

Editorial Opinion

The HUB Lot Reaction

The history of the Hetzel Union parking lot is as long as it is fascinating and the issue itself has called forth much student effort and agitation since the lot was closed to nighttime student drivers in the fall of 1960.

The lot was closed, the administration said, to ease four pressing traffic problems faced by the University. The most serious of these was maintaining safety in the congested areas of Shortlidge Rd. and the HUB lot.

Problems two and three centered around the need for adequate parking facilities for visitors and the need for additional parking space for faculty and staff.

Problem four dealt with the dispersion of traffic at peak hours.

The great panacea for these ills was to close the lot to students. The one catch was that the students did not agree with the decision to close the lot which was adjacent to the student union building—a building which gets much use at night.

Protesting the administrative edict as arbitrary and illogical (which it was since it solved none of the stated problems), the 1960 Student Encampment drew up recommendations for alternate ways to alleviate poor traffic conditions, none of which were accepted by the administration.

There followed three surveys to find out how much the HUB lot was used at night, with the secondary purpose of determining just how impoverished local parking facilities for guests and non-students really were.

The results, tabulated by the SGA, the Campus Patrol and the Daily Collegian revealed that seldom was the HUB lot filled to one-quarter of its 216 car capacity in the hours between 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.

This was just about the time that the former Vice President for Business Administration made his famous "for the good of the University family as a whole" statement before an SGA Assembly inquiring into the rationale of closing the lot.

In the past weeks, as the Military Ball committee negotiated for the special opening of the lot for their dance, the new business affairs chief reconsidered the order of his predecessor and opened the lot.

Thanks, indeed, go to those who were responsible for prompting this decision and to Stanley H. Campbell for making it. We are happy to see this bit of illogical doctrine dispensed with—for the good of only part of the whole University family—the student body.

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Letters

Grad Objects To Priority On Programs

TO THE EDITOR:—The Penn State Men's Debate Team made its first TV appearance last Thursday night. Having an interest in debate tournaments, I went to one dormitory lounge and then to another and finally to the HUB in order to see the program.

At each den the scene was the same: groups of students watching "The Unmentionables." These intellectuals were indignantly unwilling to switch channels.

Seeing such future college graduates in front of the "idiot box" makes one wonder if it is really the so-called "masses" that are to blame for the trash on TV.

Moreover, the HUB manager, who admitted that a number of persons had expressed an interest in the debate, remained quite indifferent to the matter.

He felt that it would hardly be worthwhile because the building would close at 11; incidentally, the program began at 10:30 and was over at 11.

The administration reserves Schwab Auditorium and Recreation Hall for football telecasts, but cannot allot even one television set for an activity which should be looked upon with pride.

It certainly is a display of proper emphasis on the part of University officials and students.

—V. Barger
Graduate student

The Critic Of the Critic

TO THE EDITOR: Although drama critics are not the best liked people in the world, I feel that Mr. Hutchins is undoubtedly the most ignorant one whom I have ever come in contact with.

I have seen all of the plays he has reviewed since my arrival here, and even though I agreed with his opinions on a few rare occasions, I cannot tolerate his manner.

He obviously knows nothing about the theatre, or he would never dare to write the idiotic garbage that he considers to be a review. Perhaps he feels that all a drama critic needs to do is to tear a show to pieces.

No, Mr. Hutchins—you, as a critic, must criticize, not insult.

I would like to know what qualifications you have that allow you to put such inane reviews in The Daily Collegian. You may have received an "A" in journalism, but have you ever bothered to take a theatre course?

—Martin Petlock '65

Skirt Theft

TO THE EDITOR: Today on returning to the girls' locker-room after phys ed class, I was shocked to find that my skirt had been stolen along with the clothing of several other girls.

Am I expected to roam the campus in merely a short jacket? Obviously this is far from ethical. Well so is stealing.

Are we so-called "mature" individuals so deprived (or depraved) that we must stoop to such disgusting behavior?

You had better not wear that skirt, "dearie," or you too will be running around in just a short jacket!

—Barbara Engel '64

Teaching Machine

TO THE EDITOR: I quote without comment the following, which appeared in a recent issue of the Journal of Chemical Education:

"Is the Teaching Machine Redundant?" The latest report from the Dean in praise of the teaching machine.

Is that Oedipus Rex Could have learned about sex

By himself, and not bothered the Queen.

—Paul A. Gwinner, Graduate

Letters

'Rite of Emerald City'

TO THE EDITOR: On Sunday, February 4th, some careless wizard split his watercolors across the sky, creating a radiant glow of warmth and causing a multitude of students to appear simultaneously on the "yellow brick road" between the Pollock A-Ewing area.

