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For the public

Contribute to WDFM and hear the results

WDFM, the student-run public radio station, has become State College's first noticeable victim of President Reagan's economic blockading.

The station needs an immediate transfusion of money to continue National Public Radio programs — which are a much-needed addition to the State College radio scene. The federal money that went to NPR has diminished considerably, forcing NPR to raise its rates, and the already financially strapped WDFM cannot afford the programs — unless listeners support them.

"Challenge '81" challenges listeners to realize that a contribution to commercial-free WDFM will benefit them. The theme of "Challenge '81" is not, "Give your money to us"

creative types so we can advance our careers in radio." The people at WDFM are serious about providing quality radio for State College; they are not a bunch of kids playing in a rock 'n' roll sandbox.

So far, the response to "Challenge '81" has been encouraging. As of last night, more than \$2,000 has been pledged, and the goal of \$5,000 may be in reach. But "Challenge '81" is not a one-shot deal. Although WDFM receives money from the University, the allotment is not enough to allow the station to continue its special programming. No one at WDFM expects the University to come through with much more money.

If the public wants public radio — if it doesn't want to be assaulted by nauseating commercials, if it wants to be able to suggest programming (and be listened to) — the public must open its collective wallet.

The public's money will be well-spent at WDFM.



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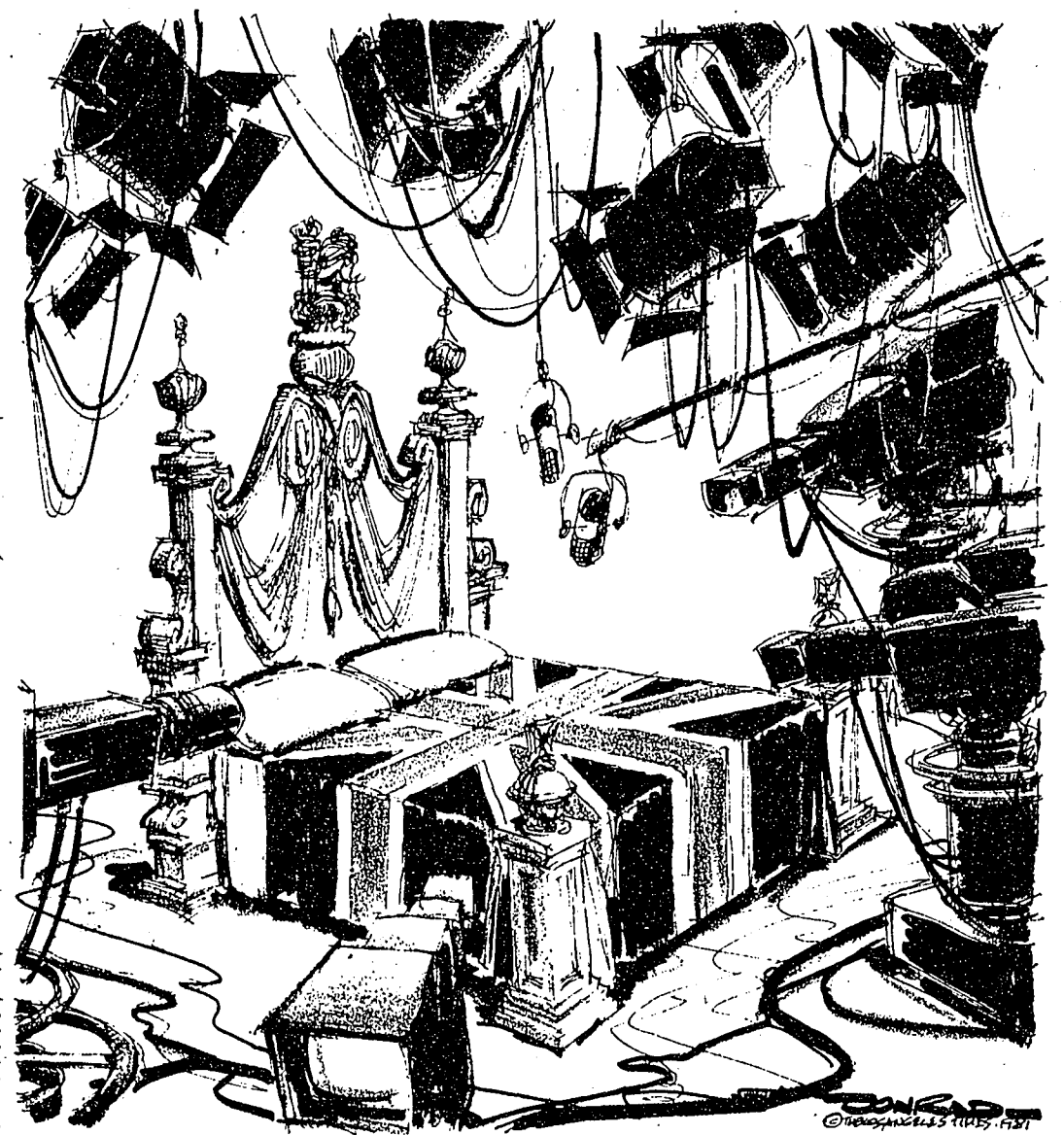
Hiroshima

