

opinions

The Daily Collegian
Wednesday, Jan. 12

editorial opinion

A year of contrasts and contradictions

The year when the University community seemed to sprint forward, only to fall backward. The year when it experienced both the greatest change and the greatest stillstand.

From selecting a new academic calendar to winning the national championship, 1982 was a year of contrasts, contradictions and complications that touched nearly every facet of the University community.

A new president

When University President John W. Oswald announced his plans to retire by July 1983, the search for a new president began. After the University Search and Screen Committee scrutinized 301 candidates for the position, the University Board of Trustees selected

Calendar conversion

Usually, debate occurs before a major decision is made, but once the decision is made the controversy is supposed to die down.

But the controversy about Oswald's decision intensified — even after the University was prepared to face a semester calendar. The Faculty Committee for Semester Review raised its objections several months after the decision was final.

The committee issued a report warning that the change would increase pressure on students, re-

Financial aid

Threatened by the Reagan administration's plans to drastically cut student aid, the University community joined higher education's battle to stop the deprivation of America's future.

And it won several substantial victories.

Student government organized SOFAR week (Students Opposed to Financial Aid Reductions Week) and by petitioning, phoning and pressuring representatives to support higher education students convinced them to oppose the proposed cuts.

On another front, the Penn State Veterans Organization helped garner \$140 million for the previously cut Pell Grant program.

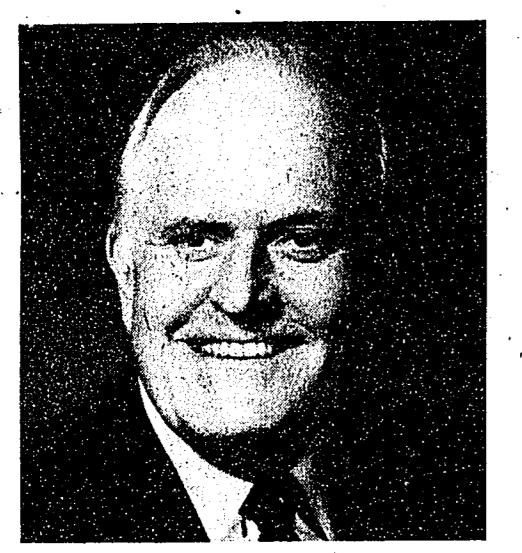
These efforts resulted in less slicing at higher education's pie.

Minorities

Although the University Admissions Office made an effort to increase minority enrollment, the proportion of black students remained at a paltry 2.4 percent.

In an effort to bolster minority enrollment, the admissions office sponsored a phone-a-thon last spring to give prospective minority students a chance to ask questions of enrolled minority students.

On the whole, the entire University community did more to ignore rather than actively support minority recruitment and retention.



Bryce Jordan

Student government

After the sound and the fury of the Cluck-Reeves administration, the Undergraduate Student Government has had a remarkably quiet year.

While it has provided several student services, it has not spoken out loudly on two important issues — the calendar change and the presidential election.

USG President Leni Barch and Vice President Lee Facetti failed to provide strong leadership on the financial aid issue, giving up the well-orchestrated fight of their predecessors.

11th line option

For students preferring to live in the dorms, a weekend adventure in the wild will become one of two ways to obtain precious dorm space.

After the Association of Residence Hall Students recommended the first-come/first-served, Oswald thinking but it will (and I think should) force the board to more carefully plan and study their proposed project (for now they have to "sell" the project to someone.)

I also don't feel that the "urgent" or "miracle" projects come up that often (only three new business ventures have been entered into within the last three years) and if one does, a special senate meeting can always be called by the USG President. This would be more of an inconvenience for those senators, but I feel that the tradition of maybe preventing USG from losing great sums of money or from engaging in unethical practices as a result of a "stupid" proposal, would be worth the inconvenience.

The only other rationale given by the order's opposing senators was that "it would take up too much time to listen to the proposals." To these senators, I say resign and let those who are willing to put in the time protect the students, whom we represent, from fraud resulting from unethical use of the USG name.

Oh, by the way, the order mentioned above will probably be resubmitted (I've been in USG for too long to allow it to remain this vulnerable without a fight). If you happen to see me talk to a USG senator (I urge you to do so, your senators' phone numbers can be obtained by calling the USG office, 863-0295), please express your feelings to the senator about not having any control over the student government that you elected him or her to maintain.

Without control over their own student government, how



And there was dancing! In the streets when the Nittany Lions rolled over the Georgia Bulldogs.

Slush fund

Fair people now control the entire unrestricted fund (over \$10,000) of the Undergraduate Student Government, and the USG President and USG Senate, the students' only "representative bodies" are powerless to stop misuse or abuse of the "students'" money or of USG's name.

