

Insults Never Help

Friends and families are falling out over policies and philosophies involved in the campaign for Wallace.

The unsavory tag "Communist" is loosely flung about. Wallace is linked with Reds, aliens, neurotics—although the movement has also attracted Einstein, Sculptor Jo Davidson, ex-Governor Benson of Minnesota, Aaron Copland.

Religion and nationality are dragged in. Accusations bring defense and counter-attack. Letters are written by "name withheld." An unidentified "big wheel in the Students for Wallace organization" is credited with saying "Maybe it isn't such a bad idea to turn the U. S. over to Russia without a fight."

An editorial in the April 16 issue of Daily Collegian condemning newspaper tactics of smearing and intimidating third party devotees was cited as a basis for labeling this writer as a Communist in spirit but one "who hasn't enough nerve to be associated with the Party."

The original proposition in that editorial for unhampered, vigorous political action by any new party is not by any stretch of the imagination canvassing votes for Wallace or escorting Stalin into the White House.

Democracy and capitalism are on trial as never before. Graft, bigotry, slumps, domination are not eradicated overnight, or the national wealth more equally distributed in a short period.

Progress is sluggish, but continually blaming human frailties does not correct the evils. Education, cooperation, justice will continue raising our standard of living and individualism.

The health of our system demands that everyday accomplishments and defects be supported or clayed by political groups and even by the publications of Hearst, Luce, or Marshall Field. The individual's upbringing, associations, interests, and newspapers will determine his reactions to loyalty tests, miners' pensions, Arabian oil, and armament spending.

Insults and go-back-where-you-came-from taunts do not strengthen the social conscience. Constructive criticism, a moderate degree of openmindedness, and votes can.

Critics of America's excesses and deficiencies also happen to love this country, its jazz and jury system, its mountains and manners. They all have a right to point out the need for a strong army, a strong United Nations, and friendship with U.S.S.R., or the harm of another destructive war.

The original proposition still stands. We have grown great from the contributions of many faiths and creeds, of Lincoln, Whitman, Ford, and Edison, and from the privilege of opposing policies and suggesting appropriate remedies.

—Bennett Lear Falworth

Needed, Trophy Space

On January 1 the Nittany Lions completed one of their most successful football campaigns at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

Glory, praise and trophies were showered on the all-victorious Lion eleven. The glory and the praise will long be remembered and so should the trophies.

After tying Southern Methodist the Nittanyites were presented with the Arthur E. Everts Trophy, a magnificent four-foot symbol presented annually to the Cotton Bowl victor. This year both SMU and Penn State received this trophy.

Let's follow the trip of this trophy from Dallas to State College. Joe and Chuck Drazenovich proudly stepped off the bus in State College with the trophy in their hands. The Lions received a joyous welcome upon their return. Pictures were taken and everyone was happy.

Then the trophy was displayed shortly in the Athletic Store window but then it disappeared.

Shortly thereafter the Lions received another award—the Lambert Trophy, an award which is presented annually to the top grid power in the East. It was the first time in the Blue and White's grid history that this award was presented to the College.

It soon disappeared too. In fact the only time anyone viewed this trophy was the night Jack Lavelle, noted football scout, presented the trophy to team co-captains John Nolan and John Potskian. After that no one saw it.

Where did these two trophies disappear? They were stored in Dean Carl P. Schott's office in Recreation Hall because of the lack of facilities to display them.

It is hard to believe that in a school the size of Penn State there aren't enough trophy cases to display two such highly-touted trophies as these!

Shortly before the Olympic gym tryouts at Rec Hall the trophies were brought out from the mothballs to be displayed in one of Rec Hall's "spacy" trophy cases.

These trophy cases at the present time are inadequate to hold all these trophies. There is a definite need for new and larger trophy cases at Rec Hall. There is no reason to wait until the "futuristic field house" is built. The Lion proudly won its spoils—let's display them.

Athletes wearing the Blue and White this year have already copped three national titles, the NCAA cross-country crown, the NCAA and NAU gymnastics laurels, not to mention the Eastern Intercollegiate gym diadem.

More trophies will be added to the already overcrowded space. There is a need for improvement now and not later.

—George Vadans

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Mailcall

Letters to The Editor's Mail Call should be limited to 100 words so that all contributors may be given space. The editor reserves the right to print in part all letters over that limit. Letters must be signed and the address and telephone number given. Names will be withheld from publication if requested.

Hamer Seeks Facts

TO THE EDITOR: I am writing this letter to ask for a few facts on the anonymous letter, concerning the Wallace movement, which appeared in the Saturday Collegian. I would like to know if the courageous writer of the article, in which said writer practically accused a certain member of the Wallace Group of advocating the overthrow of the United States government, has any proof to back up his statement.

