

Editorial Opinion

Evaluation of USG Executive

On this morning after the state elections, we find it appropriate to review the achievements, or lack of them, of this campus' student government executive branch elected last spring.

Reviewing the platform on which they were elected we see that some action has been taken on many of the planks.

Wharton's main proposal when campaigning was to change the present "obsolete grading system to a more realistic and fair one..." He proposed a five point system instead of the present four point plan.

We consider the formation of this committee a step in the right direction in fulfilling the campaign plank.

But, no vigorous action has been taken by this administration to present the pros and cons of membership in the National Student Association to the student body.

The second proposal of University party last spring was the establishment of a Student Opinion Bureau.

We believe that this bureau should be used and used to the advantage of the students. Student opinion can and must be influential if accurately represented.

This project has been perhaps the major accomplishment of the Wharton administration. But we believe it could and should be used more effectively.

On the plank concerning student conduct which proposed publicizing the procedures of our student judicial and tribunal systems and that women over 21 be permitted in downtown apart-

ments, the Wharton administration has failed completely. Nothing on either of these two issues has been done or even formally studied by student government.

Little, if anything, has been done on the minor planks of University party such as Stone Valley and recreation or on improving school spirit.

In general, we believe some success has been noted in the two major planks of the winning party of last spring. But, on both of these, as we have pointed out, a high degree of effectiveness has not been achieved.

Other achievements of the Wharton administration have been the reorganization and streamlining of the student government committee system by introducing commissions. This has been needed for a long time and is indeed a welcome improvement to student government.

The administration has reorganized the downtown housing list to make it more convenient for both students and landlords. Another achievement worthy of merit.

Wharton has studied, with a committee, student life insurance plans. A bill will be presented to the Congress tonight to endorse the one found to be most acceptable.

No action has been taken to define the operating procedures of the Supreme Court for the student body.

No action was taken to insure a more reliable and representative Congress by instituting roll call votes on major issues.

Wharton did not take a strong lead in the fight against the banning of Froth, a fight which 74 per cent of the student body has endorsed. He has not called for a survey of, or injected the opinions of the student body into major national issues such as the racial problems at the University of Mississippi.

Marigo Lewis, USG Secretary-Treasurer, has never presented a reporting of the outlay of USG funds to the Congress. A report which is necessary since the student group spends thousands of dollars each year.

Morris Baker, USG vice president, did not take a strong lead in chairing the state Mock Elections held last week.

We believe that the students of this University have the right and the obligation to demand a more forceful and productive student government.

Students elect the All-University officers to their positions and we feel they have the right to expect strength and determination and effectiveness, to a greater extent than we have seen from these leaders.

Telstar's Promise for Communications

"This is Brussels... stand by... stand by... stand by..."

"Go, America, go... Go, America, go..."

Within seconds these brief signals flashed across the Atlantic and thus the first live television program of substance was seen on TV screens in both the United States and Europe.

The vehicle for the July 23 telecast was Telstar, a manmade satellite which carries with it a promise of better world understanding. Because of Telstar's success, U.S. scientists are confident they can put 20 to 25 similar satellites in orbit and eventually provide uninterrupted telephone and television linkage for both the United States and Europe.

The British and French already have Telstar transmitting stations at Goonhilly Downs and Pleumeur-Bodou. Soon the Germans will add theirs at Raisting, and the Italians theirs at Fucini. The U.S. station is in Andover, Me.

Although advances such as Telstar have lessened difficulties in communications because of geographical barriers, there still remains many questions as to how this new phase of television will be operated.

The first telecast was produced jointly by the Canadian Broadcasting

Company and the United States' National, American and Columbia networks. The American Telephone & Telegraph company is the builder of Telstar. Some of the questions that can be raised in view of this background are: Will these companies aim for private ownership of a space network, or will the federal government, because of the intercontinental aspect of Telstar, set up its own broadcasting facilities?

Since AT&T built Telstar, does this mean it will have exclusive rights for future similar additions to a network, or will the network be built by other interested competing companies? Will Telstar be classified as a public utility, as our telephone and telegraph lines on earth are? Will the Federal Communications Commission oversee the quality, taste and extent of programming, as it does for existing networks, or will a United Nations committee be established? What sort of programs will be transmitted and how can present sets be adapted to pick them up?

