Summer

Creativity

It's not too early to be thinking

about working on the opinion

pages of the Collegian for the

While everyone is concentrat-

ing on finishing up the semester

and heading for the beaches for

some R and R, you can get a head

start thinking about being a col-

umnist or editorial cartoonist for

The Daily Collegian will be

looking for a few good columnists

and editorial cartoonists to grace

the presence of the editorial

the upcoming summer session.

summer of 1987.

### editorial opinion

## Faulty engineering

berg's Uncertainty Principle.

lack of communication. This semester many sophomore enthought they had until Spring Semester gineering students were ousted from to meet their major requirements. their preferred majors because they did not meet the required grade point average cut-off.

Students contend that a letter sent to them stated that Spring Semester grades would be considered in the evaluation process when in fact only their grades up until the end of their third semester were considered. The students are right, the process is un-

The officials in the College of Engineering said the students were warned lege of Engineering is faulted for not of the evaluation procedures in the having made the letter to prospective is going to have on those students' letter, adding that students might have engineers clearer; its intentions should futures. Officials must remember they misunderstood the policy.

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most students' attention and they improve their GPAs?

It seems that the College of Engi- the University administration should neering did not make it clear that consider granting a grandfather clause evaluations would admit students on which would guarantee that students the basis of grades from the first three who qualify could enter their desired semesters and use spring grades only if major based on their grades until the students were on the borderline or if end of Spring Semester. additional spaces were made avail-

skills are not just a requirement for the wasn't even their fault. School of Communications. The Colhave been explicit.

One part of the letter stated "if at the It's all well and good for the officials dealing with people.

OTHER ESERGIAN

More or less, it's similar to Heisen- end of the Spring Semester you have in the College of Engineering to sit met the entrance criteria and your back and call this a "communication Many engineering students are uncumulative GPA is above the required problem" but what about the students certain about their academic futures minimum, you will be granted en- who misunderstood the letter and were and unfortunately, it's because of a trance to a major." This is what caught actually counting on spring grades to

In all fairness to those students who were simply a victim of circumstance.

It is not fair to pull students' career dreams out from under them because Let's face it, good communication of a "communication problem" that

The administration should seriously take into consideration what effect this are not dealing with numbers; they are

THE FIRST OF MANY HARSPRAY

JOKES, I TAKE IT ...

professors would deny you!

unconsecrated chicken. That is all: is it so hard? of Throgg, Ltd. dealer). Almost no tricks or gimmicks!

It's easy! And there's no Pope! your point of view!' But alas, I see skeptics among prove the Holy Book of Throgg of Sleep Is Sleeping. (Physics, third edition, by Halli-It is an amazing book: for not umn appears every Thursday.

The second coming of Throgg and company

Followers of Secular Human- only could no mortal have written Behold! The Second Coming of be the work of Throgg! scient, Omnibenevolent and Onmi- you of his existence. He seeks not



Greetings! I am the High Priest mindless who insist upon debating of Illicit Drugs and Alcohol. I "the Chicken or the Egg" for it is a regret that the High Priest of Sex meaningless quibble). could not be here today, but he Furthermore, Throgg offers anpreaches elsewhere.

recent hallucinogenic experience Dow Jones will fall 22 points! It is (Laugh not, Unbeliever!). He has indisputable! bade me to tell you more of His Indeed, it is the most profound

Through You. He would offer you friends. the three things which college It seems in many ways a bountistudents have always been den- ful thing. Alas, Throgg bids me would deny you! Drugs and Alco- Priests will once again speak you! And Sleep - which your do other priests who wander end-

\$9.95 through your Official Church and this one right."

it, none can understand it! It must the Word of Throgg the Omni- More proof does Throgg offer

