

Academic Freedom Aimed At Wrong Goal--Cronin

"Ideological unanimity, only possible among intellectuals where clubbiness, self-interest and conformism enter the picture, converts professors into just another pressure group bent on freedom for the sake of power."

So says Morton Cronin, assistant professor in English at Los Angeles State College, in the Jan. 7 issue of The New Republic.

\$250 Award Applications Available

Applications for eight leadership scholarships will be accepted until Feb. 15 by the trustees of Delta Upsilon Educational Foundation.

Letters of application are to be addressed to the Foundation, J. Paul McNamara, secretary, Room 301, 50 E. Broad St., Columbus, Ohio.

\$250 Scholarships

Purpose of the \$250 scholarships is to give financial aid in education to male undergraduate students in colleges and universities in United States and Canada. Students must show leadership potentiality and must have demonstrated some actual constructive achievement on the campus.

The applications should be typewritten and include a biographical outline, transcript of college record and full information on college activities and honors.

Need To Be Included

The financial need of the applicant including information on other scholarships and grants now being received, and a brief statement of the reasons the applicant believes he is worthy of a scholarship should be presented in the applications.

A picture of the applicant must be included and the applicant should have his dean, adviser or other member of the University administration write directly a letter of comment on his application.

Contract Letting To Be Probed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—The staff of the Senate Investigations subcommittee today was ordered to determine whether there might be a conflict of interest in the award of an Army contract to a firm headed by the wife of a top defense official.

Chairman John M. McClellan (D-Ark.) said he ordered a "preliminary inquiry" into an \$834,150 clothing contract awarded to Wynn Enterprises, Inc., of Knoxville, Tenn., which is headed by the wife of Assistant Secretary of Defense Robert Tripp Ross.

"It may be perfectly legitimate," McClellan told a newsman. But he said the matter calls for at least a staff check on "any possible violation of the conflict of interest laws."

Highway Slaughter Mark Set in '56

CHICAGO (AP)—The nation's motorists set an all-time record for highway slaughter in 1956, the National Safety Council says.

The number of traffic dead was placed yesterday at 40,020 — 231 more than the old record of 39,969 set in 1941, and a 5 per cent rise in the 1955 total of 38,426.

The council said it based its figure on the actual count for the first 11 months of the year, plus an estimate for December. The toll for the first 11 months was 36,000.

Collegian Called Chief Campus Communication

The 1929 LaVie contains the following comments on The Daily Collegian: The Daily Collegian is "the chief instrument in keeping the students, faculty, alumni and friends of the college in touch with activities and accomplishments of the year."

"Besides serving as an excellent medium of publicity for the college, it strives to support all movements for the good of Penn State."

College faculties that are almost entirely self-governing, he says, often generate within themselves such coercive pressures toward conformity that the range of opinion that is effectively expressed among them is decidedly narrow.

What the appeal for academic freedom boils down to, Cronin emphasizes, is the insistence that a college faculty have exclusive right to determine the criteria according to which it will recruit, retain, promote or discharge its members.

Colleges Not 'Sanctuaries' "The popular conviction that colleges are sanctuaries where men escape from the tensions of rivalry is naively rooted in the fact that professors give up the possibility of making much money," he says.

"In the academic world the contestants keep score primarily with rank, publications, and the good opinion of their colleagues.

"What provokes this good opinion? Well, too often the only magic necessary is an amiable disposition and, most crucial of all, a willingness to espouse the current prejudices of the club, whether these be social, political or merely professional."

Sees Freedom Curtailed Cronin believes that college departments are either piously and complacently liberal, or they are stolidly and stubbornly conservative. In either case freedom is curtailed, he said.

This is especially true in the academic world, because a fair definition of a conservative campus, he continued, at least if it is not sectarian, is one where controversial questions of a non-technical nature simply do not excite much discussion.

The public might find it easier to stomach Communists, he says, if professors made better use of their own opportunities to promote effective debate on all important questions.

'Formidable Circumstances' "The objective circumstances which nourish conformity... are formidable indeed. But they can be conquered if enough professors decide, as David Riesman would say, that henceforth they are going to be inner-directed.

"The traditions of individual freedom and responsibility still exist around which they can integrate themselves. In fact, they pay lip service to them—a not entirely useless kind of service—all the time. They need only prevent their devotion to them from becoming so incandescent that the light blinds them to the reality it is supposed to illuminate."

Engagements Oprendek-Reid Mr. and Mrs. Frederic J. Oprendek of Gibsonia have announced the engagement of their daughter Anita Francis to Mr. John B. Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Reid of Lancaster.

Miss Oprendek is a senior in home economics and a member of Alpha Xi Delta.

Mr. Reid was graduated from the University in 1954. He is a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon and Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity. He is serving in the Navy at the Little Creek Naval Base in Norfolk, Va. A fall wedding is planned.

Smith-Surovchak Mrs. Stella Smith of Monessen has announced the engagement of her daughter Marcella to Mr. Richard Surovchak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Surovchak of Monessen.

Mr. Surovchak was graduated from the University last June, and is presently employed with the Pittsburgh Steel Co. He is a member of Theta Kappa Phi fraternity.

The wedding is planned for Jan. 21.

Bible Prof Will Give Hillel Talk

Dr. Samuel Sandmel, professor of Bible and Hellenistic literature at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, will give a public lecture on "A Jewish Understanding of the New Testament" at 8 p.m. tomorrow in the Hillel Auditorium.

