

Editorial opinion

Yellow pages

New student handbook contains policy but omits important services

Never judge a handbook by its cover. In comparison, the covers of this year's handbook and last year's appear to be alike. But any further similarity stops there.

The current handbook sadly lacks the important information found in last year's edition, except for the policies and rules by which the University thinks students should govern their lives.

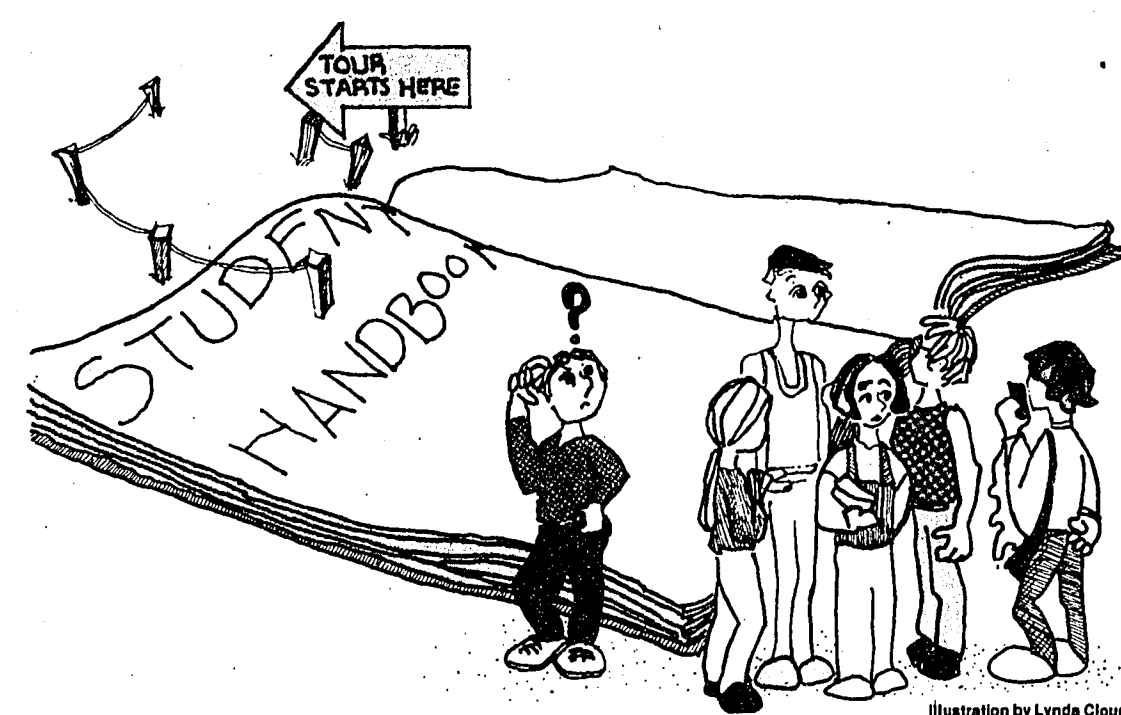
The book contains no lists of student organizations and services, no important phone numbers and no lyrics of the alma mater. Just 52 pages of policies and rules.

A student handbook should be the yellow pages of a university. Students should be able to find out facts, phone numbers and general information about the University by letting their fingers do the walking.

If students attempt to walk through the present handbook, they will end up more confused than informed.

At least those who still have a copy of last year's handbook can refer to it for help. But freshmen and transfer students have no other recourse but to fumble and search for information the inadequate handbook does not provide.

The handbook is one of the major resource guides the University publishes. A university this large and complex needs a comprehensive issue published each year.



The Office of Student Affairs should recognize this need and satisfy it. Vice President for Student Affairs Raymond O. Murphy said the reason for a simplified version is purely economic.

Murphy said it would have cost \$57,000 to produce a comprehensive edition this year as opposed to last year's cost of \$30,000. Murphy said the current copy, without any of the frills, cost \$23,000.

Alternate pamphlets, booklets and

tabloids have been and are being published to fill in the gaps. But it seems wasteful to print supplements when one complete manual will do.

What good is saving \$7,000 on an inadequate handbook when money must then be spent to compensate for the inadequacies?

