



Photos by Brian Gorman



State College: behind closed drawers

"From now on, I don't want anyone to come in to see me while I'm here. Is that clear?" —Major Major, "Catch-22."

The idea was simple: a photo survey of local desks that belong to people of some note.

All I would have to do would be to make appointments to see people when they weren't in. It would be convenient for everyone.

While the pictures may lack social significance, the process of their collection was a valuable lesson in what makes the world go 'round — secretaries, mostly.

Some of the desks seem impeccably neat. There's a reason. Secretaries, X's secretary shuffles all the important papers and boils them down to stuff to read, stuff to sign and stuff to throw away. X comes in, reads, signs, throws away each respective (and neat) stack and then leaves to do whatever it is X really does.

Though I tried to make each visit unannounced, in some cases, appointments had to be made. Joe Healey, Undergraduate Student Government president, said I could stop by in about a half hour, he was in a meeting. I suspect the time was used to



Sidney Friedman, local real estate developer, has an electronic secretary who processes all his stuff on a green glowing terminal (she says the rest of the day, it makes her see everything with a pink tint. How pleasant.). Hence, his desk was barren of paper save a copy of The Wall Street

Journal. Rene Portland, Penn State women's basketball coach, has the distinction of being the only deskler to answer her own phone. The only deskers I met were Portland, Friedman, Bill Welch, editor of The Centre Daily Times, and The Daily Collegian's editor, Betsy Long.

Welch said he only has one third of a secretary (she must have come from an average family of 2.3 children), so while Welch does not answer his own phone, he does return his calls personally.

University President John W. Oswald owns something of a stealth-desk. He is efficiently guarded by two ranks of secretaries (his secretary has a secretary) and they are formidable.

After several calls, which went unreturned, and as many days, I was finally able to get through to Mary Lou McCorkle, Oswald's personal secretary.

She informed me that Oswald does not work at a desk, that he handles his business from a large table, but that he was quite busy and even ate lunch in the office. I was excited. Something new! A table! She would ask Oswald if it was OK.

Two days later, after again getting no reply to my calls, I was able to get through to an underling secretary. She said she had been told to call me and tell me that "Dr.

Oswald would be unable to participate" in my project.

If Oswald's desk is stealth, the Collegian's is just plain invisible. Hidden under layers of clutter that would give an archeologist nightmares, it is something of a community locale. Let's face it, Betsy has the finest typewriter in the office.

