

Editorial Opinion

Absurd Ruling

The University has been denied an educational VHF television channel by the Federal Communications Commission, but the reasoning behind the decision seems utterly absurd.

The University was denied the channel because another station with the same channel frequency is located within the 170-mile limit established by the commission's regulations.

Yet, the FCC is considering a request for the same channel number from a commercial interest in Johnstown, which is 50 miles closer to the other station than State College.

When asked about this, one member of the six-man commission said it was FCC policy to assign a third channel to a community which already has two channels before licensing a community that has no channels.

Such a policy is ludicrous, unfair, and is the exact opposite of what the University had been lead to believe was the usual policy of the FCC.

The University asked the FCC to make an exception in their 170-mile inter-station separation, since the need for a VHF channel has been clearly established. The request was in full accord with the commission's policy to grant educational channels wherever possible.

Since the ruling against the University's request was made on the basis of the 170-mile criteria, it would appear the University would have an airtight argument against the FCC if a channel is granted to the Johnstown applicant.

It would also appear that investigation is needed on the FCC policy of giving preference to communities which already have other stations.

In view of the established need for an educational VHF channel in Central Pennsylvania, we feel the University should not abandon its campaign for a channel despite their recent setback.

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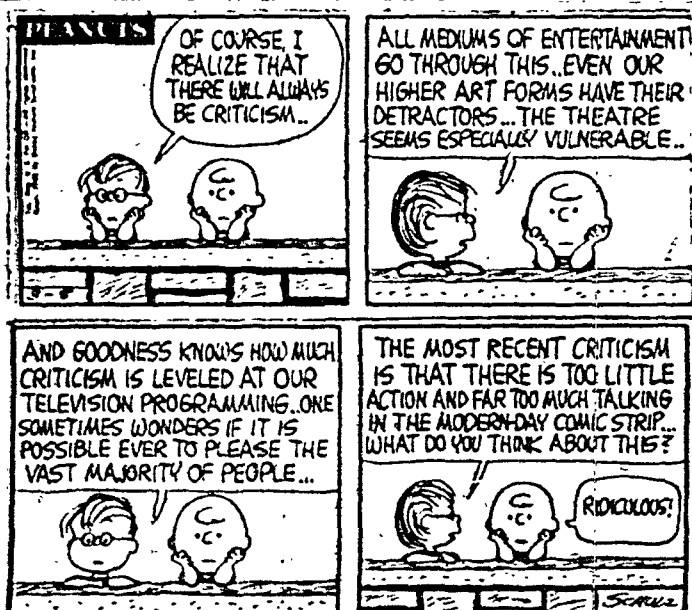
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Letters

Band Concert Seating Plan Called Poor

TO THE EDITOR: I have just brought my two small sons home from another disappointing experience at Schwab Auditorium. I suppose, by now, I should be used to the ridiculous situation of having more people turn out for a Schwab performance than there is room to accommodate.

But I keep hoping that someone will finally learn how to avoid such nonsense. This latest occurrence was due to the utter stupidity of whoever is in charge of the Blue Band concerts for:

• Not distributing tickets in advance, even if such tickets were free.

• Not changing the performance from Schwab to Rec Hall if advance ticket distribution indicated that a larger audience was coming than had been originally anticipated.

This plea that "we never had such a crowd before" is inexcusable! If tickets had been distributed, there would not have been so very many small children, as well as university students, turned away.

In order to fulfill one's requirements for a Masters Degree in Theatre Arts, Penn State students must produce a performance complete with distribution of tickets. If we expect such planning from our students, I think we should demand it from our faculty and administration.

-Rodelle Weintraub
State College

Lyons Men 'Disgusting'

TO THE EDITOR: Yesterday a few of the "men" of Lyons Hall exhibited their amazing physical and mental prowess.

On this day, the girls of fourth floor Hoyt Hall labored three hours to build a 10-foot snowman. A few hours later, two "boys" from Lyons destroyed it for a joke—Ha! ha!

Since Collegian offered to photograph it Wednesday morning, the girls decided to rebuild it. Building it the second time proved to be a more difficult task.

About 11 p.m. three "boys" maliciously destroyed it again, bit by bit, against the pleas of all the Hoyt girls and the Senior Resident. These future defenders of our country bravely ran from our 52" Senior Resident.

This may seem to be a trivial incident but it is just another in a long series of disgusting actions by many boys of Lyons. For example: putting their feet on the dining hall tables and using foul language.

In the future these boys might try developing their "muscles" by building snowmen instead of tearing them down. Squeak, Lyons, squeak!

-Mary Malishoucki '64

Sophomore Hits Line Cutting

TO THE EDITOR: Women: Aren't they wonderful? "You can't live with 'em, you can't live without 'em." As far as meals go, I would sooner be without "em." For instance, line "cutting" or "hopping." I don't mean to say that boys don't "cut"; they certainly do, and some girls don't "hop" lines. But have you noticed the volume of girls that do "cut"? Girls cut at least twice as much as boys. Just what makes you think you are any better or any more hungry than we boys?

Here's what one sophomore boy thinks of your antic. It's small of you. You are using your sex as a club, and any girl who does that is cheap. Worse than that, it's immature of you. But that's all right. Just think how much faster you get that food. So carry on, little pre-schoolers. Someday perhaps you'll grow up.

