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Profile:

Mrs. Pat Smith

by Pat Read

"I enjoy working in a college," said Mrs. Pat Smith, Beaver College's Director of Residence. "I like the intellectual atmosphere and the people. There are always a lot of interesting ideas around." Mrs. Smith joined Beaver's administration staff on August 2 and her duties include providing housing and room assignments for all students, serving as a liaison between dormitory and maintenance personnel, and supervising all activities which occur in the dorms, including the Residence Assistants' training and orientation program.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Smith received her bachelors of arts degree in sociology last December and she is presently enrolled in a masters program in psychology service in education at the University. In her junior year Mrs. Smith served as chairman of the University's new student orientation for freshmen and transfer students.

"I was on campus last spring," said Mrs. Smith. "I got to talk to a lot of students. So far the only major problem I have encountered has been with students coming back early. Their cafeteria privileges and actually their dorm privileges didn't start until last Tuesday. It caused some problems because there was a clash between upperclassmen and freshmen privileges. It also posed a security problem because it was difficult to know just who was on campus and in the dorm."

"I think that my age helps me in my job," continued Mrs. Smith. "I am very close to many of the students in age, so I think that I know what is going on in colleges today and I can understand the student's viewpoints on many issues. I feel that I will have to earn the girls' respect through my actions, rather than because of my title, position and qualifications."

"I think that on any college campus, and Beaver is no exception,



Pat Smith, director of residence.

there is a communication problem. As far as parietals are concerned I think that people have to start talking to each other and something must be arrived at. Things can't be left in the position they were last spring. People must start changing things rather than continuing to break the rules, many of which are made for security reasons. I think many of the rules must be enforced for safety. I think that the administration is very security conscious and that this will be stressed this year.

Mrs. Smith went on to elaborate on some of Beaver's new security measures. From 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. there will be three guards on the campus; one will be in the car and two will be on the foot patrol. There will be no more Cheltenham police on campus and Beaver hopes to establish a walkie-talkie instant voice contact between the patrol car and the dorms.

"I hope to stay at Beaver," said Mrs. Smith. "I think that I will learn as I go along and that I will be able to benefit from my mistakes in the future. I think that my next big problem will be handling all of the room changes within each of the dorms."

Nominations for the Senate (formerly the House of Representatives) will open on Monday, September 13th, and close at 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 16th. Self nomination forms will be available on every dorm corridor and in the day student lounge. Elections will take place September 21st in the halls (day students will vote in the lounge). Anyone leaving for the Holidays please get an absentee ballot from your R. A. before leaving.

FLIX AT SIX

Every Monday at 6:00 p.m. in September, October and November, Dr. Patrick Hazard will share with interested faculty members and students his home screenings of films on the Third World and International English selected for his sabbatical research. Titles for each two to three hours of screening cannot be known far in advance but should be available from the faculty secretary Monday morning. Since supper-type snacks will be provided the viewers, it will help if you leave your name with her by Monday noon if you do not become a regular fliker. A crude map to 8 Longford Street (333-5089) is also available in room 104. Since the atmosphere will be calculatedly casual, one may come late and leave early.

Yoga Instructions Offered

Starting September 20, yoga lessons will be offered to interested Beaver students and area residents in Murphy gym on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. The program will consist of ten one hour lessons during which students will be instructed in breathing and posture techniques, meditation, diet control, and massage in accordance with the Kundalini and Raja disciplines and methods of yoga.

The cost of the lessons will be \$20 and perspective students should plan to bring an exercise mat. Anyone interested in finding out more about the program should call GE 8-9997 during the day or 349-6445 in the evening.

REMINDER

Friday, September 17, is the last day for schedule changes.

FIFTEEN MINUTES TO ZERO

Man's Prescription For Ending Himself

by Albert Szent-Gyorgyi,
Nobel-Laureate

Erasmus, the sage of the Early Renaissance, distinguished between calm and tumultuous periods of history. The tumultuous ones were the periods of transition. The steeper the transition, the greater the tumult. Never has mankind gone through a more turbulent period than ours, and never has mankind's fate hung, senselessly, on such a thin thread, as it does today. All our institutions have become outdated and age-old ideas fade out overnight. We have reached the maximum of insecurity and the ultimate biological absurdity of preparing to wipe out life created by nature over billions of years.

