

## U. S. Ballistic Missile Fails in First Attempt

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—The United States' first attempt at launching an inter-continental ballistic missile ended in a violent roar of flames—and failure.

The 85-foot Atlas missile thundered into the air after what appeared to be a perfect launching at 4:26 p.m. EST yesterday, only to be transformed into a bright ball of orange flame 90 seconds later.

A huge puff of smoke and scattered debris was silhouetted against the afternoon sun as the pride of the Air Force plunged back toward earth.

The failure was a bitter disappointment for Convair technicians who had worked 14 months to prepare the mighty rocket for Thursday's momentous 6325-statute-mile attempt.

Fifteen minutes after launching the Air Force announced that, "Approximately 80 seconds after the Atlas was test launched the vehicle exploded and destroyed itself. The cause of the malfunction is not yet known."

This was the 13th Atlas launching and the second fully powered version of the missile to blow up in two months.

The spectacular breakup about 60,000 feet in the sky came after the mighty ICBM had flown successfully on three consecutive tests at a range of 3000 miles. The first fully powered Atlas exploded 45 seconds after launching.

The Atlas, one hundred tons of awesome power, blasted skyward with its three engines blazing. The propulsion system built up more than 350,000 pounds of thrust on the ground before the missile rose.

The Air Force made no official announcement that this would be the first all-the-way test for the "Big A", but it was learned that this was the big day.

If the Atlas had flown successfully it would have impacted near Ascension Island, some 1000 miles off the African coast. The flight would have taken about 30 minutes.



Cheering students send Engle's Eleven to Nebraska. (Story on Page 5)

## Later HUB Hours To Be Tried Soon

The Lion's Den will remain open until 12:30 a.m. for two weekends sometime this semester to test the feasibility of extending the snack bar's hours permanently.

The decision to extend the hours was made by the Hetzel Union Board yesterday after a request made by the Association of Independent Men.

### University Party to Hold Introductory Meeting

The University Party will hold an introductory meeting at 7 p.m. Sunday in 121 Sparks.

Campus politics and the purposes of the party will be explained and party leaders will be introduced.

This will provide a place for freshmen and other independent men to go on Friday and Saturday nights.

A recreational vacuum created by the new deferred rushing program which forbids freshman men to enter fraternity houses prompted AIM's action, President Edward Frymoyer said.

The first request was for a 1 a.m. extension on Friday and Saturday nights. It was objected that it was difficult to get employees for late hours on weekends because regular employees could not work over 40 hours and few students wish to work on weekend nights.

Robert C. Proffitt, director of food service, said yesterday that the Lion's Den was open until 1 a.m. about two years ago and the experiment did not prove profitable. He also said that during the latter part of the evening there are usually few people in the Lion's Den and if there is not an increase on the nights with extended hours it would not pay to keep it open.

If the later hours prove successful the HUB Board will consider a permanent extension. The weekends on which the Lion's Den will be opened late will be announced later.

### Collegian To Hold Party For New Candidates

Students interested in joining the news staff of The Daily Collegian are invited to a coke party tomorrow afternoon.

The party will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Collegian city room, in the basement of Carnegie Building. All news staff members and printers have been asked to attend. Dress will be informal. The Penn State-Nebraska football game will be broadcast during the party.

### State-Wide System:

## Proposal Includes University Library

The Pattee Library may become one of the mainstays of Pennsylvania's first state-wide library system.

The system, now being investigated by a survey group, is a state-aided plan to modernize and expand library facilities for the Commonwealth, the Associated Press said yesterday.

The report is to be presented to Gov. George M. Leader's 24-member commission on libraries at a meeting in Harrisburg on Monday.

Dr. Lowell Martin, dean of Rutgers University's graduate library school and head of the survey group, suggested that the Pattee library as well as the Philadelphia Free Library, Carnegie Library at Pittsburgh and the state library at Harrisburg be used as resource centers for the entire system.

These centers would be supplemented by 24 or more smaller libraries located as district centers in direct liaison with all local libraries in the system.

The survey proved that Pennsylvania's per capita expenditure on libraries was only 83 cents while the National Library Association's standard is \$2.50.

Martin said it is possible for Pennsylvania to establish the new system for a per capita expenditure of \$1.90. According to the present population the state legislature would have to appropriate biennially \$11 million to support the plan.

