

Bucking the Line

Events at four eastern colleges recently showed that the oft-criticized younger generation has what it takes to buck the line which for too many years has restricted the activities of students on the basis of color alone.

The Yale and Harvard football teams chose a Negro for captain and student manager, respectively.

Students at Lafayette College in Easton staged a mass demonstration when their team was deprived of a game in the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Texas, because laws of that state forbid a Negro to play in a state-owned stadium, according to press reports.

Perhaps the most important and certainly a disturbing event, however, was the action of the executive council of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, in unanimously upholding the suspension of the Amherst College chapter for its insistence on its right to initiate a man on merits other than the artificial one of race.

According to the *New York Herald Tribune*, the 10-man council met in an eight-hour "closed" session, before issuing a statement. The council found that the "overwhelming majority of its chapters and alumni associations firmly opposed" the initiation of Thomas Gibbs, a Negro, into the Amherst chapter.

The fact that Gibbs was a member of the college student council and its cross-country team was adroitly overlooked by the councilmen. Apparently the expressed desire of his fellows to initiate him as a fraternity brother also counted for little in the deliberations of this "executive" body.

Additional fog hovered over the released statement when, as the *Tribune* reported, the council's secretary "refused to amplify" the statement. He also "declined to give the names" of council members. Others, the story said, "refused to comment and to give names to reporters."

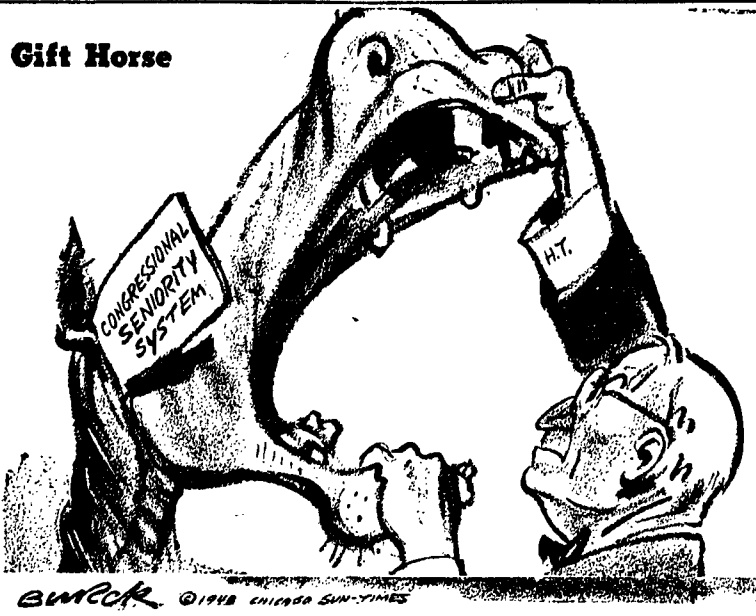
Secrecy could be understood, if not tolerated, had these councilmen been dealing with matters of war or perhaps the adoption of a new "handshake," but one looks in vain for a good reason why executives of a professed social organization should be reticent about their proceedings.

They may well claim the "right" to privacy in such matters. In these days, however, when the fight against racial prejudice and discrimination is being waged on many fronts, it would be difficult indeed for the council to succeed in keeping its action out of the day's news columns.

Thanks to the *New York* newspapers, it ranked as page-one news, along with the United Nations and the longshoremen's strike.

—John Bonnell.

Gift Horse



Corner Rumors

By Jo Fox

Opportunity doesn't keep a-knocking'. Perhaps the High Command put out the "Not Welcome" mat too soon, before we could check the desirability of Miss Harbor Bowl. We might not have dated her anyway, but that old "we have nothing to say" feeling hurts.

The Harbor Bowl, to be played with Nevada in San Diego, is the baby of National Broadcasting Company . . . or to explain it tritely, the child of necessity . . . since NBC found itself in the embarrassing position of having no bowl to broadcast on New Years.

