

editorial opinion

The Jerk

Auditorium seat ripped at Tuesday's concert; thanks a lot

The world has its share of ignorant slob. Unfortunately, the University Concert Committee could not keep one of those ignorant slob out of Eisenhower Auditorium on Tuesday night.

While Al Dimicola, John McLaughlin and Paco De Lucia were creating fabulous music in Eisenhower, someone tore an auditorium seat to shreds. He slit seat G28 up the middle with a knife and removed the stuffing, causing about \$100 in damage.

Luckily, UCC Chairwoman Bonnie Nixon said she has a very good idea who the culprit is. If a few witnesses cooperate, there should not be much problem prosecuting the person. He could pay damages and be suspended for a term.

How about a little tar and feathers, too? This jerk deserves public humiliation.

He is a glaring exception to the audience at Tuesday's concert. Most people know irresponsible behavior at Eisenhower means losing the privilege of using it for UCC concerts,

and they act accordingly. For example, after the Larry Coryell/Leo Kottke concert, an auditorium official said Eisenhower was "cleaner than when we have church."

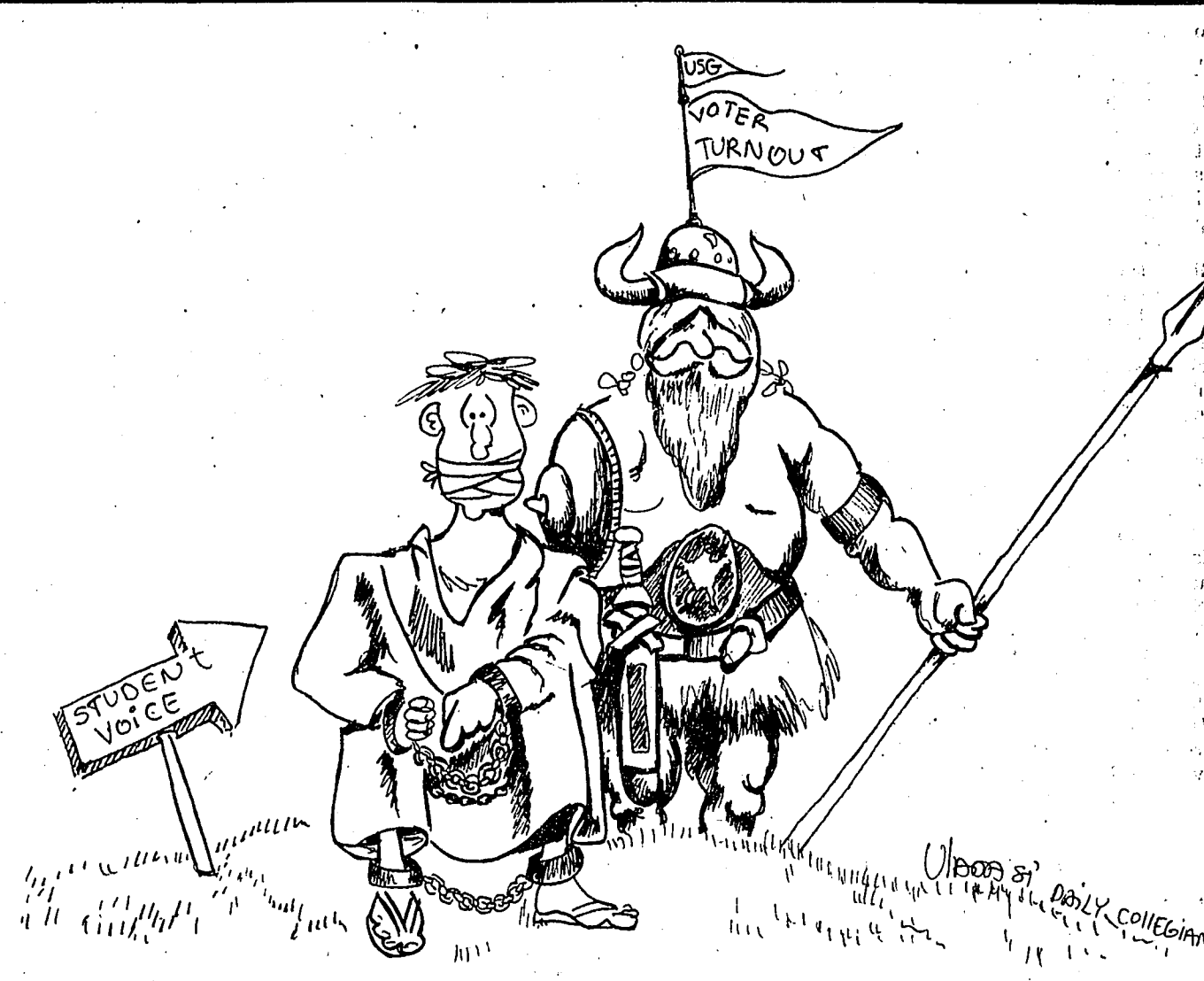
However, the possibility always exists for that one person to crumble, just as there is always the possibility that someone could take a shot at the president of the United States.

