

Editorial Opinion

Across the Counter

Basic to our conception of justice is the belief that when a law is broken or a crime committed, all the miscreants who can be apprehended, will be. Therefore, when justice is served, it is equally applied to all offenders.

In State College, however, when a minor is served an alcoholic beverage, and subsequently arrested, justice has not been applied to all offenders.

A May, 1960, act of the State College Borough Council makes the purchase or attempted purchase of malt or alcoholic beverages by minors illegal. This same Minor's Ordinance also makes it illegal for any adult to sell, transmit or cause to be given to any minor any such beverage.

The record of enforcement of this ordinance is rather lop-sided. Since the start of this term, to take the most recent examples, eight students have been arrested and, by their own admission, found guilty of violating the Minor's Ordinance.

The dockets of the local justices of the peace contain statements from seven of these eight students to the effect that they were served locally without having had to supply proof of age.

This would indicate that in these seven instances an adult—the bartender—was also guilty of violating this ordinance. Strange then is the fact that no adult has been arrested.

For example, in case 6147 on the docket of Justice of the Peace William P. Bell, a student was arrested by a State College patrolman after he was seen walking in Calder Alley early one Saturday morning with a package under his arm.

The package contained several cans of beer and the student was asked to show identification. Since the student was under 21, he was taken to the police station and questioned further. It was revealed there that the beer had been purchased at a local bar.

The student swore at his hearing that he had made the purchase without being asked to show proof of age.

He was found guilty and paid a total of \$36.50 in fines and costs. But no attempt was made by the police to apprehend the adult who sold him the beer.

We hold in this country to a system of legal supremacy, not supremacy of men. We ask for equitable enforcement of the law, not discrimination.

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Letters

Congo 'Child' Is Product Of 'Parents'

TO THE EDITOR: I wish to congratulate the editorial staff of The Daily Collegian on their fine appraisal of the Congo situation. I believe, however, that there is an important aspect of the study which has been omitted from his otherwise excellent editorial.

I am referring to the last paragraph "As man is patient with a child, the world must display tolerance..." this is a highly glossed over statement. While referring to the Congo as an undeveloped person it is important to bear in mind who caused this underdevelopment.

The child? Certainly not. It has been the result of literally hundreds of years of colonial paternalism.

With only the barest educational facilities how could these countries be expected to emerge into the present world with all the know-how and competence of the other societies.

Eric Sevareid said, Saturday night, that these peoples were like children who had only operated bicycles being asked to take control of an airplane, they can't manage it.

This is quite true, however, the reason they can't manage it, at the present, is that we have not offered them the opportunity until now.

Had their attempts at independence been tried shortly after they were "discovered" we would, no doubt, not have had the problems. What we and they are now essentially doing is buying time. And when one buys time the interest rates come high, very high.

I believe that it is important to bear this in mind while we are "tolerating." After all, we are only tolerating one of our own children, and this makes a difference.

Patrick Taylor
Graduate Student

Lion's Den Battlefield

TO THE EDITOR: On Feb. 21, The Daily Collegian published a rather rude and immature letter from a Donald R. McMenimen '65, who seems to spend most of his time crouched under a speaker in the Lion's Den holding a fistful of nickels, in a sort of ecstasy.

He seems obsessed with the fear that someday he will dash into the Den and find his jukebox emptied of Bobby Darin and crammed with J. S. Bach.

Fear not, Mr. McM! The cultured members of society will never let this sort of insecurity reach the masses.

We only ask that a few classical selections be tucked away in a corner of the big fluorescent horror; we're perfectly willing to pay for them, we're sure that we'll enjoy hearing them, and we may even eat a candy bar while we listen to them.

But I repeat, nobody's going to take away all the rock 'n roll, and nobody at Penn State is going to make you sacrifice a thing. We cultured people like you, and we want to be your friends.

Carol Kounis '64

Positive Note

TO THE EDITOR: I would like to commend Mr. Bosworth (Class of '65) for his letter which appeared in the February 16th issue of The Daily Collegian.

It was one of the most positive and encouraging letters I have read in any newspaper for a long time.

Raymond Brown
Assoc. Prof.

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Happy Birthday

dick leighton

ICONOCLISM, PART I

Who has been dead for 163 years
And still moves the D.A.R. to flowing tears?
—Daddy

Who never chopped down that Cherry Tree
And with the lies was not unfree?
—Daddy

Who was the Rockefeller of his times
And stooped to grab timber and mines?
—Daddy

Who learned more blasphemy than good scripture
And fostered blood of an illegal mixture?
—Daddy

Who thought the people dumb and ignorant
And despised lawyer, teacher and immigrant?
—Daddy

Who had a still at old Mount Verny
And bought his way into Virginia's army?
—Daddy

Who forbid the nation to cross the waves
And saw nothing wrong in owning slaves?
—Daddy

Who loved to get dressed up for a spree
And could never imagine the NAACP?
—Daddy

Who was the master of all his men
And would never let Bobby skip rope for yen?
—Daddy

Who is portrayed as standing afloat
And not sinking in a PT boat?
—Daddy

Who would not care for urban affairs
And that does not mean urbane affaires?
—Daddy

Who, at present, wouldn't get a vote
And would be a man for reformers to note?
—Daddy

Who was the man of strong conviction
And not the like of Kennedy or Nixon?
—Daddy

Yes, Who is the father of this country
And where without him would we be?
—Monarchy

Letters

'Zombies' Lack Choice

TO THE EDITOR: I for one do not care for Rock n' Roll, but am broadminded enough to appreciate its value at a dance or a social gathering of young people. My taste leans toward classical music.

However, neither of these facts has anything to do with the music I like to wake to while sitting in the Den having a doughnut and cup of tea in the morning.

I realize that some students have to be shocked into reality every morning or else they refuse to wake up.

On the other hand there are students such as I who prefer

to wake up gently with soft music instead of the blaring declarations of rock and roll singers played repeatedly.

Mr. McMenimen, it appears, has obtained his number of several hundred from the assumption that all who listen to the "noise" are content, but fails to recognize the fact that they have no choice.

Finally, has Mister McMenimen ever seen the students enjoying themselves and no one else during first and second period when their appearance is comparable to that of a zombie; oblivious to everything but the clamorous music.

George Hubbard '65

Basketball Player Lauded

TO THE EDITOR: In regard to a letter published in The Daily Collegian of February 21, I think Mr. R. C. H. Schmidt should be reminded that the object of the game of basketball is to win.

Why should a team put its lead in jeopardy when it is not necessary? John Mitchell's dribbling skill is a tribute to a hard working athlete. He is

the team's second leading scorer, and in my opinion, the team's number one hustler.

Drawing fouls is a very large part of the game and is not a reflection on a basketball player's sportsmanship.

John Mitchell should be commended on his great all-around playing ability, instead of being attacked for it.

Edmund J. Iribacher '64

