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Campus Radio Station Still Has Problems

Campus Station WDFM, in its attempt to get on the air and before the students, has been faced with a multitude of problems. But with the recent announcement of plans for dry-run operation, it appears the radio station will be on the air sometime next month.

Aside from engineering problems which are holding up operation of the new station, there are two basic programming problems.

1. What type of programs to broadcast.
2. When to broadcast.

In attempt to solve the first problem, the station has taken a student and faculty survey to determine what the University community wants in programs. Results of this survey should be forthcoming soon.

The second problem is more complex. There are some who prefer to have the station begin with one or two hours of broadcast an evening and, after sufficient time in development, expanding. Others would prefer to put the station on the air four hours each evening at the start, with expansion from that point.

A slow and deliberate start, with improvement and expansion along the way, seems most logical. It seems better to do small things well than large things poorly. There is no real reason to believe, however, that the station would necessarily be poor merely because it chose to start off on a larger scale.

The station, as a result of the 1953 Student Encampment and its own policies and procedures, is dedicated to the student interest. This is logical because students are paying a large

portion of the station's support, and because the idea of the station was that it be a "student" station. Therefore, any programming done must be aimed primarily at students.

It seems the radio station is always "six to eight weeks" away. This has caused some discontent among students who were told the station would be a reality by this time, and who are anxious to hear what they are paying for. Some connected with the radio station favor its going into operation as soon as physically possible. This would mean before translators may be installed in the dormitory areas to change the station FM signal to AM. Under this set-up, only those with FM radios could hear broadcasts. But this type of operation, these people say, would at least give some service, and would give the station staff badly needed experience.

Many students still do not realize the limitations of the station. Students living outside the dorms will need FM radios to hear WDFM broadcasts, until the station is able to go into AM operation. Students in the dorms will be able to hear the station on AM sets after the translators are installed. The translators, too, are "six to eight weeks" away.

It is easy to ask why the station is not on the air. For those involved in station operation, the answer is simple: lack of hard-to-get equipment, and further necessity for staff training. But those working with the station cannot become so involved as to forget their promise to get on the air. And to much of the student body, the station's explanations seem like alibis.

Student Apathy, the Same Old Hack

There seems to be a lot of harping about student apathy, especially with respect to the troubled Town Council. And it isn't that anyone has anything against the council. It's just that the council provides a good number of harp-strings.

After a mountain of confusion concerning the town elections and its illegality, a new election was held this week. Of over 2200 independent town men eligible to vote, only one showed up, aside from those nominated. As a result, nine of 19 wards in the council have no representatives. These students, then, as town independents, have no voice in student government. Fortunately, however, the council did muster enough nominees to function.

The apathy characterizing Town Council recently seemed to permeate the whole independent organization when a quorum failed to present itself at the Association of Independent Men Board of Governors meeting. When it is realized those not interested in this event were elected representatives, it is obvious something is sadly lacking.

The reason for this apathy may be lack of interest or incentive, or lack of confidence in the student government machinery. Such lack of interest has been evidenced even in All-College Cabinet, highest student government body. When apathy reaches this height, it is time to instill some confidence or junk student government.

Many times this year, cabinet has been either a tomb-like chamber or a stage for parliamentary show-off. This is a reflection upon cabinet's members, and not the elected officers. The officers cannot make members think.

The Daily Collegian has also been criticized because of this apathy. Students, as normal humans, read things into Collegian stories, or do not read carefully. As a result, many do not actually know what is going on throughout the campus. Among these poorly-informed are many student leaders.

A recent move has been made to institute a

leadership training program to teach students parliamentary procedure and leadership qualities.

Penn State, for the large part, has a poorly informed student body, uninterested in student affairs. We may need leaders, but we need intelligent followers just as bad. It seems time for us to stay awake all day after we get up in the morning. For if student government means nothing to us, why have it at all?

Gazette...

HOSPITAL

George Riemesderfer, Patricia M. Collins, Marshall Dawsey, Fred Ernest, Ray Evert, Stephen Fodor, Marcia Goldberg, Lilly Ann Greider, James Kennaday, Edmund Lutes, Lee Schore, John Shelly, Joseph Stennett, Merle Umstead, Ruth Wagner, Stanford Zeiders, and James Wood.

PLACEMENT SERVICE

The companies listed below will conduct interviews on campus. Schedule interviews now in 112 Old Main. U.S. STEEL CORP. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in all engineering curricula on Nov. 23. OHIO DEPT. OF HIGHWAYS will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in CE on Nov. 23. THE ATLANTIC REFINING CO., CRUDE PROD. DIV.: DALLAS, TEX. will interview Jan. B.S. and graduate students in CE, EE, ME, ChE, and P.N.G.E. interested in production, research and field work on seismograph crews, on Nov. 23 and 24. PROCTOR AND GAMBLE will interview Jan. graduates in Bus. Adm., Liberal Arts and Psychology on Nov. 23. U.S. RUBBER CO. will interview Jan. B.S. and B.A. graduates in IE, ME, EE, ChE, Chem., Bus. Mngt. and Acctg. on Nov. 24. FIDELITY MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE will interview Jan. B.S. and B.A. graduates interested in life insurance selling. Interviews should be scheduled by Nov. 24. WHEELING STEEL COMPANY will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in ChE, Chem., CE, EE, IE, ME, Fuel Tech. and Metal. on Dec. 3. BENDIX-WESTINGHOUSE (AUTOMOTIVE AIR BRAKE CO.) will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in ME on Dec. 3.

