

NCAA Ruling Discriminates Against the Thinking Athlete

By Tim Rumsey

At one end of the college campus a student protest rages. Radicals, liberals, and conservatives are there to agree, disagree, or merely watch the dissent.

At the other end of the campus ten or twelve men are dribbling basketballs and shooting jump shots, oblivious to the protest just a stone's throw away. These men won't go, whether to agree, disagree, or watch, for fear of the N.C.A.A. ruling concerning athletes and campus dissent. The new ruling permits the Association to revoke an athlete's scholarship if he participates in any way in a protest.

Athletes are students, members of institutions whose goals are to stimulate individuality and freedom of thought. The N.C.A.A. fails to recognize any of these points. They have distinguished athletes from non-athletes, in effect separating them from the role of the student. By cutting them off from the student populace, it has taken away their individuality and freedom.

Students realize that the time

of shelter in an academic ivory tower is over; the N.C.A.A. has created an athletic ivory tower and locked its athletes up in it. It is an insult to these men's intelligence and integrity.

The new ruling will no doubt perpetuate the age-old notion that all athletes are shallow numbskulls, incapable of thinking or having an opinion. A look at Harvard's Rick Berne or U.C.L.A.'s Lew Alcindor proves that consensus false. There are undoubtedly athletes like these two all over the country; men with good minds who have come to school for reasons other than football or track.

Why has the N.C.A.A. adopted this rule? Apparently it is afraid to swallow the idea that athletes have minds as well as bodies. In the past, athletes have been confined to an arena like the gladiators of old. They were on display, proud products of the athletic staff. The times are changing, however. Athletes are aware of problems extending beyond the field or court. They want out of the arena.

Registration Hits New High; Ali, Capp To Speak At Park

Registration Figures

Unofficial figures released at the close of formal registration for the spring term at the University show 22,309 students have been registered at the University Park Campus and 10,309 at other locations throughout the state, for a total of 32,618.

Late registrants, according to Dr. T. Sherman Stanford, were expected to bring the final figures for the term to 36,000 with 24,000 at University Park and 12,000 at other locations.

This would be an increase over the final figures of a year ago when there were 22,565 at University Park and the total for all locations was 33,220.

Colloquy

An ambitious student project placing the emphasis on dialogue and discussion rather than dissent and disruption is being planned for the University Park Campus later this month.

More than 100 authorities covering a wide range of ideologies have been invited by a student committee to join in the mass discussion of current national issues the weekend of May 23-25.

Muhammad Ali, former world heavyweight boxing champion, and noted cartoonist Al Capp have been engaged to deliver keynote addresses capping off two days of steady dialogue on various questions of importance to the nation.

Majority Opposed To Violence, University Park Poll Shows

A large majority of students at University Park oppose the use of violence or disruption to effect change, according to a poll conducted by the Undergraduate Student Government.

The poll sought to determine student opinion on nine "non-negotiable demands" made to the University on February 17 by a group identifying itself as the "Steering Committee to Reform the University." A list of the nine demands was published in the last issue of the LION'S EYE.

Refusal of University officials to answer the demands led to the Old Main sit-in on February 24 and subsequently to an injunction by the Centre County court prohibiting disruptive action.

The poll, which revealed that more than 83 percent were opposed to violence while 13.4 percent did not object to it, also found 16.5 percent agreeing that the demands are non-negotiable. Nearly 74 percent objected to the non-negotiable character of the demands.

The poll brought replies from 6,189 undergraduates or almost 30 percent of the more than 21,000 undergraduates on the campus. The replies approved five of the nine demands made.

Strongest opposition to the nine came on the demand that there be no military recruitment on the campus. More than 74 percent objected to the demand with 15.8 percent approving and 10 percent indifferent.

On the demand that credit for ROTC be abolished, 73.3 percent disagreed, 17.4 percent agreed, and 9.3 percent were indifferent.