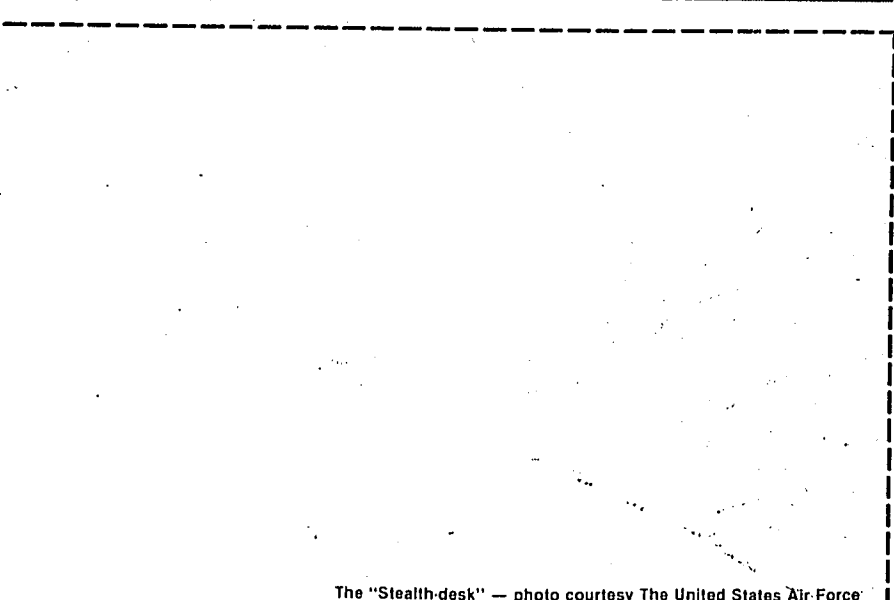
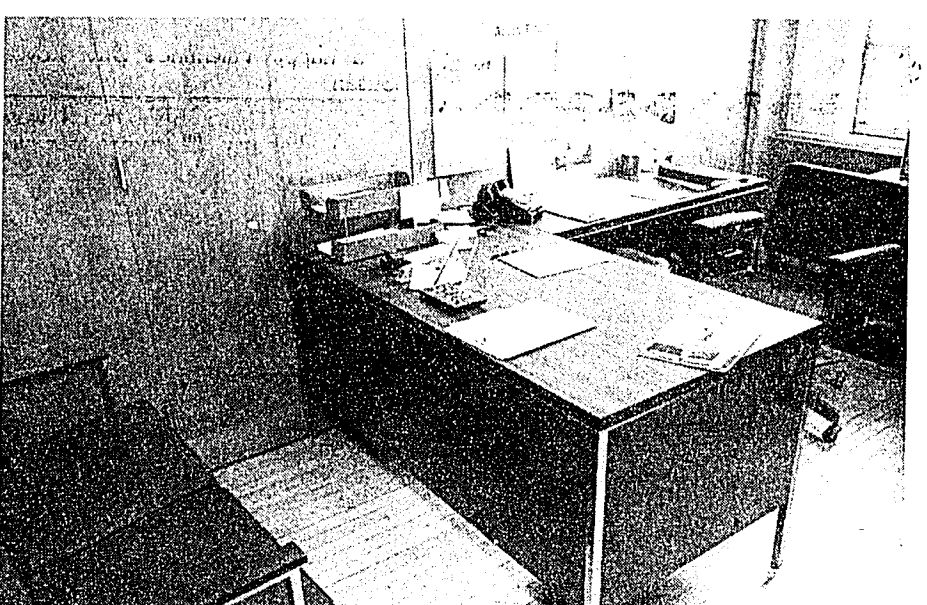
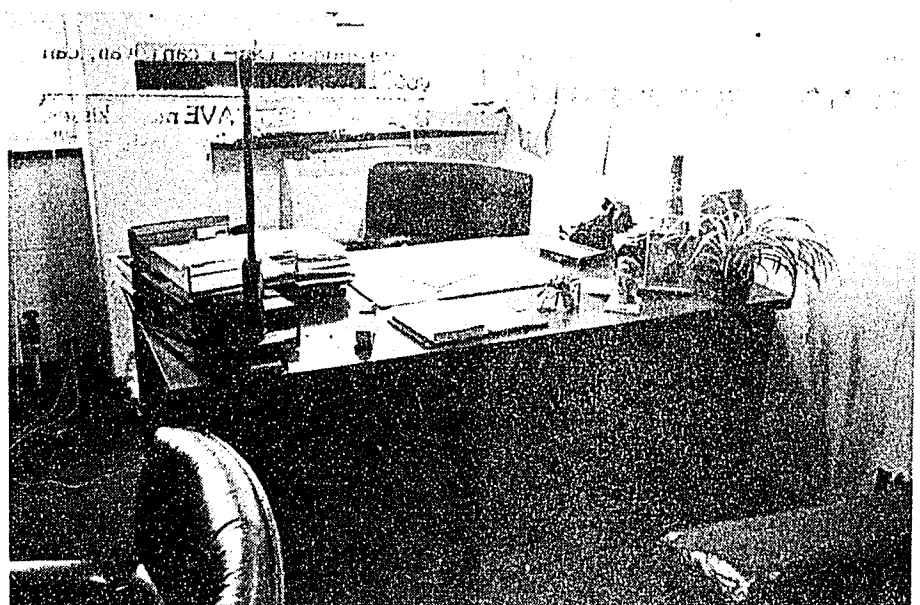
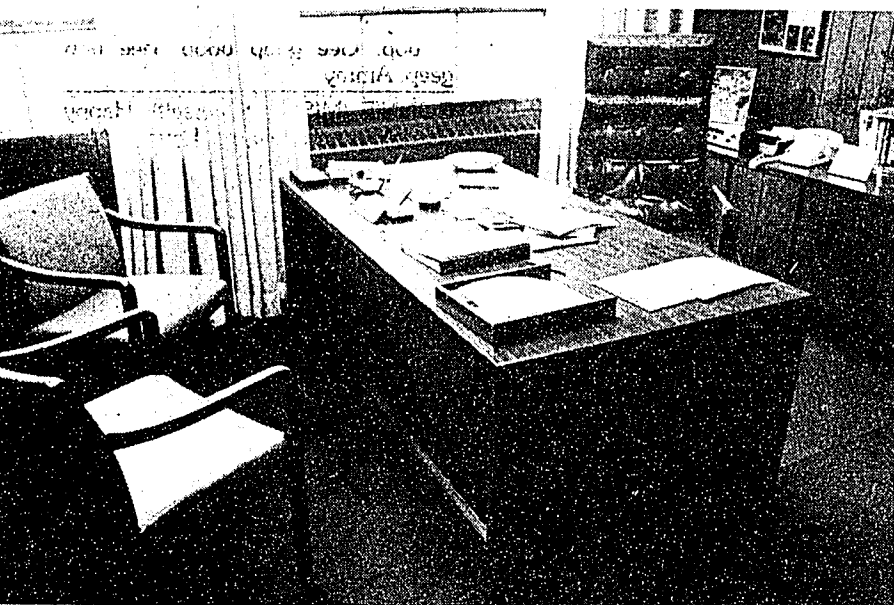
