

Fall-ing term

From Loop fare to way the Lions fared, Fall is better forgotten

It was the kind of term in which everything that could go wrong did. Along with the always dependable all-nighters, dorm meals and grossly underestimated telephone bills that inflict havoc on the individual University student, many unpredictable issues and affairs fell hard on the student body as a whole this fall.

Students returned from their summer vacations to be greeted by an administrative surprise; the Campus Loop fare had been increased from 15 cents to a quarter, while dropping or adding a course — which cost \$2 for nearly three decades — would now cost \$6 a move.

As fall progressed, the administrators proved they should not be considered merely cheap shot policy-makers. They demonstrated that they can further burden students or remove student resources right in front of their eyes.

One week they sapped student hours from the weight room schedule. Several weeks later, they planted the seeds for 5 percent more leaves on the tuition beanstalk.

The latter move, they said, was a tactic designed to placate the people who earmark state money in Harrisburg. It was only fitting for this term that several of the legislators most closely involved with the University poo-pooed the administration's new approach to appropriations.

The latest student administration struggle — over the Housing-Residential Life proposed lottery for dormitory contracts — is yet undecided and just may become another decision that slides under the cloak of term break. This issue, whether settled with a first-come, first-served system that would please students or

with a lottery system that wouldn't, most probably will set the tone for the upcoming term.

Even those usually constant things that Penn State students typically look forward to — starting a much-needed weekend early on a golden autumn afternoon, cheering on a picture-perfect, bowl-bound Nittany Lion football team — fell through this fall.

Most Fridays this term it rained at University Park. And Saturday afternoons were usually just as gloomy, despite the weather.

As State rumbled over Rutgers in the season opener, a freshman tailback named Curt Warner scored three touchdowns in one quarter and it seemed the Lions would add some pizzazz to their usual power ground game.

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Tuesday's local election provided the most recent disappointment, as some borough council candidates who seem antagonistic towards students won seats while others who appeared favorable to student concerns were defeated.

All in all, not a rousing remembrance. If there was a bright spot, it was that students made their voices heard loud and clear on the dormitory contract issue. And that provides some promise for the cold coming months.

Because, while no one usually expects much from Winter Term, students may begin expecting a lot from themselves.

Not a banner day

All-U Day all-ugly for some commonwealth campus students

The All-University Day banner contest resulted in a winner and some losers — not only in the contest itself but in the participants' struggle for identity as Penn State students.

Students from the Commonwealth campuses have been in an uproar over the alleged theft of some of the banners at Saturday's game.

Some of the banners were missing when the students went to pick them up at the end of the game. Apparently, students — or someone who was unauthorized to do so — had picked up the banners from the victorious Delaware County campus and the Hazleton campus.

Nobody knows where the banners went. But students from those campuses are offering rewards for their return.

A lot of commonwealth students say they feel alienated from the action at University Park;

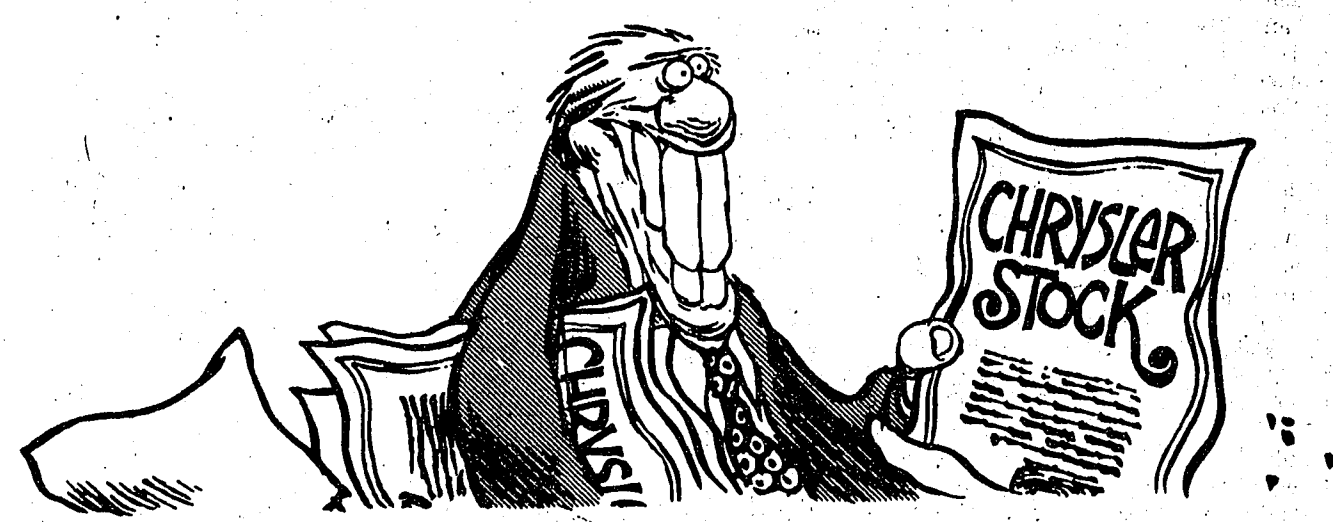
an incident such as this one will hardly alleviate those feelings.

