

Step right up

The faculty unionization circus would have made P.T. Barnum a very proud man.

In the far ring is the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) vying for the right to be the union which represents the Penn State faculty. At the other end of the Big Top is the Penn State University Professional Association (PSUPA), also hoping to be the faculty representative.

But now, walking into the center ring is the Penn State Independent Faculty, formed to prevent faculty unionization and promote faculty independence. As with most three ring circuses, the most attractive act is in the center.

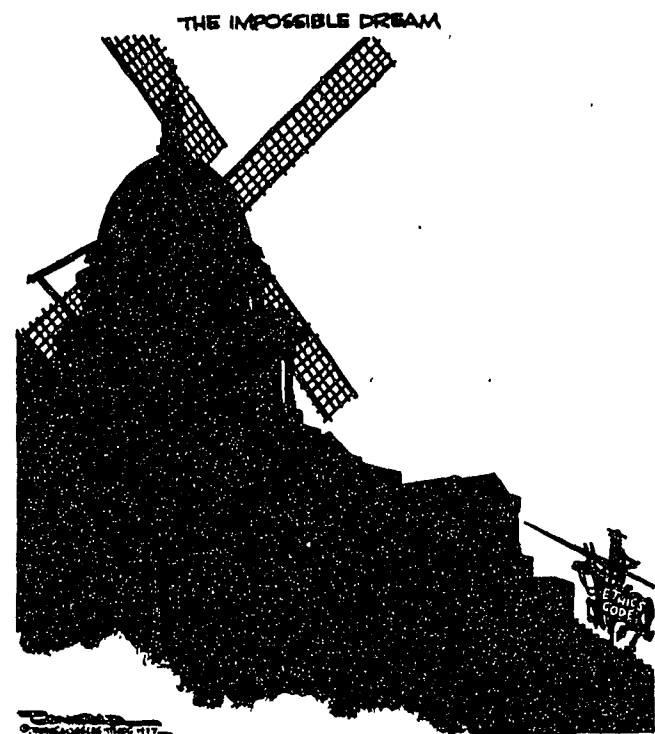
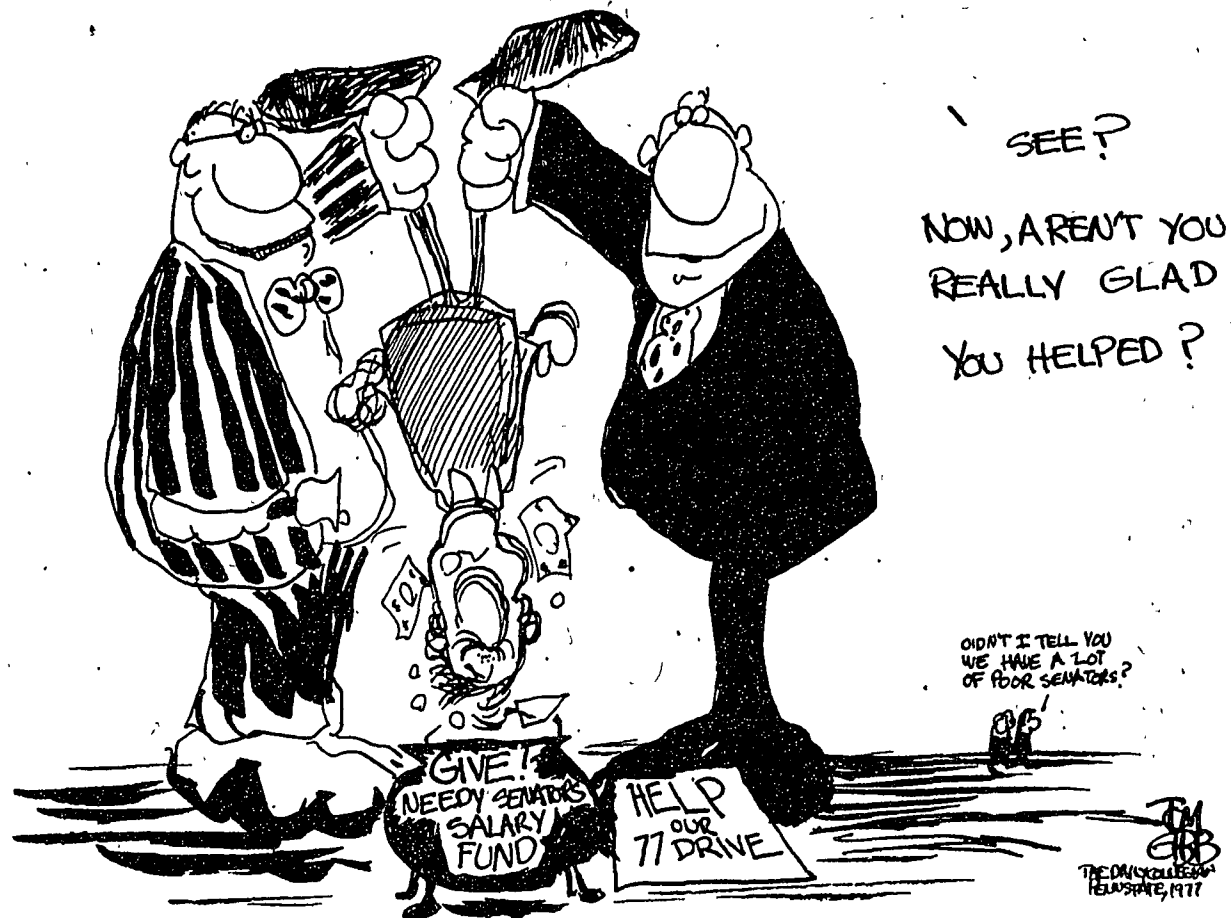
Both PSUPA and the AAUP have given lengthy orations over the months of hearings about their

