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# The Calm Rebel

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It is amazing when you consider the apparent calm with which Mr. Robert Dufner, chairman of the elections commission, has ignored the Assembly's recommendations.

Assembly on two different occasions has recommended that the elections commission set up polling stations in residence areas. Mr. Dufner on two different occasions has said he would consider the suggestion.

## C.D. History Discussed By Burgess

TO THE EDITOR:

The action of a small group of students during the Civil Defense alert of last Friday showed their complete ignorance of the origin and operation of Civil Defense.

Civil Defense is an expanded Red Cross. Red is a volunteer Red Cross. Red Cross is a volunteer organization, established by act of Congress with the President of the United States as its head. Because it is a volunteer group, it has little legal authority and there are many communities without an efficient chapter.

The experience of the civilian population in the United States and in European countries during the First World War was nearly a part of the official government structure and which could assume a greater degree of responsibility for planning and training for disaster service. Out of this need came Civil Defense.

Although Civil Defense was active during the Second World War, its present structure was established by the adoption by the Federal Government in 1958 of Reorganization Plan I and the establishment of the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization.

A Red Cross Chapter is ready at any time to serve an individual or the whole community. Civil Defense goes into action only when the responsible head declares that a disaster situation exists or an emergency is present which may result in disaster.

In a city or town, this responsibility rests on the Burgess or Mayor; in the State, the Governor. The President of the United States may place the entire Civil Defense on active duty and with it the entire civilian population.

In a disaster situation either from natural causes or enemy action there is not time for the discussions and deliberations necessary for action by a legislative body like the Borough Council. This is why the "chief executive" of the political unit—the Burgess, the Governor or the President—must assume the responsibility for immediate decisions and these, to be effective, must be carried out in the shortest time possible. Federal and State laws have been passed requiring the citizen to respect such official orders when Civil Defense is operative. Failure to do so, on conviction, may result in fine or imprisonment.

The Civil Defense test of Friday was ordered by the President. This order came to the Pennsylvania headquarters of Civil Defense; from there it came to the State College Municipal Building (C.D. Headquarters) by a special wire and special warning device. For a citizen to oppose this test was as foolish and as contrary to the best interests of the public as it would be to oppose a Red Cross First-Aid Class.

—Roy D. Anthony,  
Burgess of State College  
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Voting begins today and it is quite evident that the recommendations were not considered very seriously. It is also evident that Mr. Dufner has overstepped his responsibility.

Not only has he overstepped his responsibility, but he is extremely vague on why he has done so. His arguments for not having polling places in the residence areas seem to indicate that he has only a vague notion of what the duties of his commission entail.

Mr. Dufner bases his stand on four points:

- "Sheer numbers do not necessarily reflect the value of the vote."
- "This would discriminate against TIM and IFC men."
- "If a student hasn't the foresight to carry his matric card for at least one hour in three days, he probably wouldn't vote no matter where the polls were placed."
- "Order in the dining halls is hard to maintain during meal hours."

The first three of Mr. Dufner's arguments are irrelevant. The last argument may be valid, but, if handled properly, the confusion could be kept to a minimum. Certainly there could be no more confusion than during the rush hours at Hetzel Union booths. A reason, by the way, that many students fail to vote.)

The phenomenal aspect to the whole situation is not, however, whose voting philosophy is correct.

It is that the elections commission chairman has defied a directive of SGA and has done something contrary to the wishes of every single candidate—and it appears as if he is going to get away with it.

## Harrison Platform 'Indecisive'

TO THE EDITOR: Part of SGA Presidential candidate Harrison's original platform, as stated in his nomination speech, was that Penn State student government become affiliated with the National Student Association.

This, he said, would allow SGA to work more closely with student governments of other schools on such matters as the Peace Corps.

Later in that week, after winning the nomination and, "after consulting with University officials and sources elsewhere in the state," the affiliation plan was dropped from his platform.

In the interim between this proposal and retraction, Mr. Harrison made Collegian headlines again by announcing that his party was considering a "march on Harrisburg" about the tuition hike.

The very next day this idea was discarded. The following Sunday while vying for the Liberal Party endorsement, he denied that he had backed down on the issue, however.

