

Editorial Opinion

Walker's Straight Facts

President Eric A. Walker is making a praiseworthy effort to acquaint students with "the reason why" behind the University's problems of expansion and enrollment.

Walker said in a statement on Monday that 1000 qualified high school graduates had to be turned away from the University because of seriously lagging dormitory construction.

In another statement issued by Walker yesterday, he said a lack of sufficient scholarship aid keeps many top students from enrolling at the University.

Both of these questions are controversial; Walker dealt with both of them without mincing words or trying to evade the situation or its consequences.

And, more important, he indicated on both problems that something would be done to improve the situation.

Walker should be commended for taking the time and interest to provide information and explanation about these problems to students.

Both the student body and the University will benefit if this policy of clarifying and publicizing such important facts is continued by the administration.

Indie Week

A talent show, exchange dinners, a bridge tournament, fireside discussions and a pep rally—these events are among the items independent men and women may enjoy during the annual Indie Week celebration, being held this week.

Saturday night's Autumn Ball—including the crowning of the Indie Queen—will top off the week.

The week is sponsored by the Association of Independent Men and Leonides, which together represent most of the students on the main campus.

But while AIM and Leonides are two of the largest campus organizations, many Independent students do not choose to take part in their activities. This may be attributed at least partly to the fact that independents are members of AIM or Leonides automatically as Independents, not necessarily by choice.

But since many members do participate in Independent activities, it is important that AIM and Leonides sponsor social, recreational and educational events for their members.

Indie Week is designed to help fulfill some of the social, recreational and educational needs of Independent students—and AIM and Leonides usually do a most creditable job in attaining these goals.

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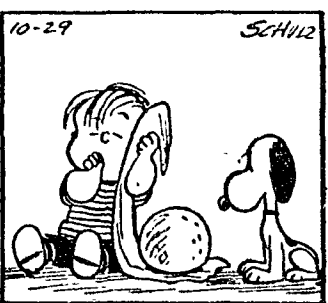
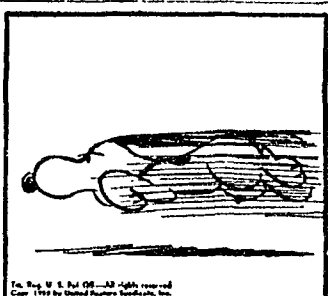
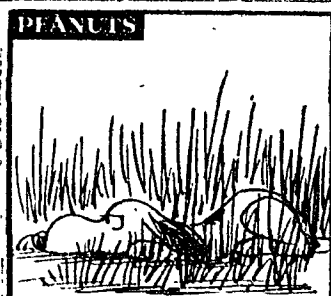
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Letters

Fire Practice Seen Needed

TO THE EDITOR: I am writing regards to (a column) of Thursday, entitled "Midnight Insanity—Dorm Fire Drills." The person who wrote this article probably thought this was pretty cute. I hate to differ with her but—

In April of 1957 I was attending Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio. We used to have fire drills, not at 12 o'clock, but at 2, 3 and even 4 o'clock in the morning. Our procedure was the same as here—to pull up the shade, close the windows, close the closet, turn on the light, grab our coats and leave the room fast!

If we didn't leave the dorm fast enough we would have another drill later in the month. And our drills were never announced. I thank my lucky stars for this now.

On April 13 at 2 a.m. my dorm caught on fire. When the fire alarm went off no one knew it was the real thing. We grumbled and complained but got outside of the building in absolute serenity and calm.

It was only after we knew everyone was out that it was announced that this was the real thing. We lost all our clothes and personal things—but we had our lives.

So, if you still want to continue calling fire drills a nuisance, o.k.; but they might come in pretty handy some day. I hope and pray not.

—Iris Hirshberg, '59

Gazette

TODAY

- Accounting Club, 7 p.m., Theta Delta Chi
AIM, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
Book Exchange, 6:30-7:30 p.m., 212 HUB
Blood mobile Registration, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., HUB lobby
Camera Club, 7:30 p.m., 212-213 HUB
Campus Party, 7 p.m., 217 HUB
Chess Club, 7 p.m., 7 Sparks
Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Collegian photo staff, 7:30 p.m., Collegian Darkroom
Dancing class, 6:30 p.m., HUB Ballroom
DOC Student Council, 7:30 p.m., 218 HUB
Hillel Intermediate-Conversational Hebrew Class, 7:15 p.m., Foundation
Hillel Kosher Co-op, 5 p.m., Foundation
Judicial Board, 7 p.m., 214 HUB
Leadership Training, 7 p.m., 110 EE
Physical Education Student Council, 7 p.m., 3 White
Players advertising crew for "Reluctant Debutante," 8:15 p.m., Schwab Auditorium
Sigma Delta Chi, 7 p.m., 114 Carnegie

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

John Aber, Charles Annett, William Bianco, Ann Cooke, Katherine Dietrich, Allen Gordon, Kenneth Lunk, Maxine Lundy, Michael Nagel, Robert Salem, Beatrice Shupp, John Simplic, Deborah Sinberg, Adrian Stetler, Donald Thompson, Albert Wenrick, William Wilson.

Delta Phi Alpha Elects President

Frank Entiero, graduate in arts and letters from Hazleton, has been elected president of Delta Phi Alpha, German honorary society.

Other officers elected at a meeting of the society were Donald Clagett, sophomore in chemistry from State College, vice president; and Lynda Cololessor, junior in arts and letters from Erie, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Dagobert de Levie, associate professor of German, is adviser to the society.

Prof Named to Ed Post

Elwood F. Olver, director of the Department of Security, has been named a member of the College Education Committee of the National Safety Congress and of the Committee on Relations with College Administrators.