Instead of receiving help from those at the "Centre County Campus," they are greeted by having their banners stolen. Students from Hazleton who worked long hours on their banner had planned to hang it in the campus library.

Blame for the thefts cannot be placed on any specific group.

All-U Day was set up in an effort to promote University unity and also have each campus express its individuality.

The taking of the Hazleton and Delaware County banners represents more than a simple theft. The individuality and personality of these campuses has been dealt a blow.



Finals:

A practice test to get warmed up

Finals week is rolling around, and many students are not yet ready for testing. This practice exam should give all students a chance to gear up for finals. Get a piece of paper, a pencil, and find a quiet room. You have 50 minutes for the exam. Answers will be published in tomorrow's Collegian. Ready... Begin.

- 1. I took this course because
a) I wanted to expand my knowledge and understanding of the universe
b) I heard it was an easy "A"
c) I have to take it in order to graduate
d) A cute guy/girl signed up for it right before me at registration
- 2. My roommate is
a) on drugs
b) a lazy bum
c) a really nifty neat-o person
d) all of the above
- 3. I could hardly see the game we were also
a) confused
b) packed together
c) drunk
d) all of the above
- 4. I wait in line for
a) for concert tickets
b) for a dorm contract
c) to pay bursar fees
d) for dinner
- 5. Most of the above
a) When I am bored and have nothing to do
b) I like Pittsburghers because they brew such a fine beer
c) They have such a fine football team
- 6. Dorm food is
a) terrible
b) awful
c) disgusting
d) putrid
- 7. I don't know about you, but I think it's rather tasty
a) I think the smartest person on campus is
b) John Oswald — University President
c) Joe Paterno — Football Coach
d) Ned Deihl — Band Director
e) Ken Nelson — Accounting Professor
- 8. My father would be, but he is not on campus, and no one else even comes close
a) I like Pittsburghers because they brew such a fine beer
b) They have such a fine football team
- 9. They have such a fine baseball team
d) they are all so modest
e) all of the above
- 10. I hate Philadelphia because
a) they are so obnoxious about their hometown beer
b) they are so obnoxious about their hometown football team
c) they are so obnoxious about their hometown basketball team
d) they are so obnoxious
e) none of the above
- 11. My favorite Penn State buzzword is
a) loop
b) Nat
c) Jammie
d) CP
e) Air Mail
- 12. I can't understand my professor because
a) he mumbles
b) is senile
c) speaks in some foreign language
d) all of the above
- 13. My least favorite term is (was)
a) my first term, since I missed all my friends from High School
b) Fall terms in general, since it's such a grind getting back to the books
c) Winter Terms in general, since it's so cold
d) Spring Terms in general, since I can't get into studies with summer approaching
e) my last term, since I realize I'm going to miss it here
- 14. Jeff Barrett is a 12th-term accounting major and columnist for The Daily Collegian.



Jeff Barrett

Strive to be best

I was pleased to read The Daily Collegian's interview with Takesha Dockery. It is encouraging that options of the black community are voiced.

