

## Editorial Opinion

## We Speak in Defense Of Free Expression

The Daily Collegian editorial page serves as a forum for public opinion—both that of the editors in the editorial opinion column and that of the students in the letters to the editor columns.

The pages of Froth serve as vital outlets for student satire and humorous comment.

Outlets such as these for the expression of opinion by students are vital and necessary. If these outlets are to function properly, they must be allowed to do so in an atmosphere where the free expression of ideas—including those critical of the University, the status quo and those considered by some to be lacking in taste—is encouraged.

In the past week we have published many letters to the editor criticizing the content of the October issue of Froth and we have commented editorially on the taste of these contents.

We have strongly supported the right of Froth to express its views. And while we may not agree with certain parts of Froth's content, we will support and will not condemn this magazine. Froth is exercising its valuable right of free expression.

Monday afternoon this right of free expression of ideas will be in jeopardy when a sub-committee of the Senate Sub-committee on Organizational Control holds a hearing to air evidence for the possible suspension of Froth from this campus.

The outcome of this hearing is of vital importance not only to the future existence of Froth but to every organization on this campus which is chartered by the University.

For if the administration can take it upon themselves to censure this organization through the nebulous Senate regulation which states that any student or organization whose conduct is deemed "prejudicial to the good name of the University" may be disciplined, it will set a precedent which could do serious injury to academic freedom at this University.

We believe that no student group should be forced to submit to censorship of its ideas. We also believe that no administrative committee should be allowed or should attempt to suppress expressions of student opinion and comment.

We express as an integral part of our stand on this issue a statement by the American Civil Liberties Union which appeared in the AAUP Bulletin for June, 1962:

"While adult sensibilities may at times be offended by youthful humor and lack of taste, a policy of encouraging the editors (of a campus humor magazine) to use their best judgement places the responsibility where it belongs, on the editor and not on the college administration. In the long run the editor's product will be accepted or rejected by student readers."

This freedom of expression, granted, requires much patience and understanding on the part of a college administration. Allowing such freedom to flourish on a college campus means defending expression of students who may or may not always be correct in their presentations or observations.

But isn't this patience on the part of administrators an essential quality desired in an educator? Isn't this idea of learning through the association of new ideas the basic philosophy of our educational system?

By the very idea of holding this hearing, the administrators concerned have let other considerations take priority over the basic foundations of learning.

They have come to the idea that any adverse student comments will clog their educational machine, slow up their efficiency in jamming facts and figures into the heads of their students.

They have put in jeopardy a critical faculty that, true, may sometimes cause embarrassment to them, but without it would lead to the ultimate destruction of the ideals of the democratic society.

We feel that the administration must charge the editors of Froth with the responsibility of publishing a good magazine; but, due to the nature of this publication's satirical and humorous content, the Froth staff must be given the freedom of expression to comment on or criticize all aspects of University life which affect the student body.

We pose one final question to those persons who will be present at Monday's hearing: Which alternative will be more detrimental to the "good name of the University?" A humor magazine which is allowed to criticize freely the operations of this University, or an administration which squelches freedom of expression?

## Letters

## Soph Urges Action Instead of Criticism

TO THE EDITOR: In recent days, Froth, the Penn State humor magazine, has come under heavy censure from various elements on our campus.

It is truly a shame that Froth is condemned in this light.

The critics might reflect on the severely undermanned staff of this periodical and, while making grandiose statements, suggest that anyone who wishes to improve Froth, and admittedly it could be improved, might join the staff and help in actuality, rather than merely mouth continual condemnation.

—Lish Whitson '65

## Upperclassmen Hit Arguments for Froth

TO THE EDITOR: It is no longer possible to remain silent on the Froth controversy when the type of stupid, shallow reasoning displayed by Rhoda Blecker in the letter "Froth Praised by Sophomore" appears in The Daily Collegian. The statement is made alluding to the rapidity of Froth sales that "the campus literary magazine never did half so well."

## Campus Beat

I heard the most atrocious news the other day! The University is going to tear down the Armory! I can't understand the aversion to preserving tradition at this University. It's the worst news I've heard since panty raids were outlawed!

Dropped over to see the boys in nuclear physics the other day. Seems they're dropping out like flies. Didn't stay long though because they're interrupted too much as it is.

—Prof Wayne

## USG Officers Urge Students To Participate in Election

TO THE EDITOR: The time for the Undergraduate Student Government elections is drawing near, with voting on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. As there are no political parties for this fall election, it may be difficult for many of you to find out what the candidates from your area think, because they will not be supporting one or another specific party platform.

For USG to do many of the things which we feel it should do this year, Congressmen must be elected who are conscientious, concerned with your problems, capable of rational thought, and sincerely interested in the betterment of Penn State through a more effective student government. To elect Congressmen of this caliber, you should try to

make some contact with them before you vote, so that your vote will be a vital and well-educated one for the most qualified person.

The names of the candidates will be posted on your bulletin boards and at various places on campus, and they will be trying to meet you in the next few days.

We sincerely hope that each and every one of you will endeavor to spend at least a few minutes with each candidate from your area. By doing this, your vote next week will be a much greater aid toward good student government at Penn State.

