

Hats off

The students of Penn State owe some thank yous. It was announced last week that Pattee will resume its normal operating hours at the beginning of Winter Term. There was a lot that didn't meet the eye behind that decision. Someone was responsible for making the administration realize that a closed library is a useless library. Student motivation is not an everyday thing. It was the result of some student leaders taking the time to work through the problem the best

way they knew how. They examined both sides of the issue, refusing to overreact, and attacked the problem with proven sincerity to the cause. It was the Undergraduate Student Government Academic Assembly that moved the fight for the library ahead, keeping the issue in the limelight. Unlike other "emotionally charged" student issues, the library issue did not sink into the back of students' minds, and was kept before the public until action could be put off no longer. The students involved in the

effort worked long and hard gathering opinions, facts and data in order to present their case to the administration. They organized the study-in, which was perhaps the most effective weapon used in the fight. The students met the administration with their case well prepared, but more importantly, they approached them with a singleness of purpose. Hats off to those student leaders who have proven that students can have a say in determining their educational future.

An apple per day won't keep revolutions away

The South African government was having its apple cart tipped over. Had the apples been good ones, say McIntosh or Delicious, then the government would've been justified for tipping back. But rotten apples aren't exactly in high demand and the tendency is to try and get rid of them. When Mother Hubbard goes to her cupboard and discovers a bushel of rotten apples, they're gone sooner than you can say "Cider." Percy Qoboza, editor of the "World," is a good apple. He's also unemployed and imprisoned along with 49 other spokesmen for the aspirations of South African blacks. The government charged them with waging a "campaign of hate against whites." However, the government fails to recognize the plight the good apples are in. Despite the fact that there are more good apples than bad, more Qoboza than Krugers, the good are forced to ride in carts riddled with prejudice and injustice. Carts whose joints are plagued with governmental rust. Given the cart conditions, I'd say apples of the Qoboza variety had every right to some good old-fashioned disdain. Not only is Qoboza's rage justified, but his journalistic expression of it warrants no questions either. Imagine Jeff Hawkes arrested by Milton Shapp for the Collegian's stand on education funding.

The idea's absurd. But when you deal with a barrel of rotten apples, anything goes. Fortunately for Jeff, American justice won't let Shapp rot that much. Unfortunately for Qoboza, South African justice is non-existent.

