

Editorial Opinion

The Revival

The inauguration of the new SGA administration will be the culminating moment in a clear revival of interest in student government.

The revival began several weeks ago when the SGA committee of the whole formed to re-evaluate the student government constitution and philosophy.

The meetings were open to any student who cared to attend; and attend they did.

Next came a campaign which proved to be one of the liveliest in recent years.

And finally the election, where nearly 40 per cent of the student body made their way to the few polling booths on campus to affirm their interest.

This rekindled enthusiasm is, without doubt, the clearest mandate any student government has had on this campus in four years.

It is a mandate to act strongly and explicitly in the student interest.

Moreover, the new administration has before it the major challenge of its young career; to cultivate and utilize this enthusiasm for a better government and a better Penn State.

It will be its task to maintain the revival spirit in each branch of SGA and in all student government organizations.

We hope it will not think that because the optimistic results are tabulated the job will be easy. Unfortunately, apathy is far too simple an excuse to go out of style this quickly.

What we do hope is that the new administration will truly be an administration; that it will accept its clear and present mandate as its governing challenge for the coming year.

This government will be operating under a new constitution, something that could be either a handicap or a helpmate.

It has the invigorating chance to begin anew, to seek out spheres of untapped governing power that have been only glibly spoken of in the past.

The ingredients are all here, as they always have been.

But they must be used wisely, fully and most emphatically—used now, when the momentum is at its highest pitch.

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Letters

Student Calls Civil Defense Necessary

TO THE EDITOR: How often are Civil Defense drills conducted? They are very few and far between, and when these drills are practiced, they only last ten minutes. Civil defense is for the safety of the people of our nation.

If enemy planes attacked this nation and there were no warning systems provided, then I can see the surviving population protesting that people were killed because they were not warned of attack.

In my opinion the recent demonstrators made complete fools out of themselves. I say this because taking cover will prevent casualties due to flying debris caused by the blast of a nuclear bomb. True, a person has little chance to survive if a bomb explodes very close to him, but not everyone will be under the bomb.

Those who are a few miles away from an explosion would have a good chance of survival if they take cover from the flying debris and flash alone.

First of all I doubt if people are getting hysterical over CD practice, and I am certain that most people in this country already realize that war is very possible in these times.

Do Miss Shupak and Mr. Rotenberg imply that we should not fear war? There is nothing wrong with encouraging people to work for peace, but at the same time we should be prepared in case working for peace fails.

I think these demonstrators are looking for public recognition and do not have real grounds to protest a small ten minute CD practice once a year which is held for their own safety.

If there ever is a real alert, these demonstrators will probably think it to be another practice which they will ignore. These are the people who get killed and they are inviting you to the grave with them.

—Frank Ruhmann, '61  
Letter cut

Civil Defense Defended

TO THE EDITOR: In answer to Miss Shupak's and Mr. Rotenberg's letter of April 28, I would like to make the following comments:

● I am somewhat dubious as to the validity of Gov. Meyner's statement which you have quoted. I doubt if he is ignorant enough to say CD is "A cruel deception on the American people."

● Granted a nuclear attack would be destructive. Any bombing attack is. But, I doubt very much if the atmosphere would be contaminated for years for the following reasons:

To have fallout would depend whether or not it were an air or ground explosion.

Fallout is created by the particles of earth and debris that are sucked up into the atmosphere from a ground explosion. The area covered by this fallout depends on the wind currents at the time. In either case a bomb shelter would possibly save your life.

● As for the oxygen in the shelters, have you ever heard of air vents? Air vents equipped with filters near the surface will allow you to have oxygen and keep out dust particles.

● Your statement, "CD creates hysterical emotions and teaches people to expect war," is too stupid to even answer.

According to your whole line of thought, anyone who insures his car also favors automobile accidents. Civil Defense is a good example of INSURANCE.

If we should ever be attacked, and you continue to think as you do now, you are only going to end up being cheated out of the share of real estate (24 sq. ft.) to which we are entitled.

—Joe Klock, '62

Snowed

Winter and July

by joel myers

It appears that only two weather seasons will be observed in the Nittany Valley this year—winter and July. And I'm beginning to wonder how warm July will be.

The 1960-61 winter season, after outdoing all previous winters in snow production and rivaling some of the coldest on record, continues to cause unseasonably chilly weather.

This never-say-die season is still going strong even though spring is 46 days old. Snow flurries were observed here in the valley Wednesday morning and a few inches of snow accumulated on the higher terrain around State College. Then the mercury skidded to 33 degrees yesterday morning.



