

Card Conspiracy

THE DAILY COLLEGIAN hereby submits a number of possible reasons for the recent University decision to provide us all with new, improved and fortified matric cards, effective Summer Term.

—The FBI needed a new, up-to-date photo file on students. On the old cards, they could not tell which students were the long-haired hippie radicals.

—Downtown bar owners were complaining about the old freshman year photos on the old cards. They tried too hard to throw out underage students, and lost too much business.

—Students were complaining because, thanks to the old photos, no bar owner would believe they were 21.

—REGISTRATION HAD BE-

come almost bearable, and the University had to find something new to complicate matters again. Besides, they could establish another administrative office to deal with matric card problems.

—The old cards will be ground up and used in the dining halls to give some flavor to the food. This is only a remote possibility, for it might destroy the tradition of savory University chow.

—An anonymous member of the Board of Trustees or the University administration just bought stock in a matric card company.

—The school colors are being changed quietly to beige on beige, and the new cards will reflect this change. Apparently, it is a move to make the school colors inoffensive to everyone.

—THE MOVE IS PURELY

bureaucratic, to keep people in matric card factories busy.

—The new model is stronger, for easier and quicker lockpicking by enterprising students.

—University computers refused to work with the old cards, and demanded something better.

—The University intends to sell attachments which will inflate into pillows, for use in all boring courses. Rumor has it that the receipts will be used to build three to four new campus buildings.

—A hollow space inside the card will be useful for storing anything one wishes to stash there.

WHATEVER THE rationale, the move seems to be a good one. It will make everything a lot simpler, and we are grateful for this small but worthwhile blessing.

Deny demonstrators basic legal guarantees

Washington police make indiscriminate arrests

By JOHN WEAGRAFF
Collegian Senior Reporter

While the protestors participating in the Mayday demonstrations last week may not have succeeded in halting the government, they did force the Washington, D.C. police into making numerable illegal and indiscriminate arrests.

According to Donald Sassoon, who was working with the Central Pennsylvania Legal Defense Committee (CPLDC) in Washington, police often disregarded the proper procedures for making arrests. He said the police pursued the tactic of indiscriminate arrests with such vigor that the courts were swamped with an "unbelievable load" of cases which could not be legally tried due to insufficient evidence.

Case Dismissed

The insufficient evidence stemmed from the police's failure to fill out the necessary forms stating the charges, the arresting officer's name, and other pertinent information. When the cases were brought before a judge, individuals found themselves dismissed because the prosecuting lawyers could produce no evidence, he said.

Dave Dankovic, who was arrested in Washington, said that in one instance prosecuting attorneys were given a list of ten police officers and ordered to fill in the name of the arresting officer on the necessary papers regardless of whether the policeman named had actually made the arrest.

Also, because no charges were filed against many of those arrested, the lawyers were told to supply on the forms whatever charge was decided upon. It is apparent that

due to the illegal arresting procedures employed by the police, the courts were faced with cases that could not have been and should not have been tried under a legal pretense.

Broken Rules

Sassoon noted that the Coliseum, where people were taken when the city jails were filled, was "the place where all the rules were broken." None of the people there had been charged, or for that matter told that they were under arrest. They were simply brought to the site in buses and unloaded.

Thousands of demonstrators waited in the Coliseum with no means to contact lawyers, no bathroom facilities and no food. At this point it was decided that if the demonstrators would put up \$10 collateral, they would be set free and would not be required to stand trial unless they requested it.

The fact that none of these demonstrators were ever charged, but simply were photographed, finger printed and charged \$10 is a grim comment on the judicial bungling that took place in Washington.

Sassoon also said that when the defense committee tried to find out who had been arrested, the police department refused to supply any of the necessary information, simply because no one really knew who was arrested.

Police Control

Jim Huber, who also was working for the CPLDC, said that the judicial system became subject to the control of the police force which continually pursued the policy of arresting people without charging them and without following the necessary pro-

cedures in order to present the cases in a normal court of law.

The result was that the courts in Washington did not function as the laws of this country dictate. In a desperate effort to clear the streets of Washington, both police and the courts followed unprecedented procedures.

Reports from Washington to this point have neglected to emphasize these instances of illegal arresting procedure. They also have failed to mention unnumbered cases where police arrested people without legal cause, and often used unnecessary physical force to do so.

Gas or Mace

Nick Brink, another participant in the demonstrations who was arrested in the May 1 clog-the-traffic activities, noted that police simply walked up to groups of people who were doing nothing and herded them into buses without ever telling them they were under arrest. He also said instances were not uncommon of police using gas or mace on people aboard the police buses or people who simply were standing around. He cited one instance at the Redskins Stadium, where demonstrators were taken after being herded onto buses, when students pressed too close to the fence and police began gassing them rather heavily. He noted many other instances of indiscriminate gassing on the part of the police in an effort to subdue the demonstrators who, for the most part, contented themselves with chanting and dancing.