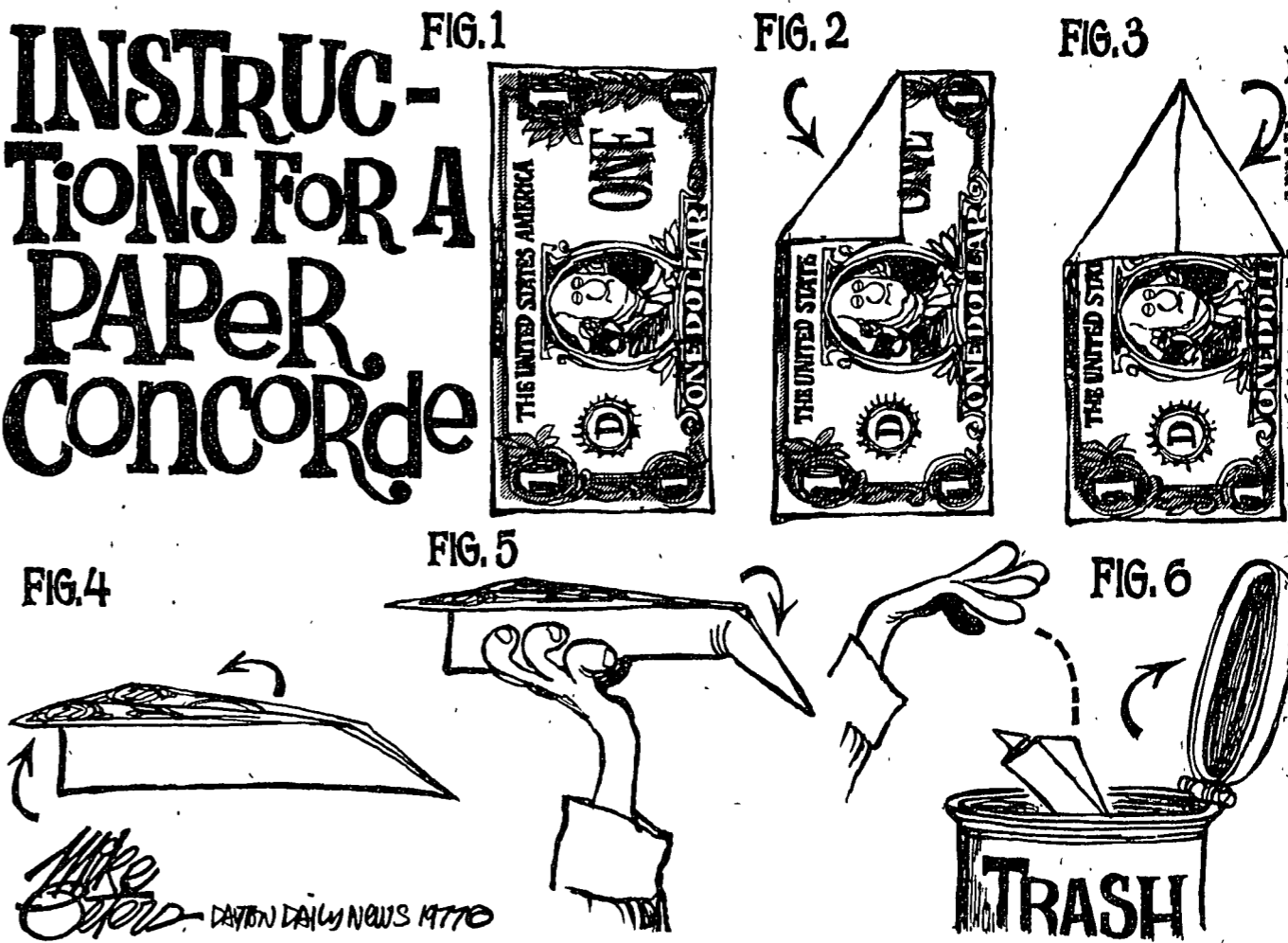


David Misch

James Kruger, the Justice Minister, accused "The World," the Black Conscious Movement, and the Christian Institute of Southern Africa of devising new objectives, grievances, and processes "to insure that the unrest prevails... in an attempt to cause the desired conflict between black and white." He goes on to say that the blacks suffer the most from the unrest. "Their community institutions have been destroyed and their homes burnt down." But Kruger doesn't understand that Qoboza and his supporters have noble ends. They'd rather have shattered institutions and flaming houses than social structures rotting with

apartheid. Furthermore, what South Africa calls "devising," the world calls "editorializing." In America, editorializing has something to do with the Bill of Rights. Shapp can't arrest Hawkes and ban the Collegian for criticizing his economic plan (or lack thereof). South Africa shouldn't be allowed to either. The sad fact remains that they can and did. Jimmy Carter, in a fruitful display of good appleship, promptly opposed South Africa's actions. A statement, released even before the full report of the incident had been received, indicated that the Carter Administration was "deeply disturbed at the attempt to stifle the freedom of expression by spokesmen for black aspirations in South Africa." I couldn't have said it better myself Jimmy. Finally, with the United States clearly in the forefront, the William Tell's of the world should unite to shoot the rotten apple off of South Africa's head. The threat to Qoboza and his followers represents a threat to all apples who harbor the seeds of freedom. Our nation should lead the effort to liberate the South African black. After all, good apples of a feather flock together. Or something like that. David Misch is a seventh term junior majoring in English writing option.

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Mike Spind - DAILY NEWS 1970

Californians' 'laid-back' brings out Eastern ire

Laid-back is one of those California words that we here in the East use occasionally, and almost always improperly. Eve Babbitz, a very funny writer who hails from the golden coast, once wrote a piece in which she said she had come up with the definitive definition for laid-back. (Californians tend to lean towards redundancy sometimes. It comes from all those afternoons spent just lazing around on surf boards.) Anyway, she said that the best way she knew to describe laid-back was when, after having lived in New York City for some time, she called up her friends back home. "What are you doing?" she asked. "Well," they replied, "we tried to go to the store today but we couldn't get it together." "No," Babbitz said, "I mean, what are you doing?" "Well, we may go to the store tomorrow." That's laid-back. Here on the East Coast we don't really need words like laid-back because we're not. When

not fighting it out in the working world, we can always spend whatever energy is left battling the bad weather, especially snow.



Eve Babbitz

We East Coasters develop strong characters while shoveling snow or cursing sleet. It makes us accept life's realities. Out there in the west, where the sun shines all the time, their brains fry. Turns 'em into mass murderers and movie stars. Out there, at least in Southern California, they drive everywhere, even just to the next door neighbors. Scientists have proven that the foot size of the average Californian is

shrinking with each generation through evolutionary adaptation to the fact that they no longer walk. The same is true of their brains. Through disuse, they are diminishing rapidly. Take a look the next time you watch a TV show featuring California actors. Put your hands on either side of your own head and then move them to the head of an actor on the screen. Lots of extra room between the span of your hands and the actor's head, isn't there? Californians accuse East Coasters of being snotty and looking down on them. That's just typical of their isolated, prejudiced view of the world as seen from their surf boards. Now, I'm not deriding all Californians. Some of my best friends are Californians. I was born there myself but had the good sense to move East as a toddler. It's just that, as F. Scott Fitzgerald once said of the rich, they're different from you and me. Leah Rozen is "close-to-graduating" and is majoring in history and journalism.

