

Editorial Opinion

Just A Humble Start, But...

Community living, a phrase which is rapidly becoming a byword at Penn State, got off to a very humble start this year.

The only evidence of the inauguration of this new concept on the traditionally conservative Penn State campus is the use of Waring, Pollock, Redifer, McElwain, Simmons and Atherton dining halls by both men and women.

But yet community living is a concept with which every student living on campus should become familiar, for it will soon be the core around which residence hall living will revolve and will probably be the foundation for upon which much of the structure of student government will be built.

Though little known and even less understood at Penn State, it is not a new concept. It took hold some years ago in several large mid-western universities.

Ideally the concept is designed to place an equal number of men and women in each group of residence halls, utilizing a common dining hall and operating under one student government unit and social program. It is a device used to establish decentralized centers of allegiance and

activity in today's big universities.

The alignment of communities for this first year is indeed makeshift. Many communities are grossly out of balance in the male-female ratio. West Halls has five times as many men as women even though the total number of men and women students housed on campus is roughly even. North Halls is still an all-male community and South Halls is an all-female community.

But there are many problems involved in imposing a community living system upon a residence hall system that was not designed for it and until these can be worked out the makeshift alignment must suffice.

The University's new residence halls are being built with the community living concept in mind as is seen in Pollock and the Turf Plot project still under construction.

If by next year two of the four North Halls house women and four of the eight South Halls house men, if the West Halls ratio can be evened and Turf Plot Halls opened with an even ratio, the community living concept could be in full bloom.

Snowed

Advance Warning Cuts Donna's Toll

by joel myers

Hurricane Donna Rakes East Coast! Thousands Homeless as Property Damages Hits \$1 Billion.

Headlines such as these were common in newspapers across the nation last week as mighty hurricane Donna ripped a destructive path from Puerto Rico to Canada.

The story of Donna is basically the same as that of other powerful tropical storms that have battered the East Coast, except for one very conspicuous thing.

We hear no cries of "no advance warnings" or of impending Congressional investigations of the Weather Bureau for miscalculating the effects of the storm.

The Weather Bureau did a very commendable job of warning all the people who were in the line of fire of this devastating storm. The bureau didn't expect one word of praise for its nearly infallible prediction and up until now we've not heard one word of praise or thanks.

The constant vigil kept by Weather Bureau personnel, often at the risk of death or injury, prevented the loss of untold numbers of lives.

From the time that the storm

was first discovered on Sept. 2 until it blew itself out over Eastern Canada last week, more than 100,000 persons were evacuated from dangerous positions in the predicted path of the hurricane and at least 25 million people took some precautions against winds, high tides, floods, heavy rain, storm tides and high water.

If no warnings had been issued, it is conceivable and even probable that Donna might have killed more than 10,000 people rather than the 136 that did perish in her wake.

For the saving of these lives we should be thankful. But, what about these 136 persons? Why did they die?

Most, if not all, of them met their death because they failed to heed the storm warnings issued by the Weather Bureau. They refused to follow expert advice and instead chose to cling to their own stubborn and unfounded ideas that the weather could never injure them.

Eventually, perhaps, this "It could never happen to me" attitude will be overcome and the casualty total from a storm such as Donna will be reduced to a comparatively insignificant amount.



MYERS

Gazette

TODAY

- Pre-Vet Club, 6:00 p.m., 212 HUB
Traffic Office, 8-5 p.m., 203 HUB
4-H Club, 8-5 p.m., 214 HUB
Newman Club, 6:15 p.m., 213 HUB
Orientation Transfers, 6:30 p.m., 214 HUB
WSGA, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB
Science Institute, 7:00 p.m., HUB main lounge
Freshman Customs Board, 6:30 p.m., 212 HUB
Penn State Sports Ctr Club, 8:00 p.m., 217 HUB
Outing Club, 7:00 p.m., HUB assembly room
Freshman Women Counselors, 10:00 p.m., HUB Assembly
Chess Club, 7:00 p.m., HUB card room
Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Scrubs, 7:00 p.m., Pollock 2, SDT Suite
Riding Club, 7:30 p.m., 112 Buckhout
Women's Chorus, 7:00 p.m., HUB assembly room
Jazz Club, 7:00 p.m., 10 Sparks
La Vie Photography Staff, 7:00 p.m., LaVie office, Carnegie
Orchestra, 7 p.m., White Hall
Hockey Club, 4-6 p.m., Holmes Field
WSGA Meeting, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB

