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Gripes of 'Teachers' Not Entirely Valid

At first glance, the gripes of women student teachers that are being investigated by the Education Student Council seem legitimate. However, further examination proves that they do not hold up when all the facts are known.

Undergraduate regulations state that all undergraduate women must live in dormitories, including student teachers returning for a weekend. This precludes any opportunity to avoid the \$1.50 a night charge for staying in the dorms if a cot and clean linen are ordered for the visiting student teacher.

Some of the coeds feel that their affiliation with the College entitles them to the right to stay in the dorms free of charge if they don't use the cot and sheets. But Pennsylvania health laws make it illegal to have guests in a commercial building unless clean linen is provided.

A compromise step has recently been taken which allows a student to pay only .75 cents for clean linen to be used on a bed vacated by a coed leaving campus for the weekend.

The coeds then say, "What if we sleep on a couch in a sorority suite?" It must be emphasized that the chapter rooms of sororities are designed as living rooms, not bedrooms.

Some coeds have returned for a weekend and avoided charges by not telling their hostesses that they are there—they think. Many times the fact that they stayed in the dorm "illegally" is on their record even though their hostess said nothing to them.

The next question raised is how can coeds take advantage of the full athletic fee they pay unless they return to campus. In some cases, they don't have the money to return. It should be pointed out, however, that those AA books are not just sitting in a drawer—they are loaned to friends who are expecting guests.

Since the student teacher expects credit for the work she does while practice teaching, and expects to remain a student of the College, the full, incidental fee is necessary to keep her records and to pay the professors' expenses who supervise their teaching.

Next comes the problem of room assignments. Yesterday's Daily Collegian said a sorority woman cannot stay in her sorority suite the semester she is to go student teaching. This is true unless there is a sister to take her place when she leaves.

Room assignment will continue to be the rather confusing thing that it is unless one specific place, such as Woman's Building, is reserved for student teachers where they will be required to live three-quarters of the year they are on campus. We don't think the women want that.

—Lix Newell

Truman Was Brave

Next week Harry S. Truman, 32d President of the United States, will leave office.

He is leaving after nearly eight years in office. During this time he has been called almost every name in the book and has done a little name calling himself. However, we would like to try to foresee the place history will give Harry Truman when, 20 years from now, men think back to the time following World War II.

We feel that men's thought, tempered by time, will be more judicious with Mr. Truman than his more biased viewers in 1952. The Age of Truman in American history will be not an age of political poverty but an age of action—a time when many decisions had to be made . . . and were made. The time will be known as a logical, even if not perfect, complement to the Age of Roosevelt and his New Deal.

For, whatever may be said, Harry Truman was brave: he dared to use the veto; he had initiative: the Korean action; and he was an excellent politician: look at the 1948 campaign. No, Harry Truman was not a bad President.

We shall remember him not as a great man or a perfect one, but as a brave man, a good man, and an industrious President.

—Marshall O. Donley

What Does Word 'Communist' Mean?

A typical comment that might be made pertaining to Tuesday's release by the Senate internal security subcommittee saying that "there are hundreds of American school teachers who are Communists and who must be rooted out to protect future generations" is that "they're at it again."

Throughout the reign of this Communist search, given a far from desirable odor when Sen. Joseph McCarthy began his name-calling tactics about two years ago, we have not heard these loyal Americans define what they mean by the term "Communist." Is a person a Communist if he belongs to an organization that is mentioned during the name-calling tactics? Is a person a Communist if he reads magazines that men like McCarthy don't like, because they attack unjust name-calling and they often reveal another side of the picture?

Further, is a person a Communist if he was a member of the party 21 years ago—or will officials admit that more recently the structure of the party has changed because of Russian-United States relations? And finally, is a person a Communist if he refuses to sign a loyalty oath?

The report of the Senators read, "Despite the unquestioned loyalty and self-sacrificing devotion of the preponderant bulk of America's teachers, there are yet many hundreds of teachers who are Communists."

What they don't tell us is "What determines whether a man is a Communist?" It seems that if they plan to remove subversive elements and to have the minds of American youth educated along loyal lines, they had better begin providing some definitions—not only for the younger generation but for citizens in general.

They tell us testimony before the subcommittee has indicated specifically that Communist activity has taken place among teachers in Philadelphia, Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, Buffalo and Madison, Wis. as well as among teachers in other areas. But, what is this testimony?

Students are taught to be specific, to present the facts. And, claiming they are interested in the protection of these students, the United States Senate has turned to generalizations as a means of saying there are Communist teachers throughout the country.

Sen. Robert Taft, Republican majority leader in the Senate, has said the GOP policy committee will work out how congressional committees will divide up the investigative chore. Taft, himself, favors a search for subversives in colleges where there is evidence of organized Communist groups.

What exactly will investigators be looking for? If they know, it's about time they told the American public facts—not merely say "Communist"—but give us a meaning for the word. The term has been used so loosely that we think youth has a specific question in this case.

—Mimi Ungar

UBA Can Mean Savings on Books

The semester's end is fast approaching and before too long it will be time to start buying textbooks and other supplies for next semester's work. Most expensive of these supplies will be the required textbooks for the courses being given this spring.

