

Editorial Opinion

Main Library Needs Should Take Priority

Before the University starts setting up miniature libraries on campus, the administration better take another look at the LA faculty's library report.

We hear plans for the "study centers" include basic reference books and a library "atmosphere." Before the library "atmosphere" is projected over the rest of the campus, the main library ought to be fully equipped.

If money is not available for both projects, then a policy of first things first ought to be followed. The question is basically whether the University needs a library which contains the necessary works for higher study or whether it needs a high school library with little extensions for students' convenience.

We realize that these little study centers will look good to parents and legislators but we also realize that interested undergraduate students can get along without them. Many undergraduates find the inadequate facilities of the main library irritating.

Granted, the inadequate library probably hinders the instructors more than the undergraduates; but it is not a question of which is more important, undergraduates or graduates and professors.

The University cannot attract the good instructors which are vital to any school, when it does not have available the basic facilities which they must use—namely books.

All too many qualified instructors find Penn State a nice temporary stopping place before moving on to other, more fertile areas.

Last September, the Senate Committee on Research Policy recommended that the University adopt a policy which required "staff members in all professorial ranks on the main campus to engage in research or other scholarly activity as a part of their University duties." The committee asked that a minimum of one fourth time be allotted for this purpose.

Rumors circulating among faculty members held that perhaps this policy would also affect the University's antiquated method of promotion.

This policy is unfair in many respects, but to ask for scholarly activity without a decent library is absolutely ridiculous.

The University Senate also tried to evaluate the graduate level courses and straighten out the conflicting rules on entering courses. Talk about putting the 500 courses on a really graduate level dominated one Senate meeting. Again the University should have the facilities to handle higher level graduate work before it starts demanding it.

The attempts to raise standards at the University (and they must be raised) are very commendable; but in all the talk, one vital segment of the University which is so necessary an implement for this purpose is completely forgotten—the library.

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Letters

Junior Attacks WSGA Judicial Rules, Policies

TO THE EDITOR: Lately the seemingly radical WSGA Judicial Board broke with the traditional Protestant ethic by permitting hotels, motels and grass for coeds in summer.

However, probably for the sake of counter-balance, the board took action against a coed by locking her in the dorm for a week after 7 p.m. daily. This is called "strict campus"—if I understand these American college terms correctly.

She sinned against the system. She didn't sign out on four occasions — she only signed in. (Naturally, the reverse case would have been more severe.)

Now, I'm not really concerned about the general penalizing operations of boards, but this case also involves me.

The coed mentioned above is my girl. This means that I'm affected, too. I'm penalized. This means that I have to reverse my daily routine (like a night clerk) in order to see her.

From a serious angle (since humor doesn't improve the tone of protestations), she will not be able —because of her busy afternoon schedule—to use the silence of libraries to study for a week. Being close to finals, this circumstance will not favorably affect her academic preparation.

Another time she was called before the board because of her "negative" attitude toward the system. "You don't respect; you are revolting," she was told.

I think that an "attitude" toward something is a personal matter. It's one's privilege to favor something. It's not in the regulations, I believe, to call in somebody because of her "behavior."

Behavior changes are subject to time and complex external and internal conditions and not to immediate actions of boards.

Nick Kolumban, '61

What's Happening At Other Schools

Here are some pertinent items as collected from other student newspapers

SEGREGATION

URBANA, Ill.—The University of Illinois will approve no privately operated student rooming house unless the owner agrees to make its facilities available to all students without discrimination with respect to race or religion, said Provost Gordon N Ray recently.

BOSTON, Mass.—Safeguards to prevent the inclusion of any discriminatory clauses in the constitutions of new Boston University organizations and proposals to fight discriminatory attitudes have been brought before the Student-Faculty assembly.

The bill, proposed by the Human Relations committee, is part of an effort to curb alleged discrimination in University organizations by demanding that all campus groups remove discriminatory clauses by June, 1960.

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The Klu Klux Klan of Alabama wrote a letter to the University of Michigan student council, which had sent a letter to Alabama's Governor John Patterson, criticizing his stand on segregation.

The KKK letter, climaxed with a statement that Red birds do not build their nests with Blue birds, threatens retaliation with sniper-scope rifles, Thompson sub-machine guns, hand grenades and poison gas.

