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Don't Carry Loyalty Too Far

Teachers who refuse to answer questions about alleged Communist affiliations may be suspended without pay it was ruled by the State Supreme Court Monday.

This question has been a continually thorny one for quite a number of years in this state. It has also caused some controversies on this very campus.

In 1952 Wendell S. MacRae was dismissed from the staff by the College Loyalty Review Board because it lacked the necessary evidence to certify him as loyal. MacRae was a production manager in the department of public information. He was later re-instated.

This is just one instance where faculty and staff members of universities have run into this problem and have ended up without a job.

Colleges, on the whole, like any other organizations, don't want to employ persons who may be even slightly suspected of being connected in any way with a subversive group. And you'd be surprised to hear some of the groups which are listed on the "subversive" list of the State Department. There are quite a few. If one of these teachers at any time was connected, no matter how slightly, with one of these groups, he may be branded as non-loyal and could possibly end up faced with some penetrating questions from the administration of his university.

This happened to Samuel Kaplan, an English teacher in Philadelphia. He was suspended Nov. 20, 1953 and was dismissed Jan. 7, 1954 for refusing to answer questions about Communist connections.

No one really knows if Kaplan or MacRae were favorable to the Communist ideals. Some people may have thought they had conclusive evidence in either case, but how could they have known how either man really thought about the Communists or their beliefs. They wouldn't talk.

When MacRae's case was being discussed in the state legislature and in the University (then College) investigating committees, this newspaper backed the man's right to refuse to sign the loyalty oath which was then being circulated to state employees.

An editorial from the Collegian at the time that the case was pending charged that MacRae was suspended without proof which showed he had subversive tendencies. But MacRae got back in. Mr. Kaplan of Philadelphia is out.

The Supreme Court decision was prompted by

First Things First

Manners in womens dining halls will improve according to the dean of women's office.

Pearl O. Weston, dean of women, recently sent out a list of regulations to all the house-mothers to read to the coeds at house meetings.

The list has been received with ridicule from students. Most of the rules are questions of manners which most of the students would know anyway. If they are not practicing them, we doubt if a regulation will make their manners any better. Although table etiquette is good, the dean's office could be a little patient and keep in mind that the dining halls are not formal banquets.

Here are the new regulations for table manners:

1. Don't leave the dining hall before other girls at the table unless you have a special written permission from the hostess.
2. Don't carry off permanent equipment—neither food nor dishes are to be taken out.
3. Don't read or play cards at the table.
4. Don't fill the water glasses until everyone at the table is seated.
5. Don't slouch in your seat.
6. Don't play with the silver.
7. Don't chew with your mouth open or try to talk with your mouth full.
8. Don't salt food promiscuously before you have tasted it. This is most uncomplimentary to your hostess.
9. Don't pick up dropped silver from the floor.
10. Don't dunk your food.
11. Don't push back your plate when you are finished. You must simply place your knife and fork at the four o'clock position on your plate.
12. Don't stack dishes at your place.
13. Don't click glasses with your spoon when you are stirring your juice.

Although the majority of these rules are accepted etiquette, we do not feel that the dean of women enhanced her position by forcing

his appeal to get his job back. So it looks as if Kaplan may never get back.

The crux of this matter whenever it springs up seems to us to be whether or not a teacher has the right, in principle, to object to questioning on his background when it may not have a thing in the world to do with his present job.

In many cases these teachers may have, at one time, been friendly to Communist groups, but now are as far from being Communists as the president of the American Legion. Apparently, to investigators and loyalty oathers this is not important.

Looking at the other side of the picture, we must admit that we certainly don't want Communists in at the roots of our culture, where our future citizens are being educated and are having ideas and ideals impressed on their young minds. It could also be that some of these men who have objected to answering questions have something to hide and do not want to go the way of Alger Hiss and the Rosenbergs, etc.

If you are of this turn of mind then "hurrah" for these suspensions; let's have more of them.

This is the question: Do teachers (and others) have the right to keep silent on principle alone?

Most advocates of the teachers' side of the question, such as the American Association of University Professors, usually insist that these men are not really subversives and do not want to undermine anyone's mind, but merely object to being forced to answer questions on the matter. In other words, they are indignant that they are being suspected.

We would have to back such opinions, if, like in the case of MacRae, it is obvious to everyone concerned that the suspect is not, and has never been affiliated with anyone or anything which might reasonably be connected with subversive or un-American activities.

It is difficult to take a strong position on a matter when there is no specific case whose facts illustrate the broad issue involved.

However, the thing which lies behind the controversy is the fear of Communists and of their infiltration into important positions in American government and industry. This fear, it can be shown, has reason to be genuine. However, our quarrel comes with the occasions when it is overdone. These occasions have been growing more numerous in recent years, it seems.

—The Editor

them down the throats of the coeds. Not many of the students will gain respect for her through this action—even those who strongly advocate good manners.

Manners and table etiquette are something that a person is taught to do and told why it is a good idea to abide by them. After this a person follows them because he wants social acceptance. Never before have we heard of manners being forced on people whether they like it or not.

The only way these regulations could be enforced is through the black mark system which leads to weekend campuses for coeds. It would seem to us that salting your food would be a poor excuse for making a coed stay in for the weekend. Before the dean of women becomes so concerned with table etiquette we suggest that present regulations of more serious consequence be well enforced.

