

Editorial Opinion

Seniors Go Shopping

The senior class is beginning to jingle about \$9000 as the search for a class gift begins once again.

Suggestions for the gift are being sought from January graduates through selection boxes placed in the Hetzel Union Building. Today is the last day for nominations.

The final gift suggestion, however, will not be decided until June graduates vote in May. The \$10,000 gift last year was a collection of books for the Fred Lewis Pattee library.

The gift will be financed by an accumulation of a 50-cent general damage fee, tacked onto University tuition each semester. At the end of four years, every senior will have about a \$4 investment in the gift.

The first suggestion that comes to mind for this year's gift is money toward the proposed AM station. Progress toward the realization of the station was stopped last year because of the lack of funds to finance it.

The total cost is estimated to be between \$15,000 and \$20,000. If the seniors support the station it would mean \$9000. And if the class of '59 follows suit, the money to build the station would be available.

The second obstacle which the proposed station faces is whether or not the students really want it. During the past few years the bulk of interest and research came from a few individual students. The issue has recently been handled with hesitation by All-University Cabinet, the administration and the Student Encampment workshop discussing it.

The reason for the hesitation is that no one seems to know just how strongly the student body is in favor of it. However, if students demonstrate support by voting it as the class gift, there should be little doubt as to the enthusiasm.

In addition to the proposed AM station, other suggestions are:

- Funds for the proposed Stone Valley Recreation area. This project was put into the planning stages last year to provide swimming and recreation facilities.
• Furnishings for the proposed Helen Eakin Eisenhower Memorial Chapel. These could include an altar that could be lowered through the floor in the Chapel or stained glass windows for the meditation chapel.
• Self-service photo copy machines for the library (at \$300 each). The machines would photograph pages of books and magazines.
• Collection of books for the library. Although this was the \$10,000 class gift last year, the library is still far from being adequate to serve a University of such size and scope.
• Scholarship fund. A fund would be established in the class name and referred to the University scholarship coordinator.

These suggestions are just a few that have been mentioned in the past. To give students a broader range of ideas, we welcome reader's suggestions through the Safety Valve column.

Although today is the last opportunity for January graduates to place their two cents in the ballot boxes, thinking ahead will do no harm for the June graduates.

The dissenting opinions of one generation become the prevailing interpretation of the next.—Burton J. Hendrick

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Safety Valve

Readers Reply To Mr. Rodill

TO THE EDITOR: Mr. Rodill's letter of sympathy with the Communists cannot be successfully attacked on the grounds of sentiment, for Communists do not recognize sentiment. It can be attacked in the painstaking channels of pure logic.

A case made for and against socialism must be weighed on the basis of complete evidence.

Mr. Rodill, it is certain that an overwhelmingly great majority of

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the Hungarian people disagree with you—the only resistance to their revolt came from their Communist leadership.

It is certain that the Russian people disagree with Mr. Rodill by their overwhelming response to a recent trade fair held in Moscow. Their progress from "backwardness" did not show in their faces as they looked at ordinary American canned goods.

I would like to know, if we are warmongers, what does Mr. Rodill consider to be the international position of a nation with a fleet of over-600 submarines and an unknown air power which is being added to at the rate of 56-engine, 6-man jet bombers per month—and which has, in the past 40 years, enveloped within her borders 18 nations covering over one million square miles and containing one-third of the world's population—applying direct shot and shell force where diplomatic infiltration has failed in every case.

What is the freedom of a people who are prevented from traveling voluntarily into other countries by barbed wire, dogs, and rifles?

Mr. Rodill, you are correct in saying that armament breeds war. But you have neglected the fact that any alternative but those of preparedness or disarmament means unresisted aggression—as in Finland, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, China, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and a few others . . .

—Thomas M. Barnes, '60

• Letter cut

TO THE EDITOR: Certainly Mr. Daniel Rodill ("Socialism Is Superior," Daily Collegian, Jan. 6) can't think too much of his American heritage if he continues to think like this.

Sure, he may say, ". . . I sympathize with the Russians." But, he says it while going to the university he chooses, studying in the curriculum he chooses for the career he wants, and being able to express his ideas and opinions freely. I think that if Mr. Rodill really wants it his way, there would be very little trouble in arranging his passage to Russia. He would think again, I feel, before doing this.

