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Close Should Get Courteous Attention

After much discussion and controversy, Upton Close will be the speaker in Monday's Community Forum program in Carnegie Hall.

Accused by many reputable organizations and persons of anti-Semitism and bigotry, Close has been under fire since his record was made known by the Daily Collegian.

We have no sympathy for Upton Close and his beliefs. His record should have disqualified him as a speaker. But the committee responsible for signing him for the Forum was not aware of the record when the contract was signed.

All concerned regretted the hiring of Close as a speaker for the Forum. At the same time, however, the general committee of the Community Forum held that barring Close from the Forum would set a dangerous precedent which might be repeated again.

It was the opinion of the committee, backed by the Daily Collegian, that the danger of having Close as a speaker was far less than the jeopardy freedom of speech on the Penn State campus might be placed in if he were banned. Weighing these two values, the committee decided to allow Close to speak.

The danger involved in allowing men of Close's hue to appear on such programs as the Community Forum is that the public is too often not aware of the full record of their past. Put in the glare of publicity, however, they are not nearly as dangerous as some might suspect.

That has been the purpose of the Daily Collegian's news stories and editorials on Upton Close: to present his record and allow the public to form its own opinions. We have faith in the ability of our readers to make a reasonable judgment.

Close is scheduled to speak on the subject "Is It Time for World Government?" We hope that he will stick to his subject and to the relevant material.

We also hope that the audience will treat Close with courtesy, will then question him properly about the material pertinent to the subject, and will conduct itself in a manner which will reflect credit to the College, the student body, and the community.

Such deportment can result only in good, and should the speaker not measure up to the audience in the quality of his behavior and expression, then he and not we will be the loser.

Cutting Will Affect Future Policy

In the event that you haven't already heard, the Penn State student will be watched Tuesday and Wednesday and a study made of class attendance.

Wednesday at noon marks the start of the spring vacation, and faculty members have been asked to turn in reports on class attendance.

The study is being made in conjunction with the recent proposal by a member of the College Senate that one credit be added to the graduation requirements of students for each class cut 48 hours before and after the start of vacation periods.

We think the proposal is unfair as well as unwise. Some people, however, are convinced that cutting has reached the point—especially the cutting of the vacation period type—where some action has to be taken. So the study is being conducted.

We are not quite certain that pre and post-vacation cutting has reached the point that the drastic action proposed is actually necessary. We are certain, however, that Penn State needs uniform regulations governing cutting. Such rules should deal with all cutting, and should be in force in all schools and departments of the College.

In the meantime, students can do a lot toward helping defeat any drastic proposals on pre and post-vacation cutting. The students, who will be directly affected by any regulations, can prove that drastic measures are not necessary. They can prove that by attending all classes Tuesday and Wednesday.

Greek Week Plan Is Successful

The first annual Greek Week program sponsored by the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils has been completed with most fraternity and sorority leaders convinced that the plan has been a success.

As might have been expected with almost any new venture of this type, everything didn't run according to plan. There were some events which did not come off exactly as envisioned.

On the whole, however, the program was successful enough to warrant its establishment as an annual event. Included in the program was a series of community work projects, exchange dinners between fraternities and sororities, and open houses for faculty members and townspeople.

The work projects suffered from a lack of organization and thorough planning, but we are certain that this year's errors will be avoided in following years. There can be no doubt that these "civic responsibility" projects have bettered relationships between townspeople and fraternity members in particular and students in general.

The same bettering of relations has resulted from the open house affairs given by the fraternities. The one complaint heard among fraternity men was that not enough faculty and townspeople attended these affairs to make them really worthwhile.

The purpose of these open houses was to enable fraternity men to get to know faculty members and townspeople on the social level. The purpose could not be accomplished with but a handful of these two latter groups attending the affairs.

Despite these shortcomings, Penn State's first Greek Week is being hailed as a success, and rightly so. If nothing else, the week is a step in the right direction, a step toward civic responsibility, a step toward better relations between the town and the students.

Legislated Loyalty End in Sight?

The Pennsylvania loyalty oath issue, smoldering since the measure became law last year, has burst into flame at the least expected point. A little spotty opposition had developed, four Quaker school teachers lost jobs rather than sign the pledge, and a scattering of protests was heard throughout the state during the recent signing period.

But on Thursday came the announcement that nine doctors and a nurse in Philadelphia General Hospital have flatly refused to take the oath, and are considering court action if they are dismissed.

The new development has a three-fold significance in the loyalty oath issue. The first, of course, is the prestige attached to the medical profession. Teachers may be controversial to some, but doctors are probably the most respected single group in the community, with nurses similarly regarded. Their judgment is trusted, their general sound conservatism undoubted. Even the American Legion will hesitate to attach "Red" labels to resident physicians.

Secondly, a new and generally unforeseen danger of the loyalty oath is revealed. When the University of California went through a similar situation, it lost through resignation and discharge a perhaps irreplaceable faculty group. If our city hospitals are hit by a wave of similar resignations within their staffs—and the Philadelphia experience indicates that they may be—an immediate menace to public safety far outweighing any the oath might squelch will be presented, and an oath-directed protest sweep the state.

Finally, the oath seems to be in for a still more severe test. Indications are that both the medical people and the American Friends Service Committee—representing the discharged Quaker school teachers—will bring the oath before the courts. A final decision on its questionable constitutionality at last seems assured.

So the Pechan Act faces serious danger on two fronts. Legislated loyalty may find its days are numbered.

—Ron Bonn

The Phantom!

WELLSVILLE, OHIO—(AP)—Enveloped in an eerie green light, the phantom of the highway made another appearance in Ohio recently.

