

Editorial Opinion

Plaudits for Runkle

Educational expansion does not have to cost money. And in a University where everyone talks about it but nobody has any, it is especially enlightening to find that the women of Runkle Hall have innovated a plan to broaden their own educations.

The residents have invited 16 members of the faculty to become associates of the house. The associate terminology is vague, but at this time it would seem impossible to define the nature of relationships such as these which lack precedent.

The purpose of the plan, according to Dianne Hunt, community coordinator is "to bring education into the residence halls."

We hope the plan goes far beyond this—for good, bad or indifferent, education is in the residence halls now—in bookshelves, in bull sessions, around dinner tables.

The plan, we think, makes possible close academic direction for the residents, mature guidance for their pursuits and challenges to their pre-assumptions. It breaks down that wall separating the classroom from the residence hall, a barrier that often acts to isolate the mind as it departmentalizes the daily routine.

For the faculty members participating the possibilities are equally great, for learning does not stop when one crosses to the other side of the rostrum.

With enthusiasm on the part of both residents and associates the plan can be a refreshing innovation—one that should be seriously considered by other communities.

And for the Artist Series

Students who aren't cramming the library or the creamery this Sunday afternoon will be able to attend an informal reception in the Hetzel Union lounge for Secretary of Commerce, Luther H. Hodges.

The reception is to follow Hodges' lecture in Schwab which is scheduled for 3 p.m. and a question period will be provided after the lecture.

The presence of such notable figures as Hodges and the many other lecturers and performers that appear in this cloistered valley each year is the result of the Artists' Series program, directed by Nina Brown and a committee of students.

The Series is one of the finest opportunities Penn State offers for extra-classroom learning opportunities that are not so readily available in a non-academic atmosphere.

As we said above—education does not have to cost money—for Artist Series tickets remain free to students.

For all their diligent work and for all the invaluable experiences they have given Penn Staters, the Artists' Series committee is to be commended.

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Letters

Emptiness Isn't Apathy; Its 'Instinct'

TO THE EDITOR: I've been reading so many letters of complaint by graduate students that I had to offer a little understanding and comfort. All this talk of apathy and internal emptiness can't possibly be true.

Why just look into the eyes of any Penn State student. Behind that protective haze of cigarette smoke and that blood-shot vacant exterior is an alert, self-reliant individual.

Oh, I know that when you look at his sneakers and corduroys, his sweaters and trench coats or his uniformly short chopped hair, you may think that such exterior reflections of a lack of originality or individual distinction, the earmarks of a... dare I say it... conformist; but no, no, I assure you, they are not.

It is merely that he is the new aesthete. He has learned from the example of the sensitive, creative individuals who went before him that to parade his individuality before society is to invite annihilation.

How, when once you have understood that, you can take an even closer look. Notice how this sensitive and truly refined aesthetic masks his true sensibilities.

He is ever on the lookout lest, through carelessness, he leave some mark about him which might distinguish him from his peers.

The one thing which frustrates him somewhat is his face, which Nature through her great lack of understanding has made a little different from every other face; but he compensates for this by a uniformity of expression.

If you have a natural inclination to cynicism you may attribute all this to a sort of herd instinct. However, even if it is, it is a far, far more noble thing than a disgusting exhibition of one's individuality.

I feel nothing but pity for those people who long for the "good old days" when at a glance they could pick their coat out of a closet, or when the cut of a garment was as distinctive of its owner as the way he turned his phrase.

Now that you are aware of the constant struggle of these sensitive young people to become nonentities, perhaps you will understand how, occasionally, they may appear empty or apathetic. At any rate, you haven't any right to expect anything more. Don't you know that this is the age when the Bourgeoisie has come to college?

-W. F. Marshall Graduate student

Renovation For Lion's Den

TO THE EDITOR: To visitors the Lion's Den in the Hetzel Union building or shall we call it 'Den of derelicts' is certainly an impressive sight! What an impression a group of gyrating, garish, gluttons must create for our dignitaries.

Of course, this couldn't have any bearing on our lack of proper financial appropriations from the state.

Could the mood the music creates in this "Den" be one of the reasons why many people draw the spurious conclusion that Penn State is a social playground.

The Penn State Classical Music Society recommends that consideration be given to having a few selections of good music in the juke box. Perhaps if these classical selections were given a trial period the students would realize that not only have they misrepresented themselves to the public, but they have unconsciously fooled themselves!

- Joan Greenbaum '64 -Caryle Blatt '64 -Joetta Borgia '64 -Jo Eva Hertznecky '64

Letter Cut

World At A Glance Republicans Disaster Kills Hit JFK's School Bill 283 Miners, 16 Still Missing

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Kennedy's college aid bill suffered a setback yesterday when Republican objections to its scholarship program blocked efforts to compromise differences between the House and Senate versions.

