

Editorial Opinion

Real Problem Bypassed

We whole-heartedly agree with Albert E. Diem, vice president for business administration, on one thing he said before the SGA Assembly Thursday night—there are gross safety hazards on the southeast end of campus.

And there are obvious ways to attack these hazards. But refusing to allow students parking in the HUB lot after 6 p.m. Sunday through Thursday is certainly not one of these ways.

These safety hazards are nothing new. They have existed for several years, but nothing has been done about them.

Then, suddenly this fall after-hours student parking in the HUB lot was fingered as an ominous spectre responsible for traffic congestion and safety hazards on Shortlidge Road.

This was apparently considered more of a hazard than the fact that thousands of cars stream through this area every day at 8 a.m., 12 noon, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. at the same time as 5000 students stream across this "gateway to the dorms."

The elimination of student parking in the HUB does not cut the volume of traffic the students must dodge each day on Shortlidge Road. It merely forces the cars which would pull into the HUB lot to add to the congestion in the center of the dorm area behind Simmons and McElwain and around Pollock.

This does not alleviate the Shortlidge Road area safety hazard as a pedestrian underpass or overpass would do.

Nor does the ban have any effect on a situation that could be greatly improved by just a few well-placed street lights, which would be a definite safeguard to life and limb of pedestrians at night.

The administration has been unwilling to spend money necessary to eliminate safety hazards but tries to convince itself that eliminating student cars holds the key to the problem. This is completely irrelevant.

A righteous cause would be to close off Shortlidge Road to all traffic.

This would cause a little inconvenience to motorists, but at least it would be attacking the real problem, which is not clearing the campus of student cars but eliminating the hazards of heavy pedestrian traffic in a concentrated residential area coming in constant contact with arterial traffic flow.

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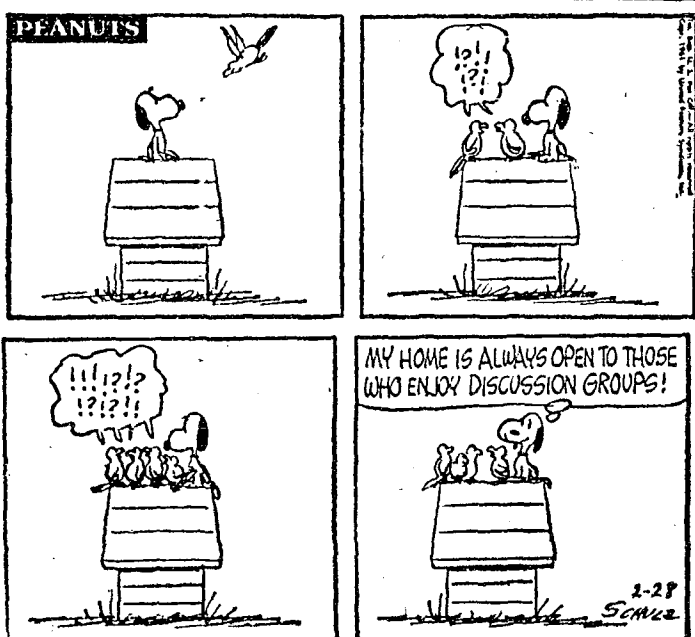


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Letters

Middle East; Communism Discussed

TO THE EDITOR: From the numerous questions I have been showered with, it seems that many Americans are either too worried or somewhat misinformed about Communist infiltration in the Middle East.

To minimize those worried friends' fears, I would like to say a word. The Middle East is not, and will never be, a good soil for Communism to grow. Communism is outlawed in all the Arab states, and viewed as an intolerable subversive movement.

Although it has been operating on the Arab scene for more than forty years, Communism has completely failed to seduce us because we are cognizant of its inherent threats. We are aware of what has happened in Korea, Vietnam, Hungary, Laos, and many unfortunate other countries suffering from the friend Bear's jaws. Besides, we are proud of and satisfied with our own cultural heritage.

We are immune to any alien ideology; we are armed with mighty weapons of unshakable faith in the Almighty and determination to stand on our own feet.

The average Arab, whether he is a Christian Arab or a Moslem Arab, is basically spiritualistic and religious. He, therefore, detests Communism, which is the worst form of atheism, and which is contrary to his deeply-rooted beliefs.

Moreover, the average Arab is highly individualistic; Communism is totalitarianism and regimentation. It is unacceptable to his way of life and adverse to his fundamental beliefs and interests. He could be anything but a Communist; Communism could grow anywhere but in the Middle East.

—Saleh Humaidan

Toor Backs Blum Article

TO THE EDITOR: The most encouraging thing about Michael Corrado's letter was the date '61 after his name. I assume that means he'll be leaving us after this year. Sincere thanks for small favors.

In Mr. Corrado's immature attempt at humor at the expense of Stephen Blum's article about corruption in our society this reader finds neither wit nor positive criticism; there is only a stale and unhealthy desire to ridicule what appears to be a sincere shout of anger.

