

HUB Desk Staffers Harassed

By STEVE MILNER

"Are you sure the moon is 239,000 miles from the earth?" a student asked a Hetzel Union desk employee.

This is just one of many unusual and challenging questions put to these unsung heroes who man the HUB desk. It is the job of how do these mild-mannered folks aid confused and even abrupt people.

Working at the HUB desk is at times a routine and even monotonous business, according to a desk employee. But the run-of-the-mill days are few when compared to those interesting, but frustrating experiences that are thrown against these knights of the square table.

In speaking with a veteran employee (anyone could detect from her wrinkled brow and nervous-

ness that she has worked at the HUB for at least a month), some very interesting stories and facts about the HUB were found out.

Since a new wave of conventionnaires just pulled into town this week, it might be appropriate to relate some typical inquiries expounded by these folks.

Members of these travelling contingents invariably ask, what the HUB curtains are made of, or if the floor is really plastic, the employee said.

The best one last week, she related, was when a conventionnaire asked her where the HUB was located. Then there's the story of a visitor who asked the wearied, but patient person at the desk if he would accept a pair of trousers to be cleaned.

Stray animals seem to make the HUB their home away from home. Another employee mentioned that during a thunderstorm, a large, wet and soggy dog came in out of the rain. That probably would have met SPCA specifications, but this unexpected and wet visitor dashed into the crowded ballroom.

Of course, this loyal employee was called into action to free

started students from this unwanted guest. He tackled him — that is, the employee tackled the dog — and all wound up in one soggy mess.

Windows are kept so clean in the HUB that one student about a year ago walked through a plate glass panel. As he staggered to the desk, he said, and we quote: "Where did that come from?"

Bats in the HUB movie hall? why, yes, that happens occasionally. During a science fiction movie, some Nittany area boys (as was later found out from the Dean of Men) let three large bats out of a laundry sack.

At first, students didn't know if these weird creatures were part of the movie or present in the flesh. A male desk employee, armed with an umbrella (from the Lost and Found desk) was sent forth to subdue the bats.

Not all desk employees survive front-line combat as is borne out by a worn-out veteran who answered the phone one morning as follows: "Hetzel Union Desk, Joe Hetzel speaking." Unfortunately

for this late employee, his boss was on the other end of the line.



—Collegian Photo by Tom Browns

FUTURE COLLEGIAN STAFFERS?—One hundred and fourteen high school journalists are attending the annual Communications Institute being held on campus. Discussing the layout of an ad are Karen Strout, Judy Schultz and Pamala Wise, from Bangor High School.

Journ School Gives High School 'Clinic'

By JUDY SCAFFIDI

Over 100 high school students registered Monday for the fifth annual Communications Institute for High Schools. The program is sponsored by the School of Journalism.

The visiting students are divided into beginning and advanced sections. Each beginning section is studying news writing, production, advertising, photography, and broadcasting.

The advanced section is studying more complex aspects of journalistic writing and production.

A special feature of the institute is the publishing of the *Institute Gazette*. This eight page tabloid, which serves as a practicum for the advanced section, chronicles the week's events.

This newspaper serves to demonstrate the high quality of journalistic writing which high school students are capable of, according to Charles H. Brown, professor of journalism. Copies of the *Gazette* will be mailed to Pennsylvania newspapers, he said.

Broadcasting, for the first time part of the curriculum, is being taught by Marlowe D. Froke. This part of the program is used to familiarize students with broadcasting and its scope as well as explaining the use of control room equipment.

Also serving on the faculty are William Harris of the Centre Democrat of Bellefonte, William Couchenour, of Latrobe High School, Russell Kaniuka, assistant professor of journalism, and Vincent Norris, assistant professor of journalism.

John A. Jantzer, from the University Conference Center, is coordinator of the institute and John D. Vairo, instructor in journalism, is the institute director.

— Pink and black were adopted as Penn State's first colors in 1887.

Basketball League May Start Tonight

If enough interest is shown tonight a Summer Basketball League for men will be organized and teams may begin to play next week.

Bob Harrison, senior in pre-med and organizer of the proposed league, has scheduled a meeting in 203 Hetzel Union Building at 7:30 to select captains and names of teams. Any interested student is invited to attend.

Calendar

Today

Co-recreational swimming, 8-9:30 p.m., Glennland Pool
"Harvey," 8:30 p.m. curtain, Boal Barn (repeated for two week-ends)
Interlandia Folk Dance, 7:30 p.m. HUB ballroom, admission free
Lecture on Community Development, 12:25 p.m., Eisenhower Chapel

Friday

Co-Recreational swimming, 8-9:30 p.m.
Music Lecture-Recital, Claremont String Quartet, 8 p.m., HUB assembly room

Saturday

Alpha Fire Company Carnival, S. Allen St.
Square Dance, 8 p.m. HUB ballroom, admission free

Sunday

Chapel, 9 a.m. Neal Riemer speaking, Eisenhower Chapel
Picnic, Graduate Group Presbyterian Center, 4 p.m., Greenwood Furnace
Seminar, "Protestant - Roman Catholic Encounter," 9:30 a.m., Presbyterian Center

Monday

Alpha Fire Company Carnival, S. Allen St. (through Tuesday)
Bridge Club, 7 p.m. HUB card room

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Alpha Fire Company Carnival, S. Allen St.
July Fourth, All Day, U.S.A.

Wednesday

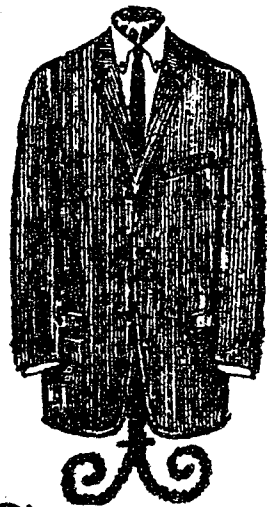
Outdoor Movie, "This Earth Is Mine," 9 p.m. HUB lawn, (Rec. Hall in case of rain)

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