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Site For 'Rides' List Is Old Main

Since its inception more than ten years ago, the "Rides Wanted" service of the Student Union has operated successfully. The bulletin board in the lobby of Old Main has provided students seeking rides home and those seeking riders with a means of communicating with each other.

A week and a half ago the service was moved to an isolated corner of an isolated building—the TUB. After a week and a half of investigation, we have not been able to discover just why the bulletin board was moved from Old Main to the TUB.

Neither the Student Union, the National Student Association, nor the physical plant department has provided us with a story that can be pieced together to make sense.

In the meantime student complaints have been many—and justified. The new bulletin board in the TUB is out of the way and inconvenient to the vast majority of students. The TUB is off the main course of campus traffic. One of the best features of having the board posted in Old Main was that students could make use of the service between classes. This is impossible with the bulletin board in the TUB.

One of the reasons advanced for the change in location was that a new and larger bulletin board was required. Rides are regionalized on the new board so as to make it easier for students to locate rides and riders. Such a system requires a larger board, so the old bulletin board—which still is in Old Main, being used for notices—is inadequate.

Apparently, arrangements could not be made for the board to be located in Old Main—so the site was moved to the TUB. Why the TUB, we'll never know.

There is absolutely no reason that the bulletin board should or could not be located in Old Main. We have counted better than half a dozen less necessary bulletin boards in Old Main. One of them should be removed if there simply is no other space available in the lobby for the rides wanted board.

The suggestion has been made—with the approval of the physical plant—that a permanent type bulletin board be attached to one of the vacant walls in the lobby of Old Main. The cost of this plan should prove to be negligible, and should and could be met by All-College Cabinet.

This is a plan that should be considered. It is the best plan yet offered; in fact it is the only one.

Safety Valve—

C & F Cash Register

TO THE EDITOR:
It seems that the student in Commerce and Finance takes his title seriously. For the few dollars he pays for a foreign language course he expects his cash register to ring up a \$50 profit in the future. Let's hope that history, literature, and the pure sciences will not fall victim to the cash register's ring.

—Name Withheld

Colleges Must Act To Aid Freedom

Academic freedom in our colleges and universities is under tremendous pressure today from outside influences, so it was pretty much of a shock when a faculty committee at the University of Wisconsin canceled a lecture by Max Lerner, noted columnist and educator.

The committee's action was a shock since there are few who value the free competition of ideas and intellectual freedom more than do college professors. For some time, however, the only voice of protest came from members of the student body and in the columns of the Daily Cardinal, student publication at Wisconsin.

Lerner's address had been canceled, according to one of the faculty members on the committee, because he had been told that Lerner had been a member of the Communist party more than 12 years ago. Of course, no evidence was presented to substantiate this charge.

College faculties are known to move slow, but the profs at Wisconsin have shown their disapproval for the action of the committee. The two members of the committee who were responsible for the cancellation were voted off the committee last week.

We agree with the Cardinal that the action of the faculty in removing these two men from the committee was in the best interests of Wisconsin. And we might add that such action is in the best interests of the freedom of thought and free expression in every college and university in the nation.

The colleges and universities are usually the first to come to the defense of free thought. There is no room in our educational system for the timid and for the intimidated, for if the tradition of freedom dies in our universities, it will surely die in every phase of our democracy.

Safety Valve—

Refutes Critic Of 'Lady'

TO THE EDITOR:
I find it necessary for me to write this letter concerning the review that your paper has given to the Penn State Players' production of "Lady In The Dark."

Your reviewer must certainly have been in a terrible mood when seeing the performance or else must have some grudge against the Player organization. The comments about the "sheer spectacle" would lead me to believe that the reviewer could not or did not spend much time realizing some of the excellent points of the performance. I agree that the scenery and staging were marvelous, but, and this is as it should be, they were secondary to the play itself.

To my way of thinking, the things your reviewer says about the limitations of Schwab are entirely unnecessary. The problems of production have been overcome 100 per cent better than some other College musicals which your paper has given excellent reviews and often made no mention of sloppy technical management. Furthermore, the average theater-goer does not demand the perfection that your reviewer seems to insist on.

The criticism of Sonya Tilles and Dave Owen does not seem to me to be altogether just, either. As for instance, Thespians often cast their shows considering voice quality more than acting ability, so too, Players, a usually dramatic organization, have cast "Lady" keeping their acting standards up to their usual excellency.

Although I did not see the play on the opening night I did see a dress rehearsal which was filled with the usual faults. I knew, even then, however, that this was one of the best Players shows I have ever seen and I say keep up the good work. As soon as I finish this letter I'll be off to see it again. Maybe your reviewer should, too.

