

Editorials

Some Changes Made

Whether or not you noticed today's editorial page looks different isn't important. What's important is that it is different.

First of all, the size of the space allotted for editorials has been cut. Secondly, a little box which said "Editorials represent the viewpoints of the writers, not necessarily the policy of the paper, the student body or the University" has been dropped.

Thirdly, none of the editorials is signed. We would like to explain the reasons for these changes, which were made after staff discussion and talking with many people outside the Collegian staff.

The room we have to editorialize has been cut because we feel that in the past too many editorials were written to fill space. It follows that when editorials are written just to fill space, they often are not the best editorials. In other words, we are striving for quality instead of quantity in editorials.

That little box we removed was quite a scapegoat. Let's look at an example. Say a staff member wrote an editorial which was misleading and incorrect. The editors in the past could point to that little box and say: "It's the writer's opinion. Neither the newspaper nor myself is responsible for what the editorial said."

We believe the editor and publisher of any newspaper must assume the responsibility for what the newspaper prints. There can be no buck-passing of responsibility.

(However, it must be remembered that editorials appearing on this page are written by the editors or staff members of The Daily Collegian and do not necessarily represent the views of the University or of the student body.)

The third major change, of dropping names of the writers at the bottom of all editorials, follows logically from the policy of the newspaper accepting the responsibility for what it says.

We feel these changes will make for a Better Daily Collegian and a Better Penn State.

Let's Throw It Out

An open election system, without the fraternity-independent rotation of officers, was given a substantial boost yesterday by the clique chairmen of both Campus and Lion parties.

The clique chairmen issued a joint policy advocating the dropping of the rotation system which, in some kind of form, has been part of the elections procedure for about five years.

The proposal of a free election system grew out of a nebulous Encampment recommendation "to investigate" the present system.

The recommendation "to investigate" the code was approved by All-University Cabinet Thursday night and referred to the All-University Elections Committee.

An open election has many advantages over the rotation system.

It would strengthen student leadership if the best qualified students, regardless of affiliation, win the class and All-University offices. A student should not be declared ineligible simply because he might be an independent seeking an office during the "fraternity" year.

An open election would also promote more student interest and a greater awareness of student government. Both fraternity and independent men would have to promote themselves, instead of being given the positions automatically.

The Elections Committee is now holding the recommendation. It should take action as soon as possible and throw out the rotation system.

We can see no reason why a free election shouldn't be given a try.

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Safety Valve

What Is Fate Of the Arts?

TO THE EDITOR: After hearing President Walker's inauguration speech, in which he broadly outlined the role and the place of Penn State in the new educational era, I cannot help wondering what fate the future holds for the College of the Liberal Arts.

Though President Walker sees the need to teach the arts and sciences, I do not think he sees the need for improvement and development.

President Walker emphatically stressed that if this University is to meet its obligations to the Commonwealth and its citizens, we must not spread our resources thinly across the line. Instead, we must concentrate mainly on those fields in which we are strongest.

At Penn State, this means the "hard sciences," physics chemistry, metal industries, and agriculture. The importance of these fields to the continued prosperity and success of the Commonwealth and nation cannot be denied.

However, the development of these fields alone, with only subsistence-level support and a little of the College of the Liberal Arts, will not make a great university, nor will it necessarily help the University to fulfill its obligations to the Commonwealth, its citizens, and the nation.

Not only must Penn State develop and perfect scientific mechanism and devices to improve the physical condition of man, but it must also instruct mankind in the ways to live with automation and the other labor-saving devices it produces. This is the work of the social sciences, and it is equally important.

The physical sciences tip the scales greatly at Penn State. I personally believe that this University is obligated to offset this great disparity with the advancement and perfection of the liberal arts and the sciences.

President Walker is a Harvard man, and Harvard enjoys one of the great colleges of the liberal arts in the country. Is Penn State less than Harvard?

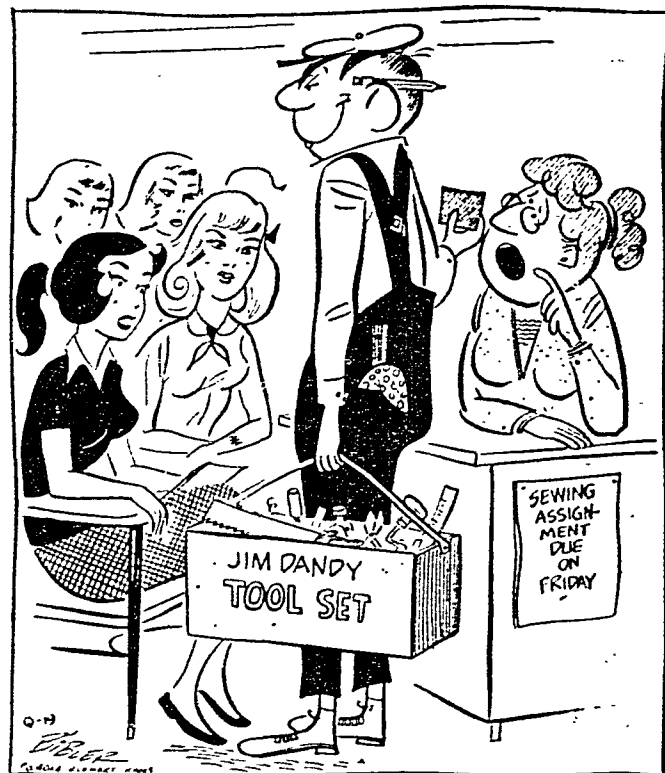
—Samuel P. Alfonso (Editor's Note: No one can deny the University must strengthen its program in the liberal arts and sciences if it is to become a great University. In fact, the recent accreditation report made this clear. There is nothing in the inaugural address to indicate, as the writer seems to feel, that Walker does not see the need for improvement and development in the arts and sciences. However, it can be said that the President certainly didn't stress this need in his speech. He also left, to us, the question of "where do we concentrate" wide open. One faculty member told us the other day something to this effect: The faculty does not appear worried over what Dr. Walker has said; however, there is some worry over what he hasn't said. This is especially true in regard to the future development of the College of the Liberal Arts.)

