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To Explain Collegian To the Legion

The American Legion's renewal of its never-substantiated charges of communism at Penn State, together with an attack on a Daily Collegian editorial, necessitates a clarification, both of the Daily Collegian's position at the College, and of the charges themselves.

The Daily Collegian is the student newspaper of the Pennsylvania State College. Editorially, it has no connection with the College, nor are its editorials seen by College officials until they actually appear in print. The Legion's two-bladed attack, evidently aimed at connecting the College with a Daily Collegian editorial attacking the state senate's unanimous passage of a bill outlawing the Communist Party, is therefore completely unjustified. The Daily Collegian will stand on its printed word, and bears all responsibility for that word.

But the Legion's attack on the Daily Collegian actually substantiates this newspaper's contention, in many editorials, that any group which attempts to disagree with any move towards "communist control," however destructive of "communist control" however destructive of be, will promptly be labeled subversive. The editorial under attack criticizes the state senate, making the point that, "By so-doing (passing the bill outlawing the Communist Party by name), they have admitted that communism, if left to operate under a democracy would undermine and overthrow it." The editorial brands this move, "one of the most un-American things they have ever done." The criticism is legitimate, but the Legion doubts the loyalty of its proponents.

A second Legion charge is that the Daily Collegian failed to print a letter from Hugh Manchester "citing un-American activities at Penn State, wherein names were named." Manchester, who once advertised himself to be "president of the Penn State student council" at a time when he was actually on probation after having failed out, did write such a letter. Libel laws, of course, hold a publication printing such material equally responsible with its author. When Sen. Joseph McCarthy offered a list of "subversive" names to the newspapers of the nation, on the condition that they must print them, the papers refused unanimously, fearing libel charges.

The Daily Collegian does not place sufficient confidence in Hugh Manchester's unsubstantial charges to hold itself open to libel action on their account.

—The Senior Board

What the Hell Is Brundage Doing?

The astounding announcement by Avery Brundage, president of the National Amateur Athletic Union, that subsidized college athletes, even those with scholarships, would be banned from the 1952 U.S. Olympic teams, is easily one of the most severe blows to the country's chances that could have been delivered, short of a complete withdrawal, if he intends to enforce it.

A member of the Olympic selection committee commented, "I don't see how we can field a team in any sport." The author of the comment is the athletic director at Stanford University, the educational home of one Robert Mathias, 1948 Olympic decathlon champion, who is very probably on a scholarship at the school.

The decision by Brundage is one that would seem to be coming from a man who spends his spare time reading the athletic scandal stories rather than the sports results. It obviously has escaped Mr. Brundage that the number of athletes on scholarships in American colleges has increased tremendously in recent years. The whole philosophy of athletics has changed on down through the high schools. Today, the measure of a good high school athlete is whether he gets a college scholarship or how many he gets.

The morality of such conditions is not one we wish to defend but the solution that Brundage has offered in regard to the Olympics is asinine. The mere fact that a man is on scholarship to a college does not make him a professional. Brundage would make it so. However, if he can do it and it seems improbable, it should be done legally through rules and regulations labeled as a change in the rules of amateur eligibility.

The AAU president said he meant, "anyone who is given any scholarship, payments, or anything of value." The interpretation of that statement will really be a job. He added, "If the colleges had properly educated the students when they were in school, they would realize the true value of sports and not be football morons after graduation."

The reason for his using football as the point of his attack is not clear—like most of his reasoning—since football is not one of the sports in the Olympic lineup. He will probably be shocked to find the large number of scholarships given for smaller sports that are on the Olympic agenda.

At present at least two Penn State men have received invitation to participate in tryouts for the Finland fracas to take place next summer. Some reports claim that both of these men are on scholarship here. The innocuous way that State goes about aiding its athletes is minute compared to many schools but these men may fall under the same ruling, regardless.

The general reaction of most sports-minded people in the nation is worth repeating.

"Brundage, just what the hell are you doing?"

—Bud Fenton

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"He knows the season is over—but he's afraid ole Prof Snarf will forget he's an athlete."

Penn 'Counterfeiters' Draw FBI Action

By MIMI UNGAR

Pennpix, the University of Pennsylvania's competition for Penn State's Froth, had itself in some pretty hot water last week. As a promotion stunt, the Pennpix printed three dollar bills. Each bill, carrying President Harold E. Stassen's picture, was good for a copy of Pennpix if accompanied with 25 cents.

After these bills were circulated among students, the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin picked up the story and ran it on the front page. Immediately, Treasury men were informed about the situation. Investigation began on whether or not the printing of the bills may have been a violation of a law prohibiting reproduction of United States or foreign money.

Original Idea

The Justice Department took immediate action against this so-called counterfeiting ring. They burned all the remaining bills and confiscated the plates. The Daily Pennsylvanian reported that the counterfeiting ring breathed a unanimous sigh of relief and promised that it would never, never again get Uncle Sam mad by trying to break up his money-printing monopoly.

The Daily Pennsylvanian also reported that the original plans of the Pennpix counterfeiting ring were to take a photo of a one dollar bill, superimpose Stassen's picture and three dollar

markings and then drop 5000 of them from the upper deck of Franklin Field during the Penn-Army game.

The hard working members of the Pennpix staff were fortunate in that production difficulties made this original plan impossible. Had such a plan been possible, there might have been much more trouble and worry on Penn's campus.

Pennpix Staffers Now Free

The persons involved in this unexpected episode probably never realized the consequences connected with such an apparently "good idea." Perhaps if they had investigated beforehand, they would have saved themselves all this trouble and worry.

Penn's campus was rather upset when the trouble arose, an understandable reaction. We, too, breath a sigh of relief for them as the Pennpix staff once again can feel unwanted by government officials.

Gazette . . .

Tuesday, December 4

ALPHA PHI OMEGA business meeting canceled until Dec. 10, 3 Sparks, 7 p.m.

CHESS CLUB, 3 Sparks, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN business candidates, 1 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN business staff, 9 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.

COLLEGIAN sophomore editorial board, 2 Carnegie Hall, 7 p.m.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, TUB, 6:45 p.m.

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