

Change of pace offered by Inn

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Ask any student on campus what he thinks of the Nittany Lion Inn, and chances are you'll get a variation of one of the following replies: "I don't know. I've never been there," or "It's supposed to be beautiful" or "They say the food's really good."

There are bound to be a few students on campus who actually have eaten there—even if it was only once, three years ago, when someone got his scholarship or was inducted into an honor society. The students might mention the Sunday smorgasbords, the cheeseburgers in the coffee shop or the ice cream from the Creamery.

For those who have discovered it, who can afford it and who like a pleasant change of pace from downtown State College eating places, the Nittany Lion Inn is a great place to dine.

The Inn is located directly behind Rec Hall, across the street from the golf course. From the winding driveway and tree-shaded lawn, to the tall pillars over the entranceway of the white colonial-style building itself, the Inn is a stately piece of architecture.

Treadway Inns
Built in 1931, the Nittany Lion Inn at first was one of the Treadway Inns, a chain of commercial hotels. Today it is owned and operated by the University. The Inn was expanded in 1953, when 75 rooms were added to the original building.

A variety of distinguished visitors, including Eleanor Roosevelt, and more recently Arthur Schlesinger and members of the French National Orchestra, have dined and slept at the Inn. One waitress said she recalls serving former University President Eric A. Walker, who frequented the Inn.

The Inn is the scene of banquets held by engineering and law societies and teachers' organizations. Parents stay there for weekends—on Mother's Day the Inn is especially crowded—and the football team eats there before every game. According to Louis E. Silvi, the Inn's manager, the University Board of Trustees holds luncheons there "once in a while, not too often."

Educational Seminars

But the majority of the people who stay at the Inn come from educational seminars, and stay for two or three days, Silvi said. These are professionals who come to attend meetings in such fields as accounting, engineering and transportation, he said.

Four dining rooms, a coffee shop, and 150 bedrooms, all colonial-style in design, comprise the interior of the unusual building. According to Silvi, the rooms favored by the visitors are the lobby, with its red carpeting, chandeliers and fireplace, and the terrace overlooking the golf course.

A staff of 125 accommodates the visitors. Some of the staff members are students since the Inn is a training ground for students majoring in hotel management. Some classes are held there.

Menu Varies

The menu varies, so that people who stay at the Inn for two or three days select from a variety of food, according to Silvi. "We sell more roast beef than anything else. We always have poultry, fish, roast beef, and three steaks on the menu. We have roast duck, lamb, and veal once in a while," he added.

Silvi said the Sunday buffet is the most popular meal at the Inn. An average of 300 to 500 people come between the hours of 12:30 and 2:30 and 6 and 8 p.m. for the Sunday meal, an all-you-can-eat special for \$3.50.

Nixon gives talk at U.N. session

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—The major points in President Nixon's address at the 25th anniversary session of the United Nations General Assembly yesterday:

U.S.-Soviet Relations

Nixon said the great question of whether the world can live at peace will not be resolved unless the United States and the Soviet Union "transcend the old patterns of power politics" and instead "use our resources for building rather than destroying."

Mideast

Nixon said the primary responsibility for achieving peace in the Middle East rests upon the Mideast nations themselves. But, he said, it is imperative that the United States and the Soviet Union join toward developing a climate in which those nations "will learn to live and let live," including the preservation of the cease-fire now in effect.

The alternative, he said, "could be a confrontation with disastrous consequences for the Middle East, for our own nations and for the world."

U.N. Peace Role

The President said the United States "will do everything it can" to strengthen the United Nations' capacity "to move decisively to keep the peace."

Environment

Pollution, Nixon said, "knows no national or ideological boundaries," and stressed that "the U.N. is uniquely equipped to play a central role in an international effort to curtail its ravages."

Population

Nixon said the United States will continue to support U.N. services "to insure that the quantity of life does not impair the quality of life."



Blowing bubbles?

IT MAY APPEAR that some overzealous bubble blower made the perfect bubble. Actually, they are two of the lights which illuminate the entrance to Pollock Undergraduate Library.