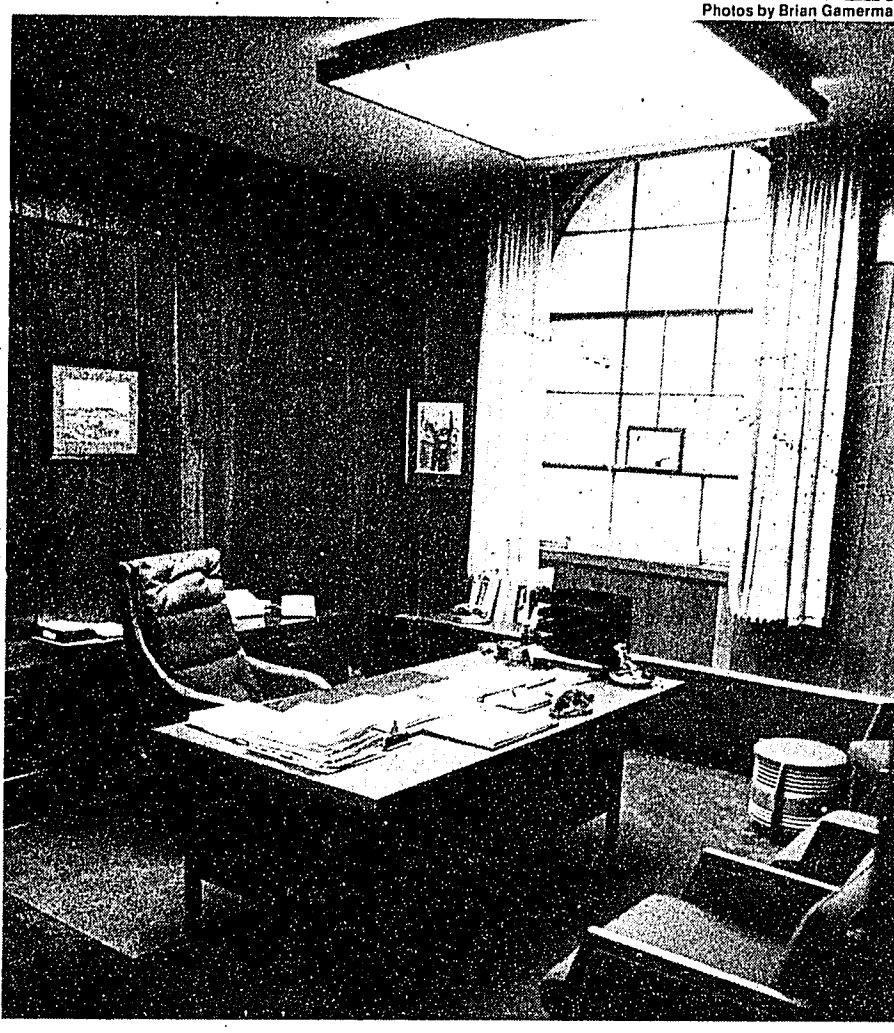
Paterno's desk was my first, and proved invaluable later in giving my project credibility. "Well, if it's good enough for Joe..."