Letters to the Editor

Diversity threatened

Many of the things I encounter at PSU bring the funnies to mind. (As I read responses from persons who would tell me what I meant when I said... I am grateful that I had much support in my pre-radical days.) Persons who claim that I do not understand their interpretation of the Bible remind me of a sad cartoon wherein what was apparently one of the last two people in the world, reading from a list, said to the other, "I can learn to love you; here are my conditions." I have serious doubts as to whether diversity will ever be tolerated. That diversity is a fact, and that it is found in every quarter, does not seem to make any difference. In fact, this is often incentive for those in power to attempt to legislate conformity. Opposition, however, will not deter me from being who I am. The choices that some persons have offered sound suspiciously like threats.

Jean C. Guertler
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with liberal arts professors and deans from various colleges. Among other activities, a presentation was given by members of the cast of "Scapino," and Dr. Daniel Peterman conducted a series of sessions on the psychological self ranging from meditation to building self-confidence. Socially, the floor soared, and believe it or not, all doors were open in friendship. This interest house ended the year by sweeping North West competition, North Hall's major annual event. A failure? We think not. If anything, a family. One-third of all floor members journeyed from five different states to attend a weekend reunion last July. We're sorry Mr. Dellecker didn't give it enough of a chance; it was a hell of a place to live.

Scot Guenter
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12th-English writing option

Legal affairs

On October 14 to 16, I attended the 4th Annual National Convention on Student Legal Rights in Kansas City, Missouri. I and 300 students and administrators from colleges across the country attended workshops and discussed what is happening on our various campuses. How does PSU stack up in comparison to other schools? Not real well in some areas — but ahead in others. We do have 24-hour visitation rights in our dorms; other schools have noon-to-nine hours. We do have organizations on campus to help with housing and legal hassles and a student legal advisor; at some other schools, students must go off campus to hire an attorney to deal with these complaints. However, the areas in which we are lacking are major ones. Students here can't see the budget; at some other schools, students help prepare the budget. We usually have one student on the Board of Trustees, but only by the grace of Gov. Shapp; at some colleges, students hold a majority of the votes. At PSU, students have no direct input into the hiring, promotion, tenure, or termination of faculty; needless to say, some universities do.

There is a possibility that our discipline system violates due process as guaranteed by the 14th Amendment and the Buckley Amendment, concerning the release of student information; some universities don't even have a discipline system. Why do these situations exist? Because we students allow our rights to be violated. If we don't have the time, inclination or interest to defend our rights as students, then it is our fault that we have no freedoms. Defend your rights! One individual can make a difference; take a look at Allen Bakke. If you have a valid complaint, do something about it: Take your case to court, go through university channels, organize others to defend your cause — TAKE ACTION. If you feel your student legal rights have been violated, then come see the USG Department of Legal Affairs at 213 HUB or call at 863-0295. We are here to help YOU. Help yourself and come see us.

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supported colleges and universities are in immediate financial trouble, regardless of how many letters students write or how many trips representatives from PSU have made to Harrisburg. In my opinion, they don't seem to care about the necessity of funds for education, or anything for that matter but to retain their own fitness for the election next year. Maryland, my home state, has had its share of non-responsive, incapable and often corrupt leaders. It is comforting to note, however, that they have been removed from office either by the voters or the U.S. judicial system. I can only hope all of you Pennsylvanians vote for a more efficient and responsive state legislature next fall. Remember this time of budgetary crisis and how services were cut and tuition rose. Remember how long the crisis dragged on at PSU's educational expense. And most of all, when incumbent legislators ask for a campaign contribution, remember to just smile and tell them you'll appropriate a contribution, then wait three months and don't give them a cent.

