

# Drive benefits Atlanta fund

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Black Caucus has raised \$5,188 for the Committee to Stop Children's Murders in a coordinated effort with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Paul Davis, lame-duck president of Black Caucus said.

"The money raised from the fund drive, Help Atlanta's Children, will support a summer camp project being planned by the Committee to Stop Children's Murders, he said.

Davis said the committee will channel the money to summer camps, some which are accepting more children than in previous years because of the situation in Atlanta.

Davis said the drive went well despite the problems they faced throughout the drive.

"We run into some stumbling blocks—the whole drive was lengthy, encompassing a whole month, so different times we had to renew vigor to keep our purpose of attaining our goal," he said.

"Before the drive started, we decided we would try to get \$5,000. We knew we could reach that goal by the time the campaign was underway, especially when the students and the student organizations got behind us," Davis said.

Money was collected through a combination of projects, including a benefit disco, a benefit breakfast sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega fraternity, collection tables located in the HUB basement and



Photo by Bill Steery

Paul Davis, president of Black Caucus and student coordinator of the Help Atlanta's Children drive, presents a check for \$2,786.75 to Thelma Price, president of the State College chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

on College Avenue, support from churches, local merchants, student organizations and University faculty and staff members, he said.

"Our effort was a part of the whole effort, especially on the East Coast, to raise the level of consciousness," Davis said.

"In the five years that I have been here at the University this has been the big-

# Hayes becomes FDA commissioner

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At a time when a variety of important decisions face the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, President Ronald Reagan has chosen the University's former chief of clinical pharmacology as its new commissioner.

Arthur Hayes, 47, was the chief of clinical pharmacology for the University's Hershey Medical Center. He had been with the University as an associate professor of medicine and pharmacology since 1972.

Hayes, upon entering his new FDA position, must confront a variety of serious problems including the task of shortening a lengthy drug approval process and setting administrative policy on the controversial congressional clause dealing with cancer-causing substances.

Hayes said he plans on thoroughly studying all food and drug laws and processes before making any official administrative decisions.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reported that the Reagan administration wants to shorten the drug approval process time. The Carter administration had already begun shortening the approval process which now takes about 7 to 10 years. Its cost is estimated at about \$70 million a drug.

Hayes said he and Health and Human Services Secretary Richard S. Schweiker, a University alumnus, will give the new drug approval process major attention.

"We must maintain the safety and effectiveness of our drug supply, but at the same time we must be sure that the government removes unnecessary obstacles to drug development and encourages drug innovation," Hayes said.

Another serious administrative decision facing Hayes is the controversial "Delaney clause," a legislative statute designed to protect consumers from cancer-causing substances (carcinogens).

William Grigg, a press writer for the FDA, said the clause outlaws any substance with carcinogenic elements from any degree of human consumption. He added that the controversy surrounds the mandatory aspects of the congressional law.

Grigg said inconclusive experiments and the amount of the carcinogen in a substance as reasons that might justify some degree of judgment from food and drug experts in processing these types of drugs.

He said warning labels on products could be an alternative to the Delaney clause.

"The question is whether or not the law should be modified slightly so judgment can be used," Grigg said. Hayes said the Delaney clause needs a great deal of government scrutiny and better public understanding. He added that he plans on taking "a good hard look" at this law and all food safety laws. Hayes has not yet taken any public position on the controversial clause.

"This is a complex area and I need to examine all of the issues thoroughly before taking a public position," Hayes said in a statement released by his secretary.