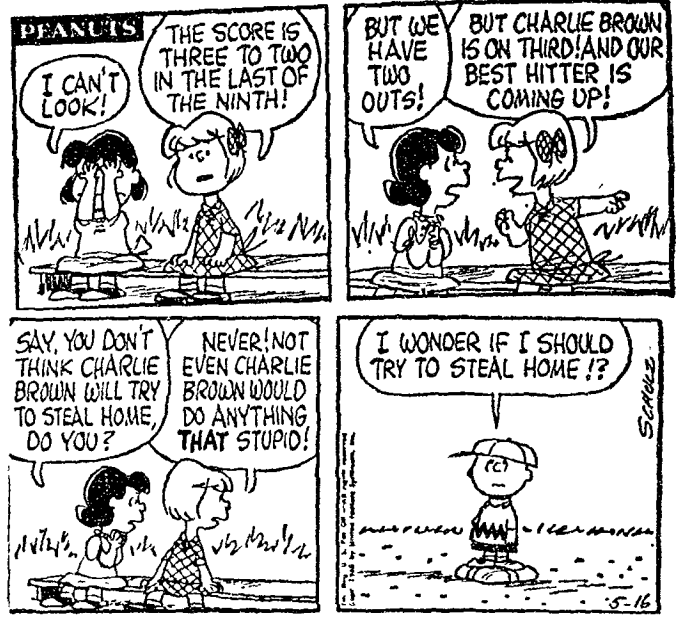
Finance Officers Workshop

Papers presented last October at the 24th annual Finance Officers Workshop conducted by the Institute of Public Administration have now been published.

The publication is available through the Institute.

HOSPITAL

George Bukes, David Ellis, Rebecca Gifford, Robin Kane, Goldie Laris, Morton Levin, Anne Mahoney, Walter Marsland, Marcia Michalski, James Neilligan, Carol Oswald, Suzanne Pohlman, Donald Schmitzler, Mary Anne Schrott, Louise Sulltan, Barbara Watchorn.



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Summit Eruptions May Hurt GOP

by joel myers

The mighty eruption of Mt. Khrushchev at the Summit on Monday not only shook the world but also expelled hot ashes that may fall to earth at any time and "sing" unaware American politicians.

It's still too early to determine the precise effect that these

wandering ashes will have on United States politics in this election year, but indications point to it being considerable.

The loss of American prestige abroad, the renewal of the cold war and the bungling of our espionage policy will, no doubt, have a detrimental effect on the Republican party. The GOP theme of "Peace, Prosperity and Progress" which was employed so successfully in the 1956 campaign had earlier been suggested as a good slogan to use again this year.

The eruption of Mt. Khrushchev climaxed a series of events which destroyed GOP hopes of salvaging the peace issue for the coming campaign. Mr. K's announcement that he will not negotiate for six to eight months is an indication of the time interval needed for all dust resulting from the explosion to settle.

To add to GOP woes, several expert economists feel that the recovery from the 1958 recession is about over and late summer should bring a downward trend in business.



MYERS

Unemployment has been above normal during the past few months and there are signs of additional lay-offs this summer.

The possible repercussions from Monday's explosion are infinite.

The public might try to put the finger of blame for the Summit failure on the present administration. Since Vice President Nixon is synonymous with current policies, this could result in a "snub Nixon drive." In that case, the GOP would give the nomination to someone lacking ties with the Washington government. Nelson Rockefeller is such a man.

Another possibility is that public opinion will weigh Ike's actions in Paris heavier than the pre-Summit bungle. If this is the case, the GOP will emerge from the entire affair stronger than before.

A few ashes from the eruption could fall on Democrat land too. Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts appears to be leading the field of Democratic presidential hopefuls. Kennedy, however, is only 42 years old, barely a child among world leaders.

If foreign policy shows indications of becoming the dominant issue in the campaign, Democrats may turn to an expert on foreign affairs — Adlai Stevenson.

Only time will tell.

Gazette

TODAY

- Alpha Lambda Delta, 5 p.m., 214 HUB
Armed Forces, 12:30 p.m., HUB assembly room; 8 p.m., HUB cardroom
Block "S" Club, 7 p.m., HUB assembly room
Bridge Club, 6:30 p.m., HUB cardroom
BX, 9 p.m., 217 HUB
Campus Party, 7 p.m., 217 HUB
Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
Cwens, 9 p.m., 214 HUB
Faculty Women's Bridge, 7:45 p.m., 212 HUB
Freshman Class Advisory Board, 8 p.m., 213 HUB
Gamma Sigma Sigma, compulsory, 6:30 p.m., McElwain lounge

- Instruction on High Speed Computers, 8 am-5 p.m., 217 HUB
Orientation Counselors, 10 p.m., HUB assembly room
Phi Kappa Phi, 5 p.m., HUB assembly room
SCCA, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
SGA Assembly, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
University Party, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB
Armed Forces Day Parade, 7 p.m.
College of Business Administration meeting, 4:15 p.m., 111 Boucke
Graduate Mining Seminar, Thomas V. Falke, on "Presenting Safety Statistics and Advertising Safety," 3:20 p.m., 21 MI
Honors Day Program, 4:15 p.m., MI auditorium

