

Editorial Opinion

Students Are Part Of 'University Family'

Thursday night the books as well as the minds of the administration apparently closed on the students' plea to open the HUB parking lot on weekday evenings.

Speaking before the SGA Assembly, Albert E. Diem, vice president for business administration, said he would not consider opening the lot for a trial period.

We wonder if Mr. Diem read the SGA report which asked that students be allowed to use the HUB lot after 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday. He kept citing congestion on Shortlidge Rd. as a reason for closing the lot.

However, any congestion after 6 p.m. occurs on Friday and Saturday nights and students have not asked to use the lot then. We might point out that opening up this lot on Friday and Saturday might avoid the nasty traffic congestion in the Pollock lots.

The surveys of the SGA Traffic Committee and the Campus Patrol consistently showed that the HUB lot was only one quarter full after 6 p.m. Yet Mr. Diem insists that the lot is being closed because of unsafe conditions resulting from congestion.

In the meantime, the administration does nothing about the really serious congestion problems at 8 a.m., noon, and 1 and 5 p.m. when students are streaming to and from classes at the same time all employees are streaming to and from work.

Obviously the congestion point over the HUB lot is merely a device of argument and has nothing to do with fact or reason. If the administration were sincerely interested in alleviating congestion, it would hardly start with an area in which the seriousness of congestion is questionable if not non-existent.

The closing of the HUB lot might be step one of a plan to eliminate student driving; however, this is completely unfeasible in this "isolated little hamlet" equally inaccessible from all points. This University does not exist to bolster the money stocks of inconvenient bus lines and trains; but exists for and because of students.

Mr. Diem keeps using the term "University family" and keeping them all happy to defend closing the lot. We think this is as trite as it is unconvincing; but even the banal sometimes merits an answer and we say this: THREE-QUARTERS OF THIS FAMILY IS STUDENTS.

We would also like to point out that this "family line" is successful in many business firms but, contrary to apparent administrative belief, this University is not a business yet and its "products" are still people.

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Letters

Counselors' Room Search Draws Protest

TO THE EDITOR: On February 21 at about 9:00 p.m., our dormitory was invaded by a group of six or seven counselors, who, with no apparent reason began to search each room with remarkable diligence. Meanwhile, we were herded into the lobby and forced to remain there an hour and a half with no books while they ransacked our rooms.

When these gentlemen were politely asked the reason for this invasion, they curtly replied: "Don't worry about it, son."

Be it agreed that these counselors have difficult jobs, and that there exist certain rights which give them the right to inspect a room under suspicion. We should like to know, however, how far these rights extend.

Many of the students on our living units who keep cash boxes and suitcases under lock and key were, to say the least, perturbed when their privacy was invaded and their valuables exposed to what we consider an unreasonable search.

Upon returning to our disarranged rooms after the surprise "shakedown" some of us found these personal belongings forced open by the said inspectors.

We feel that at least one more point concerning this raid may be questioned. Some of us were not in the dormitory at the time of the search, and when we returned we found our doors opened, lights on, and belongings scattered.

We feel that the opened doors invited temptation to anyone who might have been passing through and since there have been reported thefts in the area, we feel a locked door is an understandable precaution.

We understand that the work of a counselor is at times difficult and unpleasant, yet, with the price we pay for our room rent per semester, we believe that we should be entitled to a reasonable amount of privacy and security of possession. We begin to wonder where counseling ends and Gestapo begins.

-The Residents of Nittany 37

Letters

Party Invitation Refused

TO THE EDITOR: Re: Corrado letter in Friday's Collegian. In regard to your request that I offer my home for your upcoming engagement party: There are some considerations that I fear that, in your attempt at erudite cynicism, you have overlooked.

One of the matters of consequence that you overlooked was that it would be impossible to invite people who "emit low growls or cries of anguish."

For you see Mr. Corrado these people could add little to the party other than an atmosphere of false sadness and unintelligibility - and as you know the enraged must not be that... it is only animals who growl meaninglessly in anguish.

In regard to the Casting of Stones, I believe this event will have to be rescheduled because I don't think there will be any person strong enough (except perhaps yourself?) to lift the boulders that are all about. It takes more

than an anguished animal to cast such a Stone.

Haven't you noticed the increasing size of the Stones? It seems to me that we would have a good deal of trouble picking up any Stones—and then think of the trouble we would have choosing just who to throw the Stone at. There are so many choices you know.

