

**Editorial opinion:**

There can be a permanent University bookstore. Its future rests with you.

Buy your textbooks in the basement of McAllister and the interim bookstore will thrive. Only then will the University Board of Trustees consider authorizing the plans for the construction of a larger, complete facility.

The interim bookstore's policy is to order textbooks for every student enrolled in courses with 100 students or less. This means a copy of the book you need is always available there. The trouble is that for every book bought downtown, the interim bookstore has a book unsold.

The adequate supply of textbooks depends on the concern of the University faculty. They must accurately estimate how many books their students will need and get the book lists in on time, so books can be ordered to arrive before each term begins.

The McAllister store is not without its flaws.

The prices for new textbooks are the same as those downtown. But this cannot be helped. Prices are set by the publishers who sell their books at 20 per cent of the list price. After postage and freight, salaries and rent to the University, the 20 per cent gross profit ends up as 1 per cent net profit.

So, when more books are ordered than are sold, the store loses money.

Dayton M. Henson, University bookstore coordinator, admits the space in McAllister is inadequate for a university of this size. However, in May permanent shelves will provide space for textbooks and nonrequired reading.

Another problem has been the long lines of people trying to sell used books. The wait could have been shorter if Barnes and Noble, the firm buying books at the interim bookstore had set up shop before last Thursday.

The fact is that the bookstore in McAllister is not adequate. Lack of space limits it to offering only required texts. Stationery supplies are sold separately in the HUB.

What is needed is a large, permanent bookstore, located in a convenient place. Students should have the opportunity to buy used books and sell their books back at reasonable prices. Optional texts and reference books should be made available.

A University bookstore can provide a service to students by having the books they need when they need them.

Each book you buy at McAllister brings us a little closer to having that store.

**Student buying power**

**Letters to the editor**

**The Flipper flipped**

TO THE EDITOR: Spouting off his half-truths straight from "heaven" in his April 2 letter, the Grand Omni-Potent Flipper has flipped once again. I never did believe in Grand Omni-Potent Flipper infallibility.

To set the record straight, the New Reformed Church of the Infinite Frisbee-Bacchic Rite is in no way, financially or theologically, connected with that New Reformed-Orthodox Church of the Infinite Frisbee or those other "American" inventions (God, Motherhood, Apple Pie, etc). Nor do we ever wish to be.

Our Church was founded out of Cosmic Revelation when I saw the infinite absurdity of life here on earth and not by a commercial for Wham-O.

Mr. Lantz comments on our "lower-class" activities. Well, we don't perform immoral acts on our young boys, offer human sacrifices on our altars, hand out copies of "God's Word" missionaries to Africa or even play bingo on Thursday night.

However, as there seems to be no common agreement on where the Cosmic force is, why it is there and why we are here, we just accept the fact that it is, we are, and why not have

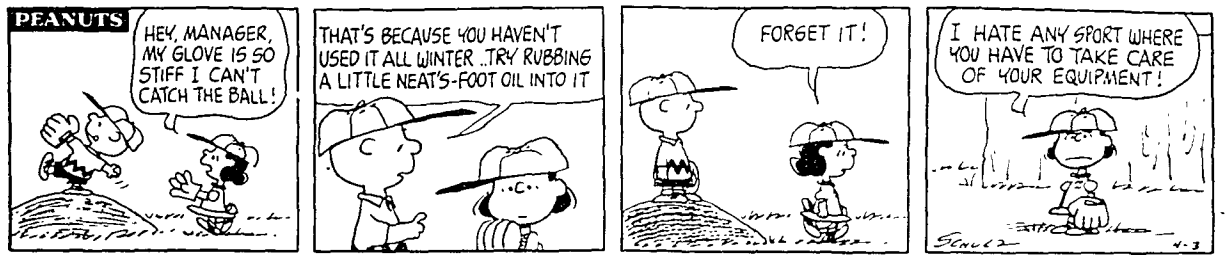
some fun while the rest of the world fights about it!

