

Editorial Opinion

Quad encounters

Blanket ban of frisbees in West Halls is an unfeasible solution

Frisbee sailing through a blue, moon sky hardly seems to be a particularly circular design. But the plan to eliminate the West Halls quad areas appears to be a more circular solution to a problem that has become increasingly acute.

In reaction to complaints of inconvenience caused by flying objects and hefty bills for damages to the quad areas, University housing, West Halls council and coordinators are looking at the possibility of closing the quad areas to frisbee and ball players.

West Halls coordinator John Trippi estimates \$1,000 in damage to window screens and \$1,000 for the upper quad lawn as costs being levied against the privilege of letting frisbees fly through the quads. However, these costs do not apply to frisbees thrown by students who are walking on the quad area.

When the pluses and minuses of the quad area are balanced, West Halls will look at policy changes to total restriction of quad area use.

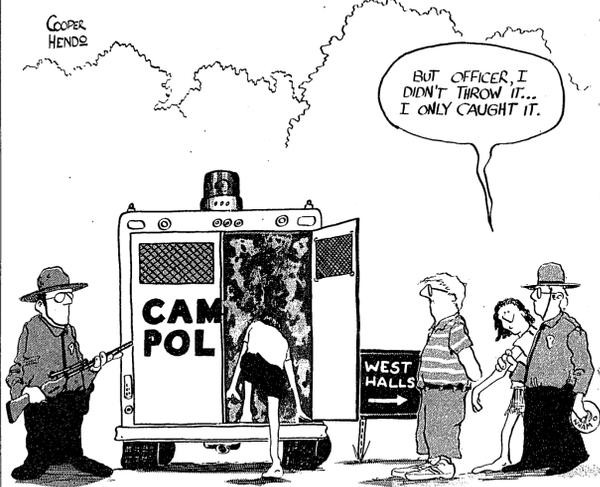
The policy-makers are similar to the policy in East Halls, where quads and ban frisbees from the quad areas while permitting them in the upper quad areas.

But the policies in Pollock and North Halls, where a reasonable approach to safety is substituted for an elaborate ban involving the discipline system, might be better to imitate.

In Pollock Halls, students are asked to play on grassy areas away from the walkways, while in North Halls, frisbee and ball players naturally gravitate to open areas where trees, bicycle racks and poles are in their way.

If housing and West Halls council and coordinators do not wish to residents the benefits of the uniquely enclosed and safe quad area, they may find also be attributed to the students who operate without an official weather, walking on the quad area.

And, they may be surprised to learn that students whether they can or not can throw frisbees might not be as effective as letting them make that decision themselves.



Letters to the Editor

Another view

Re the letter of Jill Jacoby, published Thursday. Yet another replay of the tape recording made some time ago now, with the same emotionally charged catch-phrases, and without regard to whether they are as justified as they might have been when they were first coined.

The trauma of a woman raped, I take it, is that in the violation of her body, that body is existentially inseparable from her self or personal identity. How incongruous it is, on the other hand that when a woman exercises her power over a man or man to obtain her heart's desires there is involved a kind of reification of her body, or at least of sexual activity, which must surely stand apart from her essence. That is, from the most "innocent" flirtation to an express promise of recompense for services rendered or goods delivered, there is

an underlying foundation of tension, which is the basis for prostitution, and which few women quite perceive as an ontological paradox.

Yet, the transactional possibilities stemming from this state of affairs are many, and of course, not subject to control by any equal rights amendment. From my point of view, there is something not quite right here when a person doesn't have to pay her way in the same coin as she gets more for her money, and all only because she was born cleft — I almost said cleft!

But there's more to it than this. You see, this patriarchal society doesn't discriminate with the principle of "women and children last!" The institution and maintenance of society has more than a little to do with the protection and preservation of those individuals who stand at a decided disadvantage if left strictly to their own devices. However, this vicarious power can be abused to tyrannize over stronger individuals, and not infrequently it is because of sheer malevolence on the part of the naturally disadvantaged.

The reason why this tyranny is so easily possible is because normal human sentiment tends to reinforce conventional law. The term, bully, is one reacted to emotionally often before the question of its applicability arises. So it is not impossible to see that "the weaker sex" may do things with impunity in this patriarchal society which would be immoral if not illegal if I tried them (e.g., a "lady" may slap a male for a verbal insult, real or imagined; an eye for an eye in reprisal would bring on a horde of would-be rescuers of this damsel in distress, if not the local constabulary — in a social situation!).