Dave Rosner, Director of the Peace Cen-

Track defended

TO THE EDITOR: This letter is a reply to Terry Nau's recent comments concerning Penn State track. It is obvious that Nau knows very little about the sport, this fact being revealed in his misleading "analysis". He seems to feel that the team needs a super star to merit any attention.

Anyone who witnessed Greg Frederick's great performance in the meet held last weekend would realize that he is a top athlete. There is no other athlete on a Penn State team who has performed better this year than has Greg.

Nau goes on to state how boring track meets can be, but to anyone with the slightest interest in the sport, the recent P.S.U. - Navy duel had plenty of excitement. The meet wasn't decided until the last race and even that event was a thrilling contest that either team could have won. Granted, many people have no interest in track, but certainly the same could be said for other spring sports, particularly baseball — which some would rate the most boring of sports.

Track is not always a contest with the clock or tape measure as Nau asserts. Often in topflight competition, strategy and competition psychology are dominant concerns.

In my opinion, the track team draws about as many spectators as the other spring sports. (except spring football, naturally). I'm not really overly concerned with the paucity of our following, or whether more people should be interested in track and field — what I am concerned with is a sports writer who denigrates a program, especially when it is apparent that he has no accurate concept

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of what the sport is about. Perhaps Terry Nau should go back to covering baseball, a sport he obviously has more affection for.

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Suspension 'disturbing'

TO THE EDITOR: The suspension of the charter of "Other Vision, Homophiles of Penn State" is disturbing in several ways, and causes some questions to be raised.

The Undergraduate Student Government Supreme Court had agreed that HOPS qualified to be a chartered organization under the Senate Rules and Policies. Now the legality of the organization comes into question. Where was the administration when we were trying to get a charter in the first place? Did they think it was some kind of gag, that would pass in a week?

It sounds to me as if the administration were not taking HOPS seriously — or not taking the USG Supreme Court seriously. There is little point in having the latter if its decisions are coolly dismissed.

Being taken seriously is a must for there to be any kind of understanding or communication to develop. Everyone can help; by realizing that the word "queer" is no nicer than the word "nigger." (Many otherwise enlightened, reasonable people toss around the word "queer" with absolutely no thought of offending.) "Gay" is the generally preferred expression.

The Collegian has taken a step — by giving HOPS front page coverage and by unofficially announcing our Colloquy speakers. Two more things are needed: That the Collegian publish the times and places of these workshops, and continue to announce meetings and events sponsored by the group.

Chernah Coblenz
(3rd-arts and architecture-Souderton)

Barbarism in Pakistan

TO THE EDITOR: The general body of the Friends of India Association has passed the following resolution about the recent happenings in East Bengal (E. Pakistan):

"The FOIA of Penn State University expresses its deep anguish and grave concern at the recent tragic happenings in East Bengal (East Pakistan), instead of acceding to the popular demand of the majority people there, the Government of Pakistan has indulged in a systematic and deliberate massacre of the unarmed and innocent people with the help of modern military machines; this is unprecedented in the history of mankind. The anguish for this unnecessary tragedy is shared by the people all over the world.

This house calls upon all the civilized people throughout the world to condemn the atrocity unequivocally and to ask the rulers of Pakistan to stop their barbaric militaristic adventure immediately. Also it appeals to all the nations of the world to mobilize whatever resources they can to alleviate the human suffering that has been inflicted upon the people of East Bengal."

H. K. Chatterjee
General Secretary — FOIA

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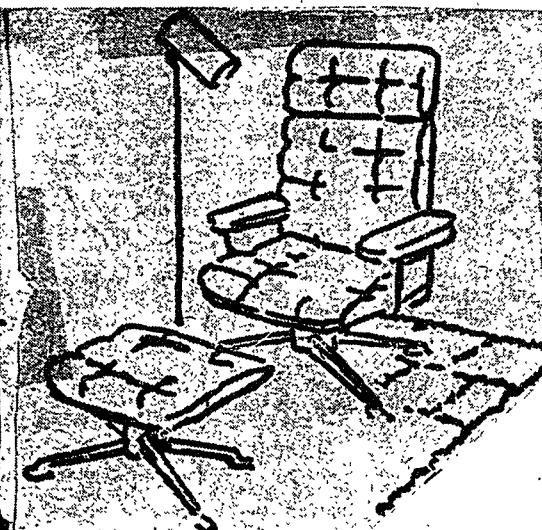
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