

Editorial Opinion

Bookstore or Bureaucracy

The long hard fight for a University bookstore, which seemed to be gaining momentum after a quarter century campaign last semester, seems to have lost much of its energy in recent weeks.

Phil Steinhauer, chairman of the SGA Bookstore Committee just may be falling victim to administrative bureaucracy.

His committee set-up looks great on paper. As chairman he tops a structure that includes fact finders, statisticians, historians and other researchers.

As the axis of his report, Steinhauer has drawn up a scientific questionnaire designed to see if Penn State students feel a need for a bookstore.

The questionnaire also is to determine how the students picture a bookstore and what it should sell.

The Board of Trustees, however, specifically asked SGA to compile a report calling for detailed information on needs and costs.

The reason they "didn't say yes and didn't say no" was because they did not have enough information on which to base their answer.

Steinhauer's job, then, to meet the Board's challenge, is to give them this information.

We have detected, however, a certain sluggishness on the part of this chairman that must be corrected immediately if the committee hopes to meet the June deadline which the Trustees requested.

Although SGA Assembly is not currently in session, Steinhauer's work and findings are not being overlooked by the student body. Tuition hike or not, money is money.

Steinhauer and committee have been at work since January, and it is now mid-April.

We have yet to see that he is making any headway in digging up the very important facts that could establish a bookstore on this campus.

We don't want to see the vitality sapped from the issue by default.

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Letters

Sr. Blames Library Lines On Students

TO THE EDITOR: I do not possess any sympathy for "those who stand and wait!" If some of these "academic pursuers" would take the time to learn the correct use of the card catalogue and of the library, they would not have to "stand and wait."

For example, a girl came up to the desk the other day and handed me 11 call numbers. I looked for the books on six different levels of the stacks. I found not a trace of one of them!

As fatigued as could possibly be, I asked the petite coed whether anything else on the catalogue cards had caught her eye. Her innocent reply — "oh yes, it said Home Economics Library on all 11 cards." Meanwhile, droves of people had congregated in these 20 minutes because of the ignorance of one person.

It is not a shame that our underprivileged undergraduate students may not enter the stacks. The few who do sneak their way into the maze usually upset the order of the shelved books. Thus, it becomes increasingly difficult for the efficient staff members to find them for the sagacious sages of the University and havoc is created.

Furthermore, when the circulation desk is busy, all the members and student assistants of the library staff devote their efforts to finding books.

Until the Pattee Library is flooded with that precious greenery to purchase automatic conveyor-belt stacks, or one staff member for each student, don't complain about the circumstances at the Circulation desk which cause "those to stand and wait."

Learn the correct use of the card catalogue and consider your fellow students by not "playing library" by handing a staff member 11 cards for books which are not important to you.

—Martin H. Lizerbram '61

Gazette

TODAY

- Angel Flight, 7:30 p.m., 104 Wagner
- Angel Flight Pledges, 6:20 p.m., 104 Wagner
- AWS, 1 p.m., HUB assembly room
- Back the Budget, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB
- Block S Club, 7 p.m., 216 HUB
- Campus Party, 8 p.m., 218 HUB
- Delta Sigma Pi, 7 p.m., ZBT, 427 E. Fairmount Ave.
- Education Student Council, 8:30 p.m., 216 HUB
- He-Man Committee, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
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- Kappa Alpha Psi, 8:15 p.m., 217 HUB
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- Mademoiselle Fashion Model troups, 1-3 p.m., 4:30-6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
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- West Halls Judicial, 12:15 p.m., 218 HUB

WDFM Schedule

TUESDAY

- 3:25 Financial Tidbits
- 3:30 Stock Market Reports
- 4:00 Critic's Choice
- 5:00 Music at Five
- 6:00 Studio X
- 6:55 Weatherscopes
- 7:00 Seven O'Clock Report
- 7:15 Album Review
- 7:30 Significant Years
- 7:55 News Roundup
- 8:00 Accent On Sound
- 9:00 Drama Showcase
- 9:30 Focus
- 9:45 News, Weather, Sports
- 10:00 Contemporary Classics
- 12:00 Sign Off

HOSPITAL

Charles Gilmore, Joel Levits, John Bartko, Jack Christenson, Bruce Harger, John Sandor, John Silvis, William Blackman, John Madden, William Bracken, Helvitt McCloskey, Joyce Spigelmyer, Linda Wolf, Laura Weinderlich, Susan Weinman, Theresa Daube, Natalie Augustine, Roselyn Friedman, Gloria Landermilch, Martha Holst, Virginia Halse, Linda Caplen, Harriet Gimmel, Judah Munn, Linda Pett and Patricia Osborne.

