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Law-breakers and Injustice

The college newspaper's obligations to individual student was brought to our attention yesterday when two students came into the office complaining about what they felt was a miscarriage of justice.

It seems that a very good friend of the two had a run-in with the borough police and had been fined by the justice of the peace.

The two students were of the feeling that the Daily Collegian had distorted the real truth about the story and had injured to some extent the reputation of the young man (a freshman).

That we did this, is perhaps a counter-distortion on the part of the complaining parties. However, we feel that the entire situation which exists between students and the downtown officials is one which needs comment.

One of the two students asked the inevitable question about printing names. We then explained that we always print the names of student offenders when they are arrested by borough police. These matters are on public record and usually appear in the Centre Daily Times.

The two also gave us the story that their friend was walking along S. Atherton St. when he was accosted by a group of about five men whom he judged to be non-students. These men asked him for his wallet. He took out his wallet, according to the two, complaining students, and then attempted to run away. The disturbance which followed brought the police who were immediately told by the five men that they were being bothered by the lone student.

The student's friends went on to say that he was arrested on charges that he was on another person's property illegally. They added that he told this same story to Justice of the Peace Guy Mills and that Mills believed him and allowed him to get off with a \$5 fine.

Mills said yesterday afternoon, however, that he remembers the case perfectly and that he fined the student \$10 and \$11.50 costs. Mills said that he was told no such story as the two

students told us. He added that the student was liable for up to a \$100 fine and that the student's father accompanied him at the hearing.

Now where the story about the five men and the attempted holdup came from we don't know. However, the whole episode serves as an excuse for The Daily Collegian to clarify a few points about such stories and the treatment we give them.

The two who were indignant about the matter said that we had a duty to the students and that we shouldn't print half-truths which tend to injure the reputation of individual students.

In this they are correct. However, we can't be expected to either have reporters covering every street corner in the borough looking for students' possible scrapes with the law so that we can get the full story. Also we can't have someone covering every hearing held by the Justice of the Peace. These hearings are held without our knowledge and tend to be irregular and informal—unlike official court proceedings where a judge presides.

Thus we have to obtain our news from the police and the justice of the peace. Essentially the Centre Daily Times does the same.

What these students were asking was for us to believe their story which conflicted directly with that told us by the Justice of the Peace. He told us that the student in question even admitted being on the fire escape of a downtown roominghouse.

Now this student may or may not have done the things with which he was charged. We have no way of knowing this except for the word of the police.

In cases like this the news which we print must, of a necessity, come from law enforcement officials. Thus we feel that no injustices are being done students when news of their arrests by borough police is printed.

—The Editor

Senate: OK Final Exemptions

The University Senate today will hear a recommendation for changing the amendment concerning final exam exemptions.

At present a student must have the approval of the head of the department and the dean of the college in order to be exempted from a final. If the new amendment is accepted it will allow a student with a "B" or better average to be exempted with only the instructors permission.

We hope that Senate will find it advisable to pass the suggested amendment. It is more lenient and will give the professors more leeway in handling students.

Perhaps it will not immediately make final exemption for honor students or honor seniors practical, but it will at least make it possible to try this out and see if they might not be feasible.

A system whereby students are encouraged to keep high grades throughout the course is better by far than one which encourages "cramming" for finals. An honor system would provide an incentive for students to study throughout the course rather than just cramming for the final. We believe that in the long run it would make for better students than the present system which places so much stress on one exam, or on one exam and a couple of bluebooks.

We appreciate the fact that the University must make things constantly harder academically since it will be forced to become more and more selective in choosing its students. We feel that a system of having honor students exempted from finals will improve the academic atmosphere and help to select the real students and not just the crammers.

The suggested amendment will not directly encourage an honor exemption system, but we hope that it will allow some experimentation in the area.

We hope the Senate finds it practical to approve the suggested amendment.