Though Telstar is only one phase of the 12-billion-dollar space program, the cooperation and understanding that is used in applying its success and in solving unanswered questions will determine how great its effect will be on world understanding.

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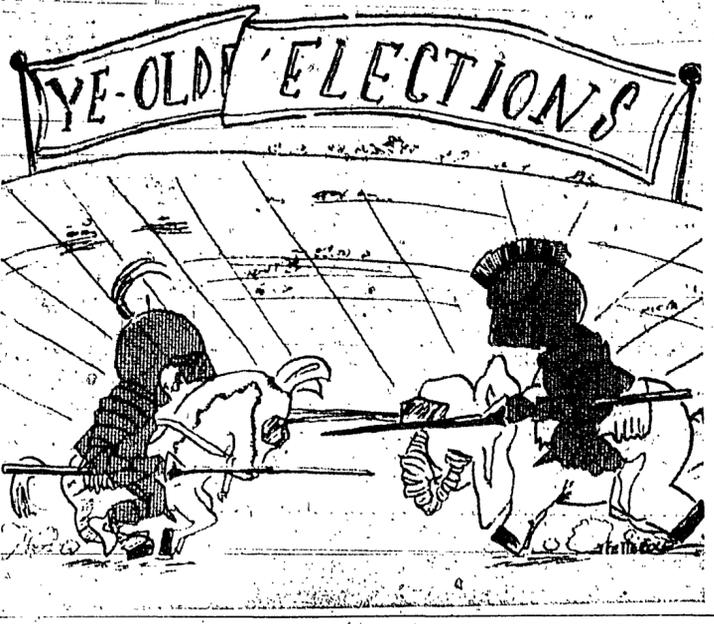
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Letters

Challenge to U.S. Seen by Williams

TO THE EDITOR: RE: Peter Miller's letter of Nov. 2 questioning why we should fight.

In an attempt to answer why we should fight, I will first state the challenge and then what we must do.

It is now generally agreed among political and military leaders that the U.S. is at war. Our foes are the Communists, enemies of freedom in all its forms.

Undoubtedly, the Russian people want peace as much as we do, but they do not control their government. The Soviet leaders also would prefer to avoid war, but they are prepared and willing to risk it in order to reach their objective: worldwide domination.

Within four decades communism has spread through 40 per cent of the world's population and 25 per cent of its surface. The Communists firmly believe that they are destined to conquer the world. They have increasingly shown the ability to do so.

They use sabotage, subversion, guerrilla warfare, propaganda themes. They are on the offensive 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year, whether it be from propaganda leaflets to military forces or from sabotage and murder to smiles and handshakes.

Since 1945, their advance has included over 600 million people and they have now advanced to within 90 miles of the sunny Florida beaches.

If left to succeed, communism will strip man of his belief in God, his heritage of freedom, and his trust in law, justice, and mercy.

Let us look at what the U.S. would be like if the Communists took over America. National, state, and local governments would be eliminated. Soviets would be formed which would liquidate mayors, chief of police, clergymen and leading citizens.

The Constitution and all laws would be abolished. If you owned productive property, you would be arrested as an exploiter and sentenced to a concentration camp or liquidated. All property (home, business, bank deposits, and related personal property) would be abolished.

Industry would be nationalized and farms would be taken from their owners. Labor unions would be obliterated. The press would be muzzled, free speech forbidden, and complete conformity demanded. Women would be free from housework, but they would also be "FREE" to work in factories and mines with men.

The Communists want to control everything: what you are paid, what you think, what streets cars you ride, how your children are educated, and what you may not and must read, write, etc. My statements are confirmed by reports from areas where the Communists have taken over.

These Communist doctrines threaten the happiness of every individual, and the continuance of every fireside. The Communists create crises after crises and force the U.S. because of our greater fear of war, to back down.

In 15 years we have engaged in 19 high-level talks with the Soviet Union and out of these talks have come 40 agreements. Of these, the Soviets have vio-

Reasons For Fighting Presented

TO THE EDITOR: In Friday's Collegian there appeared a letter written by Peter A. Miller in which he asked "How does a young person go to war, fight, and perhaps die for an ideal so nebulous as 'The American Way'?" Here is my answer.

Yes, I would. Would I go to war, fight and die? Yes, I would. And you ask why.

