

# Credit overdue

Hold on a second there, County Commissioners! Not so fast. Yesterday you proudly accepted a plaque proclaiming Centre County as the first recipient of the "Pennsylvania Voter Registration Award." Apparently this county has been recognized for achieving the largest percentage increase of registered voters in the state last year.

But think back a few years. Who was it that was fighting student voter registration? Who was it that opposed voter registration on campus? It was you, county politicians, and now you are basking in an undeserved glory.

You were not responsible for the better part of those 10,883

new county voters. In fact, most of them were students registered through the efforts of the Undergraduate Student Government and other interested student organizations. These organizations put in many long hours coaxing uninterested students to exercise their rights. Obviously their diligence had a great effect on registration here.

But how can you explain the fact that no students or student leaders were invited to the reception where the award was given? How come students were not recognized for their efforts at the banquet?

Let's give credit where credit is due. It seems that a political bloc

as large as the student population in Centre County deserves more acknowledgement than they received in this latest display of your ingratitude. Students are a very real, perhaps dominant force in this county. It's time you realized the influence that about 25 per cent of the registered voters in Centre County can have on the future political outlook.

Students deserve to be recognized during non-election years. It has become very obvious that student needs are addressed before polling time, but are otherwise neglected.

So how about it? When are students going to get the recognition they have fought for?



# Destruction of family—dark side of Moonie faith

The Moonies are coming. The Moonies are coming. Yes, at long last, that religious army of crazy idiots who make a nuisance of themselves in many major American cities as well as college campuses has arrived in State College.

Just last weekend, Moonies, also known as the religious disciples of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, were being shown the door in several bars for trying to sell flowers to patrons.

So, the Moonies took to the street corners and shopping center parking lots instead, and if they're not selling flowers, they're selling candy.

Why do people become Moonies? What is it about their belief that makes them so determined to beg and grovel on American streets? What is it about the Moonies that has allowed their beloved Korean founder to reap millions of American dollars?

Moonies look alike. They speak alike. They also must think alike. Once they open their mouths preaching the word, as they probably like to think of it, there is no distinction among them. One could substitute for the other without any great loss to humanity.

I asked a Moonie over the weekend what his thoughts were on the recent California case involving parents' petitions to have their children declared incompetent, placing them in their custody for a period of thirty days to undergo deprogramming.

Down to the very last syllable, his response was exactly that of newspaper accounts quoting lawyers for the Rev. Moon.

They were 24 years old, he said. They were being kidnapped, he said. Their parents were sinners, evil creatures, he said. They were guaranteed the right to practice whatever religion appealed to them.

In many ways this is an opinion reiterated by the American

Civil Liberties Union. The Moonies in the California case were beyond the age of consent, the ACLU said. It is the Moonies' right to select the religious discipline of their choice, and any attempts to infringe on that right is a violation of their civil liberties, according to the ACLU.

Parents of the five Moonies petitioned the court, as the parents said, because their children had been brainwashed and they were no longer capable of making responsible decisions for themselves.



Tom Smith

The initial ruling by a California State Superior Court judge went in favor of the parents. Judge S. Lee Vavuris ruled that the Moonies could be placed in the custody of their parents for purposes of being deprogrammed. "I know of no greater love than parents for their children," the judge said, "and I am sure they would not submit their children to harm."

The ruling was appealed, and Vavuris' decision was modified pending another trial. The Moonies are to remain in the custody of their parents, but they cannot be transferred to deprogramming facilities. If any deprogramming is to be at-

tempted, the parents must be present in the room with their children.

It was a significant victory for the parents in that they still have the opportunity to deprogram their children, though not at the facilities which deprogramming experts maintain are fool-proof unconverters.

The case is by no means resolved. Moon promises to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary. And he will press his case on the basis of the Bill of Rights' guarantees of free speech and religion.

Unfortunately, when all is said and done, this is not really at issue in this case. Americans pride themselves on the historical traditions of free speech and religion. American law stipulates that anyone may practice whatever religion they so choose.

The question, however, is related to the brainwashing techniques allegedly used to convert young people into Moonie disciples. Even though they have willingly submitted themselves to such brainwashing, does not society have a responsibility to intervene and insure that these same people have an equal opportunity to extricate themselves from the religious organization?

A full scale investigation is long overdue. Congress has been investigating the financial dealings of the Rev. Moon for some time now with no conclusive results. It is more important that what happens in Moonie camps is known.

