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## II. Student Housing: Why This Shortage?

(Second in a series of three editorials describing the student housing problem in State College)

What are the reasons behind the housing shortage, and under what adverse conditions do many town students live?

First, what are the reasons behind this seemingly grave lack of adequate housing facilities? The reasons are many, and are often difficult to pin down.

One of the more obvious ones is that the University has grown at an enormous rate in the past 25 years. The bare statistics are very revealing regarding this.

In 1925, student enrollment at the University was 3500. In 1946, enrollment reached 6400. Today the figures read over 10,000.

This is not the whole story of the effects of increased student population in State College. A comparison of the above figures with those of town growth will provide striking proof of how growth of the town has always been governed by the growth of the University. In fact, resident population figures for State College almost exactly parallel student population figures throughout the years.

It cannot be as easily maintained whether or not construction in State College has kept pace with the population growth of the community. The borough government keeps no comparative statistics, and has stated it sees no need to do so.

Factors, moreover, that complicate the matter

from the student point of view include the fact students naturally do not wish to walk, for instance, two miles to central campus from areas of new construction; and many homes and most apartment buildings rent only to graduate students or faculty members.

It is also difficult, to say the least, to room in north State College, and to eat meals in the restaurants of south State College.

Of course, reasons for the difficulties and barriers to a solution are often difficult to separate one from the other. The barriers will be presented tomorrow.

The independent student then is oftentimes caught between the inconvenience of a location that he must accept, and a shortage that he cannot control.

But, there's more. The shortage is often reflected in conditions under which many students must live, and the exorbitant rents they must pay. Three men crowded in attic garrets, and roaches infesting living quarters and bathrooms, are frequent occurrences.

Pictures of dark and narrow hallways in old frame structures, and portable showers in other hallways, pervading all with steam, are not pretty pictures.

A dean of men's housing code means little to these men. How can it be denied that the existence of these conditions is a blot on the name of the University?

—Len Goodman

## WDFM Transponders: It's About Time

Although it may be a sign of progress, the news that campus radio station WDFM has made a successful test in the West Dorm area is not very encouraging to thousands of students who never have—and probably never will—hear the station broadcast.

Tests of a transponder in the West Dorm area were termed successful earlier this week. The transponder changes the station's FM signal to AM, making it possible for dorm residents to hear broadcasts on standard receiving sets. After the transponder is tested in other dorm areas, eight more will be assembled for use.

Ever since WDFM secured its radio fee from All-College Cabinet last year, there have been promises and disappointments for the student body. First, the station was to be in operation upon the students' return in September. Then the station was to be in operation "in a few weeks." Finally, in early December, the station did make it on the air.

This was a bright spot, until most students realized they still could not hear the station. Transponders had not been installed in dormitories, and few students had real access to an FM set. A station spokesman estimated 50 per cent of the student body would be able to hear initial broadcasts. This was a stretch of the imagination.

Now, the transponders are near. They too will be available in "a few weeks." The unfortunate thing here is that a few weeks stretch into several weeks, and several weeks into several months. Where is the radio station the

students were promised in September? True, the delay has not really been the fault of the station. There have been unavoidable equipment delays. But repeated bad guesses can be avoided.

The disappointing thing about the whole radio situation is that the station is spending student funds and the students are not realizing full benefits. A Daily Collegian survey of 1043 students showed less than 18 per cent of those interviewed had not heard the station. The poll, of course, was not completely accurate. But it does indicate the few students that have heard broadcasts.

The big reason for the small audience is lack of access to the FM set. Transponders in all dormitories will help solve that problem. But WDFM has been operating without the transponders for two months.

Another reason for the small audience is the program schedule. The station broadcasts from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. daily. Most students have expressed a preference for a 9 p.m. to midnight schedule.

That WDFM is an educational station has been one reason for the programming hours. But it does not seem a really valid reason for not reaching at least one-fourth of the student body which made the station possible.

One station official has said he is "very pleased" over results of the survey. The official may be pleased, but the student body is not. Only one comment may be made concerning installation of the transponders: It's about time.