Dick Harter's secretary set something of a precedent. She watched me every moment I was in the office. Here was a reaction I had not expected: suspicion.

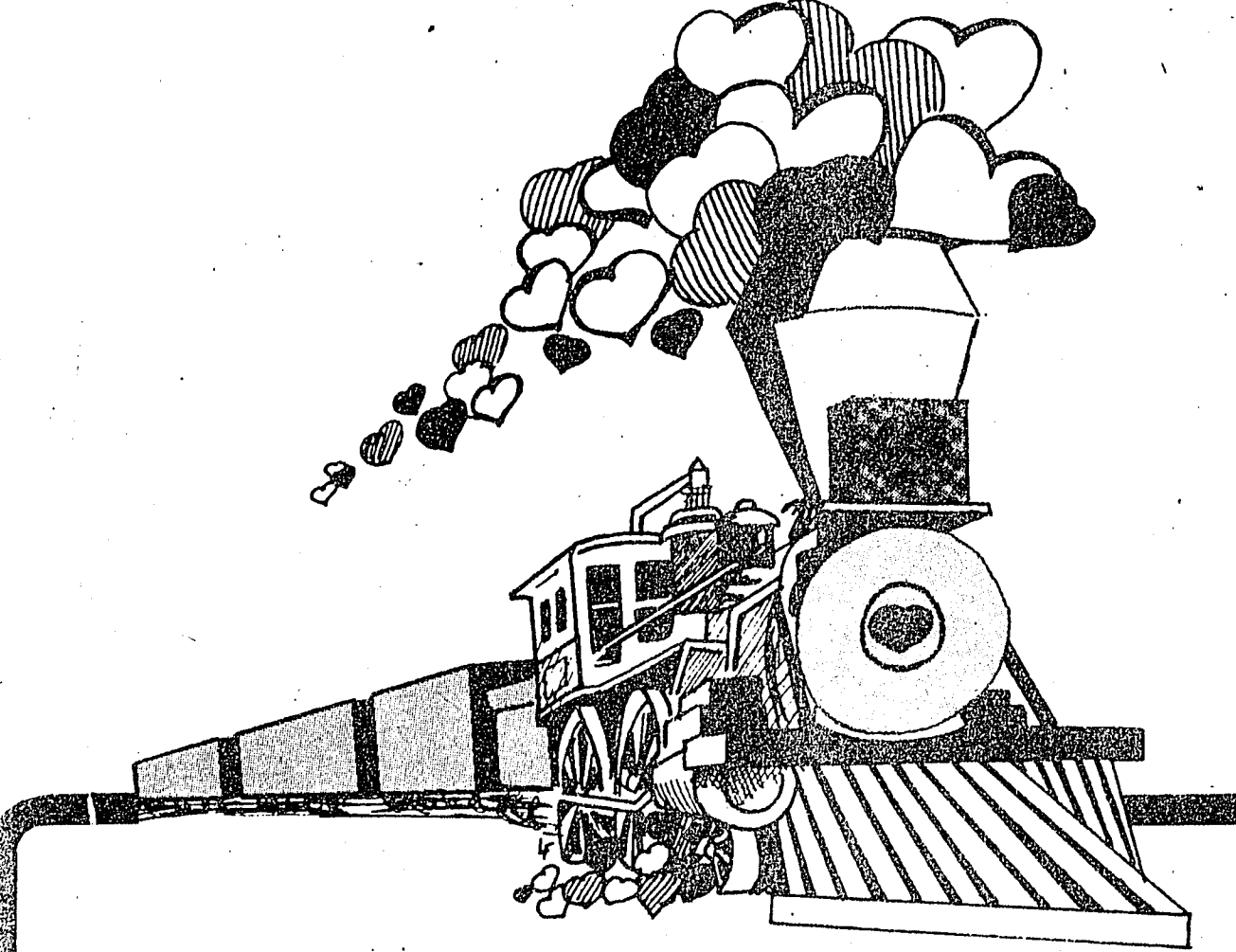
