

Editorial Opinion

This Was An Explanation?

Dean of Women Dorothy J. Lipp held a special meeting with about 80 campus women "leaders" last night to explain the junior resident system "accurately."

Unfortunately, this system has still not been explained "accurately." Granted, one has to experiment with a system and many changes may take place when it's in actual operation. But you have to start with a few more principles than let's have a counselor for every 25 to 50 girls because she will be able to help a girl with problems and find talent

At the meeting Dean Lipp read a speech about the complexities of organization at Penn State and again reiterated her cry of lack of communication.

Well, maybe this staffing system is best; but the girls attending that meeting had no chance to question the plan—to go over it point by point in an open debate. They will be given private conferences if they are interested in participating

Unfortunately this plan is going to affect 4000 girls—not just those interested in the counseling plan. By the time those girls re-explain the plan it may take on many different connotations and they may not be allowed or may not be able to answer all questions.

Dean Lipp did not explain the program fully and accurately as her note to the 160 women leaders said she would. They learned that a junior resident is a good, plain everyday person and that hostesses can serve as kind of assistant janitors and bookkeepers.

In short, she did little more than reiterate the generalities about the plan and something about how this was going to help find musicians.

As soon as Dean Lipp was finished with her speech which was scheduled in 10 Sparks, another group of students moved in to take an examination. The group of girls as a whole had no chance to question this system or hear an open debate on it.

A large number of concerned women followed Dean Lipp into the hall to try to discuss the plan. Surely there could have been an extra half an hour or hour so everyone could discuss the plan and hear Dean Lipp's answers. There must have been other rooms which were free.

If the dean of women wants communication she is sometime going to have to listen to the other side. Communication is a two-way proposition.

Lack of Communication

The girls on WSGA judicial board thought they got an order supposedly from Dean of Women Dorothy J. Lipp which stated that the names, offenses and penalties of all women who go before judicial are to be sent to her office for an OK.

When they were finally able to check on the apparently explicit order, Dean Lipp explained that she just wanted to see how things were going and help the girls if they have any troublesome decisions to make.

Dean Lipp doesn't have time to attend the judicial meetings but there are two members of her staff at the meetings. Why can't Miss Lois McCulloch and Assistant Dean R. May Schultz help the girls with troublesome decisions?

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What Really Happened?

by joel myers

Now that the United States has admitted that the plane shot down over Russian territory was engaged in a top-notch spy mission, it might be of interest to examine some of the far-reaching effects of the incident.

The specially designed U-2 aircraft was shot down more than 1300 miles inside Soviet territory by what the Russians claim was a "remarkable rocket."

Khrushchev first announced the incident last Thursday, but using all the cunning at his disposal, he withheld the details of the occurrence. Some foolish people at the State Department backed by the often-heard screams of our sometimes immature congressmen announced that the American aircraft was an "innocent weather plane."

This is apparently just what the chief Red was waiting for, because he proceeded to reveal the remainder of the gruesome details of the incident.

Spy and espionage work is, and I'm sure everyone realizes, a necessity to all the big powers involved in the existing cold war. In fact, it has been estimated that Russia's spy network is three times the size of ours.

There is quite a difference between just having a spy network and maintaining an effective espionage system that can blend in with a nation's foreign policies. There are several apparent weaknesses in our setup, which came to light when the facts of the recent incident are studied.

First, why was a mission of this

type attempted just two weeks before the upcoming summit conference? If the United States didn't want to attend the conference, Eisenhower could have refused the invitation. However, to throw a monkey wrench into the peace talks, without any apparent reason, at this late date seems senseless.

Second, the lack of coordinated statements flowing from the various national spokesmen made this nation look foolish to the rest of the world. Whoever authorized such a flight should have kept the people-in-the-know informed so that they didn't issue conflicting statements.

Third, why was such a talkative agent picked for a mission of such great magnitude. It seems that he disclosed every single detail of the plan to the Russians. In war time this would have constituted an act of treason against the United States. A stricter screening of agents might save us further embarrassment in the future.

Now let's look at some of the more encouraging sidelights of the incident.

How did a U.S. aircraft penetrate more than 1300 miles into Russia? Where was the Soviet radar? Where were their anti-aircraft guns and rockets?

This particular flight has exposed a definite weakness in the Russian air defense system and, no doubt, there is considerable concern in Moscow which is hid-

den behind the propaganda barrage.

Secretary of State Christian Herter announced Monday that there have been previous flights across Soviet territory which the Russians have apparently failed to detect. The brazenness of this particular flight tends to support this announcement.

These undetected flights into Russian territory prove the capabilities of the Strategic Air Command, which is built on the premise that U.S. aircraft would be able to penetrate Soviet defenses in wartime and destroy Russian war-making potential.

Another aspect of the Russian story is worthy of consideration. Khrushchev claims that a "remarkable rocket" is responsible for downing the U.S. aircraft. If this is true, how was the pilot, all of the photographic equipment and the spy pictures able to survive? Is the rocket a gentle instrument of war which guides enemy planes down to earth? I doubt it. I question whether or not the plane was even rocketed out of the sky.

