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Self-Analysis: Reports Bear Watching

The critical report presented this week by the Senate committee on educational policy splashes some fresh water into dusty corners at the University. The report, a preliminary document, was released as the first part of an attempt to evaluate existing policy at the University.

The reports of this committee bear watching by not only faculty and administration, but also the student body. This may be a refreshing attempt to vitalize the University—a critical analysis of what Penn State is and what it should be.

The committee said the University has not achieved the true scope of the land-grant college. The committee also suggested the University broaden the existing view of its function.

Some students and faculty are continually critical of Penn State and its educational opportunities. Much of this same criticism has been echoed in the committee report.

The Pennsylvania State University had its foundations in a time when more liberal and cultural education was needed throughout the state. The Morrill Act was not designed to establish inferior institutions. Rather, the act was designed to establish institutions that could offer what other schools of the day did not provide.

The committee seems to support this theory

when it says on this campus prevails a too narrow conception of the land-grant institution.

There are many pressures on the University. These pressures come both from without and within. The faculty of any university must face those pressures. New and more effective ways of preparing students for this world of pressures must be found.

The true university, it seems, must develop in students a better perspective and understanding of national and international affairs. If the University has a restricted scope—as the committee implies—this perspective and understanding cannot come about.

This University must prepare its graduates for a useful life after graduation. The student must be not only receive training for making a living. He must be able to understand and cooperate in the fields of basic knowledge, be competent in communication, and able to make intelligent and discriminating decisions. Without a broadened view of the University's purpose, these goals must be limited.

The University's realization that unnecessary limitations may exist, and the University's willingness to be self-critical, are encouraging qualities in days like these. When the Senate committee presents its final report and recommendations, Penn State must obviously benefit. And similarly benefiting will be the student body, the state, and the nation.

American Youth Today—What Is Wrong?

V. College Students Must Lead, Not Follow

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

The question, then, is: What should the youth of today do to overcome these fears and to make his much-needed place in society.

The answer to the question seems to lie in a mass psychological adjustment that must be made. Some stimulus must be found to drag his mind from apathy into activity. In 1933, during an economic depression, this country's people learned "we have nothing to fear but fear itself." Can someone convince today's youth, who didn't live that lesson, that this is still true?

We must learn that the world will always change, and, therefore, there is no reason to hide from change, for it is a natural process. We should not fight against progress. Leave that for the old people. They handle that job very well. Instead, let us turn to faster progress. We have certainly seen enough need for progress in fields such as education, religion, and others.

Another basic realization we must have is this: We must not look for people to follow. There are no people to follow, so stop looking. The followers are throughout the world. They are the weak, the poor, the mentally impoverished, the undereducated. We, here at the Penn-

sylvania State University, the educated, the well fed, are the leaders. Look nowhere else for someone to follow. There is no student among the 12,000 here who should follow, for we are those who must lead.

Think. Who else will lead if we don't? From where will come the leaders of the future? Not from the professors—do not follow them. Not from Senator McCarthy—do not follow him. Not from the Southern hillbilly who is a convert to fundamental religion—do not follow him.

Do not follow at all. It is the undeniable, dynamic purpose of youth to lead. It is youth who, scoffingly, kicks over the sacred cows and sets up new rules. New concepts, new ideas, must originate with youth; only when he is young and untarnished by the dirt of the orthodox, only then can man invent, create, and progress.

And so it remains the duty of every one of us here at the University, and every intelligent youth throughout the country, to take up the yoke of problems passed down by older men.

While you are at this University, join clubs if they express your wishes, laugh at the old ideas, and tell the "old way" to go to hell. You are now the leader. When the bell tolls, don't ask for whom it tolls. It tolls for you.

—Marshall O. Donley

Pats on the Back and Basketball

Last week, the student body got a much deserved pat on the back for its conduct at the Pitt-Penn State football game. It was hoped that more of such praise would be forthcoming in the future. Apparently it will be a while before praise is forthcoming again.

Saturday night, the first basketball game of the season was held in Recreation Hall. If the first game is any indication, Penn State should have a successful season.

The players turned in good performances and the team functioned well. Rec Hall was packed, indicating the student body is behind the team.

But as usual at Penn State basketball games, the students were not cooperating with the cheerleaders. When a cheer was called for, a low murmur was all that could be heard.

If the cheerleaders will not get cooperation, there is not much use in having cheerleaders.

Another dark side on an otherwise successful opening night was presented by spectators who insisted upon booing every official decision which went against Penn State.

There were few times, if any, when a foul called against a Penn State player was not met with catcalls. Agreed, some of the decisions seemed wrong from the stands, but it is obvious an official on the floor is in a better position to call fouls than a student sitting in those stands.

These actions by the student body no doubt went a long way towards establishing an unfavorable opinion of the University in the minds of visiting players and officials. Penn State students are capable of intelligent conduct. They showed that at the Pitt game. But where was it Saturday night?

