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## American Legion Is Wrong Again

Once again that self-appointed guardian of keeping "Americanism in America," the American Legion, has put itself into the news. This time, the West Coast branch of the Legion took it upon itself to stop the showing of Charlie Chaplin's newest picture, "Limelight."

By threatening to picket theaters where the picture had been booked, the Legion has in effect undertaken a censorship which it has no right to impose. The Legion's explanation is that it believes the picture should not be shown until the Department of Justice has finished its investigation of Chaplin.

This localized move is rather puzzling in view of the fact that the picture has been showing all over the country and in Canada for four months without anyone raising the merest murmur of a protest.

The great mistake the Legion is making is in attacking art in place of the artist. Whether or not Chaplin is undesirable politically is still being studied. But regardless of the decision, it is not the American way to smear, or sneer at, that person's artistic talents.

"Limelight" has been favorably reviewed by most leading publications. It is not a piece of Communist propaganda nor does it attempt to ferment conspiracy. For the Legion to suppress such a picture or even to threaten to spoil the enjoyment of those who wish to see it by making them cross picket lines is beyond the privilege of any group in this country.

As the New York Herald Tribune said in a recent editorial, "Charles Chaplin's political activities, if any, can be dealt with at the proper place and time, but to drag his movie into the indictment is oppressive and ill-advised."

## Get Dance Bands For Big Dances

It is to be hoped that the selection of Billy May and his orchestra for the Military Ball Feb. 27 will not prove a continuation of a possible trend toward bands that have "the sound," but lack danceability.

Too many of us remember the Woody Herman fiasco last spring to ignore the situation completely. Even though the "Herd" gave a special jazz concert before the dance, along with the promise of good dance music, it was nearly impossible to dance to the broken rhythms which were approximately equivalent to those of a monkey's operating a typewriter.

This is not a slap at the so-called "modern" school of music, which can be passed over with a mere, "If you like it, fine."

This is intended for the committees that arrange for dance bands to play in Recreation Hall. It is quite possible that they are thinking not of what bands play the kind of easy, danceable rhythms that the majority of students seem to want, but what bands can "really go."

It is bad enough battling one's way through the crowds of a Rec Hall dance without having to stand (instead of dance) and listen to inverted sevenths, flattened fifths, and various other forms of "the sound."

A Rec Hall dance should be just that—a dance and not a concert. Students might well keep an eye on the committees who select bands in order to assure that the Ray Anthonys, the Claude Thornhills, and the Elliot Lawrences are not replaced with "the sound" that is, at best, designed for listening and not dancing.

—Barry Fein

## State Greek Groups Should Air Stands

The current issue of Time magazine includes an article about a recent hubbub over fraternities and sororities at an Alabama high school. The trouble arose because the student body seemed split by snobbery which some students felt was fostered by the presence of the Greek organizations at the school.

While this same problem often arises in many colleges and universities, Penn State, fortunately, has few fraternities or sororities which can be considered the "snob" type. Should such a situation ever arise, the College, for its own protection, should investigate the matter and, if necessary, penalize the offending group.

Many critics of the Greek letter system have advocated that such organizations should not be allowed to exist in the first place. This would seem, however, to be a denial of students' rights to join organizations. At the same time, the

suggestion that those persons who are not invited to join a Greek-letter society should form groups of their own is entirely ridiculous.

Penn State's Greek groups have pretty well avoided unfavorable publicity along this line. The few fraternities and sororities which still have "understandings" as far as membership is concerned ought to re-examine their position. As is always the case, these few always cast a bad light on the system as a whole.

## Safety Valve— Shun Disciplinary Action

TO THE EDITOR:  
We would like to object to the treatment given to the Pollock students who protested the service in the dining halls.

Waiting until 6:10 to eat is the same as a union going out on strike, and such a strike would not be handled as the administration handled this situation. Last year students had to resort to the same methods in the West Dorms. There was a meeting of the dining hall staff as a result, and the area received better service. Students have no other way to show their objections except by causing such inconveniences to the College. The College has no right to subject the students to any disciplinary action in this case since the students were objecting to the dining hall service they are paying for and not receiving.

