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**Opinion**  
**Three-letter word**

These three letters are mentioned, the ERA is often broken only by a long yawn.

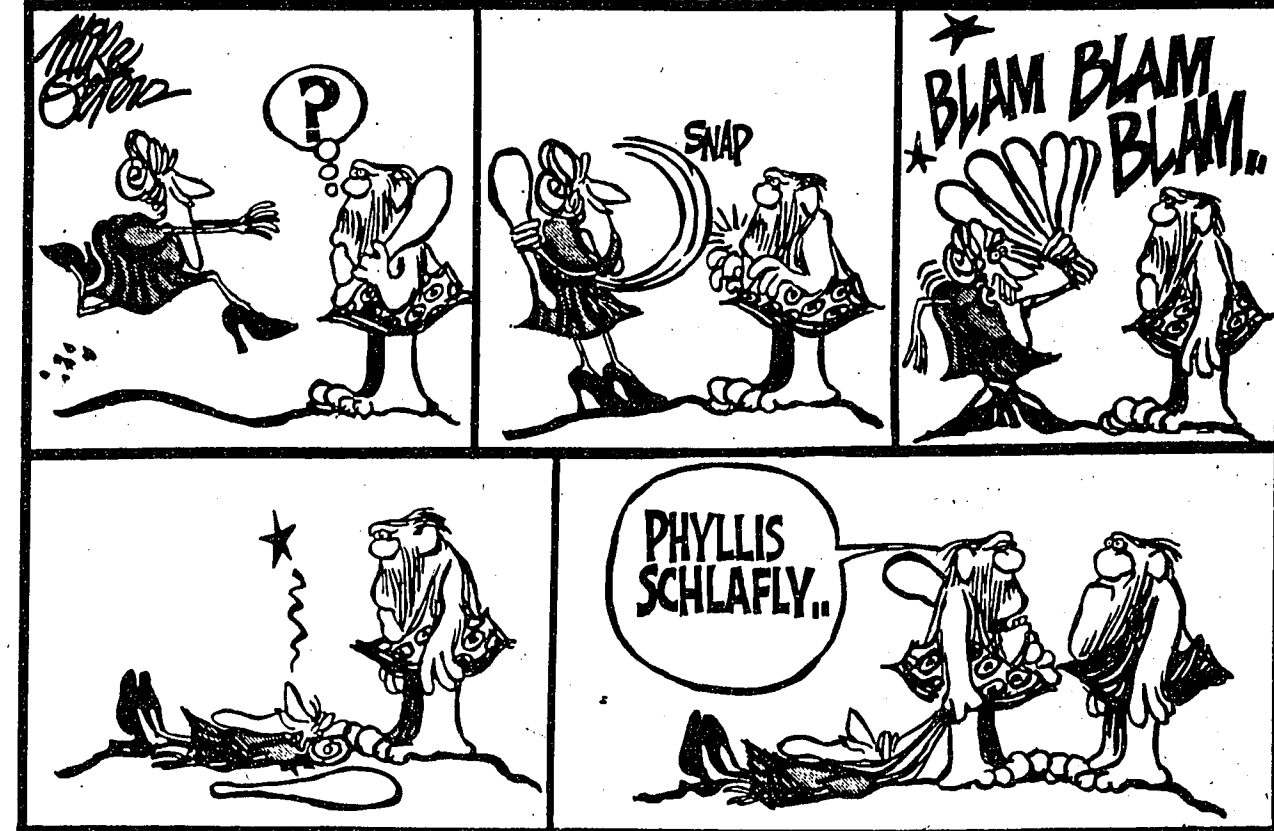
Long-time ERA opponent Phyllis Schlafly may need a little extra sleep to cope with the new amendment push — backers are pushing the ERA as the first bill of the Congress.

Men are still yawning, however, and it is irrelevant. Fifteen years ago women did not need to ask. They saw discrimination in their everyday lives. And they fought for freedoms now taken for granted. Today, a woman expects to graduate with a college and receive the same job as the man who sat next to her in class.

Probably will. In fact she may even get a job over the man because she is a woman. After all, companies have quotas to meet. Results can be brought against employers who discriminate against women. There are laws in many cases served their original purpose of getting women out of the clerical pool.

How effective these laws may be, they themselves do not have the permanence necessary to guarantee equality. Equal pay cannot be bounced back and forth like a ball by laws that can be abused and changed.

But if, because of their transience, laws passed by the state or federal legislatures do not guarantee equality. Those laws can be too easily overturned on the legislature's whim. Equal pay is an inalienable right that must be



**the daily Collegian**

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**Opinion**  
**Nicaragua flip-flop?**

After several years of interference in Nicaragua, Reagan has recently developed an interest in restoring peace to the area. This seems rather unusual for a president who has been so busy disturbing a foreign government.

