

Editorial Opinion

Where's The Survey?

Last winter the State College Chamber of Commerce sponsored a housing survey that is intended to summarize housing conditions and determine the number of vacancies in town.

The survey was apparently prompted by the increasing number of vacancies in town rooming houses, and it was hoped the University would use the results as a guide in planning for future student housing.

To get volunteers for the survey, the Chamber of Commerce decided to exploit student feeling against discrimination, and questions of landlords' "preference" for roomers were included in the questionnaire.

To determine the reasons for specific discrimination and with the hope of finding solutions to some of the landlords' prejudices, several students volunteered to help conduct the survey.

The existence of substandard safety, health and sanitation conditions in many town rooming houses prompted many other students to help in the survey.

Without the aid of these students, a housing survey probably wouldn't have been possible.

For this reason and because 4,000 University students live in town housing, the student body has a vital interest in the results of the survey.

It is hoped the housing survey will reveal what facilities exist and where such facilities are located.

Besides wondering just what the survey will include, we are wondering when it will be released.

Chamber of Commerce President Paul Mazza, who was in charge of conducting the survey and compiling the results, told the Collegian last March that the survey results would be released before the spring semester ended.

In May he moved this date back to the summer.

When the survey still hadn't been released in late September, a Collegian reporter contacted Mr. Mazza. He told the reporter that the survey would be out for sure by the end of October.

This is the second week of November, and the survey results have not yet been released

It's been more than six months since the survey was conducted and unless the results are released soon, much of the information may be outdated and useless.

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Letters

University Life Examined

TO THE EDITOR: Our path of existence in today's world is stratified into positions of governing status. Unlike a "pure democracy," the majority must remain docile—they are compelled to.

The selected few or minority then initiate laws into the society, in which, the populus are actually ruled and destined by the vicarious representation. Murmurs of dissent are subdued—for what can the dissenters accomplish?

They, as Oedipus, struggle in vain against their destiny. Goals are established as if to disguise their ultimate cataclysm. They anticipate in anxiety: an anticipation which never appears.

The point of these seemingly obscure statements is to compare the students of a university with checkmate—the administration.

We, the majority, are unable to transcend and release our grip. Complaints, protestations: a harmless vacation, beneficial student bookstore, optional ROTC, a constitution free of their checks... But what good is it all?

We are compelled to yield to a small group with the "governing status" and by definition, these "boys" at Old Main are in turn compelled to lead us from the evil of pure freedom!

Ironic as it all is, we are caught at the bottom of the stratification: We climb the ladder of individualism on an endless journey.

An answer to the riddle? No. Never.

Mitigation of its pain? Accept things as they are.

Most do. Some don't. That's life.

—Ronald Smolin '63

Faculty Wife Advises Change

TO THE EDITOR: I have read, with some sympathy, of the valiant efforts of Harvey Klein and Marjorie Ganter to get an extended recess for Thanksgiving.

As an English "alien", I may be sticking my neck out in offering advice to my American cousins, but here it goes!

Wouldn't it be more sensible to try to get Thanksgiving Day changed to a Friday?

I realize this would have to be a national decision, but if it were made, it would give others, as well as students, a long weekend to celebrate what is, after all, an American traditional holiday.

—Florence Rowlands (Faculty wife)

Football Announcer Favors Maryland

TO THE EDITOR: This letter may sound a little like sour grapes, but we would like to know why the announcer for the Penn State Football radio network was so obviously—and we repeat obviously—PRO-Maryland.

- Hal Balmer '62
- Joe Davis '62
- Hank Pletcher '62
- Bill Martin '63

Gazette

TODAY
Ag. Ec. and Rural Soc., 4 p.m., 214-215, 215 HUB
Ag. Hill Party, 7:30 p.m., 215 HUB
AWS Pollock Council, 5:30 p.m., Pollock & Solarium
CBA Exchange Program, 7 p.m., 205 Boucke
Chess Team, 8 p.m., 217, 218 HUB
Eastern Orthodox, 7 p.m., 308 Boucke
Film Series, 4 p.m., 6 p.m., HUB Assembly Room
Friends Peace Committee, 12:30 p.m., Eisenhower Chapel
Jazz Club, 1 p.m., 217-218 HUB
LA Student Council, 6:30 p.m., 216 HUB
Phi Epsilon Kappa, 9 p.m., 212 HUB
PS Bible Fellowship, 12:15 p.m., 212 HUB
PS Bible Fellowship, 6:30 p.m., 218 HUB
PSOC Ski Division, 7 p.m., 112 Buckhout
Schubplatters, 7 p.m., 215 Wagner
SENSE, 7 p.m., 214, 215 HUB
SCA, 7 p.m., 203 HUB
Speech Group, 7 p.m., 212 HUB
Vesting, 1 p.m., 215 HUB

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Election Analysis

by Joel Myers

Although politicians often overemphasize the results of off-year elections as an indication of national political trends, one significant result is evident from Tuesday's election.

