

Editorials

The Core of a University

Penn State must become a university in reality as well as in name. This, in itself, is a difficult challenge.

But to do this at a time when it must also grow and expand to meet the increasing enrollments makes this one of the greatest challenges ever to face the University.

Lawrence E. Dennis, vice president for academic affairs, writing in the latest issue of the Alumni News, says:

"... the indictment which the Middle States team made above all others was that Penn State was failing as a university to educate all of its students in the basic arts and sciences. Asserting that the University has 'traditionally, subordinated the values of liberal education to those of technical and professional training and competence,' the report urged Penn State to 'pursue relentlessly and at an accelerated pace the philosophy which emphasizes that one must become a generalist before one can properly practice as a specialist, that one must be able to appreciate spiritual values before one can appreciate the practical business of living.'"

Mr. Dennis goes on:

"Only by an organization that puts the arts and science units at the heart of the university by a program that provides basic general education in the arts and sciences for all students regardless of their field of specialization, will Penn State (in the judgment of the Middle States team) be able to fulfill its mission as the major state university in the East and one of the great state universities in the country."

In his inaugural address, President Eric A. Walker stressed this need for a broad education for all students.

"The educated man," he said, "is one who is at home in his time and place. Today this... certainly include(s) some knowledge in the physical sciences, of the biological and social sciences, and the arts and humanities. It would certainly include the ability to communicate by listening and understanding, by reading and writing. It would certainly include the ability to think in quantitative terms. It would certainly include the ability to understand the arts, music, painting and sculpture, and our literature, and to seek beauty and truth in them."

But we would be happier if he had gone one step further, as the accreditation report did, and said something to this effect:

In order to become a great university and to offer a broad education to all students, Penn State must place in central focus the College of the Liberal Arts, for around it centers the atmosphere for a great university.

Blue Band Steals the Show

The Blue Band has almost been stealing the show from the teams at both football games this fall.

The half-time performances have drawn a great deal of applause from the spectators and many students said Saturday that it was the best show they had seen in three years.

Contributing to the trend of the University's "culture renaissance," the band played the enacted bits from various operas.

The entire performance took on a lighthearted swing—from the stumbling lion-bridge in "Lohengrin" to the heel-clicking trombonist in the "William Tell Overture."

The Blue Band spends many, many hours preparing for a single performance but it's worth the time when it produces one of the finest college bands in the country.

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Safety Valve

'Improvement' Bothers Reader

TO THE EDITOR: Several weeks ago the Collegian carried an article describing in glowing terms the "improvement" in telephone service (more telephones per students) in the dormitories this fall. As a resident of Hamilton Hall both last year and this year, I have failed to notice any improvement.

Most of the calls made from Hamilton Hall are to town, long distance, or to extensions of Adams 8-5051. Last year town and long distance calls could be made from any extension. Now the would-be caller has to search for one of the too-few pay phones which hide in dark corners here, there, and elsewhere—mostly elsewhere. The regular phones will no longer handle these calls.

Furthermore, last year calls to extension of Adams 8-5051 could be made by simply asking for the extension desired. Now one must dial "8" and during the evenings and other peak calling periods he is almost invariably rewarded with a busy signal.

There may be more phones here than last year, but so what—you can't get anyone on them! Just who are the authorities handling telephone service trying to improve things for?

If for some unexplained reason Hamilton Hall and a few other dormitories must have Adams 8-8441 extensions while the rest of the residence halls have Adams 8-5051 extensions, the least we deserve is a sufficient number of tie-lines between them.
—William Bickham Jr.
Class of '60

