Violence Begets Violence Fight Fire With Water

by Charly Lee

WHEN the president of a university is forced by his own students to leave his home in fear of his life; when students say that destroying a university is a necessary act of political conscience; or when anyone maliciously harms the property, body, or mind of a fellow human being, I'd say it's time somebody spoke up. It's time somebody conjured-up the spirit of Tom Paine or Dan Webster. It's time the silent majority slapped the naughty minority in its big mouth.

A fair estimation of the size of the crowd involved in the recent disturbances at University Park would be a figure of roughly over two thousand. Two thousand students breaking windows, setting fires, and injuring policemen when they tried to restore law and order, is not my idea of a majority of the twenty seven thousand students who are enrolled at University Park. This small handful of students, however, was sufficiently powerful enough to necessitate an emergency meeting of the USG. By the way, I seriously wonder how many student's honest opinions are represented by the USG, and for that matter, by the OSGA itself?

Just what seems to be the problem down there? One very basic diagnosis is the fact that when an area is over saturated with humans of the same age bracket, certain problems that are calmly present in an individual, become grossly exaggerated in the group. Certain problems would be prevalent in certain age groups, for example, in a large crowd of elderly people the problem would be basically a health-oriented one. In a group of children it would be a problem of authority. In a group such as exists at Penn State's main campus, the problem is complex with a possible general heading of youthful, impatient, pseudo-idealism.

The youths have been brought up by parents who had a dream that their children would never have it as difficult as they did. To make their dream come true, the parents often held down two jobs so that their children didn't even have to lift a finger to provide for themselves.

Thus the children came to expect this luxury and never gave a thought to where his food, shelter, or clothing was coming from. This environment bred a very deadly disease called impatience. Whenever the parent didn't provide for the child's on-the-spot needs, the child would express his -extreme displeasure of the situation in various ways and sometimes even scolded the delinquent parent.

The parent's reply to all this was, "you've got the right to expect this service from me little Wilber because I made a pledge to you when you were small, that I'd try to make a better world for you, and now I've failed you."

You can see how this impatience grew into other areas and finally was able to be a characteristic of many a group and finally to be the most prevalent trait in that monster we call the ruling minority. Most of the kids who were involved in the physical destruction of campus property during those disturbances were having nothing more than a giant-sized temper tantrum over the slowness of the system's providing for their needs. These are the troubled kids of World War II and they must be handled with steel, kid-

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Harry,

with the establishment. We are must make a decision. I am, of care about issues on campus? men who are here because we course, referring to the firing of Now the administration refuses dirty word to this generation, but give any answers. are going to strive for the per- blindly at their heels? I say no! History has taught us that only you could almost say that we are tions. the boys who sacrifice, who deny themselves, who give up of themselves for their teammates and merge their individuality into a cohesive effort produce and receive the intrinsic and extrinsic rewards of athletics. To cut your hair and dress according to our standards is an act of self-denial. Its sincerity or insincerity lies in your soul. I believe your act of fasting is sincere and I believe any boy who follows our standard demonstrates to all his sincerity to be an athlete. You ask for a sign of peace; we ask for our sign. We are not trying to take away your freedom, we only ask you for a complete committment based on what we believe.

SGA In Action

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ing. However, days lost will be made up Monday and Tuesday of finals week. Final examinations are scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Dec. 9-10-11. This calendar is to be used at University Park and throughout the Commonwealth Campuses.

This schedule much improves the holiday situation. However, in ley, Student Body President, informed the CUB that the Behrend SGA is working on a proposal for a schedule for the 1970-71 school year; this schedule to be used fall term. This schedule shortens orientation, and gives a four day Thanksgiving vacation. Spring break is shortened but there is a three day Easter Vacation and a long Memorial Day weekend.

Conditions differ here at Behrend from those at University Park. The calendar at University Park is set up for 25,000 students; why use it for 1,250?

There is less for freshmen to acquaint themselves with here at Behrend: a long orientation isn't needed. There aren't enough meaningful activities for a whole week. All a long orientation means is needless expense for the Student Affairs Committee and SGA.

"We would like to handle this thing (scheduling) locally," Kirkley stated. "The Commonwealth Campuses often alter the official University calendar without any objection from University Park, but need the support of the student body before we can present this schedule to the faculty."

Image Of Athletes Concerned Student Wants Action American Tradition To Back Cohen, Sansone, Spielman

"All-American" athlete; we be- all of us to decide what course the campus. Isn't it about time issues which directly affect us?

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Well, fellow students we are showed the teachers, the adminnow faced with another crisis, istration, and the world that Harry, please don't confuse us another incident in which we all Behrend students are alive and

love the sports we coach and be- the three well-liked teachers, Co- to give reasons for firing them to cause we believe in athletics abil- hen, Sansone, and Speilmann. As the students or to the teachers ity to teach, what we believe is you probably know, by now, these themselves. This is very unfair to important. Our reasons for dress three teachers were fired for no everyone involved. I think it is codes are two-fold; tradition and reason. And when inquired about time for Behrend students to discipline. I know tradition is a this the administration refused to unite and show the administration that we aren't blind, little we believe in the image of the I think the time has come for babies that will believe anything. We should hold a huge rally to lieve in what he stands for: Behrend students are to follow. show the administration that strength, imagination, dedication Are we to remain passive and these three teachers, Cohen, Sanand cleanliness of body, mind, neutral all through college? Are sone and Spielmann have the enand spirit. Yes, many fall short we to believe whatever the ad- tire student bodies support. And and none are perfect but if you ministration tells us and follow we should organize a march to the administration building and, fect peace then we must strive for There is more involved here than demand that Kochel give us the the perfect athlete and athletic just the three teachers. What is reasons for their firing. Or we program. When one is to strive involved is the role Behrend stu-should at least present a petition for something he then becomes dents will follow in the future. I to Kochel with all the students committed to that thing. You think that it's about time we names on it protesting this aciton have fasted, you have sacrificed wake up and realize that we are and/or boycott our classes until for what you believe and desire a part of this campus. In fact Kochel starts explaining his ac-

> Come on students, the time has we voiced our opinions on the come for action. We've sat and mildewed in the corner too long. These three teachers that were It's time we had a voice in the fired were well liked here at Behr- matters which affect us and it's end. If we like them so much, time the administration started why do we surrender to this de- thinking of our needs and wants.

> > Letter To Conscientious Students

Dar Editor:

games run you cukes around. no refund. Stand unknown or with your

actually get a refund for fasting.

We ask our athletes to do many things. For some boys these things are a greater sacrifice than for others, but one's desire to achieve a goal is measured by the obstacles he will overcome to dance to our music and show us freedom will be! you care.

> With hope, Edward C. Onorato

For seven days we thought we We just want to warn conscien- would be able to help feed others. tious students: don't do anything, And now we know better; our let the system and its countless cakes hurt, our faith is gone and

But we will not be silent and eyes closed. Try and forget people if the games and rules for rules die and starve. And keep running. continue without restoring faith, The system thinks it taught us; we will do what is fair to human it has. They let us think we could life and conscience to secure that which we were led to believe would be refunded. We are notlooking for explanations, just a check.

> It is right for a Monster to hoard and waste?

What has happened to us can achieve that goal. We hope you happen to you. Hear us, we are will agree that athletics is worth not crying, we've played the game. the sacrifices it demands. We hope Now, if students say something you will come to our room, and and go unheard . . . the sound of

We want \$17.50 or . . . Harry Mitsuo Doe A. Roy Kirkley

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