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## Collegian Defends Its Press Freedom

Last night at All-College Cabinet the Daily Collegian was once again forced to stand up to defend its freedom. The attempts to abridge this freedom were not malicious, nor were they intended to restrict the total operation of the newspaper. They were well-meaning suggestions made by a committee trying to fulfill its assignments, but they were suggestions made in ignorance of how a newspaper is run.

Let us first fill in the background events which led to the current situation. Last spring, when debate over the senior class gift selection was going hot and heavy, some people charged that certain of the gift suggestions were getting more publicity than other suggestions. The charges eventually came near to name-calling.

To prevent such situations in the future it was suggested that All-College Cabinet form a committee to investigate ways of equalizing publicity on the gift suggestions in the future. This committee was set up and made its report to cabinet Thursday night.

In four of the committee's five recommendations definite advances were made toward solving the problem. The committee went off base, however, in its recommendation concerning the Daily Collegian. The committee wanted Collegian to give each story on the class gift suggestion the same position on the same page. It also asked that each story be given the same amount of space and that the stories be written by the groups backing each gift.

Anyone who knows anything about the operation of a newspaper knows that to promise such a thing is impossible for many obvious reasons. First, the position of news is determined by its relative value in comparison to other news available that day. In the second place, the amount of space that can be given to any one story is determined by the amount of space available for all the news. Third, more can be said about certain gifts, like the student press and the student radio station, than can be said about a scholarship fund, for instance, or a statue.

As for the request that the groups backing certain gifts write the stories on their gift that are to appear in the paper, we think it only fair to warn that in most cases these stories will probably have to be rewritten to conform to newspaper style.

The Collegian is willing, on its news pages, to try, as far as is humanly possible, to give equal prominence to these stories. This has always been our policy. As for the editorial page, our policy will continue to allow staff members to plug one gift over another as long as their editorials are factual and in good taste. Students who wish to make their views known on the gift suggestions, as on any issue, may write letters to the editor.

We realize the cabinet committee did not have as its objective the trampling of the freedom of the press, and for this reason we did not, and have not, become too upset over the matter.

However, we resent, as any newspaper resents, any attempt to abridge our freedom, even though the attempt is made in ignorance. We are aware, too, that success in one attempt may lead eventually to other similar attempts. We are giving fair warning now that such attempts will meet with stiff opposition. We believe we will have the backing of the student body in our opposition.

## Parking Lot Costs Are Limited Factor

Beginning Monday strict enforcement of the new traffic regulations will begin. At that time only student drivers with permit stickers on their cars will be permitted to drive on campus during class hours, and tickets will be issued to all cars illegally parked.

Many students are not happy with the current parking plan. They feel that too many spaces have been given over to the faculty and staff and not enough to students. Undoubtedly some complaints are justified, but we believe that in most cases the parking

spaces have been fairly assigned.

Everyone realizes that, although the new parking plan is designed to make the fullest possible use of the available parking spaces, there is still a great shortage of adequate parking lots. The shortage of lots is not due entirely to the lack of space, however.

According to the information we've received, the building cost of a hardtop space for one car is approximately \$100, while a cinder lot for one car costs about \$50 to build. In addition to this, the cost of maintaining a one-car hard surface lot for one year is about \$10. It costs about \$5 to keep up a cinder lot for one year. These maintenance costs include removing snow, patching, and painting in white lines.

This money all has to come from the College. If the lots were to be rented to automobile drivers, the fee for a hardtop lot would be \$20 per year, \$10 a year for a cinder lot. By the end of ten years, the average life of a parking space, enough money would have been made to pay the yearly upkeep and enough saved to construct a new lot.

However, it is very doubtful that this will come to pass, although it would seem to be an effective way of eliminating the parking space shortage.

## Is It a Spy Group?

Just what the newly-organized sophomore customs enforcement committee has for its actual purpose seemingly remains a mystery. Although it was stated by the committee that its avowed purpose was "to stir up greater class spirit," it was also stated, "that the main purpose of committee members is to act as 'plain-clothesmen' to see that freshmen are wearing customs."

Now the point arises. Are we to sacrifice school spirit for a more unified class spirit? And must we rely on outright spying and informing to enforce our customs system?

