

**Editorial Opinion**

**Join Now**

Can you count the number of times you sang "For the glory of old State" in the past four years?

Of course you can't! You sang it in the residence halls when you were freshmen, before Rodger Kochman made his now-historic run against Syracuse in 1958 and perhaps on the beaches of Newport or Ft. Lauderdale.

If you thought about this song as the words were uttering from your mouths, you would realize that you are in debt to the University.

For despite the often-heard complaints of rising tuition costs, the benefits of a state-supported school have saved each graduating senior more than \$2500.

Despite the cries of "mass production," Penn State's academic standards continue to climb.

Despite the nights of cramming and boring lectures, many professors have provided lasting inspirations.

The soon-to-be graduated class of '61 will carry memories of the Nittany Valley and its tribal customs throughout the world.

These memories, which will take on more significance with each passing year, can never be duplicated. However, graduates can maintain a close relationship with the University by joining the Alumni Association.

This will not only serve to keep them in close contact with the University's progress, but will make their association with Penn State more meaningful.

An Alumni membership allows graduates to "take Penn State with them," and at the same time repay a small portion of what the University has given them.

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**Letters**

**CD Termed Patriotic Duty Of Americans**

TO THE EDITOR: I read the letter to you on Saturday, May 6, 1961. It was written by Elizabeth R. S. Richards and concerned the Civil Defense exercises held last week.

Miss Richards, your show of stupidity for a graduate student is absolutely astounding! To begin with, how can teaching in the art of self-protection and -preservation be giving the American people a false sense of security?

In case of an atomic attack, the first people in the world to "put down" our American Government would be the very people who won't go along with practical life saving measures such as those outlined by Civil Defense.

True, not 100% of we Americans can be saved by bomb shelters and "ducking in doorways" but, if just 10% are saved the cause is worthwhile.

Secondly, you evidently haven't heard any newscasts or read any newspapers or magazines recently (say in the past 50 years?).

How long has our Government been trying to meet Russia and Mr. "K." to try to talk over peace-time uses of Atomic Power, and cutting down of arms? How long have we been sending food, farming tools, clothes, etc. over-seas to help those less fortunate than us?

The trouble with many Americans today is that they are too complacent. When our Government does something that may inconvenience them for a few minutes, and perhaps save their lives in the future, they as much as say they'd rather die.

True, you should feel an obligation as a patriotic American—to save yourself and the lives of your fellow Americans.

—Mrs. Joseph V. Cioffli

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**Anthony Letter Disputed**

TO THE EDITOR: Mr. Anthony, in his letter to the Collegian, tries to lump two aspects of Civil Defense into one. He wants to get across the impression that preparation for a war and natural disaster service are one and the same.

On the basis of this, Mr. Anthony says that those who protested the civil defense drill were uninformed.

But, it would be unfair to let Mr. Anthony say this. Those who protested the CD drill are fully aware of the many good services that the CD program provides. Those who protested did so because they felt that the aspect of CD that prepares the population for war is a bad aspect. It conveys to the population the expectancy of an inevitable war.

Civil Defense also breeds a false sense of security. There will be little, if any, warning of a nuclear attack. The speed of present day missiles, 18,000 mph., means that any place in the U.S. can be destroyed within 30 minutes of the launching of an attack.

Even with the most perfected warning system available, the maximum warning time that could be given to the population in time of nuclear attack would be 30 minutes. This warning time would be greatly reduced if the missiles were launched from submarines.

The shelter program in large cities is admittedly of no value. A ten-megaton bomb exploded at ground level has a radius of blast destruction of five miles and a radius of fire destruction of 25 miles.

If the bombs were exploded above the ground, the fire alone would easily cover 5,000 sq. miles. Within the vicinity of explosion of the bomb there could be no survivors.

People who do not live near large cities seem to feel that bomb shelters provide them

with adequate protection against the danger of a nuclear bomb. While the shelters would protect them against the direct blast of the bomb, it would not protect the inhabitants against the numerous other dangers.

Radiation emitted by a nuclear attack would blanket the U.S. within 24 hours. This means that the people in a shelter would have to have an independent supply of air for two weeks, the minimum time before it would be possible to venture out from the shelters.

What these people who survive the blast, fire and radiation would eat is another problem. There would be no source of outside food. With the ground contaminated by radiation, no food could be grown.

If no shelter facilities had been provided for animals, there would be no live source of food that was uncontaminated. Anyone who possibly survived all the other dangers of nuclear war would surely find himself with a desperate lack of food.

The damage that would be caused by radiation from a nuclear war is not fully determined. Scientists agree that any radiation is harmful to the human body. The effects of radiation on human genes means that extensive and harmful mutations would occur. The Human Race would never be the same.

Lack of men, machinery, food, government, communications and the spread of fear, disease and hate gives very little hope to the people who do come out of their shelters alive. There would be nothing to live for and no way to live.

