

Editorial Opinion

Problem Is Quality

President Eric A. Walker last night reviewed the vast building program that has taken place at Penn State in recent years, spoke of the continued expansion to come, but got to the heart of the matter when he said that Penn State's biggest building problem is building educational quality.

He spoke at length about the \$142 million that have gone into buildings in the last decade and the \$50 million still earmarked for this purpose.

He spoke of the plans that the University made five years ago to provide for the 35,000 students that the Commonwealth expects it to handle in 1970.

The physical expansion has already been accounted for.

But about how to solve the problem of building quality he could not speak. For this he does not control. This lies in the hands of 261 men in the state capital who juggle the figures of \$17 million and \$23 million.

One-tenth Care

It looked like Slippery Rock rather than Penn State in Schwab last night.

The 250 souls who came to hear the President's report on the state of the University would more closely approximate the size of the senior class at Slippery Rock than at Penn State.

More than 3000 students bear the label of senior at Penn State. Less than one-tenth of them indicated any interest in their University last night.

Personal invitations to Prexy's talk were sent to all seniors—to students who just a few months ago were criticising Prexy for not having enough contact with students.

This was a new step in prexy-student contact. It was the first opportunity any senior class had to hear such a personal report directly from the president.

Have only one-tenth of the students who have made their home here for 3 1/2 years developed enough of an attachment to care about the future of the University?

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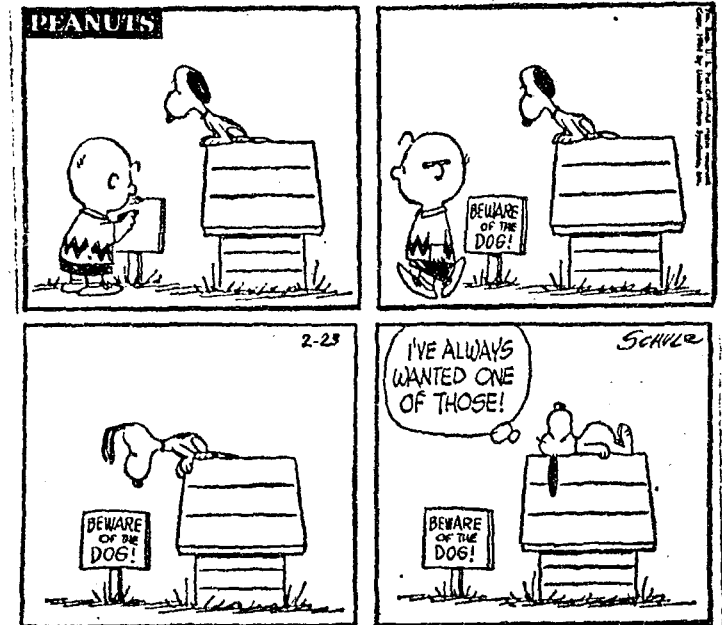
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Letters to the Editor

Charles Controversy Continues

TO THE EDITOR: Admittedly the Ray Charles concert Sunday night was a disappointment to many jazz fans. However, it might have been appreciated by rock-and-roll fans even though you don't happen to be one.

Calling the concert and the West Halls record hops "breeding grounds of immaturity" is going a bit too far. There ARE people, even at this university, who LIKE rock-and-roll, and who LIKE to dance, but does this make them immature?

I concede that anyone addicted to rock-and-roll exclusively, could do with some refinement in his tastes for music, but people who enjoy it, along with other types of music, are not to be condemned.

I myself have a wide range of musical favorites, from classical piano, symphonies and concertos, all the way to Ray Charles. Furthermore, rock-and-roll, in moderation, is as much an American institution as baseball and hot dogs.

If you don't approve of the West Halls dances, then you're certainly as free to stay away as anyone who likes them is to come. It was an unfair generalization you made when you included all rock-and-roll fans in the class of people who "write vulgar statements on bathroom walls, litter the University grounds with empty beer bottles," etc.

The fact that a person likes rock-and-roll doesn't necessarily imply he is immature. If you wear red all the time, are you necessarily a Communist? -Sally Diehl, '64

Concert Termed 'Success'

TO THE EDITOR: This is in reply to the "mature" Mr. Buckley's attack on both the quality of the entertainment at the jazz concert last Sunday night, namely Ray Charles, and the immaturity of the "twisting, rowdy" students attending.

As far as the versatility and greatness of Ray Charles is concerned, we believe we are safe in saying he is one of the best entertainers in our country. Charles possesses a unique quality of transition from rock and roll to rhythm and blues to jazz.

Although he gained his popularity in the rock and roll field, he has since proved himself more than capable as a jazz and blues artist. His recent appearance at festivals, on television and at different universities verify his popularity and talent.

We are sure the Jazz Club is satisfied with its choice of Ray Charles, and the students present completely enjoyed his show, as the reaction was unanimously favorable. It was a definite success.

Maturity is something which a student, or any other person, reaches through his own decisions and efforts. It is not something which a university can instill if the student is not ready for this step. Having personally attended the concert, we noticed that the overall behavior of the audience was not out of line for this affair.

Everyone came to Rec Hall expecting a performance such as the one they received. Of course, excitement existed, but certainly not rowdiness and chaos as Mr. Buckley's roommate informed him.

Occasional hand-clapping and singing to the upbeat numbers certainly in our opinion does not suggest immaturity. Audience participation added to the atmosphere as Rec Hall was "living".