After nine terms and three summers here, I have yet to experience the "racist society" which some blacks seem to think is constantly oppressing us. It would be foolish, though, to deny the existence of prejudice here, both subtle and more blatant. It definitely exists. But is it a predominant attitude?

This tends to alienate those whites with little exposure to blacks, who are timid in relating to us anyway. In effect, our methods close the doors to our own goals. How can we gain the rights and respect due us if we antagonize those from whom we would elicit respect. To quote the singer James Brown, "I demand respect because I give it."

Unity should mean more than playing pinocchle, pledging or courting Collegians. Unity is more than clamoring for recognition.

It involves loving ourselves enough to strive for the very best abilities we deserve.

If a positive self-concept and the use of one's God-given abilities are practiced, being black and gaining our rights will fall into place.

Mark Stringer
10th-music education
Nov. 6

Irony turn

I am writing this letter in response to the interview with Black Caucus president Takesha Dockery, in particular about the issue of anti-Zionism.

When Ms. Dockery spoke of anti-Zionism and the "negative forces" she included Hillel, which is the Jewish organization at Penn State. The question at hand was about the anti-Zionist literature that was distributed at Fall Term registration and

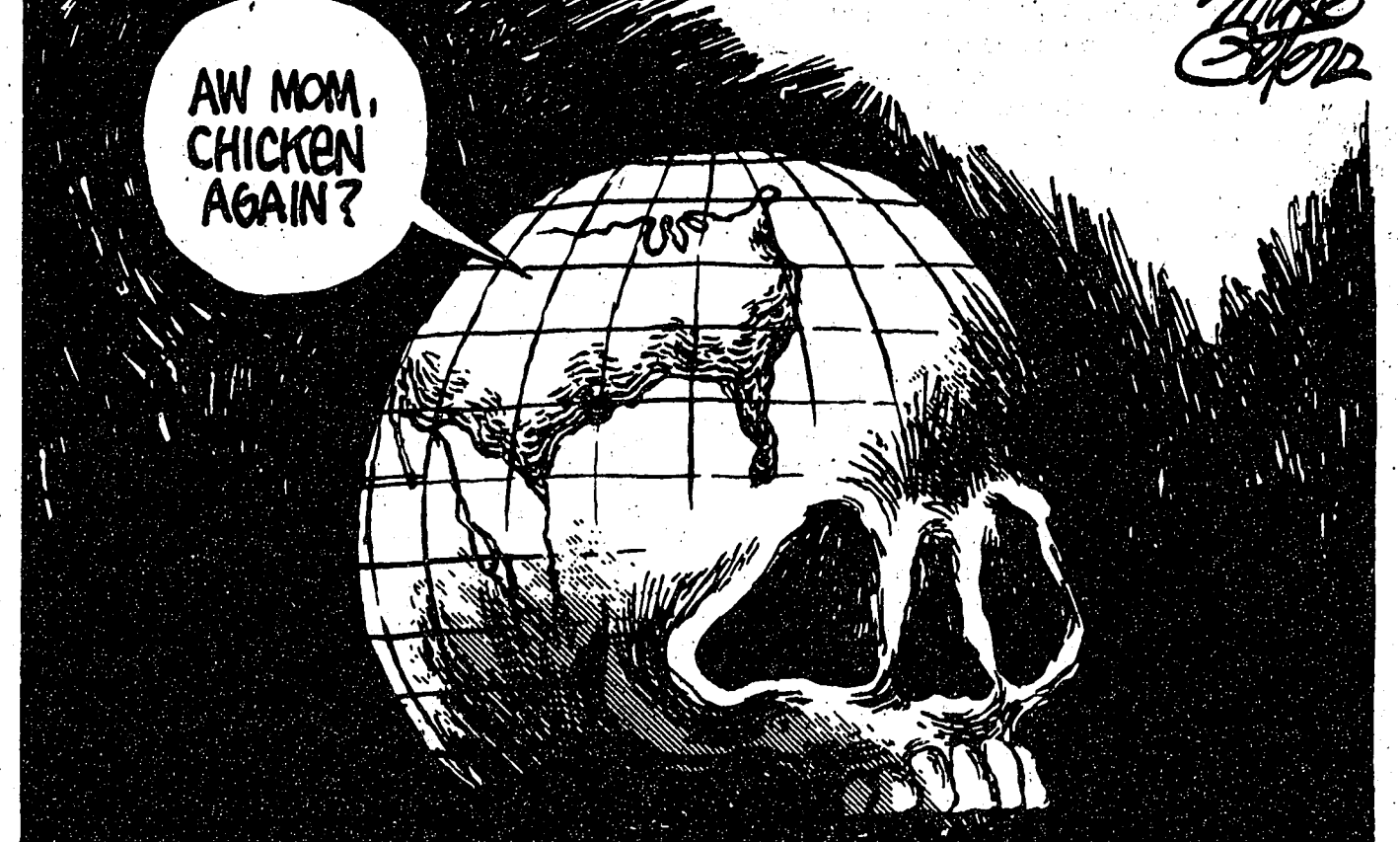
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Israel are clearly made as well as derogatory remarks about the American Jews; about how we control businesses and banks, etc.

