One of these days, Penn State students will be able to move into downtown apartments without worrying about sudden rent increases, filthy living conditions, and uncooperative landlords.

One of these days, students will be able to walk into a downtown store and still be able to find textbooks on the shelves a day after classes begin.

One of these days, but probably not soon.

As long as State College merchants have a captive market in the 25,000 University students, they can afford to forget service and fairness and the knowledge that without University students, State College wouldn't be on the map.

Those students who move into many of the ramhackle apartments in town somewhat expect slum conditions. But with the construction of new apartment buildings throughout town, many dwellers hope they can truthfully say their living quarters are better than those of the cows in the ag barns.

What many new tenants find is a complete set of furniture worth about \$50 with bureau drawers that fall out when they're opened and rugs that wear through when they're walked on.

They find that landlords show up when the rent is one day overdue, but that beds, such as in a new apartment building outside town, never do.

And, they've found that after a year when the apartment buildings aren't so new, the landlords decide that water running down hall walls, elevators that don't work and television cables that aren't connected are of no concern. Rent, of course, still is.

That's when other things get destroyed. If the owner doesn't care, the tenants stop caring, too.

Especially inexcusable are landlords capitalizing on the human aversion to read fine print leases. Landlords often won't explain that tenants "forfeit their court appeal right," that their contracts established by the lease are "pending" if apartments aren't ready for occupancy at a guaranteed time.

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LETTER POLICY

The Daily Cellesian accepts letters to the editor regarding Collesian news coverage or editorial policy and campus or non-campus affairs. Letters must be typewritten, no more than two pages in length, and should be brought to the office of The Daily Collesian in person so that identification of the writer can be checked, if letters are received by mail, The Collegian will contact the signer

The downtown merchants also do their share of chiseling, even though they complain that selling college supplies is a risk. To make sure the odds are on their side, however ,they don't overbuy quantities of textbooks at the beginning of each term. But they do sell used books at almost-new prices and buy books back at almost non-existent ones.

Town Independent Men's President Ed Dench and Senior Class President Dave Vinikoor spoke with a few apartment managers, this week. They got promises of remedial action, but little sincerity.

In the past, TIM has worked hard to correct housing inadequacies. The University, though, has been more of a hindrance than a help. There is no University support for student tenants downtown, nor will the University sanction TIM's proposal to compile a list of undesirable living quarters.

The Collegian backs TIM's efforts in housing and suggests the organization also investigate some downtown store activities. The Collegian urges the University to add its help, too.

In this instance, the multiversity can use its size and power where it can be appreciated. If the University is concerned about student welfare, it should show its dissatisfaction with their living conditions.

Meanwhile, unsuitable housing, uninterested merchants and too high a cost for both mount up. And that's why few students have a love affair with State College.



"Albert is such a political animal — the minute Bobby Kennedy came out against smoking . . "

Letters To The Editor

Advice to Freshmen

TO THE EDITOR: We fully agree—the girl situation at Penn State is literally horrible.

Does the freshman boy realize that there were many attractive freshmen girls in the dormitory last Saturday

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The freshmen boys seem to have accepted the myth passed down by upperclassmen, who are perhaps trying

to improve their own chances.

Instead of approaching a girl, they merely stand and stare at her. Give us a chance to get to know you. A good personality rates higher with most girls than "a few scat-

tered Greek letters." In fact, fraternity glamour is starting to fade already. Fraternity men and fraternity parties (with a few excep-

tions) begin to look the same after awhile.

Offer us something new—it's your move

4th floor Bigler

YOU THINK YOU LOOK LIKE A FIERCE MOUNTAIN LION SITTING ON A ROCK WAITING FOR A VICTIM

TO COME ALONG, DON'T YOU?

Offer Something lew

mention several solutions to the freshman male's dilemma:

TRY asking—the girls aren't going to ask you; • Call the dorms and take pot luck; the upperclass-

men you groan about do; or e Join a fraiernity. Then you'll be a "frai" man with

"little pin and a blazer with a few scattered Greek letiers."

Oh, by the way, you won't make the grade then either, unless you try.

Susan L. Corl '71











J. Robert Shore

Is President Johnson passing up opportunities for a negotiated peace settlement in Vietnam?

Judge for yourself.

Last week Arthur J. Goldberg, U.S. delegate to the United Nations, declared that America would halt bombing North Vietnam if she could be assured of "meaningful" negotiations.

