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Everyone's Problem

Racial discrimination is everyone's problem. All persons sincerely opposed to the practice of categorizing and discriminating against minority groups on superficial grounds should join in the organized display of public opinion by refusing to have their hair cut in barber shops which deny service to Negroes.

This is not a matter for idealists, dreamers and other underdogs alone, but is the concern of all decent-minded persons believing in the basic tenets of democracy.

Leaders in all fields—academic, religious, honorary, civic, governmental, administrative, business, service—should take positive stands supporting the boycott.

Influential student groups can help to bring the boycott to a speedy, and successful, end by urging the students they represent to stand on the right side of the Jim Crow fence.

Among these are All-College Cabinet, Interfraternity Council, Association of Independent Men, Panhellenic Council, Leonides, the seven school student councils, Windcrest Borough Council, Women's Student Government Association and Women's Recreation Association, Pollock Circle, Nittany and West Dorm councils and all honoraries and clubs.

Yet the problem is more than a student one. Why has the administration maintained a "hands-off" attitude? Support of the American Association of University Professors would be helpful. If the boycott has not been settled before the next College Senate meeting, its voice would be influential.

The Borough of State College has an even greater stake in the elimination of discrimination than students. The cooperation of the Borough Council, the Commerce Club and the newly-formed Junior Chamber of Commerce, should be expected.

Where are the religious groups? In a field which lies at the very heart of religious creeds, churches, student fellowships and the Penn State Christian Association have been woefully silent.

Then there are groups and individuals who disagree with the present method of action. The editor, himself, belongs in that group, yet he cannot stand idly by, in reading to applaud another's success or cry "I told you so" at their failure.

It is senseless for organizations trying to accomplish the same end to weaken their cause by working at cross purposes. Collegian, therefore, although not agreeing wholeheartedly with the programs of either CORE or NAACP, has endorsed both, on the chance that either may succeed.

One thing each of us must not forget is that the fight against discrimination is a struggle for something to which the Negro is already entitled—equality, and the chance for each member of the race to be accepted on his own individual merits.

Nor is the boycott a fight against the barbers, but a concrete assurance that public opinion wholeheartedly favors equality in barber shops.

Formula for Death

Too many people think of accidents as something that always happen to someone else. But remember you can't read your own obituary.

Are you the guy who brags about your record time in getting home? Keep it up, buddy, and you'll have two records when you cross the finish line in the race against time . . . and one of them will be filed with the insurance company.

If you took a few drops of poison in your tea every night, you know you'd eventually drop dead. Of course, that's a silly statement for no one in their right mind is going to keep dosing himself with deadly dope. Yet, apparently sane, you may be giving yourself regular treatments of deadly driving.

Here is a formula for a potion which "you can't feel at all" until it "hits you":

- one part, playing tag with pedestrians
- two parts, testing the speedometer on slippery grades
- one part, trying to beat the light
- three parts, playing "I'll get there first" with other students from your home town
- one part, weaving in and out to get ahead of those slow oafs.

Mix well and season with alcohol. Remember, spending an hour more to get home, may mean 50 years more before you reach your final home. Stop paying up the premiums on your death policy.

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'Haven't you one that's a little lower?'



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Artistry and Precision

An innovation was crowned with outstanding success last Saturday. It promises, in fact, to become an annual, traditional part of Penn State's Christmas observance.

Fifteen minutes before the performance began, an overflow crowd had assembled in Schwab Auditorium, and others were being turned away. Best of all, the Chapel-Choir's first Midnight Christmas Worship Service was presented with precision and artistry, sending its audience away with a sense of true pleasure.

Scheduled as it was for 11 p.m. on a Saturday, there were serious misgivings among some of those who staged the service that it might be poorly attended.

It might also be noted that most of the same program was to be presented at the regular Chapel service the following morning. It is a tribute to the town-wide reputation of the choir for a consistently artistic program that ushers were forced to close the doors long before the service began.

To the choir, for its voluntary extra rehearsal and uniformly fine performance, to soloist Rebecca Griffin and trumpeter Russell Nickerson, to organist George Ceiga, to acting Chaplain James T. Smith, to department-head Hummel Fishburn, and particularly to director Mrs. Willa Taylor, a low bow.

—Malcolm White.

Corner Rumors

By Jo Fox

This is the season when people sing, "Sleigh bells ring . . . are you list'ning? In the lane . . . snow is glist'ning." The weather calendar may be a little confused this year but the song "Winter Wonderland" is as much a holiday ritual as Santa. Richard (Chang) Smith '26 wrote it.

The Thespian show "The Kid, Himself" was written by Chang . . . and Chang was just a kid, himself . . . big and blond, curly-headed, loaded with self-confidence and enthusiasm. Barnum was his hero and show business the only thing that mattered.

Beats Bug

He was one of those people you can't picture being sick. But TB sent him to the sanatorium. Laughing at the bug's attempt to slow him down, Chang set up an office and began entering radio and magazine contests . . . netting about \$100 monthly.