Gazette

- Today
- AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR METALS, 7:30 p.m., Mineral Industries Auditorium
- CEA GRAD CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Phi Mu Delta
- COLLEGIAN AD MEETING, 6:30 p.m., 9 Carnegie
- COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, 7:30 p.m., 202 Willard
- COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF, candidates, 6:45 p.m., 305 Sparks
- COLLEGIAN CIRCULATION STAFF meeting, 8 p.m., Collegian office
- DELTA SIGMA PI, Brothers, 7:30 p.m., Rushes 8:30 p.m., Sigma Nu
- GAMMA SIGMA, sisters meeting, 6:45 p.m., 203 Willard
- HILLEL PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, candidates, 7 p.m., Hillel Lounge
- HISTORY ROUND TABLE, 7:30 p.m., 217 Willard
- LACROSSE CLUB, 7:30 p.m., meeting and game film, SAE
- LEONIDES COUNCIL MIXER, 7 p.m., Simmons study lounge
- UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN ASSN., cabinet meeting, 6:30 p.m., Library-Program Center of Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel
- WSGA JUDICIAL BOARD, 5 p.m., 218 HUB
- WRA TENNIS CLUB, instructions for beginners, 7 p.m., White Hall
- WSGA, candidates for freshman senator, 7 p.m., 216 HUB
- YOUNG REPUBLICANS, 7 p.m., 212-213 HUB

WDFM TONIGHT—6:45: Sign on, news and market reports; 7:00: The Home Ec. show; 7:15: Folk Music; 7:50: State news and national sports; 8:00: Invitation to Relax; 8:00: Open to Question; 9:00: Campus news and sports; 9:15: As You Believe; 9:30: Cabinet Reports; 11:00: National and international news; 10:05: This World of Music; 11:30: News and sign-off.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Well, yes, your enrollment card DOES say 'HOMEMAKING'—but I'M afraid—"

Interpreting the News

That Beeping Ball: Food for Thought

By J. M. ROBERTS Associated Press News Analyst

Those ghostly little beeps which have been coming out of the heavens since Friday offer man more food for thought than anything since he unlocked the secrets of the atom.

It is impossible even to list at one sitting all the facts of the advent of the man-made satellite.

Soldiers, historians, scientists, diplomats, philosophers and just plain men will be coming up with new angles on the subject for a long, long time.

There is a sense of human accomplishment in this breakthrough through natural barriers which have intrigued the imagination since the creation.

There is a sense of foreboding, lest man again prove incapable of keeping accomplishment separate from destruction.

In the world of practical politics, reassessments will be called for in many fields.

What effect will new capability for aerial inspection of the whole earth have on disarmament and the prospect of war?

Russia expects to have soon a satellite which can re-enter the earth's atmosphere without burning up. From that it will be only a step to an atomic weapon which can seek out its own target by radar or other means.

Russia has just announced, without detail, explosion of a "new type" hydrogen bomb.

On the heels of her claim to an intercontinental ballistics missile, she is putting on heavy pressure for disarmament on her own terms as the nations prepare for a new discussion of the topic in the United States.

Can Russia, with her controlled mobilization of national strength

Interviews

- STUDENT PLACEMENT
- ARGONNE NATIONAL LABS: Oct. 23, 24, MS in ChE; PhD in ChE, Chem
- ARMSTRONG CORK: Oct. 22, MS & PhD in Chem, Phys
- COLUMBIA SOUTHERN: Oct. 24, BS in ChE, EE, ME, IE, AeroE; MS in ChE, Chem, ME, EE, IE, AeroE; PhD in Chem
- CONVAIR (FT. WORTH): Oct. 23, BS in AeroE, ChE, EE, ME, Metal; MS in AeroE, ChE, EE, ME, Metal; Phys; PhD in AeroE, ChE, EE, ME, Metal, Phys
- CORNING GLASS WORKS: Oct. 24, PhD in Chem, Phys, GeoChem
- ELI LILLY: Oct. 22, 23, BS in ArchE, ChE, CE, EE, IE, ME, Bact, Chem, Biol, BusAd; MS in ArchE, ChE, CE, EE, IE, ME, Bact, Chem, Biol, BusAd
- G. C. MURPHY: Oct. 22, BS in BusAd, Mktg, BusMgmt
- PENNA SALT: Oct. 23, BS in ChE, ME; BA in Acctg, Econ
- RAYTHEON: Oct. 22, BS in AeroE, Cer, EE, ME, Phys; MS in AeroE, EE, ME, Phys; PhD in ME, EE, Phys
- WYMAN-GORDON: Oct. 23, BS, MS, PhD in ME, Metal