New Testament Specialist

Dr. Sandmel is a specialist in the New Testament and its relation to Judaism. A graduate of the Hebrew Union College, where he was ordained in 1937, Dr. Sandmel was appointed to the faculty of his alma mater in 1952.

Dr. Sandmel went to Vanderbilt University after serving from 1946 to 1949 as director of the Hillel Foundation at Yale University. Earlier, he served nearly four years as a Navy and Marine Corps chaplain in World War II.

Fellow of National Group

In 1951, he was elected a Fellow of the National Council on Religion in Higher Education in recognition of his contributions to religious education at the graduate level.

He was awarded the President's Fellowship by Brown University and prepared a book on the New Testament, "A Jewish Understanding of the New Testament," published in the spring of 1956. His book "Philo's Place in Judaism" appeared in the summer of 1956. He is working at present on a book to be called "Judaism and Christianity."

Authority Sees Sex Anarchy

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 4 (AP)—Prof. Pitirim Sorokin of Harvard University, an authority of human behavior, says Americans are drifting toward sex anarchy.

"Americans," he said, "are victims of a sex mania as malignant as cancer and as socially menacing as communism."

Prof. Sorokin's views on the subject are contained in a book titled "The American Sex Revolution," due in the book stores next Monday.

Prof. Sorokin said the nation's "sex obsession" is reflected in the mounting divorce rate, the upsurge in sex crimes, "the emphasis of sex in radio and TV programs, stage plays and movies, popular songs, pictures, reading matter and advertising."

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Ag College to Seek Student Recruiters

The College of Agriculture will ask its students to take part in a high school recruitment program over the semester vacation.

Dr. David R. McClay, acting assistant dean of the college, said he would like to find 50 students who would be willing to speak in their hometown high schools.

There will be an explanatory meeting for those interested in the program at 7 p.m. Thursday in 206 Armsby.

McClay said that while the overall University enrollment was climbing the enrollment in the agriculture college had remained static for the last few years. He also said that there are many more jobs available in agricultural fields than there are graduates to fill them.

To Receive Pamphlets

The students representing the college will speak about the opportunities in agriculture and will be given a packet of pamphlets telling about the majors and short courses offered by the College of Agriculture.

They will also be given information concerning the college such as the fact that it is the fifth largest in the nation. Other items included are types of work that graduates go into, total enrollment and number of graduates and majors offered.

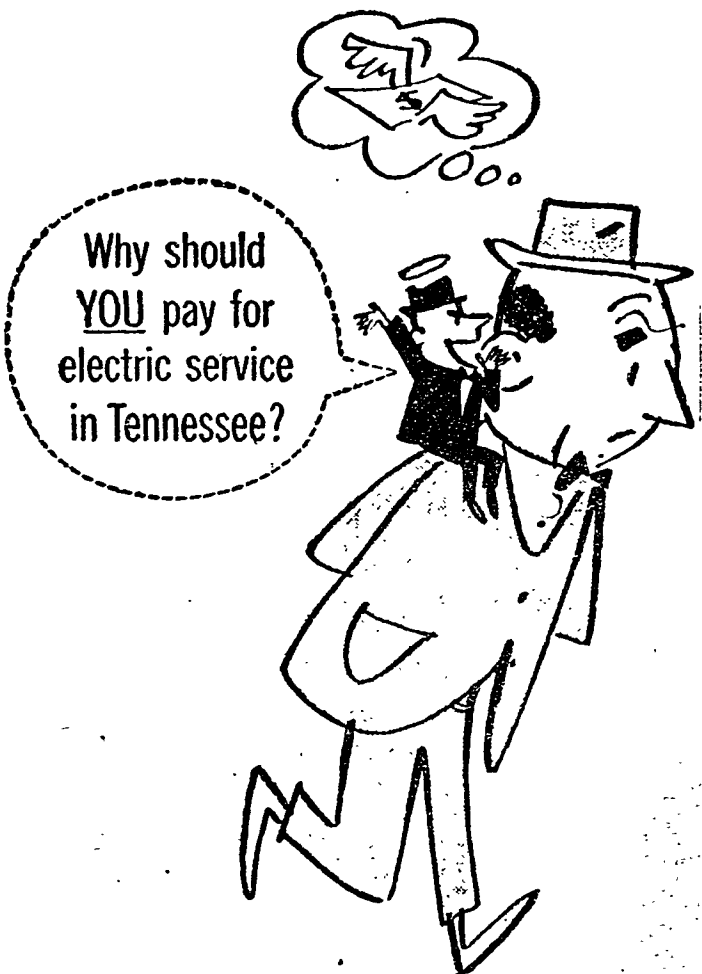
The average yearly cost, procedure in applying for scholarships, how to apply for admission, and the percentages of those students currently enrolled in the college coming from both rural and city-home environments will also be explained.

High school students will also be given a form to fill out which will indicate their school year, the curriculum which interests them most and whether they would like more information about career opportunities, a University catalogue, an application of admission, or an interview with a faculty member of the college on campus.

'What's This?' Answer

The clue mentioned a ring, which is what this does. The clue mentions Navy, which is where this is from.

It's the top of the bell of the USS Pennsylvania, situated in the Hetzel Union courtyard.



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