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American Youth Today—What Is Wrong?

III. Lack of Attack on Current Problems

(The third of five editorials concerning the attitudes of American youth today.)

Youth's disinterest shows itself again in the field of national affairs. What opinions does the modern youth have or express on national problems? Is he for or against public power projects as now proposed? Or, to take a more burning national issue, how does he propose to fight communism in the nation?

The lack of interest here is almost astonishing. In other eras, and today in other countries, a bug-a-boo such as McCarthyism would never be allowed to rise without pulling forth dramatic and dynamic opinions from youth. In other times, and other places, student strikes, mass meetings, and group actions would have resulted in defiance to such actions as those taken which we label McCarthyism.

This national issue has even come onto campuses itself without incurring the wrath or reaction of students in any numbers. Professors have been fired, university presidents discredited, and college newspapers blasted; all this done unfairly in the name of cleaning up communism, and yet no student groups rose up. What is wrong?

In Canada a number of college men got together and burned McCarthy in effigy, but no such reaction, in fact, no reaction at all, was seen among American youth. Are we waiting for orders?

Another national issue of importance is that of racial prejudice in our country. Here is a field that is made to order for university action, since, again, a lot of the action has been centralized in universities in question of admission of Negro students to all-white colleges. The University of Georgia stands as a sole recent example of any student action on the issue, and this action was quickly put down by Southern oldsters.

At Penn State, student reaction to these and to other national issues is limited to an attitude of "well, I don't know" or "I don't think we should talk about that." The only serious talk about national issues around this campus emanates from some professors who dare express their opinions in and out of classrooms.

The field of art and writing seems also to be suffering under this trend toward disinterest shown by the American student. Where once student groups would gather, study new fields, and begin to paint or write—and to hell with the old school—now they sit meekly in the classrooms, doing their best to imitate the "new" writers or "new" painters who led schools in the early part of the century.

This has gone on to such an extent in the writing field that a collection of the works of new writers in the country now includes those around the age of 40 or 50. The occasional newcomer follows meekly after these "radicals" and is satisfied.

Religion and education are two of the most important fields of interest in the country or the world today, and both are today in such a condition of disrepair and age that both cry for reform. The threat of atheistic communism makes ever-important a strengthening of the intellectual side of religion, yet today the largest growing religious sect is the Baptist fundamentalism, an emotional religion hardly equip-

ped to combat the thoughtful anti-God being spread by the Reds.

Religion is also built upon the promise of the dignity of the individual, a promise overthrown by the communist doctrine wherever it becomes inbedded. It is the duty of every person today to know of this threat, and it is the duty of youth to plan means of combatting it.

One of the leading educators in the United States, Robert M. Hutchins, former chancellor of the University of Chicago, said recently the present system of education in this country has no future. He indicted our schools for their lack of concentration on thoughts of great men. Our own president, Milton S. Eisenhower, has been urging university programs that would train the whole mind without sacrificing essential specialization.

When men of this caliber see things wrong with our education system, there are things wrong. And it will not be the old men of today, but youth—those in colleges and universities now—who will, who must, find solutions to these problems of education and the many other problems mentioned before.

Why is that youth not attacking these problems today?

—Marshall O. Donley

Gazette...

Today
ALPHA EPSILON DELTA, 8 p.m., 121 Sparks.
DELTA SIGMA PI, 7:30 p.m., Delta Upsilon.
LIBERAL ARTS MAGAZINE MEETING, 8 p.m., 105 Willard.
NEWMAN CLUB REFORMATION DISCUSSION, 7:30 p.m., 117 Osmond.
PENN STATE HELLENIC SOCIETY, 7:30 p.m., TUB.
SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS, 7 p.m., 1 Carnegie.