Since the beginning of his administration, Reagan has actively interfered in Nicaragua's politics and government. He has supported the Sandinista parties CIA advisers and military and monetary aid.

These actions have helped to organize and arm extreme right-wing parties residing near the Nicaraguan-Honduras border. These parties have raided Northern Nicaragua, seriously weakening and paralyzing the current government.

Now, Reagan has agreed to end his heavy weapons and armaments to the parties and to withdraw advisers. Why? This represents a philosophical change in Reagan's politics. Perhaps Reagan has just realized that

excited moments, has never gotten as one-sided as Frank Broyles, and Fran is a Penn State employee.

Many times I have sat in my living room, following an ABC broadcast, pondering a letter to the editor to vent my frustrations but never quite got fired up enough. Saturday night, however, was the final straw. With Georgia driving in the fourth quarter and down by 27-7, Frank Broyles actually pleaded for his team (Georgia) to pass.

Georgia, if you want to win this game and the National Championship, PLEASEEEEEEE PASS.

This was but one of several slighted comments that have no place on national television whether it involves Penn State or any other team.

Bruce Seigfried, class of '72 and '75 Jan. 6

**Dumb camels?**

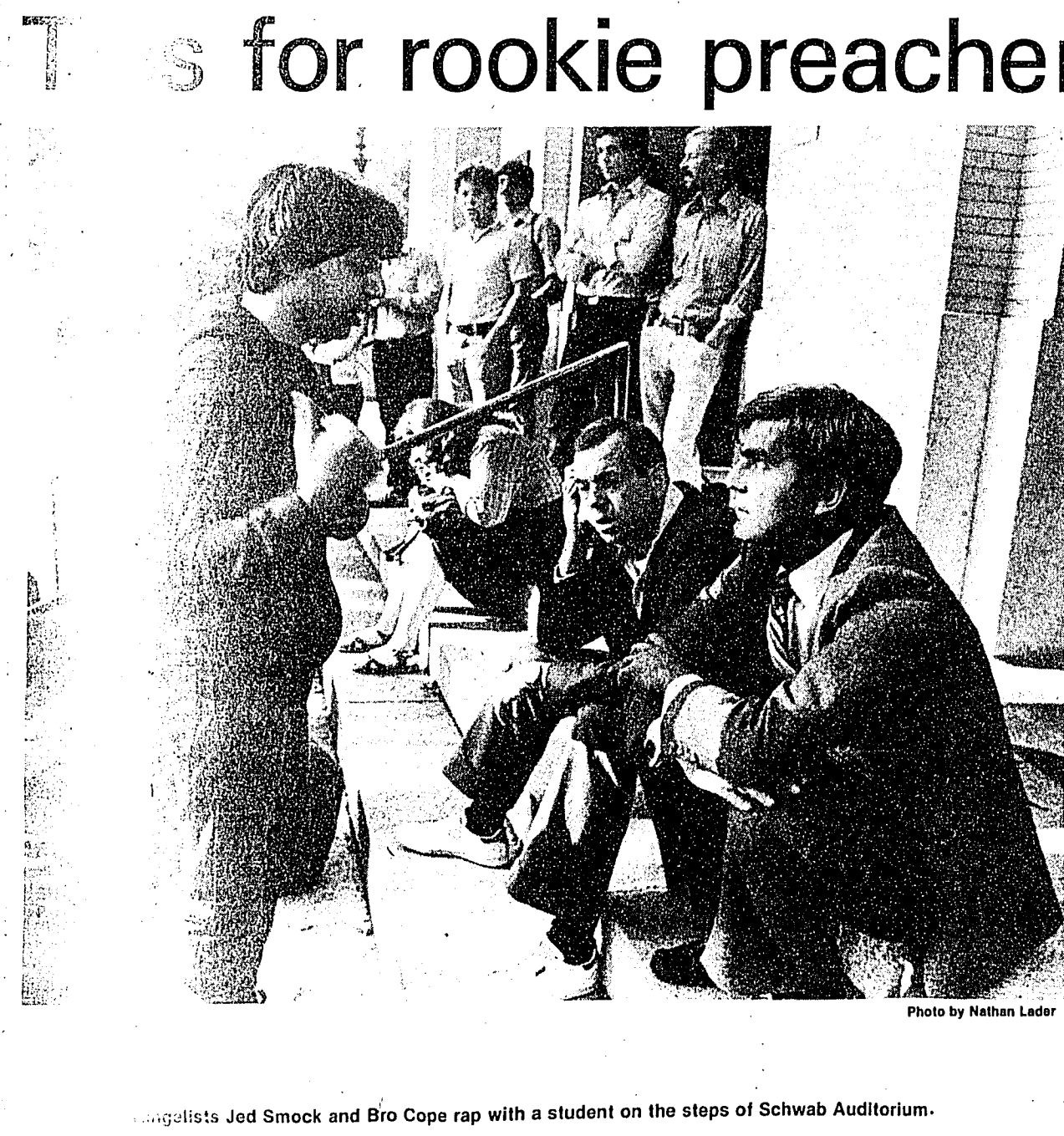
One of the delights of being part of the University/Town community here is the diversity of viewpoints expressed by word of mouth and in handouts up and down the mall and College Avenue. But the delight diminishes when evangelizers make victims of the defenseless.