Prof researches Shaw; now writing 21st book

By DAVE SARGENT

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When George Bernard Shaw wrote, "He who can, does. He who cannot, teaches," he had not met Stanley Weintraub.

Weintraub, research professor of English, does teach, but he is also the writer or editor of 20 books and over 100 articles and one of the country's leading authorities on George Bernard Shaw.

Weintraub first became interested in Shaw while he was serving in the Army during the Korean War. "Most of the time war is boring," he said. "You have short periods of intense activity followed by long periods of monotony." In order to help relieve this monotony he had his brother send him books, one of which just happened to be a collection of Shaw's best plays.

This was his first introduction to "Shaw" and, as he remembers, "I was considerably impressed. In college I had taken the old-fashioned courses in British literature where you begin with 'Beowulf' and work your way up, never quite making it to the 20th century." Upon returning to the United States he came to Penn State and began his doctoral work on Shaw's works.

With 20 books now to his credit, Weintraub said he feels "half the problem in writing a book consists of choosing your subject carefully; the other half of very carefully doing your job."

Weintraub said many of his subjects for books were outgrowths of the courses he taught. "Ideas often spring from class discussion, which is why teaching and research are so closely related."

Commercial success cannot really enter into the selection of topic matter for non-fiction books, he pointed out, because by the time the research and writing on any fad is completed the subject is passe.

"If I were writing to make money I wouldn't be writing what I am writing; I'd be writing freshman English texts, which make more money than anything but pornography," Weintraub said.

"As far as writing is concerned," he said, "the best feeling is to get acceptance of your book by the people whom you respect. If they think it's a success, it's a success."

Weintraub's latest publication—the second volume of a biography of Shaw—may be termed a success for, in reviewing it, The New Republic stated: "Weintraub's 'Shaw' may outlast 'Pygmalion' as well as 'My Fair Lady.'"

Weintraub received a Guggenheim fellowship to research his next book, "Journey to Heartbreak," which studies the effect of World War I on Shaw, who was opposed to the war.

Commenting on the book, Weintraub said: "I'm not saying this is my swan song, but this may be the last book on Shaw for some time because I have started other things that require a great deal of my time."

Chief among these new activities is his job as Director of the Institute for the Arts and Humanistic Studies. The Institute sponsors team research in the arts and humanities and also brings distinguished artists and scholars from around the world to the University. Weintraub said the purpose of the Institute is "to enrich the academic climate and provide educational excitement over 'above what the individual colleges can give."

Weintraub is also editor of The Shaw Review and contributes regularly to The New York Times Book Review.

Vets explain vote on war resolution

By ROD NORDLAND

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Denny Dessureau, Penn State Veterans' organization president, Thursday explained the reasons Vets last week passed a resolution calling for the U.S. Congress to introduce a bill "which will limit the ability of the President to keep any American military forces in a combat or hostile fire zone for more than 90 days without a Congressional declaration of war."

The resolution, which was called an anti-war measure by an article in The Daily Collegian last week, is not necessarily indicative of anti-Vietnam war feelings on the part of those who voted for it, Dessureau said.

The resolution, which passed by a large majority, was worded in such a way as to allow a variety of persons with different viewpoints to favor it, he said.

For instance, some members voted for the resolution calling for a Congressional declaration of war to be necessary because they were violently anti-war, Dessureau said. But others voted for it because they were pro-war and wanted to see the United States actually declare war in Vietnam.

He added that other members voted for the resolution feeling that it had nothing to do with the Vietnam War itself. The resolution did not mention Vietnam but only specified "combat or hostile fire zone."

Service Common to All

According to Dessureau, the Veterans' Organization is composed of persons with only the experience of military service common to all of them. They come from diverse backgrounds and have diverse viewpoints, even concerning the war and the military.

Louis R. Redden, chairman of the Vets' political committee, stated in The Collegian that the Vietnam war is "obscene" and that "people should note that responsible veterans know this war is wrong." He also said

that the Veterans' Organization here is progressive and that the Political Committee of the Veterans' Organization is seeking to solve major political problems.