I congratulate the Collegian for running articles like Mr. Blum's. I think space on the editorial page could better be devoted to such articles than to the childish nonsense about the Ray Charles concert, that has been protracted to unnecessary lengths.

One final word to Mr. Corrado: I think your humble motto should read, "Who thinks too little; and talks too much."

—David Toor
English Dept.

Gazette

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12:00 Sign Off

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Help Yourself

by joel myers

The phrase "God helps those who help themselves" should be seriously considered by University students, since its advice, if followed, may be able to save each student anywhere from \$100 to \$1000 in increased tuition.

As most students know, President Eric Walker has requested \$23.1 million from the state legislature for next year's operations, but Gov. David Lawrence only wants to grant the University \$17 million.

If Walker's request is denied, Penn State's students and their families will be called upon to meet the difference, which could amount to \$200 annually in increased tuition.



Walker and his staff have done everything in their power to secure the increased appropriations in order to prevent another tuition boost. Now it's up to the students!

Appropriations for the University will be determined by the 261 senators and representatives who compose the state legislature. These men and women, like all elected officials, are greatly influenced by public opinion and lobby groups in Harrisburg. These lobby groups spend much time and money trying to convey their interpretation of this opinion to the lawmakers.

But, Penn State has no official lobby group. However, it does have 20,000 students

who feel strongly opposed to any tuition hike.

A few hours of letter-writing time spent by these students would transform the student body of the University into the strongest lobby group in Pennsylvania. It's the responsibility of each student, not only to his own pocketbook but to his fellow students (many of whom are unable to absorb another tuition increase) to impress upon the law-makers that he's tired of the skyrocketing cost of our state-supported education.

Similar letters may be sent to hometown newspapers, alumni and incoming students, urging their support in this matter.

If Walker's request for additional funds is denied, the battle next year will be even tougher and the spiral of increasing tuition will carry away state-sponsored education in Pennsylvania.

We must not allow this to occur! Not only for our own sake, but for the benefit of thousands of high school students with academic ability who cannot afford to attend a private institution.

Although we are geographically isolated from the population centers of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, if we raise our volume high enough and yell long enough, our voices will be heard.

Letters

HUB Lot Policy Questioned

TO THE EDITOR: Albert E. Diem, vice president for business affairs, has predicted that periphery parking would increase steadily during the next few years and has added that "the University no longer has any choice except to move toward a permanent solution of this problem as rapidly as it can."

What will this "permanent solution" be? In a recent appearance before the SGA Assembly, Mr. Diem stated that he could foresee a sharp curtailment in student driving. Could it be that closing the HUB lot is the first step toward the eventual banning of all University parking facilities to students or even further, of all student driving?

The SGA has asked the administration to reopen the HUB lot on a trial basis. This request has been flatly rejected. In Mr. Diem's opinion, "there is nothing to be gained by such a trial period." However, we feel differently, in all due respect to the opinion of those concerned, we feel that everything is to be gained by opening the HUB lot on a trial period during the respective hours that the SGA requested.

In Mr. Diem's opinion, "We need something NEW . . . before deciding." How can CONCRETE evidence be obtained? It is staring us in the face. Several new lots have been opened this year in the Pollock area. Of the five lots surrounding the Pollock dorms, which are open to student use, there is a combined capacity of 427 spaces.

The HUB lot has never been

opened to students under these new circumstances. The Administration feels that new evidence is needed. At the present time, what the results of opening the lot will be are all opinions.

The SGA didn't ask that the HUB lot be opened on Friday and Saturday nights; it is during these nights that congestion is at a peak. Not only that, the SGA asked that the HUB lot be opened after 5:30 on Sunday through Thursday nights for a trial period. By this time the traffic rush off campus has subsided and students could park there in order to eat in the HUB.

Mr. Diem has stated "There is no question that there are unused spaces in the center of campus more often than filled spaces. But we have to make these spaces available to those who really need them."

Again, in all due respect to the opinion of Mr. Diem, if these spaces are needed, then why are they vacant? In fact, the results of the SGA Traffic Code Committee showed that the HUB lot with a capacity of 216, is usually just about one quarter filled, and parking lot 30, behind Osmond Lab, with a capacity of 182, has an average of 29 cars during the hours of 6 to 11 p.m. daily.

The HUB was built with student funds for the students. Therefore, they have just as much, if not more right to easy access to the building as instructors, high school students, or visitors.

—Richard Kellev '62
—Matt Benner '62

• Letter cut

Nittany 'Invasion' Protested

TO THE EDITOR: Upon reading a letter to the editor written by a group of gentlemen from Nittany 37, I was appalled at the type of activity which is permitted at this university.

To have counselors break in and search through students' personal belongings without their presence or knowledge and without giving due explanation for the search is a direct violation of our basic freedom

which is guaranteed in the "Bill of Rights."

One can only hope that such incidents, as this, are merely the acts of a small group of irresponsible personnel who have been overcome by a small taste of authority and that they in no way reflect the policy of the administration of this democratic institution, and that acts of this nature will be prevented by the administration in the future.

—Milton Brubaker '61