It is by this rationale that UCC is able to hold concerts in Eisenhower. The Auditorium Advisory Committee realizes that individual actions are impossible to regulate and UCC does everything it can to keep the audience under control.

The advisory committee should keep this in mind.

But the responsibility lies with the concertgoers. The only way to stop these incidents is to not ignore the ignorant slob when they're in action. Stop them.

The Daily Collegian's editorial opinion is determined by its Board of Opinion, with the editor-in-chief holding final responsibility.



-reader opinion-

Inevitable

This is one of those so-called "inevitable anti-gun control" letters Doug Bell wrote about (April 6 issue of The Daily Collegian). But, no, Doug, I'm not going to call you an American, a communist or a bleeding-heart. What I am going to call you is ignorant.

Your column didn't really bother me until I read that you're a 12th-term journalism major. I'm no Hemingway, but you can't write! The NRA, thank God, protects the remainder of us from illogical, ignorant journalists who feel they must resort to sensationalism and insult our intelligence to get their point across.

So you're scared, right? Well I think you better wake up kid because this is the big real world: Daddy and Mommy never said it would be Utopia. Do you really think you are afraid of Doug? If you're afraid of the "crazy people," guns or no guns, get used to it; they also have this strange tendency to use knives, automobiles, baseball bats, homemade explosive devices and a variety of sundry items, which also include their bare hands! People kill, Doug, that I'm afraid is solid. We have unique freedoms in America, one is the right to keep and bear arms; unfortunately we are not all as normal as you, some of us are crazy. I'm crazy, Doug, crazy about freedom!

Additionally, Doug, this may come as a surprise to you but, you really can't read. Study the Amendments to the Constitution. The NRA has cited time and time again, to claim "the people" in the Second Amendment means only "the

State" would, by the same reasoning, eliminate the individual liberties of "the people" to peacefully assemble and be free from unreasonable searches and seizures, (compare Amendments 1 and 4 with 2).

"The people" will keep their arms, Doug, it's journalists like you that are hopefully doomed to extinction.

T.A. Wellington, 6th-semester business

That's entertainment

What is entertainment? A learning experience? Sometimes, but more often not. Entertainment was an evening spent with University Resident Theater Company and its production of "Jacques Brel is alive and well living in Paris." The songs were joyous and often sparked great thought. McAdams, the script and the actors employed much more than a "feeble attempt" to convey this to its audience.

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young womanhood, and benefits that ideal in terms of educational opportunity.

Remember, Barbara Brigola is representing Penn State and State College. She is an intelligent and extraordinarily talented young woman. She deserves our whole-hearted support, and I congratulate her on her achievements and wish her luck in her coming endeavor. I urge Penn State and the community to do the same! Maybe then she would feel more welcome here.

Cathy Mix, Miss Clinton County 1980
2nd runner-up Miss Pennsylvania Pageant
6th-communications studies and French
April 5

Here she comes

Thank you for recognizing Barbara Brigola, Miss Central Pennsylvania, who will be representing this part of the state (and Penn State) in the Miss Pennsylvania Pageant in June in Altoona.

