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Something Sacred

YOU CAN TAKE AWAY a high school student's bubble gum, lodge him in a dormitory, fraternity, or rooming house, buy him a new set of books on the same old subjects, and call him a college student. One thing no one can do to an American youth, however, is to denude him of his love for vacations.

Furthermore, it would be a rash and hazardous act for any educator to make a move to curb or abolish vacations. If the college official must tamper with student life, let him toy with less volatile phases, such as raising fees and tearing down football stadia.

With undeniable courage, the College scheduling officer sliced two days off seniors' vacation time last February. It may be no coincidence that the scheduling office is tucked away in the Army.

Seniors, of course, being the very personification of academic idealism, limited their protests to grumbles—grumbles that compare favorably with the growls of the erstwhile Nittany Lion.

COLLEGE CLASSES are so skillfully conducted; college texts are so well written, and the whole conglomerate of campus life is so fascinating, that it is inconceivable that the privileged few who attend would ever wish to vacate the premises.

Kind and self-denying parents—not to mention a kind Veterans Administration—have gone to great lengths to place their charges in college.

To be absolutely fair about it, students should go home with sombre faces, leaving campus a bit later than permitted. They should talk of nothing but college while home. They should insist on returning a day early.

BEFORE THIS EVER HAPPENS, State College will have Sunday movies and the Student Press will have been worn out.

—John Bonnell.

19th Century Mores

CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES regarding written clauses of fraternity discrimination have generated so much steam that the real issue has been beclouded. The immediate need is not so much the removal of discriminatory membership requirements in fraternity constitutions as it is the accumulation of internal pressure against such clauses by a forthright educational program within the fraternity movement itself.

The method of force from the outside, though perhaps commendable in terms of militancy, may do great harm in retarding the development of inter-racial and inter-religious understanding among members of the affected groups. Then, too, the fact that a fraternity may not have written means of discrimination does not indicate an absence of discriminatory practices, for there are, unfortunately, other means for members to demonstrate their prejudices.

The real need is to strike directly at the heart of discriminatory attitudes rather than at their peripheral results. Long-term progress can only be made by a reduction of basic prejudices and not by the tearing up of a scrap of paper.

Enlightened fraternity men and women at the University of Wisconsin two years ago began a campaign against such prejudices. They are now attempting to carry their work to the Interfraternity Councils and Panhellenic societies at other campuses. NSA is throwing its full support to this endeavor and with the cooperation of local campus fraternal groups will initiate a program of inter-racial and inter-religious understanding among and WITHIN fraternities at all its member schools.

ADVANTAGES OF FRATERNAL LIFE will only become apparent to a hostile public when a sincere attempt is made to revise those mores properly classified, though perhaps charitably, as "19th century"; hence it is the direct responsibility of fraternity members to their organization as well as to their society to support this human relations program wholeheartedly. An organization, like a nation, grows through the food of dynamic social progress; and from the lack of it, only stagnates and dies.

—The NSA News.

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Left High and Dry



Height of Hysteria

(Last of a Series)
By Stanley E. Degler

The anti-communist rioters in Pittsburgh April 2 did not realize their contribution to the factors which contrive to destroy the very principles they imagined themselves protecting.

They undoubtedly believe they are performing a great service for democracy. Actually they are destroying our freedoms—of speech, of assembly, of the press, of the right to hold a minority opinion even though it is unpopular.

One young man cried, "Remember what happened in Germany?" in support of the rioters. What did happen in Germany is that the Nazis came into power because of the fear of communism, among other things. Right wing dictatorship is no better than the communist brand. In the reaction against one we expose ourselves to the other.

Harold J. Laski, British political scientist, said in a speech at Howard University Saturday that he believes people "who want to destroy the extreme left" are the greatest threat, and that democracy "is in real peril now."

We must not fall victims to insidious internal encroachments on our liberties, which come garbed in the guise of patriotism. It would be tragic to fall prey to a fascist dictatorship, while absorbed in anti-communist propaganda designed to prepare us for war.

Let us allow the philosophies of government to compete, unhindered by violence and reactionary legislation. Then, if communism is really as bad as it is popularly supposed to be, it will stand no chance of attracting more than a handful of followers. And if it is good, or if parts of it are good—a possibility given scant consideration—we shall profit by its adoption and not its suppression.

