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## Class Session in Attacks on Liberties

The American Mercury, once a leading liberal publication, has forwarded to student newspapers throughout the country a reprint of an article by its editor, entitled, "A Call for Revolt on the Campus." This piece of writing might well serve as a basic text for study of the weapons of guilt-by-association, character assassination, and deliberate misstatement, which form the arsenal of McCarthyism in the United States today.

**Lesson one: Guilt-by-Association.** The Mercury says, "That about sums up the difference between the Editor of The Mercury and the Secretary of State: between intelligent Conservatism and Hiss-Acheson Liberalism." Footnote: The coupling of unrelated names is among the most successful methods developed in recent research on effective smear techniques. Eg: The Alben Barkley-Aaron Burr tradition indicates the dangers of subversives in the office of the vice president.

**Lesson two: Character Assassination.** The Mercury says, "Roosevelt did have qualifications to lead a movement toward irresponsibility: he himself had never earned a living or even assumed the responsibility for his own family. A condition of his marriage was that his wife's estate would bear half the expense of the household—a condition which should interest the psychiatrist who considers either Eleanor or Elliott." Footnote: An outstanding example of smear through irrelevant issues and throwing mud upon an enemy's grave, highly regarded tactics. Interesting overtones of both character assassination and guilt by association may be found in the references to an American delegate to the United Nations and widow of a President, and an important member of the Democratic party and son of that president.

**Lesson Three: Deliberate Misstatement.** The Mercury says, "This movement toward collectivism . . . was born on the campuses of the professor-student relationship—of the Frankfurter-Hiss relationship."

Footnote: Here the effect of "seeing it in print" is used to override questions concerning the origins of the "collectivist movement." The reader is to take as gospel the stated half-truth that the colleges founded it, and the implied falsehood that the New Deal and Fair Deal are collectivist movements. Note the reappearance of the guilt-by-association hyphen in coupling the name of Felix Frankfurter, an outstanding liberal justice of the United States Supreme Court, with that of Alger Hiss.

—Ron Bonn

## A Good Movie

One of the most rewarding movie bills of recent years is now playing in State College. The feature film is the documentary Kon-Tiki, the now-famous saga of a band of men who sailed across the Pacific on a balsa raft. But running unadvertised with Kon-Tiki is one of Walt Disney's incredible true-life adventure series, Beaver Valley.

Worth the admission by itself, the technicolor film is a year-long study of wild-life in a Rocky Mountain valley. Unbelievable sequences of beavers at work, spectacular shots of salmon leaping rapids, and marvelous closeups of crickets "singing" are set against one of the loveliest scenic and musical backgrounds ever put on film. This short may well convince you that some movies are, after all, better than ever.

—R. B.

## Hell Week Reform Impetus Needed

"Hell Week Becomes Help Week" is a slogan that has been adopted by an ever-growing list of fraternities and sororities both here at Penn State and other colleges.

Made aware that nonsensical pledge stunts do not make better fraternity people and may even react to the detriment of the fraternity system, a good many organizations have yielded to reason. Pledgeships and hell week activities have been converted to useful purposes.

Some fraternities have painted hospitals, cleaned libraries, repaired buildings (including the fraternity houses themselves), etc., for many years now. At Syracuse University, the sororities—led by Alpha Epsilon Phi—have entered the picture.

Hell week reforms will not come as a result of outside influences. The fraternities and sororities must reform themselves. They should reform—in the sphere of detrimental hell week activities—because constructive hell week practices will help the fraternities, will help worthy causes in need of "pledge labor," and will help create better relations between the public, fraternity men, and the fraternity system.

The next move is up to the fraternities and the Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils.

## Gazette . . .

Thursday, October 11  
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS, 119 Osmond Laboratory, 7 p.m.  
COLLEGIAN editorial candidates, 9 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY, 110 Electrical Engineering, 7:30 p.m.  
FORESTRY SOCIETY, Tau Phi Delta, 7:30 p.m.

FROTH, editorial, art and photography candidates who missed Tuesday night's meeting, 2 Carnegie, 7 p.m.

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA, 121 Sparks, 7 p.m.

NAVAL RESERVE RADIO UNIT, Oct. 15, 200 Engineering E, 7 p.m.

NEWMAN CLUB, scholastic philosophy lecture, John Hammes in charge, 317 Willard Hall, 7:15 p.m.

NITTANY GROTTO, 318 Frear Laboratory, 7:30 p.m.

