

Editorial Opinion

A Better CD Test

William F. Fatula, assistant to the vice president for business, reported Tuesday that the civil defense tests from the tower of Old Main were inconclusive. We would classify them as failures. The voice count could not be heard on most parts of campus.

The fact remains that the University does not have a thorough, well-planned civil defense policy. The only directive issued by the administration has been that students should go to their rooms immediately upon hearing a civil defense alert, turn to the Conelrad frequencies on the radio and wait for further instruction.

But, in the words of Stanley Campbell, vice president for business, there may not be any electricity, so it might be impossible for many students with only an electrically-powered radio to hear these instructions.

Last week the University of Kentucky suspended classes for one day to conduct an all-out civil defense test.

In light of the present international situation which has recently been emphasized by events in Cuba, we urge that the University take immediate action to make public a well-defined civil defense policy.

This policy should give protection to the thousands of students, staff and faculty members of this University. And then time should be taken off to give this policy a test under a simulated nuclear attack.

Congressmen Desire Anonymity

The USG Congress defeated a motion last night which called for the Congress to have a roll call vote on the Froth bill. There was no discussion on the bill before it was passed by a one vote margin—nine to eight.

Such prominent politicians on campus as Michael Dzenil, ex-University party chairman, and two-year veteran Congressman Katherine Johnson and Fred Good voted against the motion.

We have supported the use of the roll call vote on major USG bills. We believe such a voting procedure is necessary in order for the students to judge the effectiveness of their Congressmen.

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Letters

Sophomore Says Stealing Incidents Occur for 'Kicks'

TO THE EDITOR: It is unfortunate, as Phyllis Hutton said in Saturday's Collegian, that so many of our students find it necessary to steal. And the terrible part about it is that most of the stealing is done strictly for "kicks." I've seen some students who get fat, regular checks from home shoving slugs into vending machines. Students whose wardrobes hardly fit in their closets still like to get out and lift a sweatshirt occasionally, just so they don't lose their touch.

At the same time, other students who can hardly afford to meet their college needs find one day that their bicycles or books or umbrellas must be replaced. I once saw a friend of mine frantically trying to raise enough money to replace a stolen slide rule so he could complete an engineering course. My own bicycle now lies somewhere among the missing.

And don't think for a minute that we aren't all affected by this dishonesty. The next time you complain about high prices in downtown stores, remember that they must constantly make up for high losses. The next time you see a vending machine labeled "No Dimes," remember that someone else is using slugs.

I think that this form of immorality is far worse than anything I have yet seen in Froth, and I would like to see this far more dangerous threat to Penn State and its students brought to a speedy end.

—Art Siegel, '65

Prexy Criticized For Poor Contact

TO THE EDITOR: What is a college president? We don't know. We've never seen one. Have you?

We've heard an awful lot about "Prexy," but it might as well be "Pretzel." It would seem that there is hardly an iota of identification among the student body with this so-called Prexy.

A "one of the gang" president, though at first thought seemingly difficult at a university of this size, might add a certain intangible flavor that seems to be lacking on this campus.

Apparently, the only occasion when "Prexy" has an interest in you is when you matriculate and graduate.

But many of you will say "Who cares?" And you're probably right. Who cares?

We've gotten along so far with this "Genus Presidentia," and why spoil the continuum of mediocrity on this campus?

—Edward Rickless, '64
—Andrew Stonefield, '64

Model U.N. Assembly Supported by Junior

TO THE EDITOR: The world situation today has a great effect on each person in the United States. Thus, many persons are becoming increasingly concerned with it and often come up with solutions to the problems in their own minds, but feel that they have no opportunity to express their ideas.

Three months from now, the Pennsylvania State University is having its first U. N. Model Assembly. Over 100 countries will be represented by Penn State students in Schwab auditorium. This is a good opportunity for students to express their ideas and to gain valuable information about the problems of other countries.

Other campuses throughout the nation have had tremendous success with a model U. N. Assembly and I feel that with student support, the Penn State model U. N. could be as successful, if not better.

—George Chadman, '64

WDFM Schedule THURSDAY

- 6:00 Dinner Date
- 6:00 News Analysis
- 6:15 Weatherology
- 6:20 Concert Hall
- 7:30 News
- 7:35 Highlight
- 7:45 The Alford String Quartet
- 8:00 This is the Subject
- 8:55 Sports News
- 9:00 Harlequin
- 9:15 Mostly Music
- 9:30 News
- 9:35 Mostly Music
- 10:00 Symphonic Notebook
- 12:00 Sign Off

Froth Banning Seen as Attack On Student Freedom of Press

TO THE EDITOR: Although I am certain that this letter will be as impotent as the many others written in favor of Froth, we were so shocked by the actions taken by the University, we felt we had to speak our piece.

