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# Topics

### **Democracy in action** hydrogen bomb. Albert

votion to providing useful services.

In addition to health insurance, Penn State calendar and weekend movies, the newsletter lists one of USG's dandier ideas: term break and holiday busses. Apparently USG's tradition of running term break and holiday Precocious college kids buses has proven unprofita- seem to be developing these ble and the executives de- bombs all the time. Why cided to, for a price, provide can't Penn State, with its students with a buss — "a strength in technology, prosmacking kiss," as defined duce a student who will proby the American Heritage duce a bomb? Hey Dictionary.

excited; a buss doesn't car- ni money that would come ry the emotion, the caring of pouring in. Think of the powa kiss. It's a cheap thrill, er Penn State could hold titilation that fades quickly. over the state Legislature, As Herrick said, "We buss Teamster unions and AP our wantons, but our wives sportswriters. we kiss."

commended for blazing new unto itself and sorely needs paths in student govern- the protection afforded by ment. We can hardly wait for this program to develop nuclear weapons. Call that Stoner guy; offer him full

### Being No. 1

The Associated Press reports that a student from Lycoming College in Williamsport has taken it upon of Opinion, with the editor-in-chief himself to develop a model holding final responsibility.

Stoner, a 21-year-old astron-Say what you will about omy major from Altoona, the Undergraduate Student used declassified govern-Government, but it really is ment documents to design a making an effort to become 20-inch polystyrene model, closer to Penn State stu- which he demonstrated for dents. Its Winter Term his class on Monday. (The newsletter proves USG's de- bomb, of course, doesn't work.)

Not content to stick with mere hydrogen bombs, Stoner said he has developed plans for a one-half megawatt bomb, which would be nearly 50 times as powerful as the gizmo dropped on Hiroshima.

administrators, think of the Students shouldn't get too publicity. Think of the alum-

Furthermore, Happy Val-However, USG is to be ley is practically a world tuition, a plush townhouse, and parking privileges on campus. Throw in a Cor-vette if he holds out. Better dead than red.

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Editor's note: This is the first of two columns concern- 90 percent English.) ing the political turmoil in Quebec, Canada. The author, who recently visited the province, discusses the historical and socal perspective of the separtist movement. the Canadian federation. Levesque, a fiery and popular In May 1980, when the vote for separation was put to Next week he will discuss the possible implicatons an statesman among francophones, wanted to form a new Quebeckers, it was those youthful provincialists that independent Quebec would have on Canada and the nation with political sovereignty able to make its own backed Levesque's plan in the greatest numbers. With United States.

The snow, which started to fall the day before, had blanketed the ground on either side of the road and piled slightly on top of the rows of tombstones. Looking from side to side. I scanned the names. In the cemetery to my right, I saw names like Martin, Johnson and Kelly. On the left, however, the names I saw were considerably harder to pronounce: Boileau, Soudeyns and Gauthier.

It was that observation that poignantly illustrated the division of a people within a province and a province within a country. Drawing the battle lines very basically, my friend

explained, "English speaking people are buried over there on the left. French-speaking people on the right." "You mean if you're French, you can't be buried over there?" I asked pointing to the Martin's and Kelly's. "Yes, but if you're French, you don't want to be," she replied with a smile:

I spent five days in Quebec over term break with a French-Canadian family. They live in a small, rural town called Magog, situated at the point of the 30-mile long Memphemagog Lake and nestled in the shadow Mount Orford, just above the Vermont border.

During my stay, the only English I heard - be it at the dinner table, on Main Street or at the bars — was that primarily Roman Catholic, were content to keep their was warmly embraced by all nine anglo provincial which was directed at me. Sure, there was English on distinct cultural identity quietly confined to the rural governments, was rejected by Quebec. The constitution television and radio, but having no knowledge of towns and villages throughout the province. Meanwhile, would weaken Quebec's power to limit English speaking French, I was a helpless bystander to the conversations the Protestant anglophones controlled commerce and schools, thus opening up the possibility of diluting the around me. • As I gradually came to understand, that was as it only rise to a certain level in the business world before

should be. French Canadians are very proud of their language. Naturally, francophones, in a province they domi-half mast. And those who belong to the Parti Quebecois, the ruling nated in population, could only exist in this subservient party of Quebec's provincial government, are fiercely proud of their province. It's the French language that is the source of this pride and also what sets Quebec apart

from the rest of Canada. In 1976, Quebeckers took a big step toward setting themselves apart politically by voting the separtist Parti Quebecois into power. The party was formed by Rene Levesque in 1968 in response to Quebec's desire to majority sought greater political authority. protect its special ethnic character and economic interests in a country where English Canadians are an overwhelming majority.

