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Flag Waving: But Should Fear Rule?

Flag waving is becoming antiquated. In our modern era of Wisconsin senators and other red-hunters this hallowed American tradition of waving the red, white and blue is being replaced by a newer symbol of Americanism—fear waving.

More than a decade ago the late Franklin D. Roosevelt counseled the world with the statement: "There's nothing to fear but fear itself." This, however, has not been realized by a good many Americans—Penn State students among them.

This sad fact came to light yesterday when a University professor deviated from his course lecture and talked to his class about A and L—Arts and Lynching.

The professor admitted that the lecture could serve as grounds for a counter-spy report to the National Review magazine's or the Intercollegiate Society of Individualists' recent research project to ferret out subversive professors. However, he continued as his contribution to preserving academic freedom.

He pointed out that the current trend is to cloud our aesthetic appreciation by political feelings. That self-appointed guardians of the American tradition—such as the American Legion—have taken it upon themselves to decide whether or not the American people will be exposed to certain entertainers, works of art and literature and so forth, depending upon the political views of the artist.

He was lamented that art for art's sake is no longer important, but art for politics' sake is the keynote of the times.

He said that these "guardians" are lynching

the arts without due process of law; that they are using high-minded methods to force public opinion to suppress artistic freedom—freedom that is within the bounds of the law of the land.

Now the pathetic note strikes. At the close of such a lecture to a college class—the supposed cream of the intellectual crop—a loud amen should have followed. But the largest percentage of the class which expressed an opinion set up a loud un-American howl.

That they disagreed is an expression of democracy. But how they disagreed gives cause for alarm.

"America for Americans," they exclaimed. "We can't sit back and let anything with a communist tinge exist in our country or the next thing you know they'll think they can get away with anything."

They parroted all the threadbare hackneyed phrases in the book. In every statement fear prevailed over logic.

This gives reason to sit back and ponder whether these people are absorbing from a college education more than just book learning, such as the ability to think for themselves.

It's a sorry state of affairs when the so-called intelligensia can't comprehend that freedom cannot be supported when it is denied, that democracy cannot be made to flourish when it is taken out of the sunlight of freedom of choice.

If the leaders of the future are not aware that by these methods democracy can be made as totalitarian in effect as Marxist communism and fascism then there is fear to fear.

—Becky Zahm

Sales Tax: The Immediate Crisis Ends

Pennsylvania finally has a tax. Normally, people aren't overjoyed about the adoption of a new tax, particularly as demanding a one as the three per cent sales tax signed by the governor Tuesday, and there was something less than joy about this one. The reaction, rather, was one of relief.

Since Aug. 31, when the one per cent sales tax expired, Pennsylvania was without a broad-base tax, and, consequently, without a major source of income. Long months of bickering and petty politicking among members of the executive and legislative branches of the state government marked the period between the old and new sales taxes.

The delay was costly. Pennsylvania's taxpayers will have to dig deeper in the future as the result of their state officials stalling in the past. Taxpayers will have to make up the loss of income the state suffered during the six months it was without a major tax.

School districts, and many institutions, including Penn State, which depend upon the state for a large measure of their income had to borrow large sums of money to keep in operation during the tax squabble. The interest on these loans, running into the tens of thousands of dollars, must now be paid.

This is the price of the reluctance of members of the legislature of both political parties to face up to their responsibilities. The power to

tax is an essential power of any government. Refusal to exert this power—and a corresponding willingness to see this state ebb toward bankruptcy—is irresponsibility.

Pennsylvania has passed its peak as an industrial state. It is losing the mining industry and it is not attracting new industry at a rate fast enough to enable it to afford fiscal foolishness.

But Pennsylvania's habit of adopting a new tax program every two years is not likely to make it attractive to new businesses. The tax structure of a state is one of the top considerations in the minds of businessmen when they seek new sites. A state which has demonstrated it is likely to change its tax structure every few years will not attract investments.

Perhaps the answer involves a revision of the state's constitution to make possible a graduated income tax. If so, steps leading to this should be launched now that the immediate tax crisis is over.

Although Pennsylvania finally has a tax, it still lacks a solution to its long-range tax problem. This should be the next order of business.

—The Editor

Gazette

Today
DAILY COLLEGIAN Senior Board Business Staff, 6:45 p.m., 111 Carnegie
DELTA SIGMA PI, 7:30 p.m., Alpha Sigma Phi
INTER-VARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, 7:30 p.m., 405 Old Main
NEWMAN CLUB, 7:30 p.m., Church hall
NEWMAN CLUB DISCUSSIONS, 7:30 p.m., 304 Old Main
NEWMAN CLUB TV, 8 p.m., Student Center
NEWS AND VIEWS Staffs, and Candidates, 6:45 p.m., 14 Home Economics
ROD AND COCCUS CLUB, 7 p.m., 205-206 Patterson
SPRING WEEK CARNIVAL COMMITTEE, 7 p.m., 216 Hetzel Union

Student Employment
The following camps will interview at the student Employment Service, 112 Old Main. Sign up in advance for an appointment.

- CAMP WOODLANDS—March 10
- CAMP LAKELAND—March 10
- CRADLE BEACH CAMP—March 10
- QUINIHECK CAMP—March 13
- CAMP CONRAD WEISER—March 14-16
- CAMP MENATOMA—March 14-15
- CAMP CANDOWANNA—March 21

University Hospital
Meta Baily, David Bamford, Barbara Cyganowski, Ralph Ficklebeck, Patricia Elfer, William Galbreath, Clayton Hakes, Nancy Himmerreich, Allen Hower, Marilyn Kriebel, Joseph Krukka, Richard McKnight, Henry Mayo, Imerio Matos-Prieto, Donald Moees, John Pursell, Sally Schellenberg, Robert Walsh, Diane Wanner, Robert Forrest, Bruce Weiner, Richard Christian and Sharon Gallagher.