Redden had introduced a resolution to the Veterans' Organization which called for immediate withdrawal from Southeast Asia, but it was defeated by a narrow margin.

Statements Cause Resignations

As a result of Redden's statements in The Collegian, Dessureau said, "at least one member and possibly others" resigned from the Veterans' Organization. Dessureau said that Redden's anti-war statements represented only his personal opinions and did not represent even the political committee's position. He reiterated that the club has wide latitudes of opinion.

Dessureau also said he hopes to see the political committee continue to function within the organization, but said that the Vets' club is not primarily a political organization. If it were, he said, many persons on one side of the political spectrum or the other would be alienated.

Dessureau said the Veterans' Organization concentrates on a number of issues other than the war.

Sponsors Projects

For instance, he said, the group sponsors community projects such as book drives. Books collected by veterans each year are donated to the Rockview prison library. Other projects they sponsor are toy and clothing drives for needy children.

Politically, the group primarily is interested in lobbying with the University and the state for projects directly affecting veterans.

For instance, the group has lobbied to have the University drop physical education requirements for veteran students. Last year, the Veterans' Organization was one of the groups which sponsored campaigns to get the state to allocate funds for the University.

Pilot flies airplane into Catholic church

SAN JUAN, Tex. (AP)—An airplane piloted by a former schoolteacher crashed into and destroyed a Roman Catholic church yesterday after sending a radio warning of a "serious plot" against churches.

About 30 priests celebrating Mass, and 200 children from nearby St. John's school, fled the Church of the Shrine of the Virgin of San Juan and its adjoining cafeteria without injury.

The building burned to the ground, with only steel beams remaining. Police searched the still-burning wreckage of the plane and found the body of the pilot, whom they said was Frank Alexander, a math teacher here until last summer.

A spokesman for the Upper Valley Aviation Co. in nearby McAllen said Alexander rented the single-engine plane yesterday morning. The aviation firm said it was that plane's radio that went out over an emergency frequency and ordered an evacuation of Roman Catholic and Methodist churches "because of a serious plot."

The pupils left their lunches half-finished in the cafeteria and were dismissed for the day.

The aviation firm spokesman said the crash was no accident, that it definitely was deliberate.

He said he heard the radio orders from Alexander, about 50, who is well-known to the firm as an instructor-pilot and frequent customer.

Friends said Alexander is the father of two children and the husband of a former Acronaves de Mexico stewardess. They said Alexander himself once worked at the Mexico City airport tower.

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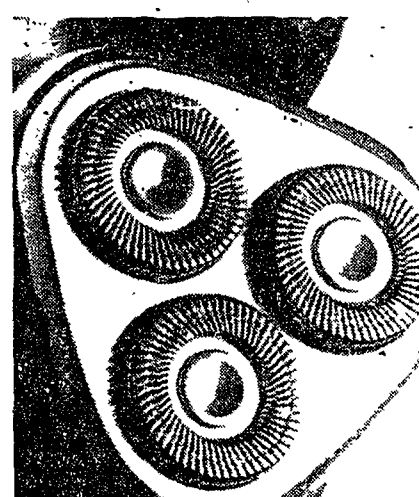
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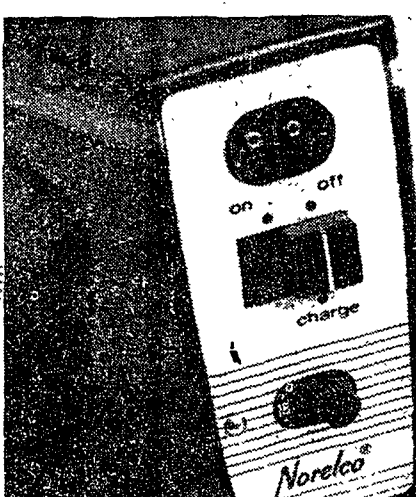
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