

Editorial Opinion

Goatees and Button-Downs

Conformity, especially among college students, is an increasing danger in America today. It may not be as world-shaking as the race for outer space, but it is a problem.

The Ohio State Lantern, student newspaper, says individualism is greatest among college students. The Ohio State students who wear mustaches, goatees and beards are cited by the newspaper as an example of campus individualism.

To us it does not seem this is the type of individualism that should be encouraged, nor really discouraged either. The real problem in conformity is in thought.

Students these days are too prone to accept what is taught them and not to question it. If a professor says black is white, too many students will agree that black is white.

This can be seen on the student government level on this campus. Too many student leaders seem to accept anything an administrative official says as the gospel truth.

Too many students also accept as truth that the United States can do no wrong, that the free-enterprise system is beyond criticism, that democracy is the best form of government not only for Americans but for everyone in the world (now we hope outerspace will be democratic!), and that socialism is "evil."

Besides conforming, college students these days are far too intolerant. They attack someone who defends socialism, saying far too often only that "socialism is evil." One can say that the United States is best suited for this "ism" than another one, and that most Americans accept this "ism" over another. But that does not make the other "ism" evil. Try telling the majority of the persons living in a democratic-socialist nation that socialism is "evil."

Most college students would undoubtedly tell you they fear communism. But should they? Should they not rather fear the Soviet rulers who are trying to make the Free World accept their form of communism against our wishes—against our cultural, social, economical and political values?

Now we, of course, are not advocating communist cells and socialism groups on campus. However, we do believe that far too many college students conform in mind and are intolerant of honest differences of opinion.

So, wear those beards if you like, throw away those pleatless pants and button-down collars if you want, but don't forget to trade in your conforming and far too intolerant mind for a new model.

Financial Worries

The struggling literary magazine Circa will gasp again this spring since it will be granted \$200 from the Artists' Series for a late-April publication.

Circa, which was formerly called Lantern but which adopted a new name this year, fared well last fall when 615 copies were sold. The fall issue was financed by \$200 from the Artists' Series and \$300 from All-University Cabinet.

Editor Robert Nurock said yesterday that he has requested the Artists' Series committee to take over the sponsorship of Circa next year.

In the past, literary magazines have nearly choked themselves to death worrying where the next nickel would come from. This seems to be the major difficulty of the publications.

Since the Artists' Series will provide partial support (the rest can be supplied by Circa sales) and if next year it takes over the sponsorship, Circa will be relieved of a heavy problem and can concentrate on finer content and promotion.

A Student-Operated Newspaper

The Daily Collegian

Successor to The Free Lance est 1887

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Interpretation

Business Slump Seen Affecting Trade Program

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For many years now the United States has tempered trade protectionism policies with the realization that if she wants to sell abroad she also must buy there. This meant a compromise between the interests of many manufacturers, who claimed they could not compete with low-cost foreign labor, and the agricultural regions, particularly the cotton-exporting South.

It was a long fight, and resulted in the reciprocal trade policy which permits the executive department to negotiate tariffs and quotas within limits. The fight isn't over. Even the South, becoming more and more industrialized, is more protectionist than formerly. This is offset by increasing industrial interests in foreign markets.

The reciprocal policy was adopted as an economic measure. It has become an important part of U.S. foreign relations. It is a factor in overcoming disparity between the amount of American goods needed by her allies and their ability to pay. Without it, many countries would have faced postwar economic chaos, or else the American program of direct aid would have been far larger.

Every time the program comes up for extension, however, as it does this year, Congress is belabored by hundreds of businesses and industries who feel damaged by foreign competition.

Right now, for instance, seafood producers are demanding protection. They claim there is no reciprocity in their business, and call foreign competition unfair.

Seafood distributors, on the other hand, say that the domestic supply is insufficient and argue for unrestricted imports.

Throw in the diplomatic angle, and it's a neat little problem.

Not directly involving reciprocal trade but a part of the general trade and aid problem is the proposal for U.S. help in opening iron mines in India.

India is pushing development of her natural resources. Lacking Western help, she will accept Russian.

But Nevada mines sell ore to Japan. Mines in India would beat them out. Japan is expected to contribute to the Indian project. So the Nevadans—and the port of Stockton, Calif., through which the ore moves, are fighting the project before the Commerce Department.

Executive decisions in such matters are based on the national interest—in this case the friendship of India—as weighed against the interest of domestic business.

