

Editorials

A Time for Caution

Calmness and common sense appear to be the best way to beat down this mild flu bug playing tricks with the health of students.

There is no reason for panic. Although the present strain appears to be very contagious, it does not seem to be serious, with illnesses lasting only from two to four days.

However, there is a need for students to take extra caution.

With a big weekend coming up, the flu bug could have a hey-day with students. This is a weekend to use some common sense. It might not be a bad idea to limit your activities this weekend.

It should be remembered that a fraternity party room—where many persons are usually crowded into a small space—is a very good place to pick up this flu bug.

The University Health Service is making every effort to keep on top of the situation and to stop it before it becomes worse. Dr. Herbert R. Glenn and his staff have been working long, hectic hours and performing service beyond the call of duty.

Special room care by borough physicians has been arranged by the University (at the University's expense), in addition to special meals for ill students. Other precautionary steps, such as canceling all ROTC common hours and swimming classes, are being taken.

This is a time when the professors must use their judgment on the work load to be given students and whether it is wise to give a bluebook with so many students ill.

However, the main responsibility in ending this streak of illnesses lies with the students themselves. They are the ones who must use common sense and take precautionary steps against coming down with the flu.

Independents Up in Arms

Independent men—long accustomed to being pampered—are generally up in arms over moves to throw out the fraternity-independent rotation plan for class officers.

The Association of Independent Men, which represents almost 8000 men, has gone on record in favor of retaining the plan. Town Independent Men, the most powerful division of AIM, has done the same. Nittany Council opposes the rotation plan.

We ask one main question: Should any qualified student be kept from holding a class or All-University office just because his affiliation (independent or fraternity) happens to be "wrong" for that year?

We believe student government needs the best man for the job regardless of his affiliation.

Some independent men say discarding the rotation system will end good relationships between independents and fraternity men. No one will deny the importance of good relations between the two groups.

However, if the present good relationships are based solely on rotating offices, they are superficial to say the least.

We see no reason why a "free election" plan shouldn't at least be given a try.

The only guide to a man is his conscience; the only shield to his memory is the rectitude and sincerity of his actions.—Winston Churchill, November 12, 1940

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Safety Valve

ROTC 'Waste' Bothers Reader

TO THE EDITOR: I've been stirred by the observations of Mr. Barry R. Hemphill in the Tuesday, October 15, edition of the Collegian.

His comments concerning the necessity of drill and cadence counting on campus being highly beneficial to safety of our country through the supplying of ROTC students as our military leaders leaves me with a little apprehension.

The merits of the repetitious, annoying and senseless prancing back and forth the campus has shown itself in the quality of the ROTC officers I've had the privilege to observe. Military training must be carried out under the strictest discipline or the whole military structure is undermined from the start.

How can the watered down and part-time training that the students get on the campus compare with West Point or Officers Candidate School?

Granted we need leaders in our military, but must we sacrifice quality for quantity? To give the rank of 2nd Lieutenant to a college graduate because he can march in step (therefore have unity) and count cadence (therefore be proficient in giving orders) makes a farce out of the rank which should be so select.

You only have to see the majority of West Point or OCS graduates and compare them with the majority of ROTC graduates to see the senseless waste of time, energy and taxpayers' money which is disgracefully being exhibited here on this and hundreds of other college campuses.

William Lloyd, '61

Controls Wanted On ROTC Units

TO THE EDITOR: Mr. Hemphill's letter in Tuesday's edition of the Collegian is very interesting. I do not argue with his statements that cadence counting is a necessary part of ROTC drill, or that the military training is a part of our American way of life.

However, I can give him definite proof that classroom instruction was interrupted last Wednesday afternoon. If you will consider, Mr. Hemphill, a student delivering an address with a microphone placed six inches below his mouth. This speech was delivered on the third floor of Willard. In the playback of this tape, the speech was interrupted many times by exceptionally loud counting of the numbers.

As far as jet planes, Mr. Hemphill, let's leave them up in the sky and try and concentrate on conditions that will improve classroom instruction. In my letter last Friday I did not criticize military training at Penn State, but I definitely inferred that disciplinary controls should be placed on these ROTC units.

Charles B. Carey, '58

Letter Cut

Gazette

TODAY

- Hillel Shachas Torah Service, 10 a.m., Hillel
Hillel Sabbath Eve Service, 8 p.m., Hillel
Interlandia Folk Dance, 7:30-10:30 p.m., HUR ballroom
Newman Club, Open House, 8 p.m., Student Center
UCA Cabinet service, 12:45 p.m., Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel
Fluid Mechanics Seminar, 4:10 p.m., 1 Sackett Building.
Players' "Carnival of Thieves," 8 p.m., Center Stage.
Thespians' "A Great Future," 8 p.m., Schwab Auditorium.