Tomorrow marks, perhaps, the most important anniversary of any single occurrence in the history of man. It was 36 years ago, August 6, 1945, that our country ushered in the nuclear age with the bombing of Hiroshima.

The nuclear weapon that was dropped more than three decades ago would be the equivalent of a pea-shooter in today's arsenal. But we continue to produce more and more such weapons of death and destruction. Haven't we

learned what a monster we have created? Will we ever regain control over it? Or will we all perish due to our insistent refusal to learn from the past?

To help foster this needed reflection, Eco-Action will present free films on the nuclear weapons issue with a special focus of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. These films will be shown at dusk tonight on the lawn outside of Kern Building and starting at 7 tomorrow night in the HUB Assembly Hall. Also, information and petitions of the arms race will be



available tomorrow at a table located outside Willard Building.

Finally, one man's thoughts on nuclear technology and its effect on the human race needs urgent review.

"The splitting of the atom has changed everything, gave our way of thinking, and thus we drift toward unparalleled catastrophe." — Albert Einstein

Chris O'Brien
Eco-action member
Aug 3

Free Choice

What if one held an organizational meeting and nobody came? I experienced that ultimate community activist nightmare when a meeting of Penn State Catholics for a Free Choice was called earlier this summer and the turnout consisted of me. I speculate that the causes as a mixture of apathy, lack of knowledge about CFFC, and poor scheduling on my part.

Did you know that the Roman Catholic Church has no dogma or doctrine against abortion or family planning? Did you know that many of the Church's great theologians, both ancient and modern, from Sts. Jerome, Augustine and Thomas Aquinas to Teilhard de Chardin and Hans Kung, have rejected the hierarchical and choice philosophy? Did you know that dissent from the hierarchy's view is permissible, that 77 percent of American Catholics are pro-choice and believe that reproductive freedom is a matter of private conscience? This is contrary to what almost all churchmen, including the Most Rev. James J. Hogan (Bishop of our diocese), would have you believe.

The goals of CFFC are to uphold the principle of separation of church and state, and to insure that women of all faiths are not compelled to bear children against their will. We advocate the right of Americans to privacy and self-determination in making their family decisions, as well as access to medically safe abortion for all women regardless of their ability to pay. We also believe in minimization of the need for abortion through expanded programs on contraception, sex education and child care. Yet folks like Tom Foss (president of the nine-county Citizen's Concerned For Human Life) and Suzanne Glasco (local spokesperson) will say CFFC is pro-abortion.

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Our world center is, in fact, located in Haifa, Israel, atop Mount Carmel and is, along with Jews, Christians and Moslems, regard Israel as a holy land to where thousands of Baha'is annually make pilgrimage. But there has never been any collaboration with a so-called "World Zionist Movement" as has been suggested. In reality, Baha'is are forbidden to belong to any other religious or political organizations.

The persecution of Baha'is

By IRWIN ANOLIK
For the Baha'is of State College

The recent and often tragic developments in Iran are far removed from many who will read this. However, for members of the Baha'i faith around the world, the continuing reports of disappearances and executions have been of the utmost concern.