While 75.7 percent agreed steps should be taken to ease racial imbalance on the campus, 76.3 percent objected to implementing all 13 demands made January 13 by the Douglass Association, representing Black students.

A demand which won approval called for the Senate (the faculty policy-making body) to include students with full voting power as one-third of its membership. Nearly 59 percent approved of this demand and 80.8 percent approved an alternate question that there should be students voting in the Senate, the number not specified.

Visitation rules of student living areas should be determined by the inhabitants thereof, said 81 percent while 88.3 percent said women should have the same rights as men, specifically, the right to live off campus and to determine dormitory hours.

CRITIC HITS BOOKS ON NOW GENERATION

By Yvonne Butler

This past year has suddenly brought a great deluge of books about rock music, most notably, perhaps, in the two Beatle biographies and the books "The Poetry of Rock" and "Rock and Other Four Letter Words." The latter was compiled by J. Marks with photos by Linda Fastman (Mrs. Paul McCartney). "Poetry" was written by Richard Goldstein (East Village Other, N. Y. Times Magazine, Vogue). I found the two books alike in one tinted shade of irritability—they were both terribly and unforgivably obscure.

Both authors attempt to define "rock." Marks, by dividing it into four letter word groups: jazz, folk, acid, soul and sexx; Goldstein, by simply labeling rock as a form of contemporary poetry. However, both authors manage only to confuse the subject and bewilder the reader.

The times they are a-changin' all too quickly, and although it isn't the fault of the author, the trouble with a book about the "now" generation is that by the time the book is published, "now" has become "yesterday."

It's a bit ironic to read Janis Joplin commenting: "As for the Holding Company, I love them guys and I couldn't sing with any other group. . . . They're great guys and I really can't imagine working with anybody else." Right now, of course, Janis has broken off from the Holding Company and is singing with her own band.

Marks tried to define the rock generation with out-of-date photographs, unreadable quotes, and debatable classifications (does he honestly want us to consider Noel Harrison, Roy Orbison, Gene Pitney and Bobby Goldsboro a part of the electric generation?).

It's all a bit too cute and clever to be taken seriously and if it were not for a few of the photos and honest rappings of some very together people the long-overdue Bibles of Rock would be very poor excuses for books.

NEW LIVING RULES SET FOR TRANSFERS

Students transferring to University Park from the Commonwealth Campuses will no longer be bound by the same housing regulations as incoming freshmen, according to a University Board of Trustees decision.

Under the new rulings, all male transfer students, except freshmen, and all coeds 21 or older by December 31, will be permitted to live off-campus.

The change is due in a large part to the Organization of Student Government Association's Committee on Housing and Orientation. OSGA represents all of the branch campus student governments.

The committee, chaired by Alex Kaschock, OSGA vice president, was established at the annual OSGA Fall Term conference in November. Since that time, committee members have met to discuss the problems of the transfer student, and to formulate proposals to alleviate them.

SPORTS BRIEFS

The Delaware County Campus can now build a trophy case. A basketball team composed of P.S.U. students took the first place cup in the Chester YMCA Weight Tournament in the 135-150 pound classification. The squad was coached by the campus' intercollegiate basketball mentor, Mr. Robert Spickler.

Team members included intercollegiate players Barry Reddish, Jim Frey, Nick Cirilli, Gus Margetich, Tim Rumsey, Mike Sweeney, in addition to Tommy Williams and Chuck Hackett.

The team won four games in the single elimination tournament. Their opponents and scores were the Folcroft Flyers (58-49), the Golden Boys (66-65), the Chester Jims (75-71), and Collingdale (69-64).

The campus swimming team placed fourth (one-half point behind third-place Behrend Campus) in the Commonwealth Campus Swimming Tournament at University Park. Altoona Campus ended up in first place.

James R. Smith scored 40.5 points in the diving competition, setting a new meet record in the swimming and diving competition. William Potts placed first in the 50-yard breast stroke.