When next year's handbook is printed, it should truly be a reference book rather than a book of student ordinances.

Shoplifting is stealing, costs hurt everyone

Editor's note: Due to the nature of this column, the identity of the author has been withheld upon request.

Shoplifting occurs everyday. It may not be considered a serious offense to many people, but this is a drastically erroneous belief. For the sake of those who shoplift, or those who have even considered committing the act, I would like to relate how terribly wrong it is.

Most important, it is morally wrong. It is stealing. Would you like it if people thoughtlessly helped themselves to things that belonged to you?

Taking merchandise from stores should be viewed no differently. Consider the effect on the managers who must account for the stolen merchandise. When you shoplift you are unwittingly causing these people to feel anxiety and frustration, and could be costing them their job security.

Consider the effect on the innocent people who pay for their merchandise. Prices have to rise if shoplifting occurs. You're actually stealing from them by forcing them to pay higher prices.

Shoplifting should not be taken lightly. As well as stealing from a business, you are stealing from a multitude of individuals. I strongly persuade you to have concern and compassion for your fellow human beings.

Perhaps the moral aspects are not strong enough deterrents. If these considerations are too abstract or detached for you to internalize, consider the effect on yourself.

Consider the consequences of being caught. The effects are far-reaching and not easily forgotten.

Initially, you will have to cope with the shame and humiliation of being caught. In conjunction with that is the frightening encounter with the police. As well as being issued a citation and being required to appear in court, your fingerprints will be taken and kept on a permanent record with the FBI.

If this is not enough, let me remind you that your offense is not kept confidential. Most likely your actions will be reported in a paper which means you not only have to deal with the anxiety and depression produced so far, but also suffer the consequences of your offenses being revealed to people who mean a lot to you and respect you.

I am relating all of this because I learned the hard way. I was caught and am still having immense difficulty coping with the deplorable effects. Hopefully present and potential shoplifters can learn the easy way.

It is a terrible experience and I would not want anyone to feel the effects I am still feeling.

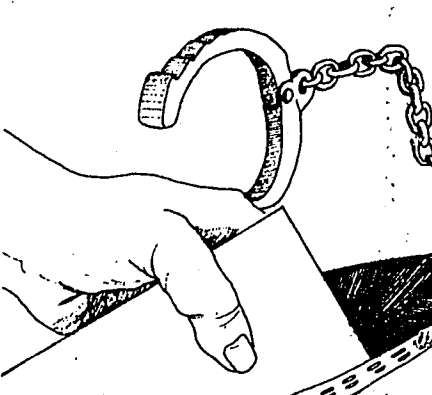


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Abler favors student CATA rep. But says one group should not name representative

By CALLAS RICHARDSON Daily Collegian Staff Writer

Though he is not against student representation on the Centre Area Transportation Authority, State College Municipal Councilman Ronald F. Abler said yesterday that one specific student group should not be solely responsible for nominating a representative.

Ever since students were granted a seat on the CATA board, the Undergraduate Student Government has nominated the person for ratification by the council.

Abler said USG has the legal right to appoint a nominee but is quick to point out that he feels the new method decided at Monday night's council meeting is more practical for students.

According to the new system, the Executive Council, in consultation with the Graduate Student Association, will pick three nominees for the CATA seat. The council will then select one of the three to sit on the CATA board.

"This way the minimum of three nominees can be decided upon by the Executive Council (which includes all many student organizations) and the Graduate students will have more of an input," Abler said.

He said he did not like the idea of the council "rubber stamping" USG's nominee.

"The idea is not to eliminate the seat

—my record on that is clear," he said. "The idea is to have more than one acceptable nominee instead of council being bound to one."

USG President Joe Healey attended the council meeting and was not pleased with his decision.

"It is better for students to choose their own representative in a democratic sense and it is wrong for one body to choose another body's representative," Healey said Monday night.

At the end of each fiscal year, the CATA deficit is divided among the five municipalities represented on the board. USG does not share in the deficit allowance.

"Since they do not pay the bill, they should not have the unqualified right to be the sole nominating body for student representation," Abler said.

He said the lack of representation by students this summer was not a factor in the council's decision.

Students did not have adequate representation on the board this summer when there was a mix-up in administrative affairs by USG as the nominating body.

