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Intercollegiate Highlights

Political activities endanger academic freedom

CHICAGO, ILL.-(I.P.)- Universities that encourage and arrange for faculty and students to engage in political activities are in danger of destroying academic freedom, declares Philip B. Kurland, Professor of Law at the University of Chicago, editor of "The Supreme Court Review," and a constitutional law expert.

Kurland also criticized universities for allowing students to receive credit for courses they did not attend, for paying faculties for not teaching while they are engaged in political activities, and for allowing campus facilities to be used for those purposes.

"A university," he said, "cannot be both a political force and an institution dedicated to the search for knowledge and its dissemination. As a university makes a political commitment, it destroys its claim to academic freedom, the search for and dissemination of knowledge becomes more shadow than substance."

Kurland said if universities persisted in such activities, "the universities we have known will essentially become caretaker institutions. Answers will be substituted for questions. Indoctrination will replace education."

"The colleges and universities may become political institutions, but when they do, they will no longer be able to serve anything more than elementary educational institutions from which only a very few ever enter the world of higher education."

"This is the price America will pay for the cowardice of its university faculties. It may not be too high a price. After all, what would be the function of an old-fashioned kind of university in 1984 except to breed critics of orthodoxy?"

Pass-fail option increases honor roll

DE KALB, ILL.-(I.P.) The pass-fail option has resulted in a substantial increase in number of Northern Illinois University undergraduates making the academic honor roll.

A total of 1,702 who were enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of courses in spring 1970 earned a grade-point average of 3.5 or better. Of the 1,702, "P," or "pass," was received by 341 on one or two courses. No grade points are given for "P" so such marks are not counted in determining grade-point averages.

The pass-fail option was not offered until fall 1969, then on an experimental basis for three years.

Its use increased markedly during spring semester, 1969-70, when NIU officials ruled that two, instead of one as stated in the catalog, courses could be taken under the pass-fail option. Generally, courses in a student's major field are excluded, with exceptions.

The office of Dr. Ernest E. Hanson, vice-president, Student Personnel Services announced the 3.5 "dean's list." The 3.5 represents a "B" plus under Northern's grading system. Instructors are not informed as to which students have elected the pass-fail option. The instructors evaluate the students under the regular NIU grading system.

Court denies SDS official recognition

WASHINGTON, D.C.-(I.P.)- In one of the first court cases to deal with the procedural rights of political student organizations attempting to gain official recognition, a U.S. District Court judge in Connecticut has ordered Central Connecticut State College to hold a hearing on whether to recognize a local chapter of the Students for a Democratic Society.

The chapter complied with college procedures in applying for recognition, and stated that the local group did not follow dictates from any national organization.

The dean of students, three faculty and four students voted to recommend that the administration grant recognition. Nevertheless, President Don James denied recognition on the grounds that in his view the aims of the national SDS, and the charter of the College were incompatible.

The court's decision concluded that no group is entitled per se to recognition, and did not deny the president's authority to refuse an application.

It ruled, however, that once a school allows student groups to organize and grants recognition to them, it must apply constitutional safeguards to all groups that seek recognition. These safeguards include adequate standards governing the recognition process and a fair application of these standards to all groups.

Suits brought by students against public college administrators, listed by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, include those that claim the administration was too lax with dissenters as well as those that argue unduly harsh measures were used against dissenters.

Students at the University of Miami (Fla.), Marymount College (N.Y.), and Washington University of St. Louis are suing administrators who cancelled classes in response to the Kent State killings. Students and parents of students at Ohio State University sought injunctions against a professor, several teaching assistants, and four students' organizations whom they claim led activities which resulted in disruption in campus.

The Franklin County court granted an injunction against specified disruptive action by most of the individuals involved, but did not enjoin three of the student organizations because of legal technicalities involved.

In actions against state officials a chapter of the American Association of University Professors and several individual plaintiffs sued Kentucky Governor Louis Nunn and University of Kentucky former President John W. Oswald under the Civil Rights Act of 1871.

They charged that Nunn's actions in imposing a curfew at the University of Kentucky, calling up the National Guard and authorizing them to carry bayonets and live ammunition, posed a serious threat to life in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment guarantee to due process.

President Oswald's action in banning evening mass meetings was alleged to have been issued in bad faith and for the sole purpose of inhibiting free speech and assembly. The suit was dismissed by the U.S. District Court judge, who concluded that the actions were reasonable in the face of a clear and present danger. The American Civil Liberties Union is appealing to the Federal circuit court.

