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Sane Athletics Can Counteract Scandals

In the wake of scandals in law enforcement, the federal government, and the banking business, recent disclosures of irregularities in collegiate athletics may appear insignificant.

The New York basketball scandals, followed hard by the disclosure of the mass cheating at West Point created a furor among the non-college segment of the populace. The incidents were pointed at as an indication of the low state of morals and ethics in the nation's colleges and universities.

Most college students are fully aware of the damaging influence reaped by over-emphasized athletics. On a good many campuses the athlete has become the privileged character, who need not attend classes, is automatically "passed" in those courses he does take, and is the recipient of sometimes fabulous salaries.

The effect of this over-emphasis was aptly pictured by President Eisenhower when he likened over-emphasized college athletics to a cancer in that it spreads and corrupts the rest of the institution.

What a good many people have failed to see in the breakdown of morals on the college campus is that the breakdown is only a symptom of the greater deterioration in almost every phase of American life.

The collapse of morals has not originated on the campus, nor is it peculiar to the campus.

We are not satisfied, however, with making an excuse for loose morals. The nation looks to the colleges for leadership, and the colleges will be failing in their duty if they do not produce that leadership.

The colleges will fail to provide that leadership if they fail to make a move against the trend toward loose ethics. They can take one step—in athletics—by adopting Penn State's proposals to eliminate the platoon system and dropping spring practice.

A sane athletic program can be the first step toward a higher moral tone on the college campus. Both the Eastern College Athletic Conference and the National Collegiate Athletic Association can make the first move. It's up to them.

Pay for Nothing

In the midst of news that Penn State has borrowed \$4,000,000 in order to keep operating, that 78 teachers in three districts are on strike, and that state institutions are suffering because of the failure of the state legislature to pass a tax bill, we learn that some 85 extra employees of the state will be receiving pay for no work during the recess of the General Assembly.

The cost to the taxpayers for these political sinecures will be \$50,000. That's \$50,000 for salaries for people who will be doing absolutely no work between now and the end of the recess Dec. 10. In addition, the people of Pennsylvania will be paying some \$30,000 for the salaries of permanent staff members—who will also be doing nothing during the recess.

Perhaps the legislators will be able to explain that to the people back home if and when they pass an income tax bill. The easiest explanation is, "Take care of your own first."

TV Tangle

PROVIDENCE, R. I. — (AP) — The nine wise men of the Domestic Relations Court daily face a problem that never bothered Solomon: who gets the television set in a marital break-up?

All nine judges agree that when a divorced couple confers on division of property, all goes well until it comes to the TV, and that almost invariably is cause for a wrangle. Frequently, according to the judges, it is the only piece of furniture specifically mentioned.

Well, why not!

— B. F.

MacArthur's Folly

Advocates of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's all-out war theory must have received an awakening shock with yesterday's news of the second a-bomb explosion.

That the use of atomic bombs in Korea would certainly have involved us in an all-out war with the Russians is a fact that has been made obvious to all. No less an admirer of Gen. MacArthur than central Pennsylvania's own Jimmy Van Zandt, Republican member of the House atomic energy committee, has resigned himself to the realization that the General's policies would lead to disaster.

"It explains why we have not used atomic weapons in Korea," Van Zandt said in commenting on the second Russian a-bomb blast. "If we had we would be involved in all-out atomic war."

As events unfold, the General's plans for all-out war in Korea—including the use of atomic bombs—become increasingly foolhardy and reckless. And the General, despite his grandstand efforts to sway the American people, becomes with each significant event more and more the picture of a military man who might have led this nation along the road to disaster had he been in a position of final authority.

Just for Fun

PITTSBURGH — (AP) — Because her husband came home with lipstick on his shirt, a Pittsburgh housewife decided to teach him a lesson — she spiked his gravy with roach powder.

The husband, Joseph Kearns, 23, of suburban North Side, ended up in the hospital with poisoning.

Mrs. Margaret Kearns told a police magistrate:

"I didn't want to hurt him—just make him sick."

He fined her \$10 for disorderly conduct.

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"Honest, I was just fooling! What's a little roach poison between a wandering hubby and wife."

— B. F.

Safety Valve—

To Those Who Don't Agree With Arguments Against Oath

TO THE EDITOR: It seems that a few people don't understand or agree with the arguments against the loyalty oath bill which have been so clearly stated in several Collegian editorials and especially in the All-Cabinet resolution.

Perhaps they feel that the fears behind such arguments are unfounded in fact. This letter is no place to give a detailed account of the suppression of freedom and the persecution of innocent individuals resulting from the abusive use of loyalty oath requirements and "loyalty" investigations. However, I would like to refer those interested in the facts to a book published this year called "The Loyalty of Free Men" by Alan Barth. If the doubters read Mr. Barth's book perhaps they would no longer doubt but would rather have a more clear understanding of how communism, loyalty oath bills and other threats to our democratic way of life should be met.

— Joseph K. Geiger

Gazette . . .

Friday, October 5

NAVAL RESERVE RADIO UNIT, Oct. 8, 200 Engineering E, 7 p.m.

NEWMAN CLUB, lawn party, Phi Kappa, 8 p.m.

PENN STATE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP, 304 Old Main, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 6

ALPHA PHI OMEGA, Oct. 8, 304 Old Main, 7 p.m.