In the August 13 edition of The Daily Collegian, Healey said regular student representation would resume Fall Term.

At that time, Healey said, Beth Brickman (11th-grade studies) was to be the interim representative selected by

Healey from applications submitted at the beginning of Summer Term. Brickman was to fill the seat vacated in March by former USG Vice President Vicki Sandoe.

"We took her (Brickman) because she was experienced," Healey told the Collegian. But he added student government would seek someone more qualified to handle the CATA seat in the fall.

Brickman said she never received official notification of her appointment to the CATA board. She added that no one told her when and where the meetings were held.

Healey and USG Vice President Andy Weintraub contacted her only once each the entire summer and had "left her in the dark" as to what her official duties were, Brickman said.

Healey refused Brickman's statements after they were published in the paper.

If USG had found an interim representative, it did follow proper

channels in its motions to sustain student representation on the CATA board for the summer.

Healey said he sent a letter to the State College Municipal Council, which makes all appointments to the CATA board, expressing his and Organization of Town Independent Students president Bob Karp's willingness to work with the council on finding a student representative.

Acting council president Mary Ann Haas at that time said the council received a joint letter dated July 25, from Healey, Karp and USG Senate President Andrea Solat, saying they were interested in finding a person for the seat. According to Haas, the letter also expressed apologies for not forwarding nominee names for the seat vacated by Sandoe.

As far as a USG interim representative holding a seat, Haas said in August. "She may have been attending and not voting. I was not aware of any USG representative."

Memorial services scheduled

Memorial services for Kevin D. Gilmore, a former University student killed in a car crash last month, will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday in Eisenhower Chapel.

Gilmore, who graduated from the University Spring Term with a B.S. in chemistry, was killed on Aug. 10 while driving to the University of Maryland to begin graduate work in biochemistry.

Dictionary gives real meaning to life at Penn State

The following is a glossary of University terms designed especially for freshmen. Freshmen should know as much as possible about this great University and the characteristics of the community. In effect, they should be given proper definitions, not administrative and Chamber of Commerce propaganda.

BEAVER STADIUM: prop. n.; This is the world's largest beaver. It has given birth to such famous structures as Beaver Hall, the Mary "Beaver" White Building, Beaver Cleaver, Beaver Hill and, of course, Beaver Terrace. Plans to have it domed were scrapped when it was discovered Paterno could control the weather himself.

CHEM 12: prop.n./tears; A foreign language course taught by an instructor who is guaranteed not to speak English (See drop slip).

DINING HALL: n./have a rat for dinner; Acquired by the University when the Nazis held a clearance sale. Despite the bad food the dining halls do have redeeming social value. On one side you can find the sorority types with salad dressing bottles.

Hibernating in a corner you can find many of our minority students, and then we have the unshaven, overweight, unruly guys from Pittsburgh who sit by the door wearing Steelers shirts that are two sizes too small and making rude comments at the girls as they come in. Go Eagles!

DROP SLIP: n./sing; This is something that you have probably vowed never to use. HA! You'll be trundling up to

Shields with your adviser's signature before you can say "I'm flagging this course." (See Shields)

DRUNK: past part. & former past tense of drink; A sport legally reserved for people over the age of 21. Ha, ha, ha, ...

FINANCIAL AID: /ha:/ A large paper manufacturing conglomerate which works on a recycling basis. They give you paper, you give them paper back and they give you more paper. We guess you could call them a "paperback" company. Yuh, yuh.

FOOTBALL TICKETS: n./\$\$\$; These grant admission to the Festival of Paterno and though you can no longer scalp them when you need extra money, you can however use them as souvenir doilies. For a complete kit on how to make your daily send cash, check or money order to us at The Daily Collegian.

FORUM BUILDING: prop./z:/ Why buy Somites when there is the Forum? This building is located next to Eisenhower Chapel. It is the only building on campus where you can attend a lecture on sexuality in the morning and attend mass in the evening.

FRATERNITY: n./ A select species of young man. The species seems to be flourishing due to a steady diet of the "new" fraternity scene. Actually, there is nothing new about it. "Wine, women and song" are still with us. Now we call them "Drugs, sex and Rock 'n' Roll."