I think it would be wise for Mr. Anthony to take another look at his CD program. CD fully serves the community in its natural disaster services, but CD does not serve the community by preparation for war. War is suicide. This deception upon the people cannot go on.

—Sam Rotenberg '64

**County Director Comments on CD**

TO THE EDITOR: In regard to the student protest during the recent Air Raid Drill the Centre County Director of Civil Defense states that protests are in order as long as no Federal, State or Municipal laws are violated.

It is therefore prudent for everyone to comply with the publicized Civil Defense instructions since they are for self-protection. The drills are authorized under both Federal and State laws, and severe penalties can be imposed for non-compliance.

—George S. Denitorne,  
Director, Centre County  
Civil Defense Council

**Gazette**

- Accounting Club, 7:15 p.m., Pi Lambda Phi
- Alpha Kappa Psi, 7 p.m., Theta Chi
- Angel Flight pledges, 7 p.m., 10 A Wagner
- Bible Fellowship, 6:30 p.m., 212 HUB
- Cwena, 9 a.m., 217-218 HUB
- Five O'Clock Theater, 5 p.m., Little Theater, Old Main
- Froth circulation, 7 p.m., 217-218 HUB
- Geophysical Seminar, 3:15 p.m., 121 MI
- Grad Student Association, 8:15 p.m., 218 HUB
- I.C.G., 8 p.m., 203 HUB
- I.V.C.F., 12:45 p.m., 212 HUB
- LA Lecture Series, 7:30-8:30 p.m., HUB assembly hall
- Machine Records Conference, 1 p.m., 214-218 HUB
- Machine Records Conference, 3 p.m., HUB main lounge
- Meditation Chapel Chorus, Concert, 8:30 p.m., Chapel
- Navy Recruiting, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., HUB ground floor
- Panhel, 6:30 p.m., 203 HUB
- Penn State Figure Skaters Club, 7 p.m., McElwain lounge
- Philosophy Dept., 9:30 p.m., HUB reading room
- Philosophy Dept. lecture, 8 p.m., EE
- Physics Colloquium, 4:15 p.m., 117 Osmond
- Schuhplattlers, 7 p.m., 204 Engineering B
- Science Fiction Society, 7 p.m., 218 HUB
- SGA Reorganization, 7 p.m., 214-216 HUB
- Social and Recreational Adv. Comm., 4 p.m., 212-213 HUB
- TIM Movies, 12:30 and 6:30, HUB assembly hall
- Young Republicans, 8-9:30 p.m., 212 HUB

**Freshman Examines CD**

TO THE EDITOR: In your April 28 issue there appeared a letter calling upon the students to demonstrate against the Civil Defense drill in order to show that the only defense against nuclear attack is peace. When I first read this letter, I felt the cause was worth joining. However, on re-examining the article I decided not to join.

My first reason for not joining was that the basic hypothesis — there is no escape from nuclear attack — is not true.

According to an article in Time magazine (January 2, 1961) on a book by Herman Kahn, physicist and adviser to the Atomic Energy Commission and the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, a nuclear war would not necessarily destroy civilization.

The article says, "It is a part of U.S. Atomic Age folklore that there is no use trying to prepare for nuclear attack, that once deterrence fails all is lost. This attitude largely accounts for the feebleness of the U.S.'s civil defense programs."

According to Mr. Kahn's figures "advance preparations could make a difference between, say, 20 million and 80 million casualties." Thus the issue of civil defense is not cut and dry, there is evidence that preparation would help.

Another point Mr. Kahn

makes is that in Russia civil defense training is compulsory for each citizen. Mr. Kahn goes on to point out that should war come, Russia with her prepared population would be in a far better position than the United States.

The second reason why I did not join this demonstration is because I feel the motive was wrong. It is not reasonable to protest against a civil defense test to point up the necessity for a lasting peace.

The demonstration was not against any offensive group connected with fighting a war, but a group that has the job of trying to help the population if a war should come. Civil defense would, according to my source, lessen the horror of nuclear war.

Why should these peace-loving students demonstrate against such an organization? Had this group advocated just a demonstration for peace or a sane nuclear policy I would have joined them, but I do not believe it's right to demonstrate just for the sake of demonstrating.

It is my hope that these students were motivated by their belief that they were doing the right thing and were not being used by those who would stand to gain by our civil defense being weakened.

—Andrew Lindgren, '64

**Cold Classes Draw Complaint**

TO THE EDITOR: As I write this letter, my classmates and I have just returned from our required women's physical education class. Today (May 2nd), when it is 40 degrees (according to the WMAJ weather report) and very windy, we spent an hour and a half on the archery field.

When I finish writing this

letter, I shall go out to purchase some cold pills. I expect to see several of my classmates at the store for the same purpose.

This incident is not without precedent, and it applies to more than one class. Why can't it be stopped?

—Name Withheld