I'd like to point out again, as Barbara did, that the Miss America Scholarship Pageant, of which the Central Pa. Pageant is a "local," is just that — a scholarship pageant, not just a beauty pageant.

Contestants are judged on the same attributes any woman will be judged on (in job interviews, by peers) once she gets out into the "real" world: personality, talent, poise, and yes, let's face it — looks. Your appearance is the first thing people notice about you, and although the inner person is most important, the outer makes a lasting impression.

As for the Miss America Pageant being sexist, well, the pageant is the biggest private contributor of scholarships for women in the world! Last year over two million dollars in scholarships were awarded. I wouldn't call that sexist.

The pageant is a cultural sanction of what a certain group of judges (selected from the worlds of education, government, arts, entertainment and other areas) feels is the ideal

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Grad grumbles

They've got hollow, purple eyes. Their hair is gray by age 25. They're always in motion, rushing from class to office to class.

Who are they? The University's graduate teaching assistants. Doubtless most TAs survive better than that description — but the fact remains that TAs are very busy folk.

Are these invaluable people overworked and underpaid?

Other issues surfacing when the topic of TAs is brought up include: language barriers between students and foreign TAs, the advantages and disadvantages of being taught by a TA instead of a professor and the importance

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Inner strife alters China's policy

By VICKI FONG
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

Relations between the United States and China may encounter some problems as fluctuating internal politics have provoked changes in China's foreign policy, a China analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency said last night.

Lyman Miller, China analyst for the foreign broadcasting information service of the CIA, said the Chinese government has been concerned about the U.S. attitude toward China over the past year, especially after President Reagan's election victory.

Reagan's support for Taiwan during his campaign upset Chinese leaders greatly, he said, and in the last months, Reagan has not done anything to relieve their minds.

The Chinese government will not accept the Taiwan Relations Act, which Reagan often advocates, Miller said, because they feel the act and former President Carter's normalization communique of 1979 are contradictory.

"The Chinese show a measure of pessimism toward Sino-U.S. relations," Miller said. Besides the lack of confidence in the U.S. policy, the Chinese leaders are considering a more conciliatory attitude toward the Soviet Union, instead of the antagonistic line they have been advocating, he said.

Until 1979, the Chinese maintained a hard-line approach to relations with the Soviets, Miller said, but in April 1979, communist party members discussed the

possibility of opening new lines of communication with the Soviet Union.

"The key issue is economic in the political turnaround," he said. Because the economic reforms have failed to achieve their goals and have created social disorder, Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping has suffered setbacks in his control over the government.