INFIRMARY

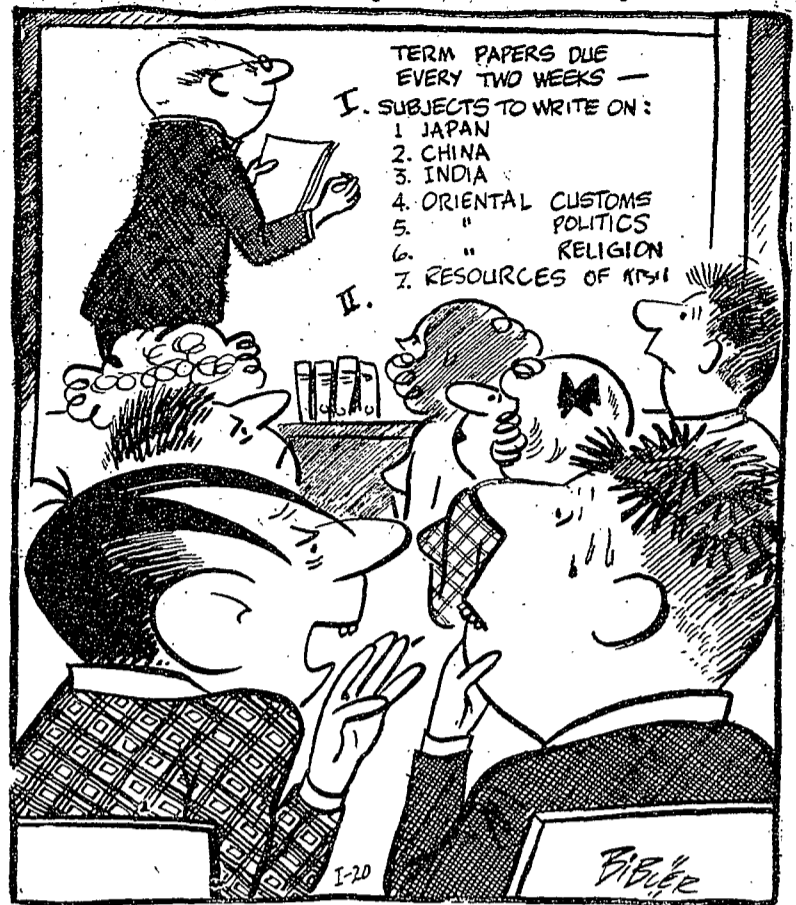
Robert Banfield, Arthur Bates, Dorothy Blaypotch, James Demcheck, Margaret Fenstermacher, Byron Fielding, David Fizz, Eugene Greenberg, Philip Hetrick, Charles Junker, Alexander Kalenak, Robert Kauffman, Robert Kisner, Barbara Larpenteur, Norma Laughner, Roberta Lerch, Sally Ostrom, Joanne Roberts, Moren Shapiro, Ronald Solovitz, Leo Synnstedt, Karl VonderLinden.

PLACEMENT SERVICE

Placement interview information is available in 112 Old Main. Daily Collegian placement lists cannot be complete.
FIRESTONE TIRE AND RUBBER CO. will interview Jan. graduates in A and L. Bus. Adm., and Acctg. on Dec. 10.
TOUCHE, NIVEN, BAILEY AND SMART will interview January graduates interested in Public Accounting Dec. 10.
BELL TELEPHONE LABS. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in EE, ME, Engr. Mech., M.S. candidates in EE, ME, Engr. Mech., Math., Physics, and Chem. expecting to receive their degrees in 1934 on Dec. 14 and 15.
THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS will interview women in Recreation, Phys. Ed., and Health Ed. Dec. 14, and 15.
ARMSTRONG CORK CO. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in Bus. Adm., Eco., and L.A. for non-tech. sales. EE, ME, IE, and CE for Tech. sales, IE for Industrial Engineering work, and Chem. and Phys. at all levels for research and development on Dec. 15 and 16, 1935.
ALLIS-CHALMERS MFG. CO. will interview Jan. graduates in ME, EE, and IE on Dec. 16.
A representative of the city of Philadelphia will conduct a group meeting on Dec. 16, for all students from the Phila. area interested in civic jobs. Further information concerning opportunities and the time of the meeting can be obtained in the University Placement Service, 112 Old Main.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"Looks like we'll be writing research papers all term—I understand Prof. Snarf is writing a book on th' Orient."

Hook, Line and Sinker

Whispering Gallery

By CHIZ MATHIAS

Despite endless bluebooks and an avalanche of end-of-the-semester assignments, we called time out the other night and stalked into the Armpit to see the really fine adaptation of Rachel L. Carson's revealing novel, "The Sea Around Us."

Perhaps it was the Barnum-like sideshow publicity outside luring the public to "See lone diver battle for life against a killer shark," and "See the earth born before your very eyes." Maybe it was our faith in the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences which awarded the film the 1952 Oscar as the best documentary of the year.

Anyway, we followed the line into a completely dark theater. A fiery nebula writhed its way forward and exploded with terrific fury. A voice loomed through the sound track, "And God created the heavens and the earth..."

Good agnostic that we are, we would have fled to the hills, but the screen soon flashed a macabre blue as the rains came and softened the crust of the planet earth.

From the H. G. Wells and Jules Verne type beginning, the film (Continued on page five)

Tonight on WDFM

7:25	Adventures in Research	Sign on
7:30	Sportlight	Record Preview
7:45	Open Meeting	Hamburger Stand
8:00	Semi-pops	Campus News
8:15	Campus News	Ballet Theatre
8:30	Ballet Theatre	Sign off

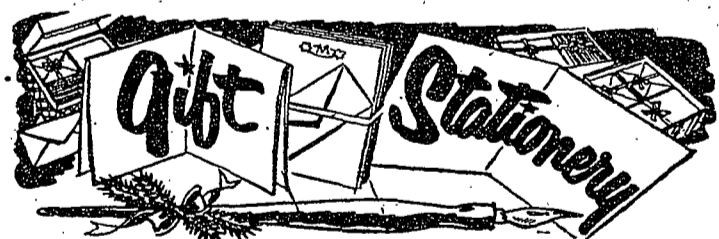
LaVie Group Photo Schedule

The unofficial schedule for LaVie group pictures tonight at the Penn State Photo Shop:
Eng Council 6:30
MI Council 6:50
Station WDFM 7:10
All-College Cabinet 7:45

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