Four motorists said they saw a skeleton-like figure in an automobile that appeared to have a green hale. But as in other cases in recent months, the spectre had disappeared by the time police and the highway patrol took up the search.

The phantom was reported on highways 30 and 45 in the Wellsville-West Point area. The motorists said the phantom's car made a wailing sound.

One caller told the highway patrol the driver, outlined in luminous paint, appeared to be actually standing on the running board. Another said the mystery car chased him into Wellsville.

Police have taken a dim view of the phantom's activities, calling him a mental case or someone with an odd sense of humor.

His last appearance in this area was in an adjoining county March 12. He also had been reported some 200 miles away in the west-central part of Ohio.

Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Just don't let an engineer stand you in front of a wind tunnel."

Fundamental Issues

By LEN KOLASINSKI



The guns-and-dollar policy of the United States is only one facet of diplomacy, which today is given the greatest emphasis. In the face of the Russian military machine it is a sensible and logical policy to pursue. But the fact remains that peace is not attained by armies and wars solve only the problems of overpopulation and depression. And that temporarily and violently.

Diplomacy then has other facets now held in eclipse to a great extent as the United States and the West in general rear. One of these facets is economic intercourse; another is the international interchange of social and scientific ideas and so forth. These are more pleasant to contemplate, more economical to execute, and more concrete in building peace.

At present in Moscow there is a meeting of economic minds from all parts of the world including the U.S., Britain, and other western European nations. However, all of the western bloc has denounced the conference—some lightly, others vehemently. It has been conveniently labeled Russian propaganda and attacked as a baited trap to snare businessmen from the West to trade with the Soviet Union and its satellites.

Observers of the economic scene maintain that Russia is feeling the pinch of the trade embargo which the West has erected against Russia and Soviet-controlled eastern Europe. Figures do show that Russian imports from the western end of Europe have been throttled to a fraction of pre-war quotas. Thus, Russia has called the International Economic Conference to somehow overcome this bottle-

neck. But, the western businessman has been warned that Russia will only trade up to the point where she acquires the necessary machine tools and strategic materials and then she will sever trade relations again.

While that may be true it is not a valid reason to level accusations against the conference as being only a propaganda move on the part of the Moscow. There is a great deal to be gained by attending if only from a purely tourist outlook. It is one legitimate excuse Russia has offered for American economists and businessmen to enter the country. It is valuable for the contact it offers another element of the West to familiarize itself with Russian tactics.

The results of the conference will not be known until the final curtain is lowered. But, it is probable that the action in Moscow will not add any more coals to the simmering fires of world tension. It is assured that the lack of American businessmen at the conference will keep communistic contamination of them to a minimum. It is foolish that this advantage to enter Russia was declared foul and that the fear of being smeared probably kept many Western Europeans and Americans at home.

Gazette...

Sunday, April 6
BRIDGE LESSONS, TUB, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 7
AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR METALS, speaker, Mineral Industries art gallery, 8 p.m.

ELECTRONIC WARFARE UNIT 4-3, 200 Engineering E, 7 p.m.
INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION SOCIETY, 104 Willard Hall, 7:30 p.m.

INTER COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE ON GOVERNMENT, 313 Willard Hall, 7:15 p.m.

LIBERAL ARTS STUDENT COUNCIL, 108 Willard Hall, 8:15 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Latrobe Electric Steel Co. will interview June graduates in I.E. Monday, April 21.

Naval Air Material Center will interview June graduates in C.E., E.E., Metal, M.E., Zoo, and Ent., Chem., Aero.E. and Phys. on Friday, April 18.

Philadelphia Naval Shipyard will interview June graduates in E.E., M.E., Arch. E., C.E., I.E., Ch.E., Car., Bact. and Ent. Friday, April 18.

U.S. Geological Survey will interview June graduates in Geo., For., C.E. and Math. Friday, April 18.

Bell Aircraft Corp. will interview June graduates in Aero.E., E.E., M.E., Phys. and Math. Monday, April 21.

Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army will interview June graduates in Arch.E., C.E., E.E. and M.E. Friday, April 18.

National Bureau of Standards will inter-

view graduates at all levels in E.E., M.E. and Phys. and M.S. and Ph.D. candidates only in Chem. and Math. Friday, April 18.

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. will interview June graduates in M.E., C.E., Arch.E., E.E., I.E., Ch.E., Cer. and Chem. Monday, April 21.

Dupont will interview both men and women in Chem. and Phys. for summer library work Tuesday, April 22.

Lockheed Aircraft Corp. will interview June graduates and 1952 M.S. candidates in Aero.E., E.E., C.E., M.E. and I.E. Tuesday, April 22.

Olin Industries, Inc. will interview June graduates and M.S. candidates in Chem. and Ch.E. and M.S. candidates only in Phys. Tuesday, April 22. They will also see a few M.E.

New York Life Insurance Co. will interview June graduates in Com. and A&L, Tuesday, April 22.

Allied Stores Corp. will interview June graduates in Com. and A&L, Tuesday, April 22.

Dewey and Almy Chemical Co. will interview June graduates in Chem.E., C.E., E.E., I.E., M.E., Chem. and Com.Chem., Wednesday, April 23.

Pennsylvania Water and Power Co. will interview June graduates in C.E., E.E., and M.E., Wednesday, April 23.

Chrysler Corp. will interview June graduates in Ch.E., Metal, E.E., and M.E., Wednesday, April 23.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Room and board for man with car.

Married couple without children for permanent summer job near State College.

Night guard and handyman for permanent job in Boalsburg.

Permanent dishwashing jobs 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

Farm work for a man with car.

Man experienced in electronic work.

Men interested in working for meals.

Engineering students, Juniors-preferred, for part-time summer work in State College.