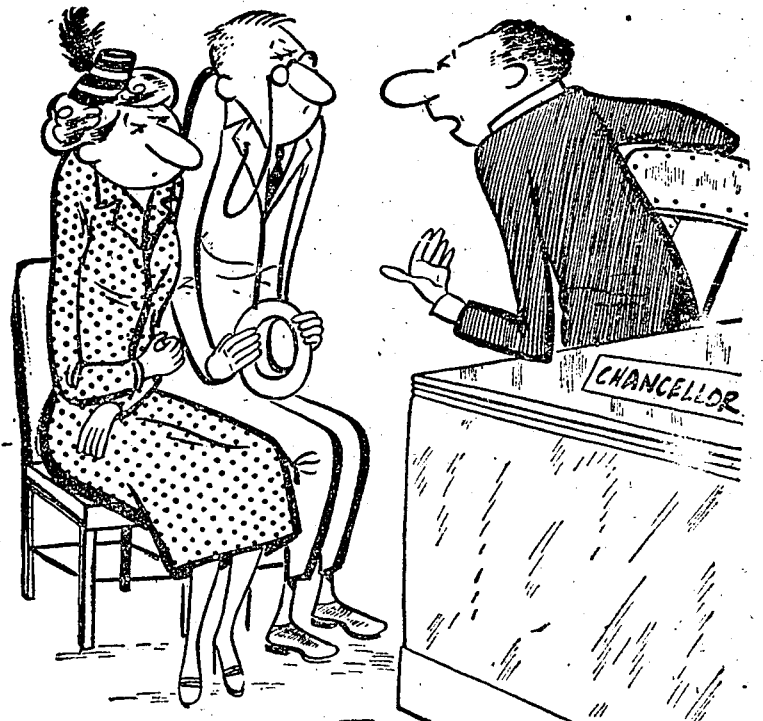
—Edwin M. Grove Jr.

Gazette . . .

- Wednesday, May 16
- COLLEGIAN business freshman board, 9 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.
- COLLEGIAN editorial sophomore board, 1 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.
- DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB and tournament, TUB, 6:45 p.m.
- PENN STATE GRANGE, 100 Horticulture, 8 p.m.
- PHI EPSILON KAPPA, Sigma Phi Sigma, 7:30 p.m.
- SENIOR CLASS night committee, 208 Willard Hall, 7 p.m.

Little Man On Campus

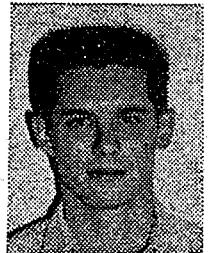
By Bibler



"Of course professor, teacher's salaries are low, but if you have a classroom personality the organized houses will invite you out to dinner enough to knock a hole in that food allowance."

Fundamental Issues

Limited War



By LEN KOLASINSKI

The MacArthur hearings have dramatically crystallized one aspect of the Korean war. The administration and the UN want that war limited and MacArthur wants the limits of the Korean conflict extended. A lot has been said for and against both sides.

While there are many other issues at stake, ranging from MacArthur's dismissal to the blockading of the China coast, we will confine this column to one basic consideration—the limited war.

By admitting a limited war and by neutralizing the Chinese Nationalist forces on Formosa as a part of limiting the war the Truman administration has:

1. Assured the enemy that his border will be respected, even though that assurance is temporary.
 2. Guaranteed the enemy, perhaps once more temporarily, that his soft backside is safe.
- By invoking a no-trespassing order on American fighters and bombers, it is undeniably true that the Truman policy-UN plan has provided the enemy some conveniences in conducting his struggle. From his haven across the Yalu river, which is the natural boundary between China and the Korean peninsula, Mao Tse-tung pours in his seemingly inexhaustible reserves.

It does not take much stretch of the imagination to have limited war spell out appeasement. It is an appeasement that is new, blood-drenched, and base. Munich and the cashing in of the Czechs pales to insignificance before the type of appeasement found in fighting the Korean war.

Limited war has another facet as yet unexplored. It seems the administration and the UN have

forgotten the Nazis and the Japanese warlords, who were bitterly denounced by the free peoples because they were using undeclared war as springboards to gobble territory. What is limited war but a repetition of undeclared war under guise. It is an attempt by Red China to gobble territory. So far UN action is condoning the fact of undeclared war.

However, the extension of the war to China by air bombardment and sea blockade must not be made at the loss of allies. The immense strain on the American economy and the drain of American youth forbids such a move.

Meanwhile, in pursuing a policy of limited war, the present policy makers should consider the casualty lists. U.S. casualties number from 800 to 1000 dead, wounded, or missing-in-action each week. How long can a limited action be kept up and still be militarily correct at those costs?

It follows, therefore, that the funnel through which China pours its armies must be choked at its Manchurian outlet. Partisan politics in the U.S. must be overcome and uncooperative allies must be shown the fallacy of their views before the limited war becomes unlimited at the convenience of the enemy, at a time he wants, and in the sector he feels he will be victorious.

The administration, in maintaining that the Russian Bear must not be provoked to attack by UN mishandling of Red China, is using a weak excuse for not acting against China. Neither the administration, its Joint Chiefs of Staff, or its Secretary of Defense can prevent World War III so long as so variable a factor as Russia will also play a part in that war.

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