The statements by Mr. Buckley referring to such immature acts as banding together in cliques, littering the ground with beer bottles and cheating on exams are true of a comparatively small portion of the students having the tendency to be immature. They were irrelevant to the behavior of students attending this concert and other social functions mentioned.

One who would call these social functions, such as the West Halls Record Hop and jazz concerts, a breeding ground for "immature delinquents" should examine himself for maturity.

If the point is ever reached where having fun socially in this manner is considered immature in college, students may never grow as "mature" Mr. Buckley has already done.

-J. D. Schmitt, '63
Glenn Roth, '63

Three Referees Necessary

TO THE EDITOR: Our loyal basketball fans nearly declared war on two referees and the University of West Virginia's basketball team in Rec Hall Tuesday night.

Many threats were issued, and many tempers flared. Some of this was unnecessary and due to the fact that we lost. Some of it was aimed at certain West Virginia players who felt more like wrestling than playing basketball.

However, most of it arose from a basic problem: those court jesters known as referees. They always take the blame, but simply cannot judge the actions of the players with any accuracy. For another, they are all too emotional; I've seen quite a few games, and even played in some in high school, and every single time the referees tend to act with extra vengeance against the team with the loudest fans.

This approach is not at all suited to the game; the fans may be rude, but the players who put in the real efforts deserve a better chance to show what they can do.

Many people are convinced

that at the college level, where even the University's standing is at stake, we can't afford to participate in games of chance.

Two remedies might be applied: first, increase the number of referees to three and may be even add a lineman; second and more difficult, obtain referees who are calm and disinterested.

Sure, this would be a trying task, but a lot of players, coaches, fans, and alumni would be a lot happier. Is this going to be basketball or some kind of roulette?

-H. Karl Voigt Jr., '64

WDFM Schedule

- THURSDAY
8:25 Financial Tidbits
8:30 Stock Market Reports
4:00 Critic's Choice
5:00 Music at Five
6:00 Studio X
6:55 Weathercapoe
7:00 Seven O'Clock Report
7:15 Album Review
7:30 Portrait of a City
7:55 News Roundup
8:00 This is the Subject
9:00 Folk Music
9:30 Opinion 15
9:45 News, Weather, Sports
10:00 Chamber Concert
12:00 Sign Off

Gazette

- TODAY
Ag. Hill Party, 6:30 p.m., 214 HUB
Back the Budget Committee, 6:15 p.m., 218 HUB
Basketball Officials' Club, 7:30 p.m., 2 White Hall
Bridge Tournament, 6:30 p.m., HUB card room
Camp Directors, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly hall
Campus Party, 6 p.m., 212 HUB
Chemistry Colloquium, 12:30 p.m., 302 Whitmore
College of Home Economics Faculty Meeting, 4:15 p.m., 209 Home Ec. South
English Colloquium, 7:30 p.m., Nittany Lion Inn
Flying Club, 8 p.m., 215 HUB
Gamma Sigma Sigma, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB
Gymnastics Club, 4:30 p.m., Body Mechanics Room, White Hall
Penn State Education Association, 7:30 p.m., 106 Home Ec South
Philosophy Colloquium, 4:15 p.m., 12 Sparks
Placement, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 203 HUB
Scabbard and Blade, 7:30 p.m., Sigma Nu Fraternity
S.G.A., 7:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m., 203 HUB
U.B.A., 9 a.m.-5 p.m., HUB card room
U.C.A. Display, HUB card room
University Party, 7 p.m., 218 HUB

Interpreting

Public Opinion Versus Unions

By J. M. ROBERTS
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Just at a time when members of one of its unions have been conducting a strike of the type best calculated to inflame public opinion, AFL-CIO leaders are expressing concern over a nationwide slackening in union-joining.

The strike of flight engineers, halting much of the nation's air service in rebellion against a government order, came closely on the heels of such things as the stranding of thousands of New York area commuters by strikes not directly connected with their railroads.

A federal judge fined the engineers union \$200,000 "or whatever is in the treasury," on the same day that the National Labor Relations Board

handed down four decisions against certain picketing practices.

The engineers were fined for contempt of an order restraining the strike, a reminder of the post-war battle between the courts and John L. Lewis which cost his miners \$2,130,000 in fines.

During the five years in which the AFL-CIO finds its percentage of representation of the nation's workers dropping, the country has been more than once disturbed by issues of this kind.

James R. Hoffa and his Teamsters Union represent a continuing worry. Hoffa once boasted of what he could do with a national strike in connection with nation-wide bargaining, then denied any such strike would ever be called. His repetition of the denial now frequently serves to remind the public of the danger.

Hoffa's union is not affiliated with AFL-CIO, but the public attitude toward organized labor as a whole is nevertheless affected.

Although members seldom

vote together as an organized thing, the AFL-CIO merger still gives rise to thoughts of a third party which could cause great disturbance to the American political system. This thought grows persistently as the division between Republicans and Democrats in national elections tends to narrow, and as Congress divides more and more on ideological rather than party lines.

Organized labor is in itself not responsible for many of the things which have retarded or delayed its growth in recent years. Shifts of population from hand labor to white collar work have occurred. There has been an over-all prosperity most of the time which relieves pressure for unionization. Management has in general become more liberal on a voluntary basis.

But when unauthorized strikes occur, affecting whole sections of the nation and of the people through communications and public services, even the most moderate sections of the labor movement are bound to feel the reaction.



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