INTERCOLLEGIATE GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE, Oct. 8, 214 Willard Hall, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE HOSPITAL

Sandra Axe, Alvin Baker, Roland Emetaz, James McGinnis, Lawrence Levine, Marjorie Phillips, James Pollard, Clara Jane Wolf.

AT THE MOVIES

CATHAUM: That's My Boy
STATE: His Kind of Woman
NITTANY: The Frogmen

STARLITE DRIVE-IN: The Foreign Legion
—plus—Rock Island Trail

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Babeck and Wilcox will interview January graduates in M.E., Metal, and Phys., Thursday, October 18.

Belbing Heminway Corticelli will visit the campus to interview January graduates in M.E., E.E., and Ch. E., if enough students are interested. If interested, leave your name at 112 Old Main by Friday, October 12.

Bendix Radio will interview January graduates in E.E. and Phys., on Thursday, October 18.

Carter Research Laboratory, Tulsa, Oklahoma, will interview M.S. and Ph. D. candidates in E.E., Pet. Eng., Mech. Eng., and Ph. D. candidates only in Phy., Chem. Eng., Phy., Chem., Chem., and Geo., who will receive their degrees no later than June, 1952.

Chance Vaught Aircraft will interview January graduates at all levels, in M.E., C.E., E.E., Aero.E., Math., and Phys., Monday, October 15.

Lockheed Aircraft corporation will interview January graduates in C.E., Aero.E., M.E., I.E., and Arch.E., Friday, October 12.

West Penn Power company will interview January graduates in M.E. and E.E. Tuesday, October 16.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Chauffeur wanted five days a week; 11:30-1:30. Men for free hand lettering.

Woman to do full time housework.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"I'm sure I have some cigaretties here someplace."



A Bonn Mot

By RON BONN

This year, for a number of reasons, we decided to live downtown instead of in the dormitories. At present we consider this one of the best decisions of our collegiate career, since if we hadn't made the change, we would never have met Honey, our landlady.

Honey is 76 years old—that she admits to. She's the portrait

of your dear old gentle grandmother, white-haired, wiry, small, and frail-looking. This portrait lasts until she opens her mouth.

She is the first to admit that she "likes the boys." Upon occasion, a number of the boys at the house get together to devil Honey, implying that at her advanced age her sexual prowess is something less than might be desired. Honey replies by pointing out that in "her day"—an indeterminate time presumably well before the turn of the century—she could make any Penn State female seem pale by comparison.

Undoubtedly she is correct. She is fond of showing off a small yellow book mailed her by a grateful lodger. The volume is titled, "What Can Be Done About Sex after 50?" The book is composed entirely of blank pages. But if you press her, she'll admit that things aren't quite as bad as all that.

Honey is one of the most feared and respected personalities in the neighborhood. Both emotions are well-merited. For example, she's been pursuing the borough for years, trying to get them to trim a large tree in front of her home. Recently a crew appeared in the block and began to trim trees further up. A bit later a gentleman began climbing Honey's oak. Honey went out to supervise. She greeted the climber, "So ye're finally gettin' around to trimmin' my tree, are ye?"

"No'm."
"Ye ain't gonna trim her?"
"No'm."
"What are ye gonna do to her?"
"Gonna cut'er down."
"GET OUTTA THAT DAMN TREE!"

The climber refused politely; he had his orders and they were to cut down the tree.

"Mister," Honey warned, "I'm goin' in that house. In ten seconds I'm comin' out with a shotgun, cocked. If ye're still up in my tree, I won't be responsible."

Honey then entered the house. In ten seconds she returned with a shotgun, cocked. There were no treecutters in sight. In all fairness, let it be here recorded that Honey would have blasted off both barrels without a second thought if the man had still been up in her tree. She still will if he shows up again, but so far, her tree has remained inviolate.

Honey's independent spirit shows up in other ways. At the three-quarter century mark, she's just a wee bit infirm on her legs. Going up a flight of porch steps

with a couple of lodgers some time ago, she lost her balance and cursing fearsomely, went rolling down the green lawn. The lodgers rushed to her rescue. As they leaned over her to pick her up, Honey realized their intentions. "Get you crummy hands offa me!" she shrieked. "I can still get up by myself."

And then there was the time she went to a charity box-lunch sale with the preacher's wife. She had no more intention of buying a box-lunch than she had of bursting into a Charleston. But the gushing of the lady grated on Honey's nerves. The preacher's wife exuded enthusiasm for every small offering that went on the block. At last, beside herself, she emitted, "Oh, look at that lovely box. I must have that one."

"The hell you'll have that one," Honey told her, and proceeded to bid the price right out of sight.

There are many more stories available about Honey. But give us time. We've only lived there three weeks.

Government Club To Meet Monday

The Intercollegiate Conference on Government will hold a meeting for new members 7 p.m. Monday in 214 Willard.

The club was organized to provide students with an opportunity to learn how the government operates by using model conventions, conferences and congresses.

Next week club members will attend the sixteenth annual Institute of Local Government to be held at the College.

The club has previously sponsored a model United Nations. In April it plans to hold a model state convention at which a president and vice-president will be nominated in the same manner as national nominations.

Home Ec Convention

Seven faculty members and 12 students of the School of Home Economics are in Altoona today attending the annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Education Association.

Faculty members include Dr. Jessie M. Rossman, Margaret E. Riegel, Mildred I. Turney, Sara McQueer, Dorothy Kennally, Elizabeth C. Hillier, and Dorothy L. Davis.