(Of the 6.2 million people that live in Quebec, one of knowledge of national politics is both vast and intense, sector. the country's 10 provinces, 80 percent are French and the Maple Leaf of Canada means virtually nothing speaking [francophones, as they are referred to in the next to the Fleur-de-Lys of Quebec. Canadian press]; the other 20 percent are English speaking [anglophones]. The nine other provinces are Levesque is hanging in the stairwell — and it's not even column appears on Friday.

Upon election, the Parti Quebecois, led by Premier these people personally and they don't shy away from Levesque, promoted its ideal: to remove Quebec from involvement

laws, conduct foreign affairs and pay taxes only to an astounding 85 percent voter turnout, three-quarters Quebec City, its capital. Still, it was a drastic proposition - with unpredictable separation.

Foundland to British Columbia if it succeeded. To fully and less daring Quebeckers. More than half of all understand the emotion behind the separtist movement, francophones voted against separtion and the one would most assuredly have to be a Quebecker. But movement was turned back 59 percent to 41 percent. the move did have a historical, religious and social

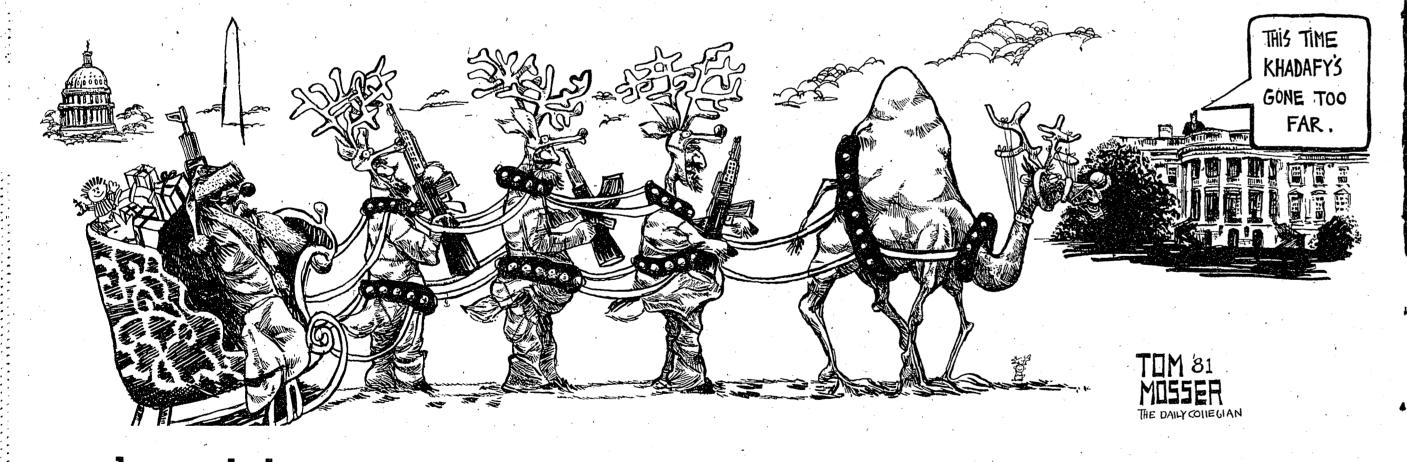
common currency and a common market with the cally, it remained intact emotionally. Canadian federation.



industry in the cities. Also, French Canadians could French province. they needed the English language to advance further.

economic control was challenged as the province's has been.

is a supportive member of the Parti Quebecois, and



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## Animal lovers' rebuttal

In the name of aggressive agriculture and as agricultural producers, we feel it is essential to voice our opinions concerning recent propaganda by various animal rights activists. We want to grasp the animal rights issue from the emotional realm and pull it into

We will be the first to admit that there are isolated abuses in our industry, as there are in any other industry. But, it is time that myths of "farm factories" and "cruel sadistic farmers" are dispelled, and that the facts of technical agriculture and the American farmer be known.