FRESHMAN: "10"; noun/disaster; See "your toes" (if you cannot, you have it).

LEASE: v.t./A contract that comes in two flavors: nine and twelve month. At today's rates, they both taste awful. They force you to live with someone you really do not like (See sublet).

LINE: n.; Official mascot of the University. Loyal students will sometimes form massive homages to this wondrous entity

at functions ranging from concert ticket sales to dorm contract renewals. Penn State, home of the Nittany Line. Rah, rah.

LOOSE GYVS: verb/form n./stud?; What your older brother claimed to be when he was in school. While most guys seem to look upon it as a show of prowess, we feel that everyone has the right to acquire as many strains of social disease as possible.

LOOSE WOMEN: verb/form n./slut; What your older brother told you would habitate the University campus. Many guys say there are not enough of these at the University. We say just open your eyes. Unfortunately, no matter how many there are, there are never enough.

NIGHT RECEPTIONIST: noun/verb form; joke; Although these are a common sight to dorm residents; non-residents seldom get a glimpse of them when walking through propped-open doors.

OSWALD, JOHN W.: prop n./ears; This is the president of the University. He is a nice man. We like him. . . a lot. We hope he likes us. We are putting his name in the paper without misquoting him. Maybe it will show favorably upon our grades. Just like him, we remember Berkeley.

PATERNO, JOSEPH V.: prop n./deity; Who needs the second coming when we have Joe Paterno?

PATERNO LIBRARY: prop n./lost; This is the University library. It is a federally funded project by the University psychology department; where as soon as you walk into the building a mouse is simultaneously released into a similar maze and time comparisons are made. Results are presently inconclusive.

PH. ED. 005: prop.n./deleted expletive; This kiddies, is something that today's seniors could not get when they were freshmen, and they cannot get it now. We highly recommend that you take them while you can.

SERA-TEC: prop.n./sing; It is not a part-time job or a disco palace. Don't let any of the ads fool you, these people really want your blood (plasma).

SEX: n.; Does not apply to freshmen. Sophomore standing is a prerequisite. Harder to get than Ph. Ed. 005.

SHIELDS: prop n./sing; A large building located very, very far away designed originally as a roller rink, but now used for processing students. Within its walls, all people are known by number, and each is not accepted without proper identification. The personnel mysteriously disappear daily between noon and 1.

SLUM: n.; Basically, the University keeps its own slums. They call them Nittany. There are those people who still use trailer homes. You can meet them every night down on the wall (see The Wall) holding puppies.

SORORITY: n. pl.; A select species of young women. We refuse to touch this one. Sorry, Cindy.

STICKIES: n.pl.; The best stickies used to be sold at the Penn State Diner. Although ordinarily inedible, when grilled they

became quite tasty. Especially when you are under the influence at 5 a.m. (see drunk)

SUBLET: v.t. & i.; There are 8,922 people with leases and 8,921 people who want them. This produces a massive game known as "musical apartments." The only ways to avoid the game lie to: move into the dorm (see dining hall); join a social club (see fraternity); or buy a house trailer (see slum).

TACO LIBRARY: prop n./lost; Only the truly sophisticated palate can appreciate this native delicacy. Originally designed as radioactive biological interment containers (rabi) they were found to be too expensive although they are still used to store various bio-hazardous materials.

TAILGATE: v.t./n.; A function of the Festival of Paterno. Returning alumni pilgrimage to the Stadium of Beaver dressed in blue and white religious garb. Once there, they consume beverages of the gods.

