

Editorials

Speak Up, WDFM

It seems logical that the main support for obtaining a student-run AM radio station should come from little-heard WDFM.

However, this has not been so.

The main support for an AM radio station has come only from a few individual students working independently and only loosely connected with either WDFM or student government.

Ever since the idea of a station was advanced more than two years ago, its progress has suffered because WDFM has not provided the main support for the movement.

Action taken last year was mostly technical. A University student assisted the engineering consultants in the search for an available frequency. The final report on the availability of a frequency was optimistic so President Eric A. Walker and a committee met several times to plan the next step—that of applying for a license from the Federal Communications Commission.

Since this series of meetings no action has been taken either way. No decisions have been made. The administration apparently believes that students have not shown enough enthusiasm for the project.

WDFM still says an AM station would be nice but the staff hasn't done much about it. All-University Cabinet thinks it over once in a while but has done little else.

The Student Encampment Communications and Culture workshop this year recommended that a "detailed investigation" be made of the proposal and then Cabinet will take a 100 per cent stand either for or against it.

If it is favored, then it is recommended that the AM station be among the suggestions the class of '58 votes on for its gift.

If the seniors support the station, it would mean \$10,000. And if the class of '59 selected the same, the station's financial worries would be over.

WDFM can make or break the dream.

Instead of expecting individuals to carry on the work with hit-and-miss support by Cabinet, WDFM should compile the requested report and present it to Cabinet.

By doing this the station staff will save much time since it already is aware of the questions and answers of establishing and operating a station. It will also show that WDFM wholeheartedly wants the station.

Then Cabinet can judge from the report whether or not an AM station is feasible and if it merits the full support of the students.

From the outcome of this action, then, the administration will clearly see the attitude of the students and availability of resources.

But a final stamp of approval will need a "powerful lot" of WDFM as well as Cabinet push.

Short Takes

The latest issue of Froth, on sale tomorrow, may be plump but probably not pleasingly so . . .

The National Association of Manufacturers—fighting for a cut in governmental expenditures—notes that federal, state and local governments are spending more than \$214,000 a minute. We remind this organization: beep . . .

The student health situation was called "normal for the season" last week by the University Health Service. Since Dr. Herbert R. Glenn, director of the service, noted a "definite improvement" in campus health yesterday, we must presume the situation is now much better than normal . . .

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Safety Valve

ROTC Termed 'Of Little Value'

TO THE EDITOR: From the current, rather bilateral discussion of ROTC in the Collegian, at least two facts seem evident:

- It is possible to get a good education at Penn State.
• ROTC causes a very real disruption of some classes.

The question with which we should concern ourselves is "do the benefits derived from ROTC outweigh the annoyance and disruption caused by ROTC?" This, of course, can only be a value judgment. However, I should like to propose the following:

• The primary value of rigid military discipline is for those occasions in which close concerted action must be taken by large groups of people acting under such extreme conditions of stress that the ordinary desire to follow orders fails.

• The majority of assignments involve skills with distinct civilian counterparts, i.e. vehicle repair supervisor, food service officer, supply officer, etc. These jobs can be done better by a civilian who has these skills and must learn military skills after entering the service than by a person with an excellent military background but none of the technical skills.

• The character of warfare has changed so markedly that initiative and intelligence are of greater value than blind military obedience.

Does ROTC and, in particular, drill fulfill the precepts above?

My value judgment is no. Certainly, it did not prepare me for active duty. I am a ROTC graduate and served two years in the Air Force as an officer before entering graduate school. I would say that it was of practically no value to me or to most of the ROTC officers with whom I served.

Therefore, if the assumptions and conclusions are valid, drill must at least be moved and then steps taken by those in charge to find a different training program which will meet the needs of the military.

—Farren H. Smith Graduate Student

Genetics Prof to Speak On Atomic Fallout Ethics

Dr. Donald F. Mitchell, assistant professor of genetics, will speak on "Some Ethical Issues Faced in the Atomic Fallout" at the vesper service at 4:30 this afternoon in the Helen Eakin Eisenhower Chapel.

The Meditation Chapel choir, directed by Willa C. Taylor, will sing.