The 1957 legislature authorized \$180,000 to be used by free public libraries. Most of this appropriation was used to support mobile libraries in rural areas. Despite the state and federal subsidies, 20 per cent of the people in Pennsylvania are without library facilities.

Another 42 per cent have substandard facilities and over one-fourth of the libraries operate on an average per capita budget of only 25 cents.

## Cabinet Approves Opening of Talks On Senior Gift

By DENNY MALICK

All-University Cabinet last night made President Jay Feldstein and Senior Class President Charles Welsh its voices in attempts to renew the now defunct senior class gift.

Cabinet unanimously approved a recommendation to empower Feldstein and Welsh to negotiate with the administration for reallocation of funds to maintain the senior gift.

The recommendation was made by the Cabinet Executive Committee and presented by Vice President Stephen Garban.

However, the Cabinet spokesmen will not be able to confer until next week with President Eric A. Walker, who is on a 10-day vacation.

Quick action is being sought since Walker announced last week that the gift, as such, has not existed since 1948 and is being dropped by the administration.

The gift, until 1948, was provided from a damage deposit which was suspended in that year.

Since 1948 the trustees have approved the providing of University funds to continue the senior gift. However, the trustees have not acted on providing funds for the 1958 class gift of \$10,000 for a campus AM station.

In addition to providing for a 1959 class gift, the recommendation further stated that a system should be set up to continue the gift tradition in future years.

Welsh has asked the student body for individual suggestions as to how the senior gift idea could be continued.

Two important suggestions have been made so far in addition to reallocation of funds, Welsh said. One is to add a small fee to each student's semester fees. The other is to set up a pledge system similar to the Alumni Fund.

## Dean Weston Is Admitted To Hospital

By Cathy Fleck

Pearl O. Weston, dean of women, was admitted to the Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh yesterday for observation upon the advice of her doctor.

Neither the hospital nor Miss Weston's family could say how long she will remain there. However, a member of her family did say that "Miss Weston has not been feeling well for quite some time."

Dr. Robert Kleinschmidt of Pittsburgh, acting physician for Miss Weston, declined to comment on the nature of the illness until tests and diagnostic work have been performed. These tests will begin tomorrow.

Miss Weston, who took a leave of absence from her duties Wednesday, was admitted at 3:20 p.m. A sister, who lives in Carnegie, near Pittsburgh, accompanied her to the hospital.

Miss Weston's address at the hospital is:

Room 733  
Mercy Hospital  
Pittsburgh 19, Penna.

### Educational TV Show

A special telecast outlining the educational opportunities available to the general public via open circuit TV will originate on campus at 7 tonight on WFBG-TV, Channel 10.

## Sunny, Cool Today With 68 Predicted

"Sunshine means I can wear my NEW alligator raincoat," the Lion said this morning. The cool weather of 64 to 68 degrees means he'd better wear something.



## Parents Group Wins Approval of Cabinet

By BILL JAFFE

The All-University Cabinet Public Relations Committee will study a proposed parents association.

The formation of the parents association was recommended by the executive committee and approved unanimously by Cabinet at last night's meeting.

Robert Franklin, editor of The Daily Collegian, said the association would serve three purposes: to get parents interested in the University, to raise money and to serve as a pressure group.

The public relations committee is to investigate the possibility of supplying parents with a quarterly newsletter explaining University events and forming a permanent structural organization. The idea for the association was prompted by the successful parents fund created for the Stone Valley recreational project.

In other business, Robert Piccone, business manager of the Student Handbook, said in a report to Cabinet the 1958-1959 handbook suffered a loss of \$317. The 1957 book suffered a loss of more than \$600.

About \$1521 was collected in

advertising fees and the printing bill amounted to \$1828.50, he said.

Piccone and Editor Bryna Nelson made the following recommendations to Cabinet for next year's book: that the book be sold for 25 cents, the possibility of national advertising be investigated, staff interviews and appointments be held early in the fall semester, and staff members' interviews be conducted by the Cabinet Personnel Interviewing Committee.

The financial plight of the Handbook was discussed in the Communications Workshop at Student Encampment, and the workshop suggested that a charge be made for the Handbook. The extra money would be used to expand and modernize the pre-

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