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Editorial Opinion

Muy Bien, Jim

Although James Conahan resigned yesterday as chairman of Campus Party, we hope he has not severed all ties with that organization or the many others in which he has been such an outstanding figure (among them: Liberal Arts Student Council, Intercollegiate Council Board, Student Union for Racial Equality and Young Democrats).

Marked by intelligence and integrity, Conahan has demonstrated an ability to "stick to his guns" and look objectively at both sides of a question. Some of his projects have been unsuccessful, but not because he was uninformed. Too few of Penn State's "campus leaders" are as up-to-date as Conahan.

An indirect tribute was paid him last night by congressmen of the Undergraduate Student Government. By passing the Student Book Ordering Act, they took positive action toward establishing a service which Conahan has long fought for.

If he had had the full support of Congress earlier this term, he and his party would have been more successful in their attempt to get such a project off the ground.

There is little doubt that Conahan's action in January provided the incentive for Congress to act last night.

Conahan will surely be heard from during the remainder of this term, even in an "unofficial" manner. Next term, however, he will travel to Spain as a participant in the University's Study Abroad Program.

We wish him well and hope the example he has set will be followed by those students coming after him.

A Fare Shake

The explanation of local cab fares by the owner of Toney's Cab Service on today's front page fails to answer two questions: why are groups of customers charged individual prices and why do cabs pick up passengers at several locations without reducing fares proportionately?

We don't mind paying a base price for transportation to a certain area, but why should this be doubled if a student is accompanied by a friend or tripled if he has two friends along?

Also, why aren't fares adjusted if the cab stops to pick up another fare? This practice is known in some areas as jitting.

We would not object to jitting by the local cab company if fares are reduced proportionately, but they are not. In fact, with such reduced fares more students would be able to ride the local cabs.

The cab company's plan for reduced fare coupons for students is excellent, and should be implemented soon. We hope all local merchants will begin to look for similar means of providing their service and products to students while maintaining their necessary profit.

Quote of the Day

"Man, unlike any other thing organic or inorganic in the universe, grows beyond his work, walks up the stairs of his concepts, emerges ahead of his accomplishments."

—John Steinbeck

TODAY ON CAMPUS

Fluid Mechanics Seminar, 4 p.m., 232 Hammond.
Interdial folk dance, 7:45 p.m., Hertzel Union ballroom.
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, 8 a.m., 218 HUB.
Jazz Club, 9 p.m., HUB cardroom.
Newman Club pizza party, after 5:15 p.m. mass, Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel Lounge.
Nickedeon Night, 7 p.m., HUB assembly hall.
Pollack Council Reception, 10 p.m., HUB ballroom.

WDFM Schedule

4:15 The Philadelphia (John Abele)
5:00 Classical Cameos (Lincoln Floati):
Sostokovich, Fifth Symphony
5:55 News
6:00 This Week in Science
(Wayne Winston)
6:15 Evening Moods (Ken Bredenbers)
7:25 News (Stan Lathan)
7:30 Showcase "15"
7:45 Spotlight on Sports
8:00 The Sound of Folk Music
9:00 Sendoff
9:50 Nightstand
2:00 News



Free Speech Returns to Berkeley

Letters To The Editor

Junior Asks For 'Single Step' Back

TO THE EDITOR: In the three years I've been at University Park, I have been told many times that Penn State is large, impersonal, automatic, an IBM-driven diploma mill. My common reply has been that the University is only as large, as impersonal, as automatic as a person will permit it to be.

It seems to me that those who complain most bitterly, most vehemently about the lack of warmth and personal feeling are the same ones who retire to their rooms after meals, look out at the world, read textbooks, until two in the morning, sleep an insufficient number of hours, and set out the next day to run their mazes again; the same ones who draw a frigid line across a dining hall table, shut out introductions and communication during what should be the most personal, sociable hours of the day; the same ones who complain that they can't find anything to do when no one else wants to do

what they want to do; who have selected their own narrow societies and closed the doors, molded and cast the unbreakable cliques, at a time and in a place which offer the greatest opportunity for broadening horizons, expanding interests, and gaining insight into people most of them well over here.

