

Editorial Opinion

Ready for Next Step

The housing list outside the dean of men's office has been taken down and the only remaining list is the non-discriminatory one being maintained by the Student Government Association.

Thus another step toward erasing racial and religious discrimination in this area has been accomplished. SGA is to be congratulated for its part in this work.

Perhaps the next step should involve the fraternity-sorority system. We propose that the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils in conjunction with the Senate Committee on Student Affairs begin work toward abolishing all racial and religious discriminatory clauses existing in some Greek groups' constitutions.

Ohio State University has been successful in giving their groups a minimum of two conventions in which to convince their national organizations to remove the clauses. The alternative was to go local or get off campus.

Colgate University has recently initiated the same sort of rule. At Penn State, the rules do not permit the chartering of any new organizations with discriminatory clauses but Greek groups already established may have such clauses.

The argument against the abolition of such clauses may be that it would destroy the purpose of a fraternity. However, we feel that if the only bond between fraternity members is common skin color or the church attended, then fraternities do not really have much of a reason for existing.

If fraternities picked their members only because of skin color and church affiliation, there would be no need for rush. The whole thing could be accomplished with IBM cards.

If individual chapters allow such factors to influence their choice of members they will get the people they deserve. However, chapters should not be forced to consider race and religion because of constitutions written years ago and very far removed from local conditions or ideas.

The Stanford chapter of Alpha Tau Omega recently pledged four Jewish students and the national organization has ordered them revoked because their pledging violates the fraternity's national by-laws.

The Stanford chapter retained a lawyer and has gotten a letter commending its stand from its brother chapter at Northwestern University.

At Ohio and Colgate, the threat of expulsion seems to be having some good effects on the discrimination problem in fraternities.

Penn State should join other universities in taking positive action to eliminate this black mark on the fraternity system and add its voice to the protests being heard at fraternity conventions.

Interpreting

U.S. Defense Position Clarified

By J. M. ROBERTS

The people of the United States have been told so many things about the state of their military defense that they don't know what to believe.

They have been told that this is the world's greatest power, that it is a second-rate nation, and a lot of stuff in between.

"Missile gap" is a phrase which had almost come to be accepted as an established fact. President Eisenhower always said it wasn't exactly true, despite the Soviet Union's lead in rocket motors. Candidate Kennedy and President Kennedy stuck to the gloomier side.

But now the Pentagon is more inclined to agree with Eisenhower. Kennedy's own



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Pentagon team says there's no gap now.

The suggestion is that while the Reds have gone forward with their experiments, production has been a different matter.

There has been a long standing indication, based primarily on the number and variety of space shots, that the United States has a fundamentally broader program, embracing a greater number of space capabilities, which lays a better foundation for precision production.

The recent successful testing of a solid-fuel missile was an important step forward for the United States in the purely military uses of rockets. The arrival of the Minuteman may mark the real beginning of U.S. production for operational purposes, although there is already quite a stockpile of earlier models.

The new Pentagon study suggests that Russia, too, still has started no intensive production program. This lends weight

to estimates, based on the November Communist manifesto and recent Kremlin statements, that the Soviet Union really intends to fight the cold war first, holding military power in reserve in case she cannot win the world without fighting.

Under such circumstances, it would be to Russia's benefit not to expend too much of her industrial capacity on military production now. Yet by her very flexibility — her knowledge that she will not be attacked by the democracies while herself holding the initiative for war—she forces the United States to continue.

Premier Khrushchev's promise to aid civil wars in the promotion of nationalism is one of the pressures. Kennedy is meeting that one through enlargement and reorganization of air-borne power.

A great many of these things are imponderables. In dealing with the Soviet Union we have to depend heavily on impressions and there is no end to them.

Other Campuses

ROTC Plan, Honors Work Revitalized

Compiled from the Intercollegiate Press

Part of the bugaboo was taken out of the ROTC problem at Bowdoin College recently when advanced students were greeted with the news that 30 per cent of their military instruction will now be in regular academic courses.

The program has the blessings of the Department of Defense and was selected by the College as the most advantageous to men in the advanced courses.

With what amounts to 45 hours of non-military course work, the Army is anticipating increased intellectual vitality and enrollment hikes.

Thiel College in Greenville is going all out to keep the superior students on their campus stimulated. Their new achievement program, involving only three per cent of the student body, permits the exceptional student to by-pass so-called "introductory courses," in favor of advanced study.

Upperclassmen at Thiel may now earn up to six credits for work done in their major field. This flexible program may involve a thesis, oral examinations or research done on a subject of particular interest to the student, somewhat on the European style of "earn it yourself" credit.

From the graduate side of the degree track comes a plea for the correction of abuses in the administration of the Ph.D.

Professor Robert Ferber of the University of Illinois cites the often unrecognized and unrewarded work of the supervising faculty member and asks that ceilings be put on work time involved.

