College barbers last night gave an imitation of the proverbial ostrich sticking its head in the sand. None of the barbers attended the segregation meeting to which they had been invited (and thus of course is their privilege) But the reason that several of them gave for not attending was a perfect illustration of the blindness that the recent demonstrations have been trying to erase. They said that to attend would be to admit that a problem exists. This is exactly the point the demonstrators have sought to prove. Let it be reiterated: the problem does exist here. Wake up you Rip Van Winkles of State College

Alternate System Needed

We wonder if the former SGA Assemblymen knew what they were doing when they threw out the reorganization committee's proposal for an alternate system. The proposal provided definite requirements for an alternate, a screening by the Rules Committee and final Assembly approval of the alternate. In another section, it limited the ways in which an alternate could obtain a seat in assembly and limited the number of times a regular assemblyman could be absent. The vote which defeated an SGA alternate system entirely was barely audible and one might conclude that some assemblymen did not quite understand either the reorganization plan or all the ramifications of their action. Obviously some new assemblymen and several old ones still think an alternate system is needed because new proposals and second thoughts can be detected in the lower and hierarchy of student government. SGA president Richard Haber said he is personally against an alternate system but thinks that any alternate system which assembly might pass should require approval of alternates by the Assembly and the Rules Committee. This alternate approval was an integral part of the reorganization committee's plan. Then, there is the Campus party proposal to at least provide an alternate system for people who must be off the campus for academic requirements. This eliminates discrimination against education majors but by no means solves the problem. Before University party decided, in a recent caucus, to follow Haber's personal opinion, two party members pointed out that if two members of the present majority party went student teaching or had to drop assembly for other reasons, the majority party would no longer be a majority. They felt this was not in the "democratic spirit" of things. In addition to the demise of "democratic spirit", it can do nothing but further weaken political parties. The future, proper function of SGA depends on strong political parties. The elected majority party should have a chance to function as a majority party. Ideally, perhaps the student body should elect a representative and an alternate; but this is not feasible now because political parties do not have the strength and the student body does not have the interest to provide twice the number of present assemblymen for election. Both parties had some trouble finding enough candidates to fill their slates this election. Eventually we can hope that the election of alternates becomes feasible; but until then the reorganization committee's plan is the best plan. It provides for a careful screening of alternates and definitely tries to cut down the ways in which the regular assemblyman can shirk his duty. SGA must face the fact that its members are students and as such, may be forced to drop out of Assembly for academic or personal reasons. They are not paid legislators

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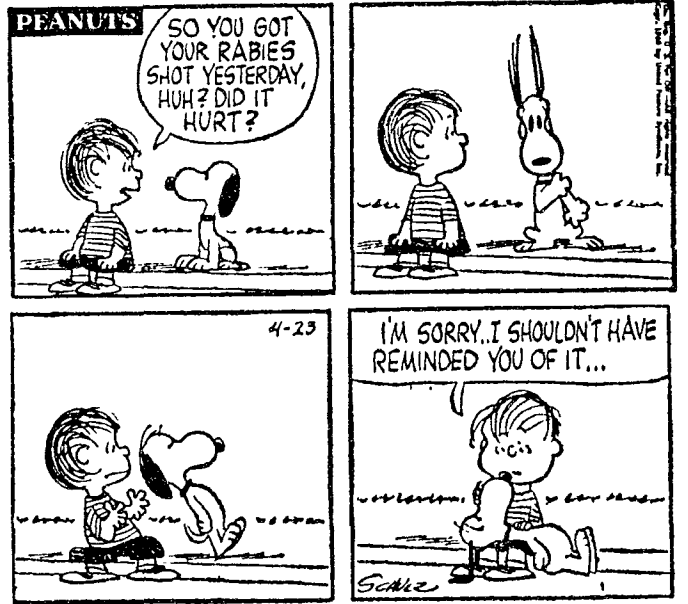
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HOSPITAL

Melinda Albrecht, Barton Friedman, Joan Bunsdorf, Margery Green, Chane Howard, Rodger Klein, Janice Levy, Robert Matoushek, Betsy O'Hara, Joyce Owen, Dorothy Rathmell, David Reynolds, Judith Robertson, Michael Rosenbloom, Joel Roth, Edward Sekula, Charles Wilson.

