

Editorial Opinion

A Clear and Present Need

The need for adequate auditorium facilities at the University has again been brought into the spotlight.

The Penn State Singers had originally scheduled one performance for this Friday in the HUB Assembly room, but the demand for tickets was so great they decided to schedule a second show. Even so, all tickets were gone Tuesday.

The HUB Assemblyroom is too small for shows with such a wide appeal. The seating capacity of 225 represents less than 2 per cent of the student body.

On the other hand, Schwab is too big and its acoustics are inadequate for a performance of this type.

The time seems ripe to plan for a concert hall. Such an auditorium would not only be ideal for shows of this nature but could serve as classroom space for lectures, colloquia and large sections of music appreciation courses.

The establishment of the Artists Series program four years ago added a new and important dimension to the University's cultural program. Interest in this direction has increased greatly since then, and the time has come to provide adequate facilities for such events.

This concert hall could be put in the new music and arts building, which is still on the drawing board, or possibly it could be included in the HUB expansion plans.

The need for this type of auditorium is clear, and it is the responsibility of University planners to supply the funds and location.

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Letters

Sr. Defines Opposition To Soviets

TO THE EDITOR: Although I agree with the spirit of Whiton Paine's letter on Civil Defense, I find much to disagree with in his assumptions.

First of all, nearly every statement he makes about radioactive fallout is partially or entirely false.

It sounds as if he based his information on a very misleading article on this subject which appeared in a popular magazine during the past year.

But my main objection is that he bases his opposition to Communism on the supposition that "intellectual and social stagnation . . . characterizes the Soviet Union."

If this were so, we would have nothing to fear from either world Communism or the USSR. Unfortunately nothing could be further from the truth.

The Soviets have doubled the life expectancy of the Russians from 35 in 1917 to over 70 at present (ours is about 68). They have achieved 98% literacy in the local (non-Russian) language in areas that were 98 per cent illiterate.

They have a larger proportion of physicians (mostly women) in their population than we have. Many of their scientists have received the Nobel prize. Mikhail Sholokhov, a convinced Communist, has produced some outstanding literature.

The point is that they have attained many of their achievements at the price of thirty years of terror and wholesale extermination. Over six million Ukrainian peasants were more or less systematically starved to death, arbitrarily executed, or transported to Siberian slave labor camps for resisting forced collectivization.

It's about time to realize that our opposition to Communism based on notions of "intellectual and social stagnation" has long since crumbled in the rest of the world, as have our objections on economic grounds.

The only valid objections are those based on ethical, moral and religious considerations.

Economically and politically the extermination of the Russian KULAK (wealthy farmer) class, could possibly be justified, as could the execution of 20 million Chinese landlords and members of the middle class (by Red China's own admission) for no other crime than being "class enemies."

The inciting of class hatreds (called "arousing class-consciousness") is a central doctrine of Marxism-Leninism and it is on this issue that we have to take our stand.

Not by preaching, but by demonstrating the brotherhood of man, across class, ethnic and cultural lines can we eliminate the conditions which provide a fertile ground for Communism.

—John Dombrowski '61

Gazette

TODAY
Alpha Phi Omega, 7:30 p.m., 212-213 HUB
Block 'S', 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., first floor HUB
BX Candidate's Meeting, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly room
Campus Party, 6 p.m., 212 HUB
Education Student Council Senior Awards Dinner, 6 p.m., HUB Dining Room C.
Faculty Women's Luncheon, 11 a.m., HUB ballroom
IVCF, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
La Critique, 7:30 p.m., 214-215 HUB
Phys Ed Major Students, 6:30 p.m., 217-218 HUB
Student Employment, 11 a.m., 218 HUB
TIM, 8:15 p.m., 217-218 HUB
University Party, 7 p.m., 213 HUB
Young Republicans, 8 p.m., 216 HUB

the megaphone

Election Reflection

by meg teichholtz

The wide-eyed look of astonishment has just about disappeared from the faces of those who, early last week, doubted that the student body could think.

As was to be expected, there were cliques and circles on this campus that had begun to believe their own propaganda concerning the benefit of activities and playing political games.

Dennis Foianini's election startled many of them out of their hats.

The election brought out the best in some candidates and the worst in others.

But in one resounding voice, it brought out the best in the students.



