

Editorial Opinion

Promises, Promises

The old cliché says that opportunity never knocks twice or something like that. The comparatively relaxed aura of the summer term provides an ideal opportunity—and one not to be lost—for Undergraduate Student Government leaders on campus to explore new program areas and probe the views of administrators on long-standing questions.

Dean Wharton, USG president, said last spring in discussing an interim advisory body that he hoped these USG members would comprise an "idea provoking" group. We hardly would demand instant results but more concentrated effort might well be in order.

The plans for the French students visiting the University through the Experiment for International Living are one impressive tally in the USG summer boxscore.

The USG and Association of Women Students' presidents have been speaking to freshmen and may have generated some ideas and enthusiasm from these groups. More than enthusiasm is needed, however, to combat the summer doldrums, which seem to affect people when it comes time to accomplish anything. These student officers would surely welcome any thoughtful views of what summer government should be provided.

In its first year, USG undertook some ambitious projects which are being continued by their chairmen off campus this summer—studies of transferring the University FM radio signal to student AM radios, traffic problems, a new auditorium, a student book-ordering service, an elections code and the University's grading system.

Not much is being done on campus, however, we understand. Thorough discussions with administrators here during the summer could pave the way for quicker and yet more detailed study by the USG Congress this fall.

Summer is traditionally a time for vacation but responsibility should do more than lurk around corners.

Bringing the summer term to equal status with the other three terms will require adaptation on the part of student leaders and followers alike. And leadership MUST be exercised to establish continuity in the student government or some apathy-mongers may easily raise the cry again of "who needs student government anyway."

We'd hate to see them in the right.

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LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS by Dick Bibler



"OH, I THINK GOING TO COLLEGE IS GREAT— BUT DAD CAME UP LAST WEEK AN' SAID IF I STAY, I'D HAVE TO TAKE SOME COURSES!"

Letters

Grad Labels Play Review 'Contradictory'

TO THE EDITOR: Your review of "A Thurber Carnival" seemed contradictory. Afraid to blame the material, the critics chose instead to criticize the actors for the miscues which were due to opening night jitters and which the regular theater goer learns to dismiss. Considering the short rehearsal period and the difficulty of the revue format, the show was in remarkably good shape unlike several much longer rehearsed productions I've witnessed.

The weakness of one or two sketches seemed due more to a material weakness rather than the actors. Not all of Shakespeare's work reaches the level of a "Hamlet" nor is all of Thurber's work a complete laugh riot. Some is only mildly amusing.

Miss Bruce was criticized for her loud voice yet I'm sure that the reviewers have often encountered the type of person she was portraying. I'm also sure that Miss Frey's comedy talent lies much deeper than just making pretty faces as you stated.

A cast of nine was mentioned yet the capable work of Bob Valenty, Grace Shearer and the especially good work of Marvin Greene was not even mentioned. In a group effort of this type, it is unfair to dismiss some of the people while praising others.

Since criticism is such a subjective thing in which the critic's personal knowledge comes into play, it is very difficult to see how two people can write one review. Perhaps this would account for the discrepancies in the review.

A review of this type is dangerous for it may deter others from seeing the show, thereby depriving the actors from a chance to prove themselves as well as depriving the potential theater goer from a delightfully pleasant evening's entertainment.

Stanley Gogol Grad Student

Senior Asks Real Story

TO THE EDITOR: Professor Markham, in a recent letter to the editor, has admonished The Daily Collegian for "... superficial reporting" of the cause leading to the Department of Journalism's loss of accreditation. He says that the loss was not due to a "rift in the faculty" or differences of pedagogical ideologies, and that only by "diligent and persisting reporting by the press" can any truth be realized.

Why is it, then, two members of the journalism faculty told me that the very cause of the "loss" was the same "rift in the faculty" which Professor Markham refutes? If the truth is to be presented, why couldn't Professor Markham have presented it in his letter?

As soon as the architecture department lost its accreditation (who needs this accreditation, anyway), Dean Williamson sent a letter to each student in this curriculum and explained exactly what had taken place and what effect it would have on them. This is an intelligent approach in presenting the truth. Why couldn't the journalism department have done the same? Hiding the facts is bad public relations—even at university level. What is the "real story"?

