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Our New Morality

Some recent straws in the wind give a strong indication that American morality has taken a decided turn away from its traditional paths in the last two or three years. We seem to be taking a new view of morality, definitely opposed to our democratic tradition, which is being based upon self-interest not necessarily enlightened.

TAKE THE INCIDENT in Frankfurt, Germany, in which supplies of food, water and electricity have been cut off from a Russian repatriation mission which was ordered from the American zone. When the Russians asked for water, it was refused—action we ordinarily don't take toward even a mongrel dog.

This is, in the final analysis, the same starvation program practiced by the Nazis—one which we decried bitterly. But, when our supposed self-interest is at stake, we seem to consider it perfectly ethical to disregard our former morals.

Another new attitude is that we hold toward traitors. Back in the good old days when our forefathers held high ideals, a traitor was considered a scoundrel whether he betrayed you or your enemies. His aid was accepted, but he was despised by those he helped. Benedict Arnold received no love from the British to whom he sold out and lived a lonely life after his infamous betrayal.

We still despise and denounce anyone who betrays the United States. In fact, we consider as a traitor anyone who preaches doctrines now socially unacceptable or who says a friendly word for our "enemies." But our attitude to those who betray our "enemies"—those who desert Russia, to be precise—has changed.

Now we hail as a hero Kravchenko, who turned traitor to his country and revealed the "Red spy network" in Canada. Under our traditional morality, he would have been despicable to us.

The crowning action is the attempt to put through Congress a bill which would make the United States a haven for anyone who wishes to sell out his country. All traitors, under the new morality, are to be received here with glory. The traitor now is a hero.

WITH OUR NEW MORALITY, no one, anywhere in the world, owes loyalty to anyone except Uncle Sam. And our sacred tradition goes by the board.

—L. D. Gladfelter.

From the Foto File

The front page of today's Collegian is a photo editor's dream. Pictures galore are all over it. Not just any pictures, but five pictures of five beautiful women—all freshmen of Penn State. What more could a photo editor ask?

We always like to see pictures in the paper. They act as stoppers. They make the reader stop, look and read. Besides that, they make the page look better all around. Every day we break our necks trying to find a picture, some picture, any picture, to use on the front page.

We like our readers to see what the people we are writing about look like. We like to print a picture of the All-College president, the chairman of a dance, the president of a club. It livens up the story. It gives our readers a chance to indirectly get to know the campus leaders.

But what could be more lovely to look at than beautiful queen contestants? And here they are, so students can see what they look like, so when we ask that they fill out the ballot printed in today's paper, they can see for themselves what they're voting for, even if the girls are miles away.

Yes, sir, we shall sit and gaze upon today's Collegian for hours. It is our conception of a photo editor's dream.

—Betty Gibbons.

Edit Briefs

The "bold look" in men's clothes has been scrapped in favor of the "dominant look." The National Association of Men's Apparel Clubs, in announcing the quick change, says the stylish man must now deck himself out in colors of the "male peacock." We object. We don't mind being given the bird, but when we have to buy it, that's going too far!

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Know Your College

4. Relation to State

"And the faith of the State is hereby pledged to carry the same into effect."

This slogan, emblazoned across the front of Old Main, is an excerpt from the act of the Legislature, April 1, 1863, accepting the terms of the Morrill Act, and naming the Agricultural College as the Land-Grant College of the State.

Founded as it was seven years before the passage of the Land-Grant Act, which provided for the establishment of state-supported colleges, the College early pioneered in the "new education," designed to prepare the industrial classes for life in a mechanical age, at a tuition costs they could afford.

A definite need existed for the creation of the College, since the old classical universities were far too expensive for the average person, and since their curricula were limited and specialized in training for the professions of ministry, law and medicine.

Evidence of an even greater present need for Penn State's existence and continued expansion is the fact that only six states of the union have a smaller percentage of their students in college than does Pennsylvania.

Furthermore, several recent independent studies reveal that this state ranks 32nd, or 34th, in support of higher education. These figures loom ominously significant in the light of the importance attached these days to liberal, scientific and advanced technical training.

Its status is unique in the Commonwealth, lying between complete state ownership and operation of the teachers' colleges, and absolute independence of private institutions like Penn, Pitt and Temple.

Since the College's land-grant functions and commitments are an integral part of its charter, the State assumes some of the financial responsibility, by means of what is best termed "deficit appropriations."

Under this procedure, each student's education is, in effect, subsidized. The College's calculated actual needs and probable income from other sources for each biennium are compared, and the Legislature is requested to make up the difference.

