

TODAY'S MODERN "RADICALS"

I firmly believe it is a professor's obligation to speak out on matters of concern, regardless of their relation to his discipline. Since we have been hearing a great deal about today's "radicals", I would like to address a few remarks to the modern radicals.

One is somewhat shaken by the fact that our radicals are self-proclaimed. It always strikes me as pretentious when someone feels he must tell me what he is. I do not need to be told when I am in the presence of a true man. Neither must I be told when I confront a true radical. The modern "radicals" insistence that they are radical demonstrates that they are no more convinced by their claims than I.

The hollowness of their claims stems from their self-awareness; a little more intelligent than the average half-educated man, they realize that they are charlatans. Knowing how to read, but refusing to read widely and deeply, and having the ability to think, but lacking the self-discipline that their membership in the intelligentsia is precarious.

Poorly equipped intellectually, the modern radicals can not distinguish between the form and the substance. A Bohemian life does not necessarily make an artist. Neither does a car, long hair, and a generally grubby appearance make a radical. Yet today's radicals define themselves by deviant appearance so rigorously that one wonders if they do not regard yester-

year's freak shows as their halls of fame.

The confusion goes deeper than their uniforms. They demand the right to speak, but see no need to speak responsibly. They think they are speaking profoundly when they use profanity. They are eager to talk even when they do not know what they are saying. Today's radicals confuse the ability to utter noises with the art of speaking.

The modern "radicals" criticize, but they do not offer corrections. True criticism, however, presents alternatives. The modern "radicals" wish to destroy, but they confess that they do not know how to build. Yet the only valid reason for destruction is to make way for better structures. The modern "radicals" demand freedom by which they mean irresponsibility and anarchy. The essence of freedom, however is responsibility and order.

The modern "radicals" use drugs and, among the more gutless, booze, to escape the reality which they say they detest. Everyone knows that it is cowardly to run from adverse conditions. Between trips today's radicals must acknowledge that they lack true radical's courage to stand up and correct what they feel is wrong.

Accepting the facade and desiring to escape, the modern radicals expose themselves as the biggest phonies and moral cowards in a phony and cowardly society.

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Delta Delta Tau

As this school year swings into its last two terms, life is becoming hectic for the D-Tech seniors. The next 12 weeks will see them vying for a job with any one of the 36 companies that will interview them. The prospective employer ranges in location from Scranton to Albuquerque, New Mexico. We wish them the best of luck.

Elsewhere in the fraternity, plans are being discussed for the end-of-year outing. Though still in the planning stages, it looks to promise a good time for all.

Rounding out the DDT news is the recently initiated history of the organization. A committee is researching the origins of the Delta Delta Tau Fraternity in an attempt to leave a young but strong foundation on which to build and improve the fraternity.

S.G.A. Elections

Ted Wishousky and Sal Defazio are the newly elected S.G.A. Representatives as a result of January's election. Ted is a fifth term chemical engineering student and is carrying a 3.0 cumulative average. He is also active in Belles-Lettres and will be of great help in S.G.A.

Sal is a second term education student majoring in physics. He is the only freshman on S.G.A. at the present time and will be of great help in the fall term putting a new student government together.

The election committee was headed by Joseph Mancino and John Gallagher.