If these assumptions are true, the world public will, in time, become aware of the real truth and the entire incident may turn out to be more of a propaganda victory for the United States than Russia could ever hope to achieve by her false claims.

In simple language it would show Russia's defenses to be inferior to ours.



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Letters

Lipp's Judicial Action Attacked

TO THE EDITOR: Last week Dean Lipp made it clear that the legislative power of the campus was concentrated in her hands. Now the ax has fallen on the last free branch.

Our judicial system has long functioned as an independent branch of student government composed of students to judge the acts of their peers. A student, after long discussion by the judicial board, was called to speak for herself before a final decision was reached.

Now, however, the names, offenses, and penalties will be listed and sent to the dean of women's office where final judgment will be passed without even calling the student to speak for herself.

They have loosened the ropes that bound us only to put us in chains. Anyone who has not

opened his eyes up until now cannot fail to see what is happening. For those who believe in representative government, freedom of expression is the last stronghold against unchecked administrative dictatorship.

—Rhoda D. Segur, Sonya Pin, Joan Althouse, Katherine Hamelehle, Karen Shallcross, Mercedes Moses, Claudette McGee, Judy Wolf, Gayle Ritchie, Kay Matta, Ginni Brooks, Ruth Pen, Janet Patterson, Felicenne Houston, Sylvia Jensen, Patricia Scott, Sharon Stone, Marilyn Lontz

Editor's Note: This letter was written and submitted before Dean of Women Dorothy J. Lipp clarified the directive from her office concerning Judicial. (See story page 1.)

Brandt Defends Dean Lipp

TO THE EDITOR: Last week both Dean Lipp and her policies were criticized through the Collegian by the Collegian itself and the Nittany Council. Further examination should reveal that the extent to which this criticism was carried was short sighted as well as unjust.

The unprogressive attitude shown by Mr. Rein and the Nittany Council in their actions and explanations indicate either a general and unwarranted dislike of the dean of women or a foolish display of hurt feelings which have apparently resulted from their momentary exclusion from the influence of one of the more liberal minded administrators on the Penn State Campus.

The archaic system of judicial double jeopardy which exists in State College is not only useless but illogical.

Does the University actually

worry about the detrimental influence of the hardened criminal student drinkers under 21 or were the men in the La Galleria incident unfortunate enough to become entangled in an outmoded web of thought?

An equally damaging position was taken by the Collegian in its front page editorial last Saturday. While not openly accusing the dean of women of dictatorship, perhaps, the result of a pre-occupation with the libel code, the insinuation was there, one which can only serve to undermine the position of the dean with the student body as a whole.

The Collegian has been notably lax in its criticisms of more stringent administrative policies in the past. It is ironic that several student groups have picked this time express their inertia to change and through that to express their own immaturity.

—John Brandt, '61

Letters

SCA Fund Drive Clarified by Grad

TO THE EDITOR: I feel that the success of the fund drive now being conducted on campus for the benefit of Southern students arrested or expelled from college for non-violent demonstrations has been seriously impaired by the Collegian's continued reference to it as the "DARE fund drive."

I hasten to say that those involved in planning the drive very much appreciate the Collegian's coverage of the fund drive, but perhaps the association between DARE and these funds has been more harmful than helpful.

The Collegian has reported that the Student Christian Association is sponsoring the drive; why then does it continue to refer to the drive as part of DARE, which is considered by many to threaten the existing patterns of racial discrimination on campus?

—Suzanne Day, '59

Gazette

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 Chem-Phys Student Council, 7 p.m., 213 HUB
 Chess Club, 7 p.m., HUB cardroom
 Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
 Coaly Society Skeleton, 8 a.m., HUB ground floor
 Dancing Class, 6:30 p.m., HUB ballroom
 Eng-Arch Student Council, 6:45 p.m., 214 HUB
 Forestry Convocation, 11 a.m., 121 Sparks
 Forestry Society, 7 p.m., 105 Armsby
 Grange Open Meeting, 7 p.m., 100 Weaver
 Home Economists, 9 a.m., 212, 213, 217, 218 HUB
 Kappa Phi Kappa, 9:30 p.m., 464 E. College Ave.
 Meteorology Lecture, 8 p.m., 119 Osmond
 Navy Film, 9:30 p.m., HUB Assembly room
 TIM, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
 WCA, 9 p.m., 213 HUB
 Women's Orientation, 10 p.m., HUB assembly room
 Zoology Club, 7 p.m., 105 Frear

HOSPITAL

Harley Brook, John Callenbach, Lee Clupper, Edward Fordyce, Douglas Gerard, Marcia Hartrick, Mary Lee Hobbs, Edgar Krug, Paul Krum, Ronald Kubiacki, Jean Kutz, Kathleen Leland, Elizabeth Lott, Donald Mandell, Walter Martin, Roger Nesti, Marile Rounds, Kay Rozelle, Barbara Schlatter, Terrance Schmoeyer, Mary Ann Wasantis, Frederick Williams, Susan Wylie.