Gazette

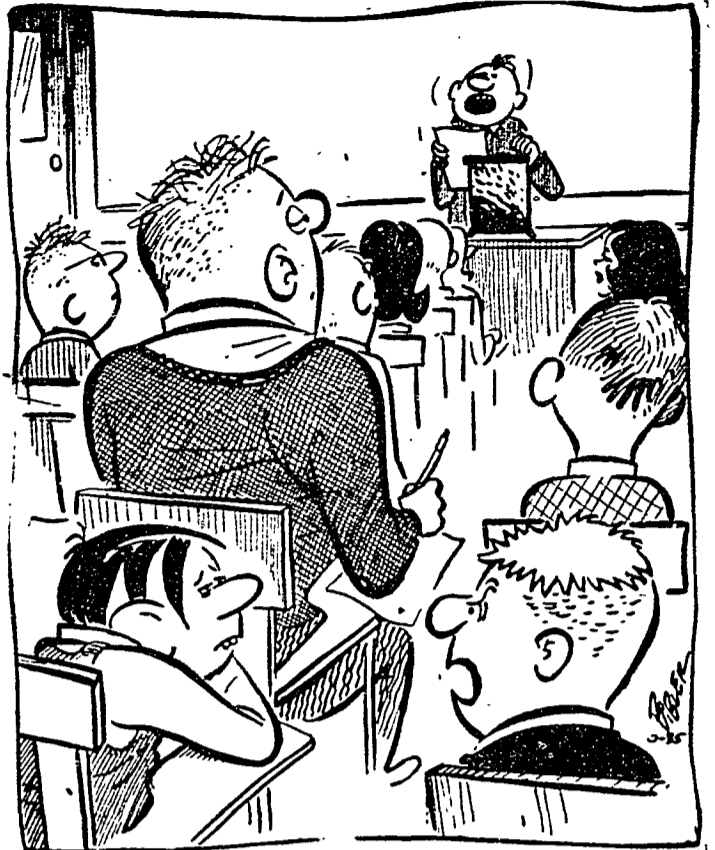
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TONIGHT ON WDFM
6:45: Sign on, news and market reports
7:00: The Home Ec. show; 7:15: Folk Music; 7:50: State news and national ports; 8:00: Invitation to Relax; 8:00 Open to Question; 8:00: Campus news and sports; 9:15: As You Believe; 9:30: Cabinet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

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"It was my turn to sit behind Biffo—you slept behind him in history!"

Sand in my Shoes

Too Many Shout—Instead of Think

By Judy Harkison

Mr. John Q. Public has been jostled out of his easy chair twice in the past several weeks. Newspaper headlines screaming of segregation and Russia's Sputnik have caused him much consternation and a few white hairs.

His reaction has been called immaturity, poor sportsmanship, puerilism, childishness, and many other things.

The announcement of Russia's beeping ball knocked the wind out of many people. The Little Rock segregation incident evoked bitterness and resistance from "solid American citizens," and from others, disgust at the behavior of the whites.

It is a difficult thing to admit error in ourselves. It has been much easier to attribute error to the growing pains of a young people.

But perhaps the major human problem raised by the tempo of today's society is that it leaves us so little time to think and to view in perspective just what we are doing and where we are going.

We confuse movement with progress, and activity with accomplishment. There is too much pressure to "get things done," and we rarely stop to think if they are worth doing or if we are doing them the right way.

The ideal, in our age, is the busy man—the man who travels, who makes decisions, who races along the orbit of his life without ever recognizing that he may be traveling in circles.

Action cannot be a substitute for thought. Too often the world has been plunged into disaster by men who did not take the time for slow, thorough thinking. It

seems so much easier to do something than to understand its implications.

Louis Carroll's Red Queen had to run as fast as she could just to stay in the same place. This was a shrewd premonition of modern man's predicament.

A little thought itself might have helped the emotional, screaming Little Rock mobs who forgot that Negroes are citizens, too.

And a mature mind would realize there is no law that prohibits any man or country from winning a worthwhile and hard-earned goal.

Hillel Resets Time Of Hebrew Course

The meeting hour for the course in conversational Hebrew offered at the Hillel Foundation has been changed to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

New registrants for the course may attend the next session on Tuesday. Textbooks will be provided.

The course also will incorporate students enrolled for intermediate Hebrew.



PEANUTS
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WHAT ABOUT MY HANDS? LOOK AT THEM SHAKE... PUT 'EM IN YOUR POCKET.

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