

Editorial Opinion

Challenge Must Be Met

Last night a group of motivated students (a commodity which is rare in America and even more rare at Penn State) threw out a challenge to the Student Government Association to take action on a vital moral issue—discrimination as it affects students at Penn State.

After an hour of superfluous debate in which only two students said anything meaningful, a bill was passed (thanks to Divine Providence) to form a committee to investigate inter-group relations in every aspect that affects student affairs.

Worried assemblymen questioned whether this committee would overlap with other groups with interests in eliminating discrimination, questioned whether SGA should be concerned with this matter. Few saw the purpose of SGA till one enlightened assemblyman said, "if we need others to tell us what we're here for we may as well adjourn now."

Discrimination is an issue which affects students. It is an issue in which students have a vital interest. It is an issue in which SGA should be vitally interested.

While SGA struts and frets most of its time in the public eye dealing with relative triviality, here is an issue of universal significance. It is vital that the official organization of the entire student body be concerned with this issue and do something about it on its own initiative.

The challenge now faces the committee. Reports have been made before. Nothing was done and the crusade faded.

This committee must not expect a complete format to be handed to it or plead for guidance from an outside group as SGA did. It must operate on its own inspired initiative.

This committee must continue into the new school year and not stop with investigation, but must recommend action based on findings of intensive investigation.

The Student-Faculty assembly at Boston University is doing it. Students at Ohio State are doing it, students at the University of Illinois are doing it.

Like one of the motivated students said, "let's quit dillydallying," and do something at Penn State.

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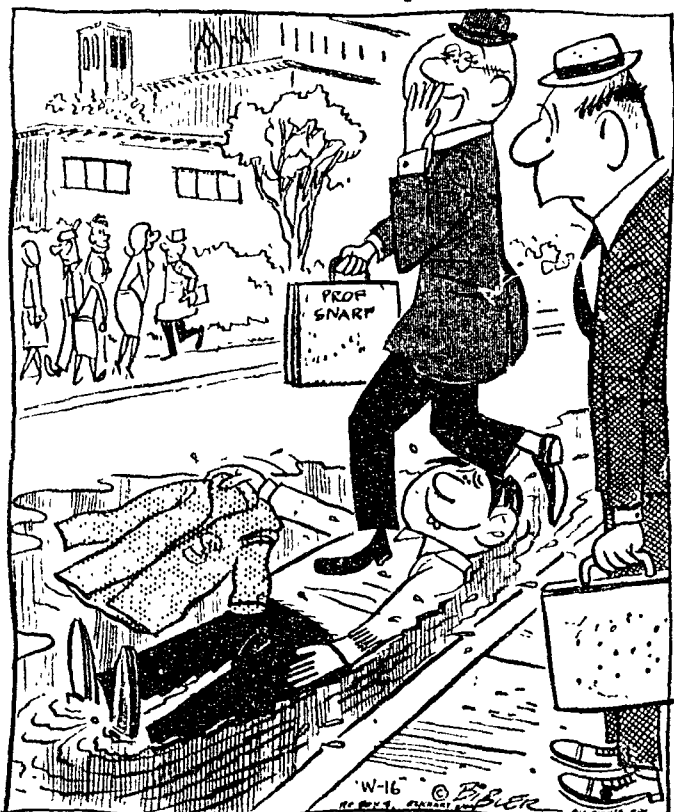
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Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"WHEN MY STUDENTS EXTEND THESE EXTRA LITTLE COURTESIES YOU CAN BET WE'RE GETTING PRETTY CLOSE TO FINALS."

Being Amicable

Problems in Communication

by amy rosenthal

It is not surprising that if lack of communication between student leaders and the administration can cause dissession, a lack of communication between nations of the world can cause the threat of world annihilation.

However, the lack of communication between nations is motivated by a factor which is not said to be present in the University situation. There is lack of communication between the United States and Russia because it seems that Khrushchev does not want to communicate at this time.



Miss Rosenthal

Now members of the administration have stated again and again that they want to communicate with the student body.

In fact when SGA was considering a proposed bill to poll the legislators in Harrisburg on their view of compulsory ROTC, the bill died after President Leonard Julius pointed out that the administration which had not been consulted did not like the bill and other Assemblymen objected because a large percentage of the students had not been asked their views on the bill.

Dean Lipp revoked the WSGA Senate sign-out rule because the Senate had not asked her the reasons why the present policy should be retained. She also said that the student opinion gotten by a poll of women students was not valuable because the students did not understand the reasons for the policy.

If students give their opinions to SGA after hearing the reasoning of the Administration, does that mean that their opinions will be taken into account?

Maybe yes and maybe no. In the United States students can't communicate as effectively as those in Korea who overthrew a

government or those in Turkey and the Latin American countries who demonstrate against government officials.