Well again, he invaded Tin Pan Alley, clicking with such songs as "The Breeze," "When a Gypsy Makes His Violin Cry," and finally "It Looks Like an Early Fall."

1935 was an early fall . . . for Chang. In the words of "Sock" Kennedy, his classmate, "The Old Master called him last Saturday night to write lyrics for that big song up there . . . and I know the Kid will do it with plenty of confidence."

In the Groove Again

After 12 months, Petrillo and his boys have "O.K.'d" record making by union musicians once more.

All but three states, Arizona, Nevada and North Dakota, are represented in this year's record enrollment. In selecting out-of-state enrollees (limited to five per cent of the total student body), first preference is given to Naval ROTC applicants and second to children of alumni.

Memo: A car trick may end in a grand slam. Give your parents the best Christmas present . . . you.

'Carol' Presentation

Dickens' "Christmas Carol" will be presented in the Little Theatre in Old Main at 7 p.m. Thursday by the Dramatics 101 class. Georg Miller plays Scrooge in the production.

I. Bamberger

I. Bamberger and Co. will hold its annual career open house for college seniors and faculty near the employment office on Bamberger's ninth floor, Dec. 27 through 31, at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

When State Was Small

Many years ago when Penn State was small and cohesive, deans could sit down with all the students and profs of his school to discuss their mutual problems.

Now that the College has grown into a true university, such a friendly, informal and personal procedure is impossible. For this reason school student councils came into being and serve a vital function.

School councils represent the interests of their fellow students, who elect them. Theirs is the task of considering, discussing and attempting to solve mutual scholastic and welfare problems.

By compiling legitimate and constructive criticisms of curricula, courses and methods of instruction, studying them, and presenting proposed improvements to the school's dean, they perform a valuable service to the school and the entire College.

Their representation on All-College Cabinet makes student councils especially important as sounding boards of "grass-roots" student opinion.

To stimulate student interest in their school's council, the Daily Collegian plans to publish a series of articles telling something about the make-up, function, projects and personnel of each council, immediately after the Christmas holidays.

It is hoped that increased knowledge will foster active participation by a greater number of students. Action is a prerequisite for a worthwhile council.

The Safety Valve

A Repudiation

TO THE EDITOR: In yesterday's Collegian there was a statement issued by the American Veterans' Committee Executive Board to which my name was signed. Since I was not consulted in the final composition of the letter, I wish to publicly repudiate this statement. Furthermore, I should like to explain my disagreements in order to clarify my position and that of those with whom I agree.

We have favored a picket line and boycott since March, 1946, at a time when the large number of combat veterans present at State College would have aided victory. However since a majority of those, not only in AVC, but other campus organizations favored a more "peaceful" approach, we accepted their decisions. When CORE was set up we again urged direct action, but were rebuffed by the majority. This fall CORE accepted our proposal for setting a time limit; the non-discriminatory barber shop was to have been established by January 1949. If this failed to materialize, we intended to initiate our program of boycott and picket line with or without them.

In the meantime, the NAACP decided to act immediately, compelling us to make a prompt decision. Because the AVC letter implied my personal preference for a non-discriminatory shop, which is not so, and was published without my prior knowledge, I feel it necessary to refute that statement unequivocally.

—Leo Troy.

Movies-Barbershops?

TO THE EDITOR: About a year ago, a great stir was created in State College concerning Sunday movies. Today a much more fundamental issue is being brought to our attention—Will Negroes be served in town barber shops? The question of keeping the movie houses open or shut on Sunday seems to be completely dwarfed by this more immediate problem of sheer common decency that one wonders why the Churches of this community have had so little zeal for this more fundamental issue.

Let the Churches speak out one-half as vehemently for the rights of fellow men as they did against Sunday entertainment, and we can stop boycotting and start being civilized.

—Two names withheld.

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Wednesday, December 15

CHESS Club, 3 Sparks, 7 p.m.
 CAMPUS Center Club, 418 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.
 EDUCATION Student Council, 125 Sparks, 8:30 p.m.

IFC, 405 Old Main, 7:15 p.m.

College Hospital
 Admitted Monday: Hudson Grotzinger, Robert Patton, John Karcha.

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

Piasack Helicopter Corp., December 17, eighth semester men in AE and ME.

Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal Co., December 16, eighth semester ME, EE, Mining Eng, Architectural Eng, CE.

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

Long Island Lighting Co., December 16, eighth semester, in EE and ME for public utility work.

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., December 16, eighth semester, IE, EE, ME, Chem Eng, and Ceramics.

Training program in industrial engineering. Will lead to factory technical assignments. Few openings in maintenance.

At the Movies
 CATHAUM—The Night Has a Thousand Eyes.
 STATE—Isn't It Romantic.
 NITTANY—Jenny La Moss.