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Have You Had Your Brain Washed Lately?

Want to win \$100? It's easy. All you have to do is play counter spy on your least favorite professor.

These are the terms of a nationwide "research project" which is being sponsored by National Review, a new magazine of conservative beliefs.

What National Review wants you to do for its hundred dollars is to report to it "whether teachers are engaged in indoctrinating their students." And if so, how? And, who?

The magazine asks students these "for example" questions: "Does your economics teacher... take a position on right-to-work legislation? Does your teacher of sociology urge a particular interpretation of man and his behavior to the exclusion of competing interpretations? If so, through what techniques? Does your teacher of politics insist on or press a particular idea as to the desirable relationship between the Executive and the Legislative?"

In its Dec. 28, 1955 issue, National Review asks students to mail "research material on this important question." By now, returns should be pouring in. We imagine that every junior McCarthy on campuses everywhere is having a field day, crowding the mails with "research material" on subversive professors.

If the "research project" is ridiculous, the circumstances from which it sprang are incredible. The idea was born after the Intercollegiate Society of Individualists, a right-wing organization which floods the mails with what it chooses to call "anti-collectivist" literature, stumbled upon a strikingly similar scheme.

As National Review itself explains:

"Some weeks ago, the Intercollegiate Society of Individualists... sent out a chatty letter to its membership asking for news of college happenings. 'What, for instance, have your professors been pushing at you?' a member of the staff of the ISI wrote. 'Have any of them notably associated themselves with collectivist thinking? (The incidents are important, not the names.)'

The ISI spy-on-your-prof-through-the-mails scheme immediately boomeranged. ISI, which dumps a considerable measure of its tripe on the Penn State campus, became the subject of criticism from faculties and college newspapers.

Commented Harvard historian Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.: "It is characteristic of the state of mind of the country to encourage tattling and snooping... This illustrates the typical conservative idea that snooping is the way to get personal freedom."

National Review, then, apparently disturbed by the reaction to the ISI idea, immediately launched its own—on exactly the same level. Since there were objections to students being asked to spy for ISI, the magazine apparently reasoned, we will solve the whole problem: We will ask students to spy for National Review.

It made two changes. It offered two \$100 rewards to "the students who submit the most revealing material." And it wrapped the scheme up with a pretty name; it calls it a "research project."

"One can therefore safely assume," National Review says, "that everyone involved will welcome any intelligent effort to determine whether indoctrination is actually taking place—or whether conservatives are unnecessarily alarmed and the teaching profession vindicated... If such a project is ridiculous, silly and trivial, why then so is freedom of research in general; in which event the case for academic freedom is weakened, as far as we can see. In any case, we shall seek the truth and endure the consequences."

We need not wait breathlessly for results to realize this "research project" is a fiasco. A research project, to be effective, should be objective, one would suppose. But National Review does not even ask its agents, the students, to be objective. Yet the question it is seeking to answer through its "research" is whether professors are objective in their classes!

We also question National Review's basic assumption: that professors are supposed to at all times be objective—and therefore unopinionated—when talking before their students. Is this desirable? Is it possible?

Both the ISI and the National Review projects illustrate conservatism at its very worst: a never-ending suspicion of subversion here, there, and just about everywhere. The investigations they call for do nothing to prevent the political conservative movement from becoming suspect in itself.

—The Editor

Little Man on Campus By Bibler



"Sorta chews at the pencils, doesn't it?"

on assignment

Underground

by ron walker

One of the things we've always wanted to do, next to climbing the flagpoles in front of Old Main, is to explore those underground tunnels that run beneath the campus. About all we know about them at present, however, is that the steam pipes in the tunnels let us walk down one side of the Mall without slipping on any ice.

A friend of ours informed us the other day that literally miles of tunnel space—and you can walk standing up in them—run from the steam plant to just about every building on campus.

He also told us this story, which he emphatically claims is true. It seems that one undergraduate a couple of years back had a girl friend who lived in Grange and that both, naturally, were madly in love. One night the fellow got the bright idea of exploring the tunnels, and of all things, wound up in the basement of Grange Hall—much to his satisfaction, of course.

