

## 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. Student body president Dean Wharton and his University party administration have just passed the halfway mark of their term in office. Their accomplishments are few in number and in stature.

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. Since his election Wharton, with the approval of the Congress, has set up a committee to study this proposal. We understand the committee is working on step one of a multi-step study program. At the present time they are reviewing all possible grading systems with the objective of making a recommendation to the Congress at sometime in the future. No date for completion of their recommendations has been set.

We consider the formation of this committee a step in the right direction in fulfilling the campaign plank. A major consideration such as this deserves careful and complete study. But steps must be taken to insure that this does not become another "one-term" deal—advocated by one administration and dropped by the next. Planning considerations of a new system can be accomplished by direct student government action or by working closely with those members of the administration who have final say in the matter. This issue cannot be allowed to stay solely in student government committee much longer.

The second proposal of University party last spring was the establishment of a Student Opinion Bureau. Such a bureau was approved by the Congress; it has been used once—for the Froth issue.

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. We feel students should be asked to state their opinions on roll call voting in the Congress, on NSA, on the duties of the Supreme Court, on University expansion, on academic honesty and on a multitude of other issues which directly affect them.

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.

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.

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.

Marjo 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 Rastatt, 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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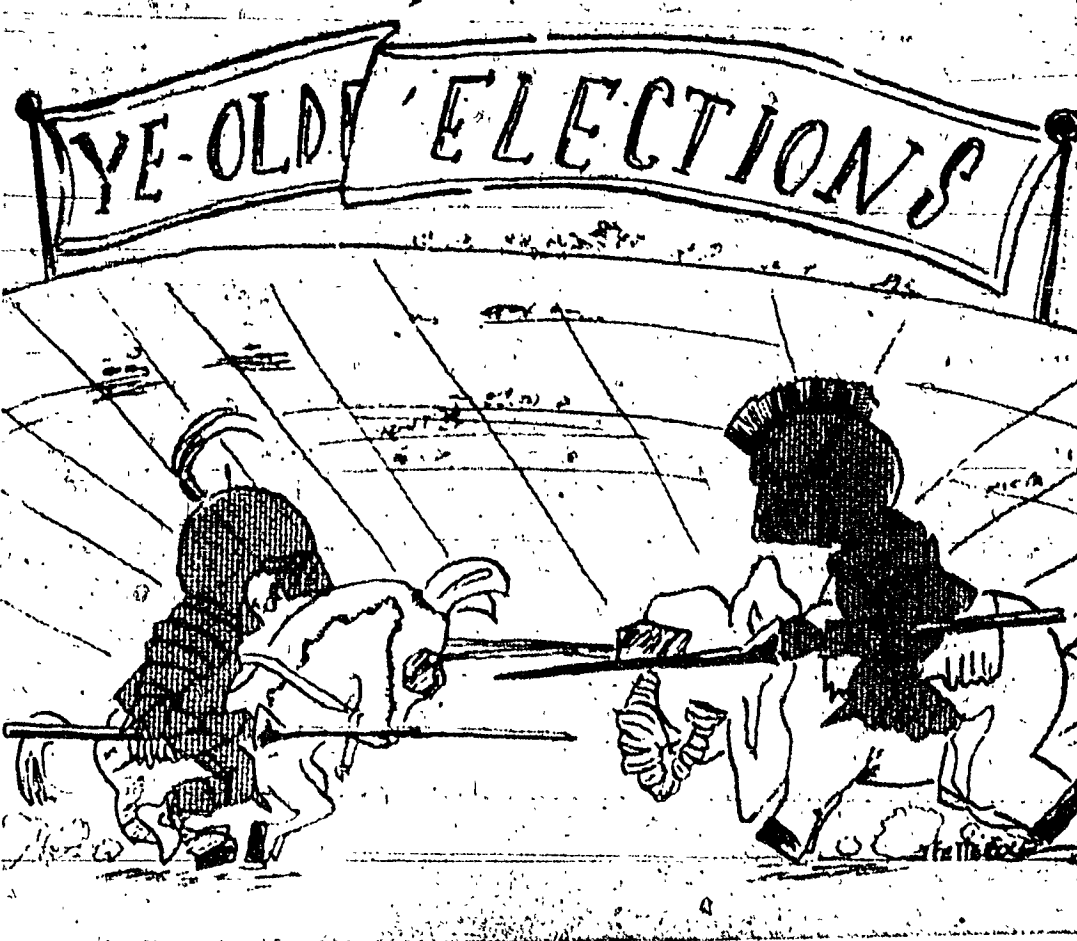
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## Letters

## 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. This is a war for hearts and minds of the people throughout the world.

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, terrorism. 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 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 community, the safety 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-

lated 37. The Communists believe in force, not compassion; hatred, not goodness; ruthlessness, not mercy.

They use many words which have very worthy meanings to us, such as peace, coexistence, etc. Their definition of peace is a peace when there are no opponents of communism. To them, peaceful coexistence means cessation of opposition to the Communists' aggression.

The Communists use a bluff occasionally to obtain some concessions. They make it appear that they will go to war over some demand, but when the chips are down and their hand is called, they do not go to war, e.g., Berlin, Cuba. If they gain their concessions, they immediately begin to seek other concessions (Laos). If they fail, they begin seeking the same concessions by other means (Cuba).

They will never be appeased. They are demanding the whole world, not just concessions at Berlin or freedom to occupy Cuba. If the Communists fail in one place, they exert pressure in another.

This is the threat which confronts the free world today.