Last fall, following headway made at the All-College encampment program at Mont Alto, the Used Book Agency, one section of the Book Exchange, took over the ballroom of the TUB and provided a convenient and quick way for students to buy and sell their used textbooks. Operating as sort of a self-service book mart, the expanded UBA eliminates the long lines which were a familiar sight in previous years.

In addition to the elimination of long waits, the UBA has increased its hours of operation. It will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Jan. 28 until Feb. 6 for the sale of books. It will open Jan. 26 to begin taking books to be put on sale.

Having pretty well solved its space problem, the staff of the UBA faces a more serious problem—that of a lack of books to sell. At the present time, the only books on hand are those which have been left over from last semester. The group has issued an appeal to students to bring their books into the UBA. They will be accepted up until two days before the UBA closes.

There can hardly be a student at Penn State who doesn't have at least one textbook he no longer needs or wants. The UBA offers him a chance to sell this book at a price he himself sets.

Gazette . . .

- Thursday, January 15
 CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 6:45 p.m., Old Main.
 FRENCH CLUB, 7 p.m., Atherton lounge.
 INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS RESEARCH ASSOCIATION, 7:30 p.m., 208 Willard.
 PENN STATE POULTRY CLUB, 7 p.m., 108 Plant Industries.
 POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB, 7:30 p.m., 319 Willard.
 YOUNG REPUBLICAN social, 7:30 p.m., TUB.
 WRA BRIDGE CLUB, 7 p.m., game room White Hall.
 WRA OFFICIALS CLUB, 6:30 p.m., 2 White Hall.
 WRA BEGINNING SWIM CLUB, 6:30-7:15 p.m.
 WRA SWIM CLUB, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"If you think we're busy now—you should come in sometime when it ain't close to finals."

Faculty Failings

The following lines, written by Harold A. Larrabee of Union College, were found pinned to a College bulletin board. They seem particularly appropos at this time—the windup of the semester, when most students take at least a few moments to evaluate the profs they've struggled with for a semester.

Faculty Failings

Or, a Professor Can't Win

- If he's brand-new at teaching, he lacks experience.
- If he's been teaching all his life, he's in a rut.
- If he does all the talking in class, he's in love with the sound of his own voice.
- If he leaves the discussion to others, he's just too lazy for words.
- If he gets his name in the newspapers, he's publicity-mad.
- If he never appears in the public prints, he's so much deadwood.
- If he attends all athletic contests, he's a popularity-seeker.
- If he never goes to a game, he's a public enemy.
- If he dresses decently, he's trying to be a fashion-plate.
- If he thinks about something besides clothes, he's a bum.
- If he seldom admits a mistake, he's arrogant.
- If he ever admits a mistake, he ought to go back to bricklaying.
- If he teaches at a different college every three years, he's a rolling stone.
- If he teaches at the same college for more than three years, he's a stuck-in-the-mud.
- If he takes an active part in faculty business, he's a politician.
- If he never serves on a committee, he's a work-dodger.
- If he plans an occasional joke in his lecture, he's a comedian.
- If he never condescends to an academic nifty, he's dusty dull.
- If he goes to chapel with regularity, he's a hypocrite.
- If he shies at sermons, he's a heathen.
- If he writes books, he's neglecting his teaching.
- If he never publishes, he never had a thought worth printing.
- If he hands out plenty of high grades, he has no standards.
- If he hands out plenty of low grades, he's a butcher.
- If he uses notes, he's unoriginal.
- If he gets along without notes, he's an ad-libber.
- If he's on good terms with the President, he's a sycophant.
- If he doesn't wear out the stairway to the administration building, he's disloyal.
- If he gets to classes late, he's an oversleeper.
- If he gets to classes ahead of time, he's lost his watch.
- If he lets classes out early, he's run out of ideas.
- If he keeps classes overtime, he has no terminal facilities.
- If he gives a lot of quizzes, he's a slave-driver.
- If he seldom gives a test, he's too lazy to read papers.
- If he hangs around after class, he's looking for apples.
- If he makes speedy exits, he's got a case of studentophobia.
- If he sticks to his specialty, he has a one-track mind.
- If he tours the encyclopaedia, he's a show-off.
- If he presents both sides of a question, he's afraid to commit himself.
- If he betrays his own opinions, he's a propagandist.
- If he ever says a kind word about anything Russian, he's getting monthly checks from Molotov.
- If he ever says a kind word about the G.O.P., he's been reading election returns.
- If he listens to sports broadcasts, he's illiterate.
- If he can't identify Fritzie Zivic and Jack Kramer, he isn't human.
- If he gets paid for outside work, he's greedy.
- If he does outside work for nothing, he's a sucker.
- If he praises a book, he's on the payola.
- If he pangs a book, he's just jealous.
- If he stands up while teaching, he's oratorical.
- If he sits down while teaching, his feet hurt.
- If he's young, he needs more seasoning.
- If he's old, he's seen better days.
- If he doesn't sign his name to anything, he's wise.
- If he writes stuff like this, and signs it, too, he's . . .

—H.A.L.