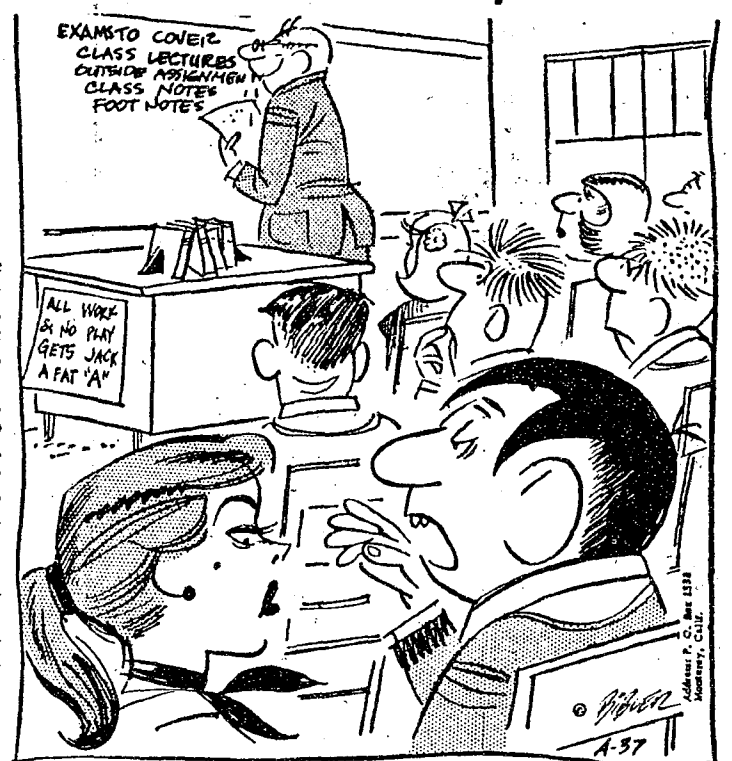
Because of this and numerous other difficulties I suggest that the scene of the party not be changed to my home, but that you keep it right where it is; in the mind of every sophomore cynic.

Because your engagement party would accomplish nothing, I am afraid it can not be at my home; not only that, in my "proud righteousness," I don't think that I can attend. Give my disregards to all the apathetic when you see them at the party.

If, in the spirit of one-upmanship, it becomes necessary to have a "humble motto" we will use: the meek shall inherit what is left of the earth.

-Steve Blum '63

Little Man On Campus By Dick Bibler



"ONE THING- PROF GNARF TEACHES YA TO THINK FOR YERSELF- I'VE JUST DECIDED TO DROP THIS COURSE."

Hearty Thanks Given For Heart Fund Gifts

TO THE EDITOR: We would like to thank the general public "with all our hearts" for making our recent lollipop sale such a success. Everyone contributed unselfishly to "HELP PHI SIGMA SIGMA HELP THE NATIONS HEART," and due to their generosity, we managed to raise \$157.61 which will be turned over to the Heart Fund. Thank you once again.

-The Sisters of Phi Sigma Sigma

Interpreting

USSR Not Waiting For U.S. Proposals

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

The Soviet Union, renewing the airlift in Laos, her political campaign against West Berlin, and her attacks on the United States and the United Nations, shows no sign of waiting for the Kennedy administration to come up with proposals for settlements.

Ignoring the fact that Berlin is a four-power problem in which West Germany is technically a bystander, the Kremlin has bypassed Britain, France and the United States to warn Bonn that she still demands that Berlin become a demilitarized free city. Otherwise she will turn control of access over to the East German Communists.

That's the same thing as an oblique notice to the West that, whatever they may expect from a summit conference, a German settlement would not be among them. That's hardly news.

Fidel Castro's National Agrarian Reform Institute, comprised primarily of workers with little or no organizational or management skills, is being shorn of its powers over industry and sugar in favor of the two pro-Communis-

nists, Ernesto Guevara and Raul Castro. The two have been assigned to revive the horses they have beaten nearly to death.

Many American motorists are turning away from the expressways and taking the old winding routes to get back to the country. A tourist in West Germany can achieve a great change in atmosphere by dropping off one of the great autobahns to see the picturesque little towns clustered around ancient baronial towers.

Jordan now plans to eliminate the centuries-old winding route from the Dead Sea to Jerusalem. Perhaps eliminate is the wrong word, and the old road will be maintained. Else speed will conquer both beauty and history.

A neat twist. Katanga's Moise Tshombe is offering citizenship to foreigners including Belgians. Just the opposite of France and Portugal, who offer citizenship to natives of some areas in Africa.

Gazette

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4-H Club Meeting, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., 217 HUB
Graduate Student Square Dance, faculty members and graduate students invited, 8:30 p.m.-12 HUB ballroom
Special Movies, 7:30-9:30 p.m., HUB
Special Orientation Committee, 2:30 p.m., 212 HUB
"Summer and Smoke," 8 p.m., Center Stage
SUNDAY
Chess Club, 2 p.m., HUB chess room
DARE, 3 p.m., second floor lounge, Faith Church
Emerson Society, 7 p.m., 210, Eisenhower Chapel
Navy Disc. Committee, 2 p.m., 214 HUB
Sophomore Class Advisory Board, 1:30 p.m., 203 HUB
Spring Week, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB
Spring Week Publicity Committee, 2:30 p.m., 212 HUB
Student Movies, 6:30 p.m., HUB
Swedenborgian, 10:45-12 a.m., 212 HUB
United Student Fellowship, 6:30 p.m., Faith Church
MONDAY
Alpha Phi Omega, 12-9 p.m., 212 HUB
Alpha Phi Omega Business Meeting, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
Alpha Phi Omega Pledge Initiation, 8 p.m., 212 HUB
Bridge Club, 7 p.m., HUB card room
ISA, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
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