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Moratorium opens at Capitol with tree planting ceremony.

Campus Participates in Moratorium

The nationwide Moratorium on October 15th was the idea of a few student activists who sent out letters to eighteen colleges across the country, urging them to participate in a peaceful demonstration against the war in Vietnam. The idea caught on, and soon students, educators, business men, and professional people throughout the United States abandoned their schools and offices to join in. Armed with black bands, buttons, and literature, these people spent the day working for the cause of peace. On October 15th, the flag flew at half mast over the Capitol Campus.

At 10:00 a.m., a crowd of an estimated ninety students gathered in front of the Administration

Building for a tree planting ceremony in honor of the War Dead. Later in the afternoon, students canvassed Olmsted plaza and Middletown, "pushing this button for peace." In spite of some frustrating moments, ("How do you tell a patriotic woman with two sons in Vietnam that the war they are fighting is unjust?"), the students worked tirelessly handing out leaflets and petitions. At 7:00 p.m., students from the Capitol Campus Dickinson, and H.A.C.C. met at the Forum in Harrisburg to hear Strom Thurmond speak.

Students at Capitol Campus are also expected to participate in the second Moratorium, a March on Washington in November.

Do You Want to Vote?

Eighteen-year-olds will apparently have to wait another year before they find out how soon. . . if ever . . . they will be allowed to vote in this state. Pennsylvania's General Assembly has performed the somewhat difficult task of retaining the 21-year-old vote requirement and at least temporarily disarming the opposition forces.

Last spring two different reform measures were introduced in Harrisburg; one passed the Senate, lowering the age to 18, and another passed the House of Representatives, lowering it to 19. There appeared to be some partisan politics at work, as the Senate is Republican controlled and the house is Democratic.

The problem now rests in a "conference committee" comprised of members of both houses. But legislative leaders claim that fiscal problems are too pressing now for any other matters to be considered; so the voting age reform seems dead for the rest of this year, while vast majorities in the legislature supported a change.

The state Constitution requires that an amendment (which low-

ering the voting age would require) to the Constitution be passed by two successive sessions of the General Assembly and then be approved by popular referendum. Since a session lasts two years, the earliest the question could come to the voters is the primary election of 1971.

XGI's In Action

The XGI Fraternity at Capitol has been developing a blood bank with the Highspire Jaycees. On October 20, the bloodmobile was on campus. All day students and faculty members participated in the activity. The blood bank will provide a supply of blood to the college and the residents of Highspire.

The day was successful as it has been in the past. The campus would like to extend our thanks to the XGI's. We hope the good work will be continued in the future.

Impact Week

By Paula Dillon

The Harrisburg Area Community College Cultural Committee recently presented a successful series of controversial lectures to the area. Titled "Impact Week", the series began October 12 and ended Monday, October 20.

The lectures were arranged and co-ordinated largely through the efforts of Corwin Hale, assistant Professor of Social Science at the community college.

The expense and difficulty of securing such sought-after speakers and prominent public figures as Dick Gregory, Strom Thurmond, and Benjamin Spock seemed well appreciated in the culturally overlooked Harrisburg area. Capacity crowds jammed the Forum to hear Dick Gregory and Senator Thurmond, while Doctor Spock spoke to a sell-out audience in HACC's less spacious Student Center function room.

A dynamic speaker and a largely sympathetic audience got "Impact Week" off to a running start on Monday, October 12. Dick Gregory, a man who well knows both the comedy and tragedy of America, began his impassioned invective by breaking up the crowd with his incisive humor.

Throughout his talk, Gregory both praised and challenged today's youth to organize to revolutionize the corrupt, racist system, which sends its young to slaughter in a senseless war, which glories in its tremendous affluence, while countless children starve within its boundaries, and which preaches freedom and equality, while practicing policies of racism.

"The number one problem confronting America today," said Gregory, "is not air pollution, but moral pollution."

According to Gregory, America's image is false and hypocritical, for while she claims to be the world's major exponent and guardian of freedom, she chains America's forgotten red men to the degradation and deprivation of the reservation. She claims to be the land of opportunity, while she ignores the black urban ghettos, the plight of the migrant laborer, and the desperation of Appalachia.

Over and over, Gregory emphasized the magnitude of the job confronting those working for change. He compared last year's Chicago demonstration to the revolutionaries' struggle in 1776. The Chicago convention is evidence that Mayor Daley and those who profit by the corrupt system wish to maintain it at all costs.

An American phenomenon which amazes Gregory is the inevitable charge of communist agitation after a riot or demonstration. "Your moms and dads are stupid enough to believe that we needed communists to come over here and tell me this honky's had his foot on my neck for 300 years. This stinking racist system doesn't even give a nigger credit for getting mad on his own."

No one from outside has to show the corruption of a system that pays Senator Eastland of Missis-

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