May I remind you that we are a very small percentage of the United States population and such control is just impossible. Even more, since the statements refer to Jewish people (Americans at that) — having nothing to do with Israel — the statement is anti-Semitic. Therefore it may be concluded that there is both anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic material in the literature.

The problem at hand is that several members of the Black Caucus do not see this anti-Semitic aspect.

When it was brought to their attention and explained that it was offensive, a request was made to halt distribution at Winter Term registration. However, the request was denied.



The problem isn't that we (Hillel) are equating anti-Semitism with anti-Zionism. But rather the few members of the Black Caucus don't see how there is a difference between the two in their literature.

I find it ironic and distressing that last year I wrote a letter in defense of the black community when discriminating ads appeared in The Daily Collegian. It is a shame that this courtesy can't be reciprocated.

Amv Setells
President, B'nai B'rith Hillel
Nov. 6

Eye-catching

Since the function of a headline is to catch the reader's eye, then the headline in the Oct. 31 edition of The Daily Collegian "Woman Nominated for Education Secretary" did its job.

I am now totally aware that our new secretary of education (if confirmed) is a woman. Never mind that woman's name — Shirley Hufstader — and her qualifications, just the fact that she is female is to be in a position of authority is strange and newsworthy in itself. Whether intentional or not, a headline like this reinforces the idea that we must mention a person's sex when they have obtained a level of authority — but only if they happen to be a woman.

This kind of sexism is also carried on in titles such as "lady doctor" or "woman scientist," implying that a professional must be segregated by sex. I'm sure that all of us would rather be recognized as an individual person when we accomplish something and not as a member of a particular race, creed or color.

Judge Hufstader was denied this.