The students praised the gods for their good fortunes in the form of a realigus right they called the "twist." They were all in search of the Emerald City (they were too far from the Peppermint Lounge). They were a revelent crowd and pieceful as the day is long.

But then, in the guise of a square black lynx, the militia of the "Pelfonites" arrived to disperse the realigus wereshippers.

Their magical powers put the students in a state of fear

and so they fled down the yellow brick road and entered the portals of the Ewing Hole of Recreation where freedom of expression overwhelmed them. This was their Emerald City.

Just then, PFFFTT! Alas, the wicked witch of South Halls appeared in the Den of Righteousness. She ordered the "twistin' people" to cease their revolutions, proclaiming that it had not been sanctioned by the "Old Maininites" and it therefore was a fallacy (Old Main being a phallacy).

En masse, the entourage turned on their Achilles Heels and drugged back to their respective tombs.

- Mona Sheerr '64
- Mary Davies '64
- Janet Miller '63
- Becky Breen '65
- Renne Skoboloff '65

Applause for PSCMS

TO THE EDITOR: My congratulations to the Penn State Classical Music Society for their courage in speaking out against the "den of derelicts, otherwise known as the Lion's Den."

Many of us had virtually given up in despair at the sight of "gyrating, garish, gluttons" hiding in a pale of cigarette smoke and beginning to think

it was inevitable. But the letter from sensitive members of the class of 1964 has given us renewed inspiration to crusade for action against it.

How about it PSCMS? How about the pin-ball addicts? Is this inevitable, too? And the lover boys draped over the sofas in the lounge?

—Edward Adams,
Asst. Professor
Department of Art

World At A Glance

Demonstration Ends in Paris; Bombing Follows

PARIS (AP)—A leftist demonstration against rightist secret army terrorism and Paris police anti-riot methods ended peacefully last night. It was followed, however, by a wave of secret army-style plastic bomb blasts.

The bombs started going off in neighborhoods far from the demonstration scene as the last of the demonstrators were going home under the eyes of heavily armed security forces.

By 11 p.m., six bombs had exploded, injuring two persons and doing considerable damage.

The targets included the home of a government radio-TV news reporter and a North African restaurant.

The massive demonstration built up considerable tension but did not explode into violence as did that of last Thursday.

Police stood impassively behind barricades — 30,000 of them had been concentrated in Paris ready for trouble—as the crowds moved up to the square in the eastern part of the capital.

Socialists said there were 100,000 demonstrators in the side streets, but police officials said there were perhaps 10,000, perhaps less.

Storm May Halt Glenn's Mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—Two wave-lashing storms whistling into the central Atlantic cast doubt yesterday on whether astronaut John H. Glenn Jr. will rocket around the world tomorrow.

Even so, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said the preliminary countdown for the space flight would begin today in the hope the weather would clear.

Unless the weather gets worse, sources reported any decision to call off the shot might not be made until a couple of hours before the scheduled 7:30 a.m. blastoff time.

A second, less intense storm was due to hit the same area today.

Reds Attempt 2-Hour Block Of Corridors

BERLIN (AP)—The Western Big Three Allies forced a showdown with the Soviet Union yesterday over free use of the Berlin air corridors and, in wet and windy weather, won.

The Allies thrust military transports through the north and center corridors during a period of more than two hours when the Soviets wanted to monopolize them.

The Soviets changed their plans without giving any reason. The result was that half a dozen Western civil airliners and military transports of the United States, Britain and France had the corridors to themselves.

An Allied spokesman said the Soviet flights had been delayed. Then he announced they were canceled.

To demonstrate their rights the U.S. Globmasters, British Beverleys and French Nordatlases—all lumbering air giants—buffeted through 60 mile-an-hour winds, driving rains and poor visibility below 7,500 feet.

Senator Demands Power's Story

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senators began moving in yesterday on the many mysterious aspects of U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers' adventures behind the Iron Curtain and his dramatic release.

Sen. Strom Thurmond, D-S.C., proposed that the 32-year-old flier be called before a public session of the Senate Armed Services Committee to tell the story of his capture.

"In fairness to Mr. Powers, the American people need to hear his story from Mr. Powers himself," Thurmond said. "If there is no blame, this ought to be brought out."

Aides of Sen. Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., who heads the committee, said Russell would have no comment at this time.

Pa. Senate Will Hear \$1 Billion Fund Bill

HARRISBURG (AP)—The Senate is expected to give quick reading to the \$1 billion general fund package when the General Assembly returns today.