His latest plea for action on his general school aid bill also failed to arouse any enthusiasm in the House.

The move that blocked the college aid bill came on a motion to send the differing House and Senate versions to conference. A single objection can prevent this, and Rep. Albert H. Quie, R-Minn., made one.

Quie supported the House bill, which was limited to a college construction program, but objected to the \$212,500 federal scholarships added by the Senate. His opposition is shared by nearly all House Republicans.

Three times since Congress reconvened last month Kennedy has urged it to pass his bill to help the nation's public schools.

SAARBRUECKEN, Germany (AP)—Germany mourned 283 dead yesterday and abandoned hope that any of 16 still missing men would be brought alive from the debris of the Luisenthal coal mine.

All but a few sorrowing wives and daughters of men still believed buried underground gave up their day and night vigil at the mine gates. Only dead were being recovered from 1,800 feet underground.

The exact number still missing was not known due to confusion in counting survivors.

There were 81 men in critical condition in hospitals and 100 were reported to have escaped unhurt.

There were 480 men in the mine at the time of the explosion and cave-in, a spokesman for the Saar State Mining Office said.

The mine disaster was Germany's second worst, exceeded only by the death of 402 miners in an explosion in the Ruhr in 1946.

Paris Police Battle Rioters

PARIS (AP)—A massive Communist demonstration against the rightist Secret Army Organization's terrorist policies in Algeria erupted into wild rioting in the historic Place de la Bastille last night, plunging France a step closer to anarchy.

Eight persons were killed and more than 200 injured in three hours of spreading battles between club-swinging police and stone-hurling leftists.

Interior Minister Roger Frey told reporters in his office that the demonstration-riot had been directed by the Communist party, and he added:

"Rarely have such well organized bands of rioters attacked the security forces."

As the fighting raged, the Secret Army's plastic bombs, which have plagued the capital for months, exploded in scattered sections of Paris.

The rally was staged in defiance of government orders banning public demonstrations.

Ike 'Endorses' Scott Candidacy

HARRISBURG (AP)—U.S. Sen. Hugh Scott claimed yesterday that former president Dwight D. Eisenhower had endorsed him as Republican candidate for governor of Pennsylvania.

He also claimed that Eisenhower, in a telephone conversation from his vacation site in California, had spoken disparagingly of the ticket formed earlier this week by Superior Court Judge Robert E. Woodside, for governor, and U.S. Rep. James E. Van Zandt, for U.S. Senator.

Republican State Chairman George I. Blohm immediately challenged Scott's version of the conversation and sent off his own telegram to the former president to advise him of the correct statement made to Scott.

Woodside, in a statement, said he was "naturally pleased that the actual text of Gen. Eisenhower's telegram bore almost no resemblance to the version Sen. Scott so glibly related this morning."

Labor Endorses Dilworth

HARRISBURG (AP)—The Harrisburg Central Labor Council endorsed Philadelphia Mayor Richardson Dilworth yesterday as its choice for the Democratic nomination for governor of Pennsylvania.

Censors Stay Unidentified

WASHINGTON (AP)—Invoking executive privilege, President Kennedy forbade Pentagon or State Department witnesses to tell a Senate subcommittee who censored specific speeches by military men. The senators quickly gave up their demands for the names.

Only Sen. Strom Thurmond, (D-S.C.), protested when Chairman John Stennis, (D-Miss.), ruled "I am convinced this executive plea applies and the chair sustains it."

Stennis had been insisting on the senators' right to the names up to the moment when Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara read to the subcommittee Kennedy's letter yesterday ordering him not to let Pentagon witnesses provide them.

Kennedy cited the doctrine of executive privilege which he said had been established by his predecessors in keeping with the separation of the three branches of government.

Fronzizi Breaks Cuban Relations

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)—President Arturo Fronzizi yielded under pressure of military leaders last night and broke diplomatic relations with Fidel Castro's Communist Cuba.

The action, reversing Argentina's soft stand on Cuba at the recent Punta del Este Conference, increased to 14 the number of hemisphere republics that have cut ties with the increasingly isolated Castro. Argentina's neighbor Uruguay may become the 15th to break with Havana.

Fronzizi's government ordered Cuban diplomats to get out of the country within 48 hours.

Officials immediately prepared for a possible outbreak of violence by aroused pro-Castro leftists.

The break enabled Fronzizi to ease the worst military crisis confronting him since he took office more than three years ago.

Laos Fighting Resumes

NAM THA, Laos (AP)—Laos' right-wing Premier Boun Oum again turned down an invitation for cease-fire talks as rebel headquarters and pro-Communist forces broke a 48-hour fighting lull with a round of mortar fire yesterday that landed close to the Nam Tha governor's house.