## Gazette . . .

- Today
- ALPHA EPSILON DELTA presents William W. Parkinson, dean of Temple Medical School at 8 p.m. in 121 Sparks.
  - FENCING CLUB, 7:30 p.m., north corridor, Rec Hall.
  - LECTURE-DISCUSSION, 7:30 p.m., Catholic Student Center.
  - NEWMAN CLUB radio program, 9:15 p.m., WMAJ.
  - NEWS AND VIEWS staff and candidates, 6:30 p.m., 14 Home Economics.
  - PHI MU ALPHA business meeting, 9 p.m., 200 Carnegie.
  - RADIO GUILD meeting, 7:30 p.m., 312 Sparks.
  - YOUNG REPUBLICAN CLUB, 7:15 p.m., the Corner Room.

### INFIRMARY

Arthur Bloomwell, Sidney Brindley, Sidney Fogelman, Louis Fryman, Dale Graff, George Kreidler, Paul Luce, Surendra Mathur, Thomas Noble, Paul O'Brien, Roman Pienta, Martin Rawhouser, Gilbert Remy, Wesley Romberger, Harold Schaeffer, John Shively, David Shroyer, Leo Synnestvedt, Robert Wainsdott, David Webber, Harold Willard.

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Graduate Student in EE wanted for part-time laboratory work. The following camps will interview prospective counselors. Students may sign up at the Student Employment Service: Barree—Feb. 24; Trail's End—Feb. 27; Hiram House—March 2; Abington YMCA—March 16.

### STUDENT PLACEMENT

RAYTHEON MANUFACTURING CO. will interview graduating seniors in Chem., Phys., Ceramics, Aero. E., ChE, EE, ME, Metal; M.S. candidates in the above who have completed at least one semester; and Ph.D. candidates in the above fields expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on March 2.

- GLENN L. MARTIN CO. will interview graduating seniors in Marketing, Chem., ChE, IE, & ME.
- THE NATIONAL TUBE DIV. OF U.S. STEEL will interview graduating seniors in Bus. Adm., Acctg., Bus. Mngt., and Finance on March 3.
- GENERAL MOTORS CORP. will interview graduating seniors in Bus. Adm., Acctg., Finance, Phys., Math., Chem., Ceramics, Metal, Aero. E., Agricultural E., CE, EE, ChE, IE & ME on March 2, 3, 4.
- PRATT & WHITNEY AIRCRAFT will interview graduating seniors in Phys., Aero E and ME; and M.S. candidates in the above fields who have completed at least one semester on March 2.
- WESTINGHOUSE AIR BRAKE CO. (Industrial Products and Brake Divisions) will interview graduating seniors in ME and a few outstanding EE on Feb. 22.
- GENERAL RAILWAY SIGNAL CO. will interview graduating seniors in EE, IE, ME on Feb. 23.
- NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION, INC. (Downey, Calif.) will interview graduating seniors in Phys., EE, ME, CE, Aero. Engr., and General Engr.; M.S. candidates in the above fields who have completed at least one semester; and Ph.D. candidates in the above fields expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Feb. 24, 25.
- AMERICAN STORES CO. will interview graduating seniors in ME, CE, EE on Feb. 24.
- CHAS. PFIZER & CO., INC. will interview graduating seniors in Chem. (Analytical), ChE, and IE; and M.S. candidates in the above fields who have completed at least one semester on Feb. 24.
- COMBUSTION ENGINEERING, INC. will interview graduating seniors in Fuel Tech., ME, and ChE, on Feb. 24.
- WEIRTON STEEL CO. will interview graduating seniors in ME and EE on Feb. 24.
- WAGNER ELECTRIC CORP. will interview graduating seniors in ME and EE on Feb. 24.
- ANCHOR HOOKING GLASS will interview graduating seniors in Acctg., Bus. Mngt., Marketing, Arch. E., IE, CE & ME on Feb. 25.
- ELI LILLY CO. will interview graduating seniors in Eco., Marketing, Acctg., Secretarial Science (women), Chem., ME, ChE, and IE; and M.S. candidates in Eco. and Marketing who have completed at least one semester on Feb. 25 and 26.
- MARINE MIDLAND TRUST CO. of New York will interview graduating seniors in Bus. Adm. (Acctg., Bus. Mngt., Eco., Finance & Secre. Science) and Liberal Arts (A&L, and LMR) on Feb. 26.
- GOODRICH CHEMICAL CO. will interview graduating seniors in ChE & ME on Feb. 26.
- HERCULES POWDER CO. will interview graduating seniors in Chem. Engr. and Mech. Eng., and M.S. candidates in ChE and Chem., who have completed at least one semester on Feb. 26.

## Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"I didn't say 'bring a case an' we'd study'— I said bring a 'Case Study.'"

### Interpreting the News

## Treaty-Breaking, A Soviet Game

By J. M. ROBERTS JR.

Associated Press News Analyst

Soviet Russia's treaty-breaking record provides its own answer to the Molotov proposal that Europe cut loose from the United States and substitute a continent-wide non-aggression pact for the North Atlantic Treaty.

It is not clear why the Russian foreign minister keeps on bringing up these far-fetched ideas at Berlin. They aren't even good pot-boilers.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has referred twice during this conference to the fact that nobody's going to trust Russia as long as one man or small group of men can make war in her name without consulting her people.

### Expedient Treaties

Even if that were not true, Russia has already demonstrated too well that she makes treaties only for the sake of expediency. Let's consider just a part of the evidence.

Russia signed the Briand-Kellogg anti-war pact in 1929 and the League of Nations Covenant against war in 1934. She signed non-aggression pacts with Finland, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia and by 1941 had broken them all. She was expelled from the League of Nations as an aggressor.

Going farther back, she signed a diplomatic pact with the United States in 1933 to get recognition, promising to restrain all persons under her "direct or indirect" control from interfering with the "tranquility, prosperity, order or security" of the United States. Only 18 months later the Comintern met in Moscow and discussed ways and means of undermining the United States system of government. Everybody knows what has happened since.

### Agreements Broken

Russia agreed to seek no territorial aggrandizement. Since then she has annexed part of Romania, part of Mongolia, part of East Prussia and, "de facto," seven other countries.

In 1944 she signed a treaty with France promising "every economic assistance," then organized strikes, riots, and an attempt to overthrow the Paris government.

A specific treaty with Czechoslovakia in 1943 pledged "respect for independence."

During four-power control of Germany she agreed to prevent anti-Allied propaganda from originating in her zone.

To cap the climax, she signed at San Francisco in 1945 an agreement which enfolded the hopes of people everywhere. She agreed

"to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors" and "to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security." It was the United Nations charter, which she soon vitiated in its councils and in Korea.

Mr. Molotov can hardly feel surprised if his "Berlin bombshell" turns out to be a dud.

## Bricker Plan Booster Gets Fired by Ike

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (AP)—President Dwight D. Eisenhower has fired Clarence E. Manion, former dean of the Notre Dame University Law School, as chairman of the 25-member Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, it was disclosed today.

Manion, 57, a Democrat whom Eisenhower had named to the post, attributed his ouster to a recent series of speeches he has made in support of the administration-opposed Bricker amendment to curb the President's treaty-making powers.

The White House had no comment.

Associates described Manion as emotionally upset and keenly disappointed as he announced at the commission's headquarters that he had resigned by request.

Manion said in a statement that certain newspaper columnists reported several weeks ago he was to be "fired" because of his support of the proposed constitutional amendment sponsored by Sen. John W. Bricker (R-Ohio). The amendment is now pending in the Senate.

## Tonight on WDFM

- 91.1 MEGACYCLES
- 7:25 Sign on
  - 7:30 Adventures in Research
  - 7:45 Guest Star
  - 8:00 Record Review
  - 8:15 Let's We Forget
  - 8:30 Hamburger Stand
  - 9:00 Semi-pops
  - 9:15 Campus News
  - 9:30 Ballet Theater
  - 10:30 Sign off