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## Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Say, those were pretty tough first-day assignments, huh?"

## Maybe Customs Has a Chance

They were lined up in front of Schwab Auditorium even before their first class yesterday as customs got off to one of the best starts in years.

Even the afternoon showers failed to dampen this new-found spirit for customs among upperclassmen.

Customs were so well enforced that some professors were heard complaining about the noise.

Although the program got off to a good start, the test is still ahead. A good first day will not make a good customs program. The spirit that prevailed yesterday must continue throughout the program.

If enforcement by upperclassmen slacks off, the program may be discarded. This is the critical year for customs, for some student leaders believe the program should be dropped because upperclassmen won't enforce it.

Most freshman women had it easy yesterday, since participation by upperclasswomen was far behind that of upperclassmen. However, the coeds are in for it today since joint customs will be in effect.

Many a freshman coed will be asked to hand over her "Freshman Bible" to an upperclassman today. The reason, of course, is that her University address and telephone number are printed on the inside of the front cover.

The freshman males will probably have it the easiest today, for few upperclasswomen are interested in phone numbers. Upperclasswomen usually fail to support the program as much as upperclassmen.

We asked one upperclasswoman to help us round up some freshman coeds yesterday to join a group of males in front of Schwab. Her curt reply: "I'm not going to help you get dates."

Upperclass students might try to get the freshmen to sing a little better today. Although the spirit was there, the quality of the singing was terrible.

If upperclassmen continue to enforce customs as they did yesterday and upperclasswomen become tougher, the freshmen will benefit, the program will continue, and everyone will have some fun.

—The Editor

## A Lesson in a New Rule

The other day we noticed a change in the Senate Regulations for Undergraduate Students, the booklet issued to students at registration.

It caught us by surprise, for we had thought the student proposal had died in a Senate committee.

The idea was exemption of final examinations for seniors with a B average or better in a course. Last year's Senior Class Advisory Board did much research on the proposal and lobbied for its passage in the University Senate, composed of faculty and administrative officials.

The Senate approved a variation of the proposal at its June 4 meeting, after many students had left campus for the summer vacation.

A student with a grade of B-plus in a course may now be exempted from a final examination by his professor under the new Senate rule. Note that is any student, not just seniors.

The new rule, 0-2, reads:

"When a teacher has so organized a course that he can definitely determine the quality of the performance of his students, he may, with the approval of his department head, be permitted to exempt students from the final examination on sufficient evidence that the students

have attained a level of performance well above the average, but in no case below a B-plus grade level. When such exemptions are to be made available by a teacher, he shall announce the plan at the beginning of the course and shall announce the grade level at which he plans to make exemptions."

The main advantage of the new rule is that it rewards students for good work and should encourage them to do better day-to-day work in order to be exempted from the final. One less final, of course, means more time to study for the other ones.

Of course, it benefits the professors too. Final examination time is a hectic period for professors who must grade the tests and compile the students' final marks.

Much credit for the passage of this new rule must go to student government, especially last year's Senior Class Advisory Board.

This year's student leaders might make special note of this accomplishment, and especially how it came about: much research, good thinking, and effective lobbying with University officials and Senate members.

—The Editor

## A Prof Peeks In

Another step into the area of general education was taken when the University established four visiting professorships.

The purpose of these professorships is to attract leading scholars and outstanding teachers in four fields—the humanities and the arts, the social sciences, the physical sciences, and the biological sciences.

President Eric A. Walker said that in addition to teaching the visiting professors will present lectures, conduct seminars and may participate in workshops in their special fields.

Programs such as these will provide an opportunity for students in specialized fields, particularly science and engineering—to explore beyond the boundaries of their own textbooks and slide rules.

Perhaps many engineering students would like to take a course in humanities, for example, but are unable to do so because of tight curriculum schedules.

Instead of squeezing in a few survey courses, they may attend as many lectures and seminars

## Gazette

Today  
COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, 6:30 p.m., 202 Willard  
COLLEGIAN CLASSIFIED AD STAFF, 7 p.m., Collegian Office  
COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF, 7 p.m., Collegian Office  
COLLEGIAN PROMOTION STAFF, 7 p.m., 202 Willard  
FROTH ADVERTISING CANDIDATES, 7 p.m., Froth Office  
PANHELLENIC COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m., 215 HUB  
RIDING CLUB, 7 p.m., 217 Willard  
SENIOR CLASS ADVISORY BOARD, 8:15 p.m., 215 HUB  
WSGA JUDICIARY BOARD, 5 p.m., 203 HUB

Tomorrow  
PANEL DISCUSSION on student activities, 6:30 p.m., Atherton lounge

as they wish—according to their time and interest.

In addition to the general education benefits of the visiting professorships, the contemporary scholars will enlighten both students and faculty with current thought and research in each respective field.

The University has begun an excellent program. It is a program which, if expanded in the future, would be a forte in building a great University.