Perhaps a corollary to the foregoing, but more probably a symptom of an increasingly common "don't get involved" attitude which has been noted and commented on in many parts of the U.S., is a second observation I wish to make. It may be called simply "the separation" and it seems to be a result of the too-rapid, interest draining pace of modern American life, one which prevents anything more than brief, tangential meetings of people's lives, and more importantly, of their minds.

How many other students do you know well? How much do you know about your roommate, your counselor or staff aid, your friends and companions, classmates, teachers, administrators, or your date? How well do you know the person across the table or across the room? How great an effort have you made to find out? Or how much do you care?

This separation has its expression in an inability to speak with another person, rather than to, at, or even away from him; in all the newest dances, characterized as they are by a lack of physical contact and by cold, glassy-eyed stares of unconcern, inattention, and emptiness; in dates without meaning, evenings in which there is no satisfaction; in the gradual disappearance of so mocked a tradition as the Penn State "hello," dead horse that it is; in feelings of aloneness even in a crowd.

A return to warm, meaningful, solidly based, personal relationships isn't hard to make, after the first step has been taken—a smile, an introduction, a conversation, time to sit and think things out, to narrow chasms and tear down walls. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. We're about that far away, and very few of us have taken the first one back.

—Donald Hamilton, '66

Interaction Lack Cited By Jester

TO THE EDITOR: I read with great interest Mustafa Gokcen's letter of Jan. 28, where he sought to challenge American students to become better acquainted with their international classmates.

This lack of communication would seem to be only a part of a much larger problem. Most of the international students are graduate students whose lack of communication with Americans may be due to a poor exchange of ideas among the graduate body as a whole.

The graduate group of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship is interested in doing its part to help solve this problem. We plan to sponsor a series of informal monthly meetings where interested American and international students may discuss some of the bases of America's cultural and religious heritage. We hope that these meetings will be springboards to many close friendships.

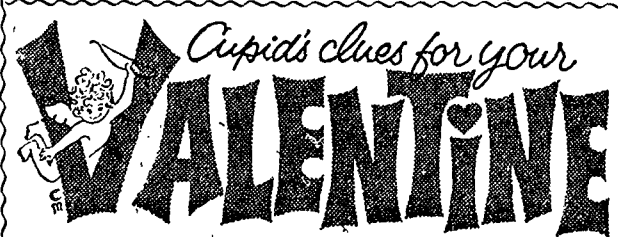
Our first meeting will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Home Economics Living Center. At this time Bruce Hann, an Inter-Varsity staff worker with a special interest in international students, will speak on "What is Christianity?" His talk will be followed by a discussion period and refreshments.

We would like to extend a cordial invitation to all international students to take a part in this program.

—William Jester, Graduate student

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Columbus Raps Area 'Stereotype'

TO THE EDITOR: In relation to the recent articles concerning Nittany Area, is it not time for us to look at "infractions" on the Penn State campus in the same manner we are taught to do so in courses such as social problems, criminology, and juvenile delinquency? The experts tell us to look intelligently at the methods and rationale used in statistical reporting. Isn't infraction reporting here just as relative as it is in any rural or urban police system?

Every living community on campus develops its own "personality" through the year or years, depending on the coordinators and counselors in charge. What is highly important in one area may not be considered so in another area. There may be a high value placed on the number of students "caught" in an infraction in some places and not in others. (This could be similar to a local sheriff who wants to be re-elected and he chooses to have a clean crime slate or one showing that "nothing gets by him in the community.")

In some PSU communities following the rule book may be more concerned with the developments of the individual, and here, reporting the infraction may depend upon who did the rule breaking and why. This is not only true of the male communities, but also the female living area. And let us not fail to consider the amount of paper work involved in reporting delinquent students.

The construction of some of the living quarters here very easily tend to "rule breaking" and getting away with it. Some of the students even consider this when they choose where to live. The Nittany area unfortunately has only one floor in each building, limited exits and entrances, no stairwells, thin walls in each building and very small living and recreational space. The counselors living under these conditions may be under more stress than elsewhere and their point of accepting certain behavior may be more strained than counselors in other areas.


Let's look at statistical reporting on campus as we are taught to do... intelligently. And in this intellectual community is it necessary for us to stereotype people according to where they live? Is this an educated man's approach to social problems? If we continue to do it here, heaven help us when we leave this "Merry Madras - Neverland," and are asked to help solve social problems.