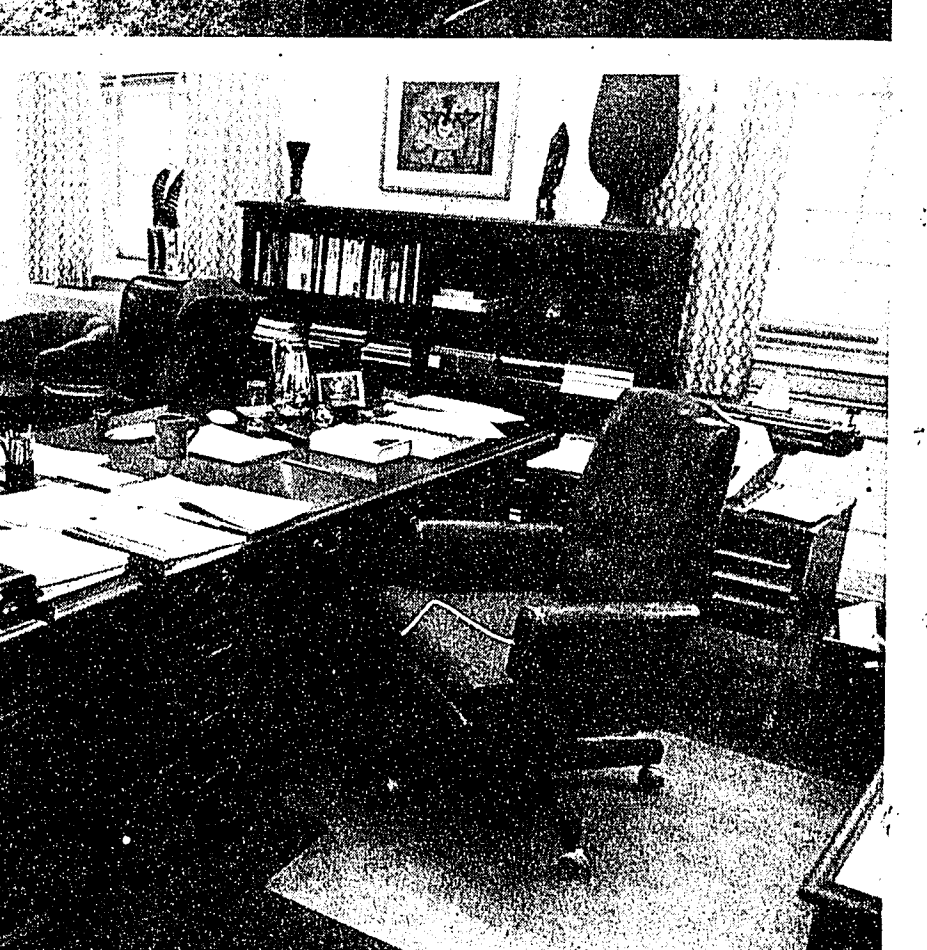
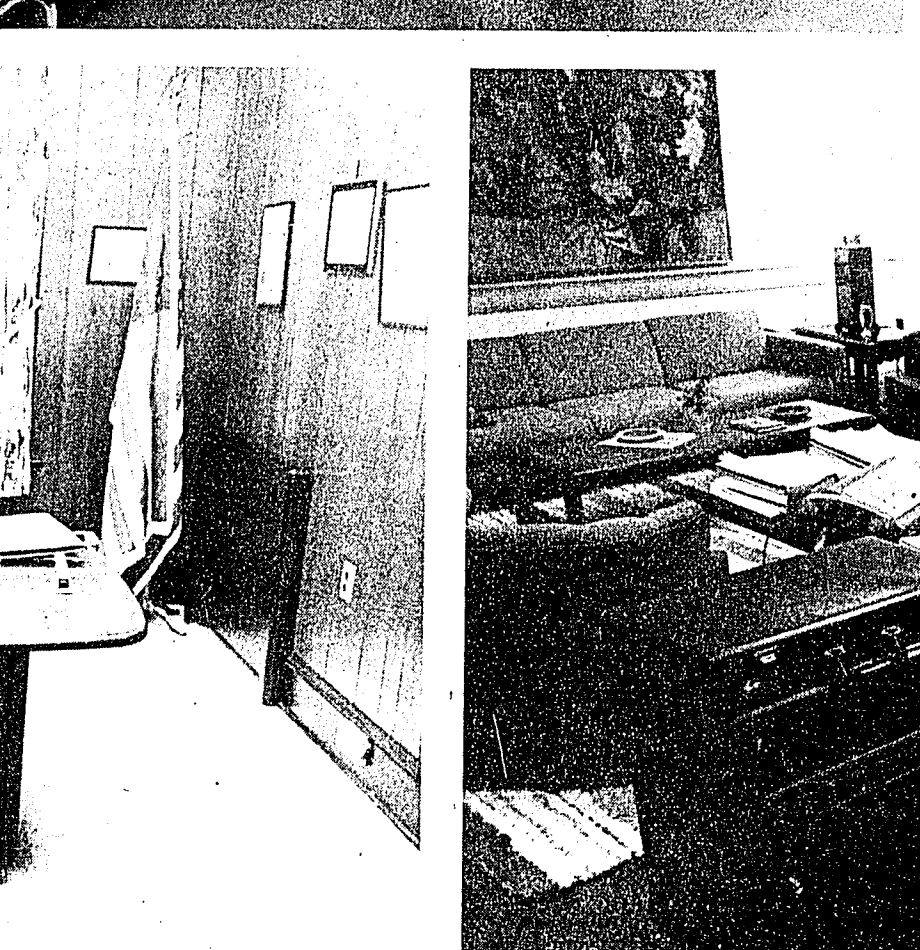
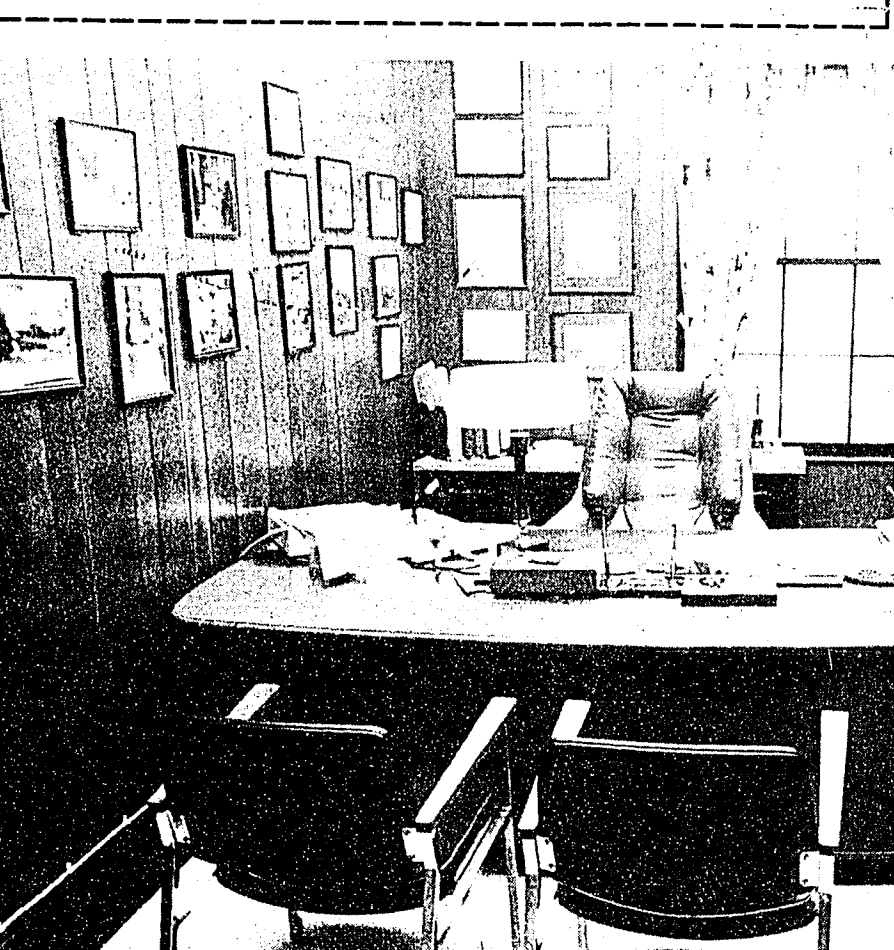
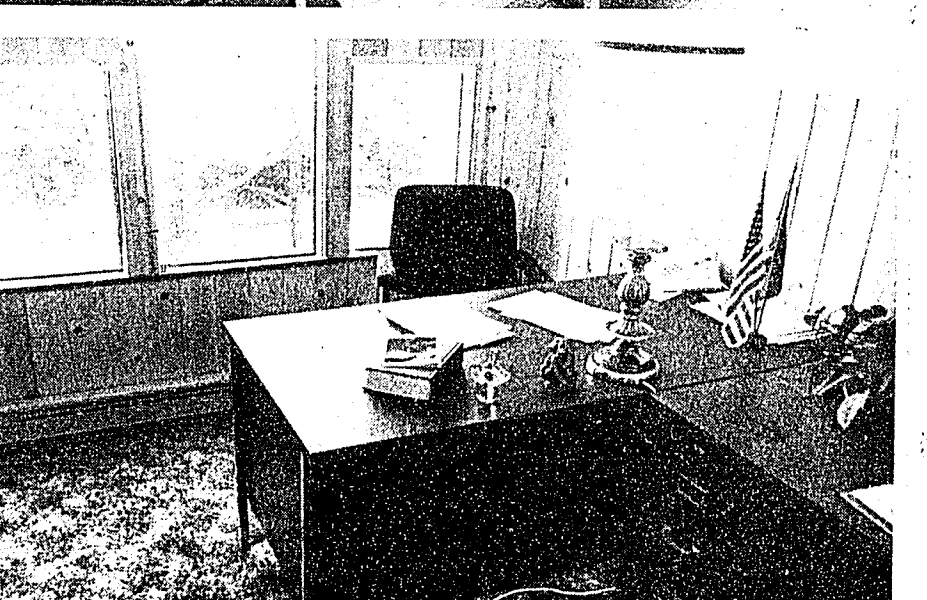
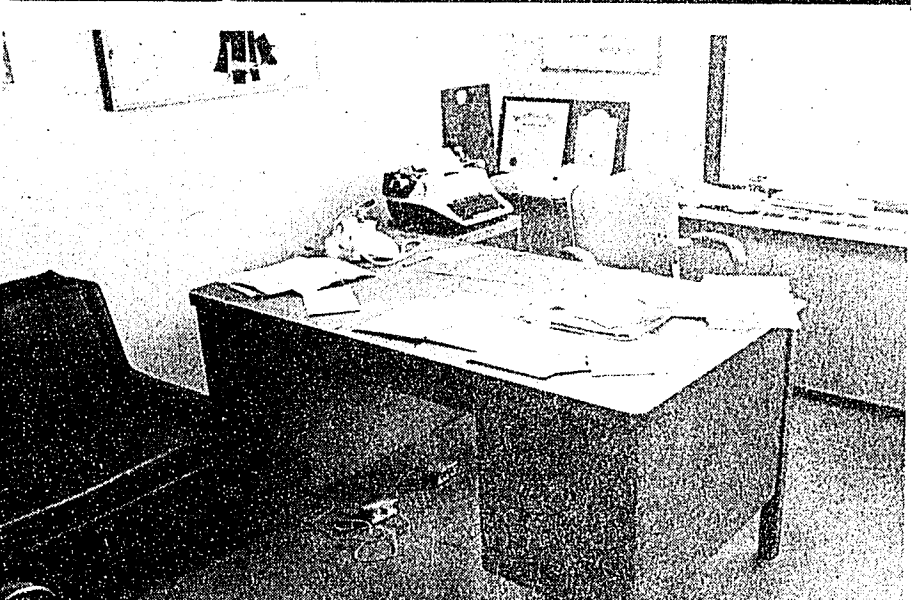
Other deskers found my project amusing or interesting, but this was the first time I was viewed as a subversive. She must have caught wind of my plan to photograph a naked woman in red spike heels leaning against Harter's desk.