In the main, student government's actions were weak and ineffective in the past year and the executive did little to push the legislature into action.

The student body, however, was not ready to give up the battle for strong government and when a new face and fresh ideas were presented it gave its enthusiastic support.

It should not be forgotten that Dennis Foianini won the election with a resounding majority in the face of administrative directives, the elections commission's inertia and SGA Assembly's own political games.

He recognized that he had to get the votes of the politically uncommitted students in the residence halls.

The "powers-that-were" also saw this. Although a scuffle emerged in the Assembly over placing the polls in the resi-

dence halls, decentralized voting somehow never materialized.

Campaigning in the dorms was also blocked to the candidates, but this maneuver seemed to make Foianini the political underdog and may have won him the votes he couldn't get with personal campaigning.

Then came the real curve. After the balloting had begun the majority-plurality conflict was "suddenly" discovered.

At its meeting concerning the conflict, it was evident that even the Assembly recognized the implications of the issue.

If a decision in favor of a majority vote had been reached, this probably would have necessitated a run-off between Foianini and Alexander, the two candidates who, by word of mouth, were in the lead.

Nancy Williams fielded the curve expertly at that meeting when she said: "Certain people feel that a majority vote would have definite advantages for them.

"For this reason we should accept the precedent of a plurality vote. If we keep using SGA to further political interests, we had better give up."

When 40 per cent of the student body votes it's a sure bet they don't want to give up.

Foianini's job in reorganizing SGA and overcoming the expected opposition of the self-interested "out" group will not be easy.

But then neither was his campaign, and he won with 57.1 per cent of all votes cast.

Letters

Greek Discrimination Termed Constitutional

TO THE EDITOR: A letter by Jonathan Morse which appeared in the May 4th Daily Collegian has prompted me to vent my opinions on the current paradox of student values concerning discrimination in fraternities and sororities.

Posters can be seen around campus indicating that our local organization for "human rights" (i.e., DARE) is concerned with the situation.

I am more concerned about DARE which in the past has shown unique ability in the technique I like to call "peaceful coercion."

Mr. Morse has stated that the majority of students on campus favor the elimination of discrimination in fraternities and sororities; I have not seen any data to this effect evaluating student opinion.

However, if Mr. Morse is correct (which I doubt) then I represent the minority.

Somewhere along the line of the current wave of campus idealism and liberalism a basic American right has been buried—the right of freedom not to associate.

Perhaps our students are only reflecting the misguided activities of the federal government in its now classic Supreme Court decision of 1954 when it imposed upon the South the task of integrating its schools including many areas where integration is clearly not wanted.

Undoubtedly the situation is deplorable especially when one reads of the ignorance displayed by the people of New Orleans.

Yet, lest we forget, the Con-

stitution of the United States in no way gives power regarding public education to the Federal Government.

Under the tenth amendment jurisdiction over the entire field of education was reserved to the states. The Supreme Court decision therefore, was clearly unconstitutional.

So is it I do not believe that fraternities and sororities should be told with whom to associate. I prefer to have friends of other races, religions and creeds, but I do not intend to impose that preference on other people.

Nor do I believe that it is within the domain of the Administration to force the fraternities which are private organizations, to drop their policy of freedom not to associate.

The imposition of economic pressure, such as the carrying of signs in front of a barber shop, in order to force a businessman to succumb to the whims of a pressure group fills me with repugnance.

It seems insincere that we can resolutely defend the rights of minority groups and at the same time infringe on the rights of the individual.

This letter will probably bring cries of derision—that I am strictly from the Dark Ages, a reactionary, a bigot or probably worse.

If defending the inalienable right of the individual to possess the power of freedom not to associate places me in these categories then I plead guilty to all charges.

—Ronald R. Rheim Graduate Student

WDFM Schedule

THURSDAY

5:25 Financial Tidbits
5:30 Stock Market Reports
4:00 Critic's Choice
5:00 Music at Five
6:00 Studio X
6:55 Weatherscope
7:00 Seven O'Clock Report
7:15 Album Review
7:30 Portrait of a City
7:55 News Roundup
8:00 This is the Subject
9:00 Folk Music
9:30 Opinion 15
9:15 News, Weather, Sports
10:00 Chamber Concert
12:00 Sign Off