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AM Station: Where's the Action?

The University has arrived at the crossroads in an attempt to establish a non-commercial AM radio station. Since one of the biggest stumbling blocks has been cleared—that of finding an available frequency, an official application for a station can be submitted to the Federal Communications Commission.

The question now raised by University officials is—does the University really need an AM station?

Student station WDFM, operating on an FM band, is broadcasting into an almost "dead mike." Few students are able to receive it; therefore, the listening audience is composed almost entirely of townspeople.

WDFM, since last October, has been programming five hours a week over WMAJ. However, because of WMAJ's commercial commitments, the AM station has often been unable to carry the students' programs or has had to limit broadcasting time.

Probably WDFM's most obvious objection against WMAJ's carrying the student programs is that it does all the work, while WMAJ sits back and receives the credit.

A second AM station in State College would inevitably affect the audience and programming of WMAJ. But competition of this sort is one thing that State College sadly lacks.

The only direct means of communication between the 13,000 students at the present time is The Daily Collegian. This is the only way by which student activities are promoted and publicized.

A student station could be one of the solutions to the perennial problem of apathy. Discussion forums, campus news, club meeting announcements, campaign speeches during elec-

tions—all such programs would arouse student interest.

With the assurance of an audience and welcome reception of the programs, students undoubtedly would become more interested in working on the radio staff. This, in turn, strengthening the station, would broaden the training facilities of the journalism, drama, speech and music departments.

Students majoring in journalism and speech who intend to work in radio and television have little opportunity now to gain first hand experience. The facilities for radio are here but the stimulation isn't.

The University is hesitating to officially apply for the frequency in order that the matter can be completely considered. About one year ago the station was proposed before All-University Cabinet and at that time complete data and information had been obtained from the FCC and other colleges and universities.

Since then, very little "political" research has been done. During the past year consideration has been enthusiastically given to a recreation area in Stone Valley that would primarily benefit faculty and townspeople. But the question of a student station on campus, serving 13,000 students plus State College residents nine months out of the year, seems to be taking a back seat.

If "need" is the primary requirement, a strong campus radio station would certainly elevate student interest on many levels—departmental training, activity "apathy" and, probably most important but least obvious, serve as an immediate link among 13,000 students.

We believe the University should not lose further time on applying for a frequency.

—Judy Harkison

Just Hat Racks?

Hat societies, although billed as service fraternities, now serve only one main purpose: to honor students participating in campus activities.

The groups—there are nine of them—do some service for the University community. Their main project is freshman orientation.

There has been criticism—and there seems to be more than the usual amount lately—that hat societies are nothing more than hat racks. Assuming they are nothing more than hat racks, they still serve a purpose in this line: giving outstanding students in activities recognition and encouragement.

Everyone likes and needs recognition once in a while.

Some may say that giving recognition is a good purpose, but that the societies should also perform more services. No one can refute this, but persons saying this often seem to overlook an inherent weakness of the societies: the students must already be loaded down with activities in order to be tapped and therefore often do not have the time to take on another major activity—the hat society.

This is a difficult weakness to overcome. If hat societies are doing wrong in anything, it is, in our opinion, confining its recognition to too small a clique.

If the main function of the societies is to be

A Wise Action

The faculty of the College of the Liberal Arts voted April 11 to admit Collegian reporters to its meeting. This, we believe, to be a wise and realistic action.

The college has come under fire many times from even its own students. Most of these criticisms have been proven unjustified when one got a closer look at the facts. However, it seemed that the facts were not always there.

This has probably been both the fault of the college and this newspaper. The college for sometimes withholding information and the paper for not pursuing it hard enough.

We feel that the college's action can bring nothing but good. It will bring to the students the problems facing the college, and the students in knowing these problems, will be more just with their criticisms.

—Ed Dubbs

Gazette

Sunday OUTING CLUB, 7 a.m., behind Old Main
Monday BARBELL CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 102 Willard
FRESHMAN COUNCIL, 8 p.m., 101 Willard

recognition, then they should extend this honor to all deserving students. But the societies must be careful in handing out hats, for they may cease to perform any "service."

—Ed Dubbs

Two Awarded Geology Grants

Dr. Wakefield Dort Jr., assistant professor of geology and Mortimer H. Hait Jr., graduate assistant in geology, have received grants from the Geological Society of America to support field research this summer in the northern Rocky Mountains of the United States and Canada.

Dr. Dort will study areas of former alpine glaciation in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and British Columbia. The aim of his investigation will be to determine the extent of mountain-top carapaces of ice during the period of maximum glaciation. Evidence of the former existence of such ice masses, a hitherto unrecognized glacial feature, was discovered by Dr. Dort during a previous field study in northern Idaho.

Mr. Hait will continue studying the stratigraphy and structure and mapping the bedrock geology of a 200-square mile area in the Lemhi Mountains of east-central Idaho. This work will be supervised by Dr. Robert Scholten, assistant professor of petroleum geology.