respective benefits to the University faculty. What the organizations have failed to mention are the possible side effects on the students. Neither organization has promised to do anything for students, and we must recognize the risks they may be taking. Students should be aware of their rights and carefully examine the chances of either organization working to our benefit.

Faculty unionization could result in higher tuition, since increases in faculty salaries would probably be absorbed in tuition increases to students. A unionized faculty could reduce student input into questions of academic policy, and might guarantee tenure to even the most absent-minded professor.

The members of the anti-union organization feel that the majority of the faculty does not want a union, and therefore will support non-unionization in the spring. With the existence of a unionization alternative, such as the new Penn State Independent Faculty, faculty members have been given the chance to insure continued quality education with minimal risk to the students. A faculty vote against unionization would reaffirm the University's dedication to providing education for the masses.

The organizers of the independent group say a big turnout for the spring elections would give them a win. Perhaps that would put an end to the unionization confusion and the circus could move on.



From the Editor

Fund game: brawn beats brains

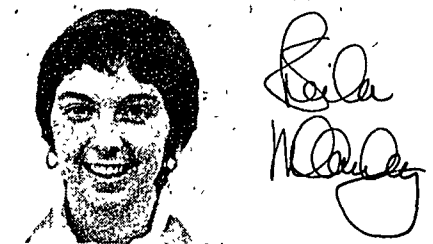
Levi Lamb, I could hate you. With very little effort, I could loathe you.

Last week, Levi Lamb, I participated in the University's phone-a-thon, an effort to raise money for all the University's scholarship programs, but primarily the academic ones. And you, Levi Lamb, are the athletic scholarship fund.

About 20 other students and I called alumni all across the state and asked them for scholarship money. The Office of Gifts and Endowments, running the show, had told us alumni could name any fund they wished for their contributions — National Merit, Black Scholars, Levi Lamb or any one of about nine different programs.

A few alumni who were genuinely concerned about the dire need for financial aid this year would have helped if not for their furnaces blowing up, their unemployment checks or their pregnant wives.

Others had lots of money to spread around, but chose not to spread it. They gave their big contributions to Levi Lamb and most of them admitted their concern was football tickets. They didn't really have to tell me that, though. Nothing could convince me big Levi Lamb contributors are seriously worried that high school jocks won't get to college without their Levi Lamb support.



I don't know exactly how much of the phone-a-thon funds will go to Levi Lamb's fund for needy athletes. But of

about \$1,000 I collected for the University that night, alumni pledged three-fourths to football tick... oops Levi Lamb's fund.

The loyal alumni seem to be getting the worst end of this column. I do criticize them for making more of a game than an education. And I wonder how much of a thrill it can be to come back here as a non-student and have to sit in a place hidden from the bottle-throwing, profanity and general good spirits of the student crowd. Maybe it's just my student mentality. I mean, I'm willing to pay \$3 for a really good movie, but \$400 for some football tickets? No sir.

Anyway, though I don't understand the alumni, I have to sympathize with them. They want to come back here. They want to come back to football. But Levi Lamb has told them they can't come home again unless they pay through the nose to do it.

So the University perpetuates its own myth. You know that myth, the one the University constantly tries to negate, the one that goes "Penn State — football school." Most people have a hard time seeing through that myth. They don't see research facilities or an engineering school or an agricultural tradition.