'Passionate Torches'

Hungarian Student Recalls Revolution

By NICK KOLUMBAN

With rare exception, revolutions do not pay.

They are passionate, sincere torches, lighting the apathy of good intention. They talk about an odd, unusual liberty which even they do not understand. The torches reach out simply from the prison doors for a little beauty, for a little warmth.

Two years ago Hungary was executed objectively, undisturbed. After the act, Khrushchev called his favorite mistress, Natasha, kissed her, and watched the Moldavian Dances performed by the Moiseyev Ballet Company, which was highly commended in the United States. (Attention! A well-dancing murderer is not a criminal anymore.)

Ranking after executions, Khrushchev liked culture the most.

On Nov. 8, 1956, when the Russian tanks fired even on my hat

saying anything. Then she kissed me and asked, "Where did you leave your submachine gun, young, handsome patriot?"

When I confessed that I never owned one and, on the other hand, had no money, she left me, disillusioned.

Vienna treated me like a soft wool blanket. She covered my chaotic memories and the absence of my parents. I stayed in a camp under French administration.

The widow, the grandfather, the innocent girl, the less innocent divorcee, the married man and the student were quartered in the same sleeping room.

October, 1958. The situation in Hungary is unchanged. Stalinism still lives. There is only one party; one may freely choose between Communism and Bolshevism. Marx represents God, and God does not exist anymore. (Anyway, the party line does not mention him.)

On holidays and Sundays executions are held, followed by gypsy-like music. The individualists are provided with free and ample facilities—in the lead mines. To be a Communist is very reasonable if one would like to live until the coming war.

In America things have a different touch. There are more political parties and organizations than an average citizen can take. The churches are advertised in the newspapers or on the highways with signs such as "Prepare to Meet Thy God."

Last week on Sunday afternoon I attempted to kiss an exceptionally sympathetic girl. (Her father owns two soap factories.) But she did not let me embrace her innocence. "Nick, were you in church this morning?" she asked me distrustfully.

Students, my fellow men! (I almost said "my countrymen!") Please live while you may, depending upon your circumstances. In the grace of intelligent mankind, we are gifted with probably five to ten more years.

The H-bombs are sharpened, the principles are non-flexible on both sides and the cold war is boiling up. Our further years are determined by Mr. Khrushchev and by Mr. Eisenhower.

The truth-loving citizens of two mighty, happy nations are ready for each other's annihilation.

Two Years Ago

Miklos (Nick) Kolumban, sophomore in hotel administration, was fighting in the Hungarian revolution two years ago today.

Leaving his family in Budapest, he escaped from Hungary and in March 1957 entered the University, where he was given a room and board scholarship by Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

A journalism student in Budapest, Kolumban wrote an article in The Daily Collegian of Oct. 29, 1957, on his experiences in the revolution, which lasted from Oct. 23 to Nov. 4, 1956.

on the balcony, Khrushchev cleaned his teeth with tooth picks, burped and remarked, "The Hungarians? Foolish fanatics. The Americans? Hesitating, impotent beasts." Soon he hiccupped, because he had only a few guests and too much cognac.

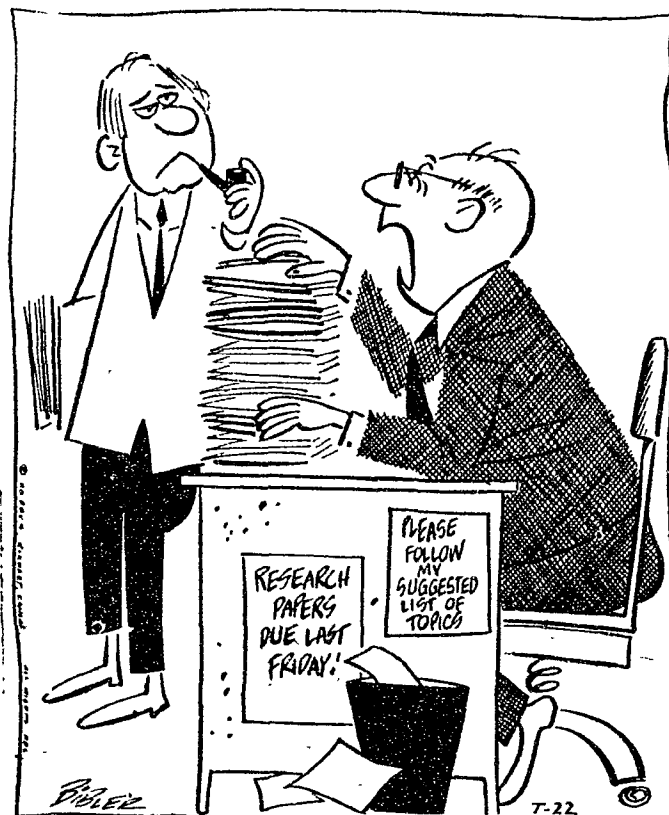
Indeed, we "showed" the world in 1956 how to put our romantic neck under the guillotine. Motto: "Five against Russia." (Bets can be arranged in the lobby.)

We were elevated to men, to heroes, yet we wanted to be merely free.

When I arrived in Vienna on Dec. 14, 1956, tired and thin, everybody was willing to take care of me. The American Embassy paid me \$5 a week to vanish my ribs from the mirror; old women accosted me on the street, buying two pounds of oranges for one smile of mine.

New clothes, coats were distributed by the churches. On the Friedrich Schmidt Square, an Austrian girl embraced me without

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Mighty poor students this term—these papers are so bad I can't adapt a single one for the book I'm writing."