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## Radio Station Must Expand Rapidly

News that even a test signal has been sent over the campus radio station is encouragement that the station may not be far off. Barring equipment holdups, the station should be in operation in November.

The campus radio station has long been a topic of delight and consternation. Class gifts and portions thereof have gone toward the station, equipment has been donated, and Federal Communications Commission approval granted. Still students have heard nothing more than the test signal—a hum.

That hum, however, is music to those who have pushed so hard for the campus station. And those pushing the station are much more anxious to have it a reality than the student body in general.

The campus station, once it does go into operation, must obligate itself to serve the student body which largely made it possible. In accordance with this, the 1953 Student Encampment has already approved a recommendation that the station concentrate its operation toward the field of student interest and in promoting student activity. The recommendation must yet have cabinet approval.

When the station does reach the air, its many problems will multiply. The station staff will be faced with problems in programming, per-

sonnel, and public service. The station cannot broadcast advertising. It must determine, then, where publicity for campus events ends and advertising begins. And it will also fall subject to the scathing criticism of disappointed publicity chaimen.

More important, the station will face the problem of expansion. And it must expand. When it begins operation, the station will reach dormitory radios through converters. But it will be able to reach only FM sets off campus. This will mean more than 2000 fraternity men, plus 2500 independents living in town, will only be able to receive the FM signal. Without expansion, the station could only reach 6500 of the 11,000 enrollment.

Even this somewhat limited scope will be a start. Penn State has had a deep need for such a campus station to serve not only as an entertainment medium, but as a news service and practical lab for interested students.

The radio station personnel will find, as every such organization does, they cannot rest once the station becomes a reality. Serving a student body of 11,000 is a frustrating and tiring job. To do that job well, the station must seek improvements, and above all expand. It must, as quickly as possible, reach every student it can. Only in this way may the campus radio station be a real success.

## Honor System Encourages Dishonor

Many dreams have passed through the files of countless committees appointed here to study campus problems. Some have become actual working realities—that's progress. Most have been put aside for future reference—that's life. A dream, voiced by the Tribunal committee at the 1953 Student Encampment, is directed toward the eventual establishment of an honor system at Penn State. And it's one goal we hope never reaches the blueprint stage.

Why, you may ask, oppose the honor system—a plan that recognizes students as adults, that promotes natural integrity in classrooms, that touches a new height in American education? Simple: It just won't work.

When the committee report was made, expressing the recommendation that individual school councils study possibilities of such a system, our first reaction was: Fine for Antioch or some other small school, but it can't happen here. After some thought on the question, however, we concluded, perhaps somewhat narrowly, that it really can't successfully happen anywhere. Let alone a college of 11,500 students.

The honor system isn't completely fair. There are students who, during an examination, would respect an honor program diligently, not thinking of breaking the trust given them by their professors. Then again there are others—those who would disregard that trust completely to further their own aims.

This may be prejudging. We don't think so, though, when we realize how many students will ignore countless classroom warnings and still manage to cheat even with proctors and professors present. Would it be fair to the com-

pletely honest student who has prepared for an examination, to be graded on the same basis as one who hasn't studied but doesn't mind cheating? The establishment of an honor system, we are told, would mean attaching a stigma to any type of cribbing. But that stigma exists now. So does cheating.

In a true honor system, the responsibility of the student is two-fold. He is required not to cheat, and is also required to report anyone in the examination room whom he sees cheating. Given a situation of a best friend who has a miserable week due to illness or fraternity rushing. He has good intentions, but is completely unable to adequately prepare for the quiz. Would many people turn in such a student if he were seen cheating? Probably not.

Employers hiring college graduates know the drawbacks of an honor system. They can't be quite sure whether the marks they see on a prospect's transcript are the result of hard study or test-time cleverness. The same goes for graduate schools. An honor system might jeopardize the scholastic standing of a college in the eyes of many employers, sometimes without justification.

Instead of directing its efforts toward formation of an honor system, the Tribunal committee should make some progress toward more strict proctoring of examinations.