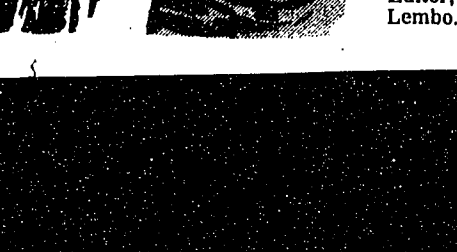
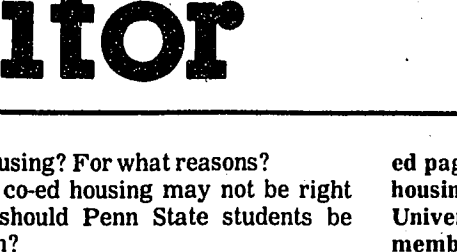
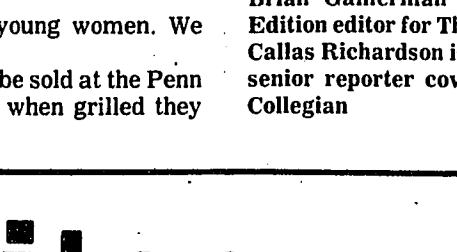
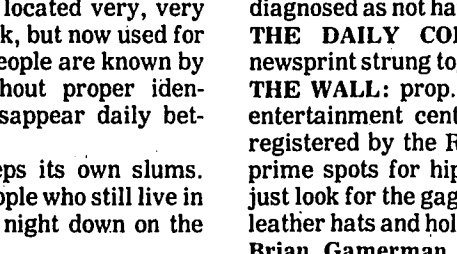
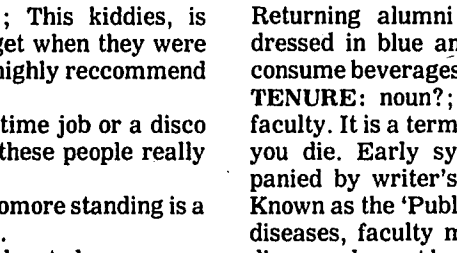
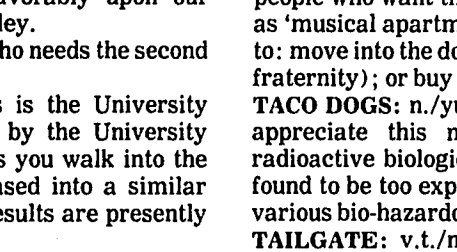
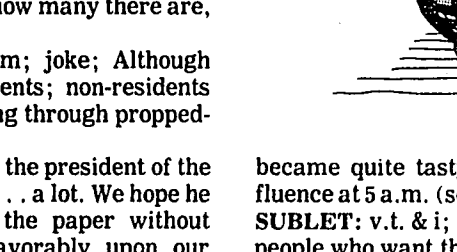
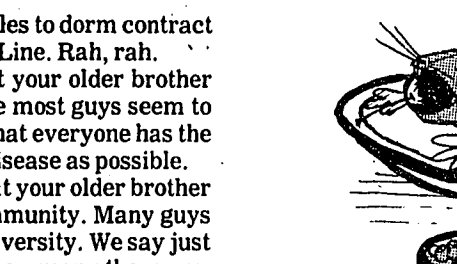
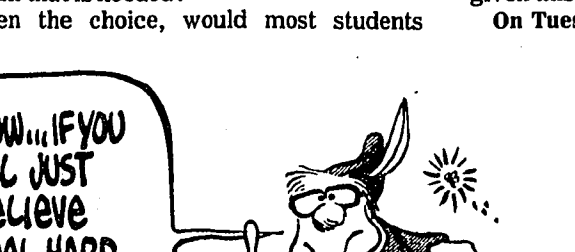
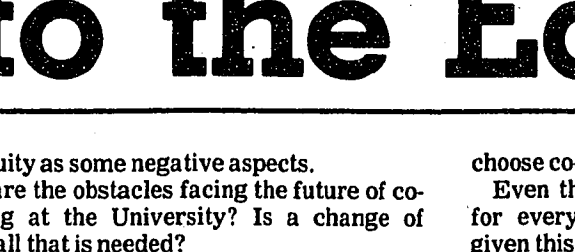
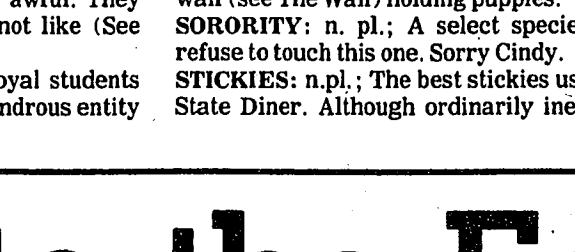
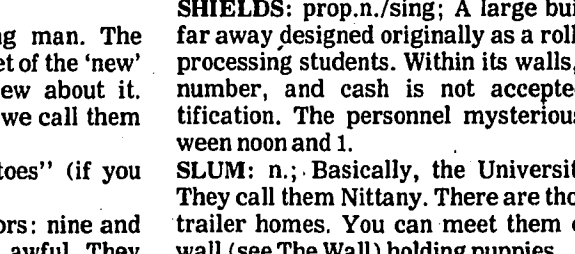
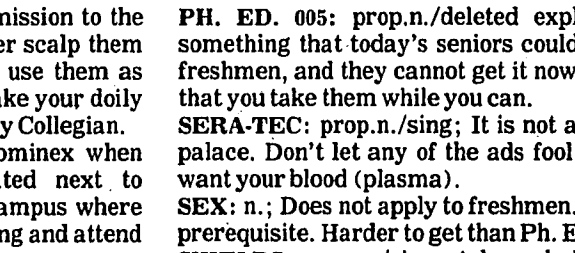
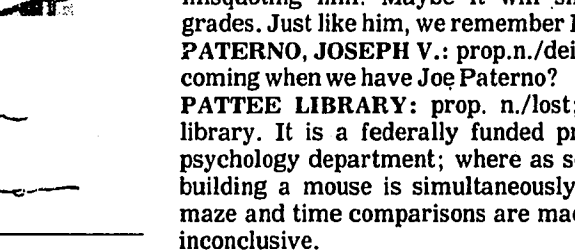