Most people, Levi Lamb fat cats included, see that tickets to Penn State football games cost more than tickets to dinner at Fran Tarkenton's house would. Most people see the university's private contributions for worthy scholars going in big chunks to athletes and in dribbles to the less brawny of the academic community.

When most people see the Beaver Stadium additions, they might also be lucky enough to see Levi Lamb vince as more people do without his fund and still manage to see Penn State football. I want to be here for that.

Letters to the Editor

The Daily Collegian encourages comments on news coverage, editorial policy and campus and off-campus 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 on request. If letters are received by mail, the Collegian will contact the signer for verification before publication. Letters cannot be returned.

Residential Lifer

TO THE EDITOR: I really feel obligated to let people know that the Residential Life experience can be gratifying. This past week many individuals from the Arts and Architecture Interest House, along with other students from North Halls, made possible for me a trip that I would not have been able to make without their generosity. The trip meant much to me and these individuals spent time and money to let me know that they cared.

I am indeed grateful for these efforts and for the opportunities I have had to live and work with the residents of the North Halls community. Life in the residence halls can be fulfilling. To the members of A and A... you're all top shelf! Thanks.

Mike Morse
12th-health and physical education

A few choice words

TO THE EDITOR: After reading Nancy Huff's article in the Collegian (Feb. 3, 1977) on the proposed annexation of four East Halls dormitories, I allowed myself to choose between two quite reactions: a severe sense of confusion and a more severe sense of outrage. I would have preferred to opt for the confusion, which stemmed from an apparent incongruity of facts that stated first that the annexation of the dormitories in question to the State College borough had already been accomplished, and then that, as of yet, no "formal action" has taken place.

What gave rise to my preferred sense of confusion and then to my prevailing sense of outrage was the statement that "Snyder, Stuart, Stone and Hastings Halls lay across the boundary lines from State College into College Township." Unless the said dormitories no longer stand on the said boundary lines, the Collegian staff is hereby pronounced guilty of grievous abuse of the English language, and of thereby misleading its readers who are aware that "lay" is the past tense of the intransitive verb "to lie," of which that present tense third person plural is "lie." To confuse "lie" and "lay" is a common but inexcusable mistake.

When anyone makes such an error, it is to be regarded as a pathetic show of ignorance. When a "Collegian Staff Writer" makes such an error, it must be regarded as a travesty and an outrage.

Hilda L. Schmerling
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On probation

TO THE EDITOR: I am surprised that neither Dr. Oswald nor the ROTC instructors have refuted Mr. McGurrian's letter about the underage drinking by ROTC members at the Dining-in. Surely Mr. McGurrian is wrong in his claims that underage ROTC members were drinking with Dr. Oswald. After all, we students have underage friends and acquaintances with whom we would like to be "drinking buddies." But while we are on campus, we certainly wouldn't think of drinking with students who aren't 21. Dr. Oswald undoubtedly feels the same way. Surely, he wouldn't ignore the underage drinking that would have taken place in his presence at the Dining-in. If he had, an RA probably would have come along and written up everyone present for violation of local, state or federal law on University property. So Mr. McGurrian, your accusations must be wrong, because who ever heard of having a University president on a one-term disciplinary probation?

Jeff Ledbetter
12th-psychology

Getting it straight

TO THE EDITOR: In reference to Zohair H. Mohsen's letter to the editor, 1 Feb. 77, the quote Mr. Mohsen claims came from the Washington Post of July 7, 1967 does not appear in that issue. It does appear in the Post on Wednesday, June 7, 1967, p. A-16. It is part of a description of the battle of Jerusalem, which had started two days earlier with the shelling of the Israeli sector of the city by Jordanian troops, and it was written by Joe Alex Morris, Jr. of the Los Angeles Times. It was also the second day of the Arab-Israeli War of 1967. The Israeli aircraft mentioned were flying support for Israeli policemen occupying Mount Scopus.

Le Monde was not printed on Nov. 14, 1971. However, it was printed on Nov. 15, 1971 and it covered the period of Nov. 14-15 1971. I could not find the quote Mr. Mohsen cites. Nor could I find a copy of, or information on, Ma'ariv, though I'm sure it exists.

In order for the editors of this newspaper to retain their credibility, I would like to see them substantiate any quotes on controversial subjects which might appear in their newspaper, before they are printed. This can be done by having the individual(s) concerned furnishing photocopies of sources with their letters.

Recently the readers of this paper have been subjected to a barrage of claims and counter claims all supported by facts and quotes. At this point, I am not sure which to believe, if any.

