

Editorial comments

'... and I AM listening quietly.'

By this time the student body should be aware of the events which took place last Tuesday during a lecture in the SUB lounge. What made it the talk of the campus was not so much the content of the speaker's presentation, but rather the distasteful exchange of insulting remarks that followed.

The student body became aware of what was taking place even as the meeting progressed, and more students crowded around the entrance to the lounge to take in the action.

With all the talk of the lack of manners of college students, the COLLEGIAN noted with mixed emotions that what the Standard-Speaker referred to as a "spirited question and answer period" was restricted mainly to guests from the Hazleton community and members of our own faculty. Students, for the most part, just looked on disbelievingly, and those that did speak sought to quiet down the proceedings.

If students have any fault in the unfortunate event at all, it was our [students] mistake for not providing referees to keep the sides apart.

Surely there can be no excuse for what can be legitimately called no less than uncouth conduct and outright name-calling.

The COLLEGIAN can only condemn the actions of both sides for disrupting the program and must, at the same time, congratulate our student body for their conduct during a most unfortunate incident.

Campus cop-outs

Remember the good old days when life was care-free, taxes were low, and teachers were interested in their students?

Well, those days are long gone. Many of the changes were necessary and some were even beneficial. However, the COLLEGIAN reviews with disappointment the passage of faculty participation in student-related activities.

Especially noticeable is the apathy of certain FACULTY members on the Hazleton campus.

Sure, there are advisers for every club and every student, but how many faculty really get into their responsibilities? The COLLEGIAN knows of faculty personnel who have consistently shirked their duties to organizations they pledged their services to.

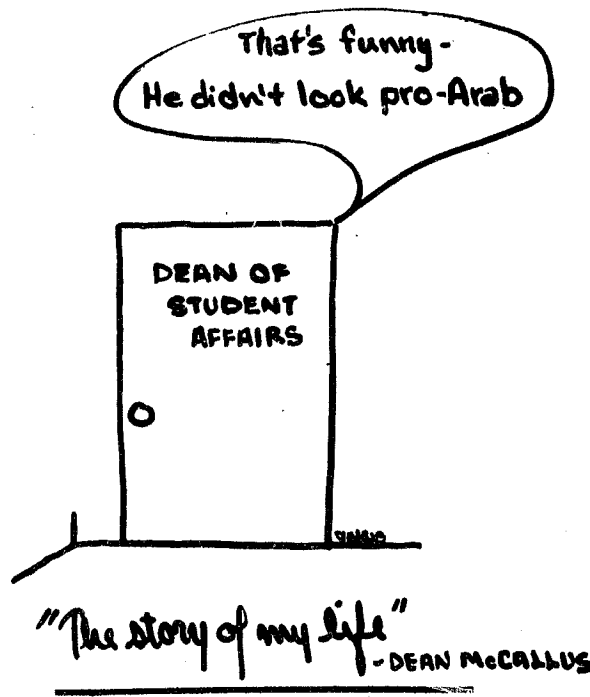
Of course we don't expect the faculty to monitor all activities of the students, but we feel that they should at least from time to time partake in a constructive effort to better faculty-student relationships.

Once a year faculty and students get together to put on the fantastic production known as Comerity. This is perhaps the only significant achievement that this campus can boast about its academic life.

A specific example of lack of interest in the academic society is the ill-fated program known as TGIF. This project, spear-headed by Dr. Aurand and at times Mr. Campbell, has been well-received whenever it is scheduled. Unfortunately, TGIF's are few and far between.

The COLLEGIAN commends these fine men for their attempts to promote a healthy atmosphere, but sees fit at the same time to ridicule those non-participating faculty for not taking on a portion of the TGIF's load.

Why must a few do everything for all?



WTLL

by John Hancock

WHITE TRASH OF THE LOWER LOT UNITE! We have been subjected to the elements long enough. Let us follow the example of the black minority group and gain equal rights.

Having to use parking lot 'B' is only a first step in the segregationist movement. If we allow this condition to persist, we can be certain a Georgian state of affairs will follow. Next, we may be forced to the rear of the cafeteria line, and subsequently, we face the outdoor toilet.

Not only is the \$7.50 fee outrageous and inflationary (Mr. Nixon wouldn't like that), but equal for both lots. If free use of the lots was initiated, prices could be lowered. This would be due to the reduction of patrolmen, elimination of two color stickers, and the abolishment of traffic ticket waste. Perhaps even the revered business manager could be partially phased out, due to a reduction of duties.

