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Why Aren't There Enough Collegians?

The circulation methods of The Daily Collegian have come under fire from many quarters this semester. Since students should certainly know what they are getting for their money, we believe an explanation of the Collegian's circulation methods and the financial factors involved is in order.

Undergraduate students last year contributed \$22,491.70 to the paper. Each undergraduate student was assessed \$2.20 for the Collegian for the year through fees paid to the University.

The total expenditures of the paper are \$38,802.07. Thus, it can be readily seen that students did not entirely support the paper, but paid for only 58% of the cost of publication. The remainder of the paper's income was derived from advertisers, a revenue source which can vary greatly from year to year.

The \$38,802.07 spent by Collegian enabled it to publish 150 times during the school year with 6000 copies being printed daily.

Of these 6000 copies, 5400 were available for student consumption. The other 600 were distributed to subscribers or sent to other colleges on an exchange basis.

The number of undergraduate students on campus who contributed to Collegian totaled 10,969 which meant that there was one paper available for every 2.03 contributors. This ratio is closely in line with the percentage of income Collegian derives from student fees.

The point that most critics of Collegian circulation seem to miss is that undergraduate students are not assessed enough to pay for one Collegian to be printed for each student. Rather, students pay toward the support of a student publication and on the basis of their payment and Collegian's total income only one paper can be made available for every two students. If students paid enough to receive one Col-

legian each, the payment made by them would have to be hiked considerably, since it would be impossible for the paper, in its present eight-page format, to increase its advertising revenue to a point where one paper could be printed for each student. And an increase in pages on a regular basis is financially impossible at present.

Therefore, if one Collegian were printed for each student the present assessment probably would have to be doubled.

But in the method of Collegian circulation, critics of the paper have had a legitimate complaint, the results of a recent study by the circulation staff show.

The study shows that Collegian has been distributing one paper for every 1.5 persons in the dormitories, one paper for every 2.6 men in fraternities, and only one paper for every 6.1 students residing in town. These figures do not include over 1000 copies which are available in the Hetzel Union Building every publication day.

Clearly an inequity exists and the distribution method will be re-aligned starting Tuesday. Less papers will be distributed in the dormitories and more in town. In addition, a distribution point with 500 papers available will be set up at the Collegian office in the basement of Carnegie Hall primarily for the benefit of town independents.

But since one paper will still only be available for every two undergraduate students the complaints will probably still come. The only way this situation can be made compatible to all is for students to remember to share the paper and for townspeople, graduate students, and faculty members to respect the right of the students to the publication they help pay for. —The Senior Board

Why Don't We Have a University Book Store?

When Engineering Student Council went on record as approving a university book store it marked the fourth time this semester official mention has been made of such an establishment.

This may be an indication of student enterprise and ingenuity, but it does not reflect careful thinking and logical decisions.

A student-run store might seem desirable for several reasons.

1) It might ease the crowded conditions in the three existing book stores at the beginning of semesters.

2) It might mean text books at a reduced price.

3) It might alleviate the problem created when the three book stores sell all copies of a certain edition before the student need is met.

Thus, the need for a University book store. Or more accurately, the apparent need for a University book store.

One of the major objections to operating a co-operative is that of expense. No matter how much student help could be solicited, a full-time manager would have to be employed to take care of supervision, ordering, personnel, and bookkeeping. After paying his salary, renting or buying a store building, and paying operating expenses, little money would be left over to refund to student investors (as co-operatives often do). A balanced budget could not be insured.

The idea that a co-operative would be able

to sell books at a lower rate than the commercial stores are able to do is erroneous. For even though the co-operative would be set up for the purpose of service to the student and not for profit, it could not mark down new book prices which are fixed by the publishing company.

Students who object to "high" text book prices should realize the expense involved in printing a book and keep in mind that state funds helped pay for their grade and high school books whereas state funds do not buy their college texts. Compared to retail prices of novels and even cook books text books are not "high".

It is a recognized problem that occasionally the stores sell out particular books before all the students enrolled in the course buy a copy. But this is not reason enough for starting "our own store". A more direct solution would be to encourage the faculty to make available to book store managers more accurate book lists for courses and estimate the number of students who will probably enroll in the course, keeping in mind the newness of the edition to determine the availability of second-hand copies.

Student initiative should not be dampened. Neither should co-operatives be downed. But sporadic efforts along shaky lines toward questionable ends must be intelligently considered—then crystalized or dropped altogether.

—Jackie Hudgins

Gazette...

Today INTERLANDIA FOLK DANCE, 7 p.m., 100 Weaver SABBATH EVE SERVICES, 8 p.m., Hillel

Tomorrow JAZZ CONCERT, 9 p.m., Hillel

Committee Counsel Disents on Firings

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (AP)—Counsel for a Senate Civil Service subcommittee said today that only a fraction of those government employees listed as fired under the Eisenhower security program were actually discharged under the order that set up the program.