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Cuban Lesson

by joel myers

Armed forces are pressing toward the capital of Cuba and the regime of Fidel Castro appears to be in its last days. Whether Castro is overthrown today or tomorrow is secondary to the fact that his time is limited.

That puts a mighty burden on the policy-forming men in Washington, who must see that another Castro doesn't come to power. It might be remembered that it was our rapid recognition of his government that steadied Castro's position at his most critical time.

When Castro topples, the first officially-recognized communist government in the Western Hemisphere will fall with it.

The Russians have backed the Cuban Communist regime with men and supplies and have supported their wild charges in the United Nations, but because of the great distance from Moscow and the instability of the government, Russia also realizes that Castro's days are numbered.

However, Moscow strategists intend to derive maximum propaganda profit from his fall by blaming the "colonialist and capitalist" interest in the United States.

The Red's success in Cuban years ahead of international communism's time-table of world takeover. Not being will-



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ing to risk military action so near U.S. soil and not wishing to chance the loss of military equipment and men for the defense of a militarily indefensible and economically poor island, Russia will not enter the struggle. In remaining an observer, she will allow her first beachhead in the new world to fall by the wayside.

Next time it may be different.

While the Reds are focusing their attention on the trouble spots of Africa and Asia, the free world has been granted a temporary reprieve in Latin America. This extra time should be used in building the social and economic status of Latin America so that the communist threat, when it turns in vigor to the Western Hemisphere, will find a healthy and vigorous society offering no roads for communist penetration.

President Kennedy has already proposed a \$500 million program for Latin America. But, this is not enough.

Financial aid must be supplemented by experienced men who will sell the case for democracy with appealing ideas. Perhaps the Peace Corps offers part of this supplement, but a more comprehensive program for Latin American development must be constructed at once!

Letters

Bellingard's Stand Criticized

TO THE EDITOR: I read Mr. Bellingard's letter and had difficulty in understanding it. Whether it was due to my own dullness or his difficulty with the language or his inability to organize, I don't know, but the basis of it seemed to me to be that he feels that no one should kill or expose himself to death for any ideal.

He also seems to believe that a person is truly free only if he is above the continuous conflict that is man and that the only way that he attains this freedom is by means of a free mind. The first idea I disagree with thoroughly, and the second I think is only half the truth. Both I answer this way:

If Mr. Bellingard would put himself in complete servitude to my will for an indefinite period of time, we will be able to see how long it will take for him to become obsessed with the desire to murder me in order to regain his freedom, risk to his life or not.

I might add further, that if a man wants to be free to enjoy life, he must be free and willing to lose it. Bertrand Russell recently said, and I quote, that "I would rather be Red than dead." Pulitzer Prize winner or not, Bertrand Russell is full of beans. If there is nothing worth dying for, there is nothing worth living for.

As long as I am in a spouting mood today, I might as

well add something else that is relevant.

From where I sit, and it's pretty far away I'll admit, the problems that we have with other countries, particularly the smaller and newer ones, are due very much to their contradicting attitude toward America.

They look to America for leadership and expect to see a god, and when they see this god make blunders, blunders that are made worse by the power of the one making them, and not by having any less virtue than any other country, they become dismayed.

They want a Big Brother who will finance them and teach them and protect them from each other, but expect him to offend no one.

They want to be uplifted but want us to keep our hands off.

The history of the development of practically all highly developed countries has involved the degradation of the people or the complete control of their country by another, or both.

If they want to develop quickly, and with our help, they would be correct in being apprehensive, but at the same time they can't expect us to help without taking some degree of control. There is no economic aid without strings attached, and there is no sudden development without pain, even with the aid of another country, no matter what the Russians say.

—John Leonatti, '62

Dining Incident Discussed

TO THE EDITOR: Not knowing the facts on both sides of the argument presented in The Daily Collegian of April 14, by Mr. Dance and Mr. Reilly, I cannot judge this issue, however, I am wondering what facts weren't brought out.

Did either of these students stop to think that they were wasting our money when they dawdle at meals, making the employes wait unduly? These men are paid employes.

If students linger unnecessarily they are making them work longer than necessary, and they forget that the waiters

are not the only ones that are working—what about the boys in the dishroom? What about those expensive dishwashers that must be kept on until every last dish is clean? If Mr. Dance and Mr. Reilly want to pay for these out of their own pockets, fine, but I wish they wouldn't take it out of mine. It is strange that such wastefulness should be continuing; especially when we are fighting for an extra \$6 million from the legislature. Don't we have troubles with rising tuition without asking for a hike in room and board as well?

—M. L. Mergel '63

