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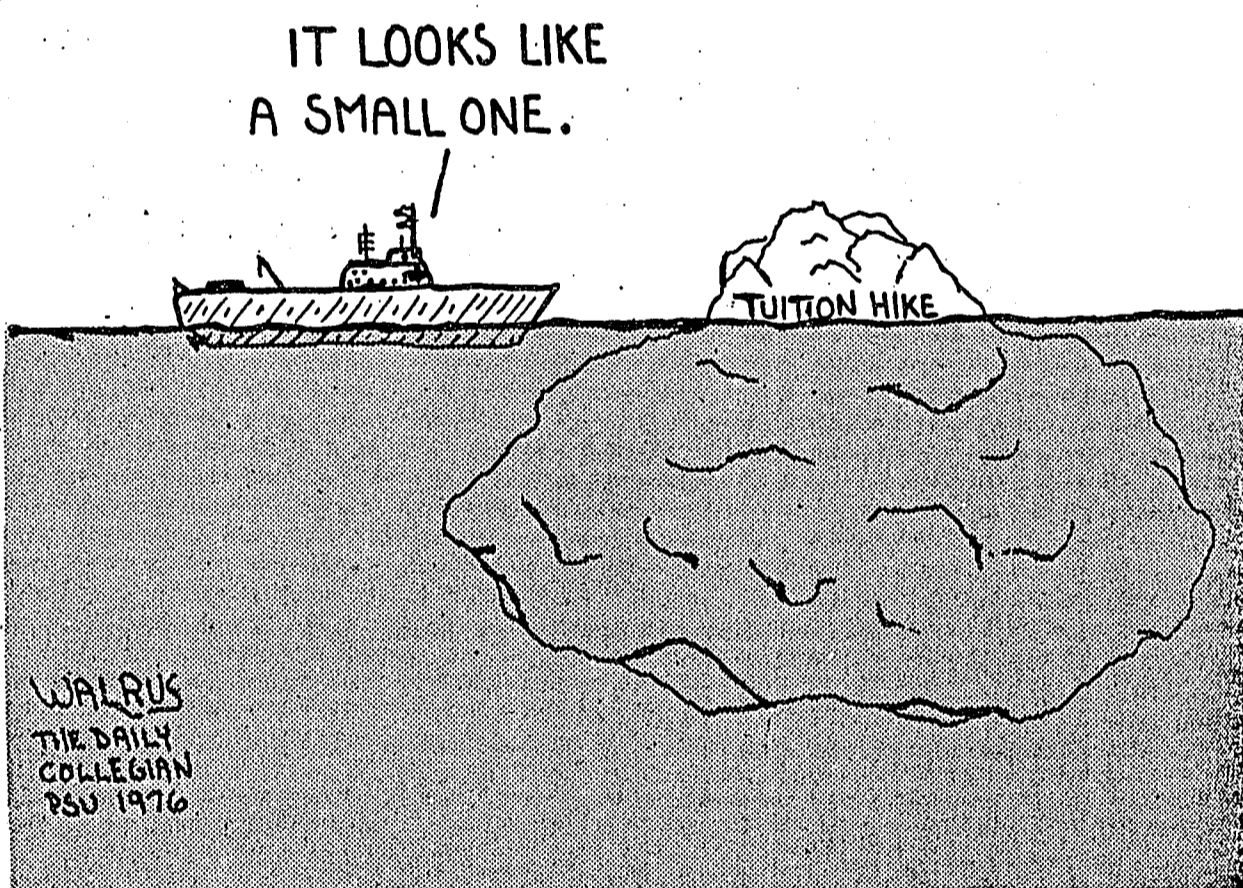
In a speech (?) recently delivered by Councilman John H. Fow, of Philadelphia, we are "dished up" in the following style to his hearers: "A useless State Agricultural College where they turn out dude farmers!" Thank you, Mr. Fow, for referring to us in so complimentary a manner. Well can you call us "useless," when it is your purpose to make us so. When one wishes to destroy an institution he begins by denouncing it, though truth be sacrificed. Please plug your "fog horn," and don't disgrace the intelligence of the state Democracy by objecting to the action of a Republican governor in sanctioning state aid to a grossly neglected (not useless) state institution. But you are, no doubt, possessed of an unbiased mind and broad culture, and have thoroughly posted yourself in the history of this institution (?) as every true citizen of the State should. Can't we prevail on you to visit us? We assure you that you would be received with such copious showers of hospitality as would obliterate from the remotest recess of your fertile brain all traces of the "farmer dude." We have not had a visitor yet who has not gone away rejoicing.