Daniel D. Zoller, Jr.
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Not fit for Queen

TO THE EDITOR: After experiencing Queen during their '76 tour, a Los Angeles Times reviewer commented that their appeal to such a diverse audience is paralleled by another British band — Led Zeppelin. Mr. Marcinko's review of Queen's new album, "A Day at the Races," does them a grave injustice. He contends that their latest contains a good bit of old, rehashed material. He does not seem to realize that Queen has matured, and hence refined their music into a sound which is unmistakably unique. What seems repetitious on the surface, is actually new material which is written and performed in a manner which preserves their singular style.

The fact that the new album is tied very strongly to the group's last work ("A Night at the Opera") is undeniable. It is, however, very deliberate, especially when one considers that the format, cover graphics, title and writing all spell sequel. In fact, in a recent interview Freddie Mercury, lead vocalist for Queen, disclosed the possibility of a repackaged re-release of the two albums "at some future date."

The most redeeming aspect of "A Day at the Races," however, is the balance which Queen achieves. A basic fear that a devoted fan is subject to is that the group's music might become too complicated, with a taint of studio sterility. This

album, above all, has allayed any such phobias.

Furthermore, although the Collegian is a fine student publication, the quality of its musical journalism leaves much to be desired. Even though Ray Davies was a nice guy, Tom, the Kinks never really made it.

Steve Mitchell
2nd-biochemistry

Correction

A word in a letter to the editor from Eric Giesy (11th-American studies) in yesterday's Collegian was inadvertently omitted. Giesy's sentence should have read "But the grossly biased and unfair decision rendered the other night is inexcusable (but not uncommon, I understand) and casts a shadow of shame over those members involved and thoroughly disgusted those who witnessed the travesty."

The Collegian apologizes for any misunderstanding which may have been caused by the error.

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Can policy and principle mix?

It is a clever man who can accomplish something brave and something cowardly in the same act. Jimmy Carter renews his reputation for cleverness when he cites as one of his most important duties the re-establishment of moral principle in American foreign relations.

His mere enunciation of principle as a guide for national action is a break with the recent tradition of expedience in Washington. In the face of opposition from hard-line "pragmatists," Carter has given some indications of the steps he will take to defend human rights abroad.

Both the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia have been chastised by Carter for their violations of human rights. Yet the protests have been with words only. The only action taken so far has been to limit trade concessions to the Russians until they lift some of their restrictions on travel. Carter has said that he would discourage foreign aid to regimes which flagrantly violate human rights. Yet his resolve has not yet been tested on any issue important to the United States.

I suspect that Carter is depending upon "the force of world opinion" (that weighty phrase) to be invoked as a result of his criticisms. He would like for the United States to be the moral leader she once was.

The "world opinion" notion is that the

offending state will feel the outrage of her fellow nations and shall be ostracized from their company until she once again assumes her human responsibilities and her rightful place among the nations of the earth. Or so it is said.



Kathleen Pavelko

Munich in 1938 and Helsinki in 1973 were to have been instances of the effectiveness of world opinion, but neither Germany nor the Soviet Union appeared much affected by the world's moral suasion.

There seems little reason to expect that America's recent attempts at moral criticism will have any more effect today than they did at Helsinki only four years ago. Criticism will have little effect until it is directed toward all nations who commit such injustices — including America's allies. So far, Carter has chastised only our adversaries.

There are two long-standing arguments against criticisms of one country by another; one is that nations

are sovereign and not subject to criticism (that was France's response after the Abu Daoud furor). The other is that no nation is ever free of the crime; it decies. If, however, we must wait for the nation without sin to make a moral statement, the first stone will never be thrown and injustice will go forever unavenged.

America's new resolve is tainted, however, by qualifications. It is all very well to want to be "on the right side of moral issues" (as newly-appointed U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young has said) and at the same time to use the "national interest" to justify lapses in the policy.

The United States can hardly criticize, on the one hand, Russia's treatment of her political dissidents and to withhold such criticism from the Philippines or South Korea. When moral principle conflicts with America's military and interests we will test the new administration's determination.

Once again, as in so many domestic issues, the national interest will be pitted against principle and few would bet on the outcome. But even the limited actions taken so far by Carter show that he considers it the responsibility of the nation to comment upon the most blatant violations of human rights.

Whether he will also accept the hard results of criticizing our allies is a side of his character he has yet to show us.

CLASS, TODAY'S MATERIAL HAS NO IMPORTANCE... COUGH... HOWEVER, IT WILL BE ON YOUR EXAM... COUGH... COUGH... SO MEMORIZE IT.



Art Cooper