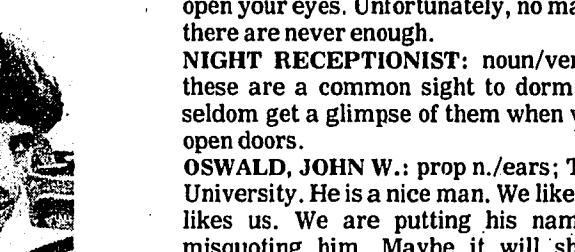
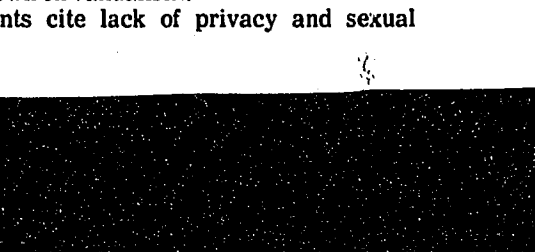
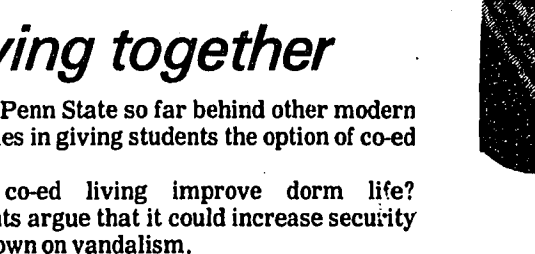
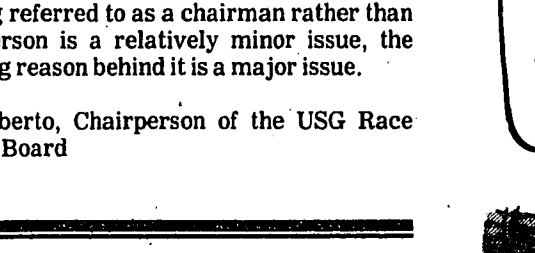
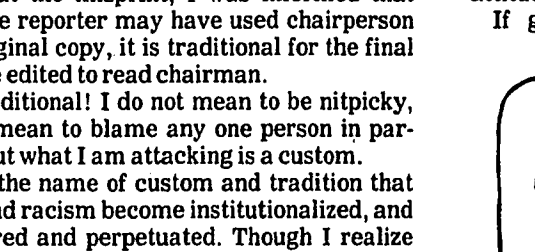
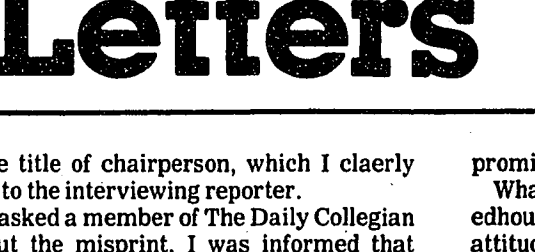
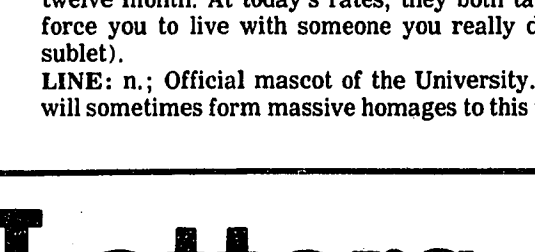
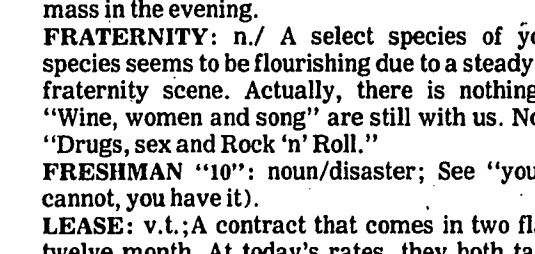
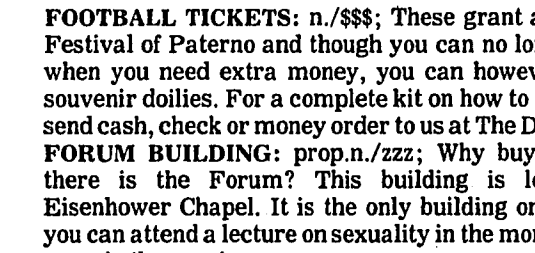
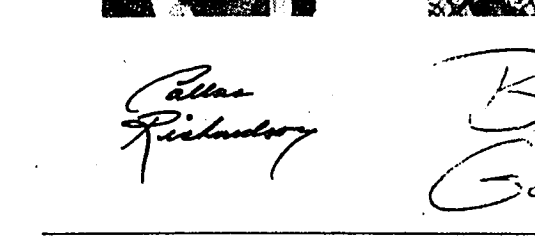
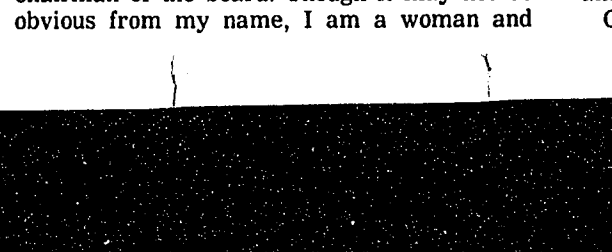
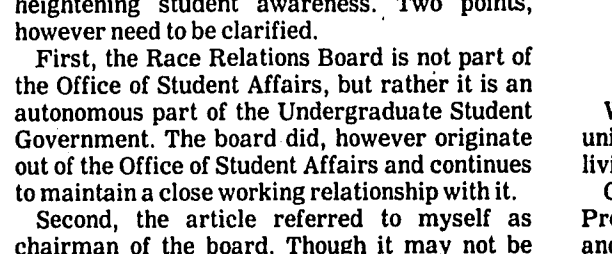
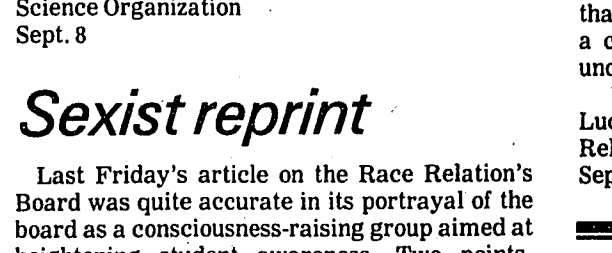