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directional! Throgg demands thy to frighten you or coerce you. He attention! Throgg the Bountiful, wishes only that you love and The God who Exists and Continues cherish what you are. For Throgg exists! Harken to the Three Proof of His Existence: 1. Blue is Throgg's Favorite Color - Is not the sky blue? 2. Are there not greater grades of Good, and therefore must not some Ultimate Good exist — Must not Throgg exist? 3. Surely there must have been a Creator, for there are Causes and Effects - Must not there have been some Ultimate Cause? Must not Throgg be that Ultimate Cause? (Do not be confused by the

other indisputable proof - for The High Priest of Sleep Is free! He prophesizes that upon the Third Tuesday after the Third I have been commanded by Leap Year after the third assassi-Throgg himself, the mighty chicknation attempt upon Ramgiliad in en god, who came to me during a the Third Century from now, the

statement since Throgg split him-Throgg would Love Himself self into parts that he might have

ied: Sex - which other churches now to end. Soon perhaps, the High hol — which the Law would deny aside the Willard Temple Steps as lessly as headless chickens about All Throgg asks is that you do the house of Frank Perdue. But for not hurt each other unnecessarily now, I bid you farewell with a — and that you refrain from eating story Throgg once told unto me.

Throgg stood before me, his beak severe. "If I face you," He All you have to do to consecrate said, stretching his wings, "then your chicken is to make the Sign of this wing is left and this wing is the Egg above your chicken. right." He gestured. "But when I That's all. (Though it is more turn around," his tailfeathers now effective with a Blessed Egg - faced me, "then this wing is left I stared uncomprehending "So what is right depends on

you. Do you dare attempt to dis- I must now go. The High Priest

day and Resnick). Open any page John Orr is a junior majoring in and you will find the truths of the the theological study of Throgg -Universe. F equals m x a. E equals education too — and is a columnist m x c-squared. Are these not true? for The Daily Collegian. His col-

the last letter being dated January "Oh those poor Hare Krishna kids. 23, 1987), that we would be accepted they don't have a choice of their mester grades were in. they are shunned if they want to leave I, and many fellow engineers, were their community," or "the fundalenied our right to improve our mentalists' kids whose parents teach GPAs, as stated in the previously them a standard of Godliness." Many entioned letters, in order to be of these children grow up loving the accepted into our designated majors. culture they are in and do not want to We were not lead astray, we were out leave it. But they do have a choice and out lied to. Who knows what rules when they are on their own.

the University will change next, with There is no need to feel sorry for no consideration to the effects. Even these kids. Who has the right to say if your are not in engineering, this which religion or philosophy is the decision could affect you. Due to this best to bring up your children, whethchampionship. Imagine if the offiaction, the University has opened the er it be Krisna, Amish, Fundamental-It is true that historically, women You're right, Ms. Lee, too many cials for the Fiesta Bowl decided door to making other rash decisions ist, or whatever? The parents do. Do have been portrayed as emotional, people on this beloved campus have midway through the fourth quarter in the future. Next time they change not get me wrong, I do not support the Krishna ot any other "off the wall" Michael F. Larme groups, but I still respect parental sophmore-engineering rights.

In contrast, the Soviet Union and other Socialist countries such as Sweden, the state owns the right to indochas happened to many of us now. The tric comments I have heard from Humanism. The goal of the Humanist paper, but its staff is responsible for and they changed the rules in the their children in a way that is differ. Thank God we still own them, but yes, overrating photos of sometimes However, one must look not only at producing a professional publication, "fourth quarter" concerning accep- ent from ours. Even though we think with ethnocentric attitudes as those I irrelevant campus events. But you the personality traits attributed to every day. Slapping a "winners" logo tance into the engineering major. our way is the best, we should not look have mentioned above makes me

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## On the horizon

## Raise your hands, at least mentally, if you doubt your own future

Recently I have been seen jumping (rather violently) up and down on a half-full (empty) page of chaotic scribbles (aka: thoughts).



It has crossed my mind that I hate writing, although I love having written. It's in my blood, under my skin. My pen just won't leave

There are a lot of things I'd like to write about. But I always find lots of reasons why I should discard my ideas: I don't know enough or I'm too close to the subject, or it isn't important enough to waste other people's time with it, or I'm just as guilty of it (whatever it is) and I don't feel as if I have any right to talk about

But enough. I decided I can talk about things — that people do wrong, that I do wrong, because in

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having realized my mistakes (al- I've read while I'm walking. Most that would destroy unity if they though I'll probably find myself still making them) I've elected myself, as a writer, to point them out to everyone else. Enough of the sermon, enough of the philosophy of why writers write.

down on my notebook again. But it'll pass. And I'll continue writing. Who was it that said most men lead lives of quiet desperation? Thoreau? Emerson? Every spring I think about that sentence. It starts when the spring weather lures me from my cluttered dorm room. I love spring. But then in the summer I love summertime things and above all the sun's warmth but am always glad to welcome autumn, which is in October the most beautiful season and my favorite until the first snowfall, and then winter is definitely my favorite time of year — until the shimmery

And so on. I take long walks then, leaving early for class, and taking the "long" way home afterward. I think a lot on my walks, philosophize, contemplate, meditate, imagine. My pal, Frederick the Cow, has gone on a host of adventures on the way down to a class I have in Willard.