The College will more than likely say the laying off of 15 women was the cause for one line in the Pollock dining hall being closed. Maybe they think this will cut expenses. Then why is there a rumor circulating around campus that the fee for board will be raised \$10?

P. W. Hart, assistant food supervisor of Nittany Dining Hall, claimed two lines for 1000 Nittany students and one line for 450 Pollock students maintains a ratio that will allow for good service. We would like to see Mr. Hart race down from an 11 o'clock, wait in a line that circles around the interior of the building, and then attempt to race back to such a place as Rec Hall for a one o'clock.

What Hart failed to reveal, however, was that last semester some of these students from Nittany ate in the Pollock dining hall. This is not so this semester. Now the strain on the Nittany side is much heavier, and a bottleneck has been caused on the Pollock side.

We again emphasize that no action should be taken against the students involved. It would be a breach of the rights granted in an American democracy. Perhaps next semester we will have to take a loyalty oath before we are allowed to eat in the dining halls.

•Letter Cut —21 Men from Nittany

## Gazette...

Saturday, February 7  
WRA PLUNGE HOURS 7-9 p.m.  
Sunday, February 8  
HILLEL CHOIR MEETING, 3 p.m.  
HILLEL DRAMATICS MEETING, 2 p.m.  
HILLEL HOUR TRYOUTS, 7 p.m.

Monday, February 9  
INTERCOLLEGIATE CONFERENCE ON GOVERNMENT, 7 p.m., 108 Willard.  
PENN STATE FARMER, 7 p.m., 109 Agriculture.  
PHILOTES, 6:30 p.m., Simmons second floor lounge.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT  
American Brake Shoe Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Chemistry, Chem. Eng., and Metallurgy, Feb. 11.  
Bell Telephone System including Bell Labs., Western Electric, Operating Telephone Companies and Sandia Corp. will interview B.S. candidates in E.E., M.E., C.E., Chem. Eng., I.E., Aero E., Economics and Commerce, Physics and Math.; M.S. candidates in E.E., M.E., Physics and Math., Chem and Metallurgy; Ph.D. candidates in Physics, Chemistry, Metallurgy, Math., Feb. 11, 12, and 13.  
Gulf Oil Corporation will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Geophysics, Physics, Mathematics, E.E., Geology, Chemistry, Chem. E., M.E., I.E., Accounting, Economics and Commerce, C.E.; M.S. candidates in Economics and Commerce, Chemistry, Chem. E., and M.E.; Ph.D. candidates in Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics, Feb. 12 and 13.  
Gulf Oil Corporation will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in P.N.G., M.E., Chem. Engr., C.E., E.E. and Geology for work in Venezuela, Feb. 12 and 13.  
Minneapolis Honeywell Regulator Company, Brown Instrument Division, will interview June and summer B.S. candidates; M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in E.E., M.E., and Physics, Feb. 12.  
Allegheny Ludlum Steel Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates, M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Metallurgy, I.E., M.E., Chem. Eng., C.E., Marketing, Accounting and Ind. Psych., Feb. 12.  
Kelly Springfield Tire Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in M.E., E.E., I.E., and Chemistry, Feb. 12.  
Dravo Corporation will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in C.E., E.E., M.E., San. E., Min. E., and Accounting, Feb. 12 and 13.  
Reaction Motors, Inc. will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Aero. E., M.E., Metallurgy, Physics and Chemistry, Feb. 13.  
Philadelphia Gas Works will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Chem. Eng., C.E., E.E., I.E., and M.E., Feb. 13.  
Tubular Products Division, Boiler Division, and Research and Development Division of Babcock & Wilcox Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in M.E., E.E., I.E., Fuel Tech., Metallurgy, Economics and Commerce, and Journalism, Feb. 13.  
Hughes Aircraft Company will interview June and summer B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. candidates in Physics, E.E. and M.E., Feb. 16 and 17.  
DuPont will interview June and summer graduates in Chem., Chem. Eng., M.E., I.E., C.E., E.E., Physics and Metallurgy, Feb. 16, 17, and 18.  
Bendix Radio Division will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in E.E. and Physics, Feb. 16.  
Bethlehem Steel Corporation will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in M.E., C.E., Chem. Eng., E.E., I.E., and Metal, Feb. 16 and 17.  
Monsanto Chemical Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Chem. Eng., M.E. and Chemistry, Feb. 16.  
Federal Telecommunications Laboratories, Inc. will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Physics and E.E., Feb. 17.  
M. W. Kellogg Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Chem. E., C.E., M.E.; Ph.D. candidates in Chem. E. and Chemistry.  
Bethlehem Steel Corporation will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Mining E. and Arch. E. and Ceramics.  
General Chemical Division of Allied Chemical & Dye Corporation will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Chem. E., Chemistry, Horticulture, Entomology and M.E., Feb. 19.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT  
Boys with mornings free to do counter work.  
Girl grad student wanted to work for room and board.  
Male grad student to work noon hour in library.