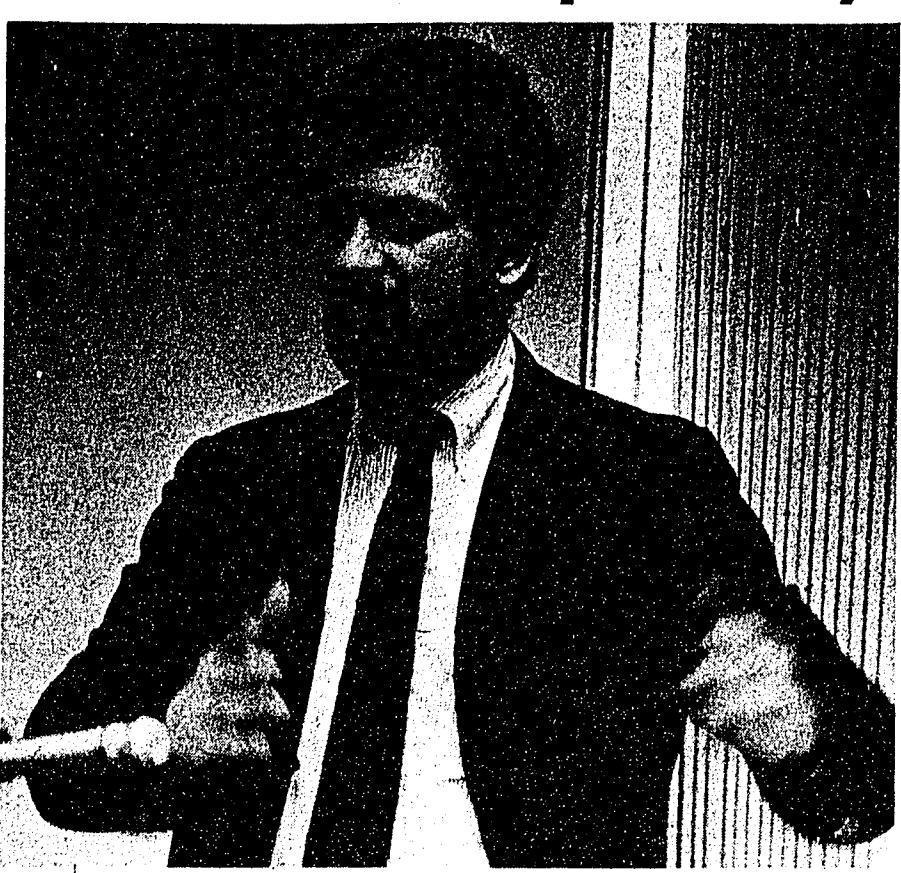
Deng and his followers prefer a tough approach to Sino-Soviet relations but the moderate faction in the communist party favors a less harsh approach, Miller said.

The moderates hover between more ideological attitudes of Chairman Hua Guofeng and the progressive attitudes of Deng, he said. They see the Soviet Union as a threat to China, but China is too weak and cannot afford a confrontation, he said.

Poland also has sent chills down the spine of China's leadership," Miller said. "The combination of economic failure of reform and the events in Poland has led to a rapid and decisive switch in attitudes. The moderate resurgence is a challenge to Deng's position."

As a result, the moderates have gained more power in recent months and may effect some changes in foreign and domestic policy, he said.

According to official newspapers in China, Miller said he believes the party members want to move away from reliance on the United States. However, he said the political atmosphere is confusing in China right now.



Lyman Miller, analyst for the foreign broadcasting information service of the Central Intelligence Agency, spoke last night on China's changing internal politics and Chinese relations with the United States. Miller also gave an earlier address on career opportunities for the intelligence community. His speech last night was sponsored by the East Asian Studies Committee.

Kartes, Jacobs win PNRHA election

By IRIS NAAR
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

Patty Kartes (6th-psychology) and Leslie Jacobs (3rd-liberal arts) were elected president and vice president, respectively, of the Pollock-Nittany Residence Hall Association yesterday.

Kartes received 239 votes while the other presidential candidate, Bob Johnston, received 99 votes.

Jacobs received 300 votes, while two write-in vice presidential candidates, Lisa Dent and Mary Elizabeth Stiles, each received one vote, PNRHA President Joanne Roman said.

Kartes said she would like to see a program with Resident Assistants developed to encourage greater involvement with the student body.

"People are really unaware of what's going on," she said.

Kartes, social chairman for PNRHA, said she would like the organization to be involved with a lot more functions.

Carolyn Le Pere (6th-rehabilitation education) was elected secretary of PNRHA with 290 votes. As a write-in candidate, Lynda Keller received one vote.

Holly McCloskey (6th-science) was elected treasurer of the organization. She received 194 votes as compared to Janice Brown's 116 votes.

Charlene Hafer (9th-chemistry) was elected representative to the Association of Residence Hall Students with 292 votes while Pam Santoro (5th-liberal arts) and Josh Reisman (6th-liberal arts) tied for the other representative position as write-in candidates with one vote each.

Lisa Buckley (7th-human development) and James Ryan (10th-science) who received three and two votes respectively as write-in candidates, were elected as representatives to ARHS' Residence Hall Advisory Board. Five other write-in candidates received one vote each.

Roman said she enjoyed her job as president this year.

