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## Athletes Being Shoved Around?

Early registration, allowed for some 200 varsity athletes and students working at registration, was discontinued this fall because a good thing was overdone.

Dr. C. O. Williams, dean of admissions and registrar, said that the policy was changed last February because "an increasing number of student groups were asking for the privilege . . . and too many groups thought they deserved the same consideration."

Previously these 200 students registered early Wednesday morning.

Some had good reason and some did not. Many of them registered early Wednesday morning so that, in the case of sports, late afternoon and Saturday classes could be avoided.

The registrar's office used good judgement when it discontinued the privilege for the students hired to work at the 3-day registration. We see no reason, particularly when they are receiving pay, for these students to register before anyone else.

The athlete story, however, has its pros and cons.

The main argument against early registration for anyone is that it is unfair to the rest of the students. Every student has one purpose in mind—that of arranging his schedule to his best advantage in selecting both time and course.

A second argument in favor of the new rule is that, since the registrar was besieged by new requests, it is too difficult to acknowledge some and turn down others. True, the easiest

thing to do is to deny everyone the privilege.

Dr. Williams said that early registration was started at the request of the Director of Athletics because the varsity athletes need practice time and must avoid late afternoon classes.

If 120 athletes register according to the alphabetical schedule, there is a good chance that 25 of them will be unable to avoid 3 or 4 p.m. class hours.

It is true that a team cannot practice effectively if half the players are on the field at 4 p.m. and the other half straggle on at 5:30.

In addition to practice hours, there is always the chance of Saturday classes. Although the athlete is officially excused from weekend classes, he misses a certain amount of material that is covered during the hour.

Perhaps the schedules of these few could be worked out within the departments later, but there are some instructors who might not give athletes this special consideration.

When special permission is granted by a few instructors, this brings up another issue that can be vigorously protested.

All this leads up to one point—that there are both advantages and disadvantages of early registration for varsity athletes. It is not a "black and white" issue for there are valid arguments on both sides.

As it stands now there is no priority. And in all probability it will continue this way unless there is a strong student voice raised.

—Judy Harkison

## A Way to Keep Freshmen Happy

Members of the class of '61 face customs next week, and they should consider themselves lucky.

Today's customs program is a far cry from yesterday's hazing program. Strict hazing went out in 1898 after a freshman waved a firearm at a sophomore.

In the days of hazing, the upperclassmen had most of the fun. Today, in customs, it should be the freshmen who have the most fun.

There will be a few wise freshmen who won't realize this. They won't wear their dinks and name cards, and some will get away with it.

We don't know why some freshmen won't participate in customs since they benefit from the program. This is beside having some fun.

Customs are designed to promote Penn State spirit and group feeling within the freshman class. It helps the class to become a part of Penn State, and, we hope, to be proud of Penn State's history and tradition.

To accomplish these goals, the freshmen will be required to sing the class songs, chant the cheers, name the buildings and other campus landmarks and to recite some history and tradition.

"Why," a freshman asked the other day, "do we have to wear those name cards?" The reason, of course, is that it helps them meet the members of their class.

## Speak Up

One of the best ways for students, faculty members and administrative officials to have their views heard on campus is through the Safety Valve, a Daily Collegian editorial page feature.

Readership surveys have shown it to be one of the most popular features in this newspaper.

Whether you want to gripe about something or want to praise something, Safety Valve is the place for it. Letters may be written on any topic of public interest, whether within or without Nittany Valley.

However, letters must meet three requirements: good writing, good taste and good sense.

All letters must be signed, but on rare occasions, we will withhold names if requested. We reserve the right to edit letters for good taste and cut them for space requirements.

They can be mailed or brought into the Collegian office.

—The Editor

## Safety Valve Gift Praised

TO THE EDITOR: The action of the (last year's) senior class in voting to assign its class gift to the University Library has been immensely gratifying to us in the library.

I want to compliment you and the members of your staff for your presentation of each of the proposals laid before the students for their vote. We are, of course, particularly pleased that The Daily Collegian saw fit to endorse the library gift.

We shall certainly make every effort to use this money in a way that will give the students a sense of pride in their action.

—Ralph W. McComb  
University Librarian

## 'Just Demagogues'

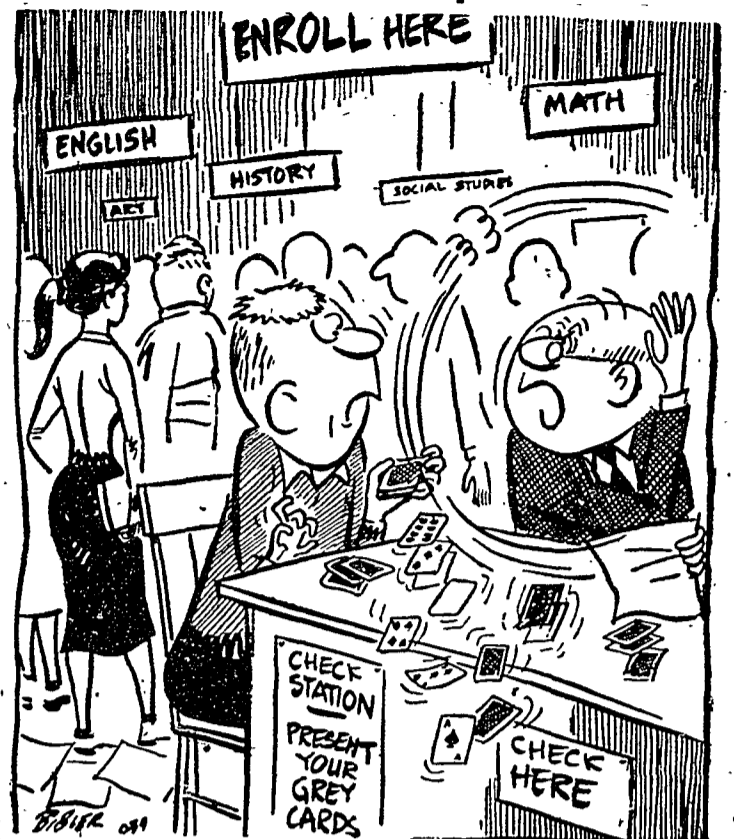
"For fifty years, the South has had no great leader from the white race. Demagogues by the bushel but no one great leader. This, too, is part of the price we have paid for our walling ourselves away from the great ideas of our age.