The bare 50,000 majority that Democrats recorded in Philadelphia (except for Anne Alpern who ran ahead of the ticket) indicates that Bill Green's influence has been overrated.

The Democrats ousted the GOP from Philadelphia's City Hall a decade ago under the banner of reform. Since then the Democratic majority in Philadelphia has become bigger and bigger with each election.



When President Kennedy rolled up a 331,000 vote majority in last year's election, his success was attributed to the powerful machine of Congressman Bill Green.

Like any large city, Philadelphia has its lower class that often can be swayed by political favors, but the assumption that Bill Green controlled Philadelphia's political fortunes was proved false Tuesday.

The tremendous change in voter sentiment, which saw the

Democratic majority slip by more than 250,000 out of a million votes in one year, is due to the City Hall scandals that have come to light in recent months.

Although the payola scandals didn't involve the top men of Mayor Dilworth's administration, the public reaction to graft within a so-called reform administration was overwhelming.

The Democratic victory was actually a moral victory for Philadelphia Republicans, and a rejuvenation of the almost dead Philadelphia GOP can now be expected.

The public's expressed distaste for the payola scandals of the Dilworth administration has eliminated the Philadelphia mayor from serious contention in next year's gubernatorial race.

On the other hand, the statewide success of the GOP can be expected to boost Republican hopes of capturing the governor's chair and possibly Senator Clark's seat in next year's election.

Letters

Sophomore Cites Evidence In Support of HUAC

TO THE EDITOR: After reading your editorial on the movie "Operation Abolition," several letters to the editor on the subject, and a news account of the film showing at the Presbyterian Center; I have decided to try to clear up a few matters concerning the film and HUAC.

First of all, I have seen the film a number of times; in fact, I showed the film at the EUB church last Sunday night and presented the real story behind the film to my audience.

To my pleasant surprise, no one in the audience challenged the validity of the actual happenings and accompanying editorial comments in the film, even though I encouraged such challenges.

All discussion was centered around the constitutionality of the HUAC and the supposed restriction of civil liberties.

HUAC was formed in 1938. If its nature was unconstitutional, it would have been declared so by the Supreme Court years ago. As for violation of civil liberties, why are people only worrying about this in cases concerning Communists?

Why did no one cry "civil liberties" when the committee was investigating activities of the Nazis and Fascists in this country?

So actually, the HUAC is NOT imposing on any of our civil liberties, but rather is cracking down on those who seek to destroy the civil rights granted to us by the Constitution.

Certainly, openly defying law and order and rioting at a Con-

gressional Hearing is not a civil liberty granted by the Constitution, but rather an infringement of our laws that are designed to insure equal civil liberties for all without tramping on the liberties of others.

As for the validity of the film "Operation Abolition," anyone reading the documented report, "Communist Target-Youth" by the FBI (which was engineered by its great director, J. Edgar Hoover) can easily see in the film the result and effectiveness of extensive planning by the Communist Party USA in preparation for the hearings.

According to Mr. Hoover, this planning was divided into two stages. The first, filling the scene of the hearings with demonstrators, was primarily executed by engaging the help of a few students, friendly to the Party, in various colleges.

As stated by Mr. Hoover, the Communist Party was jubilant over the results of the riot, and in fact considered it their greatest success in the San Francisco area in years.

The fact that the students participating in the riots deny having been incited by the Communists is an indication of the tragic success of the Reds, whose aim it was to incite the students without their realizing it.

These students were victims of Communist tactics in internal subversion. It is because of this internal subversion that we need the House Un-American Activities Committee.

—Carl Thornmeyer '64

•Letter Cut

Seniors Favor

May Day Tradition

TO THE EDITOR: We are glad to hear that Dean Lipp feels "some American traditions have to go because of the pressure of the times." We would like to suggest doing away with Easter, Independence Day, and Christmas, too. Of course, we must have at least one tradition. Why not make it May Day?

- R. W. Rudolph '62
- J. H. Barton '62
- A. S. Hilton '62
- L. R. Blecker '62
- G. R. Graybill '62

WDFM Schedule

THURSDAY
3:55 Financial Tidbits
4:00 The Philadelphia
5:00 News
5:05 Music at Five
6:00 News
6:05 Dinner Date
6:55 Weatherscope
7:00 CAMPUS BEAT
Washington Reports
Album Review
Remember Radio?
News
This is the Subject
Passport
Folk Music
Opinion 15
News
10:00 Chamber Concert
12:00 Sign-off