Would I leave my school, my home, my country? Yes, I would. And you may trust me;

For the life I enjoy And take so lightly, Yes, I would. Though death may strike me.

For the country I love, For its freedom strong, Yes, I would. Though the war be long.

For the God I worship, For his blessings many, Yes, I would. For all, for any.

For my family and friends, For the girl back home, Yes, I would. And I am not alone.

Would we go to war, Fight and die? Yes, we would. And you know why.

—Charles F. Jackson, '68

soft touch Campus of Sheep Makes Job Difficult

by donnan beeson

Sitting eating breakfast, bleary-eyed after a night's toil, I listen carefully for my contemporaries' comments as they read the day's news in the Collegian. Many are astounded that what they read is not "what I heard" and seem to doubt that I spent the previous evening editing veritable news.

These people are rumor-routers. They believe what they hear. Where are all the doubting Thomases of old?

In his book, "Nation of Sheep," William J. Lederer cautions Americans against accepting as truth all that they hear or read. The most important thing to consider, he points out continually, is the original source of the news.

He exemplifies this in his revealing account of newsmen being informed by the Communists themselves while they were reporting on the Korean conflict and several other incidents.

The news which we received, then, was already colored red.

Rather than letting this happen, however, the Collegian goes to the "front" and sees for itself what is happening on campus. If we did not bother to do this, we could perhaps witness a perfect Penn State, over and above a better one. Naturally, this would not be possible without the aid of a diligent rumor-router.

Just for fun, I tried to be one for a day, and it could have been one of the most exciting days I have ever spent here if only I had believed what I heard.

At breakfast I heard that three people in my dormitory had attempted suicide the night before. I was sorry I had missed the excitement and at the same time guessed that I would never really know, because people "in the know" don't like to talk about those things.

On my way out of the dining hall, I saw one of the three suicide cases. She looked pretty healthy.

Then I went up to the library

Professional Architecture Fraternity Supports Saving of the Armory

TO THE EDITOR: We, the members of Alpha Rho Chi, the professional architectural fraternity, are unanimously in support of saving the Armory from destruction for the proposed addition to the Willard Building, if solely for its architectural and historical significance.

As one of the best examples of brick architecture in Central Pennsylvania, the Armory's architectural value is widely acclaimed. The innovation of the semi-circular windows and their ventilation principle by the former college president, George W. Atherton, is an outstanding feature worth recognition.

With its sweeping form and harmonious use of stone, brick, glass and slate, it is, we feel, the most picturesque building on campus. It is a building beautifully designed to fill the need for a large, enclosed, unobstructed space in present misuse in housing the Department of Music is painfully obvious.

Historically, the Armory's value lies in the fact that it is one of the first buildings of the Penn State Campus, and one of two remaining intact. Its many different uses since its construction in 1889 have undoubtedly given it an integral part in the college life and memories of all alumni.

Our stand against the proposed

IM Coverage Called Discriminatory by Indie

TO THE EDITOR: Since the beginning of the intramural touch football season, The Daily Collegian has treated its readers to a spectacular series of reporting that is inconsistent with good newspaper coverage.

Before the tone of my letter is mistaken let me state here and now that my "war" is not with fraternities. Rather it is a war against discrimination and clearly the Collegian is discriminating against independent men.

Since the beginning of the touch football season not one dorm team or one town team has had its game covered in detail by the Collegian. On some days not even the scores from the Stadium fields (where most independent teams play) are reported.

Instead, day after day, we are treated to practically a play by play description of certain teams that use the same course fields (not independent teams).

Does not the Collegian Sports department think that independent teams are worthy of coverage? Don't you think that we work just as hard on our teams as other organizations? Don't you think that independent units deserve the same recognition as others? If so, when is your staff going to do something about it?

I reject categorically any argument that the Collegian does not have a large enough staff to cover all the games. For even if one reporter is assigned to cover football games, couldn't he split the coverage equally by going one day to the stadium fields and one day to the golf course fields?

I reject also the excuse of lack of communication with dorm teams. All dorm units have athletic chairmen whose names can be easily obtained by contacting the town of team us. If this is not sufficient, I will supply the names of the respective athletic chairmen for North Halls. I am



USG - A Joke TO THE EDITOR: Speaking of responsible government, you wanna hear a good joke? USG. —Kurt Simons, '63

—Thomas Berlenbach, '63 —Paul Brownstein, '64