REGARDING the erection of the new buildings, the question has been asked, "Why is not the assembly

hall built first?" Now, at first questioning, it would appear almost necessary that the hall should be erected before our commencement, on account of the increasing number of persons visiting the college at that time. Our chapel has not accommodated all the people in years past, how can it do so in years to come? Yet the necessity of this building would almost seem to be overruled by the necessity of the erection of the chemical and physical laboratory. The chemical laboratory of this college is situated in the basement of the college proper and in case of a fire breaking out in this laboratory, it would be almost impossible to extinguish it. Then the physical laboratory is at present in a very cramped condition. What shall we do with the constantly increasing stock of apparatus. Thus we see, upon consideration, that the one building is as necessary as the other to the college.

WE are often tempted to ask if our College Library could not be made more accessible to all than it is at present. "The library of the college is the fountain of its intellectual powers, and every student should have an opportunity to spend as much time in it as possible during odd hours."

April 16, 1976



Sept. 1, 1977

Editorial opinion

Penn State:
we are holding you over a barrel. tell your students to leave All their money At the buRSar's office — OR ELSE!
yOUR state legislators

opinions

Aug. 8, 1975



'YOU MAY BE IN A REAL HEAP OF TROUBLE, BOY!'

May 17, 1963

Editorial Opinion

Time for Responsibility by Board of Trustees

President Eric A. Walker last week presented the University's 1963-64 budget request for \$24.7 million to the House-Senate Appropriation Committee in Harrisburg. When he did so, Walker was representing Penn State as THE state university.

In three weeks, on June 6, 7, and 8, the University's Board of Trustees will meet—behind closed doors. So that it can legally meet in secrecy, the University will then become a private institution rather than the state university.

Thus the University will once again resume the dual role that it has been playing for years to its advantage. When Penn State can gain by being the state university, this is the role it assumes. When it can gain by being a private institution, this is what it becomes.

The truth is that, in reality, the University is THE state university. Legislation throughout its history has proved this. The "Behind the News" feature in today's Collegian provides a summary of the history of the University's status.

Only a legal technicality which gives the University the status of a private corporation has allowed it to continue to play its dual role.

In addition to this legal technicality, many arguments are advanced which try to rationalize the decision.

Some proponents of closed meetings maintain that if they were opened, they would become nothing but a rubber stamp for decisions that were reached in private meetings elsewhere.

While this could possibly be true to some extent, there would always be elements which would speak during the meeting and this is where the final decisions would be reached.

Some feel that it is presumptuous to request men of supposedly such high caliber to open their meetings to the public and the press. On the contrary, the trend across the nation is toward open trustee meetings and the board would undoubtedly gain a great deal of prestige if meetings were opened.

The crux of the matter, however, is the responsibility of the board.

This University is largely supported by tax funds. Because of this, the public has the right to know how the trustees spend its money. It has the right to know what occurs at meetings of the board when these decisions are made. The student body, also, has the right to know what policies are made which will directly affect them.

It is time the Board of Trustees stops evading its responsibility both to the public and to the student body.



Oct. 8, 1935 May 1, 1975

Letter Box

On October 1st, the COLLEGIAN announced that it had reached a ripe old age of thirty-three years. And a careful reading of that issue and the one following it convinced me that in as far as time tempo of history was concerned the two issues might as well have been issued thirty-three years ago and the loss would have been negligible.

It is a well known fact that most college students rarely read the newspapers and it is just as true that most of them do not read the COLLEGIAN. Therefore, willingly or not, the COLLEGIAN is faced with the problem of publishing national news side by side with the sectarian news of the college and the town. What has been the answer of the COLLEGIAN to this problem? A sterile test tube has been the answer. The COLLEGIAN might just as well be labeled C. P. (Chemically Pure) to signify that no foreign matter is contaminating the system of the tube.

