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Youth's Character Result of Society

While it may be true that there has been a moral breakdown in college life, as has been contended by Rev. John Peabody, the moral breakdown which reflects itself on the college campus is only a smaller part of a deterioration which manifests itself in almost every phase of public and private life.

Rev. Peabody cites the recent exposures of basketball fixes, and widespread cheating as an indication of the poor job of character training being done by the colleges. This may be so, but the colleges face a difficult task in character training.

The difficulty in character training arises from the fact that colleges must attempt to imbue characteristics in students which go against the moral fiber in their background.

Students are no different than the general populace, although it is assumed that the college student has a higher intelligence. But after that, there is little or no difference.

The student is still largely the product of his environment, and the environment is the product of the modern age, with its fast pace, almost constant threat of world conflict, disruption of the personal lives of millions, and the other disillusioning contributory factors of the times.

The student who took money to shave points on the basketball court sees freezers and mink coats changing hands in Washington, and closer to home he sees colleges reaping great profit from amateur intercollegiate athletics.

The college cheater and point shaver is only doing what society as a whole is doing—and in a great many instances getting away with. The pattern of moral breakdown in college is virtually the same as the larger moral breakdown; it merely expresses itself within the fabric of college life and activity.

The colleges are fighting a difficult battle in their efforts to imbue students with character, for the character values the college encourages are scoffed at in the community.

But colleges being by tradition and purpose those vehicles of society whose purpose is to better mankind, it is their job to apply their skill and knowhow to the task of making men better. It is highly unlikely, but better college men may cast a brighter reflection on society as a whole.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Remember, Workman, just two more fouls and you're out!"

A.C.E. Excess Curb Has Weaknesses

One of the proposals of the executive committee of the American Council of Education designed to curb excesses in intercollegiate athletics calls for all assistance to athletes to be channeled through the colleges, which will administer the aid.

This measure is aimed at alumni clubs and booster's organizations which raise funds for athletic scholarships and administer them without adhering to the academic and other standards set up by the colleges.

This is one of the more intelligent moves of the college presidents. But unfortunately it leaves a loophole which many unscrupulous institutions will be quick to take advantage of. The A.C.E. ruling is effective insofar as it will put a check on the semi-official organizations which interest themselves in athletics.

But what does the A.C.E. propose to do about alumni and friends of colleges who will aid athletes on their own?

There is simply no form of regulation or means of enforcement which will prevent an alumnus from "adopting" an athlete, and providing him with the wherewithal to go to college, including "pocket money."

About the only suggestion we have heard to this date which would attempt to deal with this was made by Penn State football coach Rip Engle. Coach Engle suggested that athletes taking aid from sources other than the colleges should be declared ineligible for intercollegiate competition.

But we wonder how effective will be even this attempt at a solution of a perplexing problem. How is it to be enforced? Certainly the alumnus foster-parent isn't going to advertise his generosity, nor is the athlete going to acknowledge that he is the recipient of illegal aid.

Insofar as the A.C.E. action on outside aid for athletes goes, it is a move in the right direction. If we are to be realistic, however, we must recognize that the ruling will not be a complete solution of the problem of illegal aid to athletes.

Even Forced Unity Will Aid Europe

Evidence of a new tolerance in European relations is shown in the recent agreement whereby both France and Germany will be included in the unified European army now being set up by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Both France and Germany spent several hectic weeks agreeing to the proposal which would include German troops in the unified army, and both sides signed the deal reluctantly. But the important thing is that the arch-enemies of Europe for generations have agreed to work together.

Last year, both countries put the Schuman plan for cooperative coal production and distribution in operation. Now they have gone even further and signed a military pact.

This harmony has been forced on both countries, partly because of Anglo-American pressure, and partly because France and Germany realize that to survive in a hostile world and in a Europe that could explode any moment, they must cooperate. Twenty-five years ago any cooperative suggestion would have been scoffed at by the two countries as impossible, then or ever.

So now we have cooperation, admittedly half-forced, between countries that formerly had nothing but enmity for each other. This certainly shows improvement in world relations and gives rise to the thought that One World may be far in the future—but it may be in the future after all.

—Moylan Mills

Manila, the capital of the Philippines, is the largest city in the islands.

Peru is bounded on the north by Ecuador and Columbia, on the east by Brazil and Bolivia and on the south by Chile.

Band at Games?

So the basketball team lost three games in a row. So the guys were tired out from a rough schedule and lost the games in the closing minutes when they could hardly drag themselves around the court.

So tonight, of all nights, the team needs a big support when it meets a dangerous West Virginia team. The West Virginia fans will be up at State in force to seek revenge for the one point defeat State handed them earlier in the season.

The students who traveled to Morgantown for the first game were impressed with the West Virginia spirit. The team had great support from the sidelines. Some of the students wondered out loud why State couldn't give its team comparable support.

The fact that the Mountaineers had a band at the previous game accounted for much of the spirit. Perhaps the famous Penn State Blue Band could be induced to play for this game or future games of like importance. Coupled with some rousing cheering and the hearty playing of "Blue and White," the Penn State five could be spurred back on the victory road against an arch-rival.

Many college teams use their bands at basketball games. It might be a practice which Penn State could well follow.

—M. M.

Gazette . . .