Surely, the group would attempt to put the best face on their operations, but one bit of evidence will never be hidden by the group — their own members.

If you walk down College Avenue some time and come

across a Moonie, stare into his eyes and try to have a conversation with him. Ask him about his parents or ask him to comment on the world around him. You can be sure he will have little to say.

When coming in contact with a Moonie, a friend of mine thought at first the young girl was mentally retarded. That was before the girl said she was a member of Moon's Unification Church.

Yet, that description is what probably best describes the Moonies' pathetic situation. Their minds have stopped functioning. Such a theory may be devoid of any supporting empirical scientific data, but it is a reality nonetheless.

It's a very sad reality, indeed. When I see a Moonie, I think of his family, especially his parents.

Though I am sympathetic to their feelings of hopelessness and desolation, in no way can I fully realize what it means to be rejected and despised by something which I have helped create.

Judge Vavuris said it best of all. "We are talking about the essence of civilization — mother, father and children." It is not proper for them to be separated so unnaturally.

For those people who pride themselves on their tolerance, especially in regard to religion, the Moonies present an eerie dilemma. It is not a rational nor logical dilemma. It is one bred in emotion: It is one dedicated to the destruction of the Unification Church, extra-legally if necessary.

It is one in which it is hoped that men like Moon, who take advantage of the naivete of youth to fatten their pocketbooks at the expense of individual liberty, independent thinking, and family relationships, will someday get their due.

# 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. The editors reserve the right not to print letters if they do not conform to standards of good taste, or if they present an opinion which may be irresponsible or libelous. Letters should be brought to the Collegian office, 128 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.

## Sensationalism

TO THE EDITOR: See the happy Campus Crusaders. See their Black robes, ghost white faces and coffin. See their gravestone T-shirts as they spread the word of death. See the morbidity and sensationalism which they constrict to be the work of Christ.

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## Hard sell religion

TO THE EDITOR: We delivered the following letter to Sherman Brand, director of Campus Crusade for Christ on Mar. 30 and now must publish it in order to announce God's judgment:

"Brothers, We have followed your advertising campaign for 'If I Should Die' with grief. The Lord has brought the following points to our attention which must be shared with you.

"You are employing music by groups which are demonized and glorify Satan — especially Black Sabbath.

"Your poster proclaims 'Multi-media wizardry.' Wizardry is defined in the dictionary as sorcery, magic, cleverness — all of which are an abomination to God. God will not allow Himself to be glorified in this manner.

"Your effort is to lead people to God by employing ungodly means — fear of the devil, trickery by advertising enticement.

"You are using satanic forces in your evangelism. We are not saying you are not intending to preach the gospel, but that you are mixing ungodly elements with the gospel. We are to lift up Jesus Christ, not death and the fear of the devil.

"The Lord God opposes you. The truth of Jesus Christ is compromised.

"Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." (II Cor. 6:17.)

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." (II Cor. 7:1.)

"Repent! Seek the approval of God rather than men. Humble yourselves by losing public face, cancel this presentation and seek the Lord's power for revival.

"For thus saith the Lord, 'Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully.' (Jer. 48:10.)

"Do this and you will do well. If you proceed, judgment is upon you.

"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God.' (I Peter 4:17.)

We call upon all Christians to seek the Lord by prayers and fastings for a revival by Holy Spirit Power!

Steven Michaels  
Bro Cope

I agree with Mr. Chandler that there is no simple solution to world hunger. It would be naive in the extreme to assert that the answer is for Americans to eat less and redistribute our surplus to other parts of the world. Even nutritionists are not so single-minded as to have overlooked that food is only one of many resources that we Americans profligately overconsume. There's a conspicuous lack of justice in requiring that the "developing" world shoulder a guilty burden for overpopulation when the consequences of environmental rape and pollution are equally serious and challenging.

Even the issue of threatened food shortages cannot be laid off on these countries. The American meat based diet is strikingly inefficient and costly in food resources. We consume six times the amount of grains and cereals as "third world" residents — 80 per cent of which we never even see as it is fed first to livestock, poultry, etc., to be converted to flesh or other products. Increasingly, as American food preferences (i.e. animal protein) are exported to affluent segments of other societies, the effect of "affluence" accounts for a larger percentage of the extra agricultural yields needed annually to keep pace with demand.

