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Faith Is Involved In Good Thinking

In yesterday's Daily Collegian Robert Landis had an editorial printed titled, "More Responsible Thinking Is Needed." His article might have more appropriately been titled "A Lesson in Irresponsibility."

The point Mr. Landis apparently intended to get across was that we can't rely on God to get us out of all the troubles into which we have plunged ourselves. However, some of his statements must be challenged.

Take Mr. Landis' statement "... we still have wars, most of which have been started by nations of the alleged faith." Certainly Hitler's Germany cannot be considered a nation with any faith. Nor can we think of Russia with its leaders of today as a nation of "the faith."

We believe, too, that churches have made a great deal of headway in 1953 years. Can anyone truthfully say that the world with its faith of today is in worse condition than it was in the days of the pagan Roman Empire? As for the statement that "Christ just doesn't seem to catch on..." we're sure there are millions of people all over the world who will refute this.

The need today is, as Mr. Landis points out, for "more people doing more responsible thinking," but this thinking should be combined with faith and not instead of faith. There have been times in this country when faith, and faith alone, kept the country going.

There is undoubtedly a small minority which believes that "Christianity has failed." This view is held in most cases, however, only by people who consider it smart and sophisticated. We do not believe Mr. Landis in his editorial intentionally set out to criticize Christianity or the majority of people who believe in it. His words, however, should have been chosen more judiciously. In any case, it is gratifying to see that student apathy is not so great at Penn State that Mr. Landis' editorial should go completely unnoticed. The response to yesterday's article has been most interesting.

But one point of the controversial editorial should not be overlooked. We cannot go on making blunders assuming that we, being on the side of right, will be rescued from our mistakes. We must be willing and ready to get ourselves out of distressing situations. Many people find prayer an aid in this task. These people should not be condemned.

Club Film Praised

"The Young and the Damned" at the Nittany this week was not an easy picture to sit through. Sponsored by the International Film Club, it showed the squalor destined the lives of Mexico's juvenile delinquents. It was basically an editorial—and a pretty hard one to forget.

Probably the most frustrating quality about this motion picture was the forced acknowledgement of the social wrongs depicted, realizing that they were unexaggerated, but not knowing what to do about them. True, the movie was full of villains; however, no one agency or person could be blamed. And while the film broke down every one of our institutions, we could only watch and wonder about the answers.

The calibre of this Spanish language film was typical of the kind of entertainment brought to State College by the International Film Club.

—Baylee Friedman

Safety Valve—

Frosh Complaints Hit

TO THE EDITOR: Complaining about the strictness of freshman hours seems to be a favorite pastime for Penn State's "downtrodden" freshman women. The same is true of "unedible" meals, too much homework, and most of the other troubles which constantly plague freshmen.

After listening to these endless complaints, it seems that even if presented with four o'clocks every night in the week, coeds would not be satisfied. So what if mothers allow their daughters to camp out half the night? What applies at home is not necessarily applicable when there are 2708 females set loose under one responsibility. Try to imagine the complaints from irate parents and the glorious scandals that could develop if coeds were allowed to roam about as they pleased.

The purpose of this letter is not to advocate stricter hours, nor is it to complain about the hours now enforced upon women students. In a town as "wide open" as State College, a one o'clock on Saturday night is very convenient except, of course, for those wishing to indulge in actions not particularly condoned by the College. If a ten o'clock on Friday is found too brief to be with one's loved one, why not trip out of the dormitory a little earlier?

Finally, strict hours on freshman women leave something to be anticipated when upperclass status is achieved. To get anywhere in this world, you have to sacrifice a little at first, and it's about time that students learned this. Also, if freshman women were given hours comparable to those enjoyed by upperclass women, the furor that would be raised by these coeds could hardly be imagined.

Instead of complaining so vociferously about the strictness of hours, it seems to me that freshmen should spend more time enjoying what time they have.

•Letter Cut

—Betty Koster

Blast Unwarranted

TO THE EDITOR: I was appalled by the faulty thinking exhibited by Robert Landis in his article "More Responsible Thinking Is Needed." This blast at Christian faith was completely unwarranted.

He stated that the Christian influence in the world should have alleviated the poor situation which we find today.

To deny the fact that Christianity has helped the world displays gross ignorance. The fact is, that the majority of the people, like Mr. Landis, are more content to sit back in contempt than to practice faith in God. Could our present status be a result of God's judgment for this prevalent attitude?

Mr. Landis' call for dependence on human reason is another example of the fallacious thinking so common to our day. I would like to ask him how he defines the term "responsible thinking?" It might be wise to point out that it is this faulty factor which has put us in our present condition. Man has demonstrated the shortcomings of human judgment.

The solution lies in, not 1 per cent, but the majority of our population turning to Almighty God, and practicing Christian faith. Consistent thinking requires the whole experiment before reaching a conclusion. As of yet, we have seen but one side—that which leads to failure.

•Letter Cut

—Richard W. Price

Gazette...

March 6, 1953
INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 7:30 p.m., 405 Old Main.
WRA SWIMMING P L U N G E HOURS, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

Complete lists of visiting representatives are available at the College Placement Office in 212 Old Main. Interviews can be arranged and information secured at the office.

Metropolitan Edison Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in M.E. and E.E., March 13.

National Advisory Committee of Aeronautics will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in Mathematics, Chemistry, Metallurgy, Physics, Chem. E., E.E., M.E., Aero. E., C.C. and Arch. E., March 13.

Hamilton Watch Company will interview June and summer B.S. candidates in M.E. and E.E., Physics and Metallurgy, March 13.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Couple without children wanted for summer job near State College.

