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Purpose of Spring Week

Objectives and purposes behind Spring Week are questioned by many of the students and faculty. And certainly everyone on a college campus that is undertaking such a large scale affair deserves to know what the objectives of that project are.

The administration, All-College Cabinet, or the Spring Week committee—all of them can voice opinions on what the purpose of Spring Week is. However, it is up to the little guy—each individual and each organization on this campus to determine what the purpose of Spring Week is.

Then we must decide if the purpose is to do something creative or destructive. Are we building a favorable name for the College, or will some of the publicity that comes from this week leave a blemish on the record and cause people to raise an eyebrow when a student remarks he graduated from this college?

No one single person can decide what the objectives of Spring Week will be. It can lapse into something that was tried at Penn State and flopped, or it can mean something really big.

Each partaker in Spring Week activities must decide whether this is going to be a method of awakening school spirit, of presenting a united effort on the part of the students, and also of laying a foundation of favorable publicity in the future.

A worthwhile program can be carried through if the entire idea is entered into with the right spirit. It can be done.

Latest data on activities slated for the week include the 40th anniversary issue of Froth; the intramural wrestling finals; and playoffs for the mythical college basketball championship between Pi Kappa Alpha, fraternity champions, and Section 10, independent winners.

Thursday of Spring Week, the carnival on Allen street will be one of the big highlights of a big week. Proceeds are slated to go to WSSF, a charitable organization. Many college groups are already backing this carnival as seen in the stories run in the Daily Collegian each day concerning the carnival.

Tommy Dorsey will be here for the IFC-Panhel Ball Friday night. The final contest in the annual IFC-Panhel Sing will take place then also.

A "breakfast club" radio broadcast from the TUB Saturday morning, a jazz concert in Schwab Saturday afternoon, fraternity dances Saturday night, and the Men's Glee Club concert Sunday afternoon wind up the week's activities.

Hours of work and planning have gone into this affair, now a little more than one week away.

Can we determine the right objectives for Spring Week?

Can we carry it through to a favorable finish, so that the College will have benefited from its connection with such a program?
—Paul Moss.

Should We Let Communists Teach?

Because of the reverberations in the collegiate world following the recent dismissal of professors from the University of Washington, the Daily Collegian is publishing below excerpts from the "Town Meeting" broadcast of March 1.

Dr. Harold Taylor, president of Sarah Lawrence College:

Communists should not be excluded from teaching in American colleges. I believe that if we begin excluding Communists, we will end by excluding anyone who says anything provocative, unorthodox, or interesting.

The individual who deliberately distorts truth is a bad teacher and should be charged and tried as an individual who is professionally incompetent and not as a member of a political party.

Roger Baldwin, director of the American Civil Liberties Union:

The question . . . is whether our colleges are justified in conditioning the right to teach on any views and associations which have nothing to do with professional fitness. If so . . . should we not apply the same rule to member of the Ku Klux Klan, to anti-Semites, white supremacists?

I would not regard democracy so weak, our students so supine, our faculties so inept that we need to yield to indiscriminate fears of Communism by quarantining all our higher education.

Dr. Raymond Allen, president of the University of Washington:

Members of the Communist party should not be allowed to teach in American colleges because they are not free. Freedom is what we cannot be without in American civilization. Our educational institutions are the foundation stones of that freedom.

If the purpose of education is to seek out and to teach the truth wherever it may lead, as Jefferson taught, the first duty of the teacher is to be a freeman. A member of the Communist party . . . is a slave to immutable dogma and to a clandestine organization.

Dr. T. V. Smith, Syracuse University:

We may owe ourselves a duty we do not owe Communists—to tolerate even the intolerant, for the sake of a system of tolerance. But such a duty . . . ceases to be our duty when it becomes disadvantageous to us internationally, or disruptive to us . . . educationally.

Russian tactics have rendered most questionable the use of teachers who are beguiled by loyalty to an alien power and mightily become . . . fifth columnists.



Student Voters

Next fall's College calendar has been approved by the College Senate, without provision for suspending classes on election day.

If students want to exercise their franchise in future elections, without missing classes, they should organize soon and petition the Senate to reconsider its important omission.

It has been argued that the real need is for absentee student voting in Pennsylvania, rather than a voting holiday every November. This is entirely true—it would expedite matters and save the student the cost of transportation home. But letting the matter go with a mere statement of this fact actually is side-stepping the issue.

If we sit around and wait for an absentee ballot, we'll never get it. If we merely agitate for an absentee ballot, we'll never get it. As long as students can do little more than agitate—and their means of raising a political ruckus are extremely limited—the Pennsylvania legislature will do nothing about the ballot. Why should they? They know that we can't vote without greatly inconveniencing ourselves and they have nothing to fear from our ballots.

The only way students can put pressure on the legislators is by actually taking part in elections along with agitating for the absentee provision. And to vote, without the absentee ballot, we need the voting holiday. Once the absentee ballot has been realized, the voting holiday would be dropped as obsolete. But until that time, it is a necessity for the students' political expression.