Permanent classroom, laboratory and office buildings have traditionally been constructed at State expense. To stretch limited building appropriations, the College helps itself by financing dormitories and dining commons through the sale of bonds, which are amortized from the operational revenue of the services.

The College's relationship with the State is shown in other connections, particularly in the composition of the Board of Trustees, on which the Governor and three Cabinet members serve ex-officio. Six trustees are also Governor-appointed.

Furthermore, campus roads are maintained by the State Highway Department, full-time College employees participate in the State Employees Retirement Fund and College bonds are non-taxable.

Yet the most important aspects of this relationship are those dealing with the people of Pennsylvania, not its government. The College's services are offered in the three important phases of resident and extension instruction, and research.

Since these operations of the College are the means by which it performs its duties to the State, they will be described in future columns in this series.

Thus, Penn State, as a unique agency of government, has the sole function of educational service to the people of Pennsylvania. The terms of its charter commits the College and the State to provide these services at less than cost, since educated citizens are assets well worth the slight investment involved.

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 100 words in length may be cut when required by space limitations.

Should They Be Hung?

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to call one Alvin J. Heller's attention to a quote from the infamous writing of the Bolshevik demagogue Karl H. Marx.

"In short, the communists everywhere support every revolutionary movement against the existing social and political order of things. . . . They openly declare that their ends can be attained only by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions. Let the ruling class tremble at the communist revolution. The proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win. Workingmen of all countries, unite!" ("Communist Manifesto," last paragraph.)

The "teaching and advocating" of which you speak, that these men are being denied, is conspicuously absent of the real charges being brought against them. By that is meant, in plain English, "teaching and advocating" the overthrow of the United States government.

The choice is not whether the indicted conspiring communists should be tried or not; but whether they should be hung for treason or let off easy with a few years jail sentence.

A lucrative engagement awaits Alvin Heller and his comrades this Saturday afternoon—at the "Nittany theater."

—James M. MacMillan.

Collegian Gazette

Brief notices of meetings and other events must be submitted to The Daily Collegian office in Carnegie Hall by 2 p.m. of the day before the issue in which it is desired to appear.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., March 7 and 8, June grads with B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in EE, ME, IE, Chem, Ceramics, Metallurgy, Chem Eng, and Physics.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., March 10 and 11, June grads in IE for management training, high grades are a requisite.

Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp., March 10 and 11, June grads in CE, IE, ME, EE, Metallurgy, and Ceramics.

Union Carbide & Carbon Corp., March 9, June grads in EE, ME, Chem Eng, and Chem.

Cleveland Graphite Bronze Co., March 10, June grads in ME, Met, interested in the automotive industry; also June grads in Chem Eng and Chem interested in the field of electro-chemistry.

National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, March 7 and 8, men with advanced degrees for research work at Cleveland and grad students and bachelor candidates for work on engineering design projects. Men in Chem, Math, Physics, Metallurgy, Aero E, ME, EE, Architectural E, IE, and CE.

West Penn Power Co., March 9 and 10, June grads in EE, ME, and Ag Eng. Civil and industrial engineers for sales. Women June grads in Home Ec.

J. C. Penney Co., March 10 and 11, June grads interested in a career of retail merchandising.

Shell Development Co., March 14, candidates for bachelors, masters and Ph.D. degrees in Chem, Chem Eng, ME, and Ph.D. Metallurgist; women chemists for library patent searching work.

Westinghouse Air Brake Co., March 14 and 15, June grads in ME.

Procter & Gamble Co., March 14 and 15, June grads with interest in field of selling and merchandising. Men to be selected on basis of their ability to advance into positions of responsible supervision and sales management. Continual training provided.

Hamilton Standard Propellers, March 29, six-months training program for Mechanical, Electrical and Aeronautical engineers.

Duquesne Light Co., March 14 and 15, June grads for student engineer training course, in ME, EE.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAM—John Loves Mary.

STATE—Return of October.

NITTANY—Red River.

Edit Briefs

● Decision of the week award should go to the College public occasions committee for its decree stating that June commencement will not be held outdoors. Experience probably taught the officials that the commencement speaker's voice is no match for the rat-a-tat of raindrops beating down on those collegiate graduation caps.

● PSCA members, at their cabin party, will discuss the question "Is the World What It's Cracked Up to Be?"

Nothing like picking snap problems for your leisurely weekend outings.

● A bride's course will be offered at the State College high school every Wednesday night. It will teach meal preparation, table setting, selection of silver, and planning of color schemes. What, no bridge lessons?