"I really enjoyed working with PNRHA and ARHS this year," she said. "I really felt that I put in all I could."

Elections for the other residence hall areas will be held next week.

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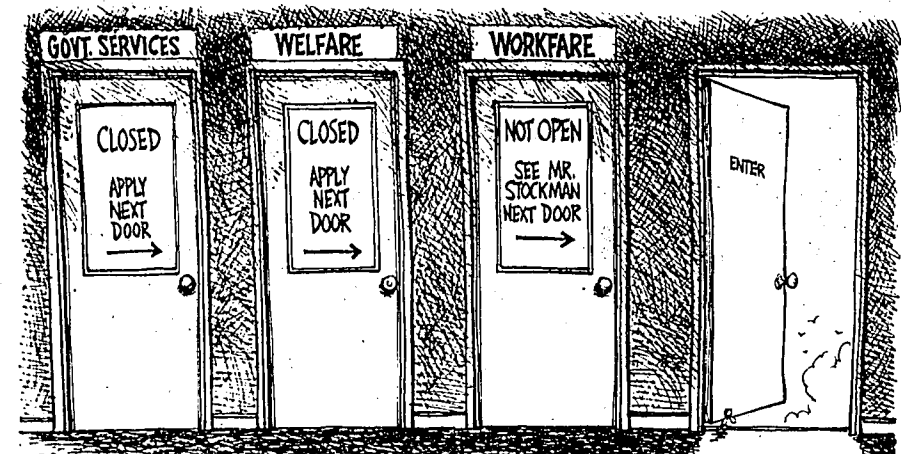
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Bradley's decisive leadership Remembered by Pa. soldiers

The "soldier's general" has faded away.

The death of General of the Army Omar Bradley Wednesday in New York City has not only taken from us one of the last great military leaders of World War II, it has also robbed us of a figure in the military history of our state.

That leadership by playing a vital role in the Allied defense during the Battle of the Bulge.

The efficiency and esprit de corps that General Bradley helped instill in the soldiers of the 28th Division continues in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard today. Serving as I now do with an infantry battalion in the "Keystone" division, I am a proud beneficiary of these fine traditions.

On May 17, the 28th Infantry Division will hold its annual memorial ceremony at its shrine in Boalsburg. Here, among the names of countless other men who have served Pennsylvania and the United States, the name of Omar Bradley will be placed so that future generations of Pennsylvanians can remember.

I think it only fitting that people try to attend this ceremony. It is only a few miles from campus, and the solemnity and spirit of such a ceremony are experienced at few other places. I believe it is a good way for us to honor the memory of a good man who served Pennsylvania in its own way and served it well.

General Bradley, the people of Pennsylvania salute you.

You see, Squonks don't necessarily leave behind a trail of tears. Some cry in private, others not at all. Some may retreat into their own little worlds, afraid to risk further injury. Meanwhile, others desperately

Squonk: a creature no one wants to cuddle

The Squonk is of a very retiring disposition and due to its ugliness, weeps constantly. It is easy prey for hunters who simply follow a tear-stained trail. When cornered it will dissolve into tears.

True or False?

