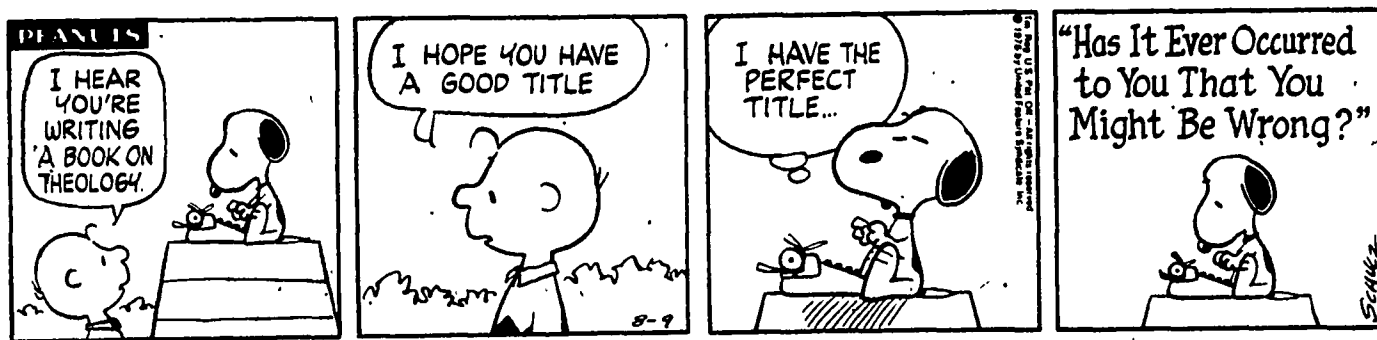
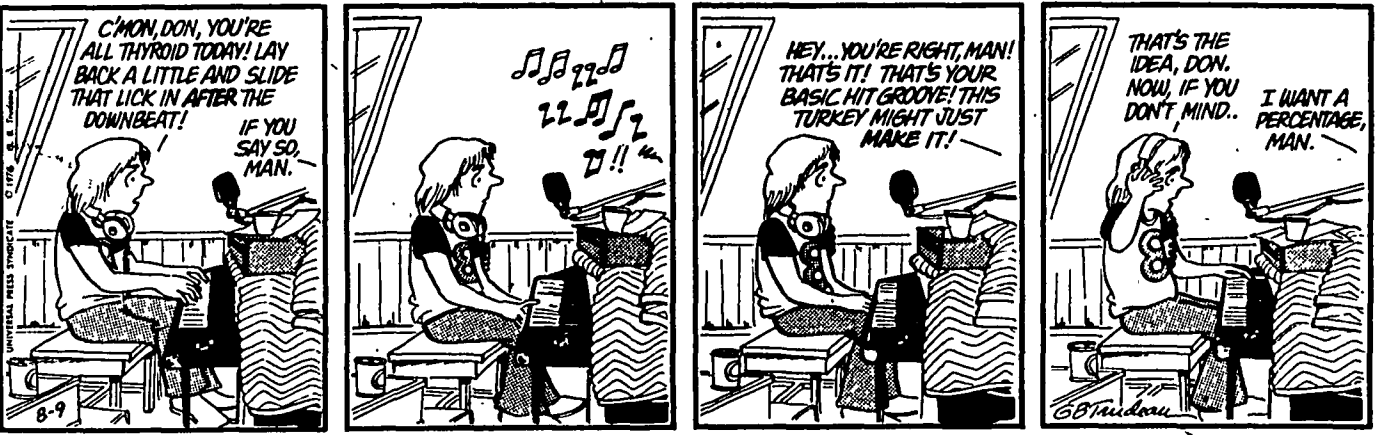
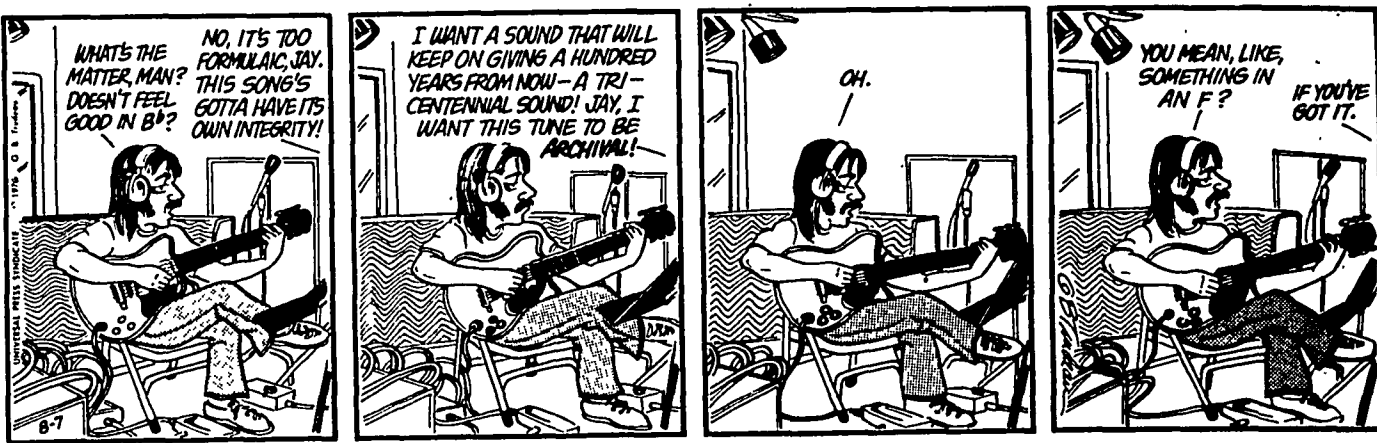