Now "meaningful," in this instance, is a pretty ridiculous word. North Vietnam claims that "meaningful" talks will not get underway until the bombing ceases, unconditionally.

So if we drop the condition of "meaningful" in America's latest peace proposal, knowing damn well that once we get to the tables trivia won't be the topic of discussion, and stop the bombing (which we just said we'd do) then this war can finally end.

Here are some quotations taken from Wednesday's City Edition of The New York Times.

Nhan Dan, the official Communist party newspaper of North Vietnam, "reiterated the North Vietnamese position: The United States must stop the bombing without conditions, then talks will be

"Hanoi sources said that North Vietnam was prepared to open 'serious' and 'significant' talks with the United States three or four weeks after an unconditional halt in bombing of the North."

"Hanoi sources stressed that if Washington simply annaunced that it was halting the bombings 'for a certain period,' no talks would be possible because tme talks would be conditional."

Now that both sides have spoken, what's the problem? The only condition we ask for is that talks will result. Although North Vietnam calls for an unconditional halt to the bombing, they add that if the air raids cease talks can develop.

Why don't we cut the bombing today? Johson must have some reason. Or was Goldberg speaking the truth?

Earlier this month James Reston, associate editor of The New York Times, indicated in his column that ambassador Goldberg, who almost resigned his position, decided to stay on because he had regained faith (one wonders if he ever lost it) in what the administration says and does.

So it appears, if we can take the reliable word of Reston, that Goldberg at least believes in what

Romney said recently he had been "brainwashed." Is Goldberg being duped? I would like to

Mr. Johnson is the only man who can answer that question and many others which are bothering America's men of letters and other thinkers more

All of us want to have faith in the Johnson administration. But that "credibility gap" is growing wider with each reiterated or new policy statement. And then there's Harry Ashmore, Robert Kennedy, Hanoi sources, the Hanoi press and now even Robert

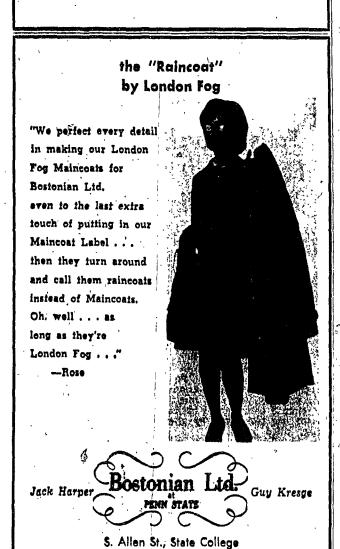
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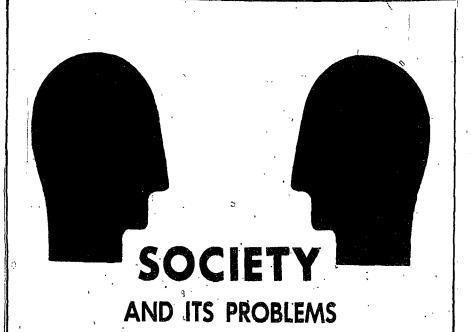
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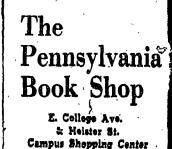


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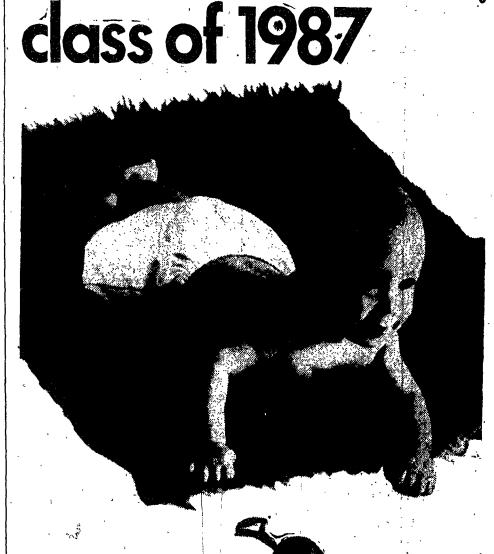
The American society. Vast, complex, perplexing, maddening, exhilarating. Its men and institutions receive criticism, analysis, praise. Books emerge. James Baldwin, John Kenneth Galbraith, Malcolm Boyd Riesman, McLuhan, Fulbright . . . their books outrage, stimulate, give cause to ponder. Do you care enough to read?

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