Physician Claims Ike in Good Shape

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (AP)—The physician who has attended President Eisenhower since 1945 said today that the chief executive is as healthy as he was 14 months ago—and that he is not suffering from heart disease.

The report was made by Maj. Gen. Howard Snyder at a conference of the New York Heart Association.

The main thing troubling the President now, Snyder said, is "a very modest form of what is known as 'tennis elbow'."

The White House doctor described that to a newsman as an inflammation of an elbow muscle. He said it resulted from a bruise last August and keeps coming back because such presidential activities as handshaking won't give the muscle a chance to rest.

4000 to Be Listed 'Presumed Dead'

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (AP)—The Army today announced that about 4000 men now listed as missing in action in Korea will be declared "presumed dead" in January if there is no new information about them by then.

As of now, the Army lists the number of its missing in Korea as about 6300.

The 4000 who prospectively will be listed as "presumed dead" in January include men who have been missing for more than a year.

The other 2300 have been missing less than a year or else the Army has some report, not yet fully explored, to indicate the possibility they are alive.

CBS President Quits Fraternity On Race Issue

Frank Stanton, president of the Columbia Broadcasting System, resigned from Phi Delta Theta fraternity in protest of a bias clause in the fraternity's constitution.

Stanton's resignation came after he read an article in The Palladium, official magazine of the fraternity, which attempted to justify the national fraternity's action in expelling its chapters at Williams and Amherst Colleges after Jewish students had been pledged.

The CBS president stated that no action had been taken to alter the membership requirement clause which states that only "male white persons of full Aryan blood shall be eligible."

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Betcha three to one—one of the next five plays is a 'sleeper'."

Interpreting the News

Free Nation Unity Needed for Peace

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

Friday's New York Times carried on facing pages two stories of the type which, taken together, serve to illustrate why there is so much despair in the world over the prospects for peace.

One of them was the text of President Eisenhower's speech saying that peace must be based not on military might, not on economic arrangements, not on edicts and treaties, but on mutual knowledge and understanding between peoples.

The other was a description of a motion picture which has been showing in Russian theaters and presented on Russian television.

The theme is American barbarism and war intent, wrapping up all the old time-worn facets of Russian hate propaganda. The intent is to instill fear of the United States, so that the Russian people would follow their rulers into a "preventive" war if those rulers decide one is needed to further their policies.

This effort is conducted behind a wall of secrecy which almost completely isolates the Russian people from either knowledge or understanding of the free world.

This apparent hopelessness of the situation is also leading to an increase of confusion among people everywhere as to how they should conduct themselves in the face of this great conspiracy against human understanding.

Leaders fear that if the free nations cannot have both guns and butter that Russia will win the war in either field where they find a weak spot.

A surprising number of people and intelligent people, too, doubt the wisdom of trying to spread American strength all around the world. They say the records of some Allies do not warrant the expense of building them up, and that the United States will be better off to keep its own strength centralized.

It is a return to isolationism, and a good many of these people no longer even mind the word.

They never understood—a good case can be made for the thesis that a majority of American never understood—why the Korean War had to be fought, nor why it was a victory despite the stalemate truce.

They have never understood just what it would have meant if the Communists had taken over all Europe after the war—which they were in a fair way of doing when the Marshall Plan was put forward—and mobilized it for the eventual attack on the United States.

There is only one argument which brings some of these people up short. That is the re-

minder that a "go-it-alone" policy is the very thing the Kremlin is trying to promote. Its greatest hope has always been to divide the free world and conquer it piece by piece, not through general war, but through Communist coups in individual nations, conducted with violence.

If, then, there is desperation in the situation which prevents understanding between the free peoples and those under totalitarian control, there is a corresponding urgency for greater unity among the free peoples themselves.

Boston Fires Spy Suspect

Boston University has suspended Maurice Halperin, a professor identified in a Federal Bureau of Investigation report as a former member of a Soviet spy ring, the Associated Press has reported.

Halperin, chairman of the university's Latin American Studies department, was suspended Wednesday after Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. read a report, previously confidential, to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, headed by Sen. William E. Jenner, (R-Ind.) Tuesday.

The action reversed a previous ruling by the institution that had retained Halperin after he refused to answer questions before the Jenner committee in an appearance before it last March in Boston.

Harold C. Case, president of the university, said the report which Brownell read to the Jenner group was not available to the school committees or trustees when Halperin was retained June 29. Brownell's report was classified as top secret.

The suspension became effective at noon Wednesday and will continue until a school committee can "restudy" the case for decision by the trustees, a spokesman at the university said. Halperin did not comment on the decision.

In every one of our universities there are a number of aggressive, clean-cut young men who are diligently working their dads through college.—Anon