Students at this University have enough trouble getting themselves heard and have a harder time yet getting their opinions seriously considered because they prefer more orderly methods. Remember for example the ROTC bill drawn up after much research and investigation by the old All-University Cabinet which seems to have died in the Senate.

But perhaps, this is not being fair. During Student Encampment administration and student leaders will be getting together to discuss plans for the coming year. Perhaps there, a system of two-way communication could be worked out.

Enough plans have been suggested this semester ranging from Dean Lipp's coeducational resi-

dence hall councils, if and when community living is established, to SGA President Dick Haber's system of having assemblymen sit in on all sorts of student council meetings.

Then too, the college councils have been complaining that under the new student government system they are being left out in the cold. Perhaps they could be the ones to sound out student opinion and communicate back administration stands.

If a communication system is established and yet student opinion is disregarded there is not much students can do except keep trying. After all, we students will one day become that group beloved by the administration—the ALUMNI and then too we will be the ones who pay taxes and elect those legislators down at the state capital that dish out the money for college appropriations.

Interpreting

U.S. Sets Stage For Summit Failure

By J. M. ROBERTS

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The background of summit failure goes much farther back than May 1.

Looking backward, it is difficult to see how the United States could have set a better stage for Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's blowup even if she had been trying.

First, Washington made it clear, even when agreeing to the summit conference, that little was expected from it.

Then the United States virtually announced that, for its part, Khrushchev need not expect anything either, and that was made especially clear regarding Berlin.



ROBERTS

There never was any real prospect for a start on disarmament.

Whatever could be agreed upon regarding nuclear tests would be just as good, or just as bad, for one side as the other, and the Communists are little interested in that sort of a deal.

Such a situation reduced possible Soviet profits at the summit to her chance of making it appear to the world that it was the West which placed all the obstacles in the way of agreements. And any success on that point would have been highly debatable.

The summit had lost much of its appeal to everyone.

Then someone forgot, or failed to properly evaluate, possible effect of continuing reconnaissance

flights and the certainty that the Soviet Union would howl about them as soon as she could without admitting publicly she couldn't stop them.

The Soviet Union caught a plane and the stage was set.

The Soviet Union was given a wedge to drive between the United States and the countries which provide her with military bases. The Soviet Union was given a righteous position to which she is not accustomed. People realized that any country would make the same noises in the same case.

The United States was slow in announcing renunciation of the spy plane flights.

Khrushchev had the ball rolling. He was on notice that no propaganda position he could attain at the summit would compare with what he already had.

He got in his demands before Eisenhower announced the concession he was prepared to make. Khrushchev's contempt for peace may boomerang.

His boorish truculence has served to pull the Allies back from the brink of a very serious split.

But the split would not have threatened if the United States had not been stumbling. First she talked too much, then too little.

Campus Beat

Conflicts Over Conflicts; Rules On Bermudas

Dear students: In wandering about the campus your professor found this note of humor (?) at the April 28 Assembly meeting: One determined assemblyman arguing against eliminating Thanksgiving vacation told Benjamin A. Whisler, chairman of the Senate Calendar Committee, that he would "stake his life on the feasibility of shortening Christmas vacation." Whisler calmly replied, "Looks like you'd better go out and shoot yourself."

Evidently our administrators find boys' legs more shapely than girls' legs. The men may walk into dinner with knees showing, but the women never.

The revised examination schedule has many students in a muddle. Seems that some of the regular exams now conflict with the conflicts of those who filed conflicts before the regular exam schedule came out.

Sad is the plight of one student who lost his matriculation card and his wallet which contained all his money. He couldn't cash a check without his matric card and couldn't buy a matric card without cashing a check. And he couldn't even write home because he couldn't buy a stamp without money and couldn't cash a check without . . .

An even sadder case is that of a student who carefully pasted his University registration sticker on his windshield and pasted below it his permit for parking in any area. Then, he got a ticket for having two stickers on his car.

—Prof Wayne

Gazette

TODAY

- Armed Forces, 8 a.m., HUB eastroom
College of Agriculture Faculty meeting, 4:15 p.m., 112 Buckhout
Christian Fellowship, 12:15 p.m., 218 HUB
DOC, 8 a.m., 214 HUB
Fluid Mechanics Seminar, Dr. Merrell R Fenske, on "Mass Transfer Problems in Revolving Partially Miscible Liquids," 4:15 p.m., 211 ME
Gamma Sigma Sigma, 7 p.m., 212 HUB

- High Speed Computers, 8 a.m., 217 HUB
Mineral Industries Colloquium, Norman H. Subr, on "Spectrochemical Analyses of Rocks and Minerals," 4:15 p.m., MI auditorium
North Halls Dance, 9 p.m., HUB ballroom
Presbyterian Group, 7 p.m., 212 HUB

HOSPITAL
David Ellis, Goldie Laris, Warren Long, Walter Marsland, Walter Martin, James Nelligan, Kenneth Ralphs, Donald Schnotzler