Because an order was defeated at Monday night's USG Senate meeting, USG's name can now be placed on any project, trip or service with the approval of just four members of USG's Board of Directors (most of whom were elected, but not directly elected to serve as this new "all-powerful" body.)

Whatever happened to the good old system of checks and balances that protects us all against corruption and stupidity? Well, Monday night the USG Senate said "to hell with it" and voted down an order, \$23, that would enable them (the students) directly elected representatives) to check the board by requiring the proposed projects of more than \$500 be presented to the senate for approval.

reader opinion

For the dawgs

I read in disbelief the column by one of The Daily Collegian's sports writers in Friday's issue. I'll keep the writer's name confidential for two reasons: 1) it took guts to write such a column on the campus of the national champions, and 2) those who read the column know who I'm talking about.

The column, entitled "Eastern football can't match up," was a disgrace to sports journalism. Talk about sketchy facts!

To begin with, if Georgia's light schedule was so obvious to the writer, I wonder if he knew that Georgia played 10 of its 12 games against Southern opponents. In other words, he contradicted the major point of his column.

Then came the real joke: "... Penn State's theory of play-the-best-to-be-the-best ultimately proved the cream does rise to the top." No fewer than eight of Penn State's opponents were from the East. In other words, Penn State played two-thirds of its schedule against Eastern teams to become the best. Another contradiction.

Granted, Penn State's four non-East opponents were Alabama, Georgia, Nebraska and Notre Dame, but what section of the country do those four teams dominate? The cotton fields? The corn fields?

My question is: what doesn't Eastern football match up to? The East had as many teams (five) in the top 20 as any other section in the country (that is, if you consider Ohio State University Midwest, you certainly must consider Southern Methodist University Southwest, the University of Nebraska Midwest, etc.). The South also had five top 20 teams, but who had the national champs? I guess you could call it the Civil War revival.

A weak year for college football? Get serious. New recruiting rules and, in turn, recent recruiting violations have made parity inevitable. Balance of power is much harder to overcome than one or two teams. Therefore,

college football overall is stronger than ever.

Furthermore, if SMU "wasn't ready to handle the pressures of being a bonafide Division I-A power" after its second-year decision against Arkansas, how did the team beat Pitt? If there wasn't pressure on them then, what does the writer consider pressure? Maybe he meant to say SMU wasn't ready to be No. 1, but the Mustangs were certainly a bonafide Division I-A power all season.

Finally, the column to me was nothing more than a major false accusation. Arguing facts with frustration is for the dawgs.

Roar Lions, roar!

Frank Crull, 7th-journalism
Jan. 10

Why would the honorable senate do something as stupid and as undemocratic as this? Because some senators didn't want to "inhibit" the creativity of the board. Others felt that just in case "urgent" or "miracle" projects came up during the week, near finals or during breaks, and that project had to be acted on immediately then USG might not reap in those great profits (or possible major losses).

My answer to these concerns are that the proposed check in no way should inhibit the board's creative thinking but it will (and I think should) force the board to more carefully plan and study their proposed project (for now they have to "sell" the project to someone.)

I also don't feel that the "urgent" or "miracle" projects come up that often (only three new business ventures have been entered into within the last three years) and if one does, a special senate meeting can always be called by the USG President. This would be more of an inconvenience for those senators, but I feel that the tradition of maybe preventing USG from losing great sums of money or from engaging in unethical practices as a result of a "stupid" proposal, would be worth the inconvenience.

The only other rationale given by the order's opposing senators was that "it would take up too much time to listen to the proposals." To these senators, I say resign and let those who are willing to put in the time protect the students, whom we represent, from fraud resulting from unethical use of the USG name.

Oh, by the way, the order mentioned above will probably be resubmitted (I've been in USG for too long to allow it to remain this vulnerable without a fight). If you happen to see me talk to a USG senator (I urge you to do so, your senators' phone numbers can be obtained by calling the USG office, 863-0295), please express your feelings to the senator about not having any control over the student government that you elected him or her to maintain.

Without control over their own student government, how

can students realistically expect to have any influence on state, local and university administrative issues. If your own student government won't listen to you, why should University President John W. Oswald? Again, call your USG senators and tell them you support order number one.

Darrell Daisey, East III USG Senator
Jan. 11

What's happened to students since the '60s?

A candidate for Centre County District Attorney, while discussing the importance of the student vote to his campaign, said, "If I had the choice of addressing an audience of 300 Penn State students or three old ladies in Snow Shoe, I'd go to Snow Shoe." Penn State students have earned a reputation for not participating in politics, even minimally. Most choose not to vote.

In last November's election the highest voter turnout in the four student precincts was 15 percent. This was despite the undergraduate Student Government's official bribing students by offering a chance at a free trip to Florida for a student who could prove he voted.

