

opinions

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editorial opinion

Fight for a proper farewell

It will take about 10 minutes of your time. And in exchange for those 10 minutes, you and your friends could get a Fall Semester commencement ceremony after all.

All the Undergraduate Student Government's Academic Assembly wants you to do is to contact four University administrators to let them know that, like the thousands of Penn State graduates before you, you deserve a commencement ceremony.

According to projections by the University Registrar's office of diplomas and commencement, there are almost 2,000 of you prospective Fall Semester graduates out there.

If each of you writes or calls the four administrators, no one could deny that the desire for a Fall Semester graduation exists — at least for 1983, the major transitional year.

And if you encourage your parents to write letters and make telephone calls, things could really start happening here.

Academic Assembly, USG and

other student groups are doing their best to convince the University administration that a graduation held sometime after Fall Semester would be a feasible and fair solution for graduates caught up in the semester transition swirl.

The administration seems to be giving the matter the consideration it deserves. But they need some more encouragement. Give it to them. And ask your parents to do their part too. You've put a great deal of time and money into this University — it owes you a proper farewell.

Write, call or visit:
University President John W. Oswald in 201 Old Main
Calendar Conversion Council Chairman James Bartoo in 805 Kern
University Registrar Warren Haffner in 112 Shields
Incoming University President Bryce Jordan, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Texas System, 601 Colorado St., Austin, Texas, 78701.

Don't take the tulips

Please don't pick the daisies. Or any of the more than 6,000 flowers planted this spring by the University landscape crew.

Last year, the University spent about \$400 and 451 hours planting flowers that set the campus awash in color — color and beauty for everyone to enjoy. Yet a few people try to take the beauty home with them every spring.

Flower-picking is not a big problem at the University. It shouldn't be a problem at all.

When a few individuals steal just a spray of flowers — for personal decoration or for resale at a profit

— their actions detract from the campus' beauty. They also spoil the efforts of those who took the time to improve the aesthetic appearance of the campus.

Not everyone appreciates the welcome change flowers bring to winter-tired eyes still filled with visions of dirty snow, slush and bleak skies. But at least others' enjoyment of that beauty should be respected.

So the next time you stoop to pluck a newly sprouted begonia or tulip, stop. Leave it for the other several thousand people in the University community to enjoy.



reader opinion

Apology

Cheerleader not author of letter

Due to a procedural oversight, the writer of the letter titled "Uncheerful" in yesterday's Daily Collegian was wrongfully identified as Caryn Holt (3rd-engineering). Whenever actually wrote the letter, apparently intended to make it appear that Holt, a varsity cheerleader, wrote the letter. Holt did not write the letter and strongly disagrees with its content.

Letters accepted by the Collegian normally are accompanied by some verifiable identification. When letters are not submitted first hand by the author, the Collegian normally makes a telephone call to verify the authenticity of the letter. In this case, the Collegian failed to verify the identification of the letter writer. Measures were taken to avoid similar incidents in the future.

We apologize for any problems and embarrassment publication of the letter may have caused Caryn Holt and others.

Entertaining

Forty-Five Minutes from Broadway

In 15 years that I have been a resident of State College I have seen hundreds of University and local productions, but none have enthralled me more than this George Cohan musical melodrama adapted by Lowell Manful.

Caryn Holt, 3rd-engineering Varsity cheerleader

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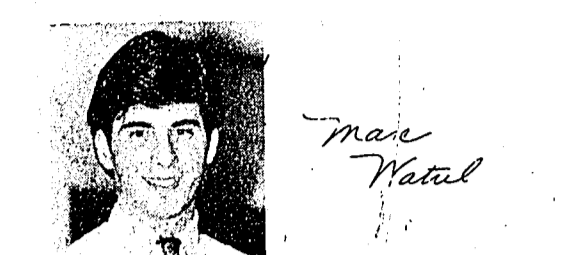
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This past weekend I had the chance to see the University Resident Theater production of "Forty-Five Minutes from Broadway."

Katy S. Hartman, graduate-student April 19

An odd choice for Mother of the year

I was talking to my mother on the phone the other night. I am 20 years old and she insists on telling me that if I don't wear socks, I will catch cold and eventually die. My mother also says Bloody Marys cause trench mouth. Such is my mother's wisdom.



Last time we talked on the phone, she told me if I continued to listen to music on my walkman, I would eventually go deaf.

I usually listen politely and then ask for money. Besides wisdom, mothers usually provide the bankroll. However, mothers should be omitted for all the trying experiences they put up with — cleaning diapers, watching the chicken pox pass from one child to the next and PTA meetings.

Below, I have prepared a list of Mr. Watt's qualifications:

Qualification 1: Watts firmly decided that the American public (i.e. his children) should not listen to rock-and-roll. He said rock-and-roll is a bad influence on his children. Children tend to pick up bad habits at rock-and-roll concerts, like drinking, carousing and other such debaucheries children should not take part in. Mothers do not appreciate their off-spring bringing home bad

habits picked up at rock-and-roll concerts. Like all good mothers, he has decided what music is good for his children and what isn't. That is why mothers give children Wayne Newton records for their birthdays when they specifically asked for Beach Boys. Children will not grow up to be good presidents and senators if they listen to the Beach Boys.