—Dorothy B. Columbus, graduate student

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POSITIONS OPEN IN MANAGEMENT AND SALES


- Interviews on Campus: Tuesday, Feb. 23; Wednesday, Feb. 24
- Group Preview & Discussion: Monday, Feb. 22, 7-8 p.m.
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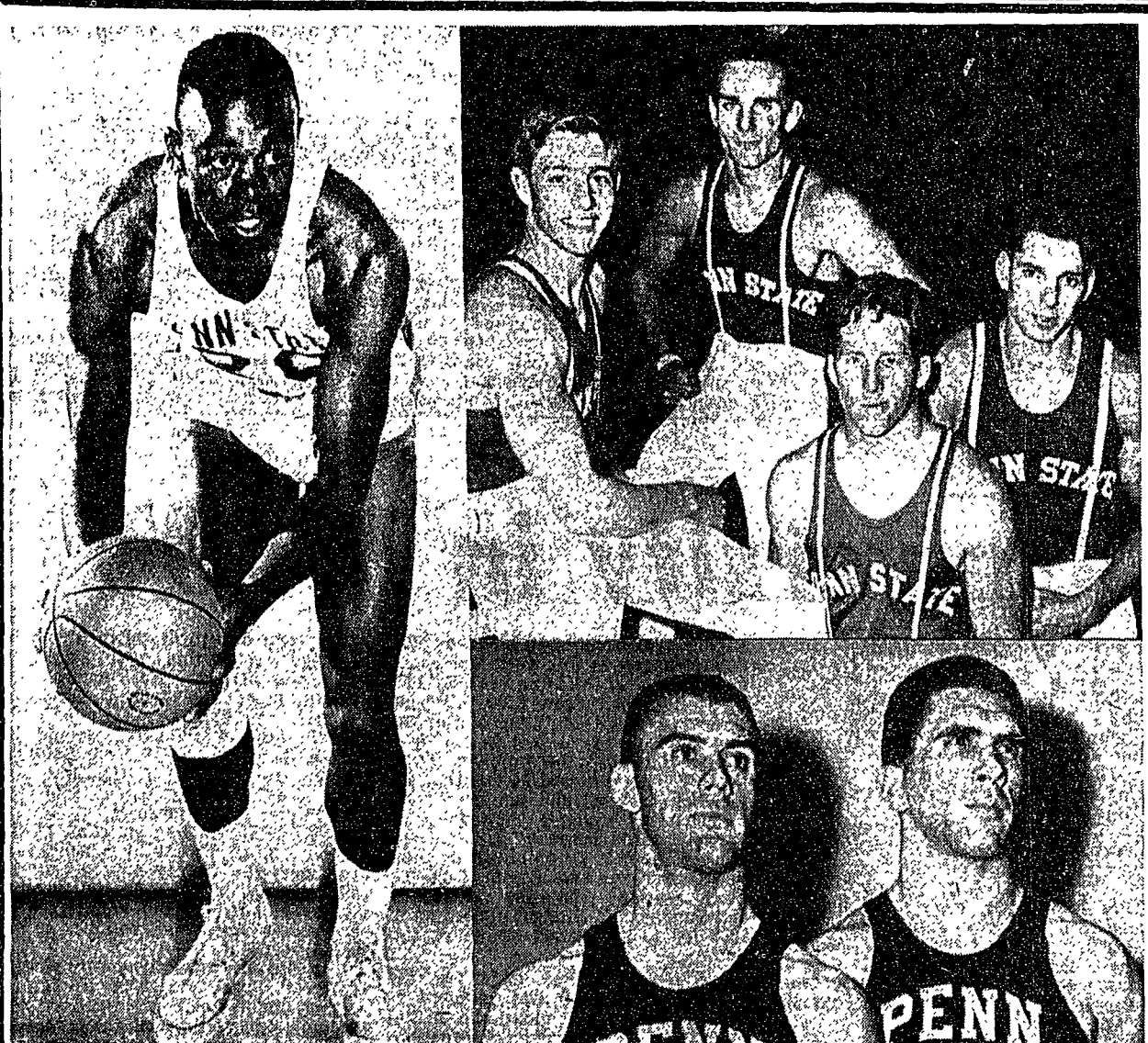
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