

Editorial Opinion

Opening Up Education

Things are opening up around here. The University Senate decided Thursday to open all classes to all students and University personnel, dependent on the permission of the class instructor.

And All-University Cabinet Thursday night recommended that the library stacks be opened to all "superior" students. Librarian Ralph W. McComb already has agreed to open the stacks to students registered in honor courses.

The open classes policy already is in effect; the open stacks policy is still pending approval of library officials, but so far there don't seem to be any serious objections in its way.

Both moves will make better education available to more students and are likely to stimulate students to a broader range of interests.

And both moves will help to "take the wraps off" of learning. Junking the red tape and many of the regulations of education makes it more attractive and consequently more profitable.

The Ticket Home

The phoney matric card officially became a very dangerous item yesterday when it brought about the dismissal of a student by the Subcommittee on Discipline of the Senate Committee on Student Affairs.

There are few disciplinary offenses severe enough to warrant out-and-out dismissal from the University, without the provisions for readmission provided by suspension. But the University it seems has decided to put the altering of matriculation cards in this class.

Altering matric cards is not new by any means; it has been going on for years, and often the offenders have not taken great pains to conceal it. The main reason for doctoring the cards is to gain admission to downtown taverns, where a matric card usually is taken as sufficient proof of age.

The "fixers" ran into problems two years ago when the University switched to photographic cards, which are considerably harder to change. But elaborate photographic means were devised by the die-hards and the altered cards continued to appear.

But perhaps yesterday's student dismissal will rapidly squelch the practice. The penalty is high, and students should realize that card changing isn't worth it.

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Letters

Reader Defends Collegian View

TO THE EDITOR: I think Reader Serrill (letter, Thursday) is somewhat confused in his incisive remarks concerning the sensationistic methods of The Collegian in dealing with the first student traffic fatality.

It is doubtful that any great harm will result due to the misprinted figures (concerning federal aid) which President Walker has requested. As you know, Mr. Serrill, errors may be found in all daily newspapers, and The Collegian is no exception.

Serrill's views were too critical on trivial matters; but it is a reader's privilege to voice his opinion through a letters column. —Steve Milner, '62

Pitt Rally Success Laid to Students

TO THE EDITOR: We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people and groups who helped make the Pitt Pep Rally not only possible but a big success.

To the Ivy Rocks, who provided three hours of music; the Continentals, who sang; the Cheerleaders; Sever Toretti, assistant coach, who spoke at the rally; The Daily Collegian for its help in publicizing the rally; Steve Fishbein, master of ceremonies at the rally; all those who donated cars for the motorcade and to the dean of women's office and WSGA for the late permissions, go our heartfelt thanks.

Our thanks also to Ed Hintz, head football manager and all the football players who made appearances; Jack Behler, the Nittany Lion; and Hummel Fishburn and Frank Gullo, who led the crowd in songs and cheers.

But, most of all, our thanks go to every student who came to the rally, for in the final analysis it is they who made it a success. —Members of Cwens and Delphi Hat Societies

Gazette

TODAY Nittany and West Halls Dance, 9 p.m., HUB Ballroom Student Movies, 7 p.m., HUB Assembly Hall TOMORROW Chapel Services, 10:55 a.m., Schwab Auditorium Emerson Society, 7 p.m., Chapel lounge

MONDAY Alpha Phi Omega, 7 p.m., 212 HUB Department of Architecture, 7:30 p.m., HUB, assembly room Engineering Mechanics Seminar, 4:15 p.m., 203 HUB, Engineering A Faculty Luncheon Club, noon, HUB dining room A Leonides Council, 6:30 p.m., 217 HUB Social Science Research Center, 8 p.m., dining rooms A-C, HUB University Christian Association Seminars, 8-10 p.m., Chapel Vesper Service, 4:15 p.m., Chapel UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL Beresford Bailey, Margery Dye, Fred Eisele, John Fatula, Donald Flickinger, Martha Harrison, Gertrude Keimling, John Keryeski, Joseph Koskullit, Betty Lorditch, Johanna Lohr, Rhett McGriff, Patricia O'Handley, William Pearson, Lois Rothenberg, Irene Schimmel, Larry Sharer, Sandra Shogren, Alan Vandenberg, Sandra Drazone.