- Wednesday, February 27
- BEGINNERS' HEBREW CLASS, also intermediate Hebrew and Yiddish, Hillel, 7 p.m.
- CHESS CLUB, 3 Sparks, 7 p.m.
- COFFEE HOUR, cabinet and dean of men, 109 Old Main, 4 p.m.
- GERMAN CLUB, Home Economics living center, 7:30 p.m.
- NEWMAN CLUB, lecture-discussion, Prof. Case in charge, Rectory basement, 7:30 p.m.
- PENN STATE GRANGE, 100 Horticulture Building, 7 p.m.
- THETA SIGMA PHI, Grange game room, 8:30 p.m.
- WRA MODERN DANCE GROUP, Modern dance room, 7 p.m.
- COLLEGE HOSPITAL
- Dominic Alisio, Alma Ashby, Barton Bass, Muriel Boggish, Irwin Brodsky, George Burman, Thomas Demboski, Jay Foulkrod, Marilyn Franklin, Dorlin Hay, Dick Hauck, John Ingham, Dale Jones, Frank Kennedy, William Kinzie, Garth Kistler, Carol Koch, William Leonard, Anne Rebholtz, Richard Sander, George Schneider, Henry Schroeder, John Soderberg, Bruce Vogelsinger.
- AT THE MOVIES
- CATHAUM: Harlem Globe Trotters 2:13, 4:06, 5:59, 7:52, 9:45
- STATE: Unknown Man 2:11, 4:03, 5:55, 7:47, 9:39
- NITTANY: Love Nest 6:25, 8:19, 10:15

Ripples in bedrock, 35 to 50 feet high were raised as much as two miles from the crater, when a meteorite struck the earth at Chubb Crater in northern Canada.

Fundamental Issues



By LEN KOLASINSKI

The world has been conveniently chopped into two segments—a "free" world and a "slave" world. Lumped together the former includes the United States and her allies; the latter is Russia and her satellites. But more important than the two opposing units is a group of nations that sit on the fence between them.

To snare a few of these middle-of-the-roads, Russia has used intrigue and Gestapo-like control within the victim's borders. Where violence was necessary to persuade local politicians that a Rus they disappeared, died of heart attacks, or leaped from windows. That is one method of absorbing the fence sitters. It is frowned upon by the Western allies, and it led to a United Nations police action in Korea. There is a possibility that the method could start World War III—for instance if Russia attempted to use it on India.

The free world, on the other hand, while its method is more refined does, nevertheless, leave itself open for criticism. Since the free world is loosely composed of individual nations with individual policies there must be a separate analysis of their attempts to attract the fence sitters.

For example, Britain in maintaining that the Suez Canal is vital both to the Empire and to the defense of the Middle East did rush troops to defend the canal area which the Egyptians wanted. In the major defensive action to thwart Russia, the aspirations of a lesser country were stifled. The move by Britain almost precipitated a revolution throughout the Moslem world.

Prior to the armed action in the canal zone, Britain had attempted to attract the Egyptians with a revised edition of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty. But she moved too slowly and with too little toward the Egyptians way of thinking.

In another case, the United States

States—which is the bulwark of the free world—has insisted to a greater degree that economic aid to the middle-of-the-roads must be tied up with security. Dollars for the development of backward nations with the stipulation that they must fight against communism is not compatible with the policies of some of the smaller foreign nations.

Of course, the United States should not be expected to pour millions of dollars of aid into a country without some return. Neither should it expect to buy friendship. What it can gain is the respect and confidence of the smaller nations. Later, the alliances will follow.

Recently, the United States offered Indonesia eight million dollars for development projects. The deal fell through when the Indonesians became aware of the commitment they must give to the free world. They branded the whole affair as American imperialism.

There can be no blanket solution to the manner of giving aid to countries in an effort to stop the spread of communism. What holds true for Europe; that is economic aid coupled with military commitments on the part of the recipients, may not be the type of aid that is acceptable to countries of Africa or those of Asia. Each case should be studied for its own peculiarities. From each the return to the United States may be different.

Gazette . . .

- COLLEGE PLACEMENT
- Chicago Bridge and Iron Co. will interview June graduates in C.E. Thursday, March 6.
- Columbia Gas. System will interview June graduates in C.E., E.E., I.E., M.E., Ch.E., Fuel Tech., PNG. and Home Ec. Thursday, March 6.
- Johns Manville will interview June graduates in M.E., Ch.E., and Chem. Thursday, March 6.
- Linde Air Products will interview June graduates in M.E., E.E., C.E., I.E., Ch.E. and Metal. Friday, March 7.
- National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics will interview June graduates in Ch.E., Phys., E.E., M.E., Aero.E., Chem., Metal., Arch.E., C.E. and Math. Friday, March 6.
- Stanolind Oil and Gas Co. will interview June graduates in Ch.E., M.E., C.E., E.E., Mining E., PNG. and Geology Thursday, March 6. They will also interview juniors in Engineering for summer employment.
- Arco Steel Corp. will interview June graduates in Ch.Phys., Metal., Mining E., M.E., I.E., C.E., Arch., Arch. E., Ag., and Journ. Monday, March 10.
- Bailey Meter Co. will interview June graduates in E.E. and M.E. both men and women Monday, March 10.
- Kelly Springfield Tire Co. will interview June graduates in Ch.E., Chem., E.E., I.E., M.E. and Accounting Monday, March 10.
- Aetna Casualty Group Insurance Co. will interview June graduates in C&F and A&L Tuesday, March 11.
- American Vitikose Corp. will interview June graduates in Ch.E., M.E., I.E. at the B.S. and M.S. level; Chem. at all levels; and women in Chem., Phys., and Math. at the B.S. level Tuesday, March 11.
- Mathieson Chemical Co. will interview June graduates in Ch.E. Monday, March 10.
- National Biscuit Co. will interview June graduates in C.E., E.E., M.E. and Ch.E. Tuesday, March 11.
- United States Steel Co. will interview June graduates in C&F Tuesday, March 11.
- Wellington is the capital of New Zealand.