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Not Alone

That State College barber shops are far from unique in their discriminatory practices is common knowledge.

It may not be so well-known, however, that Penn State students (as well as some faculty and townspeople) are not alone in attempting to eliminate this undemocratic action in the town serving their campus.

At the University of Michigan, for example, an Inter-Racial Association and its "Operation Hair-cut" were topics of heated debate about a year ago, with its picketing and legal test-case.

There, too, controversy raged on the methods used, although campus opinion overwhelmingly favored elimination of discrimination in all places, according to the Michigan Daily, student newspaper.

During the past year IRA's activities have reportedly been extremely effective on the long-range basis. Members have presented anti-discrimination programs in nearby high schools, and on the radio.

Anti-discrimination pamphlets have been issued and distributed on and near campus, and managers of local theaters were asked to exhibit inter-racial movies.

One observation possible from the case cited above is that students of Penn State are not attempting something which is ultra-liberal or years in advance of the times.

Rather they are a representation of the spirit of racial and religious tolerance which is so increasingly evident on American campuses these days.

It is not surprising that university students, professors and other educated persons should be in the vanguard of the movement to make equality of opportunity a reality.

For education enlightens. It exposes the fraud and sham of race supremacy, and reveals the logical and rational basis on which American equality was conceived, and on which it can flourish.



"Witch nothing.—That's our housemother."

More on 'Policy'

That old bugaboo of newspaper writers, shortage of space, rose up last week and prevented us from saying all we wanted to about Collegian "policy," what it is, how it may be changeable, how and by whom it is formed.

The who first. Generally speaking, Collegian policy is identical with the editor's policy. Of course it may happen that most of the staff disagrees with the editor in some matter or other.

Because of this, editors are usually careful to avoid expressions like, "Collegian believes that . . ." When vital and controversial issues arise, however, the senior board discusses them and attempts to arrive at a composite viewpoint.

Editorials written about those subjects are clearly labeled "Collegian" and are signed by or for the senior board. However, dissenting editorials may be published, depending upon the circumstances.

Rapid changes of "policy" are theoretically possible since Collegian editorial writers realize that they are not infallible, that they may jump to hasty conclusions, or may have overlooked pertinent facts or altered circumstances.

It must be emphasized, however, that pressure, from any source and of any variety, will not cause Collegian to reverse any stand it should take. Newly considered facts, and changed conditions may necessitate a revised opinion.

Whatever course Collegian editorialists advocate, they do sincerely, and with the betterment of Penn State, and indeed of all mankind, as the ultimate goal.

The Safety Valve

Letters to the editor must be signed for inclusion in the Safety Valve, although names will be withheld on request. Telephone numbers and addresses must be included to facilitate verification of authenticity of signatures. Letters exceeding 200 words in length may be cut when required by space limitations.

No Guts?

TO THE EDITOR: Does the Collegian have any guts?

Here we have a growing college that needs a president, a boycott that needs some backing, a basketball team that needs a new coach, almost 2000 students who need some good food, etc., etc.

Our answer to these problems should be a progressive newspaper willing to fight for the rights of the students. But what have we? A spineless, wishy-washy rag that refuses even to comment on the weather!

Why must the only real editorializing in our paper appear in the letters-to-the-editor column? Can't the editors themselves write? Or aren't they students? Or just can't they see the obvious needs of the College?

If clamps by the administration are your excuse, then the administration's policy should be your first point of attack. If you only showed some spunk you'd get all the support you need from some very enthusiastic students.

—Robert H. Leeper
—Michael R. Deckman

Disgusting 'Gentlemen'

TO THE EDITOR: It certainly is disgusting to see the "young gentlemen," who are attending college and trying to prove to officials that they are old enough and wise enough to vote, act like little boys.

Running through a theater and yelling as loudly as possible is one way of proving one's age. The children who attend the Saturday matinee at the Varsity Theater are more "grown-up" and manly.

—Name withheld.

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Discharged Saturday: Walter Leuzinger, Cyril Adlak, Eli Povich, Joan Warner.

Admitted Sunday: Samuel Axe.

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Admitted Monday: Fred Hazelwood.

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