We are losing sight of the very purposes for which freshman customs was inaugurated; namely, facilitating the intermingling of classmen, learning of the school norms and traditions, and orientation into the College program, itself.

A program, then, that works toward these ends is what we're after, rather than a 'spy-system.' Frosh meetings, Frosh singing and cheers, Frosh study-groups, or even dances, but not a 'spy-system'!

—Leonard Goodman

## Safety Valve—

### Protest Frosh Campusing

TO THE EDITOR: For the last few days we have been reading about the Board of Custom Regulations concerning freshmen going home on weekends. To quote Tuesday's Daily Collegian: "All other freshmen desiring to leave campus for any reason during the customs period must appear before the board for permission."

Then in Wednesday's paper we read that 16 freshmen were "awarded" permission to go home.

This is the most disgusting thing we have ever seen. Customs are, after all, a tradition, but when they start to restrict a person's personal and private life it is time to stop. The wearing of dinks and signs and dating regulations are one thing, but to "award" permission to go home is another.

Freshmen are paying just as much to come to school here as any upperclassman, so why should they be forced to ask another "group of students" for permission to go home?

●Letter cut

—Edward Hinderleiter  
Charles Hamly

Editor's note: It is unwritten College policy here as at most other colleges that freshman students should remain on campus for their first few weekends in order to gain a better foothold to college life. The Freshman Customs Board is attempting to fulfill this policy by requiring students to appear before it in order to encourage their staying on campus.

## Gazette...

Sunday, September 21

LA VIE candidates, fifth semester, 405 Old Main, 7 p.m.

LION PARTY steering committee, 104 Willard, 2 p.m.

Monday, September 22

ALPHA PHI OMEGA, 3 Sparks, 7 p.m.

FROTH Promotion staff, Froth office, 6:45 p.m.

LA VIE art candidates, 105 Temporary, 7 p.m.

PENN STATE ENGINEER, 211 Mechanical Engineering, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Lura Akers, Edward Baranski, Bertha Creasing, Stanley Gardner, James Hill, Albert Kerr, Carole Lipton, Gertrude Malpezzi, John K. Miller, Theodore Spaulding.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: Jumping Jacks 1:30, 3:32, 5:34, 7:36, 9:43

STATE: High Noon 2:03, 3:56, 7:42, 9:38

NITTANY: The Last Musketeer 1:30, 3:32, 5:35, 7:37, 9:45

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Continental Can Co. will interview January B.S. and M.S. candidates in M.E., I.E., C.E., and Chem. Eng. and Wood Utilities Tuesday, Sept. 30.

E. I. Du Pont de Nemours Co. will interview January B.S. and M.S. candidates in M.E., I.E., C.E., E.E., and Chem. Eng. and Chem. Wednesday, Oct. 1.

E. I. Du Pont de Nemours Co. will interview Ph.D. candidates in Chem. BioChem., Phys., Engineering Mechanics, M.I., M.E., and Chem. Eng. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Oct. 1, 2, and 3.

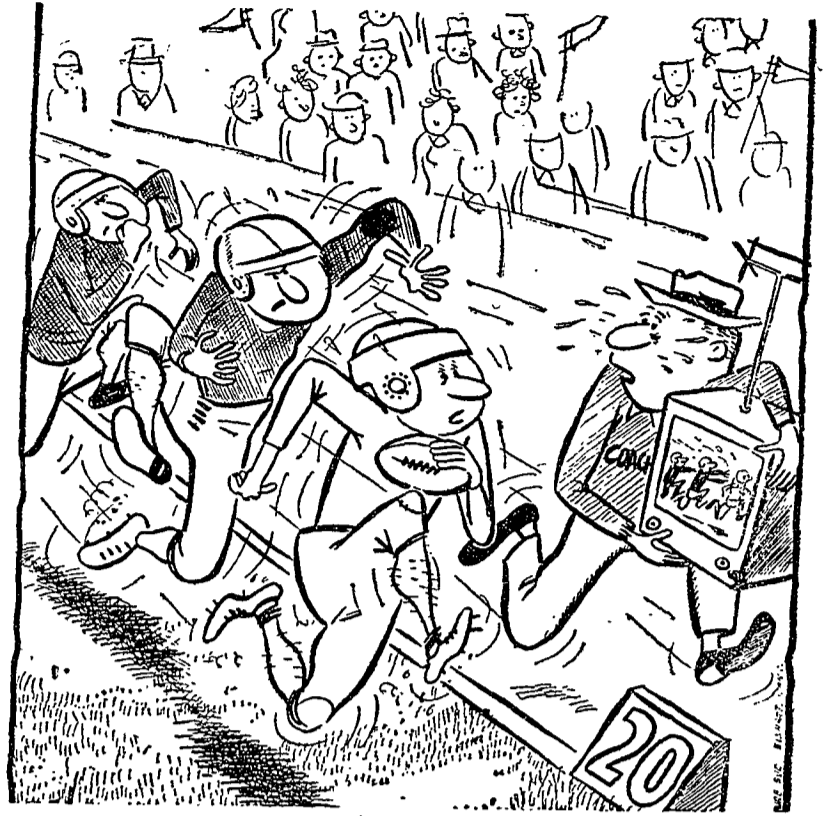
STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Boys from West Dorms interested in Student Dry Cleaning agency.

