

Editorial Opinion

Student Security

By Joyce A. Barton

Good or Bad ?

The idea of employing students as parttime Security is a practical method for employing more Security at half the price, since it is possible to hire two or three of these students for the price of one full time professional officer.

The position opened up more jobs for students, and it was thought that Student Security would create a feeling of interaction between students and Security, instead of the Gestapo-like atmosphere generated by professional full-time Security. Yet, favorable as they may seem, too much emphasis has been placed upon these aspects. More priority should be given to the most important job of a Security officer, which is the protection of personal property. And after recent incidents on campus, one would wonder if Student Security is qualified to do this job.

In the eyes of Penn State University, Student Security officers are qualified. When applying for the job at Highacres, student security candidates must be interviewed by a full-time Security officer. During these interviews, they are asked for their solutions to various situations and must submit a list of any past work which they feel would qualify them for

the job. If they meet the minimum qualification factor designated by University Park, and, in turn, they are hired, they then go through training with full-time Security as their instructors.

But these procedures are too lenient. Applications from the candidate concerning past experience are not thoroughly investigated. This means that it is possible for an applicant to include false information on his application. Also, as mentioned earlier, once a student is hired, he is trained by a full-time officer. But what qualifies that Security officer as an instructor?

Present training is insufficient, but because of financial reasons, Penn State will not hire a professional instructor. However, there is an alternative. Student Security should be required to attend summer seminars which are free, so that they can receive proper training. As for false information on applications, this can easily be taken care of by checking out the validity of the applicants' claims. More time should be concentrated on the quality of the Student Security officer, instead of the quantity.

Dr. Samuel Prichard Dead of Heart Attack

Dr. Samuel VanOrden Prichard Jr., Drums R. 2, assistant professor of speech communication of the Hazleton Campus, died Tuesday at St. Joseph's Hospital, Hazleton, shortly after admission. Cause of death was attributed to a heart attack.

Born in Los Angeles, Calif. on May 19, 1923, Prichard was a son of the late Samuel VanOrden and Calabeth (Houx) Prichard Sr., and had resided in the Hazleton area for six years.

In 1947, Dr. Prichard earned an associate degree of the arts from Pasadena City College. In 1949, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from

the University of Redlands, and later that year received his Master of Arts, with a major in speech, from the same school. His Ph.D. was granted from the Pennsylvania State University, with emphasis on rhetoric and public address.

Dr. Prichard served as a speech instructor at many universities, management conferences, Air Force bases, and in various continuing education programs. He served as speech instructor and Dean of Men at Dana College, debate coach at Lehigh, the State Uni-

versity of New York and also at Bloomsburg State College.

Dr. Prichard taught at University Park from 1966-70. He came to this campus in 1970.

Dr. Prichard has acted as a speech instructor for the Department of Labor Studies and for the AFL-CIO COPE Training Institute, along with having had numerous publications of articles and reviews in his field.

He was a member of the Speech Association of America, the Speech Association of the Eastern States, the Pennsylvania Speech Association and the American Forensic Association.

Dr. Prichard was a veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, the former Marjorie Adams; two sons, Mark Adams Prichard and Alan Houx Prichard, at home; brothers, Charles, California and Stephen, Pelham, N.Y.; sisters, Harriet and Mrs. Eleanor Randall, California. A step-mother, Mrs. Marjorie Prichard, is still alive in California.

Funeral services were held from the Krapf and Hughes Funeral Home. Interment was in the Congressional Cemetery, Washington, D.C.

Love Affair

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gin Bell, to the vine-covered buildings, to the pinball wizards in the Commons, to Joyce and Ben and Francie and Jimmy and Tim, to whom I am entrusting the greatest love affair of them all.

I bid farewell, a sad, yet exultant farewell, to the Highacres Collegian, my love for two years, my first and foremost love on this campus. I have watched it grow, nursed it as an anxious mother, revelled in its victories and accomplishments, and shed bitter tears over its few failures. But, to me, the love affair I have carried on with the Highacres Collegian, has been a successful and fulfilling one. I need only look at a single copy of the paper to reassure myself that everything has been worth it.

So, thank you, Highacres, for being here. You've been the two best years of my life, and I will always love you for it.

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