Gazette

TODAY

- Beginners' Hebrew Class, 7 p.m., Hillel Foundation
C.B.A. Graduate Club, 7:30 p.m., Zeta Beta Tau
Chem-Phys Student Council, 7 p.m., 209 HUB
Chess Club, 7 p.m., 7 Sparks
Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
Freshman Advisory Board, 8 p.m., 214-215 HUB
Lecture Series, 7 p.m., 104 Chapel
Metallurgy Seminar, 4:10 p.m., 317 Willard
New Bavarian Schuhplattler, 7:30 p.m., 3 White
Nittany Grotto, 7 p.m., 121 M.I.
Novena, 7 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church
Philosophy Club, 8 p.m., 209 HUB

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Thomasenia Sims, Jeanne Bernhard, Lois Pierce, Dianne Herold, Mona Munder, Nancy Leach, Carole Michael, Willis Neudorfer, Constance Daniel, Mary Becker, Patricia Whaitte, Eliz Savidge, Frederick Trust, David Weiss, Bequele Getahun, Anthony Beetto, Michael Olderman, Roger Meyers, Alber Wolfgang, Wayne Radcliffe, Thomas Barnes, Michael Koss.

Job Interviews

Companies interviewing April 10:

- Mallinckrodt Chemical Works: BS MS in Chem, Chem E, ME, Metal; Jr in above fields for summer employment
Mutual Life Insurance Co: BS in LA, Bus Ad, or anyone interested in insurance; Jr, Soph for summer employment in actuarial training
NACA: BS in Aero E; Chem E, ME, Chem, Math, Phys, EE, Cer, Metal, Eng Sci
Pittsburgh Coke & Chemical: BS in Chem, Chem E; Jr, Sr in above fields for summer employment
U.S. Forest Service: BS in CE, Landscape Arch; Frosh, Soph, Jr, Sr, in above fields for summer employment

CAMP INTERVIEWS

- Philadelphia YMCA Camps (Penn.)—March 20: Camp Owaissa (Penn.)—March 21: Camp Lenore (Mass.)—March 22 and 23.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"Did any of you happen to find that bottle of alcohol that was MISPLACED yesterday?"

Washington Beat

Literary Minds Of the Presidents

By Arthur Edson

WASHINGTON (AP)—Thomas Jefferson once said: "Books are indeed with me a necessity of life."

Since this is National Library Week, it's a happy quotation. And the biggest of them all, the Library of Congress, is celebrating the great occasion with an exhibit on the reading habits of presidents.

The L. of C. discreetly doesn't mention it, but some U.S. presidents were no more literary-minded than a moderately alert goat.

Possibly the real surprise, considering that politicians often are not the reflective type, is that so many presidents have been steady readers.

In his reading, as in everything else, Theodore Roosevelt did things with a flourish. So when he went big game hunting, he toted along books bound in pigskin and packed in an aluminum case. Weight: 60 pounds, or enough for one porter.

Nearly all the early presidents were readers.

Shortly after Washington married the widow Custis, he ordered from London six little books for children beginning to read. That is, for his step-children, John, aged 6, and Patsy, 4.

John Adams had a fine private library, which he turned over to the town of Quincy, Mass.

Lincoln's love for Shakespeare is well known, but during his term someone at the White House borrowed "Why Paul Ferroll Killed his Wife" from the library.

If it was Lincoln who want-

ed the book, it wouldn't be too amazing. Presidents have been great mystery readers.

Ike Hoover, who spent 40 years in the White House—he wound up as head usher—says only Teddy Roosevelt spurned mysteries. He was a magazine reader.

"Wilson and Hoover, the former especially, were incisive detective story readers," Ike Hoover wrote in his little notebook.

"Coolidge also liked such stories. Still, like Taft, he confined his reading principally to the daily papers. Taft especially seemed to read nothing else and would delve into every page of all the papers he could conveniently get hold of.

"Harding didn't seem to read much of anything."

But the real darling of the library is Thomas Jefferson. It's a love affair that dates back to 1815, when Jefferson's library was purchased, some 6000 books, to replace the burned-out Library of Congress.

With the books came Jefferson's ideas on library practices, some of which are still used.

For example: Jefferson, plagued with forgetful borrowers, had a secret, inside mark to show the book was his. The library still follows Jefferson's prudent custom.

