

Editorials

They Haven't Forgotten

James Bian's photographic exhibit to begin Sunday in the Hetzel Union Building will remind us of those days last October when thousands of Hungarians lost their lives and homes in their fight for freedom.

But the people of Hungary need no reminder, as the Janos Kadar regime well knew this week.

The regime in Hungary was taking no chances on a repeat performance this October.

Hundreds of citizens considered by the government to be "uncertain elements" in the population were put in temporary detention and guards were placed around the cities where the historical revolt began.

Mourning was prohibited in the country. Stores were forbidden by the regime to sell black flags or ties and persons having recent deaths in their families were cautioned not to wear mourning since their gestures might be "misinterpreted" by the police.

By these and other "precautionary" measures, the Soviet-controlled regime in Hungary has admitted that the people are not satisfied and have not forgotten the Soviet tanks, men and artillery that shed their blood last October. Nor will they forget that Janos Kadar is their executioner's representative.

Light Up, Unlucky

Although there is believed to be some link between smoking and lung cancer, Americans are still buying more cigarets than ever.

Last year Americans purchased 399 billion cigarets at a cost of about \$4 billion. It may be higher this year.

The American Cancer Society reports that on an average heavy cigaret smokers die eight years younger than the average of their age group; heavy cigar smokers die three years younger than average; heavy pipe smokers die three months younger.

Dr. E. Cuyler Hammond of the Yale University Medical Society and associated with the American Cancer Society, expressed the opinion that "the evidence shows that heavy cigaret smoking is a causative factor in lung cancer, but presumably not the only cause." Dr. Hammond spoke on campus Tuesday night.

He concluded his speech: "I can't see why people partake of the habit of smoking—but I personally like it."

So do millions of other Americans who might be bothered somewhat about the claims of a link between smoking and lung cancer but not bothered enough to quit smoking.

Until definite proof is given—and maybe even after—Americans will probably continue to spend billions of dollars a year for tobacco.

If you are worried, just put your trust in the boys from Madison Avenue—and continue to light up, unlucky.

Safety Valve

Kilpatrick Talk Draws Criticism

TO THE EDITOR: Laughter of the audience punctuated Dr. William H. Kilpatrick's quotation of the first sentence of old grammars of the late nineteenth century. The idea that orthography, etymology, syntax and prosody are innately concerned with a sentence was amusing for this reason: the school boy did not understand the words!

Speaking as a past instructor in a university, I might wish that a modern grammar had a comparable first sentence. Many of my students declared that they had never seen these words, that they had never heard them pronounced and of course they could not define them.

Some of the same students could not spell or sometimes pronounce common one or two or three syllable words; in addition they were incapable of writing a coherent sentence. To obtain a definition of prosody was almost unheard of.

The fact that Dr. Kilpatrick quoted so voluminously and preposterously led me to believe that he did not have much to say. But more distressing, he took 75 minutes to say it.

He stated that memorization was passe and he quoted Plutarch's suggestion of this form of learning. This was hardly a bona fide comparison. What other form of learning was available to people who lived during the first hundred years after the birth of Christ?

He apparently overlooked the date of the printing press. He quoted a simple fragment from Seneca: Non enim vivere bonum est sed vivere bene is a noble thought but we know that Seneca prostituted his high ethical ideals. The worth of a man's statement lies in its fulfillment.

Dr. Kilpatrick stated that molding characters is the job of teachers and superintendents. He neglected to define character just as he neglected to define other terms which he used; but we may safely assume that he did not mean mental discipline!

Some of my liberally educated friends emphatically say that they as parents feel capable of molding their own children's characters, that they prefer teachers to fulfill their position: give information; teach boys and girls how to think. Character building and moral life in the narrow sense of the word, and social life have long been duties of parents; improvement of minds has long been the duty of teachers.

Dr. Kilpatrick said that a high school graduate should have a philosophy of life. Does this mean a love of wisdom as the word philosophy originally meant? If so, I hope each graduate does have a philosophy of life. But I fear that the expression has degenerated in meaning.

Dr. Kilpatrick mentioned that education is for an "improvement of civilization." Again, no definition of terms. Does this mean superficial betterment—better food, housing, appliances—or does this mean better thought than Aristotle, better writing than Shakespeare, better art than El Greco? (Thank you, Rebecca West).

