

EDITORIAL

An Editorial Tribute

The Metropolitan Dilemma

By CARMEN LOMBARDO

"I don't want to get involved." Does that phrase sound familiar? Perhaps you have said it yourself on occasion. It seems as though many other Americans are taking the same recourse. I am speaking, in particular, of the attitudes of the residents of the large metropolitan areas of the United States and their complete apathy toward their fellow human beings. Evidence of this condition was readily available when two incidents in New York City recently received national news coverage.

The first incident occurred several months ago when a man armed with a knife cornered a woman and stabbed her to death. The second case in point occurred the week of May 3rd, when a young telephone operator was raped. Unusual? No, not in the sense that in each case a crime had been committed. What is unusual is that in each of the above cases there were at least 35 eye-witnesses to the crime, and in each case, nothing was done by them except to close their ears to the cries of the victim and stare in stupidity. What is the matter? Can these be the descendants of people who were always on hand to do a turn for their fellows? Are these the progeny of the famous barnraisers and the frequenters of the husking bees who were only too glad to give a hand to a fellow in distress?

Aristotle once said that "Man is a social animal." Is this basic concept of social science undergoing a revolution in our cities? I don't see how any man can so isolate himself from humanity that he can dispassionately watch a person do great bodily harm to another. Do they realize that in their apathy they are bringing down the pillars of law and order upon their own heads? Perhaps, one day their screams for help will be ignored just as they took no heed to the cries of others.

The United States is an urban nation. With the majority of the population in the cities, can you imagine the grave consequences of apathy in the metropolitan areas? In politics alone, the possibilities are immense. If organized crime should exploit this trend, the possibilities are great enough to stagger the mind. Not only in local situations is the danger great, but, also, on a national and international scale. If an apathetic population elects apathetic representatives, our policies will also be as the attitudes of their creators. It would not be long before the enemy would be at the gates.

What is the solution? I do not know. But if every American would realize his responsibility as a citizen and would shed his garment of impersonality and apathy toward his fellow humans, we would not read of the above incidents, and we would not feel guilty.

Mr. Coxe Donates Technical Periodicals

The Hazleton Campus was recently the recipient of a donation of books and technical magazines. Mr. Daniel Coxe, a member of a local prominent family, was the donor.

The magazines, which date several years back, should be of great interest to our technical students. Among the magazines are the following: *Industry and Power*, *The Oil and Gas Journal*, *The Mining Engineer*, and several others.

By PHILIP JEFFRIES and CARMEN LOMBARDO

Loyalty and devotion to duty, with no other compensation than personal satisfaction, are very admirable traits for a person to have. When found in a student, the above traits are even more admirable. The *Highacres Collegian* is fortunate indeed in having such an individual on its editorial staff.

Janet Mihal has been on the *Collegian* staff for three terms in various capacities, her latest position being that of co-editor. She has been untiring in her efforts to produce a well-balanced, interesting newspaper. It can truly be said that no one person works as hard as Janet as press time draws near. We are of the opinion that her work is well met and highly appreciated by all students.

It is most unfortunate that Janet is leaving the Hazleton Campus at the end of this term. However, with such boundless energy and enthusiasm, she is bound to succeed in great measure in her future endeavors.

We are sorry to see you go, Janet. Good luck!

Two Conferences

Delegates of the Organization of Student Government Associations and of the Parnassus Society attended conferences at University Park on Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16. Representing the Hazleton Campus's O.S.G.A. were the following students: Richard Grovich, Jerome Kapes, Cathy Stepanik, and G. Kane Hoefling, Jr. Esther Nemeth and Elaine Hahn represented the Parnassus Society.

The Organization of Student Government Associations, composed of representatives from all fifteen Commonwealth Campuses, strives to promote and co-ordinate all Campus activities. The Hazleton Campus is proud to announce that Richard Grovich was elected state president of this organization.

The O.S.G.A. delegates discussed student honesty as their main topic. At other meetings the joint-activity, the Inter-collegiate Ball, the point merit system in extracurricular activities, and a calendar of events for next year's activities were discussed.

The Parnassus Society met to discuss how the Society could enhance its standing in the eyes of the students and faculty of the respective Campuses.

Also attending the conferences were the advisor of O.S.G.A., Mr. Joseph McCallus, and the advisor of Parnassus, Mr. Ralph Crawford.

Petition to "Cure"

This is the story of a petition that started in just an ordinary speech class at Highacres. The idea was taken up by two students, Anna Marie Petras and Louis Misantone, who, with the help of Atty. Pascoe Schiavo, made a list of proposals to correct the ills of the anthracite area. The people who supported this petition want to show the members of the State Senate that they have the support of the students and faculty at Highacres, as well as the citizens of this ailing area.

Two main purposes precede this petition and offer a "cure." The first is to prevent any further abuse to the anthracite region by actively supporting beneficial legislation. The second purpose is to correct the mistreatment already incurred mainly by bringing in new businesses and, more important, by reimbursing those persons already affected by this ill-treatment.

The initiation of this type of petition by college students is the kind of achievement that makes a college a worthwhile part of a community.

Instructors Leaving

At the end of this term, the following instructors will no longer be on the teaching staff of the Hazleton Campus.

Mr. David Oden is leaving Highacres to complete his graduate work toward his Doctors Degree at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Raymond Whitney will leave for University Park to work toward his Doctors Degree in mathematics.

Because of ill health, Mr. Lee Burns has resigned as psychologist at Highacres.

Mr. George Nelson has also resigned from his teaching position at Highacres to assume a full-time position with the architectural firm of Whitney and Nelson Associates.

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C.C. Presents Award

In honor of the coming 30th Anniversary of the Hazleton Campus, the Hazleton Chamber of Commerce has presented an award to the Campus.

The plaque, which is in walnut and silver, states in part: "Presented to the Hazleton Campus of P.S.U. for providing 30 years of higher education in the community. May 16, 1964."

The award is on display in the library.