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## Unpopular Opinions: We Need Them Too

The idea of being able to voice an opinion, no matter how unpopular, has been a right the American press has tried to preserve for quite some time. It was an idea that was fought for long before the conception of an independent country was more than an idea in a few wild-eyed radicals' heads.

It, therefore, was something of a shock when a representative—granted, a small one—of the press prostituted his heritage by using coercive action to muffle the voice of an unpopular opinion. The voice in this case was in the form of an editorial in a student newspaper of the University of Georgia.

The editorial criticized Gov. Herman Talmadge's remarks about cases concerning segregation, now before the U.S. Supreme Court. The editorial extended the liberal view that whites and Negroes might attend the same classes.

The editor of an Augusta weekly, a supporter of Talmadge, told the university's board of regents that state funds, amounting to about a third of the student paper's budget, would be

discontinued if similar editorials appeared. The editor maintained this action was not a threat, just a prediction of things that might come. Of course, the sun could come up tomorrow, too.

It is difficult to see how the University of Georgia will manage to convince those students there is such a thing as opening one's mouth without fear or threat. The answer for the newspaper in question is obvious, though perhaps not easy—financial independence.

There is more to the threat than the idea of financial gag. There is the reasoning, if it can be called that, that the editor of the weekly used in his paper to describe the students and ideas they supported.

The upholder of the gag called the "mixing and mingling of the races" a communist idea. By this line of reasoning, no doubt the Union Army was a tool of Marx and Engels.

The press has long demanded the right to speak freely. Unless a few members of the press give others the right to speak, the press may find its own right curtailed.

—Dick Rau

## FMA Proves Itself to Doubting Thomas

The Fraternity Marketing Association recently announced plans to expand into the furniture and meat buying fields. This is another step toward FMA's goal of complete service for all fraternities.

The FMA was started last year by a group of far sighted individuals who realized fraternities were not getting all they could for their food buying dollar. Fraternities do more than \$800,000 worth of business in the State College area each year, yet get no lower a price on their food purchases than other large consumers.

Clearly some type of cooperative buying plan is needed—that plan is FMA. Last year the association did a \$20,000 business and during the first month of this semester it did more than \$3500 worth of business. It gave a saving of 4 to 5 per cent more than those enjoyed by fraternities dealing independently.

Yet, since its inception last year, the association has secured only 26 members. Twenty-six out of 51 fraternities is not enough for the program to work at its greatest efficiency. New items could be added to the canned goods and potatoes now available if all fraternities would wake up to the tremendous savings lying on their doorsteps.

Fraternities benefit no one but themselves

when they join FMA. The association does not operate at a profit. Only a small amount of money is kept for operating expenses. Recently the association set up its own quality control equipment. This equipment makes it possible for fraternities to check the quality of goods bought through the association. This is another step toward more efficient operation and increased savings for all FMA members.

The group is now considering plans to hire full time employees and to acquire much needed office space. It is obvious FMA has become firmly established and is well on the way to becoming a highly effective organization which will give its members increasing benefits as time goes on.

No doubt, many of the 25 fraternities who have not joined FMA have been waiting for the organization to prove itself. There can no longer be doubt that the organization will continue to grow and thrive. Yet, without the 25 holdouts, FMA's effectiveness is hindered.

The only way FMA can reach top performance is with a full and active membership. If these holdouts do not join now, they will not only be hurting themselves but the entire fraternity system.

—Jack Reid

## Too High a Price

The Senate today is expected to consider a new proposal designed to limit pre- and post-vacation cuts. After all considerations, it is obvious the new plan must not be employed.

The new proposal would request the faculty to give a quiz in each final class session within 24 hours before each vacation. This would supposedly limit cutting. Such a quiz policy is unsound.

A brief survey shows:

1. Such a plan might burden every student with five or six weighty quizzes merely to penalize those who are not there.

2. Such a plan uses a quiz as an attendance mechanism, and not as a test of knowledge as it should be.

3. It is poor policy for the University to ask the faculty to give quizzes on a pre-determined date; the professor should have the right to run his class as he wishes, within reasonable bounds.