Women for waitress work.

Woman for housework (five days per week from 8:30 a.m. to 12 a.m.)

## Little Man on Campus By Bibler



### Interpreting the News

## First Guided Missile Fired in Combat by U.S.

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.  
Associated Press News Analyst

The headline was enough to make your heart leap: "U.S. Fires First Guided Missile in Combat."

The reporters and the Navy experts were obviously and understandably enthusiastic.

But the details left something of a gap between presently available weapons and the push-button warfare which we have been predicting ever since World War II.

What actually happened Sept. 1 was that the Navy took an old light bomber, installed radio controls something like those which have been used for years, put a television camera and broadcasting apparatus in the nose, strapped a bomb under the belly, and sent it off with a mother plane to guide it to its target.



There were two major advantages over ordinary bombing tactics, and one appendage which was primarily a thrill for the sponsors and a promise for the future.

The personnel in the mother plane could stay safely out of a major flak area, an important factor in these days when complicated planes and tactics require long training of intelligent men of a type not too easy to find. The test was made in an area where there was practically no worry about enemy interceptor planes. Under ordinary circum-

stances in modern war, both planes would have been in danger instead of the robot only. And harassment by enemy fighters might easily have broken the mother plane's control of the missile-carrier.

The second advantage was that the real pilot of the missile, seated in the mother plane, had a kamikaze view of the target through the television eye, making for accuracy in the last moments of the robot's approach which would be unknown to ordinary bombing. But the bomb-carrier was slow by modern conceptions, and just as prone to being shot down as a piloted machine, meaning that it is no more likely to reach its target. On this point, pilot saving remains the great advantage.

The thrill, and a portent for the future when there is real push-button war, lay in the television room aboard the carrier from which the robot was launched. There, apparatus followed the action all the way. Real push-button war will come when missiles are launched and guided to their targets directly from home base. The horizons of that sort of thing are still very short range.

## Naval Reserve Unit to Meet Monday Nights

The Naval Reserve Electronics Unit 4-3 will hold scheduled meeting from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. every Monday in 300 Engineering E.

Veterans and other interested civilians between 17 and 64 years of age, who are not members of any other military unit, are eligible for membership.

Naval Reserve officers and petty officers are urgently needed to help out with the program, according to a spokesman.

A complete radio transmitting and receiving installation for Naval and amateur frequencies will be available for qualified personnel.

Morse code records and automatic code tape machines are available for instruction. Radio construction kits, test instruments and a radar set will be used for class instruction and laboratory work.

## FMA to Report At IFC Meeting

The Interfraternity Council will hear a report by the Fraternity Marketing Association, large-scale buying plan for fraternities, at 7 p.m. Tuesday in 101 Electrical Engineering.

William Hafley, association chairman, will report on the plan and its success so far this year. The FMA now works with 15 members, and is still open for membership, Hafley said. Interested persons may attend the IFC meeting for more information.

## Home Economics School To Open Meal Service

The Home Economics School will open its public meal service for the fall semester with luncheon on Monday.

Luncheons will be served cafeteria style Monday through Friday from 11:55 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dinners are served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Dinner on Monday will be cafeteria style, and waiter service will be used throughout the remainder of the week.