String Quartet Program Postponed Until Feb. 1

The Juilliard String Quartet, a part of the State College Chamber Music Series, will not appear Sunday evening as scheduled.

The program has been postponed until Feb. 1 because of the illness of one of the members of the group.

The series is sponsored by the State College Choral Society.

Late Lion's Den Hours

The Lion's Den will be open until 12:15 tonight. Snack bar service will last until midnight.

Next weekend will be the last in the extended hours trial. If the experiment proves successful the hours will be extended permanently.

Little Man on Campus by Dick Bibler



"I sure am glad I found out about HER! I can't stand a girl that's stronger than I am."

Words to Spare

Teenagers Snub American Beliefs

By Dick Drayne

Teenagers don't think much of many of America's most cherished beliefs—or so the surveys say.

A recent national magazine article on the results of surveys taken up among teenagers reveal some appalling statistics about this nation's young people and their lack of

faith in our basic concepts of freedom and independence.

The survey results, reviewed in the Nov. 29 issue of the New Yorker, concerned a wide variety of topics, from radio and TV listening time (discouragingly high) to Biblical knowledge (amazingly low). But probably the most shocking statistics are those concerned with the average teenagers' feelings on political, government and economic issues.

One survey, for instance, reported that one out of three teenagers "approves of a central government agency to act as censor" and that almost half of all teenagers think the police should be allowed to tap telephones in order to get evidence against suspected criminals and "radicals."

Another survey, the article reports, comes up with opinions which are even more frightening. Forty-one per cent of the teenagers questioned did not favor freedom of the press, 34 per cent thought that "the government should prohibit some people from making speeches," and 58 per cent believed that "the police or the FBI may sometimes be right in giving a man the 'third degree' to make him talk."

Answers given to questions of economics are just as disturbing. A Better Business Bureau Survey of high school seniors showed that:

Only 39 per cent believed that "keeping the profit incentive alive" is essential to survival of our system.

Seventy-nine per cent said that most of the gains from new machinery go to the owners.

Fifty-five per cent believed that the basic principle of Marxism, "from each according to his ability, to each according to his need," was a valid basis for an economic system.

Eighty-two per cent said the United States does not have competition in business.

Sixty per cent said a worker should not produce all he can.

It's hard to say what are the chief causes for this new and peculiarly un-American trend of thought among young people. Some of the answers probably were given through ignorance or contrariness, and survey statistics are not always

representative; but the results indicate, at best, a deep and unhealthy cynicism among teenagers.

And it is surprising to see in these teenagers, who are so well-known for being rebels, the tendency to become subjects, as it were; to be willing to sacrifice their liberty and independence in a bow to conformism and dictation by the majority.

If the surveyists are right, these teenagers would give almost absolute power to the government and the police; they would take away the rights of a free press; and they would sacrifice the principles of free enterprise in business.

The rebels would have much more authority to rebel against, it seems, if they had their way.

These figures fly in the face of the age-old tradition of this country—and indeed any country—that the young generations are the sentinels of independence, the stubborn foes of any kind of tyranny or oppression. Today's teenagers seem to desire much less independence and much more tyranny.

Probably the strongest conclusion which can be drawn from the surveys is that the youth of this generation are incredibly perverse—that they have little belief in and no respect for the institutions of their elders.

Such perverseness may be healthy in some ways, when it brings improvements in social and political conditions. But when it attacks the foundations of our freedom and liberty, it seems more a sickness than a healthy sign.

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SATURDAY NIGHT

- 6:50 News
7:00 HI-FI Open House
7:00 News - Campus Beat
1:30 News - Sign Off
SUNDAY NIGHT
6:50 News
7:00 The Third Programme
11:30 News - Sign Off
MONDAY NIGHT
6:50 News
7:00 Manuscripts to Music
7:30 Westinghouse Adventures in Research
7:55 Pennsylvania News
8:00 Contemporary Concepts
9:00 Campus News and Sports
9:15 Open to Question
9:30 Dateline: London
9:45 As You Believe
10:00 Background
10:05 Symphonic Notebook
11:30 News, Sign Off