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any PSU woman who, at a loss for anything else to do, might decide to go to a frat anyway.

Should you be afraid of finding yourself (or actually DO find yourself) in the same situation as someone else did in Fall Term, 1975, (i.e., being raped) there IS something you can do: a)-stay calm, b)-grab a football (should be plenty lying around) and maybe even a few jockstraps for good measure and throw it all into the waiting crowd. In the resultant euphoric confusion, it should be easy to make good your escape.

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## Dragnet '77

TO THE EDITOR: The city is State College. The place is Hamilton Hall. A lot of noise goes on here, and it's my job to keep it down. My name is Ron, and I carry an ear.

It was Friday night, Mar. 25, and me and my partner, Burr were working the noise watch out of Cedar House. Strategically positioned in our room, we could hear most noises, loud or soft. The night was going to be particularly rough since I had first period through sixth on Fridays, and I had G.R.E.'s the next morning. My partner Burr-r-r was no better off, he had just sung Angry Young Man 50 times.

10:26.2 p.m. — I settle down to bed remaining alert through the night. My partner, Burr-r-r, would follow one hour later.

2:10 a.m. — Saturday morning we hear noise. Big Bob, ruthless noise maker, whispers to his roommate, Pittsburgh Pat, "Pat, are you getting up for breakfast?" That was it; I moved.

2:11 a.m. — I proceeded to their door and knocked. "Knock, knock." No answer. I opened their door and saw the two suspects drinking beer and eating stale hoagies. I said, "Can you keep it down, I have G.R.E.'s in the morning?"

2:12 a.m. — An arrest was no problem now.

9:00 a.m. — Burr-r-r enters their room and says, "You almost got up at 7:00 a.m.!" He proceeded to make the arrest.

The follow up — later Saturday Chief Crowfoot cites Big Bob and Pittsburgh Pat for attempted noise making. Each was sentenced to listen to my partner, Burr-r-r, sing his favorite song 30 times.

The names were not changed to protect the innocent.

Name Withheld

## Food for thought

TO THE EDITOR: I was distressed to read Mr. Chandler's letter to the editor on Apr. 4 which assessed the inevitability of hunger and malnutrition in the world and professed a curious twist of morality — that it is more humane for Americans to not postpone this inevitability.

I agree with Mr. Chandler that there is no simple solution to world hunger. It would be naive in the extreme to assert that the answer is for Americans to eat less and redistribute our surplus to other parts of the world. Even nutritionists are not so single-minded as to have overlooked that food is only one of many resources that we Americans profligately overconsume. There's a conspicuous lack of justice in requiring that the "developing" world shoulder a guilty burden for overpopulation when the consequences of environmental rape and pollution are equally serious and challenging.

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I am an advocate of the "archaic" philosophy that there are no real solutions to world problems that Americans don't genuinely share in. We live in the world and must share in its problems — both their creation and their solutions.

Taking responsibility for our part of the solutions may be painful. It may prolong — indeed it may exacerbate the problem of overpopulation in the immediate instance. Failing to accept that responsibility can, I fear, hasten the time when there is no solution except the ecological collapse and catastrophic depopulation predicted by Forrester and his colleagues at M.I.T.

These are extremely complex issues and difficult to deal with in an introductory level nutrition elective — the content of which inspired Mr. Chandler's original polemic. Nevertheless, I invite Mr. Chandler to come and advance his knowledge about these issues by taking another nutrition course.

Carole Christopher  
assistant professor of nutrition

## Off the grass

TO THE EDITOR: This "grass" does not refer to the kind people smoke but rather to the grass they walk on — or, as in many cases — used to walk on. So what did happen to the grass? To put it bluntly, much of it is being trampled to death by students who are simply too lazy to use the walk-ways provided by the University. I am not referring to the HUB, Old Main or athletic turfs used for recreation, but to the "rat tracks" found in front of the Terrace Room, all around Althouse Lab, behind the HUB and a countless number of other places on campus, created by people who wish to cut a few measly seconds off their traveling time between classes. (At this time of year I'd think people would want to remain outdoors as long as possible.)

Some students trample because "it feels good under my feet." However, I question them as to how good it feels after a spring rain and after a few thousand students have walked on that grass during the week leaving nothing but a concrete hard soil which the University must now spend their time and your money to reclaim, put up temporary wire fences (which are only torn down and stepped over), or black top the damaged area (as has been done between East Pattee and Weaver Bldg.) making the grounds look like the Dwight D. Eisenhower interchange outside of Harrisburg.