The funds thus saved, could be used for the construction of new and more convenient parking facilities, and editorial opinions like this would not be necessary. Seven-fifty entitles you to a 'free' membership in this unique organization.

Free the Russian Jews

by Richard Kuckman

Much has been in the news recently concerning alleged hijack attempts of airplanes by Jews in the U.S.S.R. Little has been said, however, about the terrible injustices done to the Jews in Russia-injustices which are non-existent as far as people of other faiths are concerned. There is a depressing lack of general knowledge in the United States today about the horrible conditions faced by the 3-3 1/2 million Soviet Jews.

Jews in Russia are not allowed to communicate with their fellow Jews both within the U.S.S.R. and in other countries, nor is there a central coordinating organization for them. This is not just a case of Russia being anti-religion, for many other religions do have these rights. Many students of other religions may even study outside of Russia!

There are now approximately 50-65 synagogues within the entirety of Russia. Only 50-65 synagogues to satisfy the spiritual desires of 3,000,000-3,500,000 Jews! Since there are virtually NO Hebrew Schools in Russia, when the few remaining aged Rabbis are gone the few synagogues that there are will be left with no spiritual leaders. Conversely, other religions have ample churches, priests, and religious schools.

Not ONE Jewish prayerbook, publication, or calendar is authorized to be published in Russia! The Russian Bible is published, but there is yet to be published a Bible in Hebrew! On the other hand, the Islamic Koran is published, prayerbooks for various other religions are published in sufficient quantities (even when those belonging to these religions number far less than the Jews), and calendars listing the religious celebrations of other faiths are issued. In fact, Russia provides the publishing houses and materials for these services to other religions! Traditional religious articles are not allowed to be produced for Jews, whereas those of other faiths are permitted.

Can you imagine living in a country in which the only device which would enable you to know when to celebrate your religious holidays is outlawed? Can you imagine living in a country which does not allow you to have a prayerbook for your own religion? And can you imagine that in this same country all of these things and more are allowed for other religions, but not for your own? This is the plight of the Jews living in Russia!

Many of the Jews who would like to leave Russia want to go to Israel where they would be free to practice their faith in peace. Unfortunately, Russia has not relented much in her strict emigration policy. One of the reasons for this is that her friends in the Arab states consider each Jew in Israel their enemy and naturally do not want to see any more enter.

You might be saying to yourself, "All of this is very distressing, but there is nothing I can do to change the situation." That is not necessarily true. Russia seems very conscious of world opinion concerning her policies and wants to be seen in a favorable light. If they believe that the world is reacting unfavorably to them they might take steps necessary to change their image, which in this case would be greater freedom for the Jews! So what you can do-MUST do-is PROTEST! Let your voice be heard! Write letters to those in high positions in both the U.S. and U.S.S.R. expressing your indignation at this persecution. It is not futile-Russia has been known to yield to world sentiment in the past.

This is NOT a battle to be fought only by the world's Jews! This is a battle to be fought by all of the people of the world-all of YOU-who are outraged by the unjust repression of the Jewish faith in Russia. This is a battle to be fought by everyone who believes in the right of all people to practice their own religion in peace-a right which must not be denied! This battle must be fought now! If it is not, then the Jews of Russia are doomed!

'If you don't do nothin', you can't make no mistakes.'

by Debbie Guydish

Sounds like a code to live by, doesn't it? Not only a code for Tony Profetta and the SGA, but also for the majority of students at the Hazleton Campus.

Winter Weekend

It's often difficult and always confusing to figure out exactly what the SGA is doing. But if a person tries hard enough, he may be able to pick up bits of information at one of the weekly meetings. The biggest news of the moment is "Winter Weekend", a weekend of winter activities advocated by Chris Pogozelski. What's a Winter Weekend? Theoretically, it's a program of club-sponsored activities for the students which will take place some weekend this term. What weekend? No date has been set yet. What activities? Well, possibly some outdoor activities-- such as skiing, ice skating, and tobogganing, along with indoor activities-- such as films, Comerity, and (Pogozelski's favorite) a beauty contest. And why not? Everybody knows just how much Hazleton has to offer on weekends. In fact, why can't the clubs sponsor some activities every weekend? The SGA, however, hasn't thought that far ahead. But if you're interested, or have any suggestions, let the SGA know what you think.