—Sue Conklin

Gazette

Today
COLLEGIAN BUSINESS STAFF senior board, 8:30 p.m., 111 Carnegie
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION, 7 p.m., 212 Chapel
DAIRY SCIENCE CLUB, 7 p.m., 115 Dairy
FRESHMAN TEA committee chairmen, 4 p.m., Thompson typing room
LANTERN LITERARY STAFF, 7 p.m., 9 Carnegie
NEWS AND VIEWS staff, 6:45 p.m., 14 Home Ec

WATER BALLET REHEARSAL, all swimmers, 6:45 p.m., White Hall pool
University Hospital
Bette Bingman, Frederick Condon, Donald Daum, Norman Garofano, Marjorie Heaster, Carl Hoffman, Patricia Kelly, Margaret King, Richard Liedt, John Marshall, Audrey Mayberry, George Nagorny, William Nelson, Richard Poole, George Sellers, Valerie Sigelen, Ira Starer, Beverly Thompson.

Phys Ed Council Nominations Open

Monday will be the last day for nominations for the Physical Education Student Council.

Nominees are named by an elections committee, but a student may nominate himself by submitting a petition bearing 15 signatures.

One male and one female representative will be elected from each class. Elections will be held April 11 and 12 in the physical education blocks.

Professor to Take Part In Child Care Meeting

Dr. Joseph H. Britton, associate professor of child development and family relationships, will participate in a meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development at the State University of Iowa, in Iowa City, today through Saturday.

He will also attend a council meeting on the Multi-University Training Institute in Social Gerontology at the University of Michigan on April 12 and 13, in Ann Arbor.

IE Prof Will Attend Automation Session

Chester Linsky, assistant professor of industrial engineering, will represent the United States at the International Automation Conference in Paris next week.

Linsky was chosen as consultant at the conference because of his experience in training engineers to adapt automation programs.

At the conference he will outline the automation program at the University and report on developments in automation.

Little Man on Campus by Bibler



"Hey, Mac—over here with that sod-packer."

Interpreting the News

Nasser Continues Stalling Tactics

By J. M. ROBERTS

Associated Press News Analyst

Secretary John Foster Dulles may have put his finger on something which will be a recurring factor in negotiations for a Suez Canal settlement.

He points out that the latest Egyptian suggestions are unacceptable only because of a few phrases which might be due to a poor choice of language.

The language may also have been deliberate.

President Nasser says the canal question can be settled when the Israeli question is settled. That can be read to mean he intends to hold out for an overall agreement.

Nasser has seen the effect of international pressure on Israel in connection with last fall's "defensive invasion," when the immediate interests of the Western Powers were submerged in order to ward off a threat to world peace.

He may believe the West to be so interested in the canal question that more pressure will be put on Israel to settle again, if he can just evade and hold out long enough.

Nasser demands that Israel be put behind a clearly-defined demarcation line, since she has ignored the original UN-defined boundaries, with guarantees from the major powers that any expansionist move will be scotched.

He also demands that Israel admit responsibility for the Arab refugees from Palestine, either permitting them to return to their former homes or recomposing them.

Both of these demands are in line with United Nations resolutions. Nasser, having acted without ethics in the Suez case, and having adopted a Hitlerian program of expansion for himself, now tries to invoke the aid of the angels.

Dulles gave Nasser a clear warning, however, that "a great deal" of Egypt's future depends on how she acts now with regard to Suez. He did not tie that remark in with any reference to Israel. Nor did he threaten eco-

nomie sanctions. He hoped to avoid them. But—The truth is that Nasser doesn't have much time. Egypt's economy is coming apart at a rapid rate. As it does, political opposition rises.

Outing Group Plans Election

The Outing Club will elect officers at 7 tonight in the Hetzel Union auditorium.

Nominated for president are Charles Freed, senior in metallurgy from Schenectady, N.Y., and Alfred Reeves, junior in agriculture from Villanova.

Other nominations are: Deborah Dane, vice president; Virginia Lewis, Mary Lou Bieber, corresponding secretary; Ann Craig, Margaret Fowler, recording secretary; and Ann O'Toole, treasurer.

Nominations for the divisions of the club are:

Edward Klein and Joseph McCahon field and stream president; and Robert Howe, Carl Frederick and Terry Evans, ski division president.

Tonight on WDFM

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6:50	Sign On
6:55	News
7:00	"A" Train
7:55	Sports
8:00	As You Believe
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