But, he added, if enough students are interested, the march will be conducted. At The Daily Collegian Press conference he even stated that he saw nothing wrong with it as long as it was a peaceful demonstration.

One is left wondering just exactly what Mr. Harrison's stand is regarding these issues. Is this "looking-before-leaping-then-modifying" an example of the new leadership that he will use to replace that which he terms lacking this year?

—Kurt Simons '62

## Fire Drill Termed 'Unwarranted'

TO THE EDITOR: On Sunday morning at 1:30 a.m. Atherton Hall girls were rudely awakened by the clanging of fire bells. The question at hand is: was this actually a fire drill or a feeble excuse for a bedcheck?

After a previous 3:00 a.m. Sunday morning fire drill, we were led to believe that the drill was not to serve as a bedcheck. Therefore, we can see no purpose for a fire drill at that hour of the morning.

We understand that the purpose of a fire drill is that the building be emptied as quick-

ly and as orderly as possible. But due to lack of supervision by the Campus Patrolmen, many girls remained indoors.

It is therefore obvious to us that this fire drill served no other purpose than to disturb a peaceful dorm which had settled down for the night.

Perhaps a more practical solution might be to have a properly supervised fire drill shortly after 11:30 during the week, when full cooperation of the entire dorm could be assured.

—Peggy Fisher, '62  
Linda Marks, '62  
Janet Nichol '62



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**On Campus** with Max Shubman  
(Author of "I Was a Teen-age Dwarf," "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis," etc.)

### OLD GRADS NEVER DIE

In just a matter of weeks many of you will be graduating—especially seniors.

You are of course eager to go out in the great world where opportunities are limitless and deans nonexistent. At the same time your hearts are heavy at the thought of losing touch with so many classmates you have come to know and love.

It is my pleasant task today to assure you that graduation need not mean losing touch with classmates; all you have to do is join the Alumni Association and every year you will receive a bright, newsy, chatty bulletin, chock full of information about all your old buddies.



It was her second in four months.....

Oh, what a red-letter day it is at my house, the day the Alumni Bulletin arrives! I cancel all my engagements, take the phone off the hook, dismiss my chiropractor, put the ooclot outside, and settle down for an evening of pure pleasure with the Bulletin and (need I add?) a good supply of Marlboro Cigarettes.

Whenever I am having fun, a Marlboro makes the fun even more fun. That filter, that flavor, that pack or box never fails to heighten my pleasure whether I am watching the television or playing buck euchre or knitting an afghan or reading Mad or enjoying any other fun-filled pursuit you might name—except, of course, spearfishing. But then, how much spearfishing does one do in Clovis, New Mexico, where I live?

But I digress. Let us return to my Alumni Bulletin and let me quote for you the interesting tidings about all my old friends and classmates:

Well, fellow alums, it certainly has been a wing-dinger of a year for all us old grads! Remember Mildred Cheddar and Harry Camembert, those crazy kids who always held hands in Econ II? Well, they're married now and living in Clovis, New Mexico, where Harry rents spearfishing equipment and Mildred has just given birth to a lovely 28-pound daughter, her second in four months. Nice going, Mildred and Harry!

Remember Jethro Bric, the man we voted most likely to succeed? Well, old Jethro is still gathering laurels! Last week he was voted "Motorman of the Year" by his fellow workers in the Duluth streetcar system. "I owe it all to my brakeman," said Jethro in a characteristically modest acceptance speech. Same old Jethro!

Probably the most glamorous time of all us alums was had by Francis Macomber last year. He went on a big game hunting safari all the way to Africa! We received many interesting post cards from Francis until he was, alas, accidentally shot and killed by his wife and white hunter. Tough luck, Francis!

Wilma "Deadeye" Macomber, widow of the late beloved Francis Macomber, was married yesterday to Fred "Sureshot" Quimby, white hunter, in a simple double-ring ceremony in Nairobi. Good luck, Wilma and Fred!

Well, alums, that just about wraps it up for this year. Keep 'em flying!

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Old grads, new grads, undergrads, all agree: The best new nonfilter cigarette in many a long year is the king-size Philip Morris Commander. Welcome aboard!

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