SGA vacancy

What else goes on at SGA meetings? Believe it or not, they do think about the students, especially since there's a vacancy in the Senate and in SGA. Phil Zola has transferred to University Park, and it's going to take three people to replace him-- two freshmen and one sophomore. Keep an eye on the SUB bulletin board for election announcements. Any interested student with a 2.00 cum or better can qualify.

New constitution

Did you know that the SGA is writing a new constitution? It seems that the old one is out of date and it would be nice to have a constitution that conforms more closely to those of the other Commonwealth campuses. How does this affect you? Ask John Martonick. He has a new plan for conducting SGA elections. But don't rush him. The new constitution won't be ready 'til the spring term.

Rate-a-Prof

What about the Teacher Evaluation Survey, fondly known as Rate-a-Prof? Maybe we don't know too much about it because Tony Profetta heads the committee. So let's give the credit for its progress so far to the working members of the committee: John Martonick, Debbie Zehner, Linda Skypala, Lenny Nork, and Dan Humenick. These people should have the revised survey by the fourth week of Winter term. Then, allowing time for the SGA to tear it down and piece it back together, there may be a chance to see Rate-a-Prof in operation by the spring term.

Classroom building

Let's move on to more vital issues. Nancy Kent is concerned about the name of the new classroom building. Presently, the General State Authority owns the building. When it is completed and approved, the University will purchase it from GSA, and the Board of Trustees will name the building. So why, asks Pogozelski, can't the SGA submit suggestions for naming the building? Dave Pikna had a better idea--getting opinions from the student body during SGA elections. Now that sounds a little more like it should be. Unfortunately (and quite typically), the issue was never resolved.

Gameroom Equipment

The new policy on game room equipment was never resolved either. Briefly, though, there seems to be a problem with ping-pong paddles being broken or stolen. How would you like to sing out every paddle you use? If it's damaged, the user pays for it-- on penalty of having his grades withheld.

Future of cafeteria

Now here's an interesting item. It seems that with the operation of the new Food Service Building the cafeteria in the SUB will close down. How would you like to buy a meal ticket and walk to the bottom of the hill for your lunch every day? Or maybe you'd like to bring your lunch and eat it on a bench, since no one knows what will happen to the SUB when the dorms open. Do the commuting students have any say in the matter?

Mr. Kostos thinks not. He is reportedly against a survey of student opinion because "the students may feel that they are making the decision; thus causing a misunderstanding since the decision is made by the Food Manager." (Quote from SGA minutes, Jan. 7, 1971).

Well, now, how about inviting Mr. Mueller, the Food Manager, to meet with the SGA and talk it over? There must be something the students can do. The SUB is really important to most of them. Let's talk to Mr. Kostos and then have Mr. Mueller, Chris Pogozelski, or Dean McCallus speak to the students or put a referendum before them.

And so the discussion continues. What was resolved? A motion was made, seconded, and passed to invite someone from the Food Service in order to clear up the inconsistencies. By all means, let's clear up the inconsistencies and let's get some reaction from the students. Talk to an SGA member, talk to the Dean, get some sort of opinion together. This concerns YOU.

The open discussions at SGA meetings are usually interesting, even if they don't accomplish much. Dave Pikna got the SGA to pay for the printing of basketball schedules, Pogozelski promised to find a replacement for Denise O'Bremski as Chairman of the Public Relations Committee. And what about Phyllis Shenosky's SGA key? It seems she hasn't been around for quite awhile, but technically she is still on SGA as corresponding secretary, so she gets to keep the key.

Armed police

Hey, guess what! The policeman with the gun is back on campus. The SGA feels that policemen on campus have no reason to carry guns and passed a resolution concerning this; however, nothing was done. It seems that a bonded policeman must carry a gun. Okay, so why does the campus need a bonded policeman? Why does the campus need any policemen? The SGA plans to invite Mr. Cerula to its next meeting and find out.

And so it goes

And so it goes. Bring up the issue, discuss it (more or less), and plan to find out about it. Not very efficient, but in their own way, they try.

But don't tell the SGA members what's going on. Some of them think they know, while others really don't know. After all, they've got a lot more important things to do.

Do you?



