

Editorial Opinion

We Say It Again

For the third consecutive term the University has required all students to pay their tuition and fees a month before the start of the term.

The financial burden that this early fee payment imposes on many students has been discussed before and need not be repeated.

The policy of early fee payment was instituted last summer when the University was beset with financial trouble.

The official reasons given for the pre-payment of fees were the wish to avoid the last minute fee payment rush and the need for an accurate count of expected residence hall occupants for the next term.

We feel that neither of these arguments can justify the policy of requiring early fee payment.

Since the number of payments to be processed remains the same regardless of when they're made, we cannot see how the early payment of fees reduces the University's work load.

An accurate count of residence hall dwellers—the other reason given for the new policy—could be determined by less elaborate means.

It seems to us that a \$10 deposit with the signing of a residence hall contract would suffice for this purpose.

The idea is to commit the student to an investment of money to insure that he will return for the next term. The amount is irrelevant. A small deposit will achieve the objective just as easily as a bill of \$175 or \$440.

We again urge the administration to abolish the policy of pre-payment of fees, and allow students to pay their tuition and room and board charges any time prior to registration.

Save the Trouble

USG may as well scrap their textbooks tax committee before it starts.

The committee was voted into being three weeks ago at the first Congress meeting. Its stated purpose was to gain support for the bill introduced in the State Senate to eliminate the four per cent sales tax on textbooks.

The USG president has never named a chairman for the textbook tax committee. The bill in the State Senate has never come out of the finance committee.

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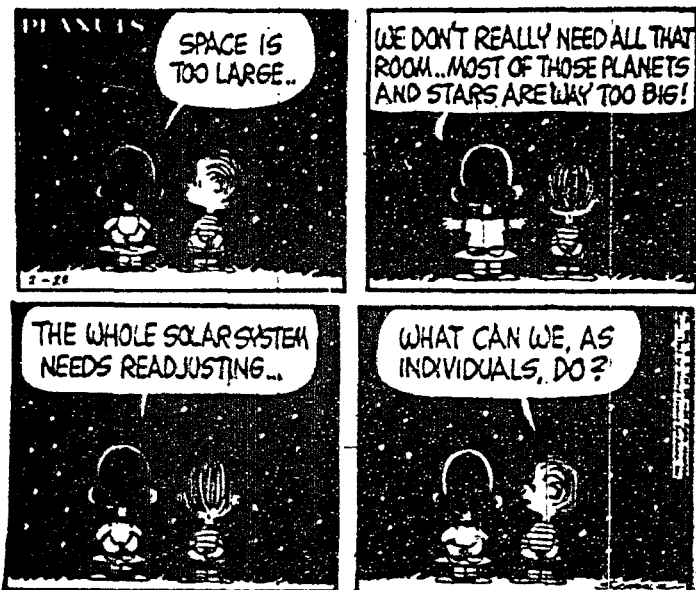
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For a Lasting Peace

by Joel Myers

If the U.S. and the Soviet Union show genuine interest in pooling their resources for the exploration of space, a firm foundation for an eventual friendship between these nations could be established.

The exciting area of space exploration could obtain this nearly impossible goal because of several complex reasons.

The study of space is a vast and costly project. Individually, most nations cannot afford to conduct space exploration, but together significant knowledge and useful materials might be obtained.

The United States and the Soviet Union have already invested billions of dollars in space exploration, and many more billions are committed in the years ahead.

Because of different approaches and goals each nation has obtained knowledge that would be very valuable to the other.

The Soviet Union which took an early lead in the space race



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Letters

Jr. Defends Firefighters

TO THE EDITOR: In regard to the column in Wednesday's Collegian, written by John Beauge entitled FIRE DANGER—if Mr. Beauge thinks that the firefighters are glory hunters, he obviously has never been to a fire or known any firemen.

A man does not hunt glory where there is none. What glory is there to carrying mangled and charred bodies from an inferno, coughing your guts out trying to get rid of the smoke that is tearing at your lungs? Is there glory in lugging a 2 1/2-inch hose up a ladder to a two or three story window? I think not!

The firefighter must be prepared to meet any emergency that besets him. He must respond immediately with all possible equipment so that he can adequately handle the situation.

He cannot depend on the screams of a hysterical woman or the beckoning of an old-timer who says that the fire is a "mite too big for his garden hose." Thousands of lives have been lost because a little grass fire could not have been handled by a small company of unprepared firefighters.

Mr. Beauge would probably be the first to complain if his home burned down because only one pumper came to such an insignificantly small fire. We should be grateful that the Alpha Fire Company responds fully prepared.