Two radars, attached to computers, are watching one another, one in the Soviet, the other in the United States, and if the one sees missiles coming it must order the firing of bombs on its own side, to have them in the air before the other's bombs arrive. There are fifteen minutes left for decision and there is no human being who can evaluate such a complex situation in such a short time. So the only thing left is to fire, wipe out mankind, destroy civilization.

We have entrusted our fate, and that of our children and grandchildren, to two machines, both of which can make mistakes; we humans have nothing to say about it. We have spent a trillion dollars to get here. This sum is too big to be imagined; with it we could have lifted all human life. We spent this sum while half of the world's children went to bed hungry and did not have enough protein to build healthy minds and bodies.

One wonders about the mental state of the leaders who brought us here and keep us here. The Soviet has spent only about half as much on "safety" as we have, so it is fair that we should have some "extras." We have them: we have to poison our sea and kill marine life (which feeds us) to get rid of our surplus safety, dumping

ten thousand bombs, filled with lethal nerve gas, into the sea in thin containers.

New World Demands New Rules

What has happened to set us on this fateful course? Science, with the powerful tools it gave us, made us outgrow our little globe. We can foul it up, bury it in garbage, make cesspools out of the oceans, exhaust our resources and wipe ourselves out. The old rules which worked for thousands of years suddenly fail to work. We were whipped overnight into a new world which demands entirely new rules.

Who should make these rules? Our political leaders all come from a bygone age. Our system of representation is antiquated. Science has changed the face of human life but there is not a single scientist in the Senate or Congress. Fifty-five per cent of our nation is below 30 but I doubt whether there is a single representative below 30. Fifty per cent of our nation are women and there is one woman among 100 Representatives; it is almost humorous to see old men discuss and decide the subtle sexual problems of women. While running the new world demands wisdom and knowledge, there is but one qualification demanded from Representatives: to be able to get votes. The greatest number of votes can be gained by appealing to the lowest common denominator, which means that the qualities necessary for becoming a leader and being one are mutually exclusive.

We have little time to readjust. What we have to do is to realize that our globe has shrunk terribly and we have all become fellow passengers, depending on one another. We must understand that mankind has become a single independent unit. A virus appearing in Hong Kong today kills in Washington tomorrow, and bombs going off in Southeast Asia make bombs go off in New York. We must have rules equally applicable to all men. We must call "murder" the killing of a fellow man, without regard to

color, religious or social creed, passport or uniform; while "felony" is the destruction of another man's home or crops, whoever he may be. We must invest our wealth and means in our first priorities and not in instruments of killing and destruction.

Determining First Priorities

What are first priorities? What is the aim of life, if any? Our astronauts have brought home pictures of our globe. There was no trace of man on them. So we can wipe ourselves out and it will make no difference, whatsoever. Our globe may look even prettier, greener without us, and there is nobody out there to shed tears about our disappearance.

If human life has, in itself, no meaning then our first priority must be to give meaning to it by elevating it, by cleaning it from fear and hatred, slums, ghettos, hunger, ignorance and disease, by cultivating all that is good, great and beautiful in us. However grand we may feel, human life is a pretty poor thing.

While our President vetoes millions of dollars for health or education but pushes billions through for war and armament, while we add to our humiliations by demonstrating that the human body can be torn up by metal fragments, there is not much sense in life and endeavor. National prestige is in the gifts one can give to mankind and not in the wounds one inflicts.

I had to resign from participation at being ashamed to go there, feeling myself a criminal who had contributed with his tax dollars to the maintenance of the Tiger Pits on Con Son Island in South Vietnam, who had helped his country to ally itself with a corrupt, anti-democratic government, and had helped to put an underdeveloped nation at the mercy of a technically developed but mentally and morally underdeveloped army. We have become headhunters, fed on body counts by our Defense Department.

We should make a sharp turn but our groove is too narrow to allow us to turn. There is too much vested interest. It is our tragedy that while grave problems of the future loom over the horizon we must struggle with the primitive problems of the past, unable to cope with them. We must make a new beginning.

Beaver College Theatre Events

The theatre events listed below are sponsored by the theatre division of the English department and Theatre Playshop. They are open to all members of the Beaver College community. Throughout the semester events and details will be published.