First of all, most farms exist as family units. In addition, farm practices are scientifically based, but are not without human care and concern. Specifically, a practice that has come under recent attack is the farrowing crate, a pen that confines a sow shortly before, during and after parturition. A farrowing crate makes the sow easily accessible for observations, medical attention, and assistance during delivery. Furthermore, these crates keep the sow from harming her piglets either by lying on them or consuming

often kept in farrowing houses that are env ronmentally controlled Since the use of farrowing crates, the death rates of both sows and piglets have dropped dramatically. This is but one of the modern practices that has benefitted both the livestock and produce

The American farmer does not mistreat his or her animals in the hopes of making a quick buck; rather, he or she is a compassionat individual who cares deeply for animals. Moreoever, any individual knows that animals placed under undue strength do not produce. Therefore, the farmer strives to provide a comfortable and sanitary environment for his or her stock in order to maximize

We do not starve our animals to produce a product - we produce a product to feed the starving peoples; thus, making the American farmer the envy/of the world. To this point, we have only examined principles. Now, let's talk ECONOMICS.

The people in the United States eat more nutritiously and less expensively than any other society in the world!! We, as producers them. The crates are very sanitary and are of food, believe that this is an outstanding

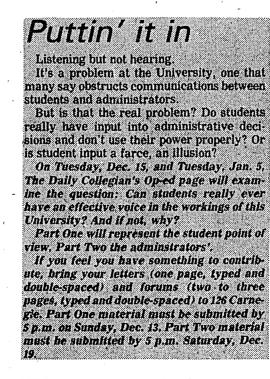
achieved through a high level of productivity Not only does one farmer now feed 60 people, but has shown a 7 percent increase in productivity over the last five years --- which means one farmer feeds almost two dormitory floors three meals a day, 365 days a year.

In the days of double digit inflation and declining industrial efficiency, we are proud to be associated with an industry that has refused to buckle in times of economic strife but has tightened its belt to better serve the American consumer. It is shocking to us that anyone would choose to condemn rather than applaud this performance Finally, we are left wondering what path

the criticism will follow. Will plant pain be the next issue? Only the naive would now consid er this possibility an absurdity. As agriculturists, we are appalled at the emotional discoloration of our industry. As

educators we are concerned with the American public's ignorance of agricultural prac tices MeeCee Baker, 12th-agricultural education

Tom Mincemoyer, graduate-agricultural edu



Thanks, John I'd like to thank John Allison for his "The Obligatory John Lennon Column." I'm glad to see that someone wasn't going to let this "anni-

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# A divisive language

# French Quebec fights to separate from its English surroundings

of voters under 40 years old responded "oui" for future - that promised to send shock waves from New Yet that support was offset by older, more traditional

Canada breathed a sigh of relief at the results, especially Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau who cam-The separation, however, wasn't to be absolute. paigned fervently against separation. But if the split Levesque proposed to maintain a monetary union, between province and nation did not materialize politi-

an election year. The politics of Quebec seemingly touch

The fact that a vote occurred at all was testimony to the bitterness and animosity felt by French Canadians in Quebec toward English Canadians everywhere else. The long, heated campaign ruined friendships, divided families (Levesque's brother was a staunch federalist) and even spurred pockets of violence when a group of young francophones rioted in an English section of Montreal after the vote. The scars haven't healed; Levesque doesn't want

them to. Canada is now just a few legislative steps away from its first constitution, thus officially ending its colonial It seems that in the past francophones, who are status under Great Britain. Yet the document which

Last week, while the supportive premiers of the constitution joined with Trudeau in a chorus of "O Canada," Levesque ordered the flags in Quebec flown at .