As one who was once a lady-hair's breath from death at the hands of a stooge in shining armor or at the direction of a woman scorned, I should like to see a little less finger-of-guilt-pointing at men, which is so fashionable these days, and a little more attention paid to the influence of women over men. Experiences like mine are not uncommon, but they're not so much focused upon as rape. Perhaps this is because the usurpation of a man's life is not so serious a situation as the violation of a woman's body. Or perhaps because the "actual" perpetrator is a man.

In any event, I am loath to believe that if women generally had the physical capacity to rape men they wouldn't, and I think there is something not quite right about a world ruled by the hand that rocks the cradle.

A ticket tale

I received a traffic violation through the mail on Wednesday, September 12, 1979. According to the ticket, I had parked in a restricted lot (80) on September 5, however, I had moved my car and returned it to the same spot on the 6th and 7th — I never found a ticket under my windshield wiper. After receiving the ticket, I went to my car which was parked where I parked all last Winter and Spring Term!

To top everything off, when I was moving my car, I spotted another with not only a ticket but a sheet of notebook paper under its windshield wiper — I got out to look. There on the notebook paper was written "you could have also gotten a ticket for parking crooked." What next?

I plan on contesting my ticket and would encourage all those who received tickets for this incident to do the same. If the campus police did not enforce this parking policy last winter and spring, they at least owed it to us to let us know they intended to enforce it this fall. Besides, don't the campus police have better things to do at 3:45 a.m. (like catching rapists) rather than writing over a couple hundred tickets?

asking for qualified opinion based on fact. The cartoon in question implied the possibility of a nuclear power plant exploding like a time-bomb. If the cartoonist knew that could not happen, he would not have drawn that hideous picture. His opinion was not based on fact.

It has been incorrect information from the press that has caused much unnecessary stress and concern among the general public on this and other subjects. Readers usually accept as fact what is printed and many turn to the Collegian to keep informed.

Incorrect information misleads readers and may cause them to make poor decisions. One uncorrected mistake totally destroys any credibility a paper might have. Please be accurate in editorials as well as stories, and keep up the good work of informing the readers.



MaryJo Krisher
12th-communications studies
Sept. 12

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Jonathan Mount
4th-engineering
Sept. 13

A Kennedy at college or just a boy at Brown

Sept. 11, 1979
Dear Brenda,
Hi! How are you? That's good. I am fine too. It sure is nice to be back here at Brown. I have lots of classes, plus I am rush chairman this semester. So I am pretty busy. It sure is nice to be this busy after a summer of doing nothing. Not that I consider you nothing, Brenda, but what with your snooty aunt and everything, it wasn't like we could see each other all the time, was it? By the way, I lost my belt there under the big rock, on that place on the beach, you remember (heh-heh). You know, the one I bought at St. Moritz?

Listen, I have to tell you about one of my advisers. His name is John, and he's a freshman, and a drama major, too! Like, when I saw him at registration, I said, "Okay, John, I saw some drama on me," but he wasn't too friendly. So I decided to stop in on him later that afternoon to see if I could do anything for him. And it was a really weird scene.

First, there were lots of photographers and reporters around the place. I only got past the lobby attendant 'cause I know her (she's just a friend, really). His mom and his sister brought him up. His sister is a Harvard bitch, real snotty, and his mom is real softspoken and small and looks like she would break if somebody tapped her. She looked a lot like Jacqueline Bisset in "The Greek Tycoon."

So, just as I'm going in the room, his old lady is saying, "Listen, sweetheart,

here's some money for the rest of the month," and she hands him six thousand-dollar bills. Then they all look up and see me, and the old lady says, in a real stuck up way, "May I help you?"

"I'm just here to welcome John to Brown," I say.

The old lady smiles. "Isn't that nice, John-John?"

"Chrissake, ma!" John says. "I told you to stop calling me that!"

Then the sister starts teasing him, running around, going "John-John! John-John!" and John takes about all he can and finally jumps up and starts chasing her around the room. He gets her down on her stomach and is holding her arm in a hammer lock and saying, "You stay that back, Caroline!"

And all this time John's mother is just sitting there, shaking her head, and saying, "I can't take you kids if somebody tapped her. She looked a lot like Jacqueline Bisset in "The Greek Tycoon."

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Discount cards to be distributed

By BETH ROSENFELD
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

The Buying Power Cards sponsored by last year's Undergraduate Student Government will be distributed this week.

The cards, which will be free to all students, faculty and staff members, entitle a buyer to discounts on certain purchases at seven area stores designated on the cards.

