

Editorial Opinion

Just Another Step

We have proposed that the Interfraternity and the Panhellenic Councils in conjunction with the Senate Committee on Student Affairs work toward abolishing the discriminatory clauses in the constitutions of some Greek groups.

It was also suggested that a rule be set by the University asking all Greek groups to get their discrimination clauses taken out or go local.

Such a rule merely carries one step further the present University policy of not chartering any new groups with such clauses.

Our proposal asked that the Interfraternity Council and the Panhellenic Councils (whose regulations govern our "free association" fraternities) work toward abolishment of these clauses.

We felt that action of IFC and Panhel would help to convince discriminating national groups of the necessity for change.

We assumed that these Greek groups did not approve of discrimination and would themselves be interested in such a proposal. Several IFC members have vigorously said they did not approve of discrimination.

We would also like to point out that the suggestion to institute a non-recognition policy by the University in no way forces any national group to change its constitution.

Such a policy is a voice protest which these groups can heed or ignore as they choose—as with any choice, however, there are results which follow from that choice.

The Reward Is Big

A call has been issued by Dr. William G. Mather, head of the department of sociology and anthropology, for persons interested in helping make the downtown housing survey during the third week in February.

All interested persons should contact Kathleen Leland in the Borough Building on S. Frazier St., and arrange for an interview.

There will be no reward other than the satisfaction of participating in a project that may prove very beneficial to both the student body and townspeople.

This reward should be sufficient.

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Think

The Disappearance of Honesty

By STEPHEN R. BLUM
Not too long ago the Daily Collegian published an editorial dealing with the apparent disappearance of honesty as an academic virtue.

Several events during the past week have indicated that this lack of honesty is not solely a PSU problem, but rather a career that is slowly eating its way through all strata of American society.

Not more than a few days ago the government ended a massive anti-trust suit against this country's largest electrical firms with indictments of some 14 company executives. Reports indicate that these men were all fine, upstanding, God-fearing civil and business leaders who were devotees of the ideals of the country in which we live.

About a year ago a certain Mr. Van Doren was receiving massive publicity as being the perfect example of what the cultured American could get in

our society, after winning somewhere over \$100,000. Mr. Van Doren made both the Ed Sullivan Show and the cover of Time magazine.

It was not until some months later that the public found out this was not the All-American Boy—but nothing more than a cog in a massive wheel of illegal intrigue and quiz-show answer-fixing.

The legal problems of Dave Beck, and his protege successor James Hoffa, are legend. Both of these gentlemen have appeared before numerous federal investigating committees.

These gentlemen are leaders—Hoffa is the president of the largest single union in the United States. Beck got to the top (while he was there) by working his way up in the established free-enterprise system which this country has its economic foundations rooted in.

We are not dealing with teenagers here—we can not wonder where did this boy go wrong!

We are dealing in all cases with mature adults who admittedly knew and know just what they were doing. The electrical executives knew they were involved in defrauding the government.

Mr. Van Doren was told the answer and took part in rigged shows willfully. Hoffa and Beck both are salved employees of a union, and both of them know that any extra movies are not theirs in payment for work received.

In short, these three different examples are all examples of dishonesty of the most base form: premeditated cheating.

The Collegian editorial said honesty was becoming an outdated virtue. It seems to go further than that. Honesty is becoming rare. Perhaps this is too naive; perhaps dishonesty, that is cheating, is a new American ideal, the new norm by which we had all better alude if we "want to get anywhere."

Interpreting

USSR May Have to Rock The 'Boat'

By J. M. ROBERTS
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The United States is reported to have warned the Kremlin not to rock the international boat now if it wants to negotiate with the United States later in the year, but the question is whether Premier Khrushchev can afford to wait.

Some clue will be available when we have seen just how much heat Khrushchev chooses to generate over the latest incident—the French firing on the Soviet president's plane over the Mediterranean. It is the sort of thing over which the Soviets have some excuse for hollering, or which they can drop easily if it suits their purposes.

But Khrushchev's airlift to Laos and attempts to penetrate the Congo continue, and he is definitely committed to greater support for the Algerian rebels.

An overt step in any of these situations—or in Cuba or Berlin—could quickly wring the hope out of American planning.

President Kennedy's flat statement that the United States will fight for Berlin may have set back Khrushchev's timetable on that issue. Kennedy linked the defense of Berlin with that of New York and Paris.

In Laos, Congo and Algeria, however, the Soviet is dealing with local elements which it does not control. If they should become disillusioned by too much waiting, the Communists might lose valuable objectives. And Khrushchev would be falling down on his agreement with the Chinese Reds.



ROBERTS

Letters

Haney 'Clarifies Position'

TO THE EDITOR: Referring to yesterday's Editorial Opinion; I see no need for the editors to claim that God is on their side, nor for me to claim He is on mine.