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# Star bright, America loves you

By JIM LOCKHART  
Collegian Arts Writer  
"His Picture in the Papers" by Richard Schickel. Charterhouse, \$5.95  
With the nation all agog over the knight-errant from Plains, Ga., Richard Schickel's book, "His Picture in the Papers," makes for some timely and thoughtful reading. Schickel speculates on the status of the celebrity in America, using as his example the life of a movie star, Douglas Fairbanks, Sr. And by now we should all know that it is a very short trip from Hollywood to the White House.

mass media. But while Pickford chose to seclude herself from her public, perhaps to maintain her ingenue image, Fairbanks allowed himself to be swept away by the photographers, reporters and fans. He was the ideal star for such a public life. Both on and off the screen he maintained certain all-American traits: optimism, youthfulness, belief in the business ethic, pluck and luck and self-confidence.

But, as Schickel notes, if Americans worship celebrities while they are on the rise, Americans are also quick to forget these same celebrities after the almost inevitable fall from public favor. Schickel says that unlike literary heroes, celebrities are denied a third-act victory. After a decade in which Fairbanks films lost money, Pickford divorced him and he turned to the bottle. Fairbanks died alone at 56, a ridiculously early age for a swashbuckler.

## book review

Fairbanks and his princess wife, Mary Pickford, were the first national celebrities, thanks to the rapidly expanding and increasingly pervasive

Celebrity extends beyond Hollywood and into all forms of modern life. Abbie Hoffman and Jerry Rubin became minor political powers because of the personal fame they had gained in the late 60's. Instant fame is showered on kidnaped heiresses and red-hooded political assassins. And now a presidential election will be decided by the whitest teeth or the least number of stumbles.

Perhaps celebrity has reached the point where it has become nullified. Schickel says, "Everyone is now what very few were only a little while ago—an actor. Politicians and presumptive saints, artists and critics, athletes and murderers — all are now actors." And you can't tell the players without a scorecard.

# What's happening around town

**Out of Town Concerts**  
Allentown: KC & the Sunshine Band perform at the Allentown Fair, Aug. 10.  
Philadelphia: Aerosmith and Rick Derringer at the Spectrum 8 p.m. Aug. 13. Average White Band, Aug. 17. Spectrum. Linda Ronstadt at the Robin Hood Dell West, 8 p.m. Aug. 22. Cheech and Chong will perform at the Valley Forge Music Fair 8:30 p.m. Aug. 24.

## USG Gayline open

Homophiles of Penn State have a USG Gayline for information, referrals or just to rap about homosexuality. Call 863-0588 from 7 to 11 p.m. any Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.

Centre County NOW (National Organization for Women) will meet at 7:30 tonight in the Women's Resource Center. All interested persons are invited.

Tickets are usually available at Ticketron or National Record Marts.

Cinema II. "Gus." State. "Ode to Billy Joe." Bobby Gentry's tune transformed into a movie.

## Coming attractions

The Free U workshop, "Feminism and the Family," has been changed to 8:30 tonight in the Women's Resource Center.

Auto repair workshops will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Women's Resource Center.

Plays  
"The Lion in Winter" opens Wednesday night at the Millbrook Playhouse in Mill Hall and runs till Aug. 15.

Garden. "Lifeguard." Simpleton plot.

Movies. "The Bad News Bears." Tatum O'Neal and Walter Matthau. Little league baseball team trying to make it big.

## Shovel on Viking fixed

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Scientists at Jet Propulsion Laboratory said yesterday they had regained use of the Viking 1 lander's vital miniature shovel, which jammed last Tuesday. Meanwhile, scientists continued to work to determine if

new activity detected in a bit of Martian soil signaled the work of live organisms.

For the second time in a week, Viking 1's automated laboratory reported test results that scientists said could reflect life processes.

The Screening Room. "S.O.S." X-rated.

On Campus. "1984" and "Animal Farm." Orwell's prophecies on screen. Thursday and Friday 8 p.m. 112 Kern.