—Gomer R. Williams, '63

## Glise Opposes Pius XII Grant

TO THE EDITOR: In reading The Daily Collegian of Oct. 31, 1962, I noticed a proposal by the USG Congress to "appropriate \$20 to the University College of Pius XII." I certainly hope that the sponsor, Michael Stoll (fraternity area), makes known to the student body who controls this university and its funds.

It appears to me that this college is church-controlled and that the funds will be used to teach a particular religion. If this is the case, the bill should not be passed.

The first amendment to the Constitution of the United States, Article I of the Bill of Rights, states that "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion . . . The government of our nation has continually held this to mean that public funds should in no way whatsoever be used for the support of parochial schools.

Penn State is a state (public) university, supported by public funds. I am sure there are thousands of students on this campus who do not want to see their money, regardless of how little, be used for such a cause.

Separation of church and state is a time-honored tradition in the United States. President Kennedy has repeatedly opposed the use of public funds for sectarian causes. We students at Penn State should have no part in such a flagrant violation of the principle of separation of church and state.

—John Glise, '65

(Editor's note: The University of Pius XII described itself in a letter to Michael Stoll: "Although under Catholic auspices, we are not Catholic in any narrow sense. From 30 to 50 per cent of our students are always Protestants, Hindu or Moslem. . . Our staff is composed of nationals from Holland, Ireland, United Kingdom, South Africa, Canada and the United States. . . We teach no religion courses as such.")

## 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, '61

## Alum Criticizes Froth Decision

TO THE EDITOR: With considerable amazement I read in the Trenton paper of the discontinuance of "Froth." Without a doubt, this was no spur-of-the-moment decision on the part of the involved, however, it seems almost inconceivable to me—that some advance planning and re-organization could not have prevented this termination.

As a former editor of "Critique" and former advertising manager of "Froth," I can remember well some of the attendant problems and can, in part, sympathize with them. However, if businesses today were not flexible and able to adjust with the times, they too would not continue to exist.

To me, it is the responsibility of the university to help guide undergraduates and show them the necessity for planning to meet (new) situations.

I am most disappointed in this turn of events and hope sincerely that there will be steps taken to see that "Froth" has taken only a hiatus from publishing and will resume its 53-year old tradition in the relatively near future.

—David R. Eldridge, '49

## Alum Views Froth Issue

TO THE EDITOR: I have before me a newspaper clipping stating that the Committee on Student Organizations has ordered a shutdown of the campus humor magazine Froth.

It is indeed unfortunate that this happened. However, it was to be expected since the administration decided to remove Froth from the football game a few years ago.

If such a practice continues in the future, I can see such things as mentioning Hort Woods, repeating the saying concerning the Obelisk and even a letter such as this one being banned.

Sure, Froth did say certain things about the administration and did have articles that maybe should have been left out but what college humor magazine does not have any rely on these types of materials for entertainment?

May I repeat, it is indeed unfortunate.

—John T. Wasdi, E.E. '61  
Fort Belvoir, Va.

## USG - A Joke

TO THE EDITOR: Speaking of responsible government, you wanna hear a good joke?

USG.

—Kurt Simons, '63

## 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-mongers. 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-monger.

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

to get some books for my term paper. On the way, I met one of my friends, overlaid with an armful of books. Said friend let me in on the news that things had changed up there and now you got a book for every card you turned in.

Several hours later, I came out of the library batting a two for nine average.

While I was resting on the steps after my ordeal, I happen to hear two students, saying as they went in to play the Circulation Game, that they had both heard from Dan that the Armory was going to remain on campus.

I didn't bother to inquire who Dan was, but I found later that someone whose name was not Dan and who was in charge of the whole thing, had said that this particular architecture was due for destruction.

Then I went over to the HUB to get a ticket for the Artists Series. There were a lot of people waiting in line and all of them seemed very enthusiastic for the coming program. I figured that this meant all of those people would deem it an absolute must to be in attendance when the event occurred.

Instead, a fair number of them kept their tickets for moments of that day of waiting in line and found something else to do on the night printed on their ticket.

The crowning blow came that night when I decided to sit in on a USG meeting. The inspiration for this came from the overall feeling around campus that all the new congressmen could hardly wait to get in there and get some meaningful legislation passed.

Alas, the legislation passed was minimal and most of what I heard, I'd heard before and what's more, I knew I'd hear it again.

Whereas Lederer deplors a Nation of Sheep, I feel the same way about a Campus of Sheep and at times, I feel that I and my fellow editors are doing a job in vain.

I even feel that way after breakfast.

## Letters

## 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. Altherton, 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 for 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

addition to the Willard Building at the loss of the Armory is, however, more deeply rooted. Although we support the University's policy of utilizing the most advanced methods and materials in new construction, we feel that some of the later projects, including the Hammond Building and the additions to Sackett, are worthy additions to our campus.

Whether they are products of insufficient finances, time or aesthetic appreciation, there is little one can say in defense of such massive, impersonal machines for mass education.

Even the careful efforts of those who so beautifully landscaped our campus will never soften the efforts of these coral curtainwall blocks. Nothing can save the layout of their interiors.

With such a past record, it is with little wonder that the University's actions are challenged at this time. To destroy the Armory, a building of outstanding structural, aesthetic, and historical significance, at an undeniably large sum of money, would be a loss no modern classroom building could compromise. Another typical addition would be a sad mistake.

—The members of  
Alpha Rho Chi  
Professional Architecture  
Fraternity

## IM Coverage Called Discriminatory by Indie

TO THE EDITOR: Since the beginning of the intramural football season, The Daily Collegian has treated its readers to a spectacle of biased 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 tough 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 respective athletic chairmen. If this is not sufficient, I will supply the names of the respective athletic chairmen for North Halls. I am

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