small talk

BMOCs and Froth

by nicki wolford

Greetings fellow student watchers. If you will remember, the last time we began studying a type of student known as the BMOC.

Today we will commence with the study of BMOC habits. You will find that the BMOCs in this area migrate every September to a wooded area called Mont Alto.

This gathering of the clan, so to speak, is called Student Encampment. Here the BMOCs decide what they will do during the following year in order to maintain their position. (Actually they don't complete their planned work but the thought is there.)

Anyway, to give you an idea of what you may overhear while watching these students, perhaps we ought to discuss some of their "work" at this encampment.

One group of BMOCs decided this year to recommend that Froth

(a frosh humor magazine which will line Pollock Rd. today) refrain from "participating" in partisan politics because by "participating" Froth is not behaving as a humor magazine should behave. Oh!

I wonder what the Saturday Review would do if the federal government and business leaders told its editors not to write articles on eggs because then it would not be behaving like a "literary" magazine.

Anyway, I hear Dale Peters (new Froth editor) doesn't care about politics and will concentrate on the selection of Froth girls. So we see that BMOC recommendations and discussions don't always accomplish anything.

With practice you too can tell when to watch and listen carefully to a BMOC discussion as though it were a yellow jacket and when to brush the whole thing off like a pesky fly.

Letters

Housing Discrimination Hit

TO THE EDITOR: I want to commend you for your editorial on housing discrimination which appeared in the issue of Wednesday, Sept. 14. It is very obvious that the administration's refusal to try to do anything about this problem encourages the landlords to discriminate.

It seems that as the student population increases, more of them will tend to live in town and more or all overseas students will seek housing accommodations in town. This will make the problem more acute.

The housing list at the dean of men's office should comprise only those houses that will not discriminate but will take all students no matter their race, color, or creed.

If the administration does not do anything about this problem

then I think it is up to the students to demand some action.

They should present the administration with some constructive solutions and see that at least one is employed. It is about time that students rose to the challenge of the time.

Far too often in the past, students have been as passive as the authorities about this problem and therefore also have condoned it. My challenge to the students is that they realize that the problem does exist and to exert themselves to get something done.

After all, the students do pride themselves on their democratic ideas and principles and yet democracy is a useless idea unless it is made practical.

Jacob E. G. Dentu

Letter cut

WDFM Challenged

TO THE EDITOR: WDFM, the University radio station, resumed transmitting with the opening of the new school year. To most of the students this is probably a matter of little or no consequence.

Many students probably don't even realize that there is a station other than WMAJ in town. This is partly due, I'm sure, to

the scarcity of FM receivers to pick up WDFM.

Faced with this awesome fact of the cultural barrenness of the airwaves over State College I would like to raise a few points for consideration by whoever happens to see this letter:

WDFM is in what should be the enviable situation of not having to cater to the tastes of commercial sponsors; the governing factor in its programming should be the good taste of its directors.

WDFM is not really in competition with WMAJ; whoever takes WMAJ as a steady diet deserves the subsequent gastric (and worse) disturbances.

WDFM must fully carry its responsibilities as an educational radio station by less reduplication of the junk that generally characterizes WMAJ's programming.

The problems that face WDFM are apparent: a lack of adequate funds to purchase more and finer programs, and the apathy to most things that have any smack of discrimination in taste by the majority of the students.

WDFM is a beginning in a direction that could lead to a valuable addition to the campus. Please do not waste it. One WMAJ in the area is enough.