Movies  
Off Campus: Cinema I. "Murder by Death." Peter Sellers and an all-star cast parody Hollywood's detectives.

"2001: A Space Odyssey." Kubrick's beautiful and frightening look at the future. Thursday through Sunday. Pollock Rec Room, 7:30 and 10 p.m.

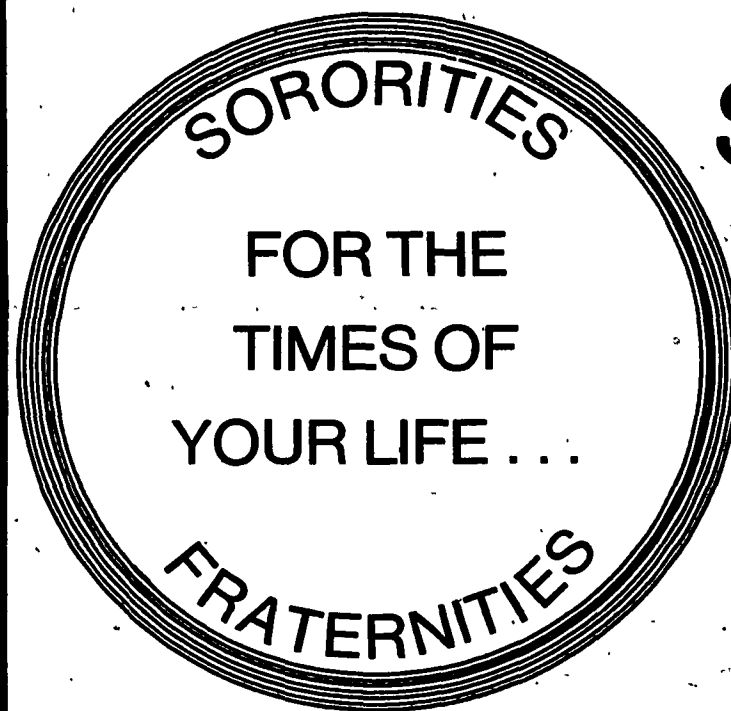
—Compiled by Barb Coit

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## UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

Monday - Saturday, August 9 - 28

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Monday, August 9  
Penn State Overcomers, 7 p.m., Room 110 Sackett.  
Tuesday, August 10  
Alpha Phi Omega Bloodmobile, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., HUB ballroom.  
Shavers Creek Nature Center, "Frogs, Toads and Snakes," 7 p.m., Stone Valley.  
Wednesday, August 11  
Shavers Creek Nature Center, evening nature movie, 9 p.m., Stone Valley.  
Penn State Magazine Club, 8 p.m., Room 324 HUB.  
Thursday, August 12  
Shavers Creek Nature Center, marsh walk, 6:30 p.m., Stone Valley.  
Free U "Disco Dancing," 7 p.m., Room 301 HUB.  
Friday, August 13  
Interlandia Folk Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., HUB terrace and ballroom.  
Shavers Creek Nature Center, "Ghouls and Beasts and Things that go bump in the night," 8 p.m., Stone Valley.  
Saturday, August 14  
Shavers Creek Nature Center, evening program, 9 p.m., Stone Valley.  
Sunday, August 15  
Shavers Creek Nature Center, nature ecology walk, 3 p.m.; evening program, 9 p.m., Stone Valley.

### FILMS

Thursday-Friday, August 12-13  
GSA Commonsplace Theatre, "1984" and "Animal Farm," 8 p.m., Room 112 Kern.  
Thursday-Sunday, August 12-15  
ARHS film, "2001: A Space Odyssey," 7:30 and 10 p.m., Pollock Rec Room.  
Saturday, August 14  
GSA outdoor film, 9 p.m., Fisher Plaza.

### UNIVERSITY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 18  
Classes end.  
Thursday-Saturday, August 19-21  
Final examinations.  
Saturday, August 28  
Commencement.

### EXHIBITS

Museum of Art: American Paintings and Furniture from the Permanent Collection.  
Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts Juried Crafts Show, through August 15.  
Prints by Pennsylvania Artists, through August 22.  
HUB Gallery: Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts: Elementary and Junior High Art, through August 13.  
Zoller Gallery: M.F.A. Show, Suzanne Glascock, Printmaking; Charles Moore, Printmaking; Jan Mrozinski, Ceramics, August 16-21.  
Hammond Gallery: M.F.A. Show, Anthony Herrerra, Painting, through August 7.  
M.F.A. Show, Joseph Scopa, Sculpture, through August 14.  
Chambers Gallery: Melanie Lynch, Hangings; Marjorie Johnstone, Rugs, through August 18.  
Kern Gallery: Aliza Thomas, Prints, through August 21. Printmakers in Art, through August 14.