Camp Cherokee, Pa., will interview March 6.

Hiram House Camp and Camp Cleveland will interview March 9.

Camp Conrad Weiser, Pa., will interview March 10.

Trail's End Camp, Pa., will interview March 14.

Boys wanted to work for meals on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, for the rest of the semester.

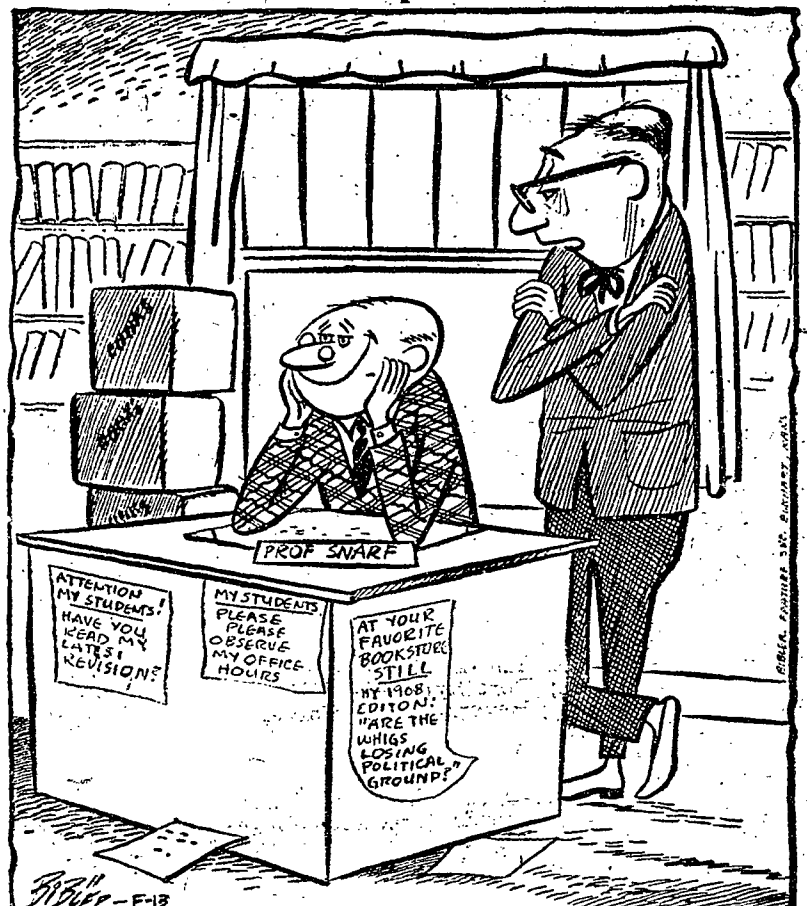
Licensed beauty operator wanted for full or part-time job. Summer resort seeking three or four piece combo.

Camp Nassau, N.Y., will interview boys March 8.

Camp Lauderdale, N.Y., will interview girls March 8.

Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



"Well, I sell more of my texts when I give an 'open-book' quiz."

With Open Mind

By MARSHALL O. DONLEY

With the current wave of inquisitions and investigations going on throughout the United States today, we have been wondering just how far the McCarthy's, the McCarren's, and the Legionnaires will go in their attempts to "save" America from itself. They are investigating schools, government, even (so we hear) the Voice of America.

Will they stop here, or will they, in a few years, move on to greener (or rather, redder) pastures, having trampled the grass to death in the present grassy realms? Will they, for example, go this far...

MARCH 5, 1955—Senator McCarthy releases blast at traveling and circuses. "Can we trust the workers in circuses and carnivals today," McCarthy asked, "are they loyal?" The Senator especially pointed to the life led by the traveling carnival workers, who lived in their own community around the carnivals.

"Won't this communal life lead to communism," the Senator wanted to know. He called for immediate investigation of all outdoor traveling entertainment groups.

MARCH 7, 1955—American Legionnaire J. Trueblood Loyalo said today that he had "absolute proof" of Communist influences in the carnivals of America. Loyalo pointed out that people often referred to the days carnivals came to town as "red-letter days." "They didn't know how right they were," Loyalo maintained.

Carnival folk are loyal to elephants, camels, trained seals, and the like, Loyalo added. "Is it too much to expect loyalty to America?" he demanded.

Eugene V. Debutante, who at-

tended the meeting at which Loyalo spoke, was arrested when he asked the speaker, "What proof do you have?" Debutante was cited by Loyalo as a typical left-winger who was stirring up trouble.

Loyalo never did cite any proof of his accusations.

MARCH 10, 1955—Senator McCarren of Nevada introduced a bill in the Congress today which would require loyalty oaths of all carnival and circus workers. No price is too high for loyalty, McCarren said. We must check everyone, he added, especially foreigners.

Referring to circus workers, McCarren said:

"We can take no chances with these people—they are an influence on the children of our great country. Can we risk their loyalty? We must have a loyalty oath for such people."

MARCH 21, 1955—Loyalty Oath bill for all traveling entertainment workers becomes law.

MARCH 22, 1955—An editorial appeared in the Penn State Daily Collegian today expressing opposition to the carnival loyalty oath. The editorial maintained that the freedom of American citizens was being usurped by loyalty oath laws and declared that such laws were "un-American, dis-useful, and injurious to freedom of thought and expression."

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Getting Sick of Your Winter Wardrobe?

Knit a lightweight sweater, to wear now and later on.

We have a fine collection of beautiful pastel colored yarns.

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