Those who would like to dim the rising star of this new world faith have falsely charged that the Baha'is are collaborators with "World Zionism," enemies of God and His Prophet Mohammed, and committers of adultery and prostitution.

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I felt pride in being Catholic when Pope John Paul II stood on the same stage as Filipino despot Ferdinand Marcos and condemned his dictatorial disregard for human rights, but when the Holy Father breaks out against abortion, I adopt a pro-choice stance just as solidly.

If you feel that you are part of the 77 percent majority reported in the Gallup Poll, if you are outraged by the Omnibus Pro-Life legislation recently introduced by our state representative, if you are upset about anti-choice ruminations on Capitol Hill, join me at the next Penn State CFFC meeting at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 17, in 225 HUB. Hope to see some of you readers there.

Douglas M. Mason
Pa. Representative, CFFC
August 4

Solidarity

I wish to express my support for the air traffic controllers strike. Daily, controllers must safely guide hundreds of planes with thousands of people on board — they quite literally have the lives of those people delicately balanced in their hands. The work environment of an air traffic controller is one of intense psychological stress.

As was pointed out in "60 Minutes" a few years ago, the effects of this stress are destructive to the individuals who must endure it. It seems only

reasonable that the controllers are demanding a shorter work week with more benefits — they deserve it.

As far as breaking the law is concerned, remember that it was illegal for the Polish workers to strike as of last summer — should they have obeyed their laws? It should be the right of all workers to strike when they feel they are being treated unjustly. It is one of the strengths of our system.

President Reagan and Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis have adopted the dangerous arm-bending tactics of rhetoric and threat. Their efforts to end the strike are totally counterproductive, if not totalitarian in spirit.

I am behind the air traffic controllers 100 percent and wish them luck, patience and solidarity.

Jeff Dooling, graduate-electrical engineering
Aug 4

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Universities must be the spreaders of peace

By MAGDY M. TAJIA
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Children all over the world are born innocent. The social environment has a considerable effect on an individual's behavior and the equivalent of the entire product of five years of military attack by some members of the world community, R.L. Sward, in his book "World Military and Social Expenditures," estimated that \$3 trillion was spent for the military from 1960 to 1975. With inflation, the 16-year outlay is closer to \$4.5 trillion — the equivalent of the entire product of five years of labor by the 2.9 billion people in the developing countries of the world.

That Uses The Technological Development For Mass Violence And Shift-destruction? The program is not to shift from war to peace under an atmosphere of fear or inability to confront the other party; the problem is to move from war to a peaceful mentality of thoughts and actions.

If this is the case, How Can We Create These Thoughts And Actions? I do believe that the educational institutions — whether national or international — have the power to achieve that goal.

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If one of the desired objectives is to prepare citizens to believe and behave in such a manner that supports peaceful resolution of conflict — whether it is on the standard of interpersonal, intergroup or international — we should structure our educational institutions to encourage such behavior. Four problem areas should be emphasized in school systems. These can be expressed as world order values: peace, economic well-being, social and political justice, and ecological balance.

Indeed, if education had sufficient moral awareness, courage and intelligence, it would reorganize its curriculum and methodology around the rubric of nuclear holocaust. I do not consider distributing literature, holding seminars and lectures to be effective unless the value of the outstanding character of the evolution of war, especially the technology of war, has been its "See-Saw" nature — the development of a defense against the development of a counter-attack or of a defense to nullify the tactic.



In an effort to raise money for WDFM, assistant general manager Max Beahm, Chris Murray, a member of the fine arts and announcing staff, and program director Michele Rossi staff a donations booth on College Avenue.

Listeners show support for WDFM

By JUDD A. BLOCH
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

Area listeners are rallying to support the student-run radio station WDFM, if the first two days are an indication of the success of its fund-raising campaign "Challenge '81."

As of yesterday at 5:30 p.m., phone pledges and personal donations had reached almost \$2,000, far ahead of schedule, program director Michele Rossi said.

"It's better than we expected, but it's not enough," Rossi said.