Dionysus conservat, Asculapius in servitutum ducit!  
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The Daily Collegian welcomes comments on news coverage, editorial policy or noncampus affairs. Letters should be typewritten, double spaced, signed by no more than two persons and no longer than 30 lines. Students' letters should include the name, term and major of the writer.

Letters should be brought to The Collegian office, 126 Carnegie, in person so proper identification of the writer can be made, although names will be withheld by request. If letters are received by mail, The Collegian will contact the signer for verification.



**Not at conception, not at birth**

By JOHN H. JOHNSON  
of the Collegian Staff

Human Life.  
Two simple words that are currently being pushed and pulled and occasionally pulverized into strange new shapes — the final shape quite often dependent on an individual's view on another simple word.

Abortion.  
The 1950 Webster in The Daily Collegian office does not even have a definition that corresponds to today's usage.

Webster's states: "abortionist (n); One who practices the producing of criminal abortions." Since the United States Supreme Court has ruled that states may not interfere with the right of a woman to have an abortion during the first 26 weeks of pregnancy, I do not believe the definition is workable for 1973.

Some past Collegian letters offer other definitions: "the killing of innocent children in America," "color it murder" and "legislating morality."

There have been more anti-abortion letters this year than pro. They are mostly reactions to The Collegian's pro-abortion policy.

When does "human life" begin?  
Not at conception.

At conception a sperm enters an egg and cells start to divide and multiply.

But a microscopic bit of protoplasm is not a human life. It has no more sensations than an amoeba. In fact, an amoeba is better suited to life at that size.

Not at birth.  
A premature baby is still a human being, even if it must spend some time in the artificial womb of an incubator.

Human life, then, begins at some point in the gestation period of a human being. When is that first sudden start of self-awareness? When does the floating, cushioned piece of flesh give its first kick of "I am here, I am here." When does it first know warmth, hunger, the subtle pressure of a proud father's hand? Unfortunately, no one remembers.

However, there is more than one life at stake.

Theoretically, the human female can bear a child anytime after puberty.

If she is unmarried, anti-abortionists would have her bear the child until birth. And they would call her immoral for conceiving it.

If the child is unwanted, anti-abortionists would have her bear it anyway and assume the responsibility of caring for it. Or feel the pain of childbirth only to give the child up for adoption.

Human life.  
I don't know if a fetus less than six months old has it.

A pregnant woman does.

**the Collegian**

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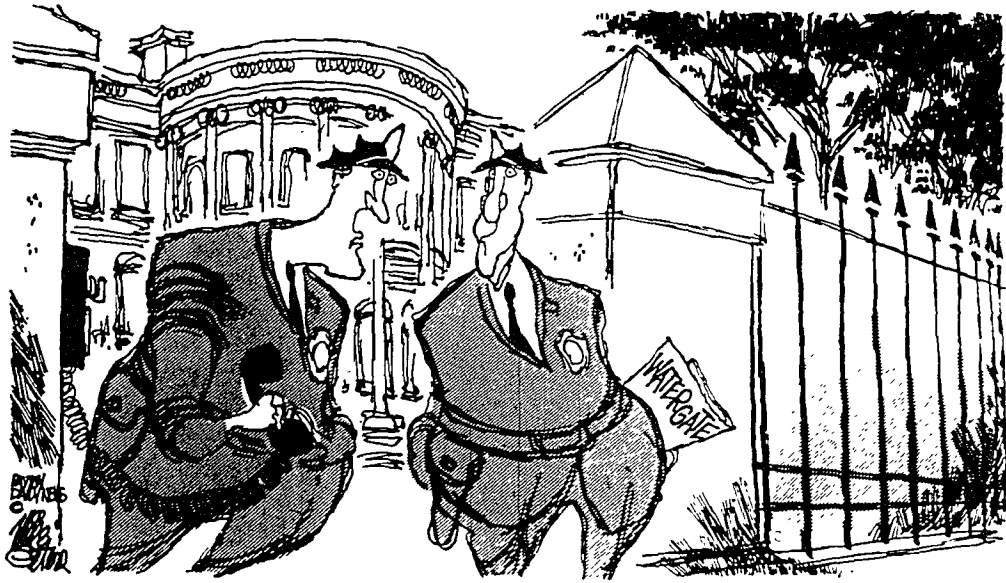
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**Free U. Spring Course Registration**  
Wed. Apr. 4 & Thurs. Apr. 5  
9:15 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
HUB Ballroom  
April 6 - HUB Ground Floor  
Booklets Available:  
Ground Floor & 203-C HUB