MYERS

In January and February snow-weary residents of this area expected to get one consolation from this winter—a fuller appreciation of spring. They didn't know then that no spring was coming this year.

The unusually cold weather that prevailed from early December to early February was replaced by above normal temperatures in mid-February, but unseasonably cold readings returned to this region in March and have continued almost uninterrupted ever since then.

The cause of the persistent

cold weather is interwoven into the delicate heat balance of the atmosphere.

The weather on the earth's surface is controlled by the winds between 10,000 and 20,000 feet above the ground. When these winds blow from the southwest, relatively warm air is carried northward from tropical regions.

When they blow from the west, air is carried eastward with little change of latitude or properties; consequently temperatures average near normal.

When northwesterly winds prevail cold air from Canada is carried southward and mercury readings average below normal.

A strong northwesterly flow stretching from Central Canada to the eastern United States persisted most of this winter, and failed to diminish as upper winds usually do with the approach of summer.

The chances for this flow to diminish and the resultant warm weather grow greater with each passing day, but for heavens sake if it doesn't change soon next winter will be approaching.

Letters

Diners Charge Foul Play

TO THE EDITOR: The battling busboys of Simmons could take a lesson in non-violent tactics from the crafty clock-watchers of Waring. To achieve the same end results — prompt evacuation of diners at the earliest possible hour — they set their clocks ahead, turning away the flock of students who come in during the last few minutes of scheduled serving time.

The incident which prompted this letter occurred Monday morning. The four of us left Thompson Hall at 8:12, arriving at the entrance to Waring's East dining hall one minute later. (The times given are accurate with Old Main, which is one minute fast by NBC network time.) The checker was already out of sight.

As the four of us stood there pleading and arguing two other students (from separate dorms) came up behind us, also expecting breakfast. Before six pairs of hungry eyes the servers poured cereal back into boxes and juice into jars. We were refused admission.

Although their clock had reached 8:15 when we arrived, the actual time was 8:12, or 8:13 Old Main time.

Surely, worker of Simmons, it is not as easy to chase slow eaters as it is to merely deny hungry students the food they have paid for!

—Eric A. Alfonsi, '64  
—Ron Henry, '64  
—James McBurney, '64  
—Steve Monheimer, '64

Spring Week 'Improved'

TO THE EDITOR: For the past three years, I have attended the Spring Week Carnival and have noticed that the participants have insisted in using obscene expressions in trying to make their "skits" funny. This in my opinion is no way to try and make a good impression.

However, this year there was a general improvement in the discretion used by many of the groups that put on "skits." I especially would like to congratulate the members of Alpha Sigma Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma for the fine "skit"—the Showboat.

This was an example of an entertaining skit that didn't need to use anything but good decent material. Their corny jokes, simple dance routines and songs were by far more entertaining than to listen to #?!!o?!

—Lester Phillips, '62

Coed 'Pan' Upheld

TO THE EDITOR: Apparently the editorial in the Tuesday, April 25, edition of The Daily Collegian was accidentally misplaced. We recognized it in Bill Coleman's advertisement.

We submit this letter to inform the student body that unless they read Coleman's article they will miss one of the best editorials to appear in the Collegian this year. We heartily concur with Mr. Coleman in his criticism of the "fashionable" Penn State coed.

—Jim Good, '64  
—Joel Edelstein, '64  
—Fred Fels, '64  
—Gene Levine, '64

Gazette

TODAY

Fluid Mechanics Seminar, 4:15 p.m., 105 M.E.  
IVCF, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB  
M.I. Colloquium, 4:15 p.m., M.I. Auditorium  
Phi Mu Alpha Concert, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly room  
Political Science Colloquium, 8 p.m., M.I. Auditorium  
Senior Ball, 9 p.m., HUB Ballroom  
Swyersville High School, 10 p.m., HUB assembly hall  
Three Sisters, 8 p.m., Conference Center

HOSPITAL

Mary Ann Allen, James Baker, Barbara Baran, Sylvia Besque, Barbara Budd, Evelyn Cline, Cynthia Depalma, Elizabeth Engelman, Gail Hall, Olive Humes, Robert Hodges, Ruth Ann Horner, William Houch, Frank Hugus, Julie Kahl, Arlene Kirson, William Lezniski, Clifford Logan, Stephen Marder, Janet Munroe, Sharad Paraniapa, Richard Farvel, James Penrose, Richard Floetz, Ronald Rainey, Charlotte Rothberg, George Schevechenavber, Iris Solfer, Gayle Sturgen, Beverly Tiss, Otto Wolf, Laurence Yager.