After all, libel is a very dangerous and expensive offense. If the anonymous writer has evidence to substantiate his statement, we would like to have this evidence and the name of the so-called Mr. A brought out into the open.

We, of Students for Wallace, will be glad to take the lead in exposing any person who advocates the overthrow of the United States government, but first we must have proof that such a person exists. If no evidence exists to substantiate the claim against Mr. A, whoever he may be, I think that the name of the anonymous person, who wrote the letter, should be publicized so that everyone may know him for what he really is.

John H. Hamer,
Chairman,
Students for Wallace

Barber's Profit

TO THE EDITOR: Among the varied methods used by society to attack the forces of oppression, such as the anti-civil rights forces, there stands out two which, although aimed at the same target, are contradictory in the field of action: Conscious participation of a relatively small group within a people, and conscious participation of a great majority within a people.

The method now prevalent in the actions of CORE to uproot discrimination is that of a conscious participation of a small group within State College. Hence, the great majority is left to be a bystander, and unconscious of the main activities of attack against discrimination.

Consequently, on the basis of CORE's method, two main conditions are apt to result:

1. In the event that one or two barbers accept not to discriminate against the Negro students because it is more "profitable," or if none of the barbers accept, and therefore a non-discriminatory barber shop sponsored by the students is established, we will then have in this town a condition that exists in many places of this country: Barber shops "open for Negroes and whites," and "barber shops open for white folks only."

2. Supposing now that all barbers accept to cut Negro students' hair because it is more "profitable," then discrimination will be done away in part only. I say in part only because the majority, which was led to be a bystander, was not led to experience a conscious effort to uproot prejudice.

—Sigmund Weil

CORE deliberately gave everyone a well-publicized opportunity to participate consciously by buying tickets pledging their support of non-discriminatory barber services.

If only one or two non-discriminatory shops are established and thrive, it is probable that the other barbers will follow suit. They have already expressed their willingness, claiming to be deterred only by fear of loss of revenue.

CORE realizes that discrimination exists in other places in addition to barber shops. Successful efforts to eliminate one evil would end neither CORE's existence nor its usefulness.

Spring Complaint — \$10

The latest complaint on campus seems to be the \$10 pre-registration fee which all students who intend to return in the fall are required to pay today.

Contrary to general opinion there is a legitimate reason for the fee. It is felt that this is the best way to have an accurate count of those students who definitely will be back next semester. Without knowing the exact number, it is impossible to judge how many sophomores can be admitted.

Last year approximately 100 students failed to return without notifying the Registrar's office. As a result 100 more sophomores and transfers could not be admitted when there was space for them. If the original 100 had applied for their refund, this situation would have been avoided.

The College is not interested in the money as such. Its main consideration is affording educational opportunities to as many students as possible.

In answer to the question of interest on the \$10, Registrar William S. Hoffman refuted such a plan. He pointed out that the cost of collecting, retaining, and refunding the money is more than the six per cent interest.

Another point for consideration is the effect of non-payment. If a student fails to pay the \$10 and later decides to return, he will be readmitted only on the basis of a priority list for admissions applicable to other students applying for readmission. That is, all students who have dropped out of school and then seek readmission are placed on a list. Any student who does not pay the deposit and later wishes to return will be placed on that list without special priority.

Therefore, it is exceedingly important that those who are counting on being here next semester pay the \$10. It is the only way of insuring their status.

—Selma Zasofsky

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lighty



"And our civic planning commission has reached the conclusion that the city should be cleared away—it's in the way of traffic!"

Watch That Light!

Below the Mall there are now two lights which the students and townspeople have been asking for, for several years. They are working constantly and they are to be obeyed or serious accidents and fines may happen for violation of their signals.

Not long ago, on a busy Philadelphia intersection many mothers joined together and blocked heavy traffic to allow their children to cross the street during school lunch hours and dismissal.

Nothing as sensational nor as strong as that had to be done at the crossing on College avenue and Allen street since the majority of pedestrians crossing there are of a "careful and watchful age." But often "intelligent" people jay walk and break through the boro policemen's direction and play dodge with automobile traffic.

Well the lights are there now and after all the pleadings for them, they should be obeyed. Crossing against them just won't work. The only results would be a traffic violation or injury.

—Arni Gerton

Edit Briefs

• Students at Temple gave the Cancer Fund a big boost by donating corsage money for an IFC Ball to the 1948 Cancer Crusade. IFC Ball is past history at Penn State, but there are other dances.