Politicians' desks are easy to spot — they have U.S. flags. Addison's desk curiously contained several pieces of taxi paraphernalia. Taxi ash tray, taxi model and matching taxi mug.

Rep. Gregg L. Cunningham's work surface had a stack of five by seven glossy photos of, guess who, Gregg L. Cunningham. Brian Gorman is a 10th-term graphic design major and a writer/photographer for The Daily Collegian.



The "Stealth-desk" — photo courtesy The United States Air Force



Love Lines 1981

ROSE ARE RED/ Disc drives are blacker! I miss you, Sean! You cute little hacker! I love you! Kidge (p.s. only 191 days left!)
HADI, DARLING MUSICAL baby... I'm mad with passion. Fruehliche Valentine's Day, Older woman
KEN, I NEED you, I want you, and I'm always going to love you! Hilary
BERT, HERE'S YOUR love line. Happy Valentine's Day, Love Sue
CAROLINA IS IT true that Slovac are more fun? I guess I'll find out in the South Seas. Love Bruce Wasp
STEPHEN A. I love you Susan
SWEETHEART, HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! I sure will miss you when I leave here. Love you, P.J.D.

Bob,
Happy Valentine's Day
All my love,
Beth

Sue,
Love you today,
tomorrow and always.
Happy Valentine's Day,
Don

FILLE CZECHOSLOVAK, a chaque saint valentinois vous savorer je vous aime plus toujours amourement. David
TO OUR SPECIAL men: Panda, Dubbay, Babber, and Slag. Roses are red, violets are blue, sometimes the urge is to kill but right now, we send our love to you! Kim and Sue
DAN, OUR DIFFERENCES make our love stronger. We can make a honey! Love, Lynn
LOIS, LOVE IS caring. Love is true. Love is sharing life with you. Happy Valentine's Day, Chuck
ALPHA SIGMA PHI even though I am not there, I am always thinking about you. Love ya all, Lori
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, C.J!
Thanks for making it the best year! Looking forward to the years ahead! Love always, Anita
D.A.K. I HOPE we both find what we are looking for. Happy Valentine's Day, M.F.

Happy 50th Sweetie
My love is with you even if I am not
Love,
Bill

All Students, Faculty and Committee Members of The Black Studies Program: Have A Very Happy Valentine's Day
Annita — Black Studies
Happy Valentine's Day to some very, very terrific buddies! I love you twice as much.
Love,
Elnor "Bubblin'" Field

Judy,
Something short and true: I Love You!
Happy Valentine's Day
Love Always,
Jim

JOHNNY FOREVER AND today it will be just you and me and ecstasy. Love always, Deanna
LYNNE THROUGH ALL the joy and sometimes painful self-discovery, the caring ever deepens. I love you always, Chuck
A.J.N. SO GLAD that the prettiest this is my valentine. Happy Valentine's Day, Love, J.M.G.
RS A SPECIAL friend, bright and beautiful too! Just a reminder that we love you! EVNB
ELLEN- LOST THE Mizpah; don't worry. Our love will always be a perfect match. Aaron
DEAR STEVE G. A special wish for a happy Valentine's Day! Love, Susan
CUDDLES I'M SORRY that I was crowding you. I'll try not to now. Love, Hank
ROB GABOO! YOUR tennis partner misses you. Happy Valentine's Day, Love, J.M.G.
LITTLE DICTATOR, my time as a pilot will someday end, but I could fly with you forever. Have an outrageous valentine's day. Love, Paladin
CHERYL, YOU'RE THE sweetest and greatest Valentine I could have ever wanted. Thanks for a Super year Love. "Big Guy"
DEAR LITTLE ONE, you are a very special person in my life for not only are you my closest friend but I love you. Stand behind me now and forever for I need you! Love, Loser
HEY MIKE! YOU are a very special valentine. I love ya! Sue-Q

Dear Snooks,
Thanks for making the rainbows brighter.
Love always,
Steve

Paul —
"You're L.A.R.G.E. — but you're M.I.N.I." —
Happy Valentine's Day!
Guess Who
Hint: Who loves you Paul?

STEVE, OUR BROTHER who always does things right. Your the very best! The best you and your drinking new Fizz Lite! See ya Pal! Love, Cheryl and Jennifer
MITCH CANDLELIGHT AND hot chocolate, dropping wine glasses, and headless snowglobes are great! Just like you. Round faced blonde ALAN-I LOVE YOU. Will you be my Valentine...forever? Sarah
JAMIE NO ONE can tell me that I'm doing wrong because your My Smiling Face. Love Michael
LINDA I LOVE you, Always Carlo
WEB- YOU'LL PROBABLY beat me up (bummer) for saying this, but I'll say it anyway. I love you. Happy Valentine's Day, and thanks for being you. Sweetie
HEY DENISE M. you're still beautiful! I'm sober and Happy Valentine's Day! Go to the hockey game Friday! The Italian Ice

Steve,
We both fell, but only one way felt good. Continue riding with the tide, and S.R.I.F.F.S!
Love,
E.L.

Love,
"The Brute"

OUR SLUMBER BUDDIES in west cave a Valentine's Day slumber party sure sounds good to us your cave or our web? Happy V-Day Spider Girl and Web Woman
PJ YOU'RE MY one and only for a real long time. I think you know what grows tons every day. Love always, Robs
JEFF H. NICE "C'ing you! Now I'd like to meet you! A blonde regular
MIKE, WHEN I'm with you I'm always living in Trance
YICKO, JER THE bestest boyfriend ever! You make my belly extremely goochable. Love ya much! Jer amucko girlfriend (P.W.)
ANNE IT'S BEEN A year and I'm still having a bash. Dave

DEB V. A Valentine for my sweet. You're a cake in a sea of icing. Love, Howie
JULIE, JULIE, JULIE remember sock-a-bugs are great for neck pain! HVD HUG
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY to my sneeter face love SRK
STEVIE (CUTIE) YOU "tickle" my fancy! XXX OOO my love, Lee
TANCEY YOU DEFINATELY put an edge on my winter. Now my heart is "hot" despite my cold hands. Racers do it in the course-let's do it! Happy Valentine's Day! Love always "Pickles"
RANDY, IT'S GOING to be a great Valentine's Day. I can't wait, can you? Love, Nicki
DOODIE YOU GAVE me 21 kisses, true friendship, dirty wash, noodle soup, afternoons in the tall grass, fried eggs and lots of love. Now and forever, Me
LIL SCRO HAPPY Valentine's Day I love you very much Love Big Sco
SOME UNCOMMON ENGINEERING lad likes engineering's nicest lady and may be endeared regarding thee
BOB, THANKS FOR being a very special big brother. M.C.