Legislators in Washington are interested in trying to deal with campus unrest through legislation.

In testimony to Rep. Edith Green's Special Subcommittee on Education, on behalf of AASCU, Eastern Kentucky University President Robert R. Martin urged that any legislation intended to deal with campus disruption should "serve to restore the administrator's authority to operate his institution in keeping with the accepted rules and regulations established by trustees, administrators, faculty and students working together."

He cautioned against legislation which would "result in automatic retaliatory action by the federal government which may not be enforceable or which would further weaken the administrative authority of college officials."

Students meet with faculty

Kostos approves Rate-a-Prof



Dave Pikna, president of Parnassus at the Hazleton Campus, collects money for All-U Day activities.

Parnassus and Pikna prepare for All-University Day activities

The seventh annual All-University Day will be held November 21 at the main campus of the Pennsylvania State University, State College. This year's slate of activities includes an afternoon football game against Pitt, a dinner, a jammy presented by the Main Campus Jazz Club, and finally, a rock concert by The Jefferson Airplane, with Great Jones sharing the bill.

Sponsored by the Keystone Society, All-U Day initially was held in 1964 and was the brainchild of Richard Cronic, a former SGA President at the Hazleton Campus. Every PSU campus throughout the Commonwealth participates in this mass get-together.

Three chartered buses will leave from Highacres with many other students driving to State College. Nancy Kent and David Pikna are the Hazleton Campus co-ordinators.

Dr. Win proposes changes to SGA

Resolution Z, an SGA proposal to the faculty was also discussed. In this resolution, the SGA requests the presence of an executive member of the SGA at all faculty meetings. The resolution is being revised before it is presented to the faculty. Members of the revision committee are: Chris Pogozelski, Frank Hayes, Nancy Kent, and Alan Leininger.

A school yearbook will also be a new SGA Project. This project will take the place of the Chimes Fund's Project which has recently been completed. An opinion poll is now being conducted among the student body to get their opinion on this project.

A Student Union Building Committee has also been appointed. This committee will produce a survey asking for the opinions of the students, as to what the Student Union Building will be used for after the new dorms and cafeteria are opened.

The next SGA meeting will be held Thursday, November 19. All students are welcome to attend.....

Chris Pogozelski, SGA president, appointed a committee for Rate-a-Prof. This committee will supervise the operation of the survey. Members of this committee are Tony Profetta, SGA vice president, (chairman) John Martonick, Lenny Nork, Linda Skypala and Debra Zehner. Any changes in the survey will be made by this committee and then presented before the rest of the SGA for approval.

Rate-a-Prof was approved by Frank C. Kostos, Director of the Hazleton Campus, at the last meeting of the faculty. Kostos said he believed that Rate-a-Prof would benefit both the students and the faculty.

Several students attended a portion of the last faculty meeting held on Tuesday, November 10. The topic of discussion was Rate-a-Prof (see related article on this page). Students who attended the meeting included Christopher Pogozelski (SGA President), Debra Zehner, John Martonick, Phillip Zola (SGA representatives), Mary Ellen Shemanski (Student Senate representative), and Kristine

Karchner (Highacres Collegian representative).

Members of the faculty were given copies of the tentative evaluation rules for Rate-a-Prof. Martonick read over these rules and the floor was opened for discussion of the SGA project.

Various opinions were expressed by the faculty. It was suggested that more time will be needed before a good evaluation can be made. The factors backing this reasoning were: (a) to separate as much student bias as possible from the survey and (b) to give the students proper time to evaluate the benefits achieved in their classes.

The possibility of evaluating an instructor this year and taking another survey with the same students in two or three years was suggested. The results of the survey could then be compared.

Popularity became an important issue during the discussion. Some instructors thought that students might put more emphasis on the instructor's popularity, rather than the instructor's teaching.

The faculty was reminded that all suggestions to improve Rate-a-Prof are welcome. SGA meetings are held every Thursday during the common hour in the SGA office.

Lloyd speaks

Milton Lloyd, a local CPA, was guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Business and Economics Club held Tuesday during common hour in the SUB lounge.