-Donald McIntyre '64

WDFM Schedule

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12:00 Sign-off

through the development of mighty rockets, will probably possess more powerful rockets than the U.S. for at least the next few years.

The U.S. space program is more diversified and more widely based than the Soviet's. We have launched satellites for communications, weather observation, astronomical use, atmospheric study and even military spying.

If both countries continue to follow their individual space programs, the United States may eventually gain a significant lead because of her more flexible and sweeping approach.

However, it is more likely that the field of space exploration would ultimately be similar to that of nuclear weapons today. The U.S. would have a lead in an area where any margin is overshadowed by the incredible sum.

In such a case, weapons would undoubtedly be an

integral part of outer space and the war threat would be unbelievably more complex and threatening than it is today.

If, rather than go it alone, both countries decide to cooperate in this exploration of space, the seeds for further cooperation and an eventual mutual friendship will be sown.

Knowledge and materials gained from the joint exploration of space would not only cause a U.S.-Soviet partnership to grow, but would provide these countries with a monopoly of weapons that couldn't be challenged by any would-be aggressor nation.

Maybe herein lies the hope for a lasting peace.

In any event, this is the opportune time for a U.S.-Soviet agreement to be effected. Each country has enough of its secret knowledge and instrumentation to contribute, so that such an agreement would be beneficial to both nations.

World At A Glance
JFK to Present Medal to Glenn
French Decide To Demobilize Moslem Troops

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — President Kennedy, accompanied by the family of astronaut John H. Glenn Jr., arrived here yesterday from Andrews Air Force Base near Washington.

At Hangar S, where Glenn trained and spent the final days in privacy, the President is to give NASA's Distinguished Service Medals to both Glenn and Robert R. Gilruth, Project Mercury director.

Ahead of Glenn still is an appearance before a joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate in the House chamber Monday, and a ticker tape parade in New York City Thursday.

Glenn's wife, children and parents are expected to meet him at the base this morning when he flies in from Grand Turk Island with Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson and an entourage of doctors, scientists and newsmen.

After the ceremony Glenn will hold a news conference.

ALGIERS (AP) — French headquarters for Algeria announced yesterday plans to demobilize 140,000 Algerian Moslems wearing the French uniform.

The supreme commander in Algeria, Gen. Charles Ailleret, vowed that "legitimate interests" of Moslems who have served France will be guaranteed. Bonuses, high retirement pensions, the possibility of reenlistment in the French army, and resettlement in France to those who want it were promised.

The dramatic announcement, a clear hint that a cease-fire with the nationalist rebels is approaching, was read to reporters by a tense army officer in the barricaded central administration building.

Soviet Press Tells Of Powers' Return

MOSCOW (AP) — The fact that Francis Gary Powers' release Feb. 10 was accompanied by the return of a Soviet convicted of spying against the United States got its first mention in the Soviet press yesterday.

The Russian was Col. Rudolf Abel 59, sentenced by a U.S. District Court in Brooklyn in 1957 to 30 years in prison on a charge of stealing American military and atomic secrets for Moscow.

The government paper Izvestia printed an open letter from Abel's wife and daughter, expressing thanks for "the humane act of the Soviet government" in arranging the exchange.

Old Building Collapses Near Independence Hall

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A partly wrecked six-story building near historic Independence Hall fell apart suddenly yesterday with a roar, tumbling a mass of debris onto an adjoining furniture store.

One man—a scavenger hunting salvage—was killed in the collapse of the three upper floors.

Fire officials said two others may be trapped under the tons of twisted ruins.

Removal of the body visible in the wreckage and the hunt for other bodies may not be attempted until today.

U.S. Rejects Bid From Khrushchev For Summit Talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States rejected last night a new, bluntly worded bid by Soviet Premier Khrushchev to open next month's Geneva disarmament conference with a summit meeting.

At the same time, the United States agreed with a Soviet proposal to discuss the nuclear test ban issue at the Geneva conference—but not on the basis of the Soviet atomic test ban plan.

The U.S. position was made public in twin announcements a few hours after President Kennedy's receipt from Khrushchev of a 20-page message and the Soviet announcement in Geneva of its newest maneuver on a test ban.

Khrushchev's 2,500-word note did not make clear whether he would go to Geneva or send his foreign minister, Andrei A. Gromyko.

Soviet sources in London said Khrushchev would go to Switzerland even if his summit bid is not accepted by the government heads.

Astronaut Invited to London

LONDON (AP) — Lt. Col. John H. Glenn Jr. has been invited to London by Sir Frederick Hoare, the lord mayor.