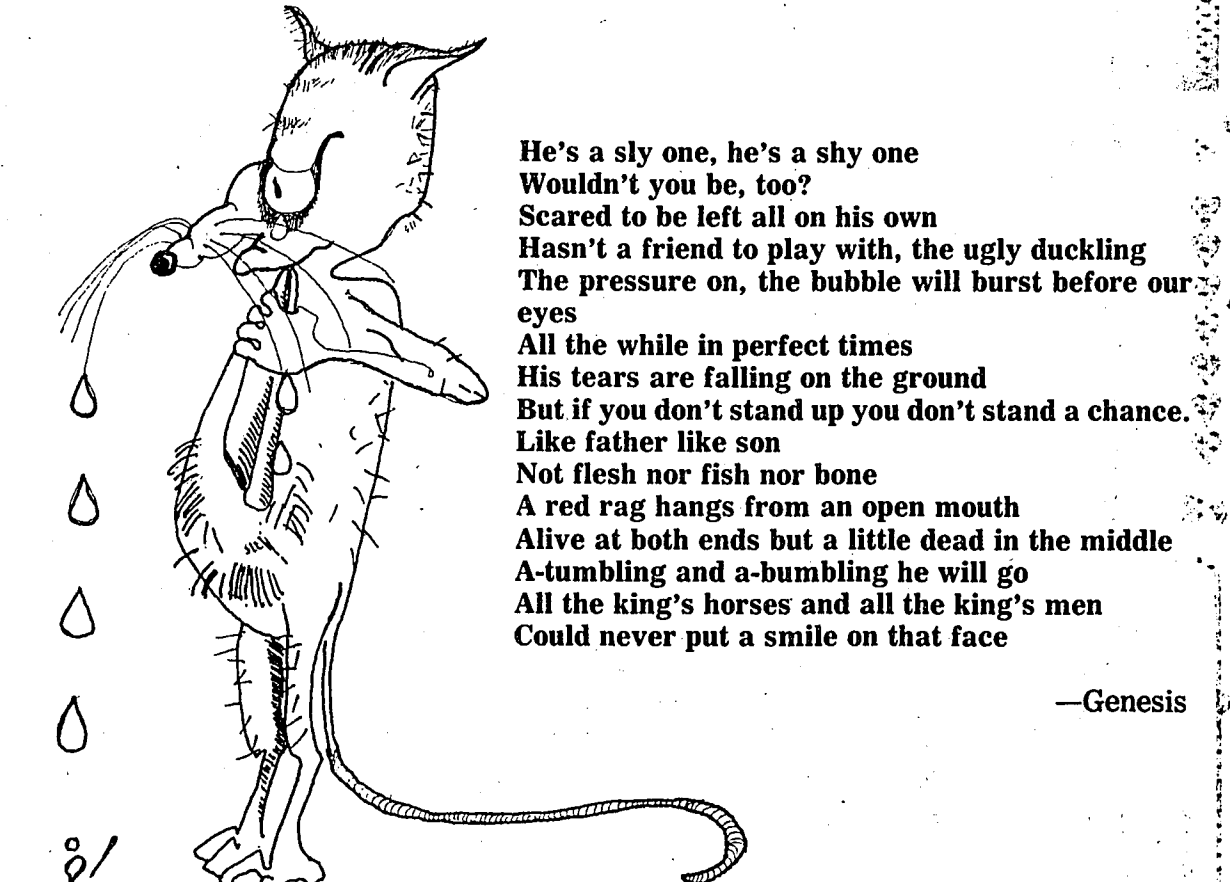
— Genesis

There are many Squonks wandering around this campus. Some are easy to spot — most aren't.

They differ from a scruffy creature Genesis described in his album, "A Trick of the Tail." Squonks here take on human form. But in substance they're the same: sad creatures that are alive at both ends but a little dead in the middle.

Their deadness in the middle may come from any number of reasons. But in the end, all these reasons are symptoms of a common Squonk disease: loneliness.

That loneliness is a haunting, desperate feeling Squonks possess when they feel that no one gives a damn about their existence. If that's not bad enough, most Squonks accept this condition passively. "What does it matter," they sigh, "I'm not worth caring about anyway."



flail about for love and acceptance like fish washed ashore.

There are also Squonks who manage to mask their identity. They somehow manage to infiltrate the places and groups where only non-Squonks are supposed to be able to go. But deep within they are still Squonks. The outward change only hides the inward despair, rather than cure it.

This makes the task of spotting Squonks much more difficult. One can never know for sure where a Squonk might pop up.

But no matter how Squonks respond to their death, which lingers within, they can blind themselves to those who really do care. The deadness warps their whole perspective of the world around them. They end up alienating any who wish to provide aid and comfort.

Worst of all, Squonks cut themselves off from one another. Their gnawing death makes it difficult for them to recognize the same condition in one another. It's ironic because Squonks should be able to help one

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