Ferber recognizes that students too have their grievances in the variations in requirements for the doctor's degree at different schools. He asks that these be standardized by the leading professional organization in each field.

Gazette

- TODAY
- AIM, 8 p.m., 203 HUB
- AWS Pollock Council, 9:15 p.m., Pollock 6 solarium
- Camera Club, 7:30 p.m., 212 HUB cardroom
- CBA Student Council, 6:45 p.m., 206 Boucke
- Chem.-Phys. Student Council, 6:45 p.m., 217 HUB
- Chess Club, 7 p.m., HUB cardroom
- Forestry Society, 7 p.m., 105 Forestry
- Gamma Sigma Sigma, 7 p.m., 110 Osmond
- Investment Club, 8 p.m., 218 HUB
- Pi Lambda Theta, 6:30 p.m., 214 HUB
- Spring Week Committee, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
- TIM, 8 p.m., 203 HUB
- Women's Chorus, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly hall
- WSGA, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB

Letters

Directors Identify 'WDFM'

TO THE EDITOR: Unaccustomed as we are to journalistic writing, the duty has fallen upon us to inform the student body, including Miss Pat Dyer of the Collegian staff, that WDFM has risen beyond the chaos of the "alphabet soup."

Yes, Pat, there is a student radio station. Although your little friends may tell you otherwise, those with FM radios will confirm our statement. Those without FM radios will also agree, for lo and behold, you can hear us six nights a week on the local AM station, WMAJ. (As this has been the practice for no more than eight years, we can excuse your ignorance.)

Does anyone listen? Yes, indeed! An ex-staff member, in testifying recently before the WDFM Executive Committee, swore upon a copy of the NBC Handbook of Pronunciation that we received at least one phone call from a happy listener in the spring of 1955.

Although it has been suspected that this call came from the roommate of the station manager, we shall continue to insist that this heartening response came from an impartial listener.

Still, there are those among us who have neither AM nor FM receivers — but all is not lost, for you can enjoy the fruits of our labors by joining our studio audience each night in 304 Sparks. Those interested

in joining our permanent studio audience or working at WDFM are invited to a meeting tonight at 8 in 121 Sparks.

As an extra attraction, the meaning of our call letters—W, D, F, and M—shall be explained by a representative of the Federal Communications Commission.

Yes, Virginia, 'er, Pat, there is a student radio station, which, despite the unwarranted doubts of your skeptical little friends, will live on in the detectors of crystal sets county-wide, or at least borough-wide, from now until the entire staff goes on academic probation.

—Ira Berman,
Program Director
—Roland King,
Station Director

(Editor's note: In the first paragraphs of their letter, Mr. Berman and Mr. King are referring to a story, written by Pat Dyer, which appeared in yesterday's Collegian.)

WDFM Schedule

- WEDNESDAY
- 8:30 Stock Market Report
- 8:50 News and Weather
- 4:00 Critic's Choice
- 5:00 Three at Five
- 6:00 Studio X
- 6:55 Weatherscope
- 7:00 Marquee Memories
- 7:55 News Roundup
- 8:00 Jazz Panorama
- 9:00 Forum of the Air
- 9:30 Artist Series Preview
- 9:45 News, Sports, Weather
- 10:00 Virtuoso
- 12:00 Sign Off

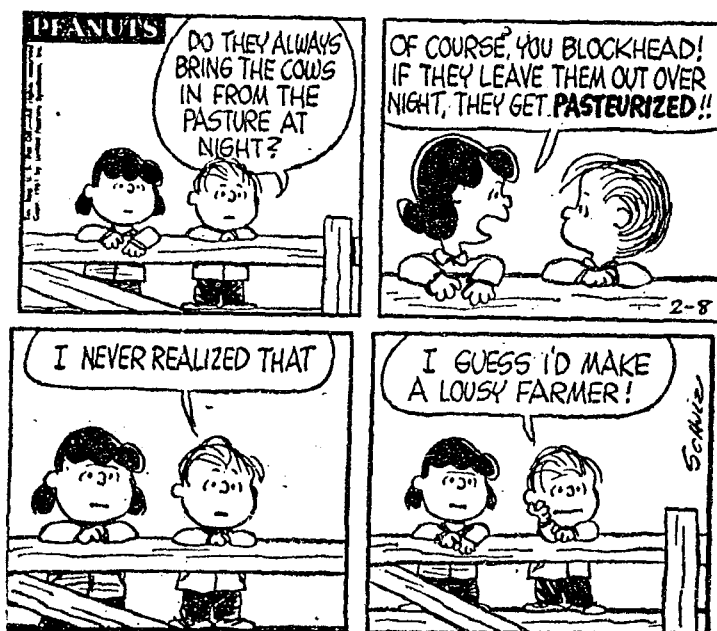
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Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



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