

The Penn State Tide hits Bourbon Street

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NEW ORLEANS, La.— Penn State students, alumni and fans reactions to this city and its renowned Bourbon St. were as varied on New Year's Eve as the street's shops, strip joints, bars and restaurants.

"This place (Bourbon St.) is a complete and total zoo," Debbie Snader (8th-arts and architecture) said.

"I saw people eating out of garbage cans. I saw a lot of artists and art and a lot of beautiful things," Chuck Fasnacht (12th-general arts and sciences) said.

A Penn State fan, Debbie Azar, Binghamton, N.Y., said, "I never saw anything like it."

At least one person interviewed took advantage of the restaurants here, perhaps more than the bars.

"The food and atmosphere are great," Tom Bower of Tioga said.

Some people even compared it with places they had visited—or lived.

"One of the most tremendous places, but not as good as Penn State," Dave Geci (12th-psychology) said.

"Fantastic, better than Fort Lauderdale," Chris Hopwood (11th-marketing) said.

"Heaven . . . with beer," is how Dave Kriebel (8th-civil engineering) described it.

One person seemed to be talking to the other than

15,000 Penn State people who weren't there.

"An experience you have to be here to enjoy," Sam Laury (5th-business) said.

Some people used very short phrases to describe their experiences in this city.

"Untouchable experience," Pam Trilling (9th-biology) said.

"Unbelievable time," Doug Snader (12th-physics) said.

"Damned interesting," Doug Frantz, San Antonio, Texas said.

"Fantastic," Joy Carroll (11th-marketing) said.

"Crazy," Joe Achokono, Minneapolis, Minn., said.

Others had been to the bars and seemed to be spending all of their time and probably money there.

Here is what their reactions were.

"Totally drunken week, a week under the table," Greg White (12th-industrial engineering) said.

Mark Vella of Latrobe simply said, "Partytime".

"Endless party," Dave Harris (12th-history) said.

One person thought that Mork of "Mork and Mindy" fame summed it up best when Pam Cassidy (11th-individual family studies) simply said "Sczbaud!"

However, perhaps the best comment which described Bourbon St. and what people were doing there was delivered by Pete Rigby (14th-petroleum and natural gas) when he said, "Burp".

So much for this city and this street.

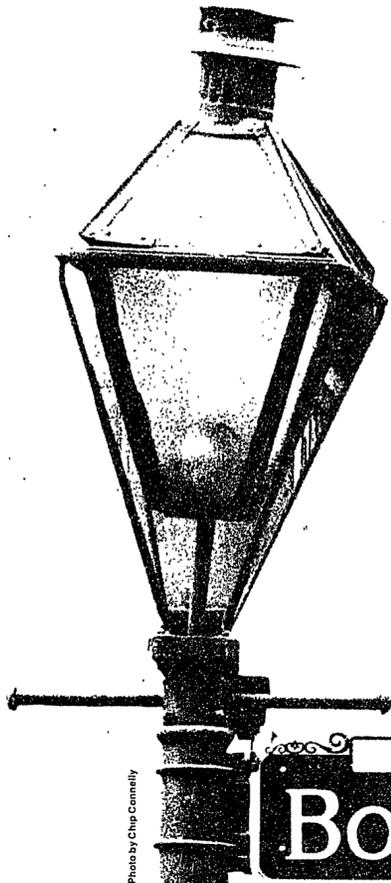


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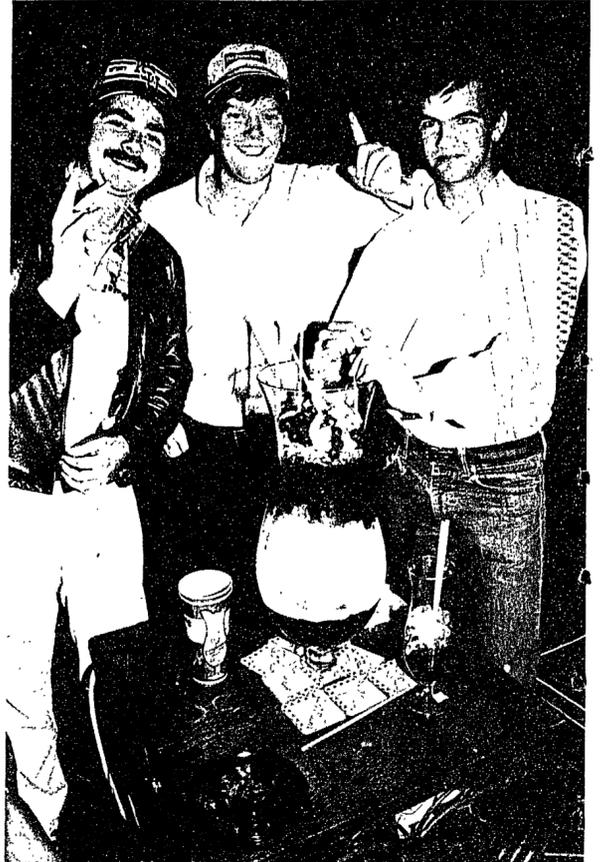