The 5 p.m. total for yesterday was \$790, an amount that surprised department director Daniel G. Mushalok, coordinator of the event.

"For one day in a first-time fundraiser, it's terrific," he said.

Sunday, at the beginning of the week-long campaign, Mushalok was tense and a little wary about the eventual outcome of the station's efforts. However, yesterday he was optimistic and said his ideal goal of \$5,000 "looks a lot more attainable."

Most of the larger pledges have come from professors, Mushalok said, but students and other supporters have been pitching in, too.

"We got one donation from a guy from New York. He was passing through and gave us some money because he liked the station," Mushalok said.

To raise more money WDFM is sponsoring special events. Three showings of Woody Allen movies "Casino Royale" and "What's Up, Tiger Lily" will be offered Friday in 10 Sparks. Radio programs include a special "Musical" Friday morning, request only "Arts Showcase" all week, and a documentary on folk singer Malvina Reynolds on "Jus' Plain Folk" at 11 a.m. Saturday.

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Hare Krishna leader visits local followers

By DIANNE GARYANTEN
Daily Collegian Staff Writer

The walls and floor of the house vibrated with sound as the subscribers of the Hare Krishna faith played their instruments and chanted before their Sunday meal.

Suddenly the chanting became much louder and all of the members knelt down and kissed the floor as Satsvarupa dasa Goswami, one of the 11 spiritual masters of the International Society of Hare Krishna Consciousness, walked through the door to the center of the room.

A lot of roses was placed around his neck and the spiritual master rocked back and forth, playing his drum and leading the chants. For the next half an hour, the group joyously sang, sometimes low and controlled, other times almost frenzied.

Soon everyone stopped singing at once and gathered around to listen to what their guru, or guide, had to say.

The pale, slim, rather young-looking man cleared his throat and began his talk with a story from the Bhagavad-gita. The story had to do with a king telling his sons about life.

The king was trying to point out to his sons that life is not only for sense gratification — eating, sleeping, mating and defending — which is living like the other animals in the kingdom. Humans, instead, should live for much more.

"If sense gratification is all, the exclusive goal of life, than man is no better than a dog or a hog," Goswami said during his discussion.

"This is a revolutionary thought," he said.

"That I shouldn't use my life to try and please my senses."

Goswami said that when a man satisfies his senses, he does not satisfy himself. Eventually he becomes frustrated and commits acts which are harmful to his karma.

"He doesn't see that everything belongs to God," he said.

People should go through three steps to find satisfaction in life, he said. They are not using life for sense gratification, practicing austerity and rendering service to God to become purified. Only then can a person true happiness (which you cannot find unless you are purified).

A society which does not satisfy people can only agitate them instead, Goswami said. The practice of austerity is actually a relief from a society which does not satisfy, he said.

"There's no love like the love of God," he said. "It makes you not dependent on anything else."

Once people achieve absolute happiness, they will no longer look for the pale pleasures of material things in life to satisfy because these ultimately disappoint, he said.

"Human life is for spiritual realization," he said. "Humans have limited themselves to the small circle of sense gratification and don't have expanded consciences."

Satsvarupa dasa Goswami is one of 11 devoted disciples of the founder of the Hare Krishna movement in the United States, A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. The swami came to New York City in 1966 and died in 1977, leaving 11 masters to serve as gurus for the Hare Krishna people.

Gurus serve as guides to the people involved in the religion, and are especially helpful to new members, Goswami said. He goes to different regions in the area to help and talk with members.

"After you become serious about (the religion) and you become initiated, you need a guru to help get you through," he said.

Goswami said that Swami Bhaktivedanta became his spiritual master in 1966 when the swami first arrived in New York City.

"He was all alone on 2nd Avenue in Manhattan," Goswami said. "He was telling us of these things."

"I was attracted to this religion because of his person," he said. "I heard him speak day after day from the Bhagavad-gita. He would cook for us and began to share his vision with us and we tried to serve him."

Goswami has written two volumes on the biography of Swami Bhaktivedanta, a third is waiting to be published and he is starting to write his fourth volume.

"(The biography) gives people a chance to see inside," he said.

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