

Editorial Opinion

Faculty Associates

The enthusiasm voiced by the "faculty associates," who met last night to evaluate a program in which they have been participating for the past year, showed more evidence of the success a cultural program can have on campus.

The program, which was designed by the dean of women's staff to further the educational concept on an informal level, had its start in the women's Philadelphia, Dauphin, Westmoreland and Delaware Houses of North Halls.

The participants—students and professors—met informally during the year for discussions on many topics and for social activity.

We consider the benefits of this program to be similar to those of the Orientation Week discussions on William Golding's "Lord of the Flies," to which we gave our full support.

The coeds in each house chose four professors they desired to know better and the chosen professors were invited to meet with them in the residence hall lounges.

After the program was initiated, the professors were so enthusiastic that soon coeds were invited to their homes for the evening and professors brought their families to visit the residence halls.

Because of this program's initial success, we are again prompted to commend the dean of women's staff and the students involved on their efforts to instill an extra dose of cultural informality into our academic environment.

We support the continuance and expansion of this program. It seems to us to be another worthwhile opportunity to promote a cultural trend on campus. We trust that the informal level on which the program is now based would be maintained because we feel this is very important to its success.

We see this type of program as a good way to relieve the stigma of pressure of the formal classroom situation while furthering the interests of education.

Other groups, besides the original participants, have shown interest in it and some sorority groups already maintain such a program.

We urge residence halls and other campus organizations to investigate this program and aid in its expansion.

Prerequisite for Voting

When Rep. James E. Van Zandt, Republican candidate for U.S. Senator, speaks to students of this University at 8:30 tomorrow night in Schwab, he will kickoff a program which will bring three state candidates to address the students of this University.

Within the next week both gubernatorial candidates—Democrat Richardson Dilworth and Republican William W. Scranton—will speak in Schwab. Dilworth will speak on Tuesday and Scranton on Thursday.

Sen. Joseph S. Clark, running for re-election to the U.S. Senate on the Democratic ticket, spoke on campus during the summer.

President Walker is responsible for the campus appearance of these four top candidates. Each student thus has the responsibility to the University and to himself to take advantage of this great opportunity.

It was not too long ago when political candidates were not permitted to speak on the campus because it was thought such practices interfered with University-state relations.

Now with a more mature attitude toward political figures prevailing, students can personally judge the views and qualification of both the gubernatorial and senatorial candidates.

We urge each student to accept his responsibility and attend these speeches, prepared to ask intelligent and probing questions. Now is the time to get away from political generalities and see how these candidates feel on specific issues.

Either Scranton or Dilworth will soon have a large say in the plans and financial operations of this University—including tuition.

Thanks to Jazz Club

Last Sunday night the relatively new Penn State Jazz Club presented Ray Charles and his band to a capacity audience in Recreation Building.

We would like to thank the members and officers of the Jazz Club for a worthwhile and well-organized program.

Letters

Criticism of Krow Termed 'Gross Exaggeration'

TO THE EDITOR: As a member of the Block "S" Club I wish to vehemently contend the gross exaggeration on the part of Mr. R. B. Thomas. His open criticism of Mr. Paul Krow's "obnoxious exhibitionism" as Block "S" leader is both malicious and overdrawn. Although I do not know Mr. Krow personally it is obvious that the enthusiasm which he displays for his job is founded on sincere school spirit not a desire to possess the limelight.

A group as large as Block "S" needs a leader who can organize and make himself heard. All too many times people, motivated by jealousy or a feeling of insubordination, try to exalt themselves by superficial criticism of their contemporaries and it is obvious that Mr. Thomas' critique falls into this category.

In fact, Block "S" can be very thankful that they don't have a person like Mr. Thomas as their head for, judging by the amount of school spirit which he radiated in his letter, Mr. Thomas would have all of us sitting flat on our

derrierers like a group of inanimate blobs. As a happy and satisfied member of Block "S" all I can say is "three cheers for Paul Krow!"

—Donna Pfeifferle '68

Frosh Finds Merit In Customs Program

TO THE EDITOR: Freshman David Bartram, in response to articles on Freshman Customs, explained that "True school spirit should come from a sincere love and respect for the University." Unfortunately, if it were not for Customs, too many students would never experience this love. To many students, going to college is a pay, pass, graduate, get-a-job process. Customs gives them the opportunity to appreciate the university that is preparing them for a better life. To Mr. Bartram it may be nonsense, but Customs is valuable in that it teaches freshmen to respect their position as students. Customs sets them aside as a special group. Whether they admit it or not, it gives them a feeling of importance. Besides, the humor of Customs tends to ease the tension that new students build up in themselves.