Note: FYO — find your own transportation

TP — transportation provided

* — tickets are discounted

SHARP — you will be left behind if you are late

September 14 Theatre Playshop Annual Welcome to Beaver Bash! 7:00 p.m. Little Theatre

An informal get together with refreshments and entertainment

September 16 Auditions for first Playshop production of the year 20-21 7:00 p.m., Little Theatre

All students are welcome; nothing need be prepared beforehand. Freshmen may not take acting roles during the first semester.

September 15 *The Me Nobody Knows*

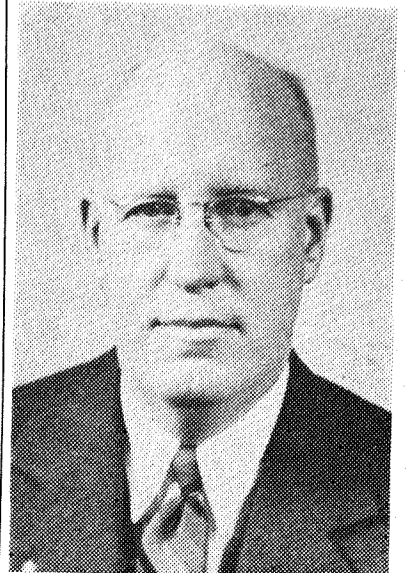
8:00 p.m., The Playhouse in the Park, Philadelphia - TP

The final production of the Lincoln Summer Festival, sign up for tickets and bus at room 108-CR. Price for both tickets and bus will be \$2.80. You may charge it to your bookstore account. Bus leaves from Heintz at 7:00 p.m. SHARP.

Don't Overtax the Towing Facilities

Due to lack of funds, parking spaces on Beaver's campus are limited again this year. Mrs. Plummer urges all students to be as understanding and thoughtful as possible since there are more commuters and residents with academic need for cars this year.

The car committee urges all students to observe the signs at the entrance to Lot Number 2. "Unauthorized cars will be towed at owner's expense." Any other unregistered cars on campus will be subject to towing.



Mr. John V. Calhoun, long-time friend and generous benefactor of the College, will be honored at a faculty-board of trustee dinner this evening in Grey Towers. At that time, the amphitheater in Boyer Hall will be named in Mr. Calhoun's honor.

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Our Contribution

"Student publications and the student press are a valuable aid in establishing and maintaining an atmosphere of free and responsible discussion and intellectual exploration on the campus. They are a means of bringing student concerns to the attention of the faculty and the institutional authorities and of formulating student opinion on various issues on the campus and in the world at large."

This quotation, taken from the *Joint Statement on Rights and Freedoms of Students* which has been adopted in toto by Beaver, reflects what we of the editorial board hold as the basis for the existence of the *Beaver News*. It is our hope that the newspaper can and will function as a vital source of thought, ideas, change, and constructive criticism for all facets of the college community. Most of all, it is our aim that the contents of the newspaper will serve as a constant reminder that Beaver does and must exist outside of its stone walls and that the members of the college should concern themselves with affairs beyond academics and campus affairs.

Since there will be much emphasis upon national and international events, I have put "world at large" in italics; by placing these factors in their proper perspective, Beaver students will have a much clearer idea of what will be in store for them after graduation and will more likely be able to cope with the problems facing the world today and ones which will arise in the future.

A basic function of a liberal arts education at an institution such as Beaver is to prepare young women to be contributing members of society. What better time could there be to prepare for that role than during her four years at college.

—T. A. S.

Religion vs. Education

Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur are the two holiest holidays in the Jewish year — the two holidays when Jewish students are torn between observing their holiday and going to classes. Of course students who miss their classes to attend services are not penalized for their absence, but they are responsible for any work they miss as a result of their religious observation.

A petition is now being passed around campus asking for student and faculty support. However, if this is not possible we ask that teachers cover absolutely no new material during class time so that Jewish students may observe their holiday free from academic concern.

—D. J. B.

Around Town

CINEMA

- University of Pennsylvania
September 13, 7:00 and 9:30 a.m.
The Sterile Cuckoo
- September 14, 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.
Red Desert
- September 15, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.
The Prime of Miss Jean Brody
- September 16, 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.
A Man and A Woman
- September 17, 7:00 and 10:15 p.m.
Patton
- September 18, 7:00 and 9:30 p.m.
The Music Lovers
- September 18, 7:00, 9:30 and 11:15 p.m.
Jules and Jim
- September 19, 7:00 and 9:30 p.m.
Cold Turkey

Facts About Abortion

THE FACTS ABOUT PROBLEM PREGNANCY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

Since the abortion laws have been liberalized in New York State, clinics have realized that a great profit can be made with the performance of abortions.

