

the megaphone

Foot Feat

by meg teichholtz

The old adage about "still waters running deep" acquired a novel but tangible twist last weekend . . . my foot!

Whipples is a quiet dam, a gentle dam, a body of water which seems only a puddle when compared to the

Atlantic Ocean in which I have surfed safely since childhood.



Yet when I emerged from its cooling water last weekend onto a noisy and steaming beach someone noticed a pool of red liquid surrounding my right foot.

Call it the "college experience" or what Miss Teichholtz you will, I have a certain hesitation about infirmaries and with all due respect to the Whipples branch of the Red Cross, I swabbed the wound myself.

The next day my cut emerged from its homemade bandage as a pencil thin line, one inch in length. Aside from some tenderness in the area, my foot and tranquility were still intact.

Not for long, however. A well intended friend with my very best interest at heart began to ramble about blood poisoning and gangrene and the various other major maladies and calamities that can result from ignored wounds.

And so, heart in mouth and foot on ground, I carefully wended my nervous way to the mint green, air conditioned and sterile halls of Ritenour Infirmary.

Little did I then suspect that I was to become the first person to walk in — and limp out.

Exactly 12 yards (that's 36 feet) of ace bandage was wound around my size 5 foot. This covered a white gauze pad soaked in boric acid and the whole thing, they told me, formed my very own "air conditioning system."

Yet somehow, as I've been watching Penn Staters trek out to the sandy shores and superficially calm waters of Whipples all week, and as I have limped in and out of the HUB, The Collegian office and the library, I have slowly gotten the feeling that perhaps the infirmary was wrong.

It isn't air conditioning at all. It must be some new medical experiment designed to make man's right foot a vestigial organ.

So I've rationalized the problem out and am not really depressed. After all, I have another foot, haven't I?

Whipples, any one?

Letters

'Open Door Policy' Asked For West Halls

TO THE EDITOR: During this summer term, only two of the three Waring dining halls are open on weekends. The fact that most people find it necessary to stand in line as much as 20, sometimes almost 30 minutes, proves that those two dining halls cannot do the job satisfactorily, alone.

The people who are spending their summer at West Halls are, for the most part, busy students, not vacationing tourists. To most of us, time is precious and we lose as much as three hours a weekend waiting for meals.

We have all signed "contracts" and paid for our meals, now Food Service should keep its part of the bargain and "provide" those meals.

Making people stand in line for 20 minutes and more, time after time on weekends, is not what one would call "providing" meals, since many people must drop out of the stalled lines and miss their food completely in order to keep appointments, meet dates, or get to church on time.

In the past it has been a favorite trick of Food Service to claim that not enough people eat at given times of the week so that it is wise to economize and close a dining hall for those periods. They can show the statistics to prove it.

Of course they blithely ignore the fact that many people are discouraged and driven away by those fantastically long waiting lines, and that is part of the reason for the drop in the number of diners on weekends.

Twenty or 30 minutes is entirely too long to stand around waiting for a meal when the opening of that third dining hall would relieve the situation.

Food Service is not doing its job—not using all the facilities available to provide the service for which we have paid.

Perhaps if every person who is sick and tired of those gigantic weekend lines would go to see the supervisor of the Waring dining halls, we could get that third big, empty hall opened up.

Let's all get to that supervisor now and see if we can't get some results before another weekend drags by.

—Edward N. Small Jr., '62
—Riva M. Rubin, '62

Campus Beat

Try to 'Be Happy In Your Work'

My item for today concerns the sanity of my secretary who is feeling intellectually obsolete now that the four-terminer is really here.

Under the old semester plan, you know, the University let clerical personnel take four hours of class work per week which meant one course each semester and included summer sessions. All this was on "company time."

The new four-term policy however, although still permitting four hours a week limits the total to 80 hours for the academic year—meaning only two courses per year.

Neither my secretary nor I can quite figure out the logic behind this, for if she is to be given four hours for two terms, why not for three or four terms?

—Prof. Wayne

Snowed

Communist Enemy

by joel myers

Throughout her history Russia has struggled to obtain ice-free ports.

Today Russia faces another water problem, but it's of a vastly different character.

Light rainfall, which is characteristic of most Russian

and Red Chinese territory, seems destined to limit the agricultural output of the Communist homeland nations.

Most of Russia and Red China lie in a climate that borders on desert type. The average rainfall for any period of several



years is above that received in a desert. However, variations in precipitation patterns can bring desert conditions and resultant crop failures to large sections of Russia and China for a year or longer.

It is possible that one of these dry periods is the cause of Khrushchev's current agricultural problems. These problems, evidenced by his "let 'em eat horsemeat" statement of last week, have

been blamed on poor management and insufficient rain.

The management may be improved, but the water supply cannot be increased with present apparatus. The conversion of saline water into fresh water may be the ultimate answer to Communist problems, but it is doubtful whether that will be economically feasible for at least a decade.

The inland position of most Russian territory makes it questionable whether saline water conversion will ever be economically feasible for the heart of Russia.

Khrushchev's boast that Russia would out-produce the United States by 1970 may sound reasonable in the face of recent gains, but much of that success has been due to improvement in methods of production. Future gains must be made by virtue of victories over man's greatest adversary—the weather.

More 'Chipmunks'

TO THE EDITOR: I have always considered The Daily Collegian analogous to an enjoyable cartoon. However, the editorial content of Mr. Leighton's column two weeks ago (The Chipmunk) reached an apex of hilarity and ridiculousness.

Mr. Leighton describes one of the greatest perils occurring at this assembly-line University presently to be an inability to admire chipmunks.

However, if this is actually our most pressing problem at the University, then, perhaps, some sort of nature study course to stimulate intellectual curiosity should replace our other intellectual stimulants such as ROTC and Physical Education.

In any case, I sincerely hope that Mr. Leighton continues to entertain my colleagues and myself during this period of crisis.

—David Sigman, '62
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Gazette

- Today
- AWS Faculty Dinner Guest, Dr. Helen Snyder, 6:45 p.m., meet at Waring desk.
 - Beginner's chess lesson, 7 p.m., HUB card room.
 - Freshman women's orientation, 11:45 a.m., 219 HUB.
 - Interlandia Folk Dance, 7:30 p.m., Waring lounge.
- Tomorrow
- Summer term dance, 9 p.m., HUB ballroom.
- Saturday
- Bridge club, 7 p.m., HUB card room.
 - Square dance, 9 p.m., HUB ballroom.
 - Cabin party, 4 p.m., meet at Presbyterian center, 132 W. Beaver. For reservations call AD 8-2111 or UN 5-7991.
- Sunday
- Seminar, 9:30 a.m., Presbyterian Center.
 - Westminster Foundation graduate group picnic, 4 p.m., Whipples.
- Monday
- Bridge club, 7 p.m., HUB card room.
- Tuesday
- Claremont String Quartet, 7 p.m., HUB ballroom.



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