

## THE SACRED COW LIVES

In India the cow is worshiped, and it is illegal to do anything to harm this particular animal. In this country the bovine roams where he wants to, and does exactly as he pleases with the protection of the government. The cow has the upper hand over the people of the country.

A special form of the Sacred Cow inhabits the Behrend Campus in the form of a handful of instructors although they are certainly not worshiped on campus. These are the "gods" of the campus--the founding fathers whom the campus was built around--the "untouchables". The instructor who takes personal pride in failing students, the one who violates a constitutional right of freedom of speech, and the ones who simply cannot teach.

The problem is what can we as dissatisfied do if we need the courses these sacred cows teach. A possible answer is talk to these instructors, and possibly if enough students express their dissatisfaction they will mend their ways. If they don't change and students continue to suffer with them, why don't they go out to pasture or is Behrend the pasture of Penn State?

Fall term it was announced that the Coffee Clatches would start again this term. The effects of these faculty-student mixers are debatable. Students show definite apprehensions of attending these meetings due to the known fact that what you say can be held against you. The faculty should actually wear their little green "bibles" around their necks to protect "unwarranted" criticism by students.

There is hope for these clatches, but that depends entirely upon the student body. Do you have enough nerve to stand up and tell somebody face to face what you think of his class? The first meeting is to be announced. Watch the bulletin boards and the Cub for the date and time.

### STATION BREAK

As the year progresses, more and more students are becoming familiar with the term "TV Course". Most, however, have had no experience with a course of this type, and the contents of it remain a mystery.

When a student enters the class for his TV lecture, he has many apprehensions. These apprehensions are not unfounded. Before the lecture begins, the instructor (or proctor) hands out a leaflet consisting of four typed pages entitled "How To Learn in TV Courses." This leaflet is from the main campus, and its purpose is to give the student a set of rules to follow which will help him get the most out of his TV course. The thinking behind this is that if one follows these numerous rules (about 129) one will be able to ace the course. Close examination of this so-called study guide makes one wonder if the author ever saw a TV course.

Listed under a section entitled "Some Suggestions for Good Learning by Television" is the statement Be Determined. Now it's

always fine to be determined in any course, however, being determined is not enough to insure success. Custer was determined too.

In this same section, the student is urged not to be so dependent on his teacher for learning. Discussions with other students outside of class are also encouraged. It has always been a common opinion that an advantage of attending a small college or campus is the opportunity of securing a good teacher-student relationship. A situation like this one is always an aid to better learning. Discussions with students who are as ignorant about the subject matter as yourself does not help in understanding the course.

There are many economic reasons (supposedly) for TV courses, but nothing can take the place of a live professor. This may be the age of automation, but the minds of students are not ready to be fed like a computer.

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### COFFEE CLATCHES

Mr. Tucker has announced that a student and faculty coffee hour will be held on January 17, 1968 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. At this time, students will be permitted to discuss any problems which they might have with classes or campus policy. Students are urged to attend this important discussions.