For some time back a real war has been raging in South America—the Chaco War—partially financed by American and partially by Great Britain, or rather by the imperialists of these countries, in which tens of thousands of soldiers were killed. I can't recall having read even one of this war in last year's COLLEGIAN. And the present COLLEGIAN is following suit. Yesterday, Italy began in earnest to invade Ethiopia. This is undoubtedly the preface to a new world war which will inevitably drag all of us into it—and the only editorial in the same day's issue of the paper is on . . . Beer! And not only that, but the only mention of Italy at all was a bromide filler stuck on the sport page (as though another world was a sporting topic). "Musolini is hardly an exponent of 'Do unto others as you would have them do to you.'" () France today is in acute gastrointestinal pains—there is a tug of war being played with her intestine. A communist revolution or a Fascist dictatorship is on the order of the day. Either outcome has tremendous significance for us. A successful revolution, means the beginning of the united Communist states of Europe and a Fascist dictatorship eaves the United States the last major capitalist country with, at least, a semblance of bourgeois democracy.

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DR. OSWALD, THE GOVERNOR SAID TO TELL YOU HE DOESN'T CARE IF TODAY IS A DAY OF SHARING. YOU DON'T GET ANY MORE AID!

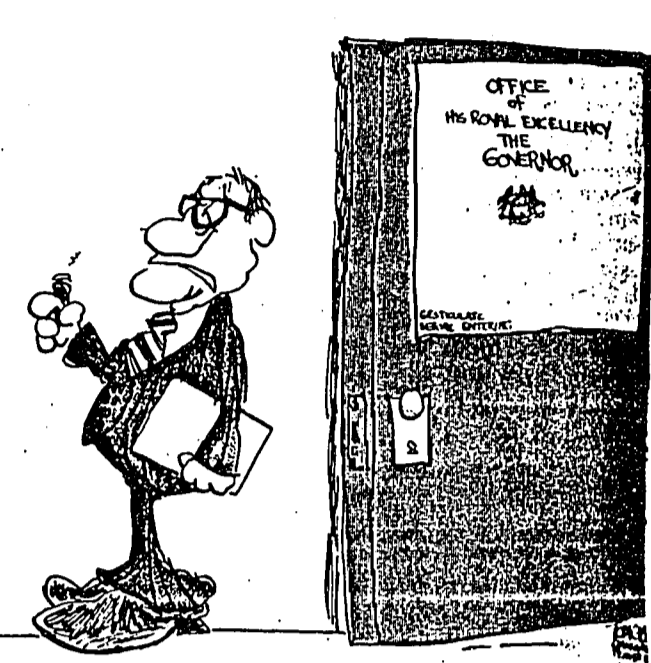
Feb. 9, 1967

So Who Cares?

TO THE EDITOR: For the fourth morning this week, I have been informed on the front page of the Collegian about the petty mis-adventures of the Students Wildly Indignant about Nearly Everything, and have once asked myself, "Who really cares?" I don't realize that the student newspaper had the objective of acting as a sounding board for minority groups in the first place, nor did I realize that the editor was responsible for the selection of one minority group for publicity over all others. It seems rather prejudicial that there are no large headlines nor lengthy columns allotted to the activities of the "Amalgamated Bird Watchers Society" or the "Sons of the Ancient Order of Alcoholics", two organizations which I am sure have equally noble motives although they may not be as vicious as the group in question.

I must point out in writing this letter that I am not trying to be critical of any organization or its members. I have no objection if someone wishes to sit in the rain and proclaim the injustices of the world, since his actions will have no effect whatsoever on my point average or good health, for that matter. I do feel, however, that if someone is so involved in a "cause" that he is willing to endure "rain, snow and dirt of night" to expound on it, he should be willing to expend his own resources in order to publish his propaganda. If this were the case, which it obviously is not, the Collegian would cease being a "chronicle of the oppressed" and go back to reporting important matters, such as the current beer prices at the Skeller. I believe that this whole matter can be summed up by saying that, "Never have so many heard so much about so few," and I, representing one of the many, have grown just a bit nauseous about hearing it.

Mag Arnold
Grad Student
(EDITOR'S NOTE: Beer is a quarter a draft at the Skeller.)



TO THE EDITOR: The University recently purchased numerous modern designed trash cans. These wonderful structures are made of wooden slats about three inches wide, forming a circular frame. The wood is attached by metal poles which form a stand for the can.

May 1, 1975

Trash

Due to the uniqueness in the design of these cans, trash thrown in them comes right out of the bottom. The debris that accumulates under the can is rarely noticed by the person who thought that he was doing his part to stop pollution. These ingenious cans keep our janitorial staff busy, and give the University the opportunity to provide more jobs for work-study students who can help clean up the rubbish. These students are paid \$2.20 per hour, which is much cheaper than buying trash cans that not only have sides, but solid bottoms.

Got a gripe? Let us know.



Collegian reader opinion



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