Qualification 2: Watts does not like his children to play out of doors. Children could hurt themselves playing among the trees and other vegetation. So, what does our caring mother do? She eliminates the out of doors. And, like all good mothers, Watt has a good rationale: with no out of doors, children will do their homework and grow up to work in the industrial parks that have taken the place of the great out of doors.

Qualification 3: Watt spoils his children. If they really, really, really want something, all they have to do is ask.

I'm sure Mr. Watt would be thrilled to know he has been selected to receive this most distinguished award. Mothers love recognition — breakfast in bed, a homemade, misspelled card or a flower picked from the front yard flower bed — for the work they have done.

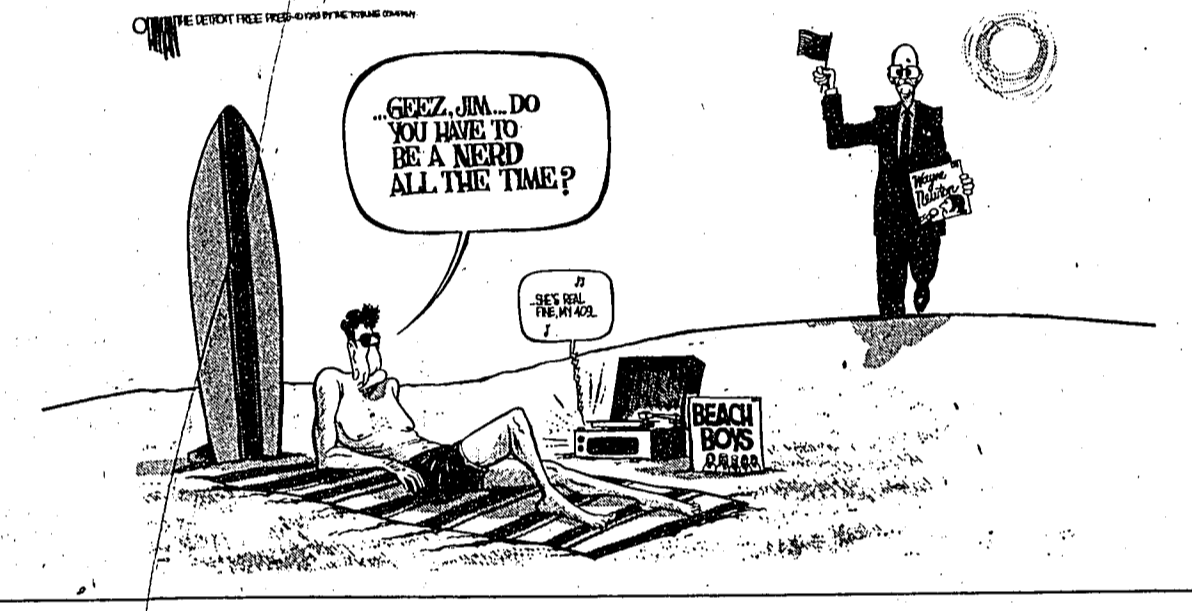
However, mothers, like ordinary people, must take the good with the bad. President and Mrs. Reagan, members of the American public — which makes them Watt's children, too — rebelled against their adoring parent and informed him they loved the Beach Boys, really LOVED the Beach Boys. (So did George Bush, but he's just the family baby, so few people pay attention to him.)

And, like a typical parent when faced with spoiled, rebellious children, Watt indulged his children's whim: He opted for the Beach Boys instead of Wayne Newton. Watt's children, too — rebelled against their adoring parent and informed him they loved the Beach Boys, really LOVED the Beach Boys. (So did George Bush, but he's just the family baby, so few people pay attention to him.)

They only problem with Watt is he is not the type of mother children flock around — he would not serve Kool-Aid to dehydrated children.

Well, every mother has her flaws.

Staff writer for The Daily Collegian.



Inaccurate

In the Tuesday, April 19 issue of The Daily Collegian, reader opinion section, appeared a letter titled "Uncheerful." The unique aspect of the letter was not the criticism of the cheerleading program but the signature that appeared following it.

The letter was signed Caryn Holt, 3rd-engineering. That was very interesting to me because that happens to be my name, and to my knowledge I'm the only Caryn Holt on Penn State's cheerleading squad. The letter was submitted in my name but not by me. It was inaccurate, slanderous and done in extremely poor taste.

I think the so-called "No. 1 collegiate newspaper in the country" has to do some policy

The daily Collegian

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The Nittanians will soon be merely memories

It was one week before Thanksgiving and I was sitting in Ms. Miller's third grade class just dying to get out for the weekend.

