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WDFM Manager Mixed Up

George Mastroianni, WDFM student station manager, accuses us of misinforming the readers, but we find that there are several points which he, himself should check into.

Mastroianni says that the staff wants more than anything else to have all the students hear the station. But they made no move toward finding an AM station until the idea was presented from outside. Jerry Radosh and Bruce Lieske, last year's Association of Independent Men president, did the original research and presented the idea.

We were at the student encampment communications workshop when Dr. Walker discussed the improbabilities of obtaining an AM frequency. We realize the Dr. Walker practically said it would be impossible because the chances are so small.

Mastroianni says that WDFM has faced reality. He also said that station personnel have done their utmost to use it for maximum student benefit. If this is maximum benefit we suggest the station give up now. Instead of waiting and standing by as WDFM has done for three years we suggest that it start investigating other methods of getting the FM signals to the students. Mastroianni mentioned a few possibilities to use yesterday. We have seen no research done on the matter.

Mastroianni says that students who paid for the Hetzel Union Building did not benefit from

it. The money spent here is an investment. Students who graduate can come back and use it. Also, the many students here now are benefiting from buildings built with the money from former classes. With a radio, newspaper, or show a student should expect to get what he pays for at the time he pays.

He indicates that only about half the number of papers are printed each day as the number of students that attend the University. We might point out that two people can, and should read the same paper. And even if a student only got a paper every other day, he would still get far more proportionally than the amount he pays per semester.

Mastroianni also asks about the students that pay for the Hort Show in comparison to the number that attend. We might point out that only agriculture students pay for the show and probably a higher percentage of them attend than the percentage of students at the University who attend basketball games.

He says that WDFM is broadcasting an above average program for four hours every day and giving some 60 students valuable experience. The fine broadcasts are of no good except to those who broadcast them and the meager few who hear them. Silent radio is not worth 20 cents a semester. Let the 60 students who benefit pay for it if it is such a valuable experience.

—Sue Conklin

Student Government at Work

The clamor has been loud and persistent for the last two weeks.

Everyone is worrying about the possibility that the student agitation over the Christmas vacation issue might die out. Many people were determined that this should not happen; thus there have been many letters written to the editor blasting away at both student government and the administration.

The administration was hit as being the cause of the shortened vacation and student government was generally described as being a bunch of idle, "do-nothings" who were being pushed around by the administration.

Well, we hope that everyone is satisfied now that the explanation of the whole situation is out. If the complainants think their student leaders can do any more, they should send their ideas to The Daily Collegian or to their student representatives on Cabinet.

Student government is going all-out to have

the Christmas vacation extended one day. They believe, like all students that the present set-up is completely out of the realm of the reasonable and they will try to prove this to the University Senate on Dec. 4.

We fervently hope that the complaints will stop now and that students will realize that student leaders are striving for the same goals as the student are. If two groups get together it could bring enough pressure to bear on the people who can extend the vacation.

But everyone should realize that the work which was being done all the time the complaints were flooding in is now known. Now the students can see and judge for themselves whether or not the student leaders are doing their jobs and keeping the best interests of the students first in their minds.

We don't think that anyone can deny that these interests are being protected to the highest degree.

—The Editor

Safety Valve

WDFM Trying

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to present the facts about WDFM to Sue Conklin and to the readers she is misinforming. It seems she failed to examine these facts before writing her editorial for last Wednesday's paper.

WDFM is hardly a practice laboratory for the Speech Department, as Miss Conklin said. As a matter of fact, of the sixty active WDFM personnel, there are nine who are Speech majors. WDFM's studios and facilities are used daily by radio classes . . . this is true, but for the most part, these facilities were supplied, not from student funds, but by the Speech Department budget.

Miss Conklin advocated that the staff members of the radio station and the cabinet appointed radio committee, should work on obtaining an AM frequency. A preliminary frequency search sponsored by the University has been underway for over a month.

The WDFM staff wants more than anything else to have all the students hear the station. We want an AM outlet if possible. Since the station is owned by the University and controlled by the Federal government through the Federal Communications Commission, the student staff can only express its wishes to the University . . . and it has done this.

Miss Conklin was present at the Student Encampment Communications workshop where Dr. Walker explained the AM-FM problem, and

discussed the difficulties, expense and considerations involved even before making application to the F.C.C. for an AM license. Recommendations made at that time are being followed.

Miss Conklin also advises that WDFM face reality. We have done so since our first broadcast day in 1953. An FM transmitter was donated to us. By accepting it, the University saved several thousand dollars. Now that we have the FM outlet, we have done our best to use it for maximum student benefit. We realize that many of the students cannot hear us, and we have sought to remedy this through the transponders and the frequency search. The transponders have not been satisfactory—the F.C.C. will have final say on an AM allocation—the University will say if we will build or not. As far as the 20 cent assessment per student is concerned, I would ask: How many people paid for the HUB and graduated before it was built? How many Collegians are printed, when some 12,000 students are assessed every semester? How many people are assessed for the Hort Show and don't attend?

