

ANXIETY

Wet black pavement
Sweating coldly underfoot
Trees crying with the chill
A vague light
Clip, clip, uncertain steps
Alone with so much to talk to
Vague fears
It's too cold to cry
and so lonely that
You may never stop crying.
Someone touches...
It's startling and warm
You know you're really alone
And always will be.

Behrend Student
Anonymous

SERFDOM U.S.A.

The Middle Ages were a grotesque time to be inhabiting this earth. Even the term "Medieval," if applied to any institution, is deprecatory, implying incompetence and undesirability.

Serfs had the roughest lives. They worked the land and were not permitted to leave. Most of their product went to the landlords in return for "protection." In times of war, the serf became the infantry. They were always slaughtered, but were easily replaced.

Occasionally a serf would attempt to escape by fleeing to the city. This was rare, for he was held to his home by sentiment and families, as well as by the uncertainty of any future in a strange environment.

In the U.S., there are no serfs of slaves.

At least these words are no longer used. U.S. workers must pay taxes, much of which gives them national "protection." And in times of war the serfs still form the infantry.

Are the serfs still tied to their soil? Well, they can choose not to fight -- and be imprisoned or supply a few years of free labor to the state as a conscientious objector.

Can they still flee the country? Yes, but if they ever try to return they would be treated as an angry runaway serf. Five years in prison is a long time.

Like the Middle Ages, one hesitates to run away from family, friends or a lover -- never to return. Like the serf, there is no protest. A voteless soldier under 21 might as well save his breath.

Mr. Johnson, Mr. McNamara, Mene Hershey: Can't you see how Medieval the system is?

FACULTY BASKETBALL

The faculty basketball team, composed of Messrs. Hostetler (coach), Mosso, Onorato, Sterling, Sweeting and White, ended the intramural season in second place, having lost only two games. However, these two losses were avenged somewhat as they went through the play-offs undefeated by beating first place team 21-20 in the final eight seconds of play in the last game. It is hoped a faculty volleyball team will be organized in the near future.

BEHREND WRESTLERS

The wrestling team won against Altoona Campus team by a close score of 21-20. Congratulations!