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## Too Much TV?

Current of enrollment figures and a story from a gentleman at the University of Cincinnati listing the University as the 10th largest in the nation bring us to the oft-quoted subject of "impersonality" at large universities.

Yesterday the paper carried the news of six additional courses being offered by television. This, of course, will take the average University instructor even further from his students than he is at present—which is a considerable distance.

We like to be proud of our big fine institution of higher learning and proud also that so many choose to become educated here. It gives one a certain feeling of personal prestige at being a part of something so large.

Each semester a handful of new courses are added to the growing list of courses offered by television. In a few years, at the present rate of growth, the program may be extended to practically all the required Liberal Arts courses. At present the TV system in Sparks is used for all but three class hours a week besides use in other courses in Osmond and Electrical Engineering.

We realize that the steady increase in enrollment necessitates some action but is there such a thing as too much television?

—The Editor

## Panhel Booklet

If Panhel's new rush booklet is any indication, this year's rush program will be up-to-date and better organized. The new booklet is an excellent comprehensive guide for all rushees and is considerably better than those used before.

No matter how much time and work Panhellenic Council may spend on organizing rushing, by its very nature it is practically impossible to maintain the program at a level too far above bedlam. When several hundred women are all trying to be orientated to an entirely new way of life it is no small job.

We must compliment Panhel for its progress, both in the rushing booklet and in the IBM system which it will be using. The rushing booklet is quite comprehensive and will certainly be a great aid to the freshman who is uneducated to the sorority world as most of them are. Such items as vocabulary, maps, pictures, names of members, regulations, financial requirements, "do's and don'ts" and a general insight into sorority life all aid in orientating the rushee.

The average rushee is scared and timid, so that a fairly complete rushing guide is certainly an asset to her in that she can have some assurance that she is following rushing etiquette.

We also feel that the IBM system will facilitate the entire rush program by speeding up the mechanical process of invitations and bids.

We hope the rush program will be a success and show the fruits of the hard work done by Panhel on the rushing system. —Sue Conklin

## Safety Valve

### Democracy and Education

TO THE EDITOR: Recently I heard a radio broadcast during which a prominent metallurgist stated that Russia, last year, turned out twice as many engineers as the U.S. did. He said this information came from a quite reliable source. He also said that these Russian engineers are of a quality comparable to their American counterparts.

Did this surprise, irk and disgust me? You can bet your whole staff it did. The Kremlin shrewdies know that a superior technology will result in a superior economy, and they're acting accordingly. "The capitalists lag. We shall equal them, and then surpass them," they smile to themselves. Meanwhile, the U.S., the world's only substantial shield for the dignity of the individual, is realizing only a portion of its technological potential, as Russia, the freedom-crusher, takes giant steps forward.

Why can't our country—population 160 million—train enough people for the technological professions? My humble opinion is, as is everything else here, that our educational system is a farce and our politics a mess.

In our worship, sometimes fanatical, of the word "democracy," we often forget about a certain word, "quality." Time and money shouldn't be wasted on teaching children of low intelligence until adequate funds can be secured. Everyone admits there are not enough teachers and classrooms to teach all children properly, but no one denies that every youngster, regardless of his mental stamina, should be forced to run the educational gauntlet. Every child should be taught to read and write, of course. But then they say, "Into Johnny's cute little brain, however feeble it may be, we must also pound algebra and chemistry. Oh yes—and civics also, so that he'll know whether to vote Republican or Democrat. And Johnny must be taught in the same classroom as the much brighter boy, Tommy. Segregation, even if only according to mental ability, would be undemocratic, you know."

Judging by the pressure to promote the slow children, who then go on to corrode their new class, the motto of the nation's public schools must be, "Thou shalt not be left down." And this is the most outrageous deed, this cramping of the mentally-gifted child so that the slowpokes can catch up. Try getting Rip Engle to cramp his physically-gifted athletes so that a bunch

of 98 lb. jockeys can compete with them for the "first-string."

The classroom decays to such an extent, that even a dullard may become bored with the nonsense. He knows he can pass because the blind-bat of a teacher won't catch him cheating, and wouldn't punish him anyway. Many bright pupils have long since rejected a serious interest in schoolwork. They devote their aptitudes to classroom intrigues and to doing as meager an amount of work as possible. This is public education?

Our intellectual playpens, often referred to as high schools, are probably responsible for the cerebral shortcomings of many kids. Teenagers have some preception, believe it or not. When a high school student sees that half of his teachers don't know what they're talking about, and the other half are going loony from their ordeal, he may have some justification in turning for diversion to rock 'n roll orgies.

And what are the politicians doing about the situation? It's been known for some years that mother Russia has been rapidly gaining on us in technological advancement. One might expect a housewife to rest assured that Ike's smile can solve everything, but not our legislators. Washington seems to be so busy trying to patch blunders resulting from previous lack of foresight, that it hasn't the present foresight to correct one that could develop into the greatest of them all—a blunder which threatens to render American brainpower inferior to Soviet brainpower. And this event, gentlemen, would lead either to WW III, complete with atomic trimmings, or simply to the decline and fall of the United States of America.