The reason I was so anxious to leave was that I was going to spend the weekend at Penn State in State College. My brother Fred was an agriculture major at the University in 1969. He invited me to come up to see Penn State's football team play Maryland's.



My brother indoctrinated me early about the religion of the blue and white. He drilled in the concept of the almighty Paterno at an early age. I had my heart set on attending Penn State since 1969, so here I am.

The weekend was great. I stayed up all night hanging out with my brother in the burger joints. Penn State destroyed Maryland 69-0 and I watched Loyell Mitchell run 79 yards for a touchdown. Although all

of these events kept my eyes wide open, the thing that stood out most in my mind was spending the weekend in a Nittany dorm.

Ironically, I now live in the same dorm that my brother lived in, only four doors away. When I arrived last year to start my junior year at Penn State, the dorm just didn't seem to be the same. I didn't know that not everybody had to live in Nittany.

When I arrived at my new home, I thought maybe I had made a wrong turn. The barracks looked very similar to a German concentration camp.

The dull green paint on the outside of the buildings and the dark blue and brown paint in my room didn't seem to be what I was looking for. After all, I had spent only the weekend last time; now I had to spend the year.

Well that was all last year and after one year as a Nittany resident, I have become true blue (and brown) Nittany. Although the dorms do have their disadvantages, nobody seems to mind living there.

Where else can you be awakened by the natural call of the rooster? Where else can you have the adventure of trying not to get scalded in the showers? Where else do you have your own personal files? Only in the Nittanians.

I was quick to notice that other students had a pretty bad perception of the Nittanians, too. Last week I told a student that I lived in Nittany and she asked me if there were giant cockroaches there.

I proposed changing the name of our dorm from Nittany to Nittany-O. The reason being that everytime someone asks me where I live, I reply "Nittany," and they say "Oh, I don't think the University community has great admiration for the buildings either. I recently saw a Penn State tourist map with little caricatures drawn to designate specific areas. The Nittanians were not even listed on the map. Not even one cartoon chicken.

Well, whether we like them or not, the Nittanians are coming down. The University administration has decided to replace the dorms with modern apartments that will be built in clusters and used mainly to provide housing for graduate and foreign students.

The first cluster is going to cost about \$6 million and will be built on the site of the Theater Arts Production Studio. The studio will be torn down in August. The overall cost for the Nittany project will be about \$15 million and will be paid for with tax-exempt bonds.

William H. McKinnon, assistant vice president for Housing and Food Services, said the first apartments should be ready by Fall 1984. Rent for each apartment will be about \$500 plus utilities. The apartments will contain up to 60 percent graduate students.

The plan to modernize the Nittany area will bring sad memories to those of us who have spent our college life living there. After all, they are not just tearing down the dorms; they are tearing down a community.

Nittanians living also has its positive side. Everyone lives in a single dorm with about 24 rooms to each dorm. There are both male and female dorms.

The main advantage to living in the Nittanians, which were used to provide temporary housing for ROTC students after World War II, is that students have a great deal of privacy.

There are no roommates to put up with because everyone lives alone. And if you feel lonely, all you have to do is walk down the hallway into the lobby where residents usually congregate around a TV.

Another advantage is that Nittany residents are allowed to fix their rooms the way they like. They may paint their rooms and the University even provides the paint.

Nittany also has many social activities. Coordinators feel that the living conditions allow for University policies to be less restrictive. There are usually parties and happy hours in the dorm areas that are attended mainly by fellow Nittany residents.

Many Nittany hosts decorate the barracks to provide a more social atmosphere. And as long as the parties are carried out within the rules of the school, residents rarely receive any hassles.

Recently the question of security arose in the aftermath of an attempted rape in one of the women's dorms. The Nittany women live with a few less luxuries than female students at other campus facilities. They do not have night receptionists or sororities.

The rape attempt failed because fellow residents came to the aid of the victim. After the incident, there were no cries or protests from the Nittany women about security.

My father is planning to visit me in the very near future. I can't wait to see his face when he gets to the Nittany. A smile will invade his face as I gets to relive the old days.

But I will not get the chance to come back and see the Nittanians because they will not be there. I will only have the memories.

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INSIGHT '83:

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK

TOMORROW IN THE HUB

8th Annual Career Informational Program
Formerly "Career Day"
sponsored by:
The College of Business Administration

*** TIME SCHEDULE:**
1:00 - 2:00p.m. SESSION I
ROOM NUMBERS BELOW
ALL MAJORS
2:15 - 3:15p.m. SESSION II
ROOM NUMBERS BELOW
ALL MAJORS
3:30 - 4:30p.m. SESSION III
ROOM NUMBERS BELOW
ALL MAJORS
4:30 - 5:15p.m. OPEN HOUSE
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* SESSIONS REPEATED

THE FOLLOWING MAJORS WILL BE REPRESENTED IN THESE ROOMS IN THE HUB:

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Private Accounting	Gallery
Business Logistics	Room 225
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American Bell	Deloitte, Haskins, & Sells
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Benetec Associates	Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.
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