The 200-yard freestyle relay team, composed of Robert Wiggins, James Smith, Gerald Clarke and William Potts, placed third. The campus team in the 200-yard medley relay competition placed fifth. That team was composed of Smith, Ronald Zirpola, Frank Gorbey and Joseph Szarka.

The campus volleyball team was defeated by Mont Alto (by four points) and by McKeesport (by six points) in the Commonwealth Campus Volleyball Tournament at University Park. The team consisted of Barry Reddish, Lou Garzola, Dom Iacono, Gerald Hansel, Edward Thompson, Vaughn Morrison, Thomas Williams and Kenneth Piercesaw.

Six brave girls from the Delaware County Campus ended up with a 2-2 record (and one injured ankle) in the Girls Basketball Tournament also held at University Park. The tournament games were the first in which the girls played as a team. The team lost to University Park (the tournament winner) and Hazleton Campus and whipped Ogontz and York.

Team members: Ellen Ritchie, Joan Scanlon, Phyllis Johnson, Clotile Butler, Carolyn Powell and Sally Petrosky.

The Downtowners captured the Intramural Basketball Championship by outscoring Dubin's Rangers 70-60. The Downtowners is comprised of: Elliott Moore, Greg Fulginiti, Aldo Magazzini, Frank Froio, Paul Stolfo, Robert Jordan, Harry Triolo and John Lombardi. High scorers for the season were Stolfo (46 pts.), Moore (51 pts.) and Jordan (53 pts.).

Commonwealth Campus golf and tennis tournaments will be held at University Park on May 9 and 10.

CAMPUS NEWS NOTES

Winners of the winter term's arts competition were: Carolyn Hayward, first and second prize for oils; Nancy Stoicovich, for charcoal; Frank Loiacono for sculpture; Robert Fulvio for poetry; Howard Callaway for essay; George Tutka for photography, and Dennis Qualls for short story. Sol Cooperson received honorable mention for photography.

Six students enrolled in the College of Business Administration baccalaureate degree program at the campus were named to the Dean's List for winter term. They are John Bristow, Richard Firhaber, Michael Handline, Kenneth Henderson, Patrick Kutzler and Steven Lipschutz.

Three associate degree business students also made the Dean's List. They are Stanley Rosa, Kenneth Schloesser and James Sebastian.

Early in December a few literary minded students at the campus began to organize a literary magazine. The publication, which should be printed sometime early this month, will be comprised of poems, essays, and short stories written by students at this campus. "Symposium" was organized by Fred D'Angelo and was advised by Mrs. Virginia Beards and Mrs. Elizabeth Buckmaster. Although the magazine is closed as far as contributions for this issue are concerned, students may still submit their literary works to D'Angelo for the next issue.

Student Government Association Executive Board Elections will be held during the seventh week of the term.

Students wishing to run for executive office must have a 2.20

cumulative average as of the winter term to be eligible.

Petitions must be filled out for each person desiring his name on the ballot for any office. A petition must carry signatures of 25 people who will be returning to the Delaware County Campus next Fall. The petitions may be obtained in the SGA office or from Ernest Repice.

SEVEN GUYS

SEEK NEW SOUND

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COM: Definitely. It's really an expression of the mind. If it's done in a bad way, it could be labeled abstract. Just like anyone can throw some paint on a canvas and call it a masterpiece. Any five musicians can get together and call what they're doing music. This is really what's giving our music a bad name.

EYE: Are you recording for any record label?

COM: Not yet. Some of the fellows were in another group which recorded for an affiliate of RCA. But "The Community" is going to wait a year or so, until we've found ourselves.

EYE: There's a great revival of blues, c and w and folk. Where will it end?

COM: Who knows? It's a vicious circle. The Beatles have said in their last album that even they aren't too sure where we're going in music. For a time, psychedelic music was the new thing. We need something like that, something new.

No matter whether rock is on its way up, down, or is caught in a merry-go-round, "The Community" is one group that is most certainly on its way up. You'll be hearing a lot from this group in the years to come. And all of it will be good.