The responsibility lies more naturally with professors and their assistants, not with students. It's the well-supervised, not the hopelessly doubtful, test situation which will lead more certainly to honor in the true sense of the word.

—Baylee Friedman

## Into Each Life...

The first fat Froth of the season came out yesterday. But don't let this spoil your weekend.

Rumor at Penn State has always had it that Froth and Collegian staffers don't appreciate each other; their editors—rumor maintains—have scissors and gluepot battles periodically. It's perfectly true.

To the uninitiated, Froth is known as the campus humor magazine. The initiated know better.

We are not saying you will not get your twobits worth by buying Froth. The paper on which Froth is printed makes excellent book-covers.

—Mike Feinsilber

## Dance Aids Chest

Tonight's annual Kick-Off Dance in Recreation Hall will be more than a football season kick-off. It will also be the unofficial kick-off for this year's Campus Chest drive. Dance proceeds go to the Chest.

Campus Chest consolidates selected national and local charities into one annual drive. This is a boon to the student purse and frees the entire student body from repeated charity drives during the academic year.

A successful Kick-Off Dance tonight will go a long way in making a successful Campus Chest. This year's Chest goal is 100 per cent participation. A successful Campus Chest, and 100 per cent participation, will mean only benefits to the student body.

## It Says Here...

- The Korean Police Action was the first police action in history in which the cops negotiated with the robbers.

- Lavrenty Beria, former chief of the Soviet secret police, has fled Russia. Care to try out for the Campus Patrol, old boy?

- The only thing wrong with Georgi Malenkov is that he comes from the wrong side of the tracks—underneath.

- Alex Diaz pulled one over on the State College merchants this summer, something Penn State students have been trying for 99 years.

## Gazette...

Today

PENN STATE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP, 7:30 p.m., Old Main.

Sunday, Sept. 27, 1953  
COLLEGIAN AD STAFF, 7 p.m., 9 Carnegie.

HILLEL RADIO, 7 p.m., Hillel Foundation. General meeting and casting.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Hana Gach, James Harter, Ed Hill, Richard Hostetter, Cogley Jones, Frances Katz, Carolyn Kirchner, Claire Krieger, Sidney Melnik, Joseph Myers, Charles Ryan, Sandi Selbst, Betty Stailey and Wayne Wolkfeil.

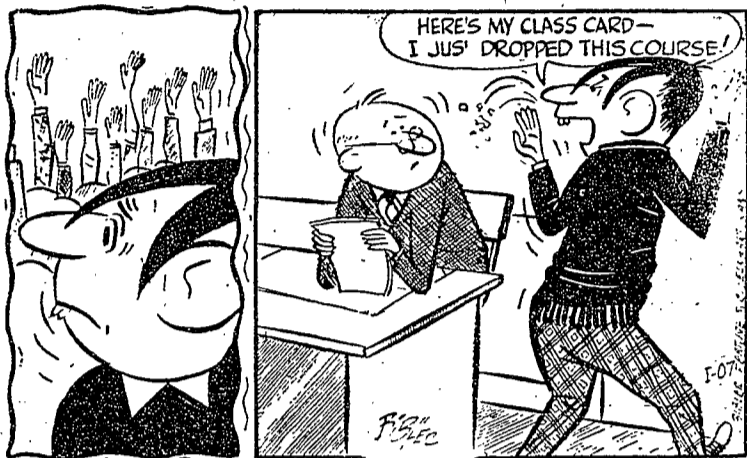
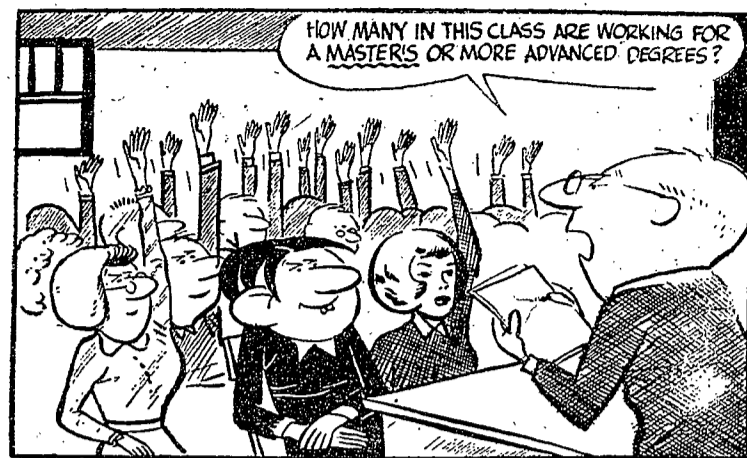
STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Two custodians to work from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