The purpose of Lloyd's talk was to inform students about opportunities and requirements for Certified Public Accountants. He starts by explaining that in order to become a CPA, one must serve as an accountant trainee for two years; with a master's degree, only one year is necessary. The next step is to take a standard examination. Uniform throughout the United States, the examination takes three days and is given during November and May. There are several parts to this exam, including the theory of accounting and auditing, practice in auditing and accounting, and, in Pennsylvania, tax practice. Lloyd stated that the average wages for CPAs ran from \$6,000 to as much as \$20,000 a year. When asked about job opportunities in the immediate area, it was noted that the opportunities were exceptional. Surprisingly though, there is a problem of getting people to fill these positions.

Lloyd said he feels, as most college students do, that it is better to train in a large firm as the trainee receives better experience in more areas of accounting. Due to this belief, most graduates go to larger cities to work in hopes of obtaining a better job.

The last question directed to the guest speaker concerned opportunities for women in this field. Reporting that there were many openings, Lloyd backed up his statement by pointing out that there were only about seven female accountants in the Northeastern Pennsylvania area.

The meeting was then turned over to Joe Wisdo, president, who presented Lloyd with a Penn State mug in appreciation to him for speaking to the club. The meeting was then adjourned.

Vets meet

At the last meeting of the Veteran's Fraternity there were nominations for officers of the fraternity. Elections will be held on Tuesday, November 17, in the back of the SUB. All vets are eligible to vote!

Many projects were discussed concerning veterans benefits and scholarships. Mr. Bobby, faculty advisor of the Fraternity, discussed the P.A.V.E. program. A letter will be sent out to Harrisburg, Governor's office, concerning this program.

The next veterans fraternity meeting will be held on Thursday, November 19 in M-211. All veterans are invited to attend.

Rate-a-Prof nears total completion

Rate-a-Prof, an SGA project, is now in its final stage of development. Rate-a-Prof is an instructor evaluation survey. The purposes of Rate-a-Prof include: (1) to aid in establishing better student-faculty relations, (2) faculty members who allow themselves to be rated will become aware of what students feel are their strong and weak points, (3) the evaluation will lead to the improvement of the instructors weak points (if any) and (4) the evaluation will allow each student to air his or her grievances in a legitimate manner.

The evaluation survey will be given only to the classes of the instructors who have given their written consent to the SGA. The survey cannot be given without the consent of the instructor. The results of the survey will be tabulated and published.

Rate-a-Prof is the first attempt on the part of the students of the Hazleton Campus to form this type of evaluation survey. Previously, many instructors had their own form of self-evaluation.



Notation on sign: "ROTC leaves a lot to be desired. Liberal Arts doesn't. Think about it."

ROTC recruits at Hazleton

Colonel Edward M. Wagner, head of the Air Force ROTC program, spoke to interested students in the SUB lounge Friday concerning the program.

Open to men and women, Col. Wagner said, "I believe Air Force ROTC provides a two way street in fulfilling your military obligation. While serving your country you also gain valuable experience-experience and responsibility seldom open to most young college graduates."

Credit for ROTC depends upon the college that the applicant is presently enrolled in.

The first two years are voluntary. If at any time members decide that they are unsuitable for the course they may drop out of it.

Air Force ROTC at Penn State is two separate but related courses. The General Military Course (GMC) is designed for freshmen and sophomores. Students in this course are not obligated to the U.S. Government in any way, nor is the Government obligated to the student.

The Professional Officers Course (POC) is designed for juniors and seniors. Each course carries two academic credits with in the University.

Women in the AFROTC discover a greater opportunity for travel and advantages not available in civilian life.

Col. Wagner commented that the response of interest on the Hazleton Campus was not as supporting as in previous years.

Enrollment figures released

UNIVERSITY PARK, PA.-The Pennsylvania State University has enrolled 9,800 freshmen this year, including 8,761 with the opening of the Fall Term in September and an additional 1,040 with the

Summer Term which began in June.

The 9,800 freshmen admitted, according to Dr. T. Sherman Stanford, director of academic services, came from nearly 30,000 applications

Drama club to present play

"Bringing It All Back Home," a one act play by Terence McNally, will be presented by the Highacres Drama Club Thursday, at 8:30 in the SUB lounge. Plans for the New York trip were also discussed last Wednesday at the fourth

meeting of the term. The trip will be sometime in February.

Future events include demonstrations by theatre artists on hairstyling, makeup and acting techniques.

The Drama Club is under the direction of Mrs. Susan Miller.