## Little Man On Campus By Bibler



"Oh, yes, I suppose things might be a little different for me if Dad wasn't on th' Board of Trustees."

## Strictly from -- Ungar

Just as many young, enthusiastic lawyers look forward to their first court case, and many young, enthusiastic actors dream of their first stage performance, so, too, many Daily Collegian reporters (young and enthusiastic) patiently await the day when they will have a column in the paper. This writer finally has the chance—and like most columnists, has had problems relating to the column.

The first troublesome item regarding the column is the name—and when it came to ours, we just couldn't control our passionate desire to use a last name that has been thrown around since childhood—a name that is so easily twisted into HUNGER. And so, although we have done it with reserve, and fear the comments that will result, we still choose to call this "Strictly from—Ungar".

It is unnecessary to go over all the other possibilities we considered as a title, for none were really that sparkling—thus, the use of the one above. As they say, you always go back to the first one.

The second problem regarding the column is the question, "What should it include?" For this, we choose to include any material of interest to students (and the writer, too) that would be considered news—but, not the kind of news that usually appears in the straight news column. To become academic, the journalist might use the expression "a different twist."

One element of the All-College Cabinet meetings for the past eight or ten weeks that has been particularly amusing and that hasn't made the news is the manner in which William Griffith, chairman of Religion-in-Life Week, presents his reports. "Bill" reads the report, which has been carefully prepared before hand. But, as serious as his report finally turns out to be, he has developed the knack of entertaining while presenting a lengthy report—reports through which cabinet members usually suffer. It would be worth your while to stop in at the cabinet meeting next week just to take note of the terrific psychology he uses in presenting his report.

We were scared for a while at the end of last semester after we wrote an editorial which primarily asked all the federal investigators of communism to provide a definition of the term for citizens of the United States. The editorial was prompted by the sudden contention that thousands of Communists were said to be floating around the campuses of American colleges and universities. And if you remember, we asked, inno-

cently, just what constitutes being a Communist.

The day after the editorial appeared in the Daily Collegian, we received a phone call from some woman (we weren't able to get her name) who claimed she was from an Altoona newspaper. Unfortunately she could not find us, so she settled for a friend, whom she began to question regarding the whys and wherefores of our political affiliations and concern about communism. Typical questions included, "What party did she work for in the last election?" "Does she talk about communism much?" and "Why would she write such an editorial?"

It was obvious why such an editorial was written—if she read it. Well, she never did find us and never called again. We hoped that she would—no, real reason—just that the whole thing sounded so exciting, and looked like good editorial material. But, maybe we should be happy—never can tell, they might have been investigating us for trying to understand what's going on. Had she found us, we certainly would have helped her realize that youth, being concerned for the most part, has not lost any faith in democracy, but rather youth doubts accusations and threats which are not backed up by fact. Given the facts, the college youth of today could better understand what all the investigations mean.

Question for the day: Do you know where Patterson Hall is located on the campus? We were rather embarrassed when someone asked and we didn't have the answer.

A headline in yesterday's Daily Collegian should certainly have evoked a grin or even a laugh from many students. The headline read, "4 Students to Read Tuesday in Simmons." Those who merely scan a newspaper by reading the headlines probably went a way doubting—particularly if they are not familiar with the reading hours sponsored by the Speech department about once a month. When we first read it this comment came out: "I hope so." It would certainly be sad, to make a play on the words in that headline, if not more than four students read in Simmons on Tuesday—what would they do in their classes?