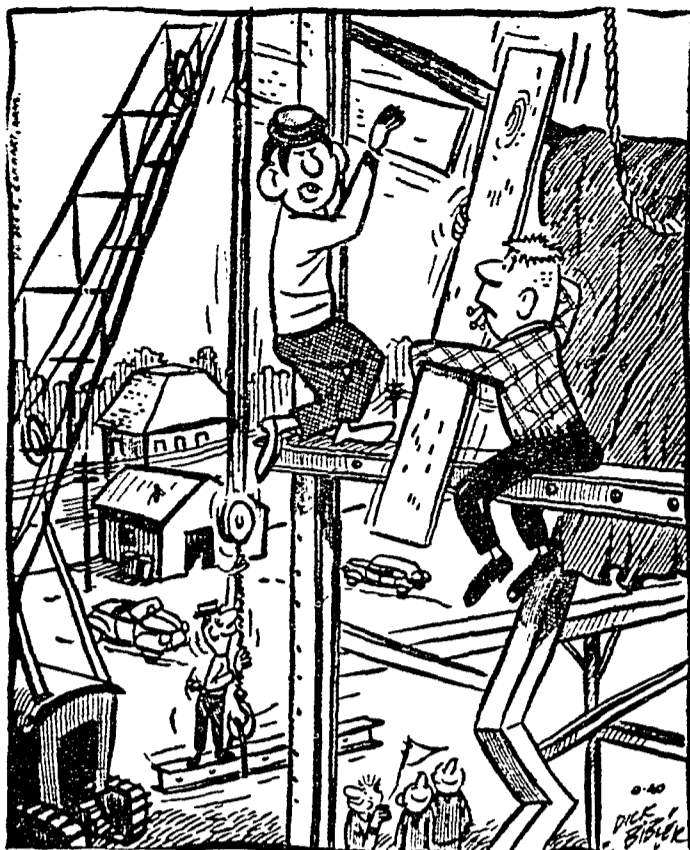
PLACEMENT INTERVIEWS

- Pennsylvania Railroad Co: Nov. 1 BS in CE, EE, IE, ME, LMR, BusAd
Continental Can: Nov. 1 BS, MS, PhD in Cer, ChE, ME, Metal, IE, F.T., Sci, Food, Ed.Ntr., BusAd, LA.
Youngstown Sheet & Tube: Nov. 1 BS, MS, PhD in ME, EE, ChE, Metal, IE, ME, CE, EngSci
American Agricultural Chemical Co: Nov. 1 BS in Chem for Lab., people for production work with Ag. background—AgrEc., Agr.Ed., AgrE, Agr, Agro
Hazel Atlas Glass (Div. of Continental Can): Nov. 1 BS, MS, PhD in ChE
Socory Mobil: Nov. 1 MS, PhD in Chem, ChE

TONIGHT ON WDFM

- 6:45: Sign on and News; 7:00 "A" Train
7:50: State News and National Sports
8:00: Hubzapoppin'; 8:30: Friday Night News Round-up; 9:00: Just For Two
10:00: News; 10:05: Light Classical Jukebox; 11:30: News and Sign-off.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"This is nuthin'—ya' shoulda seen our 'Homecoming' display last year."

Interpreting the News

American Soldier: Issue in Far East

By JAMES CARY

SEOUL, Oct. 17 (AP)—The American soldier has become a public issue in the Far East.

In recent months he has been under fire in Formosa, Japan and Korea. His relations in Okinawa and the Philippines have not always been smooth.

The most common complaint voiced by Orientals is: "American GIs think they are better than we are. They treat us like animals."

They cite the case of a Chinese Peeping Tom killed by an American sergeant in Taipei last spring, testimony in Japan of U.S. soldiers shooting at Japanese brass collectors allegedly for sport, and the more recent series of shootings in Korea by U.S. guards protecting military supplies.

One Korean tells an American: "You wouldn't shoot people trying to steal such equipment if they were Caucasians."

The soldier has his side too. An embittered young serviceman commented on thefts of U.S. military supplies by Koreans—a loss of more than two million dollars since January 1956, including 1 1/2 million gallons of gasoline this year.

"I think I know why I'm here," he said, "but I don't think the Koreans do."

A well-informed American source described the average new soldier's introduction to Korea: "He arrives in Ascom city, west of Seoul, completes processing, then perhaps wanders into a local village. He may lose his fountain pen or even more if he's not careful."

"Later when he gets to the

front lines and has a little liberty he is besieged by prostitutes, and by black market operators urging him to sell anything he has, including government property, for a quick profit."

In Japan, too, honky-tonk elements congregate around U.S. bases, but more worthwhile approaches to the local population are available. The same is true of Formosa and the Philippines.

To offset the unnatural situation here the Army is starting an orientation program to make GIs more aware of the Korea they seldom see—an ancient land of culture and proud people.

The armed services have shown an active sense of public relations in many ways. They have contributed heavily to charities, paid condolence money in some death cases, exerted great effort aiding disaster areas, have flown stricken people hundreds of miles to obtain medical help.

Still the U.S. soldier is an issue as long as he remains. For America has stepped on a sensitive nerve—the issue of white authority among yellow and brown peoples. No soldiers, no matter how well oriented or behaved, can completely solve this.