Ag-HEc Specialist Attends Meeting

Dr. Fred R. Robertson, specialist on public affairs in agricultural and home economics extension work, is attending a Northeast regional world affairs conference of the Foreign Policy Association in New York this weekend.

Dr. Robertson will address the conference on his use of Foreign Policy Association educational materials in several Pennsylvania counties in the course of his extension work.

The conference will be devoted to development of community education on world affairs and United States Foreign policy.

Coed PhysEd Society Initiates 12 Members

Twelve women were initiated Thursday into Lakonides, women's physical education honorary society.

They are: Carolyn Briggs, Grace Briggs, Sally Jervis, Mary Herbein, Mariana Moldovan, Carol Mason, Virginia Lewis, Doreen O'Bryan, Geraldine Schakelford, Patricia Leh, Jean Melvin and Phoebe English.

Service Group Elects Kitzinger

Harry Kitzinger, junior in arts and letters from Upper Montclair, N.J., has been elected president of Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity.

Other officers are Donald Barnes, senior in psychology from Hershey, first vice president; Wayne Lippman, junior in arts and letters from Quakertown, second vice president; Kenneth Saurman, junior in arts and letters from Allentown, third vice president.

Albert Blackhurst, sophomore in the division of intermediate registration from Edgeworth, recording secretary.

Thomas Spring, junior in agricultural education from Danville, corresponding secretary; Francis Ventre, sophomore in architecture from Old Forge, alumni secretary; John Streeter, junior in agronomy from Ellwood City, treasurer.

Frank Saurman, junior in arts and letters from Allentown, historian; and John Hunt, junior in education from Athens, sergeant-at-arms. Hunt is the retiring president of the fraternity.

Little Man on Campus by Bibler



"Why Worthal, how considerate of you to come all the way up here to bring that Mint Julep to little ole me."

Interpreting the News

Lacking Club, U.S. Gives In to Egypt

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

The United States, by agreeing to a "trial run" under Egypt's terms for operation of the Suez Canal, does not please either Britain, France or Israel, but has been able to find no other workable alternative.

The decision was not made until after a diplomatic search had been made for a club to use on Egypt. Nothing acceptable was found. Financial pressure will work eventually, but it is too slow for the moment.

The ability of Britain and France to apply such pressure has been considerably weakened, at least for the time being, by Nasser's nationalization of the foreign-owned banks in Egypt.

The United States, also, is being very careful to preserve and build up among the Arab states the more friendly attitude developed through her opposition to last fall's Anglo-French-Israeli invasion.

By that token, she is unwilling to join in any really brutal economic blockade which could cause the downfall of the Nasser government.

By paying canal tolls under protest, the United States will keep the situation open. This will put the French and British governments under heavy pressure from their own shipping interests to relax their boycott.

The situation will then become one of waiting to see, first, whether canal operations are conducted normally, and secondly, whether the Nasser government will be able to withstand the country's poor economic condition, which will be only slightly alleviated by the tolls.

By opening the way for negotiations over acceptance of the Eisenhower Doctrine, Egypt may undertake another switch.

There is every possibility that Nasser will consider these things carefully before defying American policy, under which he has been warned not to go too far in his campaign for the disintegration of Jordan.

People who have been dealing with Nasser do not consider him a fool, and some even give him a grudging admiration for the manner in which he has been able to twist the tails of some of the world's greatest powers. But many do consider him bull-headed, volatile and dangerous.

And they think there is considerable doubt that he can escape the eventual results of the economic stress, which his policies have produced.

Old Timers Select Top Mining Senior

George Pudlo, senior in mining from Stump Creek, has been awarded a watch by the Old Timers Club as the outstanding mining student for the year.

Pudlo has been president of the Mining Engineering Society, the student chapter of the American Institute for Mining, Metallurgical and Petroleum Engineers.

The Old Timers Club consists of prominent men in the coal industry.

Schuetz Elected Head Of Ag Engineering Club

Fred Schuetz, junior in agricultural engineering from Greenville, has been elected president of the Agricultural Engineering Club.

Other officers elected are Clarence Haugh, vice president; Jack Frey, secretary-treasurer; John Mickley, scribe; Raymond Fisher, Agricultural Student Council representative; and Thomas Walker, Engineering Student Council representative.

• Tuition at Yale University in 1804 was \$33 a year.

This Weekend On WDFM

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Saturday	
1:25	Sign On
1:30	Baseball Double Header
6:55	News
7:30	Hi Fi Open House
9:00	News
9:15	Campus Beat
1:00	News
1:05	Sign Off
Sunday	
6:50	Sign On
6:55	News
7:00	Ballet Theatre
8:00	The Third Program
11:30	Sign Off
Monday	
6:50	Sign On
6:55	News
7:00	For People Only
7:55	Sports
8:00	Showcase
8:30	Guest Disk Jockey
9:00	News
9:15	First Freedom
9:30	Greek Quiz
10:00	Symphonic Notebook
11:30	News
11:35	Sign Off