

# Editorials

## The Space Age

The people of the free world have been jolted to discover the Space Age is upon them.

That beeping ball the Russians sent into the heavens has caused it all.

There is no doubt that Russia is pioneering—and winning—the Age of Space.

The White House quite naturally tried to minimize the importance of October 4, 1957—the day the Space Age began. After all, it did "not come as a surprise" to the White House.

Much of the blame for the United States lag at the beginning of this new age has been laid to budget cuts. The New York Times found after interviewing scientists: "As for the U.S. satellite program, the consensus is that this was gravely handicapped from the start for budget reasons. Skimping on funds means working on a vehicle with such marginal specifications that serious troubles were bound to be encountered."

Our own President Eric A. Walker, a man with much background in naval research, speaking in Washington yesterday; said:

"Russia has lately demonstrated what they can accomplish when they wish to concentrate on a particular problem."

President Walker believes the United States can do little good by trying to compete with Russia in the area of applied science. He suggests that the United States concentrate on making the best possible use of our ability to think and act independently and creatively, an area in which no totalitarian society can compete with us.

In other words, Dr. Walker believes the United States should not put all of its manpower and creative resources into building a hunk of hardware, as the Russians are believed to have done to launch their satellite.

This is fine. But can't we have our own satellite too?

Not only are the Russians winning the Space Age, but they also are cashing in on the propaganda. This will undoubtedly make it more difficult for the United States to dictate its terms at any disarmament talks.

Many observers feel it is not too late to take over control of the Space Age. In their opinion, Congress must say: "Meet the challenge—at any cost. This is not a time to economize."

We must do more than say the Russians are unsporting about the whole thing.

That beeping ball could very well be a blessing, as well as a challenge.

## Yankee, Go Home

Although we are well aware that many students have eight o'clock classes, the women in Simmons and McElwain Halls feel that it is hardly necessary "to rise and shine" at 6:15 a.m.

The Air Force ROTC Drill Team selected this hour yesterday to march down Shortlidge Road—shrieking "Honey Babe" and Hup, two, three, four.

Gentlemen: We realize that due to the ratio it is often necessary to try to impress University coeds but we feel that this was far from a positive approach.

Yankee, go home.

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## Disarmament Oversight: The Satellite

By J. M. ROBERTS  
Associated Press News Analyst

It now appears that the United States, in fixing her disarmament policy last summer, failed to give sufficient consideration to the possibility that Russia would take the lead in missiles and satellites.

The Russians are taking advantage of it in the propaganda war.

At the London disarmament conference the Western Allies proposed controls for the uses of outer space, but insisted on including it in a general step-by-step package. The Russians refused.

Now Russia is in a position to suggest further consideration of such controls. Since nobody can afford to appear heedless of the possibilities of any East-West agreement, the Allies are forced to consider breaking up the package.

That makes them appear to be running because of Russia's advancing strength, a situation which dearly delights the Kremlin.

It will produce a new conference or a new approach to discussion in the United Nations as a forum for renewed propaganda.

Then Russia, while throwing in surreptitious monkey wrenches, will try to convince the world that the West is turning down a magnanimous offer.

The Allies have no option except to pursue the Khrushchev offer, and quickly, to offset the Russian effort to make it appear that she is the only one actively pursuing the protection of the world from technological destruction.

## Gazette

- TODAY
- Ag Hill Party Meeting, 7:30 p.m., 209 Hetzel Union
  - Christian Science Organization, 7 p.m., 212 Chapel
  - Interfraternity Council Purchasing Association, 8:30 p.m., Acacia
  - Newman Club Discussion Group, 7 p.m., 104 Program Center
  - Newman Club Legion of Mary, 7:30 p.m., Catholic Student Center
  - News and Views, 6:45 p.m., 14 Home Economics
  - Outing Club, Ski Division, 7 p.m., Hetzel Union, auditorium
  - Sigma Alpha Eta, 7-9 p.m., Grange playroom
  - WRA Swim Club, Interest Group, 6:30 p.m., 3 White Building
  - WRA Swim Club, Honorary Group, 7:30 p.m., 3 White Building
- TOMORROW
- Newman Club Game Night, 7:30 p.m., Student Center
  - University Hospital
  - Janice Anderson, Robert Barovich, George Belzer, William Bilo, Donald Block, Hugh Bolen, Philip Butler, Kenneth Buzby, Thomas Clark, Judith Davis, Albert Gianreli, John Giacola, Alex Gonyias, Allen Gordon, Barbara Hale, Mary Harvey, Gertrude Hoffman, Thomas Jones, Judith Kleese, Jerome Klink, John Kuklis, Rochelle Laderman, Alyn Lasko.
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## Nuclear Staff Plans Eng Open House

Staff members at the Nuclear Reactor are planning an open house program from 8 to 10 p.m. tomorrow for faculty members of the College of Engineering and Architecture.

Because of the limited number of radiation monitoring film badges available, the number on the tour will be limited to 35.

Open house programs for faculty members of the other colleges of the University are being planned for a later date.

## Delta Phi Alpha to Meet

Old and new members of Delta Phi Alpha, German honorary society, will meet at 8 tonight in the Simmons study lounge to elect officers.

## Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"O.K. men let's watch your language— here comes a couple of tennis players."

## This Is Real Stuff At \$66.67 a Drink

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8 (AP)—Two armed guards showed up at the White House this week toting a 67-year-old gift for President Eisenhower, who, by a remarkable coincidence, will be 67 next Monday. The present: A keg of 1890 cognac, stuff so rare it was insured for \$10,000, or, roughly, \$66.67 a drink.

On the cask was a silver inscription that read:

"The cognac producers of France take pleasure in offering to Dwight David Eisenhower, President of the United States, this keg containing cognac of his own age on the occasion of his 67th birthday, October 14, 1957."

Now the question immediately arises: How come the Frenchmen, busy at their grape squeezing would have time to think up a stunt like this?

And, at the risk of disillusioning everyone, we get this blunt answer: They didn't.

The whole idea came from the lovely vineyards of Brooklyn, and its author was William Kaduson, a press agent with the chore of getting more people to drink more cognac.

Now, wearing a blue beret in honor of the great occasion, Kaduson was talking about the troubles he has had.

"We had to have this special gallon keg made," he said, "and then in order to keep it moist, we had to rinse it out with expensive cognac."

"We took the cognac from its barrel, put it in bottles for shipping and then poured it in the keg here. I still have one of the bottles it came in. Here. Smell the cork."

Kaduson pondered for a moment on the perils of his profession.

"This stuff really is priceless," he said. "I tried to get it delivered to the White House in an armored car, but the detective agency wouldn't go for that."

In case you don't usually take nips from a \$10,000 jug, here are a few cognac notes supplied by Kaduson:

Cognac is a brandy, made from grapes grown in an area about a fourth the size of Rhode Island. The soil is chalky, which is supposed to make the cognac better. "No one else can use the word 'cognac,'" Kaduson said. "Why, even the Russians respect it."

After cognac is fermented and distilled, it's put in oak-kegs to age. The longer it ages the better, which explains why 67-year-old stuff is thought to be very good indeed.

But, a final word. Does Eisenhower like cognac? "I don't know," Kaduson said. He glummed up at the thought of preparing the liquor for someone who didn't care for it, but he soon brightened at a memory.

"When Winston Churchill was here," he said, "I sent him a case of cognac, and what he didn't drink, he took home with him."

So if Churchill ever comes back, Eisenhower is ready.

