

Editorial Opinion

Bon Voyage

We would like to toss some bon voyage streamers and confetti at those faculty members who have made the Liberal Arts Study Abroad Program a reality.

The first group of Penn Staters will be leaving in two weeks for points east—Cologne, Germany, and Strasbourg, France—where they will spend one term absorbing culture and earning credits toward their Penn State diplomas.

We think the organization of the program has been well conceived and executed. Students are paying the same fee they would otherwise pay to the University, with transportation provided at a much reduced rate.

Further, the centers at which the students will study will provide courses the students can credit toward their degrees, thus avoiding transfer difficulties and wasted energies.

We hope the talk of extending the number of European centers materializes so that more students can profit from both the cultural and academic aspects of the program.

We think many of them will return from the experience with a more sophisticated view of the world and its problems.

Most important, these students may be able to view their nation in the perspective of a larger world. Such a view is sometimes difficult to acquire in the Nittany Valley.

Trustee Elections

Charles Stewart, a State College resident, wrote a letter to the Centre Daily Times recently that deserves some comment.

Mr. Stewart suggested that Albert E. Diem, past vice president for business be elected to the University Board of Trustees in the approaching balloting for these seats.

This newspaper heartily concurs with Mr. Stewart, both in noting Diem's accomplishments while at Penn State and in regretting that he can no longer serve the University.

As a man appreciative of the sundry problems of this institution, as a man of strong conviction, and as a Penn State graduate Diem would, we think, act sincerely for the best interests of the University community as a trustee.

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Letters

Students Ask Freedom Use, Not Abuse

TO THE EDITOR: Excitement over the temporary ceasing of publication of the University of Pennsylvania's student newspaper has permeated most of the college campuses in the East, including Penn State.

There seems to be a "where's freedom of the press?" reaction which was well summarized in Thursday's Collegian editorial.

It is possible that many of us have resorted to impulsive reaction in lieu of careful consideration of the situation at Penn. It is certainly true that student newspapers should not have to fear the whims of administration officials or student government organizations that might control what is printed.

However, there has not been sufficient evidence presented in the news reports and editorials featured in the Philadelphia papers and the Daily Collegian to conclude that such conditions exist at the University of Pennsylvania.

In just how, much poor taste were the Daily Pennsylvanian's articles written? What were the accusations made, and exactly how were they worded? No newspaper seems anxious to display the all-important information.

If not only the Penn administration but also the Men's Student Government organization was highly concerned about the editorials, then perhaps those editorials weren't such glorious words for student liberty as might first be expected.

After all, there really is such a thing as "bad taste" and "irresponsible journalism."

What kind of freedom are we talking about anyway? It is certainly not a freedom that expects a student newspaper to fill its pages with smut, pornography or off-colored attacks on personalities.

At all universities it is expected that the student organ will respect the privilege of free expression of ideas. Freedom of the press should be used, not abused.

-Aida Toplin '62
-Robert Toplin '62

(Ed. Note: Personal tastes and prejudices determine what is and what is not "in bad taste" or "irresponsible journalism." While the press should demonstrate responsibility, no outside force should have jurisdiction over newspaper policy. Although the Penn parody issue had been described to us, we received a copy only yesterday. It was no more crude than a typical Froth parody of the Collegian. This is worth suppressing?)

BULLETIN

By Ira Miller
Disassociated Press
Sports Writer

NEW YORK (DP) — How high is up is a question that was tossed for a loop last night at the Knights of Columbus track meet at Madison Square Garden.

John Uelses bettered his own world record in the pole vault, vaulting 16 feet, 9 3/4 inches before withdrawing because of a hangnail. Uelses declined to try for 17 feet for fear of aggravating the injury despite the fact that he had cleared 16-9 3/4 by more than a foot.

He was experimenting with a new escalator-type pole made by the Otis Elevator Company in Yonkers.

John Thomas, former world record holder in the high jump, reclaimed his old mark by leaping 8 feet, 4 1/4 inches. At the time, Thomas was leaping from a springboard built into the ground by the K of C officials in an attempt to produce a world record. It did.