But the "good" life had no true definition, either. As a matter of fact, Dr. Kilpatrick used words, words which had no factual meaning because he was not explicit in definition or expression.

More painful was his persistence in talking down to his "educated" audience.

—One of the "Uneducated" (Name Withheld)

Junior BusAd Student Receives Scholarship

Jean Ogden Crandley, junior in business administration from Philadelphia, has been awarded a \$250 scholarship for both her junior and senior years.

The scholarship is one of the William Elliott Foundation scholarships, sponsored by the Philadelphia Life Insurance Co. and awarded to students majoring in insurance.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Phsst—did ole muscle-mouth take roll today?"

Sand in my Shoes

ROTC 'n Smoking—Here to Stay?

By Judy Harkison

The value of ROTC has been hotly controversial in the Safety Valve column during the past few weeks, but it seems the controversy has been raging at Wisconsin, too.

There compulsory ROTC has not merely been attacked by readers on an editorial page—it's been voted down by student government.

The University of Wisconsin Student Senate voted 27-3 this week to do away with compulsory ROTC on campus.

Maybe they read Safety Valve. Or maybe during classes students and professors were jarred into consciousness. Or maybe coeds were awakened at 6:15 a.m., too.

This is only a personal prejudice but why do doctors, specialists and authorities expound on the deadly effects of cigarette smoking and then, in the next breath, start puffing one themselves?

Dr. E. Cuyler Hammond of the Yale University Medical Society said Tuesday that cigarette smoking is definitely a cause of lung cancer and it also puts an added strain on coronary artery disease.

He went on to quote the higher lung cancer death rate among smokers, the effect on the nervous system and then the fact that the amount of nicotine in one cigarette is enough to kill a person if taken in one straight dose.

We watched one student turn green as he read the Collegian report of the speech, choke a few times, and swear that he would never indulge again.

Then he read Hammond's conclusion—"I can't see why people partake of the habit of smoking—but I personally like it!"

"Whew," muttered the student and, apparently comforted by Hammond's own choice, reached for another "cancer stick" . . .

Overheard on campus the other day . . . "The only way I can work up any enthusiasm over a course is to flunk the first blue-book . . ."

Several entries in the Ugly Man Contest seemed to pick up the timely theme of the flu and parody the infirmity. One which particularly caught our eye was titled "The Flu Epidemic We Didn't Have."

The ice cream menu in the Lion's Den has taken on a new twist. Instead of the usual, the names of the flavors have been misspelled, upset, or given new names. For instance — Orange Sputnik, fudgie wudgie, chochit, vanula and cherry rippled.

Frosh Nominations Due For Bus Ad Council

Tomorrow is the last day for freshmen to turn in self-nominations for the Business Administration Student Council at the general admissions office in Boucke Building.

Elections will be held Oct. 30 and 31.

Gazette

TODAY
Hillel Sabbath Eve Services, 8 p.m.
Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, 7:30 p.m., 111 Sparks
Lutheran Student Association, Spook Party at Watts Lodge.
Newman Club Square Dance, 8:30 p.m., Church Hall.
Outing Club Halloween Party, Forestry Cabin.
PLACEMENT SERVICE
Food Mach. & Chemical Corp: Nov 8, BS, MS, PhD in Chem, ChE, ME
Preston Laboratories: Nov 8, BS, MS, PhD in Chem, Phys, Cer
Hazeltine Electronics Corp: Nov 8, BS, MS, PhD in EE, ME, IE, BusAd
Whirlpool-Seeger Corp: Nov 8, MS, PhD in Cer, Chem, EE, ME, Metal, Phys
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL
Jerome Abraczinskas, David Alexander, Howard Allison, Abdul Awan, James Blachford, Camelia Blount, Laurence Buck, Lester Boyer, Peter Cooke, Jack Crosby, Curtis Carroll, Preston Dent, Judith DePonceau, Lena Detoma, Elizabeth Eagelman, Salvatore Ficarro, James Furniss, Sharon Gallagher, Harry Fontana, Mari-

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PEANUTS
I THINK THIS HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH, LUCY.
YOU'D BETTER UNLOCK THE CLOSET AND GIVE LINUS HIS BLANKET.
I GUESS MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT.
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