Abortions performed in these clinics have taken on the appearance of a giant assembly line. Although the abortions may have been performed by licensed gynecologists, little concern is taken for the medical and mental benefit of the patient.

Girls have been shuttled in, given the abortion procedure, and shuttled out without the proper preceding medical tests and post-abortion advice. Also, the mental state of the anxious woman is of no concern to these flourishing clinics.

We at Problem Pregnancy Educational Service, feel that this is a disservice to the apprehensive woman. At the clinics with which we are associated, all girls will be given a complete medical examination. Each girl will receive a blood test, urinalysis, chest x-ray, pelvic examination, an internal examination, and all patients will be mentally prepared prior to the abortion procedure. There will be other medical efficiencies that will be in effect that cannot be put in laymen's terms.

Since a friendly face is a welcome sight to a lonely girl in a big city, a free limousine service is provided to and from any airport, bus, or train terminal in the New York City area. This will also help to reduce transportation costs. If desired, all girls will receive birth control counseling along with a free month supply of oral contraceptives.

Before leaving the clinic each girl will have in her possession various medications to be taken as directed. The actual abortion procedure itself is called the vacuum aspiration method, which is the most advanced technique of its kind. With this method there is no cutting or surgery involved at all. The vacuum aspirator is nothing more than a mild suction and is completed in approximately two minutes. A local anesthetic will be administered which will make the procedure 100 per cent painless.

Needless to say, a surgeon gynecologist will perform the procedure. A full staff of registered nurses and assistants will be at his disposal. Women will be able to walk right out of the clinic after a brief relaxation period. There will be no doubt in her mind that she has been in the most competent medical hands.

Last, but not least, we are a non-profit organization and no girl will be turned away regardless of her economic position.

Sincerely yours,
 PHIL WEXLER, Director of PPES



Beaver News staff, 1971-72, from right to left: Mary Scotton, headlines editor; Emily Goldberg, copy editor; Tobi Steinberg, editor-in-chief; Debbie Thompson, business manager; Pat Read, feature editor; and Debby Berse, news editor.

The library is extending the book loan period from two to four weeks, effective immediately, on an experimental basis for this semester. All books will be due on approximately December 20 for the first semester. If the book is needed by another student between the third and fourth week, an inquiry will be made. This measure will hopefully assist students as they will not have to renew books as often.

Letters to the Editor

Recent Graduates Question Beaver

Is Beaver Worth It?

To the Editor:

Beaver College, as its students have come to know it, is a significant example of a dying institution — an institution that hides desperately behind its charter, its tradition, its alumnae and trustees, its walls — an institution that waits anxiously for change to pass it by and leave it untouched.

While at Beaver, one tends to believe that the world *really* does consist of white, upper-middle class girls, a few representative minority groups, and no one else. One tends to develop a polished knack for applied academic bullshit since that, alone, can suffice. One tends to forget entirely that Beaver is in a town, a state, a country.

Men are viewed as sexual partners, weekend dates with whom pure friendship is almost impossible and intellectual discussion is almost forbidden — and yet Beaver is making only a superficial attempt to create women with minds instead of girls with make-up. (The charter limits the school to girls, the trustees are opposed to 24-hour parietals . . . and so on.) Perhaps within the next few years, these conditions will alter. But by then too many students will have been depressed, oppressed and defeated by Beaver's hesitation. And by then there will be even more changes within our society which Beaver will ignore with equal vigor.

It is unhealthy to believe that weekends are all that count. It is equally unhealthy to be gradually convinced that you, as a Beaver student, don't play a significant role in life — how you look, how you feel, how you think. Over a four year period, this belief is criminally devastating.

It is most likely that Beaver will continue to go through the motions of concern for student existence, community involvement, and twentieth-century functioning while at the same time catering to wealthy trustees, conservative and dated alumnae, and the past. One negates the other, leaving Beaver stagnant. Traditions such as Song Contest will be abolished and students will say, "See? Beaver is changing," and Beaver will sigh with relief.