For some, shortcuts across the grass aren't enough. Many students find it more rewarding to trample the flower beds such as at the ground floor entrance to the HUB. I obviously can't speak for everyone, but I personally prefer green vegetation in the spring to those hideous wire fences and mud brown and, or black-topped foot paths. So stay off the grass!

Dennis S. Rentschler  
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## Farr from truth

TO THE EDITOR: I am writing in response to an editorial about Jo Ann Farr which appeared in the Collegian, Apr. 4. This editorial suggested that Dr. Farr was not being rehired by the Psychology Department because she is a controversial figure who is too outspoken and liberal to be tolerated at the University. The author of this extraordinarily inaccurate piece of journalism would have benefited greatly from looking at the facts of the situation.

The Psychology Department has a limited number of continuing (tenure track) positions in clinical psychology. All of those positions are currently filled — and have been for about five years. Occasionally, because full-time faculty members are on leave, noncontinuing positions are opened up to insure that all of the undergraduate psychology courses can be offered on a regular basis.

Jo Ann Farr has, for the last two years, filled one of these adjunct positions. Next year, for the first time in several years, all of the clinical psychology faculty members will be on campus. Thus, there is no need for, and no money for, an additional staff member. Because of this financial situation (not because of job discrimination or politics) Dr. Farr's contract will not be renewed next year. Dr. Farr was undoubtedly aware that her job would be temporary when she agreed to teach in the Psychology Department.

Undeniably, Dr. Farr is a fine educator and clinician. She is

respected by faculty and students alike and will be missed. It is unfortunate that Jo Ann Farr is not being rehired — but the fact that she is not being rehired has absolutely nothing to do with politics — only money.

Margret Straw  
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## Victim of politics

TO THE EDITOR: Last summer I wrote Dr. Nobel a letter expressing my thanks to the Psychology Department for including Dr. Jo Ann Farr's Psychology of Human Sexuality course in its course offerings Spring 1976. In that letter I also praised Dr. Farr's teaching performance.

In a reply to that letter, Dr. Nobel acknowledged that Dr. Jo Ann Farr is indeed a "fine teacher." I would like to add that her concern for undergraduates in psychology is somewhat unique in a department that appears to be geared more and more toward graduate students. In this case I truly do not believe that trading Dr. Jo Ann Farr for a few graduate assistantships in the Mental Health Center is supported by many undergraduates that will be denied her general orientation in psychology and her human sexuality course in specific.

May I suggest that if any "trades" are to occur, that they be determined by course evaluations, rather than by inter-departmental politics?

Gemma Greiner  
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## Not true

TO THE EDITOR: I am saddened by the slight damage your latest editorial about Jo Ann Farr (excerpted faithfully below) may have done to the distinguished academic department in which I work. It is not true that some of her colleagues consider her methods "to be unorthodox, irresponsible and even dirty." It is not true that "somebody upstairs thought she was more trouble than she was worth." It is not true that non-continuing positions are "reserved for untried rookies." It is not true that "she has been snubbed by her superiors... because she is blessed with the courage of her convictions." It is not true that the "University has stepped in to protect our prurient interests" — whatever that means.

You may express any opinion you wish about Professor Jo Ann Farr's position but your readers including Jo Ann expect that your view should not be founded on pure invention or gross distortion of fact.

Leon Gorlow  
professor of psychology

## Well done

TO THE EDITOR: I have been a student at this fair University since September 1973, and during this time I've found many opportunities to find fault with the Collegian.

For once, I admit I agree with the Collegian wholeheartedly. The Daily Collegian's endorsement of Tom Heitzentrater was an intelligent, well-reasoned support of a superb candidate.

Although he only came in third, he was by far the best man running. To Tom and the Daily Collegian we would like to say "well done." To Grant Ackerman we'd like to say, "What are you going to do for women — almost half of this campus?"

Eva C. Whitley  
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## Action for escape

TO THE EDITOR: After reading the tear-stained, pleading entreaty by James Smith and Gregory Hanks in the Collegian's Mar. 28 issue, (the one that went something like "a third party couldn't prove it, so it didn't happen"), I felt it would be appropriate, under the circumstances, to offer some advice to

# the Collegian

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