

PROTEST AGAINST STUDENT PROTESTORS

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In recent months, the United States has been plagued with demonstrations and violent student uprisings. The rebellion virus has infected thousands of students throughout America. A confused sense of moral values and an inordinate desire for power are the first symptoms of this intellect consuming disease. Violent upheavals, like the seizure of educational facilities at Columbia University, will continue to occur unless firm action is taken.

Often the student protests are justified and for a legitimate cause. More often their demands and methods of communicating them are so ludicrous that one wonders why the demonstrators are not embarrassed by their illogical actions. Some students claim to be dependable and demand more responsibilities, yet fail to fulfill their existing obligations.

Students claim that they have lost their identity as human beings and have become unfinished products on an assembly line in an educational factory. How ironic that the same students that resent being represented by an IBM punch card, merge their identities through membership in such organizations as "Students for a Democratic Society," the group that instigated the riot at Columbia University. This group's actions mock the word "Democratic." How can a group that advocates anarchy and guerrilla warfare in the United States be considered responsible citizens? Their publications contain instructions on how to make Molotov cocktails and incendiary time bombs. Does this illustrate their responsibility?

One wonders whether they are trying to correct the faults of the country or burn the nation down. They demand more power. More power to do what? To build bigger bombs? These students paralyzed educational activities for two weeks and ransacked official documents. Should they be rewarded with increased responsibility?

It is true that rigor mortis is claiming Universities in America and preserving the status quo. However, it is doubtful that delegating power to students would help to revive education. The operation must be performed by a team experienced surgeons, professional educational experts, not by junior interns, the students. This does not mean that dependable students should have no responsibilities. The student, his finger on the pulse of education, can offer valuable assistance by relaying any change in conditions. The operation will be successful only if the decisions made by experts are based on their experience and the student's information. The complaints and grievances of the students must be heard and seriously considered, but the bulk of the power must remain in the hands of the experts.

An energetic minority of irresponsible students can govern an apathetic majority. This must not be allowed to happen. Universities should be free to expell anyone who flaunts his authorities. If university officials continue to be harrassed whenever a group of paranoic students feel they have been discriminated against, America is surely on the road to academic chaos

COMING UP— CONVOCAATION!

On June 11, 1968, the twenty first Honors Convocation will be held at Stan Genetti's Pennsylvania Room in Hazleton. The affair will start at 6:30 P.M.

The purpose of the Convocation ceremonies is to honor the graduating Associate Degree Students from the Hazleton Campus. Also being honored on Tuesday will be students who have done outstanding work academically and in extra-curricular activities.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Charles Lewis, the Vice-President of Student Affairs at the Pennsylvania State University.

Everyone is invited to attend the affair. Tickets are on sale at a minimal charge of \$1.75 for students and \$2.50 for guests. Dinner will be served and favors will be distributed.

DELTA-DELTA TAU NEWS

At this point, there is little work for the D-techs to do but finish their various courses and take their finals.

All the members of the Fraternity now look forward to beginning their new jobs at various locations across the nation. Two of the brothers, Jack Campbell, and Joe Mancuso are going on to the Capitol Campus at Harrisburg to continue their education.

One of the members, Jerry Notaro, was recently elected to the office of S.G.A. President. This is both a credit to the fraternity, and the technical program at Highacres.

Two of the other brothers, Nick Danchak and Vince Dandine, were recently induced into Parnassus, the honor society at Highacres.