But then, suddenly, the Beaver graduate will find herself on the other side of those pathetic walls — where what you see and do actually does make a difference, where there are a million different kinds of people you can only begin to know, and where you must function as a woman with a mind and a soul.

And just as suddenly, she'll realize that she's been cheated out of the best four years of her life.

Sandy Thompson, 1971

Does Beaver Exist?

To the Editor:

When the *Beaver College Herald* arrived on August 23, I turned to it at once with great interest, and read it . . . and re-read it . . . and later that night picked it up and read it again. Then I put it down, disappointed and angry.

I had found eight pages' worth of tired PR-office rewrites dealing with promotions and awards, graduation three months ago and reunion two and a half months ago, and plenty of coffee-klatsch gossip in the class notes. And that's all. And while I agree that such items are interesting and valuable, I cannot accept them as the be-all and end-all of what an alumnae magazine should be. Yet this is consistently all we are getting in the *Beaver College Herald*.

I am a 1968 graduate of Beaver. Three years is not a very long

time, but I feel completely out of touch with the college I was part of for four years. If a prospective student should ask me about Beaver, I would be unable to answer her, for I know the campus has changed — yet exactly how remains a mystery. And the *Herald* is doing nothing to explain it all to me.

Infrequent conversations with faculty members who have remained friends indicate, for instance, that the "core curriculum" instituted in 1965, when I was a freshman has disappeared, and I thought I overheard someone say that "there just aren't any required courses at all any more." Is that true? Will someone let us all know?

Daily the papers are filled with stories about the crises facing small liberal-arts colleges: the pressure to go co-ed, to affiliate with other colleges, to hire members of minority groups. Has Beaver faced these problems? How?

I hear too, via the grapevine, that social rules have changed greatly in the past three years — that the late curfews and occasional Sunday afternoon visiting hours for men have been surpassed by greatly liberalized rules. Is that true? Why isn't anyone letting the alumnae know?

Whatever happened to the Beaver College blacks? What is the political climate on campus? I recall a brief article dealing with the student strike over Cambodia last May, but what about political interaction with the Glenside community? Can we look forward to an article in the November *Herald* on student voter registration in Glenside? Are the women of Beaver College at all concerned about the movement for equal rights for women? Does the college infirmity still refuse to prescribe birth-control pills for students?

What's happened to my department? Are there new courses that weren't offered when I was there, new foreign-study programs to assist students, Where are the graduates in my department going — what sort of graduate work do they do, what sort of jobs? In short, what is Beaver College preparing its students for? And I'm hoping for an in-depth answer, not merely the "Class Notes" response of "Susie Jones loves teaching."

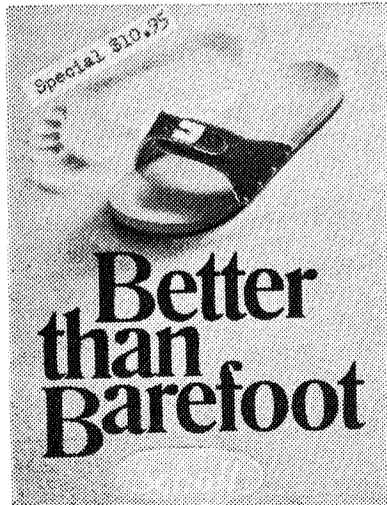
I confess I don't even know how much it costs to go to Beaver College these days. I don't know what kind of student goes to Beaver, what she thinks about, studies, or does while she's there. I wonder why new faculty members decide to come to Beaver and why old ones decide to leave.

In other words, I know nothing about Beaver College. I can scarcely encourage prospective students to go to a college of which I'm ignorant. For that matter, why should I continue to give financial support to an organization about which I know nothing — and whose major information medium, its alumnae magazine, consistently tells me nothing?

I plan to subscribe to the *Beaver News*; they may be able to keep me in touch with some of the temper of the campus. But a lot of what I want to know could only be answered by in-depth articles aimed at alumnae who sincerely want to know what's new, but who can't make it to reunion, who don't live in suburban Philadelphia, and who regard regular information flow as far more valuable than a once-a-year briefing.

If the purpose of an alumnae magazine is to keep graduates informed of what's happening on campus, then when will the *Beaver College Herald* begin to fulfill its purpose responsibly?

Sincerely yours,
 Judith Quigg Stark, '68



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