—L. D. Gladfelder.

The Safety Valve

Bunk and Phantasy?

TO THE EDITOR AND JAMES MACMILLAN: Your letter of the 15th is to be considered a masterpiece of superficial plausibility. It is only when the trimmings are removed and the remnants of bare facts exposed for public view that its true significance and implications emerge.

I would take issue with each of your paragraphs and, like a physician attending a malingering patient, demolish the fascinating combinations of (1) sheer bunk and (2) interesting phantasy.

Your description of Socialism as ". . . commercial decay and industrial slavery . . ." could not have been better put even by that contemporary genius of the press, Westbrook Pegler, or that voice of "truth," Fulton Lewis, Jr. However, cute as the phrase may be, it is extremely questionable. There are more people today, throughout the world, who adhere to the doctrines of Socialism than ever before in history. If you will permit yourself to indulge in some impartial reading concerning the experiment which is now in progress in England, you will learn much.

You are letting your fine emotions run away with your equally fine intelligence when you lump Communism, murder, rape, and thievery together. And I would like very much for you to find two people who would agree on a meaningful and exact definition of "Americanism" without resorting to another appeal to emotional thinking—which, in actuality, is not thinking at all.

There is no question that the Communist party will not tolerate misbehavior on the part of its members. I agree with you in singling out Trotsky, and I shall add, as an afterthought, the name of Tito.

However, Mr. Macmillan, the important fact is this: The influence of the Communists in America is nil. The denial of rights to them will be the first step in an insidious process—the pattern of which we are only too familiar with. The next steps, in order, will be (1) smearing, (2) discrediting, and (3) suppressing all other groups who, while definitely not communistic, do not agree with some of the convictions held dear by the party (or parties) instituting the action against the Communists.

—Francis Pollini.

Edit Briefs

• "Resolved: the world would have been much happier had not the American Revolutionists left the British Empire."
The world, maybe, but not Col. R. B. McCormick.

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.

Sunday, March 20
PENN STATE Bible Fellowship, 410 Old Main, 4 p.m.

Monday, March 21
CWENS, WSGA Room, WH, 8:30 p.m.
CORE (important meeting), 409 Old Main, 8 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL
Admitted Thursday: Jeanne Haggood, Eileen Bonner, Beecher Russel, Anne Hillegas, Carey McDaniel.
Admitted Friday: Eugene Mathorn, Harry Swimmer.
Discharged Friday: Rita Pierce, Clyde Dry.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT
Arrangements for interviews should be made in 204 Old Main at once.

Air Material Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, March 21 and 22, June grads in Aeronautical Eng, ME and EE, receiving B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. The work will be in conjunction with the U.S.A.F. research and development program.

Philadelphia Electric Co., March 21, June grads in EE and ME. Also a few juniors for summer employment in above curricula.

The Texas Co., March 21 and 22, June grads with B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in EE, ME, CE, Chem Eng, Chem, and Physics. Opportunities are in research, development, engineering, processing, and foreign service.

Men who filled out preliminary applications for the Pennsylvania Railroad should report to College Placement Service at once.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., March 24 and 25, June grads in Chem Eng, ME, EE, and IE. Need for Chemical Engineers lies chiefly in the fields of product and process development. The majority of mechanical, electrical and industrial engineers will be needed in the field of production management. A few men will be required for plant engineering, machine design, and product development.

Lukens Steel Co., March 25, June grads in ME, EE, and Metallurgy.

Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., March 22 and 23, June grads in CF and AL who are interested in domestic sales, accounting and credit work.

Harrison Construction Co., located at Pittsburgh and Maryville, Tenn., March 24, June grads in CE for either Pittsburgh or Knoxville vicinities, and would be associated with engineering as it pertains to construction.

General Electric Co., March 22, 23, 24 and 25, June grads in EE, ME, and IE.

Dr. Paul E. Williams, representing General Fireproofing Co., Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co., and Timken Roller Bearing Co., March 28 and 29, June grads in IE, ME, AL, CF, Met, ChE, and Accounting.

Socony-Vacuum Oil Co., Inc., March 28 and 29, June grads in ChE, Phys, Chem, PNG for foreign service only, and Ph.D. in Phys and Chem.
Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co., March 28, June grads with B.S. and M.S. degrees in ME, ChE, also EE in upper third of class more interested in general engineering than in strictly EE.

Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission has just announced examinations for the position of senior visitor in the department of Public Assistance. Applications must be submitted by March 31.

YMCA, March 24, to confer with senior students interested in YMCA as a career. The evening will begin with a complimentary dinner at St. Paul's M. E. church. All interested in attending are asked to notify the Christian Association by 5 p.m. on March 21, in order that dinner reservations may be completed. Descriptions of job opportunities are available at the Christian Association or at the Placement Service.

AT THE MOVIES
CATHAUM—Three Godfathers.
STATE—So Dear to My Heart.
NITTANY—Carson City Raiders.

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