**PSOC MAIN CLUB MEETING**  
7:30 pm 10 Sparks  
Tues., April 3  
Election of main club officers  
Program by Hiking advisor  
Tom Thwaite

**West Halls Cinema presents:**  
**Spring Term 1973**

Apr. 2-4	A Fistful of Dollars
5-8	Prime Cut
12-15	Silent Running
19-22	For A Few Dollars More
26-29	Sometimes A Great Notion
May 3-6	The Carey Treatment
10-13	Play It Again, Sam
17-20	Pocket Money
May 31, June 1-3	Decameron

**UNIVERSITY CALENDAR**  
**Tuesday, April 3, 1973**

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
Faculty Women's Club seminar series, "Being a Woman," 9:30-11 a.m., HUB assembly room. Dr. Judith D'Augelli, sociologist, speaker.

**MEETINGS**  
Engineering Undergraduate Council, 7:30 p.m., Room 207 Sackett.

**SERVICES**  
Drop-Add station in HUB lounge, 1-4 p.m.  
Information and counseling service for transfer students from Commonwealth Campuses, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., HUB ground floor.

**EXHIBITS**  
Museum of Art — Gallery A, watercolors by Neil Di Teresa, Berea, Ky. Gallery C, sculpture and drawings by John Truska, Lexington, Ky.  
Zoller Gallery, Visual Arts — B.F.A. Candidates show.  
HUB Gallery — Poster's from the University's permanent collection.  
Kern Gallery — Acrylic paintings by Janet Tracy.  
Walnut Building — Works of students Frank Tillman and Bob Wells.

**SEMINARS**  
Astronomy, 4 p.m., Radio Astronomy Observatory. Fred Wefer on "Statistical Properties of Microwave Radio Bursts."  
Bio-Engineering, 4 p.m., Room 329 Electrical Eng. E. Dr. Charles T. Morrow, Department of Agr. Engineering, on "Bio-Engineering Activities in Agricultural Engineering."  
Engineering Mechanics, 4 p.m., Room 215 Hammond. Dr. E.G. Fischer, Westinghouse Research and Development Center, on "Earthquake Engineering — Prediction and Design."  
Microbiology, 4 p.m., Room S2 Frear. Richard Adler on "The Temperature Sensitivity of Attenuated Poliovirus."  
Solid State, 1 p.m., Room 339 Davey. Dr. Henzler, Physical Institute of the Technical University, Clausthal, Germany, on "The Structure and Electrical Properties of Rough Silicon Surfaces."  
Solid Waste Management, 2:20 p.m., Room 22 Deike. William C. Bucciarelli, Department of Environmental Resources, Harrisburg, on "Solid Waste Management — State Planning Perspective."

**LECTURES**  
Central Penna. Society, American Institute of Archaeology, 8 p.m., Room 112 Kern.  
Henry S. Robinson, Case Western Reserve University, on "Greek Tripods."

**INTEREST GROUPS**  
Archery Club, 5-7 p.m., Room 3 White.  
Campus Crusade for Christ, 7 p.m., HUB reading room.

**Arts and Architecture students**  
nominations for student senator will be accepted in 11 Arts Building Mon & Tues April 2 & April 3 till 5 pm

**requirements:**  
have a 2.0 all-U average  
be no higher than 9th term

Voting will take place April 4 & 5 in Departmental offices, also April 5 ground floor Hub

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STUDENTS wishing to apply should submit applications and resumes to: Ms. Anne Jorgensen, 301 Haller.

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