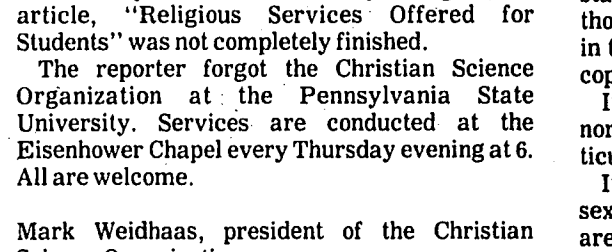
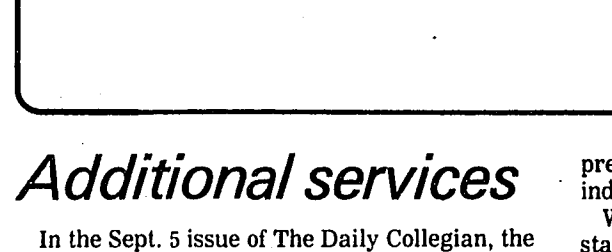
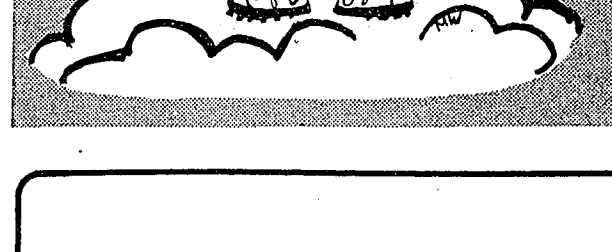
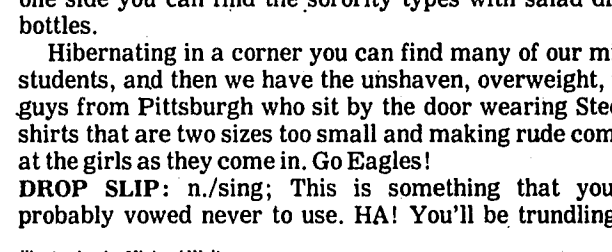
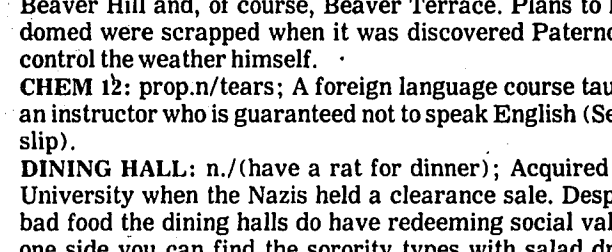
TENURE: noun?; This is a disease common to academia faculty. It is a terminal disease; once you get it you have it till you die. Early symptoms include extreme anxiety accompanied by writer's cramp (from writing research papers). Known as the "Publish or Perish" syndrome, unlike most other diseases, faculty members suffer extreme depression when diagnosed as not having it.