—William Peeler, Also '68

Maturity Cited As Factor for Spirit

TO THE EDITOR: It would appear that Mr. David Bartram and Miss Rozanne Halty have not realized a simple sociological fact: when a group is isolated it tends to acquire a feeling of unity, i.e. school spirit. Those individuals who are mature enough to understand and accept Freshman Customs will have more spirit. The converse is also true. As Mr. Bartram and Miss Halty have demonstrated, there are always those few who haven't the maturity to break away from home and associate themselves with their new environment.

—David Young '63
—Larry Schein '65

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Block 'S' Members Defend Krow

TO THE EDITOR: In regard to R. B. Thomas' letter of October 3, concerning the leader of the Block "S" Club, we, as members of that club, feel that his views should be challenged.

Having participated in the Block "S" we have come to the conclusion that our leader's enthusiasm is beneficial to the spirit of the students. Paul Krow's intention was not for self importance, but rather to lead the students in cheering our team to victory.

Unless Mr. Thomas is a member of Block "S", what basis does he have for his statement that Paul Krow is "boring to his organization?" If, on the other hand, he is a member—why?

It seems a shame to see a leader such as Paul Krow criticized for what he is doing. Could it be that Mr. Thomas is jealous?

- Carole Anderson '68
- Sue Murray '68
- C. Markoe '68
- Judy Levin '68
- Susan Mink '68

WDFM Schedule

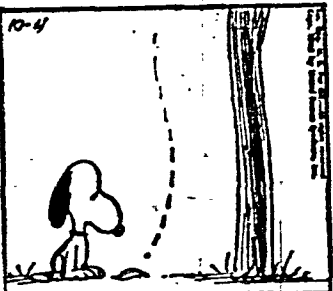
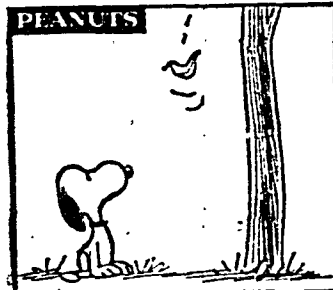
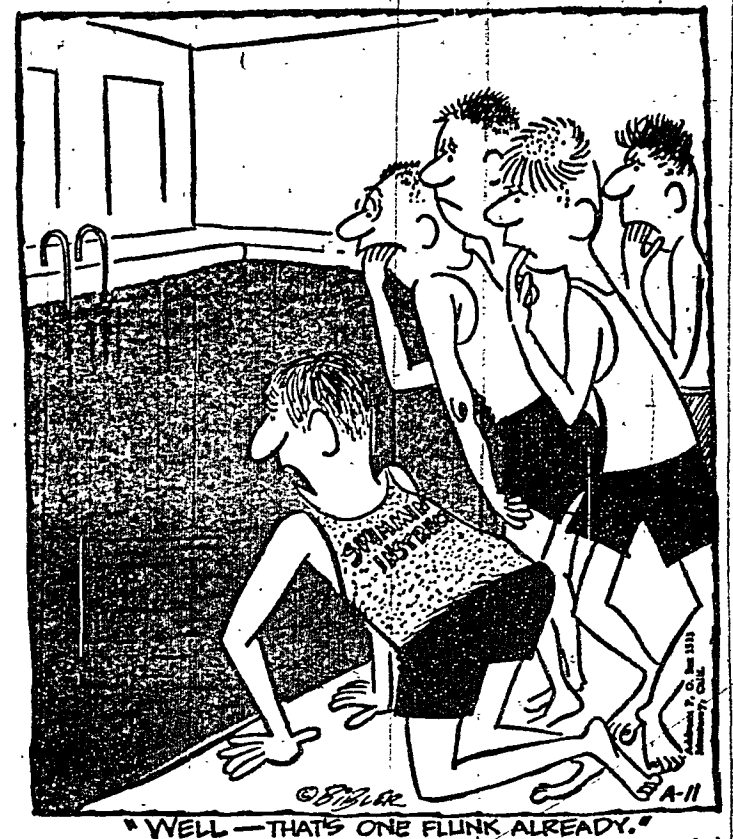
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- 6:00 News Analysis
- 6:15 Weatherscope
- 6:20 Concert Hall
- 7:00 News
- 7:35 Highlight
- 7:45 The Alard String Quartet
- 8:00 This is the Subject
- 8:55 Sports News
- 9:00 Harlequin
- 9:15 Mostly Music
- 9:30 News
- 9:35 Mostly Music
- 10:00 Symphonic Notebook
- 12:00 Sign Off

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