

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

In a recent editorial, there was much said concerning the upcoming elections, and, more specifically, the lack of ability which our current president has. While LBJ has done nothing to enhance his image, especially with the nation's youth, I think that the remarks directed at his personal life were most uncalled for. Also, when you seemed to base Bobby Kennedy's qualifications on his apparent favor of smoking pot, you seem to have lost your perspective. There are many young people in our country who do NOT believe that marijuana is the answer; there are many people who realize that more severe problems have occurred in past years and that there has been no significant losses for our side. People like Lincoln, Roosevelt, Kennedy attacked these forces with clear, rational minds and came out on top; they didn't need any artificial stimulus to "run away" from war, hunger, poverty, or other difficulties.

Another translation of the Carson show which you referred RFK's remarks to ("More than 350,000 deaths are attributed to smoking each year but I know of no deaths linked to smoking marijuana."). What I believe that the senator from New York meant was that there are severe penalties for possession of narcotics, but there is no penalty for possession of cigarettes - this issue is neither here nor there, however.

But I wholeheartedly agree with your position on the I.C.S. and the sudden death of this organization. This campus needs more people who can and will do things without waiting for the SGA or some similar organization to take action. Also, if the faculty fears having another coffee clatche because the students might be prepared and know what to expect, why don't the students take the initiative? I mean, the faculty was MORE than willing to have the first one and "prepare their ammunition", but the students who attended had no idea of what was going to take place, and, as a result, the students had their own Little Big Horn. Behrend is expanding and the sooner some faculty and administration realize this and get their heads "out of the sky" the better off Behrend and Penn State will be.

A Former ICS'er

SPIES AT BEHREND???

Currently, throughout the entire U.S. and even some foreign universities and colleges a network of FBI, CIA and other government spy agencies are being uncovered. This network of spy systems stem from the largest universities to the smallest campuses in this country.

Recently in Playboy Magazine (March 1968) an article entitled "Spies on Campus," expounded with documented evidence of government organizations, being mainly the FBI and the CIA, engaging in spy activities. These organizations

have been engaging students in almost any manner they can, including bribery, to spy on fellow students who could be considered questionable or engaging in subversive activities, detrimental to the security of the nation as a whole. This quite general concept includes at times students, faculty or administration who so much as speak out against the War on Vietnam policy. From these student spy reports government agency involved keeps permanent dossiers on all these "questionable" subjects.

The main point of the entire article is that student's freedom of speech is being impaired and infringed upon. Beside this important factor, it lends a feeling of insecurity to the already somewhat maladjusted college student.

SGA FACULTY-ADVISOR EVALUATION

This year on our campus, there has been much discussion concerning the policies and capabilities of our faculty and advisors. Because of these discussions, some of which have not been in good taste, the SGA will sponsor a student evaluation of our faculty and advisors. This will take place at the Spring Term registration.

Each student, after registering will be asked to fill out a faculty questionnaire for each class he has had during the Winter Term, and another for his advisor.

The purpose of this evaluation is to give the students--all of you-- a legal means of expression of personal opinion. The questionnaire is designed to leave the student anonymous and no results will be published, so feel free to praise or criticize--remembering to use good taste in presentation.

If you want something changed--grading policy, class policy, homework assignments, etc. now is the time to let the faculty know how you feel, so gather your thoughts and opinions and prepare to evaluate your faculty and advisor.

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