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many domesticated squirrels there notice because they're always begging for food like my terrier at

green of spring . .

men lead lives of quiet desperation. Like right now I'm desperate because this isn't going right. Has everybody noticed how are on campus? You can't help but

I'm considering jumping up and Personally, I think they've come up with a plan to take over the world, starting with this educatio-

gray-ground squirrels, and I'm

worry about "race" so much. We were given a brain by Whomever, or it evolved, or whatever ... anyway, we have one but we don't seem to be doing much with all the advantages that having one was supposed to give us. We should be worried about art, and literature. and curing disease and cancer, and

nal institute, because they can see that we've made such a horrible mess of things. Nuclear war will destroy them too. I wonder what a squirrel civilization would be like. Would they argue over religion like we seem to do all the time? Does it really matter that we worship differently? We all die in the end anyway; sometimes brutally and painfully, sometimes quietly in our beds, and our last breaths are either blessings or curses. What happens to us after life here on earth is between the individual and Whomever. I guess the squirrels, fluffy and cute as they are, would be divided anyway. Afterall, there are red-tree squirrels, and the

age, I'm cynical enough to believe that it'll never happen. Sometimes, usually at night, I really worry about the tomorrow we're building for ourselves today. sure if I knew any technical infor-We're so damn worried about mation about the squirrels I could bombs, and outdoing the other guy, list a bunch of other different types and let's get the most money for

became overly conscious or concerned with the various characterterms set up by a society that doesn't even know where it's It seems a little ridiculous to

going. If it's been an unusually miserable day I wonder if there even can be a tomorrow, with the society that we're setting up today. How many people out there believe that we'll live to see our grandchildren grow up? Raise your hands. at least mentally, if you do doubt your own future. I think I can see a lot of hands. making our lives somehow better The next question is, what do we through the use of our gray cells, do about it? The sad thing is, I have instead of creating bombs and antino idea. If I did, I'd be a millionaire, and have a doctorate in philosophy, and all sorts of neat things

dotes to whatever it is that "THEY" are coming up with to destroy us while we sleep. I'm would be going on in my life. Inreasonably educated, and almost stead, I'm studying English, and as reasonably aware of the politiwriting some pretty pathetic poetcal situation to know that it's necry. It's obvious I don't have any essary to create defensive or answers. Where do we go from offensive weaponry unless all sides here? It's another question I can't at the same time delete all such answer. It's something to be information from their intellithought about, though. gence. And already, at 20 years of As someone said, sometime or other, the time is now.

So put down your hands, they're probably tired, anyway. And start thinking. If we don't, who will? Jody K. Spertzel is a junior ma-

ist for The Daily Collegian.

joring in English and is a column-

pages for summer. Columnists will be required to submit two pieces of written work and complete and application. One column should be submitted as you would have it appear in the paper. Applicants can also submit an essay as their second

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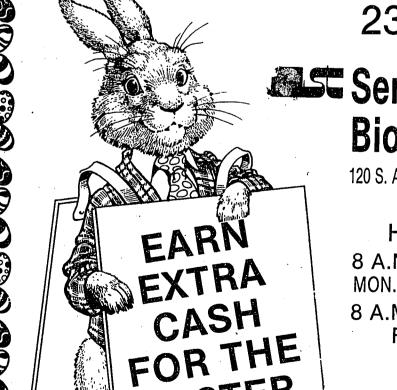
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## Collegian don't share Brenda Lee's rooted. Let's hope that the courts will up, Dude!" view otherwise the Collegian would continue to engage in decisions which I don't need your advice, Ms. Lee, I eventually become one big gossip will promote social change, and help live it, but I would advise you and represent ALL student opinions at Penn State.