Safety Valve

On May Day

TO THE EDITOR: Hurrah, Miss Hudgins, I agree . . . May Day is senseless, useless, and above all, children do it; ergo, we must not do it. Such senseless goings on are for the proletariat, and we do not want to place ourselves on that level; do we now?

Of course we will be present at the May Day celebrations, not because we are enjoying ourselves, but because we wish to gloat over our superiority and laugh at all the childish minds that participate. We already know that the dancing will not be good because we have seen it once or twice before and are therefore able to predict its caliber quite accurately. Besides, being so appreciative of the fine arts, we cannot tolerate such clumsy demonstrations.

●Letter cut

—Lawrence E. Pecan

Carnival Committee

The Spring Week Carnival Committee will meet at 7 tonight in 216 Hetzel Union.

Collegian Senior Board

The senior board of the Daily Collegian business staff will meet at 6:45 tonight in 111 Carnegie.

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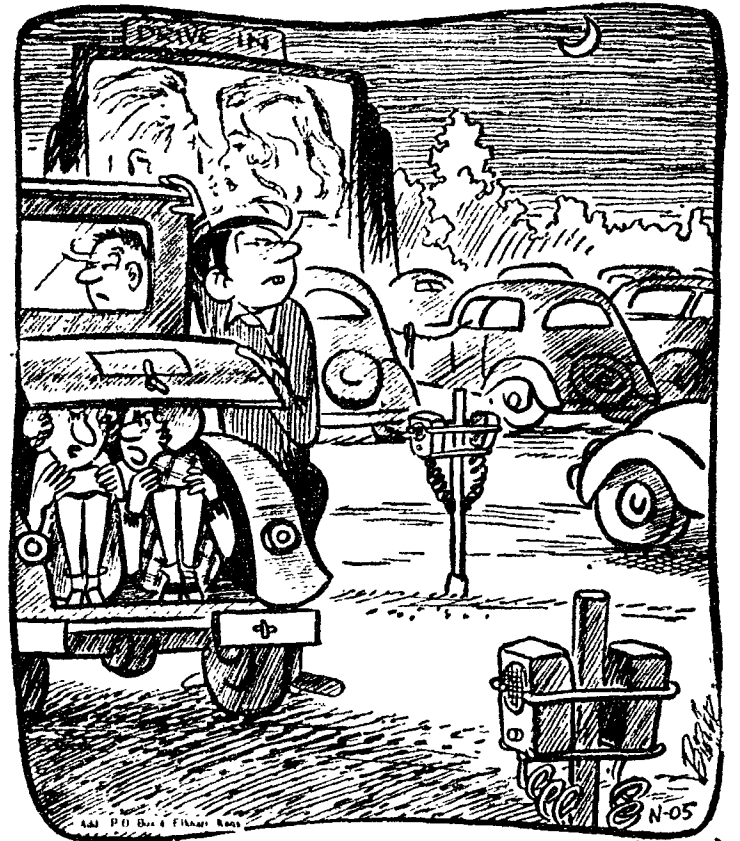
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Little Man on Campus

By Bibler



"I thought you said fraternity boys had more spending money!"

A Tradition Of Scholarship

By President Milton S. Eisenhower

This is the first in a series of columns written by members of the faculty and representatives of the University administration at the invitation of The Daily Collegian.

An old saw has been going the rounds of University campuses for many years to the effect that a student who just skims by in his studies but manages to have enough extra-curricular activities to qualify as a "big man on campus" will eventually make more money than one who takes his studies seriously and gets good grades.

This may be a comforting rationalization for some, but the story just isn't so. The opposite is the truth. Studies made by leading industries show that a startling correlation exists between good grades and high salaries—and low grades and low salaries. In general, top students in their subsequent careers earn at least 50 per cent more than average students.

Now, no thoughtful person would deny the value of extra-curricular activities in the development of whole, well-rounded persons. But the very fact that the old canard about the "C" student still crops up dramatizes a far-reaching problem we face at Penn State.

I am worried, as many students must be, by the fact that too few young men and women who begin their university careers at this institution remain here to earn their degrees. Furthermore, the records of those who do finish their four years at Penn State are not as high as they should be.

The statistics are astounding: Of the students who ranked in the highest fifth of their high school classes, only a little more than 55 per cent remain at Penn State to get their degrees; of the second fifth in high school scholarship, only 38 per cent earn their degrees here; of the third fifth, only 30 per cent get their degrees.

This problem of student mortality has received many hours of serious thought on the part of faculty, administration, and student leaders. Most have come to the conclusion that, while there is much the University can do, and is doing, to help correct the situation, the main responsibility must lie with the students themselves. Many of us feel that only

students can establish a tradition of scholarship here.

For that reason, I should like seriously and sincerely to invite students to give me their suggestions on how we can lift the level of student scholarship at Penn State.

We now give wholesome recognition to political, athletic and social achievement. Surely scholarly attainment merits at least equal recognition. True, we have honor societies and scholarship awards. But when the University sought to have an honors assembly each year, it was not possible to induce students to attend and salute their fellow students of high scholarship. The honors assembly threatened to become a mockery of its intended high purpose and was dropped.

Let me state a fact bluntly: High scholarship is not considered fashionable at Penn State. I do not know why this is so. There is no incompatibility between scholarliness and achievement in other fields. Some of the outstanding Penn State athletes are also excellent students. Several of this year's political leaders are top students and scholarship winners. But, on the whole, the

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- 7:15 Sign On
- 7:20 News
- 7:25 Sports
- 7:30 Starlight Review
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