I would prefer not to deal with such blasphemies. Therefore, please allow me to clarify my position.

1. I am wholeheartedly against all forms of discrimination on the basis of race or religion; believing in the Judeo-Christian tradition which, by definition, commits me to defend the freedom and equality of every human being, as one created in the image of God.

Therefore I am necessarily against all written manifestations of such discrimination, such as that found in many national fraternity constitutions.

2. I realize that most fraternities at Penn State, whose national constitutions contain a restrictive clause, are working, at the dictates of their individual consciences, through the democratic governmental processes of their own fraternity to have these clauses removed. This is as it should be.

However, certain groups of over-zealous do-gooders, such as Collegian editors, would have governmental agencies of society take care of this problem by taking it out of the hands of the fraternities completely, and legislating on it. This is what I was reacting against in my previous letter to the editor.

The authors of the Bill of

Rights wisely saw that the right of peaceful assembly, which has come to include freedom of individuals to associate and organize together for common lawful purposes, is indispensable to a free and open society.

This freedom periodically becomes endangered because society is repeatedly tempted to exempt from it organizations whose goals seem to conflict with the prevailing majority sentiment.

I have tried to assert that something just as fundamental as segregation—desegregation issue is at stake in America today—the very "rules of the game," by which social and political disagreements can be resolved in a free society (and they can eventually be resolved) without that society itself being destroyed in the process. Don't destroy our free society with outside interference in the affairs of voluntary organizations!

—George F. Haney,
I.F.C. Chaplain

(Editor's Note: We would like to remind Mr. Haney that he, in a letter written Feb. 9, called the Daily Collegian's proposal ungodly and hence opened up the issue of godliness which he now refers to as blasphemy. Mr. Haney is also quite incorrect in claiming that the Daily Collegian Board of Editors said God was on their side. We suggest a careful re-reading of the editorial of Feb. 10.)

Christian Discusses Prejudice

TO THE EDITOR: I am concerned with this mad rush to remove prejudice and discrimination (racial, ethnic, religious) from this campus, as well as from State College and public institutions in general.

I am even more concerned with the means by which Collegian and others choose to deal with the situation. As a Christian, I recognize that discrimination is wrong. But since it is basic in society, how can any laws remove its existence?

Publicly, there is no alternative to insure equality among men other than by law. However, in the case of private institutions such as fraternities and sororities a different approach is necessary.

The National Fraternity Council, by decision of its individual chapters in the due democratic process should remove such restrictions as exist.

For the University to force such legislation upon the fra-

ternities is not "helping the cause." It is taking the matter completely out of the hands of the fraternity.

I believe this would be detrimental to the best interests of the fraternity system and would lead to its ultimate destruction. As a fraternity man, I feel such a result would not be in the national interest.

If any resolutions are to be made, we must all be careful that rights and privileges which would lead to further inroads on our individual liberties are not being taken away. We must be careful that the wording of any resolution or decree is not purposely vague so as to be used as a weapon of destruction, not only of organization, but of freedom itself.

—James L. Ensley '61

(Editor's Note: What are the "best interests" of a fraternity and how does the fraternity system better the "national interest"?)

Gazette

TODAY
Central Region PSEA, 12:30 p.m., 212 HUB
North Halls Valentine Dance, 8 p.m., HUB ballroom
Student Movies, 7:30 p.m., HUB assembly room

TOMORROW
Chess Club, 2 p.m., HUB cardroom
Emerson Society, 7 p.m., Eisenhower Chapel
Folklore Society, 7:30 p.m., 212 HUB
Jazz Club Workshop, 12:30 p.m., HUB ballroom
Student Movies, 6:30 p.m., HUB assembly hall
Swedenborgian, 10:15 a.m., 212 HUB

MONDAY
Alpha Phi Omega, 7 p.m., HUB main lounge
Bridge Club, 7 p.m., HUB cardroom
Gymnastics Club, 6:30 p.m., beginners, 7:30 p.m., advanced, body mechanics room, White Hall
Independent Students Association, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, 12:45 p.m., 218 HUB
IVCF, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
Placement, 8 p.m., 203 HUB
LaVie Photography Staff, 1 p.m., 1-A Carnegie

WDFM Schedule

SATURDAY
6:00 Spotlight
6:55 Weatherscope
7:09 Hi-Fi Openhouse
9:00 Offbeat
1:00 Lionel's Lullaby
2:00 Sign Off

SUNDAY
5:00 Chapel Service
6:00 Chamber Music
6:30 Mormon Tabernacle Choir
7:00 Highlights of the Week
7:15 The Third Programme
12:00 Sign Off