It must not be driven underground where it will function as effectively as before, until another enemy to liberty, fascism, sneaks in by the back door.

Very Brief

• Many college students and administrators are concerned over the probable length of the draft holiday. Now if a really frigid wind would come along and freeze the cold war to death—



"What do you mean... TRUE or FALSE?"

The Safety Valve

'The True University'

TO THE EDITOR: Hardly a week goes by without some comment appearing in Collegian about the "Save the Grass—Wear Out the Walks" campaign but only on two occasions since last September has any mention been made of the fact that an integral part of our College of much greater importance than the few abused plots of grass is being willfully damaged and to a certain extent rendered useless. I am talking about the College library.

It seems as though one out of every five books or magazine that I attempt to use is either "missing from the library" or has had pages and pictures removed. In 1946 I read a series of six books by one author. Today one of the six books is missing and from three of the others pages and pictures have been removed.

It is deplorable that college students who are to be the future leaders of this country should stoop to what is no better than theft and vandalism. And if there is any truth to Carlyle's statement that "The true university is a collection of books" these vandals are destroying the very institution that is aiding them in becoming better men and women. There is no question in my mind that here is a problem that is of vital importance to the College. I know of no solution to it but I would like to see Collegian devote some time and space in bringing this problem before the public and helping in its solution.

—Name withheld.

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Wednesday, April 13

- PENN STATE Bible Fellowship, 417 Old Main, 4 p.m.
- NEWMAN Club Discussion Group, Church Rectory, 7 p.m.
- WRA Badminton, WH gym, 6:15 p.m.
- Bowling (beginners), 6:30 p.m.
- Modern Dance, WH, 7 p.m.
- Modern Dance Concert Group, WH, 8 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Admitted Tuesday: Suzanne Hosler.
Discharged Tuesday: Judith PoKemper, Martin Veater.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

- Arrangements for interviews should be made in 204 Old Main
- Atlantic Refining Co., April 22, June grads in EE and ME for positions in engineering and construction departments.
- Reliance Life Insurance Co., April 20, June grads interested in life underwriting.
- Allegheny Ludlum Steel Corporation, April 26, June grads in ME, Chem E, IE, and Accounting. (1.6 average.)
- Fidelity & Deposit Co. wants applications from students interested in the bonding field. (Single men under 30 preferred.)
- Pennsylvania Railroad, April 25, June grads in EE and ME for special apprenticeship course. Applicants should not be over 23 years of age.
- Corning Glass Works, April 25, June grads in Chem E, EE, ME, and Phys. for technical training program.
- Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., April 25 and 26, June grads in Chem E, Civ E, EE, IE, ME, and Physics.
- Standard Pressed Steel Co., April 26 and 27, June grads in IE and ME.
- American Viscose Corp., April 26 and 27, June grads from the following curricula: Chem (B.S., M.S., and Ph.D.); Chem Eng (B.S. and M.S.); IE (B.S. and M.S.); and Accounting (B.S. and M.S.).
- Bolton School of Nursing of Western Reserve U., April 27, June grads in A&L, Pre-Med, Psych, Science, and Health Ed.
- Westinghouse Electric Co., April 27, 28, and 29, June grads in EE, IE, and ME.
- Sears, Roebuck and Co., April 28, June grads in Ag Eng for sales.
- Talon, Inc., April 29, June grads in IE and ME, for instructors in the training department.
- Scott Paper Co., April 28, June grads in ME.
- Lehigh Portland Cement Co., April 29, June grads in C&F for their sales department.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM—That Wonderful Urge.
STATE—Shockproof.
NITTANY—Ruthless.

Edit Briefs

• Head in yesterday's Collegian: "Daniels to Give Atomic Lecture." Shall we wear our anti-radioactivity clothes?

• President Truman is going into his fifth year of office weighing 178 pounds, 11 more than he weighed four years ago. The President has had plenty of worries, but apparently they haven't affected his health adversely. We wonder if all the college-bred experts who insisted Harry would never see a fifth year in the White House have likewise gained weight since November.

• Any resemblance between Pollock road and the Pennsylvania Turnpike is largely imaginary, but from the way some drivers roar past Carnegie Hall, they must believe both roads were built for unlimited speed.