The cards will be available today and tomorrow in the HUB and in all dorm area union buildings, USG Vice President Vicki Sandoe said recently.

The cards will also be distributed to faculty and staff members, Sandoe said, either by being placed in every mailbox or in the main office of every department.

The stores listed on the card are: Genie's, 422-G Westley Parkway Plaza; The Bicycle Shop, 427-441 W. College Ave.; New Morning Natural Foods, 338 W. College Ave.; Bumblebee, 214 E. College Ave.; Kirk's Mens Wear, Nittany Mall; The Candy Cane, 128 W. College Ave.; and The Music Mart, 224 E. College Ave. An eighth store, Sasparillo, is listed on the card, but has since gone out of business.

The cards became an issue last Spring Term during USG election campaigns.

Tom Feeney and Al McKenna, USG president and vice-presidential candidates, campaigned on the platform that they would make discount cards available to the students. These would have been printed by USG for use in conjunction with University identification cards and would have been good at 30 to 30 downtown businesses, Feeney said.

The cards did not arrive until nearly the end of the term. Originally, the cards erroneously said they were endorsed by the University, so they were returned to Key To The Town to be reprinted.

The corrected cards did not arrive until the first week of September, Sandoe said.

Participating merchants had not been notified of the printing error and the delay in delivery and most of them said they believed they had been "ripped off." Key To The Town sent the merchants a letter, dated May 11, informing them that the cards had been sent, but the merchants said they did not see the cards being used.

The cards are good until 1981, but no one involved is sure whether they will expire at the beginning or end of the year.



Possibility of a concert sell-out

Tickets for the Sept. 22 Pure Prairie League concert will probably sell out on the first day of sales, University Concert committee chairman Beth Farrell said last night.

"I don't know if people will sleep out, but it will probably sell out the first day," she said.

Tickets go on sale at 9 a.m. tomorrow at the HUB. Farrell said. Pousse-Dart band will cost \$3,000, she said.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. Sept. 22 in Rec Hall. About 5,000 tickets at \$6

Vietnam-China border situation reported 'explosive'

BANGKOK, Thailand (UPI) — Vietnam said yesterday that fighting could erupt at any time along its border with China and called the frontier tension "explosive."

The Communist newspaper Nhan Dan (People) said China has won U.S. backing for renewed warfare against Vietnam and tension is already near the breaking point along the 750-mile frontier.

"An explosive situation exists on the Sino-

Vietnam border," the newspaper report said.

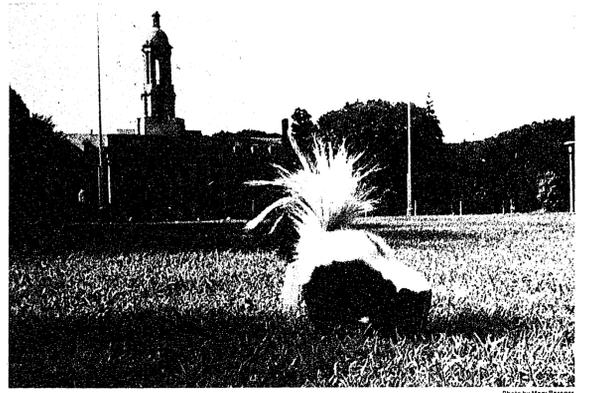
The China-backed Cambodian Khmer Rouge Rebels accused Vietnam of adding more troops and arms to its Cambodia-based force and predicted a new Vietnamese offensive would begin soon.

Khmer Rouge Radio, located in China's Yunnan Province and monitored in Bangkok, said about 10,000 combat troops recently have been added to Vietnam's large force in western Cambodia.

"Soviet AN-12 transport planes have carried huge amounts of arms, ammunition and other war material to Battambang in preparation for a great offensive," the radio broadcast said.

Vietnam's accusations were carried by the official Vietnam News Agency and monitored in Bangkok.

"Not a day goes by without some trouble by China," the official communist newspaper said.



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Other prizes include a Texas Instruments calculator from the Student Book Store, a history book, a framed picture from the Rocky Ridge, and many, many other great prizes.

How to enter and win:
- Answer the trivia questions in the September 21, 1979 Football Tabloid to become a birdbrain.
- Deposit your answer form at The Daily Collegian, in 126 Carnegie Building.
- Deadline for entry is Wednesday, September 26, 1979 at 5 p.m.
- Winners will be notified shortly afterward and announced in the Homecoming Tabloid.

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