—Dean W. Wharton, USG Pres.  
—Morris B. Baker, USG Vice Pres.  
—Margo F. Lewis, USG Sec.-Treas.

Thus, dear Rhoda, did you erect an icon to the vapidness of most of the Penn State students? Let us hope that your statement is not as accurate as you would have us believe. If it is, God help the future "leaders" of this country.

You say that "people on campus enjoy and understand Froth's humor." What is there to understand? The magazine is completely devoid of subtlety. The allusions are so blatant that the most base born individual could "understand" them.

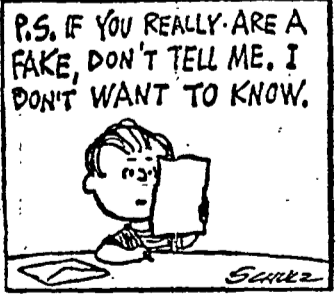
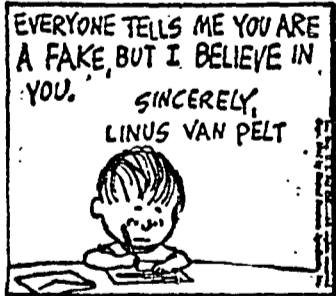
The article further degenerates into a statistic stating that "Froth's type of humor is the least filthy relative to seven of the top ten college humor magazines in the country." From this we are to assume that there are gradations of filth — harmless if taken in small doses — but unfortunately habit forming. How then do we allocate or disperse filth among the populace? In varying amounts

according to age groups, or how do you suggest we do it?

Being so convinced of your stand, we urge you to take this past copy of Froth home and read it aloud to your parents and younger brothers or sisters. They too will appreciate this depravation of humor we are sure.

In the future give some serious thought to an argument so that there are fewer holes than good arguments in what you present. Your letter, allegedly representative of the group backing Froth, has been in part a crushing blow not a boon to the immorality you condone; a refreshing elixir indeed to the tired observer of the herd-like campus scene, to see the sowers of corruption trip over their own feet while complacently and blissfully looking up to Froth in pursuit of social acceptance at any cost.

—Bob Petras '63  
—George J. Bikauniels '64



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World at a Glance  
India Prepares To Fight Reds  
Barnett Scoffs Law At Circuit Court

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Prime Minister Nehru sounded a warning yesterday that he has ordered the Indian army to drive Chinese Communists from "our territory" on the Northeast Frontier.

In a sternly confident mood, Nehru declined to say when his troops would strike but declared they were "strongly positioned and in a large number, operating from higher ground."

There was no immediate reaction from Peiping to Nehru's latest warning.

Red China repeatedly has threatened to fight any attempt to oust Communist troops by force from disputed land in the Himalayas.

An Indian spokesman indicated yesterday a lull had set in after Wednesday's bloody battle near the Kechilang River in an area bordering Chinese-occupied Tibet in which New Delhi and Peiping both claimed a victory.

Nehru estimated the Communists suffered nearly 100 casualties — nearly three times the 33 casualties acknowledged by Peiping. Indian losses were officially listed here at 6 killed, 11 wounded and 7 missing.

Nehru told reporters, just before boarding a plane for Ceylon, he had ordered the army "to free our territory in the North East Frontier." The prime minister's departure from the country for three days indicated Indian troops were not about to start marching immediately.

## British Ships Take Risk

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States declined yesterday to guarantee the safety of British ships carrying cargoes to Cuba. In effect, it warned all maritime powers that vessels in the Cuban trade run some risk of attack by anti-Castro raiders.

"The British were assured that these attacks do not have the sanction of the U.S. government," Lincoln White, State Department press officer, said.

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP) — Braving huge fines and possible imprisonment, Mississippi Gov. Ross Barnett told a federal appeals court yesterday he could not do everything the judges wanted in the University of Mississippi desegregation case.

As before in the series of hearings on contempt charges, Barnett did not appear before the court. An attorney spoke for him.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals took no immediate action against Barnett.

Asst. U.S. Atty. Gen. Burke Marshall said Barnett's arrest would serve "no remedial purpose at present."

However, Marshall said Barnett had only "partially purged himself of contempt." He recommended the court start collecting part of the \$10,000 daily fine along with the imprisonment which it had previously set as Barnett's penalty for civil contempt.

Charles Clark, Barnett's attorney, said Barnett had complied with the court's orders in that James H. Meredith, 29, had been admitted to Ole Miss and was attending classes there. Chief Judge Elbert P. Tuttle of Atlanta, Ga., said the Negro was "barely" an Ole Miss student.

## Warning Given by Pope At Ecumenical Council

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John XXIII gravely told national envoys from around the globe yesterday that their governments must make peace or face an awful reckoning. He equated the reckoning with hell itself.

At the same time, he saw the possibility of a new climate of international harmony and he pleaded for intensified efforts and the national "sacrifices that are necessary" to achieve this. "It is time something decisive was done," Pope John said.

The Pope also received four Roman Catholic prelates who came from behind the Iron Curtain for the 21st Roman Catholic Ecumenical Council.