Miler Jim Beatty, not scheduled to compete in the meet, showed up in civvies, entered at the last minute and gave the crowd a thrill by turning the mile in 3:28.4, for a world record.

a la carte

Parody... Proper?

by karen hyncekeal

The function of a campus newspaper is to inform its readers, most of whom are students.

Thorough, accurate and clear reporting of the events concerning students, is an inherent part of the paper's responsibility. Entertaining is not.

Student journalist at the University of Pennsylvania

recently published a parody issue of their newspaper which resulted in a chaotic argument over freedom of the press and many other "principles."

Personally, I don't believe the University should have, or has the right to, suspend the paper's publication but this isn't my main concern. Rather, I wonder about the unnecessary and irresponsible waste of space which the parody entailed.

I have read the issue in question and I was amused.

Nonetheless, I Miss Hyncekeal would have preferred that the campus humor magazine or some other publishing group sponsor it. Not the newspaper.

Certainly, a newspaper, particularly on a campus, can be lively and interesting while reporting clearly and accurately. Editorials need not be stuffy and editors' columns can be personal and interesting. But I cannot see ignoring the news

function for the sheer purpose of entertaining.

Consequently, I have little sympathy for the Penn editors although they may be right legally, I enjoyed their issue but I don't respect it.

If the paper had a regular practice, say annually, of printing a parody or if they used it as an insert, then, possibly it would be a different but only slightly different, story.

Sometimes we on the Collegian are unwittingly entertaining in our attempt to cover the events on this campus but always, I think, we try, in our news columns, to live up to the responsibility we have undertaken, perhaps too innocently.

Your expectations of the fulfillment of this responsibility is revealed daily in your letters to the editor and your general comments on campus.

I think you make a distinction between an attempt to report news events; and an attempt to entertain. I think you expect us to make that distinction, too.

Interpreting

Red Divergence Viewed by 'Expert'

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

Some thoughts after scanning a week's news:

John Foster Dulles used to say there were no experts on the Soviet Union. But Donald S. Zagoria, member of the Social Science Division of the Rand Corp., has produced what is just about an expert a treatise on the Sino-Soviet conflict as one could hope for.

Zagoria was for 10 years an analyst of Soviet politics for the government, and the Rand Corp. is an advisory research organization for the government.

Zagoria traces the Sino-Soviet divergence to Khrushchev's beginning of the de-Stalinization campaign at the 20th party congress in 1956, which was accompanied by Chinese support for greater independence among non-Russian Communist parties and for greater autonomy for the Gomulka regime in Poland after a revolt was narrowly averted there.

Zagoria foresees a continuing divergence of communism under various national forces. And his reasoning inevitably produces in the reader a wonderment whether, by adapting itself to national aspirations rather than trying to remain tied to Moscow, communism may not make itself more acceptable in non-Communist countries.

This, it appears likely, would increase the strength of the ideology everywhere, but at the expense of the artificial ties created between the theory and its use as a weapon for traditional Soviet expansionism.

Letters

Soph Questions Reasoning

TO THE EDITOR: In a recent column, "Faulty Advice" by Joel Myers in The Daily Collegian of February 27, the author called 452 New York psychologists naive.

A petition similar to the open letter to President Kennedy urging the United States not to resume nuclear testing and published by these 452 psychologists in the New York Times, was presented to the United Nations by Linus Pauling and 11,021 world renowned scientists from 49 countries.

Would Joel Myers also call them naive?

In July 1955 shortly before Albert Einstein's death the great physicist with Bertrand Russell made an appeal to end nuclear testing and the possibility of nuclear war. Does Joel Myers also call Albert Einstein and Bertrand Russell naive?

If President Kennedy is going

to make "a decision... based on the sum of advice from top men in all branches of science," these are the top men.

These 452 psychologists, 11,021 physicists, chemists, physiologists, and medics, and innumerable educators across our own country, now find the world situation so critical that they are spending much time and money in such petitions and open letters to the President, to let him and the people of the United States, and of the world, know where they stand.

Joel Myers stands can, in complete accord with our freedom, be expressed vocally and in the press.

But wouldn't it be a little more discreet for him to respect the views of his antagonists instead of calling them naive, and to make doubly sure before printing, who had used "faulty reasoning."

-Charles Vaclavik '64
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