Indeed, in the last 20 years, there has been a surge of French-Canadian pride, provincialism if you will, that When I read about Levesque's order, I couldn't help but think of that cemetery in Magog, the neat division of has moved the francophones to urbanize their culture francophones and anglophones even in death. The issue and has caused them to instill this pride in their is largely a matter of pride and for French Canadians, politically-oriented youth. Gradually, the anglophone's an isolated minority in an expansive country, it always

Again, the talk of separation is in the air. Another vote is expected. This time, the combination of more young My friend is an energetic example of this change. She members of the Parti Quebecois and the growing impatience of older voters with federal government doesn't hesitate to show her blue membership card. Her could put a new nation above America's Northeast

Even in her friends' apartment, a poster of Rene Justin Catanoso is an 11th-term journalism major. His

versary," for want of a better phrase, pass by unnoticed I know the feelings that Mr. Allison had when he learned about Lennon's death a year ago. had the same feelings myself. On every Dec. 8 from now on, I know I'm going to feel the sorrow that I had in my heart that day. Some people may think that it's silly to mourn Lennon's death a year after he's gone. I disagree. John Lennon was a musical genius who will long be missed. His music was a major part of my life and it always will be.

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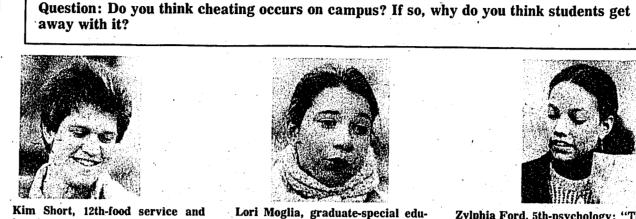
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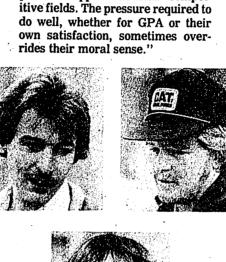


housing administration: "Cheating occurs because the classes are too large and because all of my tests are objective; there should be more essay tests. Also, there's too much competition within the classes."

Tom Nevling, 6th-industrial engineering: "The college cheats too. Why should I care, if they



know cheating happens. I don't think anyone really thinks that collegelevel students need to cheat. Hop fully by this time they're studying something they're interested in.'



cation: "I've only been here for a

term, but I suspect the reason most

students cheat is because of the

pressure applied in their compet-

Dennis Roberts, professor of educational psychology: "Certainly I

ways to cheat. I think a lot of faculty embers don't really care. They feel that they (the students) will ge aught sooner or later anyhow.

Edwina Howard, 5th-accounting: "Students get away with cheating think cheating goes on a lot. The because they pick the best seats in large claasses are difficult to mon- the middle of the class where teach-

Zylphia Ford, 5th-psychology: "The

professors don't care, and they don't

try to stop cheating (from occur-

ring). If there's too many seats in a

class, there is nothing they can do

Tom Fair, 11th-agricul-

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# The Daily Collegian Friday, Dec. 11, 1981---3 Animal liberation is human liberation

#### By GEORGE P. CAVE **President, Trans-Species Unlimited**

about animals?" This is the objection perhaps most often suffering? raised to the work of the animal rights activist. It is an In his criticism of PETA, Raspberry unfairly contrasts the

tion to participation in that movement. monkeys by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals every other area of non-human animal abuse. (PETA) Raspberry states: ". . . all this heroism on behalf of 17 monkeys, when the situation for millions of human beings is desperate and growing worse strikes me as, well, inhuman."

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Unfortunately, what usually underlies this sort of criticism is nothing more nor less than blatant homocentric prejudice, the morally repugnant assumption that human beings should always come first, not because their suffering is greater but simply because they are human beings. In order to see that this way of thinking is morally objectionable, we have merely to cast our initial question into its parallel racist form: "With so much suffering of white people in the world, why worry about blacks?" Most people today recognize that race, sex, age, etc. are not morally valid grounds for preferential treatment. Few recognize this principle with regards to species. Yet there is no more justification for unnecessarily inflicting pain on a monkey because he is not a human being than for inflicting pain on a black man because he is not white.

Treating an animal differently simply becase it belongs to a suffers it." Our decision as to whose sufferings we should attempt to relieve should therefore be determined by who suffers most, not by what species the creature in question happens to belong to.