Instead of laboriously investigating the possibility that Samuel Slingerhusher subscribed to the Daily Worker in 1938, the senate might do better to laboriously investigate the competency of this country's schools, lest posterity jumps with joy at the names of Marx and Lenin.

Many feel that federal fingers in the education pie would threaten our freedom. This point is debatable. But if it is a valid argument, why couldn't the danger be averted by diverting a portion of the federal government's taxing power to the state governments? In this manner the sum total of the state and federal taxes that each citizen pays would be the same as before, and the states would be receiving sorely-needed funds for decent education, no strings attached.

There are some of us who find much to criticize in democracy, but none of us care to exchange it for sovietocracy.

—Dan Rodill

## Gazette

Today  
AFROTC DRILL TEAM, 3:10 p.m., Armory  
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 7 p.m., 212 Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel  
COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, SENIOR BOARD, 7 p.m., 111 Carnegie  
INSTITUTE OF AERONAUTICAL SCIENCES, 7 p.m., 103 Mechanical Engineering

NEWMAN CLUB APOLOGETICS, 7 p.m., 104, Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel  
NEWMAN CLUB DISCUSSION, 7 p.m., 104 Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel  
NEWMAN CLUB, LEGION OF MARY, 7 p.m., Student Center  
NEWS AND VIEWS, 6:45 p.m., 14 Home Economics  
OUTING CLUB, WINTER SPORTS DIVISION, 7:30 p.m., Hetzel Union Assembly Hall

### 2 Students Suspended—

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dean of men's office, in his adviser's office, and with the dean of his college. In addition, a letter was sent to his parents informing

them of his conduct.

In cases involving action by the college committees on academic honesty, if an appeal is not made within 48 hours, the penalty decided upon by the committee goes into effect.

If the case is appealed, it is heard by the University Committee on Academic Honesty. This committee can impose a more severe penalty, lessen the penalty, or retain the same one as decided upon by the original committee.

## Little Man on Campus

by Bibler



"Say Worthal — are you sure it's raining?"

### Interpreting the News

## Ike Throws Light On 2d Term Policy

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

President Eisenhower made three statements at his news conference Wednesday which throw light on how he intends to administer his "middle of the road" policy during his second term.

He said that if business and labor fail to adopt voluntary practices to stop inflation, the government will have to step in.

He said that if private industry did not maintain a sufficient flow of oil to meet the European crisis, the government may have to step in. With regard to oil, he said he didn't like to see the government disturb the economy in this way.

He said one thing the Republican party would have to do as it faced the next presidential elections is to maintain a sound fiscal policy.

None of these attitudes are new. They just happened to have been lumped together at this time.

The statement about inflation is the second of the week from an important Republican figure. Former President Herbert Hoover addressed himself to the same problem Monday.

Indeed, ever since the Korean War, the Federal Reserve Bank has been stepping into that problem, through its alternate softening and tightening of money controls. But the price indexes have been climbing steadily upward after each slight halt.

One of the administration's problems is that a good many people like inflation.

There are a good many, too, who object to tight money—meaning high interest—when they want to start projects for the ultimate good of the economy—new plants, or even schools.

It is not the inflation itself that is feared, but the ultimate depression it might produce. The President has said he is prepared to step into that, too, with government spending, tax relief and what not.

Someone once referred to the President as a New Dealer in the wrong party.

He appears to consider himself a compromiser between what the government must do when the free economy gets off base somewhere, and what some of the New Dealers wanted to do largely as a matter of ideology.

He is willing to adopt centralized government controls in specific cases, on a temporary basis, while continuing to hope for development of private enterprise's own ability to eliminate such necessities.

In the oil case he is running up against a double-barrelled dilemma, in that it involves not only the willingness and ability of the companies to produce the oil and organize transport, but

also various state restrictions designed to preserve reserves and keep up prices.

The President has been trying to get the states to resume responsibilities in many fields which were yielded to the federal government during the last big depression. But this is a case where there is a conflict between state policies and national foreign policy, one that is difficult to resolve.

## Coeds to Elect May Day Nominees

Coed dormitory units will meet tonight, unless they have previously met, to elect candidates for May Queen, junior attendants and sophomore attendants.

Each unit may sponsor one candidate for each position, as long as each candidate is backed by at least 10 members of her class in her unit. May Day will be May 11.

The next meeting of the Women's Student Government Association House of Representatives will be Feb. 19 in the Grange playground.

## LA Council--

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of upperclass students concerning the alleged poor choice of upper-class and graduate study courses.

The committee will also study the proposed entrance requirement standardization which stipulates that flunking out of one college automatically disqualifies the student from entering another college at the university.

## Agronomists Elect North

Walter North, junior in agronomy from Havertown, has been elected president of the Clover Club for the coming year.

The other officers are Fred Garbin, vice president; George Peavey, secretary; James Holt, treasurer; James Uhl, Agriculture Student Council representative; and W. V. Chandler, club advisor.

## Swimming Club to Meet

The Swim Club Interest Group will meet at 6:30 tonight at the White Hall pool.

Advanced Group members and all aquacade choreographers will meet at 7:15 at the pool.