My point is that WDFM is not only broadcasting an above average program schedule four hours every day and giving some sixty students valuable experience, but it is doing its best to find a way for all the students to hear it. The student assessment for WDFM now, will contribute in time to an outlet that will be heard by everyone.

GEORGE MASTROIANNI
Student Station Manager

marks in reply to a simple question, such as, "When is it too late to call the dorms?" In reply to this question last night I received for my answer, "Where have you been since the start of school, sleeping?"

I have to admit it took a capable and ready wit to come up with such a smart remark in such a short time; but don't you think it would have made things a lot simpler and have saved my time and hers without undue taxation of her feeble mind if she would have answered my question in a polite manner?

—Sam Gates

Ed. Note—Who said we haven't really received any complaints about University operators?

These 'Polite' Operators

TO THE EDITOR: In as much as I am new to this campus I am not as yet familiar with all the customs of this institute of higher learning. But I am sure that students aren't required to listen to the smart remarks of the campus "Milton Berles" who call themselves operators, every time they pick up the phone to place a call.

Granted, there are some nice, polite ones but the wise ones highly surpass them with their quick tongues and big mouths.

I am not the only one to notice their superior attitude and sample some of their wise re-

Little Man on Campus

by Biblei



"I said — if I'm to be the faculty chaperon for this dance I'd like the lights turned up a little."

'Round the Rim

Why Ration Our Christmas Vacation?

By BECKY ZAHM

Now that elections are over the meager Christmas vacation coming up is in the student limelight.

Everybody knows the too numerous to mention reasons why the vacation should be lengthened. But practically no one has noticed that the rules of procedure originally set up

for the Calendar Committee by the University Senate stipulated that the Christmas vacation should be slated to run for a 14 to 15 1/2 day period.

The rule was originally incorporated at the suggestion of the Calendar Committee but was amended last May. According to an official source the attitude of the administration is—We make the rules, we'll break them. This brings to mind that old saying about city hall.

The display menus behind the counter in the Lions' Den got a face lifting the other day. Some prankster revised Milkshakes, Ice Cream and Cokes to Go to read—Milkshakes, Ice Cream and Coeds to Go. Shades of Elmer Fudd!

While on the subject of food—a new organization has emerged. You've heard of the Pizza Club held traditionally on Thursday night at the Tavern. As of late a Friday at Four Rice Pudding Club is gathering at the Corner Room.

The Corner Room is noted for its scrumptious rice puddings, however yesterday it goofed. When the rice pudding club convened it sadly discovered that the Corner Room had run out of it—yep, you guessed it—rice pudding.

Seems like Ye Olde Daily Collegian is being assailed with letters to the editor blasting our editorials for lacking the facts. Then these letters merrily continue composed of a myriad of half-baked truths and faulty facts themselves. Seems like these would-be William Allen Whites could mend their own fences first. Or to paraphrase — People in Glass Dwellings Shouldn't Pitch Pebbles.

Now, I'll venture out on a limb. Unarmed with facts, student opinion and what have you I'd like to express my distaste for the large amount of onions dumped into the dorm food. Or more correctly, the small amount of food mixed with dormitory onions.

No, I haven't taken an extensive poll to find out how many students don't like onions. But I have noticed the excessive amount of food filled with onions wasted by being left on the tables untouched.

As a matter of fact I haven't gone and won't bother to go to Food Service to find out why

they pollute with onions 90 per cent of the dishes served. I'm sure I wouldn't find a satisfactory answer if I did because I just plain don't like onions.

As for student opinion, I didn't get any sealed affidavits, but I have heard numerous students complain. I suppose this won't pacify would-be Letters to the Editor writers who expect facts worthy of a congressional investigation, but that's life.

Campus Chest--

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"Those town men wh. did contribute, gave very well," Long said.

Long said that the drive was comparatively successful, on the whole. He noted that average contribution per person to date was 62 cents. This is a 17-cent increase above last year's average contribution of 45 cents.

These organizations are the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, Penn State Student Scholarship Fund, World University Service, and Pennsylvania Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

In discussing the relative success of the drive, Long cited three reasons why students did not support the drive as fully as he said they could have.

1. Students were not aware of the actual significance of what a dollar can do. If there is a Campus Chest campaign next year, the prime area of concentration will be informing students fully of what their money can do.
2. Students gave to other charities at home or through summer jobs, and felt it was not necessary to give again.
3. Some students might think a dollar is too much.

This Weekend On WDFM

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Today

6:55	-----	Sign On
7:00	-----	Musical Marathon
8:00	-----	Hubzapoppin'
8:30	-----	Just for Two
9:00	-----	Jazz Club
10:00	-----	Hi-Fi Open House
11:00	-----	Sign Off

Tomorrow

6:55	-----	Sign On
7:00	-----	Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Time
8:00	-----	The Third Program
11:00	-----	Sign Off