Such is the case with the Krishna Yoga Center flyer handed out on College Avenue on Friday afternoon. On one side of the flyer is a camel with his mouth full of thorns. The first word of the text by Dravida Dasa on the other side is "Dumb." The author goes on to compare "dumb camels" with "dumb people" who are self-destructive.

The author evidently never met a camel. Camels are anything but dumb when it comes to stripping small leaves from thorny branches of acacia trees. They run the branch through the mouth in the same direction the thorns are pointed so that they get all the leaves but none of the thorns. It is possible that a thorn or two may get in the mouth of a camel, but it is rare. In the two years that I owned camels in Niger, mine never once were wounded by thorns.

The Krishnas should withdraw this bit of false propaganda and apologize to camel lovers worldwide. Trans-Species, where are you when we need you?

Thomas A. Hale, associate professor of French and comparative literature Jan. 7



**Forum**  
**Tips for rookie preachers shouting for the top**

By BRIAN R. MAGEE  
11th-environmental engineering

This season has brought with it a bumper crop of fine young rookie preachers awaiting their shot at the top. They're young, they're loud, and they're saved—the new breed.

If you haven't seen any of them yet, the main guy looks like Jesus — at least what Renaissance painters and Hollywood movie moguls say he looks like.

Another one, an infrequent fill-in, looks like a calculus TA I once had. The dichotomy of absolute mathematical truths and flippant biblical interpretation makes me sometimes laugh when I hear him.

The third wears glasses and has a mustache, and he seems happier.

They're new and a bit inexperienced, but I think can help. Because I've seen more of Bro Cope at Willard than any instructor I've ever had, I consider myself somewhat qualified as a preacher critic.

Just follow these simple preacher tips and someday you may make it to the PTL network:

- The unkempt look went out with Godspell 10 years ago. Sure, God only cares about what the soul looks like, but we're students and we're used to looking up to a jacket and a nice pair of slacks. Unless of course you're trying to do what the students don't want you to do, just to irritate us.
- Don't try to do what the students don't want you to do. If irritates us. Your preaching should be the only source of irritation, if you want any attention.
- Maintain an even balance of biblical quotes and insults. Preachers must condemn before they can forgive.
- Encourage heckling with long pauses. You guys are babbling way too fast. If you really want students to stop and take notice, especially in the dead of winter, you need another loud voice with which to exchange verbal abuse, preferably for a few laughs. If he's good, some students will feel sorry for you and may even listen to what you say.
- Some of the best in the business have been known to plant a heckler in the crowd to harass them. And you thought the man dressed in the devil suit a few Halloweens ago was just passing by.
- Don't fall off the ledge. Besides being painful, you may never get another chance up there. There are plenty more pulpiteers awaiting their big break. What with the economy and all, this is one of the stabblest jobs around.
- Don't preach to the people walking past Willard Building. They're moving way too fast to be converted. Talk more to those loitering on the steps. During the 15 minutes students sit there you can be a much more effective nuisance.
- Carry a few well-packed snowballs in your coat pockets, just in case. There are plenty of loonies out there. If you're gaffed, a garbanzo can lid will do.
- Talk in vague generalizations. Use words like, "all of mankind," "the holocaust," "damnation," and "debauchery."
- While condemning our lecherous, fornicating ways, don't wink at the sorority women in the back. It's a dead giveaway.
- Here are some avant-garde suggestions. To my knowledge these haven't been tried before, but if your soul-saving rate starts plummeting, it might be time for some drastic action:
  - Paint half your face blue and half white, and take your shirt off in sub-freezing weather. A rainbow wig is optional. It will at least get you coverage on ABC Sports.
  - Play the new Prince album and get down while you condemn.
  - Develop and distribute a computer program with which students can punch in their sins and determine just how wicked they are.
  - Hide a tape player with a God-like voice on it. When you say things like, "You're a heard of cattle stampeding off to the slaughter," have God say, "You bet!" That'll shake 'em up. A couple of 120-watt JVC speakers should do the trick.
  - Perform a miracle. This one's up to you.

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