When students attending class are penalized for the absence of others, when a quiz is used to maintain attendance, and when a policy may interfere with the professor's classroom operation, then it is time to look at values. We have become so worried about class attendance that we appear to be sacrificing important principles for it. Such a quiz plan to maintain class attendance is too high a price.

## Gazette...

Today

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERS, 7 p.m., 105 Agricultural Engineering.

COLLEGIAN SENIOR BOARD BUSINESS STAFF, 7 p.m., 9 Carnegie.

DEMOLAY CLUB, 7 p.m., Acacia.

FENCING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., North Corridor of Recreation Hall.

NEWS AND VIEWS STAFF AND CANDIDATES, 6:30 p.m., 14 Home Economics.

NITTANY GROTTO, 7:30 p.m., 121 Mineral Industries.

PI LAMBDA SIGMA, 7:30 p.m., 103 Willard.

POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Living Center, Home Economics.

POLLOCK COUNCIL MEETING, 6:15 p.m., Nittany 20 Council Room.

SOCIOLOGY CLUB, 7 p.m., 215 Willard.

WRA BEGINNERS' SWIMMING CLUB, 6:45 p.m., White Hall pool.

WRA ADVANCED SWIMMING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., White Hall pool.

YOUNG REPUBLICAN CLUB, 7 p.m., Hotel State College.

Tomorrow

WESLEY FOUNDATION SQUARE DANCE, 7:30 p.m., Wesley Foundation Gymnasium.

## Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



## Interpreting the News

# Calmness Pervades Bermuda Conclave

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

There's something missing in the atmosphere surrounding the Bermuda conference.

For the first time since Potsdam the chiefs of three major nations are holding a full-dress conference.

Ordinarily, great decisions would be expected.

Ordinarily, there would also be an accompanying uneasiness.

This time there is merely a feeling that the meeting is designed to let the British and French leaders get together for first hand discussions with President Eisenhower as one answer to charges in their own constituencies that they ride too much in the American car without having much say about where it is going.

Not that the matters to be discussed are of little import. They are extremely important. But they are matters customarily handled through ordinary diplomatic channels. All of the exchanges with Russia about plans for a German peace conference have been handled that way, but now the big shots are going to take a hand in planning the reply to Russia's latest note.

There is of course the opportunity for clarification of general attitudes in certain points. Eisenhower can tell Laniel much better than he can write about how far the United States can go in assuring that Germany will not be permitted to dominate the proposed European Defense Community. He can explain much better than he can write to Churchill about the American attitude toward the trade embargo against Red China or toward India. Informality brings out things that can not be placed in the record.

But there is nothing in the air now to indicate that there will be any greater changes in the policies of either of the nations as a result of this meeting, or any development of essentially new or striking policy. There may be some compromise and coordination. This very situation is respon-

sible for the absence of any uneasiness—unless the Russians are uneasy over any and every Allied attempt to solidify their front.

Uneasiness has developed over such conferences in the past because the leaders seem to sense their collective power when thrown together, feel capable or called upon for concrete decisions, and do things which cause regret later. This was true of Casablanca and its "unconditional surrender" policy; of Cairo and its Nationalist Chinese policy as against the concessions to Russia at Tehran and Yalta. It was true about Yalta and Eastern Europe, and about Potsdam and four-power control of Germany. The record of Big Shot conferences, going clear back to Munich and Versailles, is not enviable.

By the very absence of concrete intent, Bermuda stands, at least so far, in a slightly different light.

## Choir to Rehearse

Chapel Choir will rehearse at 7 tonight in Schwab Auditorium, Kenneth Lawley, choir president, has announced.

## LaVie Group Photo Schedule

The unofficial schedule for LaVie group pictures tonight at the Penn State Photo Shop is:

House of Representatives	6:30
Judicial	6:50
Tribunal	7:10
PSCA	7:30

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