

MOUND NITTANY, variously known as an Indian burial ground, a sledding hill for the winter, and "that lump of dirt," is actually a planned part of the landscaping in the East Halls area. Otto E. Mueller, head of the Department of Housing, said Friday that originally three or four of the mounds were planned but that because of the lack of time only one was "constructed."

Burial Mound? No, Merely Landscaping

By **DAVE RUNKEL**
Indians, who have added so much to the folklore of the University, have given the administration still another idea—the "burial mound" in the East Halls area.

The University's pseudo-Indian mound is indeed a rare idea in the realm of landscape architecture.

Real Indian mounds, which are common in the Ohio and Mississippi River Valleys, are rarely seen this far east, a noted local weekend archeologist said yesterday.

An old Indian sect buried their tribesmen, along with all of their belongings in mounds thousands of years ago. These mounds have been compared to the pyramids built in Egypt circa the same era.

The story goes that the mound in the East Halls area was first discovered when excavation was started for the residence halls over a year ago. As a matter of fact, according to Penn State's

new legend, the dining hall was moved 30 feet east of its location on the blueprints so that the mound could be preserved.

The whole tale was initiated when, as the residence halls moved toward completion, numerous questions were raised as to the purpose of the landscape mound. "Just exactly what is this pile of dirt to be used for?" members of the administration, with the philosophy that everything must have a function, kept asking.

It was at this point that Otto E. Mueller, head of the Division of Housing, made up the Indian myth just reported. It started with a facetious remark and just grew, Mueller said.

Still, the mound had to have a purpose and a seemingly endless number of suggestions for its use arose. So many, in fact, that a separate office was set up in Old Main to handle all of them, Mueller said.

One person suggested that the

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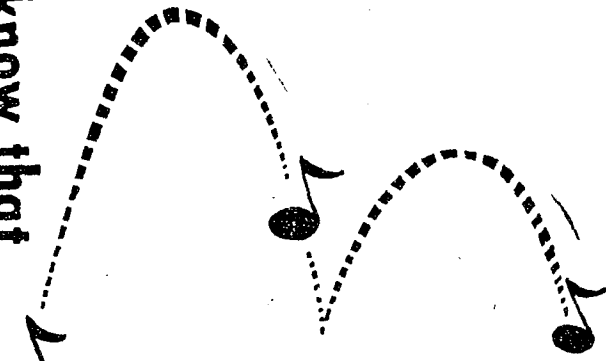
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