David Toor, English Department

Letter cut

Letters

TKE Asked to Sing Again

TO THE EDITOR: One of the most highly prized annual fraternity awards is first place in the IFC Sing. And each year, houses have rehearsed rigorously to upset the well-sung champion, Tau Kappa Epsilon.

No doubt the gentlemen at TKE are being extremely gallant in stepping aside this year and it is not my intention to suggest that they fear humiliation which would follow their "eventual and inevitable defeat."

But as leader of Pi Kappa Phi, second place winner in last year's competition, allow me to query them. Where is competition if ability encourages elimination; and where is victory for the winner if the defending champion's spot is empty?

To other houses, let me mention that doing well in the sing does not necessarily depend on a rigorous program of rehearsal,

but that just plain enthusiasm will work anytime.

And I hope you all join us in challenging last year's winner to again put in the best showing only if they are able.

Jack Hendricks, Songleader, Pi Kappa Phi

TO THE EDITOR: WDFM, the University radio station, resumed transmitting with the opening of the new school year. To most of the students this is probably a matter of little or no consequence.

Many students probably don't even realize that there is a station other than WMAJ in town. This is partly due, I'm sure, to

the scarcity of FM receivers to pick up WDFM.

Faced with this awesome fact of the cultural barrenness of the airwaves over State College I would like to raise a few points for consideration by whoever happens to see this letter:

WDFM is in what should be the enviable situation of not having to cater to the tastes of commercial sponsors; the governing factor in its programming should be the good taste of its directors.

WDFM is not really in competition with WMAJ; whoever takes WMAJ as a steady diet deserves the subsequent gastric (and worse) disturbances.

WDFM must fully carry its responsibilities as an educational radio station by less reduplication of the junk that generally characterizes WMAJ's programming.

The problems that face WDFM are apparent: a lack of adequate funds to purchase more and finer programs, and the apathy to most things that have any smack of discrimination in taste by the majority of the students.

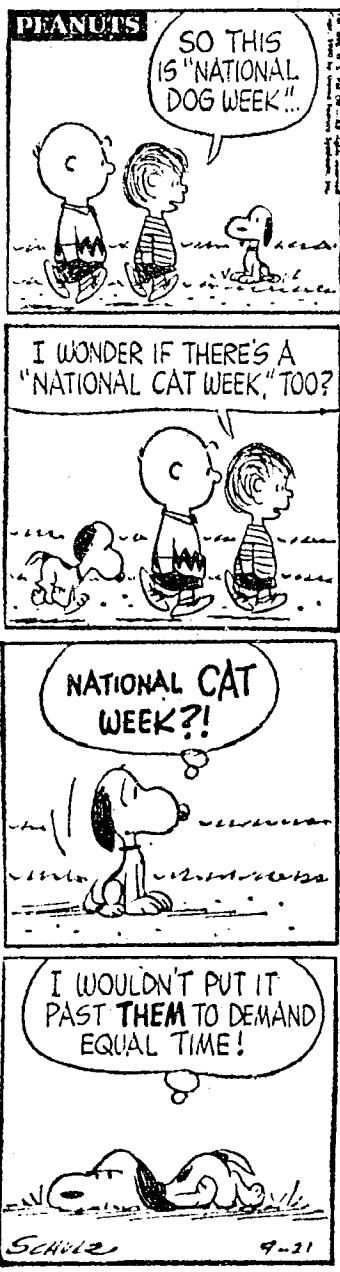
WDFM is a beginning in a direction that could lead to a valuable addition to the campus. Please do not waste it. One WMAJ in the area is enough.

David Toor, English Department

Letter cut

WDFM Schedule

- 5:00 p.m. Three at Five
6:00 p.m. Studio X
6:55 p.m. Weather Scope
7:00 p.m. Marquee Memories
7:55 p.m. News Round-up
8:00 p.m. Jazz Panorama
9:00 p.m. Forum of the Air
9:30 p.m. Artist Series Preview
9:45 p.m. News and Sports
10:00 p.m. Virtuoso



Schulz

9-21