

Editorial Comment:

Cousins Talk—One That Shouldn't Be Missed

From the lips of Norman Cousins have come thousands upon thousands of words which have been applauded by many an audience in the United States and abroad. And from his pen have poured thousands of others, which have set off worldwide discussions, many invitations to write or speak, writing awards, and commendations from many a journalist and statesman.

Friday morning at 11 a.m., the editor of the Saturday Review will address an All-University convocation at the Coliseum. Subject of his talk will be "Education and our Foreign Policy," a topic which should appeal to University students and faculty alike on matters which are—or should be—of prime concern to them.

Cousins certainly has the background to speak on the subject. He has been editor of the Review since 1940; has been to every corner of America and around the world several times; was the first American to speak on questions of foreign policy before the Soviet Peace Committee.

He has made nine trips to the Far East since World War II; he has been an analyst for both NBC and ABC; has been chairman of the Governor's fact-finding committee on education in Connecticut.

He has received 13 honorary degrees from colleges and universities across the country; has received many other awards including the National Service to Education Award from Rutgers University, the New York State Citizens' Education Com-

'Three Men' Should Score

University Theatre followers are chuckling over what might be the funniest Howell production in years.

It's "Three Men on a Horse," scheduled to open tonight at 8 p.m. and run through Saturday night.

But besides the laughter, there has been a lot of hard work going on in Howell. Three sets of scenery are needed and shifting of sets between acts is causing a major technical headache.

But it's a pretty sure bet that "Three Men" will go off in typical efficient Theatre style. With the direction of Dallas Williams and Jack Wenstrand, a good cast and background, "Three Men on a Horse" should be one of Howell's best of the year.

mission Award and the John Dewey Award, all in 1959.

He is a member of the American Council of Learned Societies, the board of editors of the Encyclopaedia Britannica and is director of the National Educational Television and Radio Center.

All this and the tremendous publicity campaign put on by the Union talks and topics committee points to one thing—go to the Cousins Convocation Friday. It will be a profitable experience.

Council Proposal For Final Exams Stops 'Bunching'

The Student Council and the Faculty Senate sub-committee on final exams are now engaged in a project designed to give University students a better final exam schedule. They have recommended to the Faculty Senate a schedule which attempts to distribute equitably the exams so that the fewest possible number of students will have their exams bunched together.

The schedule the Senate was considering and might have approved, had not the Council interceded in behalf of the students, would have netted students with Monday-Wednesday-Friday 10, 11 and 1 o'clocks exams on three consecutive days.

The Council felt, and rightly so it seems to us, that the majority of the students have classes during these periods and that the exam days for those classes should be separated.

The Council has recommended the adoption of a schedule which alternates "light" and "heavy" days for exams on the basis of the effect upon the largest possible number of students.

The schedule recommended by the Council also would tend to get away from having the 11 o'clocks and 1 o'clocks on the last two days of final exams. More than half the student body takes one or the other of these class times and few would be able to get away earlier.

One of the Council advisers said the Faculty Senate would not likely approve a schedule to get the students home sooner because many of the faculty members themselves like to take off as easily as possible. The Senate, for this reason, alternates the schedule each semester.

Thus several thousand sacrifice two or three days extra vacation for the convenience of a few hundred faculty members.



OR ELSE

by John Else

In the near future the Student Tribunal will present to the Student Council a report of the year's activities and recommendations for changes to improve the system. The question at the moment is whether the Council will take any action to improve the organization and operation of this body in order to make it more than a mere symbol of the voice of the students in the affairs of the students.



Else

As this body is now organized, it consists of seven students and two faculty members. They read the police report and the defendant's statement in the presence of the defendant, and the defendant is given the opportunity for further explanation or comment. The judgments of this body are fairly well established, as in any court, except that, since there are no fines or days of imprisonment, etc., the penalties are more distinct.

However, there are a few borderline cases which do call for a decision by the Tribunal. The precedent in the past on these cases seems to be a reversal by the Office of Student Affairs, which has complete power to change or nullify any decision by the Tribunal. In a few exceptional cases, when some kind of pressure is evidently brought to bear, some of the more clearly cut decisions are even reversed.

It would seem that if the Tribunal is to be anything other than a figurehead doing a poor job of representing student participation in University govern-

ment, it must be given more power than being in a position to have its decisions changed by a single member of the administration.

In high school it may be all right to kid along with students, letting them suppose that they have a voice in the government, but it would seem that college students should be given responsibility suitable to the "cream of the crop" (remember the freshman orientations), or else the administration should quit trying to kid us.