Some believe that this student political apathy is largely a result of our bad economic times. That students are more committed to securing job opportunities than to social causes. Others think it is simply an excuse given by incompetent student leaders who lack the charisma to motivate the student body.

Still others claim that without an issue — like Vietnam in the '60s — students will not consider getting involved. Some are too cynical, or too uninformed, to participate. Most simply just don't care.

Why have we, as Penn State students, been unable, or perhaps unwilling, to flex our political muscle?

Perhaps our sheltered environment, a Happy Valley, has prevented us from seeing problems in the real world. Removed from poverty and blind to injustice, we are quick to suppress any sense of moral outrage.

Happy Valley is just a tiny ill' place to live for four years and forget about the ills of society. We conveniently get lost in our sports, our parties and our books. Everything seems super — until we are threatened with something truly devastating — like losing our loans.

Then we get real mad. We write letters to our congressmen (many of us will have to find first out who our congressman is). Delegations of students are sent to Harrisburg and Washington to single out key education committee members for the hard sell.

Higher education's importance to our economy and military strength is stressed (how noble). We employ sophisticated lobbying techniques. Our parents and University administrators are encouraged to join in our valiant struggle.

Enjoying a moderate success, we pat ourselves on the back. The final cuts to

student aid programs are small compared to the originally proposed cuts.

In Happy Valley our task is done; we can ourselves into believing that we got all that we wanted, forgetting that it's an election year. For most of us thoughts turn to football. Rah, rah.

Meanwhile on the national level, students tried to keep the momentum from last year's protests of the student aid cuts by establishing a number of new student political action committees.

What has happened to college students since the '60s?

Then, through questioning the status quo, the college campus became the conscience of the nation. A nation which at times was forced to listen to students. But they listened nonetheless.

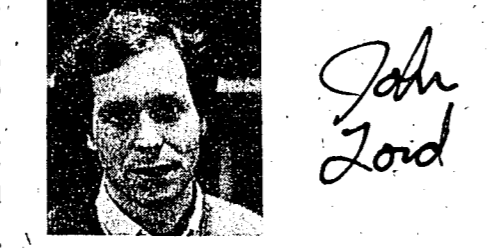
What has happened since those days when the three R's referred to Relevance, Reason

and Revolution? To the '60s generation's credit, they were perceived by the existing power elite as demanding, dangerous reformers promoting radical ideas. But at least that generation formulated ideas and advanced reforms.

Aristotle once wrote "They (the young) have exalted notions, because they have not yet been humbled by life or learned its necessary limitations; moreover their hopeful disposition makes them think themselves equal to great things — and that means having exalted notions. They would always rather do noble deeds than useful ones. Their lives are regulated more by moral feeling than reasoning — all their mistakes are in the direction of doing things excessively and vehemently."

Considering their potential for influencing political change, the Penn State students of the '60s would do well to heed the warning wisdom of Aristotle. As educated young people, we should constantly reappraise rather than ignore our obligations to society.

John Lord is a 12th-term political science major and a columnist for The Daily Collegian. His column appears on Tuesdays.



The most active — the National Student Political Action Committee (NSPAC) — endorsed candidates, provided campaign materials and printed and distributed its own literature on behalf of the candidates. One campaign in which the committee

reader opinion

Savory opportunities

Jellie Bellies. Not the regular jelly beans you can buy at Weis Markets, but the gourmet kind. Penn State is a jar full of these rainbow-flavored candies, from the savored and delicious mocha to the (putrid) pink grapefruit.

In the Jellie Belle code of ethics, it is written that "Thou shall not eat a Jone Jellie Belle." But even if it weren't stated as such, one wouldn't have to twist my arm to make me eat more of these bon-bons. It's a lot like Penn State.

One State has so many opportunities that you try to devour them one right after another, you just don't want to stop.

First of all, there are so many classes to take and all you need is a No. 2 pencil to fill out that pre-registration form. Joining an activity or two or becoming a member of a club (or two or three) lets you have fun while learning, too.

And how 'bout them students? Meeting new people, seeing old familiar faces and getting

to know about different types of people happens magically every term. Both the intellectual and emotional knowledge learned at Penn State is a never-ending process; it really amazes me at times.

Also, making difficult decisions at Penn State is a part of daily life, but it makes it all the more interesting. Should I have Pina Colada or Peanut Butter or both? Do I go to a movie at the Forum, go party-hopping in East, or go downtown for fries at Roy's? Life at University Park is full of such awful dilemmas!

But all I can say is when you come across those disgusting lemon ones, it's kind of like thinking about pre-registering for first period basketball in Rec Hall and second period English in Wagner during Winter Term; it just isn't done.