We would certainly not say that coeds should not follow such good etiquette as is suggested in the regulations. This is with one exception; that of being excused from the table. We feel that asking verbal permission from the hostess should be sufficient to be excused.

"First things first" is a wise adage in which the dean of women does not seem to believe. Before she works so diligently at improving coed table manners we suggest that she try to enforce the present drinking regulation. Hundreds of coeds drink each weekend. What indication has the dean of women that the coeds will feel inclined to follow her table regulations.

If the dean of women likes to make regulations and doesn't care if they are obeyed, then we have no criticism of these regulations in terms of policy. But if the dean of women hopes to make wise rules which will be respected and upheld by the students she had better drop the list of table regulations.

—Sue Conklin

Little Man on Campus by Bibler



In Senate Hearing

Beck Is Versatile At 'Keeping Quiet'

By ARTHUR EDSON

WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP)—Dave Beck today invoked the Fourth Amendment, the Fifth Amendment and "my chief counsel, Sen. Duff."

Beck quickly showed a Senate investigating committee that he's not the shy type. And because he isn't he soon had everything topsy-turvy.

In no time at all, Beck was lecturing the committee on the fine points of constitutional law, plus interesting pointers on proper senatorial deportment.

You know about Beck, of course. How he's president of the Teamsters Union. How he headed for Europe at a time when senators, who were looking for evidence of labor racketeering, wanted to pop a few questions to him. How he finally returned, unexpectedly, and then agreed to face the committee.

Well, today was the big day. And from the beginning the switch was complete.

Now most witnesses who invoke the Fifth Amendment are as silent as oysters. But not Beck, who must be the loudest talking non-talker in the business.

Again and again, he told the senators that he was pursuing this path only on the advice of "my chief counsel, Sen. Duff."

Duff, former senator from Pennsylvania who now practices law here, was not in the hearing room. But it looked as if he should be sent for immediately, for it often seemed that Duff was on trial there.

Beck kept explaining how when he's ill he goes to a good doctor and follows his advice, and when he's in a legal difficulty he goes to a lawyer and follows his advice. And Duff, he said, had told him the course to pursue and pursuing it he was, on the advice "of my chief counsel, Sen. Duff."

But probably the unkindest Beckism of all came during a discussion of the U.S. Constitution. This is a subject dear to a senator's larynx, and he can spend hours mulling over that famous document. Sometimes you feel that senators feel they have a patent on it.

But Beck turned out to be a lecturer in that field, too, and when Chairman John McClellan (D.-Ark.) dryly observed, "I'm very glad to get your views," the sarcasm missed its target completely.

"I'm very glad to give them to you," Beck said.

● Athletics had an informal beginning at the University. The accepted date for the start of football is given as 1879. However, a football game was played against Bucknell in 1871.

Louise Homer Music Society Ribbons Coeds

Fifteen coeds have been ribboned by the Louise Homer Club, society for women active in music and music organizations.

The coeds are Harriet Learn, Barbara Prestipino, Wilma Harris, Dorothy Hagan, Annette Saurino, Janet Grayshon, Mary West, Sylvia Guyer, Patricia Hile, Nancy Greninger, Eleanor Mitinger, Dorothy Becker, Irma Patterson, Elaine Mohny and Henrietta Hertzog.

The club acts as a service group, while trying to raise the standards of music on campus.

The club is named after Louise Homer, who was named one of the 12 most eminent women in America by the League of Women Voters. Miss Homer was a Metropolitan Opera Star. She sang with Enrico Causo and under Arturo Toscani.

Officers of the club are Nancy Siftar, president; Virginia Mensch, vice president; Elfrida Bauer, secretary; Emily Wilson, treasurer.

Home Ec Council Nominations Due

Noon Saturday has been set as the deadline for self-nominations to the Home Economics Student Council.

The following information should be included on the application, which is to be placed in a box in the lobby of Home Economics Building: name, photograph, semester, telephone number, All-University average and activities.

Elections will be held in the lobby April 2 and 3.

Tonight on WDFM

Time	Program
6:50	Sign On
6:55	News
7:00	Telephone Bandstand
7:55	Sports
8:00	Invitation to Relax
8:30	Music of the People
9:00	News
9:15	Informally Yours
9:30	Anthology
10:00	Virtuoso
11:30	News
11:55	Sign Off

Gazette

Today CHESS CLUB, 7 p.m., 7 Sparks LECTURE, premarital relations, 7 p.m., 104 Eisenhower Chapel MAKE-UP WORKSHOP, 7:15 p.m., basement of Schwab Auditorium PHI MU ALPHA SINFONIA elections, 7 p.m., 100 Carnegie ZOOLOGY CLUB lecture, 7 p.m., 217 Willard

University Hospital Elaine Berman, George Borosque, Patricia Couch, Phillip Hartman, Nancy Hillman, William Hilgartner, Phyllis Irwin, Helen Isaacman, William Kovalski, Carol Kylander, Dean Leib, Andrew Logan, James Mason, Norma Michael Helen Onufrak, Mary Owens, George Pipas, Michael Rathers, Samuel Rodgers, Raymond Sands, George F. Smith, Ira Starer, James Varshay, Jessica Whittaker