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A Weatherman's Predicaments

by joel myers

Being a weather forecaster can be the most fascinating job in the world on some days and yet on others it doesn't even pay to get out of bed in the morning.

An incident to illustrate the latter case happened to me the other day. It was a rainy afternoon and I was walking along Pollock Road toward the HUB, when I spotted an acquaintance of mine walking toward me. I thought of turning away or taking another path, but I was getting wetter by the minute, so I decided to keep going.

As he drew near me, he snapped, "some sunshine" I made some apologetic reply and continued hurriedly on my way.

I thought back to the afternoon before, when after pondering over the weather map for hours I had finally decided to forecast fair weather. The storm had looked so weak and innocent there in Illinois, but there was no question of its potency now, as I finally made it to the HUB, dripping wet. You see I had forgotten my umbrella.

Actually weather forecasting is not as easy as some people think. There are literally millions of factors that must be considered, weighed and evaluated by the forecaster before an accurate prediction can be made. In a critical

or borderline situation this may require many hours.

It is possible for any given weather event to occur on any given day and the weather forecast is merely a combination of those weather occurrences that are most likely to be observed.

Although the unexpected occasionally takes place, the accuracy of weather predictions averages about 85 to 90 per cent.

The public often misunderstands the meaning of forecast terminology. For example, scattered showers means that one or more showers will fall in an area of several hundred square miles. When one realizes that each shower is limited in area to a few square miles, it becomes obvious why all of the forecasted region doesn't get rain.

A particular locality may be hit by a heavy shower that lasts for a half an hour. The residents immediately blame the meteorologist for not warning them of a "heavy downpour."

On the other hand, the areas that are spared the rain criticize the forecaster for making a mistake.

You can't win!



MYERS

Margenau Will Speak On Teaching of Science

"The Teaching of Science" will be the subject for a lecture to be presented at 4:15 p.m. today in 109 Osmond by Dr. Henry Margenau.

Margenau is professor of natural philosophy at Yale University and served last year as distinguished visiting professor of physical and engineering sciences.

Students to Participate In Science Conference

Students and staff members of the Ionosphere Research Laboratory are presenting 12 papers at meetings of the American Geophysical Union and International Scientific and Radio Union in Washington, D.C.

The meetings will be held during the last part of this month and during next month.

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GAZETTE

- TODAY
Alpha Phi Omega, dinner dance, 6:15 p.m., Lathrop
Botany Club, 7 p.m., 218 Backhous
CIE Alumni College, 214-218 HUB, 10 a.m.
Grad Club Square Dance, 8:30 p.m., HUB ballroom
Student Movie, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room
FOMORROW
Anti-Segregation group, 2:30 p.m., Fishower Chapel
Chess Club, 2 p.m., HUB cardroom
Alpha Kappa Psi, 8 p.m., 215 HUB
Christian Fellowship, 2 p.m., 217 HUB
Freshman Advisory Board, 2 p.m., 203 HUB
Float Parade, 9 p.m., 216 HUB
Flashcard Committee, 8:30 p.m., 218 HUB
Glee Club, 3 p.m., Schwab Auditorium
Junior class Advisory Board, 3:30 p.m., 214 HUB
Newman Club, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
Mt. Nittany Philatelic Society, 2 p.m., 213 HUB
Spring Week Committee, 7 p.m., 217 HUB
Student Movie, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
United Student Fellowship, 9:30 p.m., 218 HUB
MONDAY
Alpha Phi Alpha, 7 p.m., 215 HUB
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Christian Fellowship, 8 p.m., 203 HUB
Disarmament Seminar, noon, chapel lounge
Engineering Mechanics Seminar, 4:15 p.m., 203 Eng "A"
Faculty Luncheon Club, noon, HUB dining room A
4-H Club, 7 p.m., 100 Weaver
IFC, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room
IUCP, 7 p.m., 217 HUB
Leonides Council, 6:30 p.m., 201 HUB
SGA Assembly, special meeting, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
SGA Cabinet, 8 p.m., 218 HUB
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