THE DAILY COLLEGIAN: prop. n.; Large sheets of newsprint strung together with thin pieces of fact.

THE WALL: prop.n.; America's largest combined bus stop, entertainment center and open-air drug store. The Wall is registered by the Redneck Hunting Association as one of the prime spots for hippie hunting. Located on College Avenue, just back from the piggie of long-haired unkempt people wearing leather hats and holding puppies.

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You have been looking for the old familiar HUB LION'S DEN for a snack or lunch, and all you can find is a blank wall. We have hidden phase one of the HUB food service renovations behind that blank wall, but you can find what you seek in other nearby hiding places.

Here are some clues that will help.

A temporary snack bar is hiding in the service pantry adjoining the ballroom on the main floor of the HUB. The hours are 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. The menu is very limited, but you can get beverages, snacks, cold sandwiches, salad, and yogurt.

More complete meal service is hiding next door, behind the blue and gold doors and downstairs, in the TERRACE ROOM CAFETERIA. You can find breakfast from 7:00 to 9:30 a.m., lunch from 11:30 am to 1:15 pm, and dinner from 4:45 to 6:45 pm.

Letters to the Editor

Additional services

In the Sept. 5 issue of The Daily Collegian, the article, "Religious Services Offered for Students" was not completely finished. The reporter forgot the Christian Science Organization at the Pennsylvania State University. Services are conducted at the Eisenhower Chapel every Thursday evening at 6. All are welcome.

Sexist reprint

Last Friday's article on the Race Relations Board was quite accurate in its portrayal of the board as a consciousness-raising group aimed at heightening student awareness. Two points, however need to be clarified. First, the Race Relations Board is not part of the Office of Student Affairs, but rather it is an autonomous part of the Undergraduate Student Government. The board did, however originate out of the Office of Student Affairs and continues to maintain a close working relationship with it. Second, the article referred to myself as chairman of the board. Though it may not be obvious from my name, I am a woman and