BETSY ON THIS special occasion I want you to know I love you. Love Gary
DEAR CAREY, YOU are wonderful! Everyone knows how much I love you, do you? Our future looks so bright! Who knows what next year will bring? I love you more and more each day. Love, Kent
TO THE BROTHERS OF Alpha Chi Rho, Happy Valentine's Day
Love,
The Little Sisters

DENISE GASPER: HAPPY Valentine's Day, I love you, Tob
ANN S. YOU'RE WELCOME, but I still have a bottle of champagne that would like to meet you! Happy Valentine's Day C. (i.e. Rich)
REBECCA TO MY motivation and our new beginning. Love Rob
MICHAEL WILL YOU be "my funny valentine"? I love you Jamie
BUGGER WE HAVE a treasure between us that we'll never lose. I love you Stoop
SETH ALL MY love across the miles. Always JRK
MARYJANE YOU ARE the greatest. Happy Valentine's Day. I love ya Mark

Love, Rob
"The Brute"

Love, Robin

Cash,
"Six Years" —
I'm still finding ways to tell you I care. It's "Seventh Heaven"
Love, Ambi
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DEAR FLASHER: CAN I be your valentine? Love, Your Earnting's Bunny
C.K. YOU ARE everything in the world to me and make each day brighter. I'm so in love with you. Your number one and only one! Love always, Babe
ROSS HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY. I love you now and forever. Val
JILL KNOW WHAT means more to me than you? Nothing I love you. Pat
TO MY FAVORITE Delt Pledge, thanks for all the great times; I hope we can have more. Love, Beth
TIM, NO DAY is over if it makes a memory. Here's to many more memories. Love, Kath
CHUBBUB, HAPPY VALENTINE'S Day, smoo! I love you (always and forever) Duffly
J, I LOVE you twoly, twoly I do. N
Happy Valentine's Day! Love ya, N

Love, Ambi

Love, Kath

Love, Mark

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MY DEAREST BRAT (Joe) to the world's greatest bilpaver (the ha) Happy Valentine's Day. Love Kathy
SU, I CLOSE my eyes so I can be with you. I love you, Tommy
BEAR: HAPPY VALENTINE'S day to my very own "Main Squeeze" Always, B.J.
BETA SIGMA BETA Happy Valentine's Day. We love you. The Little Sister Pledges
PETER, HEAVEN IS the moment when I look into your eyes. I just fall in love again. Pam
MARK GOOD FRIENDS are few and far between. Thanks for being one of them. Donna
BARB: YES BEARS do like that, it just takes a while. Love, a bear

Craigors,
I'll always love you to pieces —
Love,
Luw, Wez

Young, Ran,
Young Can,
I give all my love to you.
Kim, Soon Sam

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Love, Kath

Love, Mark

KATHY-BE MINE? Hmmmm, well then... maybe for the weekend? Love ya, Frank
BOB: OUR 3rd Valentine's Day. Please don't send me flowers or candy. Send me coke; it's the real thing I love you, Shelly
ANDY, LOVES SHARING a bitteez chocolate covered cherry without splin' the juice. Love and kisses Nora
DEAR STINKER, YOU make my teeth retract! With love the fat model P.S. Gold Chain
VICKI "HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY" I love you! Phil
JK THANKS FOR nine very special months. Can I be your valentine forever? Love CB
KARA- "NICE CATCH!" You're right! But I don't mean the frisebel! Silliness and windowills forever lotta love, Chick
NITZ: OLD VALENTINES never die their knees just get bigger...and their hearts Steve, Chick
TOM FOR FIVE weeks we've celebrated good times. Laughing, talking, sharing. Sixteen just can't compare. Je t'aime. TTM, Dana
BOBO: GEEP DEE boop! Gop gop gee boop. Gop gop boop. Bee boop gop. Ammy
BONNIE (MISS IFS herself: Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Alan
Quartermen P.S. Have fun with your new roommate. She's a nice girl! Why don't you give your heart a little call!
E.K. WHERE THERE'S SMOKE there's fire. You can light mine anytime! Happy "VD". Love, M.J.
DEAREST DAVE, HAPPY Valentine's Day. I love you very much. Love always, Emily
C.R. WATSON YOU already know the answer but I'll ask you again: you know what? See you tonight for dinner. "Art"
ZULU LULU, PICKLES and yogurt, Moogoguypan—Szechuan, D-ominos and Mountain Dew and us—forever. Yehool Love, Oscar
JOHNETTE: I MAY not be your Valentine, but the ball is in your court. Chris.

Love, Robin

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