—Paul L. Garwig, '59

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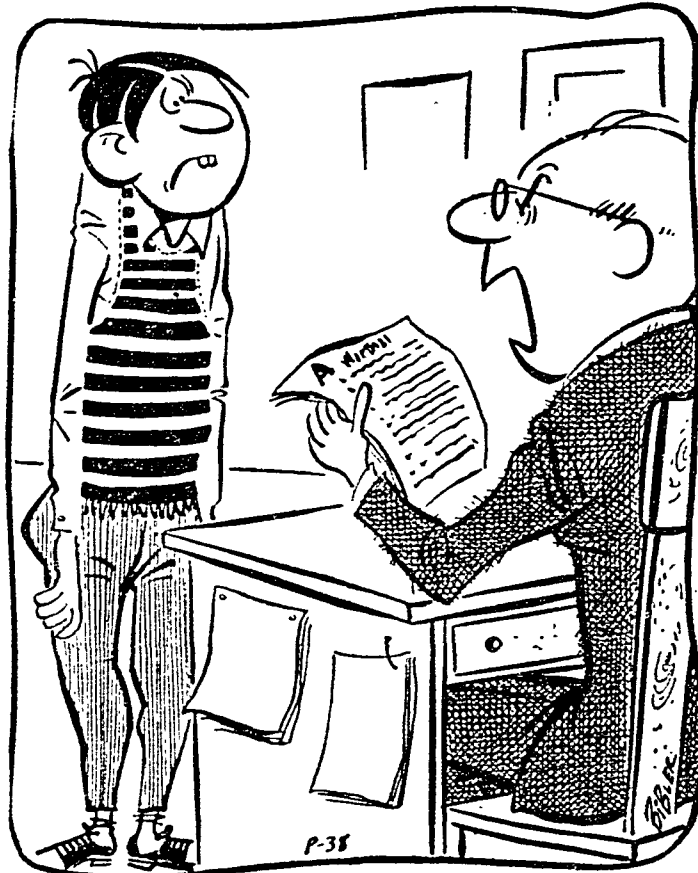
TODAY

- Collegian Business Staff, 6:30 p.m., 205 Willard
Theta Sigma Pi, 6:30 p.m., 9 Carnegie
WSGA Judicial, 5 p.m., 218 HUB
Froth Art Staff, 7 p.m., HUB
Gamma Sigma Sigma, sister's meeting, 6:45 p.m., 119 Osmond
Panhellenic Council, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB
Newman Club Discussion Group, 7 p.m., 104 Program Center
Froth Advertising Staff, 7 p.m., Froth Office
Collegian Promotion Staff, 6:30 p.m., 209 Willard
Education Student Council, Election of officers, 7 p.m., 204 Burrows
Newman Club, Film, "Need of Religion," 7 p.m., 110 EE
Hamilton Christian Association, 7:30 p.m., Hamilton Lounge
American Society for Metals, speaker, James Morris, 7:30 p.m., Mineral Science Auditorium
Vesper Service, 4:30 p.m., Chapel
Economics Seminar, noon, dining room "A" HUB
College of Business Administration Faculty, 4:10 p.m., 111 Boucke
Physics Colloquium, 4:10 p.m., 117 Osmond Laboratory
WRA Bowling Club party, 8:15 p.m. to 9 p.m., White Building playground

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 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; 11:05: This World of Music; 11:30: News and sign-off.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"You can keep the 'A'—because you were so clever that no time during th' exam was I able to detect how you were cheating."

Facts Behind the News

BusAd Refused ROTC; 'Name' Letters Withheld

By Bob Franklin

Now that the 1957 chapter of the ROTC controversy is closed, it is interesting to note some of the events which—although they never made the front pages—helped light and fan the fires of the ROTC issue.

The Senate Committee on Educational Policy, which recommended a compulsory women's ROTC-civil defense program, began its study nearly two years ago considering abolition of men's required ROTC.

But in the fall semester of 1956, a student, whose name is unrelated to the current controversy, wrote a personal letter to President Eric A. Walker. In it he suggested consideration of required ROTC and civil defense for both men and women.

The student, then a freshman graduated with national scholastic recognition from an out-of-state high school, saw a need for women's help in any total war and for common civil defense knowledge.

The idea was received quite favorably by some administration and faculty personnel and they began pushing for it through the Senate Committees on Educational Policy and Military Affairs.

How much time and effort members of the committees put in on the question is not a matter of public record, but it is doubtful that it equalled some of the student research on ROTC.

At one time it was suggested

that a proposed School of Military Science and Civilian Defense be included in the College of Business Administration. This plan was quickly killed by BusAd officials. Liberal Arts college officials did not object when the school was mentioned for their college.

The Senate Educational Policy committee's report has been called incomplete. Its page-and-one-half barely outlines the basic ideas of the committee majority and is labeled a tentative report. Perhaps this was done to send up a "trial balloon" to test faculty and student opinion.

Opponents of voluntary ROTC did not wait for Cabinet debate on the issue. In fact a group of them even stalled consideration there to gain time and information.

Then two of them visited the Pentagon during Thanksgiving vacation. They saw a number of important officials, but apparently did not gain much information they wanted to give Cabinet.

Opponents of voluntary ROTC also solicited statements supporting their stand from a number of "name" officials. One reply backing compulsory ROTC came from one of the most

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