"We could have had great leaders: there were men with the intelligence, the integrity, the vision to become great leaders but we, the people, did not give them our support. We gave that support every time to the cheap, foul-mouthed demagogue who appealed not to our reason and conscience but to our anxiety; who begged us to return with him to the past, a past that never actually existed, instead of going on with the rest of mankind into the future. We let down our leaders by not building them up. A leader cannot be built up unless the people, the best people of a region, build him.

"But it is not too late. We can still do it. The Negro group is searching for and finding its good leaders and is beginning to give these leaders their support. What men some of them are! If the white group could only find a young leader to match the brains and heart, the integrity and vision, the courage, the energy, and imagination of young Martin Luther King. For young Dr. King knows what every leader of stature must learn: that the way is as important as the goal we seek. And he has chosen the good way of non-violence, of intelligence, and compassion, and good will. A young white leader working shoulder to shoulder with Martin Luther King could do much to transform our South; to turn the mob spirit into the civilized Christian spirit that we should have down here."

—Novelist Lillian Smith,  
At Atlanta University  
Commencement, 1957

## Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"When I said get your cards—I meant your course cards!"

### —Interpreting the News—

## This Time History Won't Be Repeated

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One reason the world established the United Nations, instead of reviving the old League of Nations after World War II, was out of deference for Soviet Russia.

When Japan invaded Manchuria the old League found itself unable to do more than evince moral condemnation.

When Mussolini invaded Ethiopia the larger powers displayed a complete inability to sidetrack their own selfish interests long enough to hinder him.

In '39, when Hitler's panzers swept Poland, Russia demanded naval bases and other territorial concessions from Finland in order to protect her northern flank in case of failure of the Russo-German mutual security pact. Finland agreed to some demands, but Russia invaded anyway.

That as about the last important action the League ever took. But Russia had been ousted from the community of nations and it hurt.

To entice Russia into what was hoped would be a new start on collective security and international comity, the United Nations was organized, taking over many of the functions of the old League.

It was given a new name and moved away from Geneva as headquarters. Russia was given the veto power along with other permanent members of the new body called the Security Council. Hopes were held that this time she would abide by the rules.

She has not, and now she stands again before the bar of international public opinion.

This time there will be no ouster.

Russia's presence in the UN has contributed to amelioration if not solution of several serious world crises. It was through her presence there that she was nudged out of Iran when she haggled over her wartime pledge to withdraw her troops at its end.

It was at the UN that contacts were made, after futile negotiations between the individual nations involved, which ended the Berlin airlift with all its dangers.

It was at the UN that Russia first indicated a desire to end the war she had precipitated in Korea.

The nations will not again make the mistake of isolating her, as they did by refusing to recognize her interests when Hitler was threatening in 1938-39.

They are, however, expected to condemn her today for her actions in Hungary, and nobody knows just what her reaction will be, although she has not threatened withdrawal.

## Harshbarger To Deliver Chapel Sermon

The Rev. Luther H. Harshbarger, University chaplain, will speak on the topic "On Growing Up" at the first chapel service of the academic year at 10:55 a.m. Sunday in Schwab Auditorium.

He will be assisted in the service by the Rev. Preston N. Williams, assistant chaplain.

This service will mark the first appearance of the Chapel Choir which has recently returned from a successful concert tour abroad. Choir members will sing "Seek the Lord" by Bliss under the direction of Mrs. Willa Taylor.

George E. Ceiga, University organist, will play "Chorale Prelude on a theme by Tallis" by Darke as the prelude and for the postlude he will play "Psalm Tune Postlude on 'Martyrs'" by Grace.

Dr. Harshbarger came to the University in 1949 as the executive secretary to the Penn State Christian Association. He was appointed chaplain to the University in 1951, and University chaplain and coordinator of religious affairs in 1954.

He became professor of religion in the College of the Liberal Arts July 1.

## Chess Club Is One Of Oldest Groups

One of the oldest clubs on campus is the Chess Club, established in 1866.

Each year the club competes for state and national honors and holds an intra-club tournament. The University chess team is chosen from the club's membership. Freshmen are eligible for team membership.

The group invites chess experts and title holders to discuss skills and demonstrate techniques.

This year's president is Carl Deitrich, junior in arts and letters from Bellefonte. Members need not be chess experts and any student may join.