Camilla Solbrig
10th-chemistry
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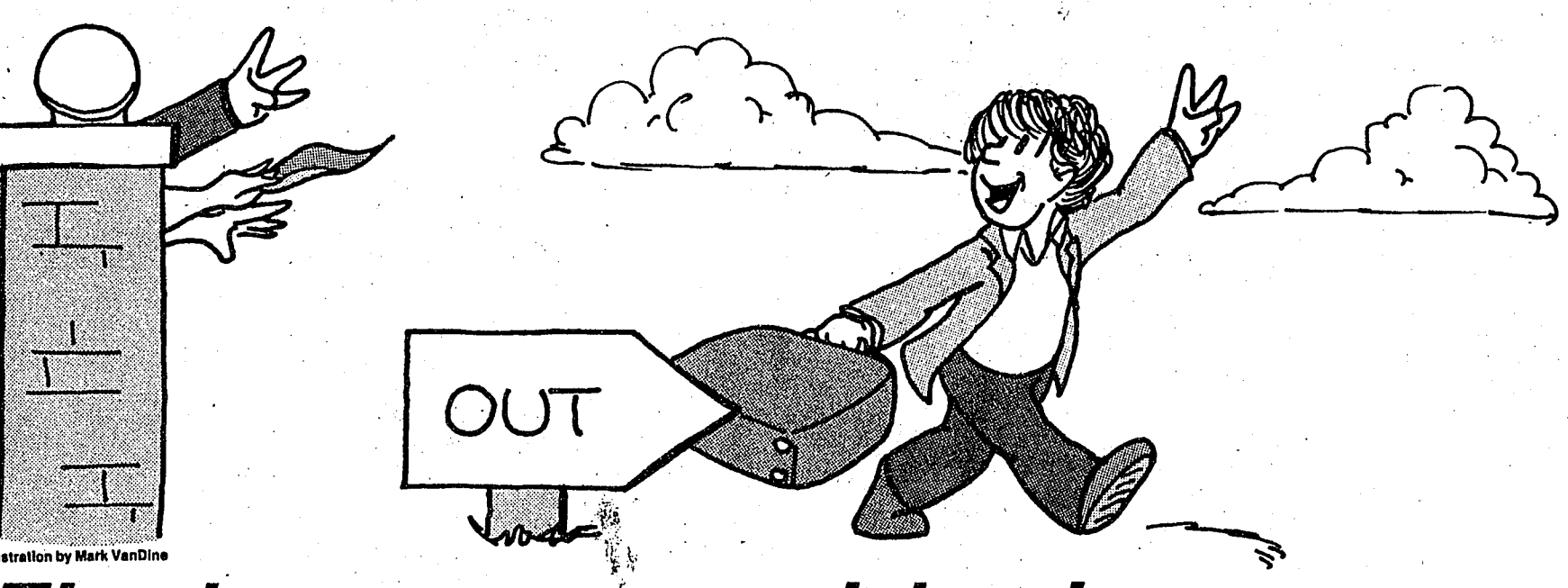
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Final cartoon and kudos

Okay, so now what do I do? In 10th grade I started drawing cartoons to impress the girl that sat next to me. I didn't work, but I found out that I liked drawing cartoons. It made me stand out, something peculiar in my way of humanity.

Time passed. Drawing went to the back burner as I studied my way into college. College, Penn State. Another sea of humanity.

For two boring years of engineering curriculum, I tried to fit in. I really did. I complained about my course load, cursed the day Newton invented calculus, wondered who in the world could possibly care about the coefficient of static friction, went to fraternity parties, drank too much, tried to meet girls and generally made an idiot of myself.

That, I figured out, wasn't education. That was a nothing but a glorified Vo-Tech school. So I started drawing again. First it was just to get out of the zombie-like existence I found evolving all around me. I wanted to be different since conforming with my peers was obviously a losing proposition.

Thanks Jim, it's been good to have a friend along the way. And thank you, Penn State. With any luck, in just a few years you'll be seeing me in the funny papers. Mark Vandine is a graduating Master of Business Administration student, and a cartoonist for The Daily Collegian.

Final exams always get you in the end

Everyone is just a little bit paranoid. It's the tenth week of the term and you have two term papers to do, five books to read and you've slept through the past three weeks of class.

Finals are never scheduled at a convenient time for the student. Typically, the toughest exam you have will be scheduled for 8 a.m. on the first day, leaving you no time to study if you have left all year other work until the last week and have to finish that first.

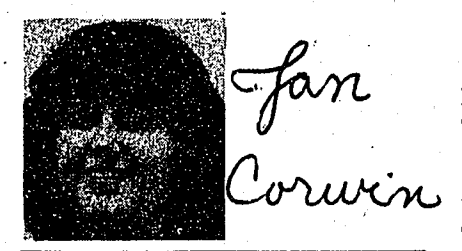
If you only have one final, it is bound to be scheduled for the last possible time slot. This isn't too bad during Fall Term because finals end on a Thursday or Friday.

Finals are also scheduled in strange places like the White dorm building gym or Eisenhower Auditorium. Since neither of these places provides desks, students must take the exam on a cardboard slate balanced across the knees, quite a juggling act if you've pulled an all-nighter the night before.

It's no wonder students rate finals right up there with first period classes and tuition hikes. Finals are not fun.

Then again, finals aren't so bad if you look at them from the right perspective and don't let them make you paranoid. After all, finals are over in four days and then you have ten weeks to party before the next round. Finals aren't fun, but they aren't the end either.

But this is the end of my column. I have to study for a final. Jan Corwin is a seventh-term Journalism major and staff writer for The Daily Collegian.



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