Gazette

- TODAY
- Accounting Club, 7 p.m., Mineral Industries Auditorium
 - Business Ad Seniors, LaVie pictures, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Penn State Photo Shop
 - Book Exchange, 7 p.m., 214-215 HUB
 - Campus Party Publicity Committee, 7 p.m., 216 HUB
 - Engineering Student Council, 7 p.m., 217 Hetzel Union
 - Freshmen Interested in Rushing, 7:30 p.m., also 8:30 p.m., film, "A Toast to our Brothers," 119 Osmond
 - Hillel, Succos Service, 7 p.m., Kiddush in the Succah
 - Industrial Educational Society, 8:00 p.m., Lambda Chi Alpha
 - International Relations Club, 7 p.m., panel, "The Eisenhower Doctrine and the Middle East Crisis," lounge of Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel
 - Marketing Club, 7:30 p.m., Beta Theta Pi fraternity
 - Newman Club, 7:00 p.m., lecture by Prof. Case, 104 Program Center
 - Nittany Grotto, 7:00 p.m., 121 Mineral Industries
 - Philosophy Club, 7:30 p.m., 209 HUB
 - Pi Lambda Sigma, 8 p.m., 214 Willard
 - Theta Sigma Phi, 8:00 p.m., Simmons Hall, back study lounge
 - University Hospital
 - Jack Adkins, Robert Barovich, Janet Beahan, Hugh Bolen, Bernard Buhl, Philip Butler, Howard Coleman, Michael Conkates, Gunnar Ciper, Franklin Dippery, Dennison Fairchild, Donald Gardner, Ronald Genovese, John Glacola, Wayne Hillinski, Edward Kikla, John Kuklis, Rochelle Laderman, Mercedes Moses, James Pecora, Juan Riveros, Michael Rosenbloom, Donald Rudolph, Charles Semian, Alice Shields, Ronald Smith, Kenneth Undergrove, Edward Wonders, Valentin Worona, Michael Zbailley, Michael Willard, Alex Gonyias, Sally Wenner, Martha Harrison, Mary Fucus, Robert Warner, Dennis Rose, Barbara Hale, Ronald James, James Welsh, Horace Crosby, Stanley Katzman, Francis Levandosky, Barton Schwartz, Judith Davis, Joseph Stezelberger, Richard Nicholls, Mary Jane Whelen, Mary Gicas, Virginia Trout, Carl Olson, Shirley Abel, George Belzer, Gertrude Hoffman.
- TONIGHT ON WDFM
- 6:45: Sign on and news; 7:00: Telephone Bandstand; 7:50: State News and National Sports; 8:00: Jazz Panorama; 9:00: Local, National and World News; 9:15: At You Service; 9:30: Music of the People; 10:00: News; 10:05: Virtuoso; 11:30: News and Sign-off.

Concert Tickets Given to 3290

A total of 3290 tickets were distributed to students by 5 p.m. yesterday for the Dave Brubeck Jazz Concert Oct. 20 at Recreation Hall.

The 2210 remaining tickets will be available to students from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. today and tomorrow at the Hetzel Union desk.

Students may obtain tickets without charge by presenting their activity-identification card at the desk. Full time graduate students are also eligible for student tickets. A list of eligible graduate students is at the desk. Five hundred tickets for non-students will go on sale at 9 a.m. tomorrow. If any of these tickets are left Friday at noon they will be available to students from 1 to 5 p.m. that afternoon.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Frankly I'd rather advise freshmen—they're not so set in their ways."

Interpreting the News

Reds Turn Satellite Into Propaganda

By J. M. ROBERTS
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One thing Allied diplomats have always feared is that Russia, once in possession of advanced weapons, would use them for diplomatic bluffing, regardless of whether she intended to use them for actual war.

This is beginning to happen. It is a particularly difficult tactic to meet when used by a nation which more than once in history has exhibited the tendencies of an outlaw.

It is not, of course, a tactic directly produced by Russia's acquisition of new arms. She has been using it all the time merely by threatening the use of force while the rest of the world pleaded for peace.

It now takes on new vigor, however, as Nikita Khrushchev warns Turkey, West Germany, the United States and everyone in general.

Khrushchev talks of peaceful coexistence, disarmament, international control of space missiles and the like—on Russia's terms.

To the United States he says that she can have peace if she will quit basing her policy on the belief that Communist regimes in Russia, Red China and elsewhere can be destroyed.

Not a word about Russia dropping international communism as a weapon of expansion and a means of overthrowing democratic regimes.

Instead, Khrushchev repeats the old Molotov thesis, that in a war between communism and capitalism, communism would win through the acquisition of support from noncommitted peoples.

This is one of Khrushchev's constantly recurring themes. Yet there are spots in the Berlin speech and in his interview with James Reston of the New York Times when he appears to be thinking a little more soberly about the need for avoiding war entirely.

One thing which emphasizes Russia's intent to rely heavily on the is-it-a-bluff-or-isn't-it tactic in her diplomatic relations is Khrushchev's accusation that the United States has been using it. Charges against others frequently reveal what Russia is doing herself.

It is only to be expected that Russia will seek to extract every possible propaganda profit out of her temporary satellite leadership. You can always count on the Communists to take all the joy out of anything which should stand for human achievement. With them, everything has to play a role in ideological if not in actual warfare.

Professor Will Address Biology Society Tonight

Dr. Edwin L. Cooper, associate professor of zoology, will speak to the Phi Sigma Society, biology fraternity, at 7:30 tonight in 113 Frear.

His topic will be "Fishery Research and Management."