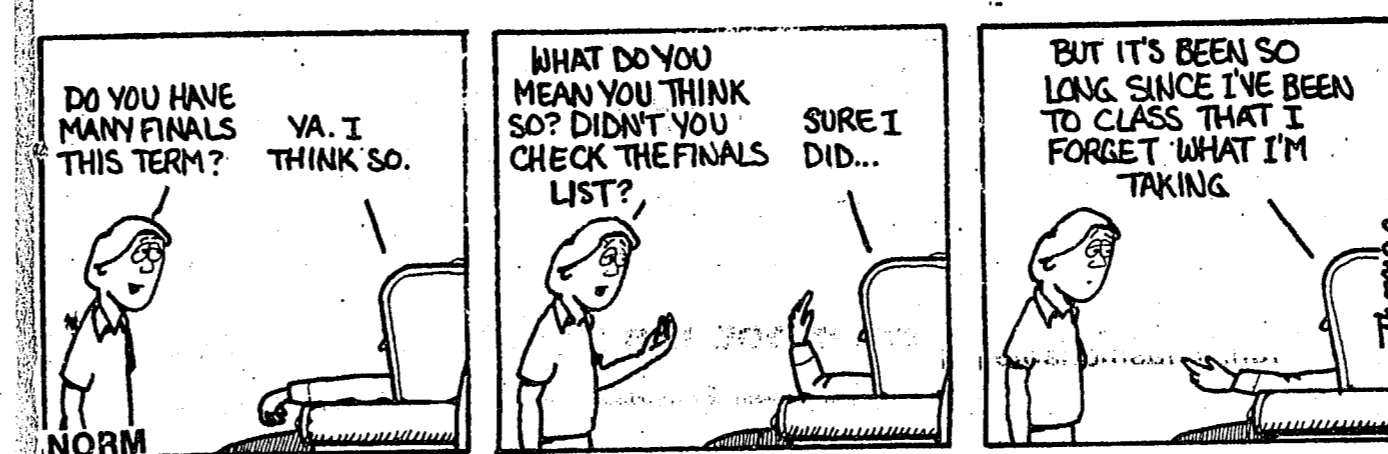
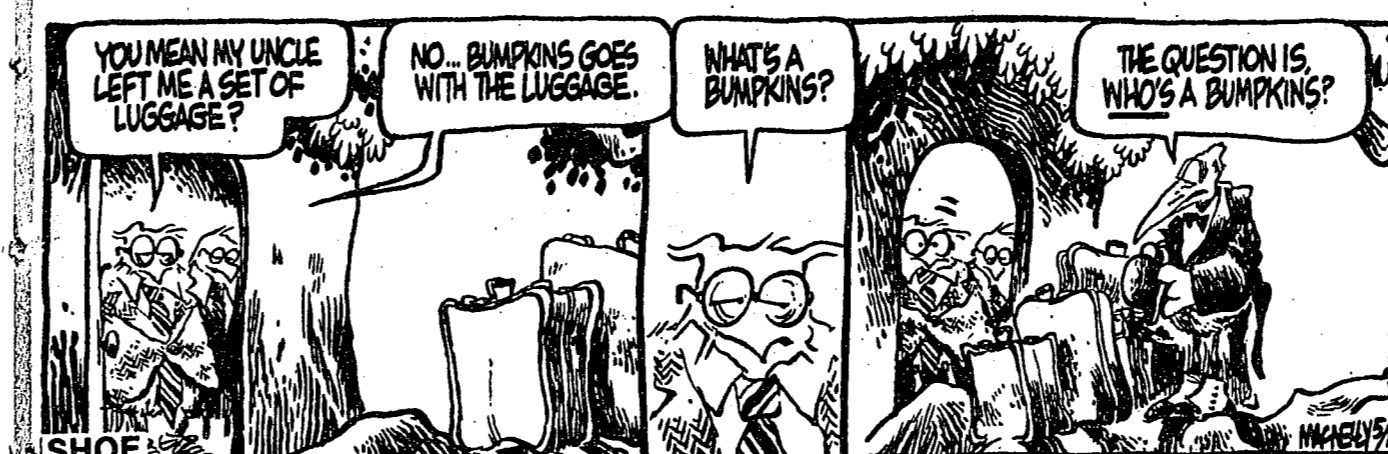
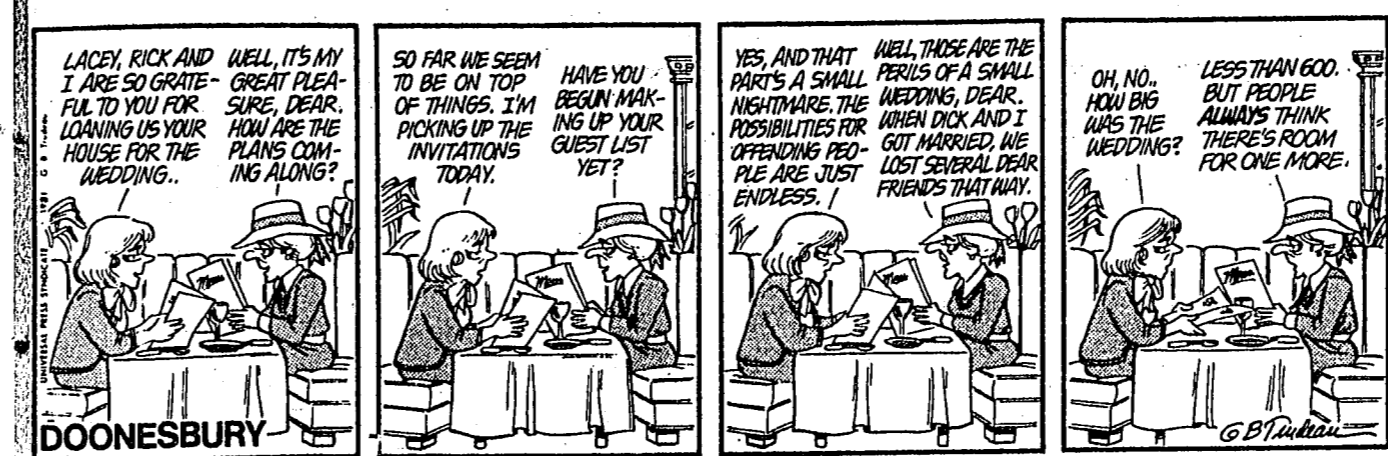
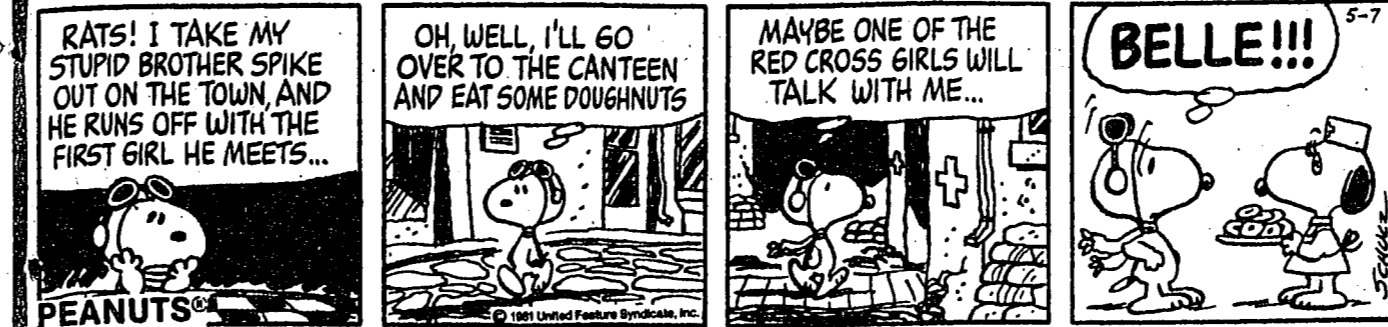
Hayes said he deeply regrets leaving the University's clinical pharmacology division in Hershey, which he described as one of the best in the country.