—Jack Reid

Don't Be Blinded

Fraternities that plan to pledge men from the East dormitory area next semester must soon be ready to issue bids if they hope to get new pledges.

The department of housing has set Jan. 3 as the deadline for men in that area to gain releases from dorm contracts next semester. And since Christmas recess does not end until that day, it is obvious bids must be sent out before recess begins next week.

The fraternity that has bids rejected during the recess may well find itself several men short when the dorm release deadline arrives.

Because the fraternity pressure will be on upperclassmen in the East area, must not be blinded to a good choice. Fraternity life carries many commitments which the truly independent man may not wish to make. And the student who chooses to go fraternity must make a wise choice, or he will regret it the rest of his university life.

Gazette...

PLACEMENT SERVICE

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 1954 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, 1953.

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.

ROHM AND HAAS CO. will interview Jan. B.S. graduates in EE, IE, ME, ChE, and Chem.; M.S. candidates in Chem. who have completed at least one semester; and Ph.D. candidates in Chem. expecting to receive their degrees in 1954 on Dec. 17.

R.C.A. LABS will interview Jan. graduates in Physics, EE, ME, & Metal; M.S. candidates in Physics & EE who have completed at least one semester on Jan. 7, 1954.

Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



Interpreting the News

Atom Pool Approval Difficult for Reds

By J. M. ROBERTS Jr.

Associated Press News Analyst

The White House has now openly avowed that President Eisenhower's United Nations speech on the atomic problem was addressed to Russia and virtually asked the Kremlin to give a direct reply.

Wonder if anybody is following through on Mrs. Pandit's suggestion with a direct invitation to Malenkov to address the UN?

To carry on diplomatic affairs through public pronouncements, to which the attention of interested parties is then called through diplomatic channels, is a delicate one. In fact, the whole modern business of trying to do international business in a fishbowl is a delicate one. It makes people wary of seeming to commit themselves while things are still in an exploratory stage. If more or less eliminates the gradual approach.

President Eisenhower had been working for weeks on his atomic speech when, presumably, someone tipped the United Nations Secretary General that it might be delivered before that body if the President were invited. He was, and the speech created a sensation.

Since it is hoped that Malenkov will reply, rather than letting the matter rest with the first rather unbridled reaction of second stringers, an offer of the same forum would not seem illogical.

While the world waits to see if Russia will take formal notice of the President's plan, there are some facts of life to be considered in connection with her possible reaction.

The fact she can make herself look good by accepting the atomic pool idea without committing herself to anything more has already been cited.

This might even be difficult for her, however, in the face of fixed Communist policy that every last detail of Russian economic life must be planned in Moscow and directed from the Kremlin. For the Red rulers to participate in any development program over which they did not have absolute control would go against this basic theory.

Another thing which is unescapable in trying to deal with the Russians is their traditional fear of foreign contacts. The Iron Curtain is not merely an expression of communism. It is basically Russian.

Nor does Russia forget for a moment that ever since the accession of the Bolsheviks to power the hand of the world has largely been against her. That's one reason, in addition to or aside from her aggressive intent, why she fears to enter into anything which places her in the position of being outvoted. She has an inferiority complex about not want-

ing to be outdone in anything, as witness her claims to inventive fame.

No defeat is small enough for the Russians to accept with equanimity, and they don't like to put themselves in the way of them. That's one reason she objects so strongly to being classed as a belligerent in the Korean war, even if it means sacrificing a peace conference at which she would have all the ups on the Western powers.

Just to give a little fissionable material for development by the UN of what Eisenhower called "peaceful arts" doesn't seem like much. But for the Russian's it is a matter requiring the gravest consideration.

Eight Women Remain

In Temporary Quarters

All but eight women assigned to temporary quarters at the beginning of the semester have been moved into dormitory rooms, and the remaining number will probably receive room assignments before the end of the semester, according to Cordelia L. Hibbs, assistant to the dean of women in charge of housing.

The cottages are still occupied, Mrs. Hibbs said, but they will be considered permanent quarters for the semester.

Women have been moved into permanent quarters as rooms were vacated during the semester, she said.

This Weekend On WDFM

TONIGHT	
7:25	Sign on
7:30	Jazz Moods
8:30	Paris Star Time
8:00	Designed for Danger
9:30	Hi Fi Open House
10:45	Chapel Christmas Concert
12:00	Sign off
SUNDAY NIGHT	
7:25	Sign on
7:30	Masterworks from France
8:00	Emmanuel, Nativity Play
8:30	Back Choral
10:30	Sign off
MONDAY NIGHT	
7:25	Sign on
7:30	Serenade in Blue
7:45	Lest We Forget
8:00	Record Revue
8:15	Top Drawer
8:30	Seque Session
9:00	Semi-pops
9:15	Campus News
9:30	Symphony Hall
10:30	Sign off