-Ed Schauble, '64

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Interpreting

Serious Cracks Show In Communist Facade

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst

The facade of monolithic power and monolithic Communist discipline built up under Stalin is beginning to show serious cracks under Khrushchev.

This is not merely because of a tendency toward autonomy in Communist parties abroad in connection with the Sino-Soviet ideological division.

Nor is it merely because Red China is having to compromise with her industrial and communal systems, or because the Soviet Union appears on the verge of compromising her heavy industrial and long-range agricultural interests for the sake of immediate food.

Those are fundamentals, but they are manifestations of problems which the two leading Communist countries have faced throughout their modern histories.

Perhaps more revealing as to the actual state of Communist power and discipline is the inability to cover up the surface manifestations of these deeper matters—a process of covering up to which they have always paid a great deal of attention in attempting to maintain the facade before the world.

There are things like Soviet Premier Khrushchev's gamble and failure in the United Nations, where the underdeveloped countries have almost completely declined to rally around his attempt to seize leadership in the name of anti-colonialism.

There is the picture of Allied planes flying their normal courses down the Berlin corridor as though the buzzing Soviets represented no more than gnats on an elephant's rump.

There is First Deputy Anastas I. Mikoyan, perhaps the

Soviet leader who is closest to Khrushchev, moving through East Berlin crowds which gave him the silent treatment despite the organizational efforts of the Communist bullyboys in the plants and schools.

There is Walter Ulbricht, the former Stalinist, long promised "sovereignty" over East Germany which would place him in position to further attack the Allied position in West Berlin, returning from a pilgrimage to Moscow with no more than a loan to aid his sagging economy.

There is Poland, where officials are offering little more than token opposition to a spreading movement for more Polishness and less Russianness.

There is Enver Hoxna of Albania, head of a totally unlovely regime, yet nevertheless able to thumb his nose at the Kremlin.

And then there is the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the United States, which jumped through some small hoops because of the Berlin crisis, only to learn they didn't have to, and taking a new position of calm refusal to be buncoed any longer.

When the Communists are revealed in all of their inability to keep their smaller embarrassments under a blanket, then you can begin to watch for a better look at some of the big ones.

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Equipment Misuse Charged

TO THE EDITOR: Many of us are grumbling and complaining about the high tuition and housing costs at Penn State. These costs have been threatening to rise in the near future.

This week the University has been faced with an additional cost, the cost of snow removal. I realize that in the process of snow removal machinery which performs this task is bound to have an extra mechanical strain placed on it, but what of the other equipment used

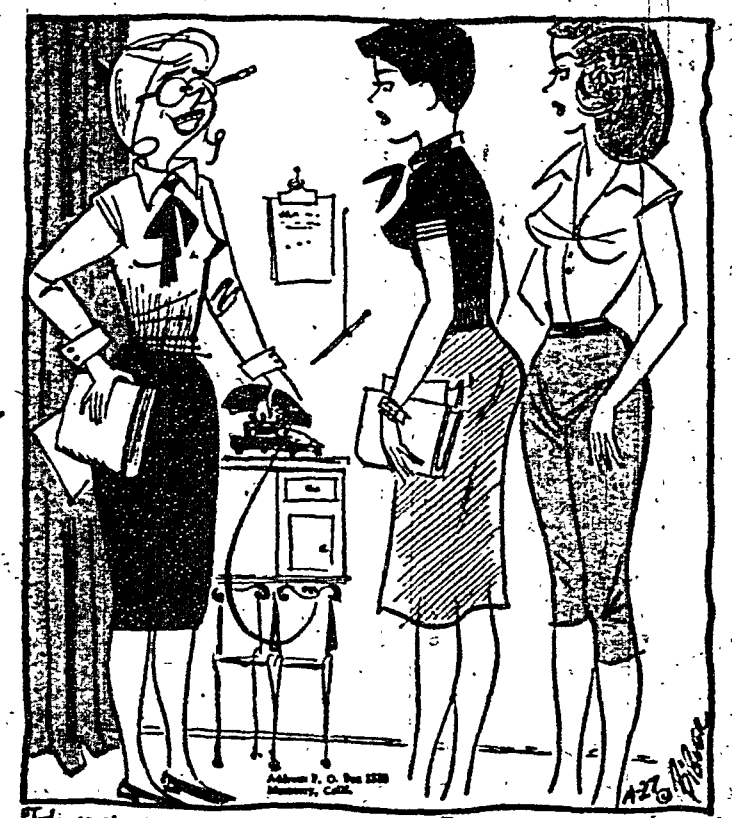
for delivery between buildings on campus?

Often these trucks, which are not equipped to operate in heavy snow will become stuck while making their deliveries. However, is it necessary for their drivers to deliberately misuse their equipment to get "unstuck"?

When I see University equipment misused on purpose, I begin to realize what unnecessarily adds to the cost of an education.

-George Stiegler '65

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



IT'S NOW THAT PART OF THE TERM WHEN I START BEING ASKED FOR DATES—AND MY 'A' PAPERS, OLD EXAMS & LECTURE NOTES