Rumored chief objections are that it wasn't a major bowl . . . just a bastard bowl. And that it wasn't guaranteed. In fact the Bosses could find no good reasons for acceptance.

We'd chuckle if a big-name team, say Michigan, was uninvited to a bowl, and became a party to a "manufactured" bowl, or was satisfied to play in the Soup Bowl or Fish Bowl . . . or some other silly sounding affair. But was the Harbor Bowl such a laughing matter?

Maybe so. But maybe the Big Guns will have red faces come New Years.

Bowls are born of the desire of a chamber of commerce to stimulate trade by means of a good football game. When the event becomes popular and reaches large proportions, a major network picks it up. There'd be no working-up period for the Harbor Bowl . . . NBC would be plugging right from the start.

Well there's no use crying over spilled bids . . . 'specially since Villanova has already lapped ours up. Said the Associated Press, "The squad voted unanimously to accept the bid, and the Board of Trustees approved their action."

Glad their team had something to say about the deal . . . sounds like a democratic way to run athletics.

The Safety Valve

Where Was She?

TO THE EDITOR: In reference to writer Werlinich's article in last Wednesday's *Collegian*, "In Body, But Spirit?", I'd like to ask where she was sitting; Probably among the Pitt rooters! A good reason for poor cheering? Some students sat in section 20, some sat in section 34 completely across the field and the rest were scattered hither and yon with some even helping Pitt by sitting in their sections. Why aren't the tickets so distributed that there is a student bloc that can really generate noise?

I think Miss Werlinich should try her hand at reshaping athletic association distributing policies rather than denouncing the valiant attempts of a very loyal student body.

—Donald Sloughy.

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Wednesday, December 1

CAMPUS CENTER Club, 418 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.
HOME ECONOMICS Club, Living Center, 7 p.m.
IFC, 405 Old Main, 7:15 p.m.
PENN STATE CAMERA Club, 1 Main Eng, 7 p.m.
NAACP, 409 Old Main, 7:15 p.m. Executive Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

College Placement

S. S. Kresge Co., December 6, eighth semester men in C&F and Arts & Letters.
Calvert Distilling Co., December 6, eighth semester men in ME, IE, Chem Eng, Commercial Chem, Chem, and Physics.
Boy Scouts of America, December 7 and 8, eighth semester men interested in working as field executives.
Naval Ordnance Lab., December 7 and 8, fifth and sixth semester men for summer employment in CE, EE, IE, ME, Chem Eng, Chem, Physics and Metallurgy.
Institute of Textile Technology, December 10, seventh and eighth semester men in Chem Eng, Chem, Commercial Chem, Physics and ME.
Owens-Corning Fiberglass Co., December 13, eighth semester men in Arch Eng, EE, IE, ME, and Chem Eng.

E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co., December 14, eighth semester men, accounting.
Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., December 14 and 15, eighth semester men in CE, ME, Arts and Letters and C&F.

Hagan Corp., December 15 and 16, eighth semester men in EE, ME, Sanitary Eng, Ceramics, Chem Eng, and Chem.

Supplee - Wills - Jones Milk Co., December 17, eighth semester men in Dairy Husbandry.

Insurance Co. of North America, December 8, CE, ME, EE, Chem Eng, for field work; C&F, for accounting; Math, for statistics; C&F, A&L, with some engineering, for technical representatives, underwriters.

At the Movies

CATHAUM—Untamed Breed.
STATE—For the Love of Mary.
NITTANY—October Man.

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Coed Picks Froth

Lorraine Munz

Lorraine Munz, popular coed, says, "Froth is the magazine I'd most like to be stranded with on a desert island." You'll know what she means when you read the new "Down with Demon Rum" issue, next Tuesday, Dec. 7.

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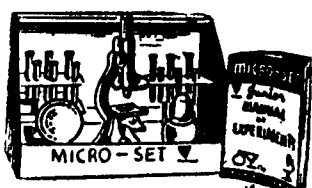
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