Ronald Smolin, '63

WDFM Schedule TODAY

- 6:58 Sign On
7:00 Music
7:15 Album Review
7:30 Backstage with the Boal Barn
7:55 Weatherscope
8:00 The Jazz Tradition
8:55 News
9:00 Folklore Festival
9:30 Music
9:55 News
10:00 Symphonic Notebook
12:00 Sign Off

kaleidoscope

Name Game

by kay mills

Town fathers in Pennsylvania have provided the state with a mammoth gazetteer of place names. When preparing for a trip recently, I was intrigued by the variety of names, from Shy Beaver to Unicorn or Frugality to Drinker and Brandy Camp.

Pennsylvania town names can be placed in some rough classifications, beginning perhaps with the more religious aspect—such as Churchtown, Churchville, Donation, Angels, Bethesda, Bethlehem, Galilee, Jordan, Lebanon and Zion.

For the more classically-minded, we find Apollo, Arcadia, Athens, Cassandra, North Rome, Troy, Ulysses and Venus. If you like to eat, there's Cherry Grove, Nectarine, Pancake or Plum, Pa.

America's history is not to be forgotten through Independence, Liberty, President, Republic, and even Burnt Cabins, Pocohontas or Scalp Level. Personal qualities or attitudes have been noted in Desire, Defiance, Drab, Effort, Endeavor, Energy, Frugality, Industry, Normal and Prosperity.

In the more miscellaneous but nonetheless fascinating group are the names Limerick, Snow Shoe, Smokeless, Table Rock, Yocumtown, Starlight, Twilight, Nanty Glo, Red Cross, Railroad, Fawn Grove, Hop Bottom, Puzzlebottom, Jollytown or Waddle.

And can't you see someone pushing the Panic button? We might often have trouble remembering what state or country we're in, glancing at signs for King of Prussia, Scotland, Vera Cruz, Venice, Knoxville, Milan, Yukon, Wyoming, Newfoundland, Hollywood, Dallas, Geneva, Reno or Berlin.

Returning from Mars, we might wander by signs for Boston, Bridgeport, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Columbus or Sacramento. We could begin a Little Britain by encompassing Cambridge, Dover, Hyde Park, Lancaster, Liverpool and of course London.

With all this Pennsylvania globetrotting, we might quickly come to the conclusion that there is indeed no place like Home—Home, Pa., that is.



MISS MILLS

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Test Ban Treaty

by joel myers

The United States' insistence that any treaty to outlaw nuclear testing include provisions for listening posts within the Soviet Union has been one of the primary roadblocks to agreement according to Soviet negotiators.

Whether Soviet objections to the listening post idea and on-the-spot inspection is founded on true suspicion of espionage by Westerners on their soil or merely a method of stalling meaningful negotiations toward an atomic test-ban treaty may become more clear in future negotiations.

The Kennedy administration is apparently seriously considering the abandonment of its stand on listening posts and on-the-spot inspection as a result of new scientific data obtained from Project Vela. This data indicates nuclear explosions can be detected at greater distances than previously supposed.

If Administration scientists conclude that listening posts are unnecessary to detect nuclear explosions, the American position at Geneva can and should be discarded.

By eliminating the Soviet's principal objection to U.S. proposals, the responsibility for not reaching agreement will fall squarely on the shoulders of Kremlin policy-makers.

The United States has nothing to lose by such an offer since it is in the process of completing a nuclear test series. The change in position will not be taken as appeasement of the Russians because:

● We continue to hold the line against communism fast in Berlin, Viet Nam and elsewhere.

● We retain a lead in nuclear weapons.

Because of the U.S. nuclear lead, an atomic test-ban treaty will maintain the nuclear status-quo and reduce fallout for a few more years at least.



MYERS

Campus Beat

Mystery Ends

Alas and alack, my faith in campus mysteries has been rudely shattered! For many years I've thought that concealed under a wobbly concrete block on the sidewalk in front of Old Main was a secret stairway entrance to the Lion's Paw headquarters.

Seeing the earthen underside of that block now as workmen tear up the sidewalk has destroyed one of my favorite myths.

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What are the higher ups on the Board of Trustees discussing this weekend? If only they would have open meetings—the whole board, that is, maybe we would not be surprised at all the things that are likely to happen. And happen they might.

—Prof Wayne