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Family, not failure

We enjoyed Ms. Annessi's article on interest houses (Sept. 17), but (take exception to Mr. Dellecker's statement that "The interest house in North didn't do a thing. It was a failure." Mr. Dellecker was speaking of Contemporary Cultures Interest House, otherwise known as fourth floor Leete. Having lived there while Mr. Dellecker was there, we noticed an amazing change come over the house after those who weren't open to programming and intercommunication moved out. Jan Dailey, the RA during Mr. Dellecker's stay, offered many social and educational programs, which were adequately attended. However, after the disinterested left the floor, it truly became not a failure but a success. Last year, for example, during Orientation Week, the house placed second in all-University competition for "Anything Goes." Discussions and dinner colloquies were regularly held

Left rights

Minorities, minorities. Discrimination by race, by sex, by sexual preference. The blacks, the women, the gays are all organized and expressing their needs for equal rights, and justly so. Well, I feel there exists discrimination against a minority that has been ignored for too long now. I feel there is a need for "Left Rights." I am referring to the minority of left-handers here at Penn State and elsewhere. My major concern is with the desks in the classrooms I have been in. Not a single desk for left-handers! Do you realize the hassle in writing a double-period essay exam on a desk made for the convenience of right-handed students? So left-handers unite! There are notebooks in the book store in the HUB, "Left Writes," made especially for us. This is a beginning. With a united effort we should be able to convince this school that left-handed desks are needed in our classrooms. We have been left-out long enough.

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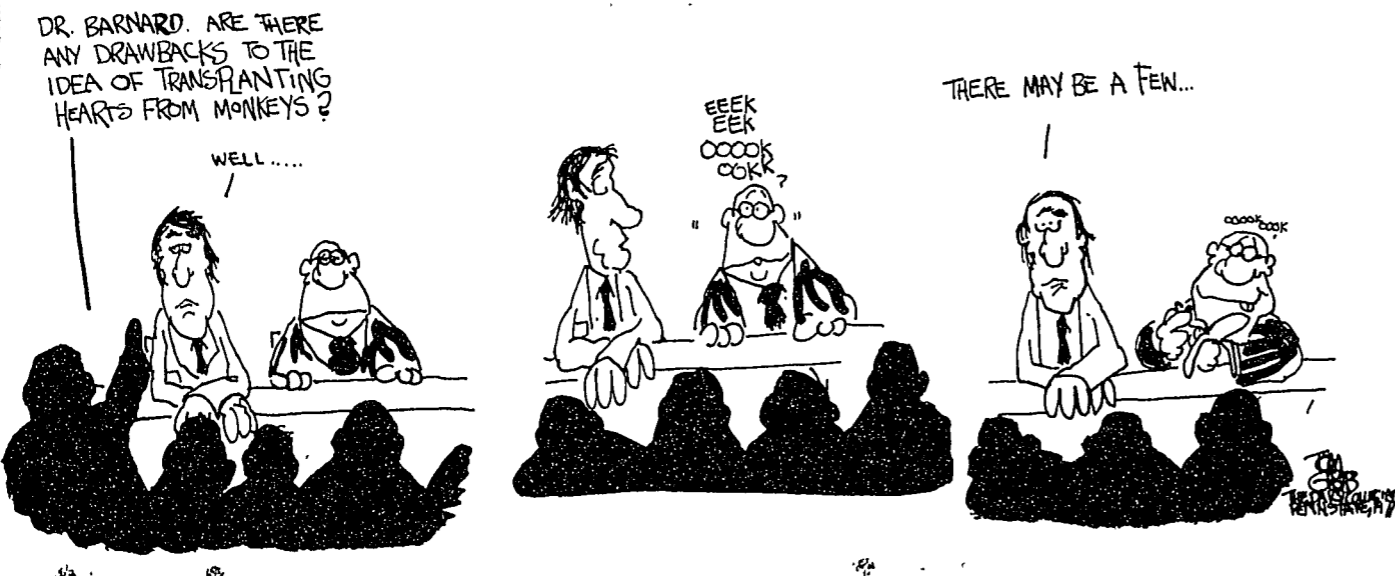
Curious

I am exceedingly curious as to why The Daily Collegian feels it necessary to give so much space (so often) to these hell-stomping, Bible-thumping screechers. Is there nothing of importance or interest happening in the world or even on campus? Are there no burning issues or stories that need reporting or discussion? Or perhaps is the Collegian really concerned about the state of our immortal souls?

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Absurd situation

While I wait to see how high my tuition skyrocketed and what University services are cut, legislators in Harrisburg meekly continue their game of playing lamely with the state budget. The legislators worry about raising taxes, they allocate money to the University that isn't there and have turned the democratic system in Pennsylvania into a circus for paraplegics. Pennsylvanians should realize how absolutely absurd this situation with the legislature really is, but to date much has been said and little done to correct this absurdity. The students have been told to write their legislators. President, Oswald and student leaders have been to Harrisburg to try to obtain PSU's money. I only wonder why all of this is necessary? Should students and administrators have to beg for money for education? Pennsylvania legislators should already know that state-



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