How did he do it? He picked up a grating on one of the sidewalks, and with a flashlight and chalk, mapped his way over to the basement of Grange where he spent, we are told, a most enjoyable time (it must be added at this point that acts of this sort are severely frowned upon by the University).

While he was at it, we are further told, the guy looked into Atherton, McAllister, and a few others. We doubt that others have spelunked (pardon us, Nittany Grotto; it slipped) to such lengths—especially underground Penn State.

One of these days we'd like to get up enough nerve and have a look ourselves. But there are rules against trying it, we are told, so that ends it right there.

The Physical Plant Department will probably love us for even bringing the subject up in the first place. But we just couldn't help it. Just think of all the guys who could bring their dates in now by the back way.

Or rather, by the bottom way.

FRED WARING AT U of P— After Fred Waring presented his road show "Hear! Hear!" at Penn on the 21st of last month, he was interviewed by a Daily Pennsylvanian reporter, and we quote in part:

"A former student at Penn State, he (Waring) said facetiously that the University ought to keep State on its football schedule until Penn's team is able to defeat State. Then, the University ought to wait five years more to see if our grid team can defeat Penn State again."

Excellent suggestion. Then, maybe our annual trip to Philly might be more worthwhile.

"WORST MOVIES" ADDENDUM—A couple of weeks ago we announced our nominations for "The

Worst Possible Movies of 1955." But now we feel forced to revise our list of honored flicks.

Sneak previews always catch our attention somehow, and last Wednesday's at the State was no different. The sneak preview, "The Man Who Never Was," was surprisingly good, and we enjoyed every minute of it, although our popcorn did run out.

But the main feature—"Fingerman," or something like that—was completely out of it.

Therefore, we hereby present our distinguished Roscoe Benton Snedeker award to "Fingerman." May it never be shown here again.

DEPT. OF CLARIFICATION

Always the one for objectivity, the Dictionary of Occupational Titles, distributed by the U.S. Employment Service, lists a Strip-Tease Artist as one who "... walks about the stage in accompaniment to music and gradually divests herself of clothing. May also sing and dance."

Collegian Staffs Will Meet Tonight

The following staffs of the Daily Collegian will meet tonight. All boards of the advertising staff will meet at 6:30 in 9 Carnegie.

The business staff will meet at 7 p.m. in 108 Willard. Candidates for the business staff will meet at 7 p.m. in 217 Willard.

The promotion staff will meet at 6:30 p.m. in 203 Willard.

Candidates for the news writing staff of The Daily Collegian will meet at 9 tonight in 9 Carnegie.

Engineering Council To Elect President

Engineering Student Council will meet at 7 tonight in 214 Hetzel Union to complete nominations and elect a president.

Those nominated are Edward Klevans, Herbert Knappenberger, and Donald Patterson.

Tonight on WDFM

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| 7:15 | Sign On |
| 7:20 | News |
| 7:25 | Sports |
| 7:30 | Invitation to Relax |
| 8:00 | Phil Wein Show |
| 8:30 | Decision |
| 9:00 | Agriculture News |
| 9:15 | News |
| 9:20 | This World of Music |
| 10:30 | Sign Off |

Safety Valve

Froth's Suppression

TO THE EDITOR: I was rather shocked to read Mr. Lichtenstein's article for Safety Valve in Wednesday's Collegian.

I have always been under the impression that freedom of expression was allowed and safeguarded in this country, short of libel or lewdness. But here is a report that the Administrative Head of one of our own centers, here in a school that prides itself on being progressive and enlightened, tells the Business Manager of one of our own publications that it will not be disseminated to the students at his center because he doesn't like it. I only hope that this has been a misunderstanding and is not the policy of that Administrative Head.

I will be the first to admit that Froth has not always lived up to its standards, both of humor or of taste, but when one man arbitrarily decides who shall and shall not read it, I think he is far outstepping his authority.

Let us remember that we don't always need to look to Argentina or Egypt or Russia or other countries to find overt and repressive expression of authority that is in violation of our constitutional and even our human rights.