Paul E. Hadlick, the counsel, said he had checked with every agency listed on a Civil Service Commission report which said 3,586 had been dropped between May 28, 1953 through June 30, 1955.

The CSC report said these people had been "terminated because of security questions falling within the purview" of the President's executive order which set up the program in May, 1953.

Tax Hearings Solidify GOP

HARRISBURG, Dec. 1 (AP)—Republican and Democratic members alike agreed tonight that two days of public hearings on the administration's proposed manufacturers' excise tax did much to clear away the misunderstandings cloaking the bill.

Chairman Edward J. Kessler (R-Lancaster) said his opinion remains unchanged in that no arguments brought out have convinced him to vote for the tax.

However, Kessler and his committee of 10 Republicans and six Democrats reserved a final decision on the bill until proposed administration amendments are inserted and until after a meeting Sunday night of the House-Senate Republican Policy Committee.

Navy Diver Freed After 9 Hour Wait

SOLOMONS, Md., Dec. 1 (AP)—Numb with cold, a 35-year-old Navy diver was rescued from 120 feet of water in the Patuxent River tonight after being submerged nearly nine hours on what was to have been an 18-minute dive.

Fifteen other Navy divers, working in relay teams of three each, finally disentangled Joseph R. Tallarico's snarled lines from a sunken anchor and he was hoisted slowly to the surface.

Tallarico, whose chief complaint during the long rescue operation was that, "It's cold as hell down here," was placed in a decompression chamber at the Navy's diving school here to ward off the "bends."

Although he appeared limp when hoisted aboard a 40-foot diving launch and stripped off his heavy gear, Tallarico soon sat up and smiled.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Better not bother him — he's tryin' to study for a test tomorrow."

Interpreting the News

French Individualism Impairs Government

By J. M. Roberts

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There's been a good bit of talk lately of the danger that France, trying to get some order into her government, might turn to some form of totalitarianism.

Most observers don't put much stock in it. They expect France to go right on rocking along just about the way she has, with, as the saying goes, one political party for each Frenchman.

The present crisis, however, emphasizes the straits to which republican government can be brought by all this individualism.

Finding it impossible, as always, to get the National Assembly to settle down on either domestic or foreign policy while the country staggers around like a weak old man, Premier Faure decided new elections held the only hope of solidifying enough right-of-center strength to make real government possible.

The deputies, however, didn't want to face the voters, and refused to approve on a point of confidence, requiring Faure to resign. Faure now retaliates by dissolving Parliament, which he has a constitutional right to do under a provision designed to keep the Assembly from kicking out governments too often.

So Faure can get his election anyway. A system originally designed to prevent concentration of power in individual hands finally moves full circle to the point where the premier can overrule Parliament.

Underlying the whole business are two things.

Faure and former Premier Mendes-France are fighting for control of the center forces to which they both belong, with Faure slightly on the right, and Mendes-France slightly on the left. Even when joined, their forces are effective only in coalition governments.

This makes for rule down the center, while France is actually leftist and the Communists form the largest party. But nobody will join the Communists to give them a controlling coalition.

Just why Faure thinks new elections might produce sufficient centralization of power to permit effective government is not too clear. They never have, since the republic was formed 78 years ago.

If, instead, elections should further disperse political power, as seems possible, the fear that a "strong man" government could move in would be enhanced.

The Communists seem to see something in the situation that Faure does not. Most observers believe they are weaker than at the time of the last elections. Yet they have given evidence of welcoming the new ones. Perhaps just for the sake of the chaos they love so well. Perhaps not.

Tito to Visit Ethiopia, Egypt

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Dec. 1 (AP)—President Tito left Belgrade tonight en route to Ethiopia and Egypt for state visits. He will be absent from his country more than a month.

All Yugoslavia's top leaders attended the going-away ceremony at the railroad station, where Tito boarded the presidential train for Rijeka Fiume. He is to sail from that Adriatic port tomorrow aboard the naval training ship Galeb for Ethiopia.

The President is to spend about two weeks in Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, returning the visit to Yugoslavia last summer of Emperor Haile Selassie.

On his way home Tito will stop in Egypt. Special significance is seen here in this part of the trip since Tito has been mentioned as a possible mediator between Egypt and the West—at odds since Cairo's arms deal with Communist-ruled Czechoslovakia.

Tito met Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser last February when Tito was returning from his state visits to India and Burma.

Theta Sig to Sell LaVie Reprints

Theta Sigma Phi, women's national professional journalism fraternity, is selling reproductions of LaVie fraternity and sorority group pictures to fraternity and sorority members.

The 8 by 10 inch reproductions, which will be made from the negatives taken for the 1956 LaVie, will sell for 75 cents each.

Theta Sigma Phi members will distribute proofs of the pictures to fraternity and sorority presidents. The president of each group will be able to take orders for one week.

Tonight on WDFM

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7:30 Just for Two
8:30 News Roundup
9:00 Light Classical Jazz
10:35 Sign Off