How does this all end? Will I ever get sick of eating my jar of Jellie Bellies? Hmmm, that turquise one looks good . . .

Robyn Wild, 5th-business administration
Jan. 9

Never called

We at WQWK-Rock would like to correct some departures from fact in the Jan. 7 Daily Collegian column by Joe Engert headlined, "Airwaves Flooded with Schlock and Roll."

"Whatever happened to those three-minute can't get the melody out of my head songs?" Engert asks. They're still around, Joe. For example, a Holland-Dozier-Holland '60s soul/funk tune (which you are so fond of), "You Can't Hurry Love," redone by Phil Collins. Or Juan Jeli's summer anthem of 1982, "I Love Rock 'n' Roll." Even the Go-Gos had the "Beat," and so did you.

You then say "The Doors have always been a favorite of mine . . . but I don't feel the need to listen to them in the '80s." We've found that our listeners still like The Doors, along with the Stones, the Who, the Beatles, etc. We play the music this area wants to hear, which is determined through local and national research, requests and by listening to and talking with the people in the area.

New music? You want to hear it and we play it. But heaven forbid if the Stray Cats, the Clash, the Fix, Men at Work, or any waves. And how about your contention that Pat Benatar is our idea of a punker? Where'd that one come from? We never said it. Did you ever think to ask us what our opinion of a punker is? You certainly never called.

WQWK has never made any pretensions of being anything but what it is. Album-oriented POPular rock. Had you bothered to call us, we would have happily explained our programming and musical philosophies. Heck, we would even have given you a tour of the station. But you never called. Why?

Joe, it might be fun to pick at the rash inconsistencies made throughout your column, but we'll save that for later. Let's get together in 10 years at Mr. C's. We'll look for the insurance salesman in the checked suit and loud tie, trying to pick up coeds. At least it's refreshing to know you don't intend to

pursue writing as a career. Come on, Joe, honesty is the best policy!

WQWK radio disc jockey
Jan. 10

Singin' with pros

Students at University Park are being offered a marvelously exciting and educational opportunity which I would like to make sure that people are aware of: The opportunity I am talking about is the chance to sing with a professional orchestra.

For those students who sang in high school or Commonwealth campus choirs, for those students who sang in district or regional festivals and for those students who just like to sing, nothing can surpass the feelings of pride and accomplishment from striving for and achieving excellence in a performance with professional instrumentalists.

Trish Benjamin, 5th-French/business
Jan. 11

Shoemaker-Kusko
Testing Preparation Services

LSAT
GMAT
GRE

Telephone Register Today
Classes for Feb. LSAT Starting Feb. 5th

Don't Hesitate call 234-6645

GOLD?
Try Pedro's delicious new . . .
Chicken Noodle Corn Soup
mug o'soup only **59¢**

PEDRO'S

131 S. Garner St. 234-4725
Open Mon-Thurs 11AM-12PM
Fri & Sat 11AM-2:30PM
Sunday 11AM-12PM

ASIA CARRY-OUT-LUNCH
RESTAURANT

ASIA CHINESE RESTAURANT

Call **234-2700** And In **15 Minutes** You Can Pick It Up In Stay Hot Containers

Low priced variety of 9 different lunches which include soup, fried rice and main dish.

129 Locust Lane

Attention All Students:

Golden Key National Honor Society presents:

COLLEGE BOWL '83

Registration and sign up from Jan. 10-14, 202 HUB. Limited entries so sign up today!

Nickelodeon NIGHT

WET YOUR WHISKERS
Gatsby's EVERY WEDNESDAY 9 P.M.
120 West College Ave.

McADAMS TRAVEL WORLD

At the corner of Allen & Beaver
Open 8:30-5:30 Monday-Friday
103 East Beaver Avenue, 2nd floor
237-6463

LOOK AT THESE PRICES

Women's Clearance Shoes
now \$12⁰⁰, \$16⁰⁰, and \$19⁰⁰
styles by Bass and Sebago *25⁰⁰ a pair

Frye and Dingo Boots
only \$45⁰⁰
men's and women's
some suggested retail \$115⁰⁰

20% off men's entire stock

Big Savings on our already low prices

THE SHOE FACTORY

open 10-8 daily 10-6 Saturday
College Ave. under Campus Casino 238-0321

GRAB SOMEONE'S ATTENTION!

... and the best way to do that is with a professionally typeset/printed resumé from Collegian Production. With our wide variety of styles you can be sure of presenting your vital statistics in the most attractive way possible. A prospective employer can only get out of your resumé what you put into it. Having it professionally prepared says that you've gone all the way. At Collegian Production we do our best to help make your resumé grab their attention . . . and keep it!



Resumé Service
126 Carnegie Building
Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
or by appointment
863-3215