RADIO GUILD, script writers division, 304 Sparks, 7 p.m.

S.A.M.E., 3 Carnegie Hall, 7:30 p.m.

SCABBARD AND BLADE, business meeting, Triangle, 7:30 p.m.

**COLLEGE HOSPITAL**  
Rosemary Bellin, Roger Bender, John Condit, Jerry Goldress, Theodore Gracia, Gloria Handwerk, Sally Johnson, Lawrence Levine, Bob Rice, Jane Shrum, Frank Smith, Ray Webb, Gertrude Weidmann.

**COLLEGE PLACEMENT**  
Wright Aeronautical corporation will interview January graduates in Aero. E., M.E., E.E., Eng. Mech. and Metal Tuesday, October 23.

National Biscuit company will interview January graduates in M.E., Chem. E., and E.E., if enough students are interested. Those interested should apply at 112 Old Main before Saturday, October 20.

U. S. Naval Ordnance Laboratory will interview January graduates in M.E., E.E., E.E., and Physics, Friday, October 19.

Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing company will interview January graduates in C&P, L.A., M.E., E.E., Ch.E. Friday, October 19.

Air Engineers will interview January graduates in M.E. Friday, October 19.

Standard Oil company, Indiana, will interview MS and PhD candidates, who will receive their degrees in Chem. E. in '52, October 17.

Hercules Powder company will interview January graduates at the B.S. and M.S. level in M.E., Ch.E. and Chem. Wednesday, October 24.

International Business Machine corporation will interview January graduates in E.E., and M.E. Wednesday, October 24.

Link Aviation corporation will interview January graduates in E.E. Thursday, October 25.

Lukens Steel company will interview January graduates in M.E., C.E. and Metal, Thursday, October 25.

Phillips Petroleum company will interview January graduates in P.N.G., Ch.E., E.E., M.E. and Metal Wednesday, October 24.

Plasecki Helicopter corporation will interview January graduates in Aero.E. and M.E. Wednesday, October 17.

**STUDENT EMPLOYMENT**

Chauffeur wanted five days a week: 11:30-1:30.

Man to set pins for bowling league.

Woman to do full time housework.

Men playing following instruments: drums, tenor sax, Orchestra for Saturday nights.

Cook for 30 day experiment; prefer student wife.

Men for work on farm; baling hay Friday afternoon, and clarinet.

## Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"That's Burwell's chair, Worthal. We seated you alphabetically, remember?"

## The Old Millstream

By MOYLAN MILLS



If current trends continue and expand, universities, in the East and South at least, will see an entirely different brand of football in their vast stadiums of the future.

A move is now on in these sections of the country to de-emphasize the major college sport. If present plans go through, students five or ten years from now will be watching a brand of football strongly reminiscent of two decades ago.

Penn State has taken the lead in Eastern sports circles and Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia have started a de-emphasization investigation in the South.

But the most complete and revolutionary proposals of all have been put forth by Vanderbilt University, and it might be well, since Penn State is a leading exponent of de-emphasization in the Eastern conference, to take a look at the Vanderbilt suggestions.

Vanderbilt's Chancellor Harvie Branscomb, in a letter sent to the school's alumni and reported in the New York Times, has set up a six-point program for de-emphasis of intercollegiate football.

Branscomb says that certain aspects of the sport are "educationally wrong." He also says that over-emphasis of the sport have compelled Vanderbilt to consider a new policy toward football and "only by some such program can football be saved as an undergraduate activity."

Several of Branscomb's points are in line with the proposals recently brought before a committee of the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference by Carl P. Schott, dean of the College's School of Physical Education.

Branscomb and Penn State's Athletic Advisory Board both ask that spring practice be eliminated. Branscomb, in his letter, says that the time demanded of a football player must be reduced. Penn State's advisory board, a 13-man body reflecting student, faculty, and alumni opinion, brought the spring practice problem to light last spring and, at the same time, recommended the end of the football platoon system.

The Vanderbilt proposals are much longer and more radical. Branscomb calls for the elimination of bowl games because they place extraordinary premiums upon winning. A moderately successful record is no longer regarded as a satisfactory one for a college football team, according to the Branscomb letter.

Branscomb also recommends a reduction in the number of football scholarships to a point where the athletic budget no longer is a major financial risk. He is in favor of limitation of intercollegiate competition to bona fide college students and planning of physical education courses from the standpoint of the student's future rather than from the standpoint of getting and keeping athletes in school.

The platoon system and specialization come under the list of excess baggage which Branscomb

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