One breadslicer and wrapper from 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday through Friday.

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



## Stop the Presses!

# Whispering Gallery

By CHIZ MATHIAS

Have you ever stood outside a railroad station in a large city and watched the influx of suburban commuters heading home at the end of the white-collar day?

Newspaper publishers moan and groan about the silent generation's not buying and reading newspapers. 'Tain't so. In Philadelphia alone, nearly everybody reads the Bulletin. And we've got billboards to prove it! Everybody buys newspapers. Not everybody reads them, true, but newspapers sell.

Once we observed the stacks go down, down, down, in Reading Terminal, Philadelphia station, as outgoing pedestrians grabbed for improvised head coverings during summer cloudbursts. Baseball fans on their way to Shibe Park purchased papers to be used specifically as cushions for dusty bleachers.

Street urchins bought certain editions to clip special offer coupons and send away for "genuine death ray guns" and space helmets. (A retarded child, says Earl Wilson, is one who still plays cowboys and Indians!)

Women struggling home from market often stopped to buy a paper to patch a dripping shopping bag or wrap an offensive-smelling fish or cheese before they were swallowed up in a crowded subway.

At the station we observed a line of efficient-looking, young executives, briefcases in hand, digging out nickels for the New York Times to keep up with "all the news that's fit to print." Following behind came the ribbon-counter girls looking for a more colorful "What fit to print and more besides" as they parted with their

government specie to buy a Daily News for the inside dope on the latest sex crimes, Hollywood triangles, quadrangles, etc., and the vice squad's social visits in the neighborhood.

We noticed one particularly destitute-looking gentleman-of-leisure pause before the news-line, dip in his pocket for a coin, change his mind, and walk away. Later we saw him plundering the waiting room. He emerged with three issues of the Times, a Wall Street Journal, an Inquirer, a Policemen's Gazette, and a day-old bulletin. For such impoverished news enthusiasts we recommend the Philadelphia Public Library where the Inquirer is on display free.

DISCOVERY OF THE WEEK: a sign over the men's room in a Philadelphia subway station—Christian Science Reading Room.

Watching people buy papers is not half so much fun as watching them read.

Readers can be classified into basic types. There is the dilefante, or headline hopper, a connoisseur of important news. He believes in a liberal education. This type (Continued on page five)

## Prof Calls Firing an Honor

Dr. Barrows Dunham, fired from the faculty of Temple University for refusal to answer questions of a congressional committee, said "no man was ever dismissed for reasons that did him greater honor."

The 47-year-old head of Temple's Philosophy department was suspended March 1 after invoking constitutional immunity in refusing to answer questions before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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The board released a statement after its meeting Wednesday in which it said:

"Dr. Dunham not only refused to cooperate in good faith with the agency of the government, a prepared statement.

but he also acted in clear contempt of the committee, and abused the high constitutional privilege he invoked."

The board said it took "uncompromising exception" to Dunham's refusal to tell the committee his educational background and present occupation.

In his appearance before the committee in February, Dunham at first declined to state his name and age under oath, claiming constitutional immunity against self-incrimination. On orders from the committee, he then stated his name and age but declined to answer further questions and was dismissed. The committee voted unanimously to cite him for contempt.

"I have stood for the exercise of our common rights under the constitution, and the constitution thrives by such exercise. In defending the constitution all penalties are small," Barrows said in a prepared statement.