—Judy Harkison

## UCA Will Hold Activities Panel

The University Christian Association will sponsor a panel on student activities at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow in Atherton lounge.

The panel discussion, designed mainly for new students, will be moderated by Sam N. Gibson, UCA executive director.

Members of the panel and their topics are:

John Rhodes, All-University vice president, clubs and independent life; Robert Neff, Interfraternity Council chaplain, fraternity life; Grace Antes, Panhellenic Council president, sorority life; John Bott, former Campus party clique chairman, student government; and Edward Dubbs, editor of The Daily Collegian, publications.

The panel was planned by Marilyn Swank and Julian Chalker of UCA.

## New Head Named By Ed Department

Dr. Paul W. Bixby, professor of elementary education, has been named acting head of the department of elementary education during the absence of Dr. Charles M. Long.

Long will be on a year's leave of absence until June 30.

Long will serve as educational specialist with the International Cooperation Administration in São Horizonte, Brazil.

## Students May Complete Tuberculin Skin Testing

New students who have not completed their tuberculin skin testing may do so from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the second floor waiting room of the dispensary.

These students will not be charged the penalty fine of \$2.

## Silva Receives National Post

Dr. Ruth C. Silva, associate professor of political science, has been elected national secretary of the American Political Science Association.

Dr. Silva was elected during the annual meeting of the association last week in New York City. She also read a paper on "The Presidential Constituency and Party Alignment."

Dr. Vernon V. Aspaturian and Dr. Frank Sorauf, both assistant professors of political science, participated in meetings.

Other members of the political science department faculty who attended were Dr. R. Wallace Brewster, Dr. Thomas V. Gilpatrick, Joseph T. Law, Dr. Luke T. Lee, Dr. M. Nelson McGeary, Dr. Neal Riemer and Nelson P. Guild.

## Interpreting the News

# Germans Straddle Middle of Road

By J. M. ROBERTS  
Associated Press News Analyst

West Germany's voters not only passed judgment Sunday on current issues of world importance. They showed a strong leaning toward the middle of the road.

They deserted the small extremist parties of all sorts to center their interest around the two major parties.

This indicates the growth of a feeling of national responsibility, and points Germany away from the instability so often created in Europe by numerous splinter parties.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer intends to continue government by coalition even though he has a clear majority in parliament. By so doing, he broadens the governmental base without yielding his power.

This is the first time a majority of German voters have put themselves in a position to lead and to push the government, instead of merely following it in the pre-war German tradition.

It is quite possible that this has come about more because of Germany's great prosperity than because of any fundamental changes in the German way of political thought. If the voters catch on to their opportunities, however, such fundamental changes are likely to be produced.

Another attitude revealed by the vote is lack of fear.

The majority said they were not afraid of Russia's missile talk; not afraid to put a new German army under the command of NATO; not afraid of linking Germany's commercial interests with those of the rest of Europe; not afraid that cooperation with the West will have any real effect on the time of German reunification.

Some of these attitudes are particularly important at a time when West Germany, economically booming, with the soundest currency in Europe, might be expected to look askance at further integration with weaker economies.

Credit for Germany's new spirit of cooperation must go in very large measure to the person of Adenauer. Nine years ago he was an obscure man preparing to go to an obscure constitutional convention meeting at the instigation of the Western occupying powers to begin what amounted to little more than a political gesture against Russia.

From it emerged Adenauer, and with Adenauer emerged a new Germany. Both of them have traveled a long, long way in these nine years.

The first street lighting by bas in the U.S. was in Baltimore in 1816.

## Guest Scientists To Participate In 'Atoms' Plan

Twenty-seven scientists from 19 countries will arrive at the University tomorrow to enroll in the "atoms for peace" nuclear science and engineering program.

The scientists will comprise the fourth group to train at the University under the project first outlined by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in his 1955 commencement address here.

The scientists will receive four months' training in the theory and operation of nuclear reactors and will get advanced training in specific fields for another reactor at the Argonne National Laboratories.

In the basic course at the University, the scientists will receive instruction in nuclear physics, radiochemistry, chemical engineering and reactor technology—the theory and practice of operating reactors. In the course of this instruction, each scientist will man the controls of the University's research reactor under supervision.

The foreign scientists represent Austria, Brazil, China, France, Germany, Greece, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Peru, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand and Uruguay.

## Alumni Re-elect Three Trustees

Alumni have returned three incumbents—J. E. Holtzinger of Altoona, Ben C. Jones of Greensburg and Ethel Sparks of Riverton, N.J., to the Board of Trustees for 3-year terms.

The name of Harley L. Swift of Harrisburg also appeared on the ballot.

Delegates of agricultural and industrial societies re-elected Kenzie S. Bagshaw, Hollidaysburg; Fred E. Bittenbender, Shickshinny; and Albert J. Nesbitt, Philadelphia; to the 32-man board and named G. Albert Shoemaker, Pittsburgh, to succeed the late John N. Forker, Harrisburg.