

Editorial Opinion

Those Who Stand and Wait

On the circulation desk at the Pattee Library is a pile of book covers representing newly purchased volumes.

We have finally figured out the purpose of the book covers—they are there to provide amusement for students while they wait 10 minutes to one hour for needed books.

During peak hours, students crowd around the circulation desk while harried librarians run around looking for books which often are lost or weren't there in the beginning.

Often there are three people behind the desk. One will be putting books away, one will be putting cards away and the other will be trying to get books for students standing and standing and standing.

Librarian Ralph McComb said that they are trying to stretch a 40 hour a week staff over 92 hours. The result is poor or non-existent service for students who are not permitted to enter the stacks.

One of the reasons students do not have access to the stacks is that there are not enough librarians to completely staff them.

Mr. McComb said the library staff was based on the enrollment of "some years ago." This year many more students have been using the library than would be expected in proportion to the increased enrollment, McComb said.

Obviously the student body is using the library more often and more thoroughly and it would be a shame to discourage this use. It might mean that the student body is taking more interest in academic pursuits or that the University's standards are demanding more work. Both possibilities are highly desirable.

Unfortunately the difficulty in obtaining books will deter students and the necessity of doing the work of three people will eventually deter good library staff members.

We know that despite the fairly recent grant of \$100,000 for books, the Pattee Library is not exactly rolling in money. However, we do think that the library must either hire more people or find a more efficient way to dispense books from the circulation desk.

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Snowed Public Housing; Pros--Cons

by joel myers

The 40-year, no down payment mortgage which was proposed in President Kennedy's Housing bill has been the subject of much controversy.

Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois, a staunch advocate of public housing, said that some buyers would "have a mortgage, but not a house at the end of 40 years."

Builders and lending institutions have also attacked these mortgages on the grounds that they would hurt the very people that should be helped.

A leading Pennsylvania newspaper backed this stand this week with the argument: "Buying a house with no money down and 40 years to pay would skyrocket the price. A \$10,000 house would cost about

\$25,000 over the 40 year period just for principal and interest alone—not counting taxes, insurance, repairs, etc."

Before jumping to conclusions based on this superficial reasoning, it might be wise to examine some of the less evident factors behind this program.

The argument that houses might completely run down in 40 years seems logical on the surface. However, before a mortgage is granted on a house, an FHA appraiser must evaluate the building and the lending institution must approve the loan.

The estimate of total cost to the buyer as stated in the editorial is also misleading. It assumes that no inflation will occur over the next 40 years, which seems highly unlikely in light of economic history.

In fact, if an average rate of inflation were applied, real estate kept in good repair would probably double in value in 40 years.

But, even if some depreciation did occur, the home-buyer

would have something for his money. Whatever the equity, it would represent something that could be transformed into cash, whereas years of rental payments are worth nothing.

Perhaps the solution to the low-rent housing problem can be found in a combination of public housing projects and 40-year mortgages.

The low-rent housing projects in large metropolitan areas have been far from successful. The idea of tearing down old buildings to replace them with new ones has not been able to eliminate slums.

Experience has shown that these new buildings are very badly treated by their tenants, and in a few years they deteriorate to the condition of the 50- and 60-year old houses they were built to replace.

If these same units were sold to their inhabitants on long-term mortgages, pride of ownership might be successful in preserving these buildings for a natural lifetime. This would save money for the buyers as well as the taxpayers.



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Letters

Froth Article On Religion 'Malicious'

TO THE EDITOR: The Froth magazine this week reached a new low in journalism. Not only has this "humor" magazine repeatedly presented the lowest type of entertainment as humor, but in the recent "Playboy" issue it has included both false and malicious statements.

A certain incident supposedly involving one of the campus religious organizations and its advisor was fabricated merely for the purpose of presenting an unfounded attack on the Church, demonstrating poor taste and the same discrimination which the article pretends to attack.

Such journalism can only alienate the very audience which the magazine seeks to entertain.

As modern college students we all appreciate the value of liberal thought, but a sense of responsibility cannot be discarded for the sake of liberality.

—John N. Birli, '63
—John S. Gecan, '63
—Bob Simpson, '63
—Richard Schwartz, '63

Little Man On Campus By Dick Bibler



"AFTER LOOKING OVER THESE TEST PAPERS - I'D SAY SOME OF YOU COULD WELL AFFORD TO PAY MORE ATTENTION IN CLASS."

Interpreting

Mr. 'K' in the Drivers Seat

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
Associated Press News Analyst

The Soviet man-in-space feat puts Nikita Khrushchev firmly in the driver's seat of world communism. The Red Chinese for some time to come are likely to acknowledge his leadership.

All this probably means that Khrushchev will begin a campaign soon intended to lead up to another summit conference and a face-to-face meeting with President Kennedy.

He will want Berlin, divided Germany and his propagandizing universal disarmament proposal to dominate such a meeting. He will be campaigning for this with his hand considerably strengthened.

The space feat probably means, too, that the crisis whirling about the future of the kingdom of Laos in Indochina will ease, since Khrushchev need not consider himself obliged to placate the Red Chinese by taking unnecessary risks there.

For the West, that will be only temporary relief. The space feat, on the whole, seems to add up to tough times ahead for the Kennedy administration in the prosecution of the cold war.

Just 3½ years ago, when the Russians orbited Sputnik I the

first artificial earth satellite, the meaning in terms of Soviet potential was clear. Even more clear today are the enormous military — and thus political-implications behind the astronaut achievement.

When Sputnik I burst on the scene, Mao Tze-tung and the Peiping regime could not hide their awe and respect.

Since then, however, the Red Chinese have run into a series of natural calamities, floods and drought which brought starvation to many Chinese.

Peiping's troubles increased the tendency of the regime to be reckless, to look covetously toward Southeast Asia where quick conquest might one day mean relief from chronic economic woes.

Young Yuri Gagarin's exploit probably will do much to temper the impatience of the Red Chinese and those in the Communist world who sided with Peiping.

Gazette

TODAY
Judicial Conference, 9-12 a.m., 1-3 p.m., 212 HUB
Judicial Conference, 10 a.m., 208 HUB
Judicial Conference, 3:45 p.m., HUB assembly room
Student Movies, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
Theatians Luncheon, 12:15 p.m., HUB ballroom
"The Three Sisters," 8 p.m., Center Stage
TISI, 9 p.m., HUB ballroom
Zeta Psi, 1:30 p.m., 217 HUB

SUNDAY
Alpha Phi O, 2 p.m., 212 HUB
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IVCF, 7 p.m., 216 HUB
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