The objection raised above against animal rights activists is not, however, always motivated solely by homocentric prejudice and speciesism. It may reflect a genuine concern for moral priorities, a suspicion that greater suffering is being ignored for the sake of relieveing lesser suffering. This concern is what lies beneath the stock charge that animal rights advocates are misanthropic animal lovers who care more for animals than for people. It should be noted that mere emotional preference for Finally, and most importantly, factory farming contributes preferential treatment of non-human animals.

belies the claim that animal rights advocates are typically pes who are unconcerned with human woes. Today the vanguard of the animal rights movement today is composed of activists who in the past participated in the civil rights movement, the anti-war protest, and the feminist movement.

should attempt to relieve the greater

suffering, irrespective of species, how can the animal rights activist defend himself against the charge that he ignores "But with so much human suffering in the world, why worry greater human suffering for the sake of relieving lesser animal

important, if misguided criticism, for it is usually sincere, and suffering of 17 monkeys with the travail of millions of human to those unaware of the links between human and animal beings, thus suggesting that the suffering of human beings far exploitation, and ignorant of the moral foundations of the outwieghs the suffering of non-human animals. Nothing could animal rights movement, it may appear to be a telling objec- be further from the truth. The answer to the question raised above is, quite simply, that the pain and torment inflicted on Pushed to its logical conclusion, this line of thought leads to a non-human animals far exceeds, both in quantity and intensity, charge of moral hypocrisy or even immorality, as evidenced by the suffering endured by human beings. Instances of human the recent article "Saving Monkeys, Ignoring People" by beings undergoing tortures comparable to those inflicted on William Raspberry in the Washington Post (Oct. 14, 1981). laboratory animals are rare, isolated atrocities; for laboratory Speaking of the recent rescue operation of 17 abused laboratory animals they are daily occurrences. The same holds true in

There is another reason for devoting one's energies to animals rather than humans: unlike humans, they cannot defend themselves. Non-human animals are, in the fullest sense of the work, victims.

In a deeper sense, however, the supposed conflict between concern for humans and concern for animals is spurious. The relief of animal suffering directly contributes to the relief of the most fundamental forms of human suffering: animal liberation is human liberation. In virtually every case animal abuse perpetuates and supports a system which exploits human beings. Perhaps the most conspicuous example of this is factory farming. The factory farming industry is a moral outrage from the standpoint of human welfare. Due largely to the methods employed in factory farms, meat presents a serious hazard to human health. When we eat meat we eat antibiotics, pesticides, and a host of toxic and carcinogenic chemicals. In spite of this the USDA, acting as the lackey of the multi-national corporations which own the factory farms, continues to disseminate lies about the nutritional necessity of meat in the diet.

Factory farming is also a major contributor to the destruc tion of the environment. It is, in truth, nothing less than an ecological disaster. Energy and resource consumption is staggering. One average chicken slaughter house, for example uses 100 million gallons of water in a single day. Factory different species is morally unjustifiable. As Jeremy Bentham farming generates massive amounts of animal wastes which said one hundered years ago, "pain is pain no matter who cannot be properly disposed of and air polluting our atmosphere and water supplies. Production of beef cattle results in overgrazing of land, cuttng back of timber land, and accompanying erosion. Wildlife also suffers in this process from the destruction of habitation and from the "predator control" program of ranchers. All of these things contribute to the deterioration of the quality of human life.

> Factory farming, as controlled by giant corporations, is also responsible for driving the small farmer out of business, or forcing him into a mode of production which is exploitative of both animals and human beings and runs against the tradition of humane and sound husbandry.

non-human animals over human beings is not, in itself, ad- directly to world hunger and starvation through the misuse of equate grounds for moral condemnation unless this results in land for raising animals, much of which could be used instead to grow grains and soybeans. It is thus directly linked to The history of the humane movement, however, clearly exploitation of poorer nations: when we eat meat we starve someone in the Third World.

What is true for factory farming is equally true for laboratory experimentation, "sport" hunting and trapping, irresponsible breeding of domestic animals and all other forms of animal abuse. When will we learn that we live in one world in which But the question is, assuming the correctness of the moral exploitation of any living being is a form of self-destruction? liberate man we must first liberate the

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