reader opinion

incident. I would like to put in my two

cents regarding Colleen Robinson's

The Collegian has been ranked one

of the top newspapers in the country

Granted, the Collegian has made its

share of mistakes in the past —

Balanced

ournalistic reporting

Least sexist

the opportunities available to them. recent front pages. literature and the laws.

grossly misquoting interviewees and

at Penn State and "having a good for other sexist attacks." time." This attitude should have been The decision in the Baby M case much publicity because it is cultural-semester, due to my desire to become abandoned in high school. If all stu- illustrates that the court has laid ly valuable dents were so self-centered and im- aside the traditional stereotype of Granted, the Rathskeller case stu- bly be again. But to no avail; all my mature, this certainly would prove to women, in making a determination in dy is a Penn State tradition, but I hard work and commitment to bebe the crutch in the growth of our the best interest of the child. The staff and editors of the Colle- sexist and classist overtones, the drunks hanging off of their apartment will not be able to recover from my gian know when they have done a decision made was the least sexist balconies, as well as dealing with the first semester's mistakes. If only i good job. By the same token, they are one that could be made at this time, numerous accounts of vandalism, had one more semester to improve wise enough to learn by their mistak- and in this society. Sexism pervades fire-alarm tripping, and other as- my GPA I would have made it. es. I thank that the writers of the our institutions and is very deep- sorted mindless acts of "partying it

> senior-administration of justice narrowly. Vacuous mindset

This is in response to Brenda Lee's Changing rules insightful letter to the editor Friday, I would like to take this opportunity April 10. I quote her last line: "... to respond to the statements made by Stop being so damn stuffy and start, the Penn State footbal team would

Phyllis Mansfield (Collegian, vol 87, having a good time." Now isn't that have never won the national no. 159) concerning the Baby M case. special.

women have been tied to their "natu- cleaning out the old beer bong or was made sometime during the mid-Unfortunately, I think that many ral role" which is reproduction. It is purchasing a new jean jacket and dle of this semester. people share Brenda Lee's opinion — this idea that biology destines women decided not to attend any of the

Although this case was not free of every weekend avoiding the spit of drain. Since the rules have changed I

Jessica R. Davidovich farers and stop looking at things so dreams

If it weren't for the fourth quarter, We (the engineering students) were

irrational, and manipulative. Re- lost their sense of humor. But I think that they would stop the game, and the rules, we all might lose. searchers such as Lombroso, W.I. more importantly, too many people the score from the end of the third Thomas, and Freud have based en- at this institution have fallen into the quarter would stand. Would this be tire theories of female criminality on vacuous mindset of the party-clone fair, changing the rules of the game? this stereotype of women. Our society mold. Ms. Robinson was in every way I don't believe that anyone reading **Ethnocentric** revolves around these stereotypes correct in her attack on the Colleand thus, women have been limited in gian's tacky handling of some of the changing of the rules is exactly what True, the Collegian is a college University is the referee this time people regarding parents who raise is to gain control of our children.

must keep in mind the underlying women, but also, examine the role across a front-page photograph of the Now, instead of us being accepted down on people who raise their chil- wonder how long this will be true. purpose of the news media and that is women have played in society. Wom- Stern couple was not professional. after our fourth semester, they (the dren differently to inform. The fact that one student ens' roles are based on the idea that Apparently, Ms. Lee, your beer- University) decided we should be I am thinking of comments such as, out of 35,000 isn't interested in politics "anatomy is destiny" as reflected in soaked feathers were also ruffled by accepted after our third semester. and world/campus events doesn't the writings of Freud and many conthe extensive coverage of Ebony and With absolutely no warning to the mean that these topics should be temporary writers. Traditionally, Ivory week. Perhaps you were busy engineering students, this decision

that the Collegian should focus on fun to be inferior, that lays the foundation programs offered by this important I only managed to earn a 1.89. Since event. Ebony and Ivory was given so then my GPA has been over 3.0. This think we get our share of "tradition" come an E.E. has gone down the

tions, all engineers in my position have no chance of acceptance in the column. I trust that the staff will move toward a society that is free anyone else who shares your limited in our desired majors. We are now continue to print those views which from sexism, classism, and racism. set of priorities to take off your Wayforced to change our hopes and This changing of the rules when it is already "too late", is not fair. There

should be some sort of "grandfather

clause" which would exempt this

year's students from this unfairness.

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