Dick Gregory the light side the dark side

Looking back

It was a violent year--1970--though the violence was not of the same sort as that which dominated headlines in other recent years. Urban ghetto revolts were at a minimum and, as the fall term opened on the campuses of the nation, expected student rebellions failed to occur.

Two trials occupied much of the attention of the national press and acts of incredible violence were the subject of legal deliberation. One was a military trial, investigating the charge that women, children and cattle were butchered in My Lai. The other took place in the civil court, where Charles Manson and his "family" were charged with butchering actress Sharon Tate and three of her friends in the Bel-Air section of Los Angeles.

At mid-year, violence reached a tragic symbolic climax on the campus grounds of Kent State (Ohio) University, where four students became the fatal victims of the bullets fired by National Guardsmen. And that violent incident occupied the national attention for a good portion of the rest of the year.

So it was another violent year for America. Anyone convinced that America is a violent nation had plenty of evidence on his side. But the absence of some expected forms of violence require an explanation. Why was there so little student "unrest" during the fall and winter months of 1970, especially with the Kent State incident still so fresh in student memories?

The usual explanation is to suggest that repression has worked; that the kids are scared and prefer that status quo to sudden death. Nothing could be further from the truth. I spend most of my time on college campuses and am closely acquainted with current student moods. There are two important reasons why the expected continuation of student "unrest" did not occur in the fall.

First of all, many educational institutions throughout the country have begun to make some changes. They have begun to respond to student demands. Even if the changes are minor, the initial response is important. It is an indication that change is perhaps possible after all. The open question, of course, is how long will it be before the current student mood wears off? And the answer will be found in how far educational institutions are willing to go in changing themselves and incorporating student desires.

Secondly, students have reached a new level of sophistication and maturity. Kent State contributed greatly to the sophisticated process. Whereas students formerly believed that the government in America was sick and needed to be restored to health, they are now convinced that the government is insane and must be dealt with in another way.

Sometimes you may have to plead with a sick person to go to a doctor. But when he finally goes, and he is told what is wrong and what he must do to be cured, health is usually restored. If a person is insane, he must be dealt with in another way. Frequently family or friends have to take things into their own hands and have the insane loved one committed. Up to now, students were committed to curing this country. Now they are trying to figure out how to have this country committed.

And why have the ghettos of urban America been so quiet this year? Certainly it is not because of tanks, carbines and nightsticks. Black folks have been facing such weaponry all their lives, even when they weren't acting up. Calm in the ghettos of America can be attributed to the rhetoric and action of Black Militancy. Black militants, though viewed as a threat by the forces of repression, are seen as friends in the ghetto and are responsible for a new attitude. The brick throwers of former violent summers were the grass roots, nitty gritty black folks who were totally alienated and frustrated. They had no place to go and no one to speak to. For the first time, Black militants have spoken the language of former brick throwers and made them "ex-convicts" by setting up community organizations which truly spoke to their most basic needs--food, health, shelter and the like. Finally the grass roots ghetto dweller has someone on his side. And the most alienated brick thrower would rather have someone to care for his sick grandma than stand on the street corner and curse whitey.

You are not going to get peace with millions of armed men. The chariot of peace cannot advance over a road littered with cannon. --Lloyd George

If we could read the secret history of our enemies, we should find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility. --Longfellow

A man is not a replica of something that was. He is the total of everything he does. --Joan Baez

Consider the possibilities...

by John Martonick

In the Soviet Union education, medical and dental care, tuition for school, etc. is paid by the state.

This column is not an advocacy of socialism per se, merely an insight into the possibilities which could or should exist with the state universities of Pennsylvania and even the other states of the union.

Governor-elect Shapp has proposed a state income tax. Undoubtedly there are areas which this tax will cover without regard to educational purposes. For instance, much of the revenue will be used for ghetto development. But, here is a potent question. Is not (should not) education be the basis of social reformation on any level?

Within each state University, perhaps outside of state-sponsored institutions, Temple, the University of Pennsylvania, and Pittsburgh particularly, free care for dental and medical cases of students, educational funds of all sorts, discounts on purchases which could be made up for by the University in question would be a giant step forward purchases which could be made up for by the University in question would be a giant step forward.

Surely, this torch of socialism will not be incorporated. Society has not reached that point of acceptance. All I ask is to think of the possibilities.

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