When we arrived on this campus, we were awed by the heritage of Froth, and the enthusiasm of the student body toward it. When we read the September issue, we were slightly disappointed with its content but not half as much as we are with the way the University has handled this situation. In this time when our freedom and way of life is greatly endangered, we must fight for our every right, no matter how small or insignificant it may seem, especially in this situation of higher learning where the future leaders of our country are being formed.

We strongly deplore the action of this university in revoking the charter of Froth. What else will now be labeled—or libeled—as "prejudicial to the good name of this University"? What publi-

cation or organization will be hit next?

Freedom of the press is a right guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. Censorship in all forms has been decried in myriad legal decisions.

Froth was a strong instrument of student expression. Many of its articles and quips, labeled by some as "filth" and "garbage," could also be interpreted as very sly digs at the state of affairs on this campus.

Froth is—or was—written and edited by students. Could it not be thought that these same students would have improved the caliber of Froth as their literary skills improved with experience. Rather than this, the administration saw fit to have heads roll in every direction, indiscriminately.

What, if anything, will replace Froth? Will it be a sterile, brain-washed stereotype entitled "How to be a Conformist in Ten Easy Lessons?" Or will it be a true college-level humor magazine?

—Clint Williams, '66
—John Morrell, '66

World at a Glance Menon Ousted; Nehru Succeeds Military Guard Put on Dorm At Ole Miss

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Prime Minister Nehru, facing up to charges that V. K. Krishna Menon has bungled India's preparedness, ousted him as defense minister last night.

Nehru himself, almost 73, took over the key post with its responsibility of staying off Red China's attacks on India's northern borders.

Though Menon's fall was cushioned by a new appointment as minister of defense production, the switch was an important victory for his critics at a time when the nation was bogged down in the crucial, undeclared war.

Almost simultaneously with the ouster, the United States announced it is airlifting weapons to India.

"We will be supplying types of equipment needed to meet the Chinese Communist aggression—for example, light infantry weapons and ammunition, transport and communications equipment," a State Department spokesman said in Washington.

Delivery of the arms had been promised Monday by John K. Galbraith, U.S. ambassador, in response to an appeal from Nehru.

Menon has fallen under increasing fire since the Red Chinese opened their offensive Oct. 20.

Menon, 65, has often shown friendship for the Red Chinese. He had turned to the Soviet Union for weapons and for what he had hoped would be a restraining influence on the Red Chinese. But the Soviet Union has endorsed the Red Chinese stand in the border dispute and called off arms shipments to India.

U.S. Launches Satellite For Measuring Earth

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A "Firefly" satellite with four blinking beacons zipped into orbit yesterday to take the earth's measurements—where it bulges, dips, the center of gravity and distances between far-apart places.

The unique satellite, officially named Anna, could produce more accurate maps of our world and gather vitally needed information for tracking future American astronauts to the moon and back.

Militarily, Anna could more precisely pinpoint location of possible enemy targets for long-range missiles, but officials considered that a secondary role.

A two-stage Thor-Able-Star rocket rifled into the darkness to propel the 355-pound sphere into a nearly perfect circular orbit about 735 miles above the earth.

OXFORD, Miss. (AP)—Military policemen threw a guard around a men's dormitory at the University of Mississippi last night and searched rooms after somebody tossed a cherry bomb out a window, slightly injuring a soldier.

The MPs hauled out a dismantled pistol, a dismantled M-1 rifle and several hand grenades from the dormitory.

The dormitory is next door to Baxter Hall, where Negro James H. Meredith lives.

The MPs came out with the weapons—as well as a gasoline can and a large supply of fireworks—after searching the rooms of the dormitory.

They then boarded Army trucks and rolled away. Behind them, a small crowd of students in the darkness outside the dormitory broke up.

About 100 students gathered in front of the dormitory, standing face to face with the soldiers ringing the building. There were no signs of trouble. Within an hour the crowd dwindled to about 20 students.

At the time, Meredith was eating—without incident in the student cafeteria. He returned to his dormitory while the search was in progress.

Governor Reports On CD Program

HARRISBURG (AP)—There are adequate public shelter facilities for about three million of Pennsylvania's 11.3 million population, Gov. Lawrence's weekly news conference was told yesterday.

The governor reported there are facilities for about another six million persons, but that these are either inconveniently located or below recommended federal standards.

Lawrence reported on a 15-month survey of civil defense facilities and on additional steps to be taken to implement President Kennedy's nationwide public shelter program.

Dr. Richard Gerstell, state director of civil defense, was on hand to offer additional interpolation of the report. After the news conference, the governor and Gerstell demonstrated survival kits for about 100 students who were touring the governor's office.

Lawrence advised newsmen that he has been called to a meeting in Washington, D. C. with a group of other governors to discuss civil defense.

The governor announced a meeting of the State Council of Civil Defense for Nov. 8 to "adopt policies relating to the use of state-owned buildings as public shelters."