I beg you reconsider, Mr. Eiche!
—Doug Moorhead

Gazette

- Today
- ALPHA KAPPA PSI, 7:30 p.m., Sigma Phi Epsilon
 - ANGEL FLIGHT, 7 p.m., 214 Willard
 - ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY, 7:30 p.m., Alpha Sigma Phi, Class "A" Uniform
 - CLOVER CLUB, 7 p.m., 111 Plant Industries
 - DAILY COLLEGIAN Advertising Staff, 6:30 p.m., 9 Carnegie
 - DAILY COLLEGIAN Business Staff Candidates, 7 p.m., 217 Willard
 - DAILY COLLEGIAN Business Staff, 7 p.m., 108 Willard
 - DAILY COLLEGIAN Promotion Staff, 6:30 p.m., 103 Willard
 - ENGINEERING STUDENT COUNCIL, 7 p.m., 106 Osmond
 - FROTH Advertising Staff, 6:30 p.m., Froth Office
 - HILLEL FORUM AND LIBERAL ARTS LECTURE SERIES, 8 p.m., 121 Sparks
 - PANHELLENIC COUNCIL, 6:30 p.m., 203 Willard
 - PENN STATE BARBELL CLUB, 7 p.m., 104 Willard
 - PHI EPSILON KAPPA, 8 p.m., Phi Epsilon Pi

The following camps will interview at the Student Employment Service. Interested students should sign up in advance at 112 Old Main.

- PHILADELPHIA YMCA—March 7
- CAMP WOODLANDS—March 10
- CAMP LAKELAND—March 10
- CRADLE BEACH CAMP—March 14-15
- CAMP MENATOMA—March 14-15
- CAMP CONRAD WEISER—March 14-15
- CAMP CARANDOWANNA—March 21

University Hospital
David Bamford, Esther Brotzman, Ralph Eickelbeck, Philip Hartman, Eugene Jani, John Lessig, Vincent Lukach, Imorio Matos-Prieto, Mary Nash, John Patane, Lawrence Pinnie, Anny Ries, Sally Schellengerz, David Slaybaugh, Leonard Topoleski, Robert Walsh, Diane Wanner, Judith Hartman, Lorinda Causbrook, Robert Bronson, Richard McKnight and Marilyn Kriebel.

Two Students Pay Total \$40 in Fines

Two students paid traffic fines totaling \$40 last night at traffic court.

Four students paid automatic fines totaling \$11, two paid \$2 fines for failure to register their vehicles with the Campus Patrol, and one paid a \$1 fine for failure to report to the Campus Patrol office.

Fifteen students were called to the traffic court. Three violations were dismissed and three fines were suspended. Nine paid fines totaling \$45.

Mortar Board Alumnae

Alumnae members of Mortar Board, senior women's honorary society, have been asked to fill out a postcard with their name and chapter and send it to Elizabeth Kraebel, box 246 McElwain.

W3YA to Hold Code Classes

The staff of W3YA, ham radio station, will sponsor code classes leading to a novice license in amateur radio.

An organizational meeting will be held at 7 tonight in 100 Electrical Engineering.

Free classes will be held Monday and Wednesday nights. At the end of the course a test for the license will be given on campus.

Patricia Webb, junior in electrical engineering from Knox, and chairman of the training program, said that coeds as well as men may attend classes.

Omicron Nu Elections

Omicron Nu, women's home economics honor fraternity, will meet at 5 p.m. today in the Home Economics living center. New members will be elected.

Forms Available For Scholarship

Delta Delta Delta sorority is offering a scholarship for an indefinite sum of money to a regularly matriculated woman student of the University. Application blanks are available at the Dean of Women's Office in 105 Old Main.

Three letters of recommendation are needed for each applicant. The award is decided on the basis of need, scholarship, and character. Applications and letters are due in the Dean of Women's Office by March 15, 1956.

FFA to Hear Editor

Norman Reber, field editor for the Pennsylvania Farmer, will speak to the Future Farmers of America at 8 tonight in 112 Buckhout. The meeting is open to the public.