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Three Penn Staters purchased an \$80 Hurricane that serves eight at Pat O'Briens, one of the most famous bars in New Orleans. The Hurricane is the city's specialty drink.



Photo by Joe Tori

A Mississippi River boat gambler checks the action in St. Peters Square. The Square is a showcase for artists, musicians and clowns.



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Portrait painters are a common sight in St. Peters Square. Here an artist does a woman's portrait with charcoal.

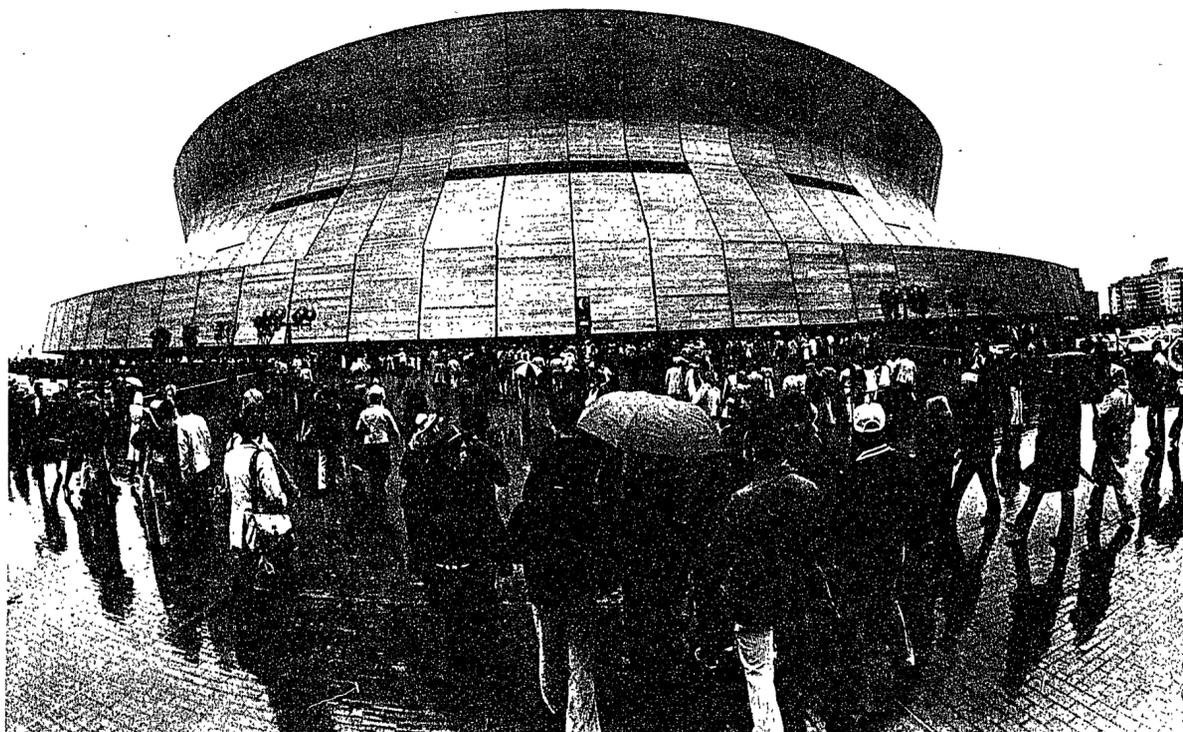


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Fans flock to the Superdome in the rain Monday morning for the Sugar Bowl. The stadium is the largest enclosed arena in the world.



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Alabama and Penn State fans strolled down Bourbon Street during the afternoon to take in its unique sights and sounds.