"I think Penn State University is an outstanding university and it was an honor to have been associated with it for so long," Hayes said.

"Thus far, Hayes said he has found his new position with the FDA both "awesome and exciting" and added that he is enthusiastic about his new responsibility as the FDA's commissioner.

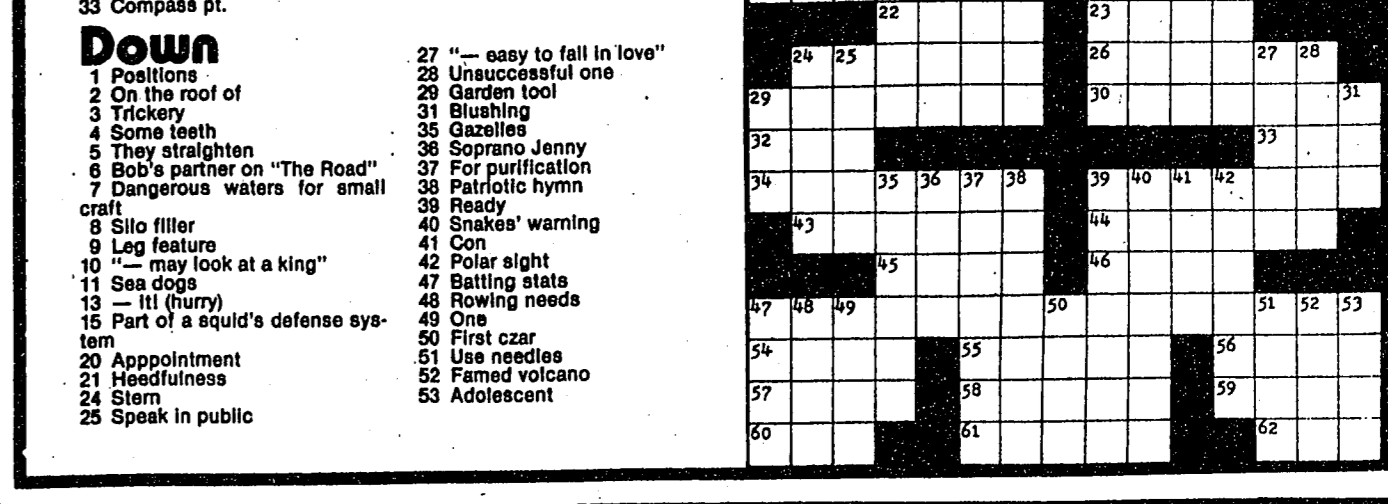
"Ever since I've been with the FDA, I've felt like a student again. There are so many issues to learn about," Hayes said.

"From the outside, it's difficult to imagine all the problems the FDA has to deal with."



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