First of all, if the University administration doesn't feel that it can give this much authority to a group composed as it now is, then the composition of the group should be changed, perhaps even to four faculty members and five students; the function of the Tribunal would then be real, and even if there were less student opinion on the Tribunal, at least that voice which the students have would be a voice, rather than a tape recording which can be shut off or erased at the convenience of the administration.

Secondly, there is not enough variety of penalties. There have been no expressions and no suspensions in the last year, which means that conduct probation "covers a multitude of sins." The spread of offenses which have to be governed by conduct probation is enormous.

It is evident that some intermediary form of punishment is needed between conduct probation and suspension. Why not have something like a "conduct restriction," under which the student would be placed on a curfew, which would be enforced by house mothers, counselors or parents, with the possibility of a

check by administration at any time and automatic suspension if the restriction was broken?

If anyone did not care to attend the University under such a restriction, he would always have the option of suspension.

Thirdly, there is no action that the Tribunal can take against obvious prevarication at the hearing. It seems necessary that a door be open for some sort of disciplinary action against this type of individual who is not man enough to receive his punishment once he has broken the regulations.

These are probably only a few of the needed improvements of the Tribunal. It will be in the hands of the Student Council. Maybe we will see that the Council, in trying to make some changes, is as much a "symbol" as is the Tribunal.

Foreign Film

Tonight's foreign film showing will be "The Crucible," starring Simone Segnoret.

The film will be shown at 8 p.m. in the Nebraska Theatre.

Tryouts Tonight For Cheerleaders

Three boys and two girls will be selected as new varsity cheerleaders at try-outs tonight.

Those trying out must be at the Coliseum at 7:30 p.m.

The new Yell King and Assistant Yell King will be announced. Two girls from this year's squad will be selected to return to the cheerleading squad for the coming year.

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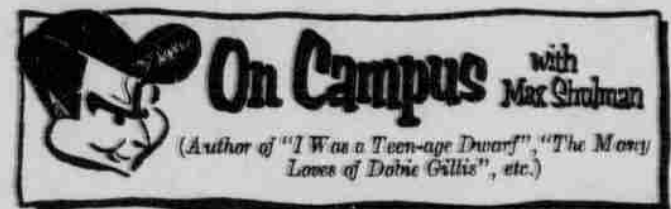
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WHO WENT TO THE PROM—AND WHY

"Hello," said the voice on the telephone. "This is Werther Signafos. I sit next to you in psych. I'm kind of dumpy and I always wear a sweat shirt."

"I'm afraid I don't remember you," said Anna Livia Plurabelle.

"I'm the one whose lecture notes you've been borrowing for two years," said Werther.

"Oh, yes!" said Anna Livia. "What do you wish, Walter?"

"Werther," said Werther. "What I wish is to take you to the Junior Prom next April."

"But this is November 27, Westnor," said Anna Livia.

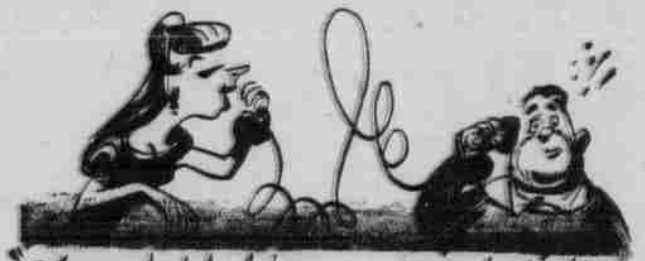
"Werther," said Werther. "Yes, I know, but you are so round and beautiful that I was afraid you might have a date already."

"As a matter of fact I do, Wingate," said Anna Livia.

"Werther," said Werther. "Oh, drat!"

Anna Livia did not really have a date, but she was expecting to be asked by Stewart Stalwart, athletic and BMOC, handsome as Apollo, smooth as ivory, wearer of faultless tweeds, smoker of Marlboro cigarettes which even without his other achievements would stamp him as a man with know-how, with a pleasure-oriented palate. If you think flavor went out when filters came in, try a Marlboro. This one brims with zest and zip and the good, mild taste so dear to those who smoke for the pure joy of it. Get yourself a pack of Marlboros and listen to your friends say, "There, by George, goes a smoker who knows a hawk from a handssaw."

But I digress. Anna Livia waited and waited for Stewart Stalwart to ask her, but two days before the Prom, to everybody's amazement, he asked Rose-of-Sharon Schwartz, a nondescript girl with pavement-colored hair and a briefcase.



Anna Livia immediately phoned Werther Signafos. "My Prom date has come down with a dread virus," she said, "and I have decided to accept your invitation, Waldrop!"

"Werther," said Werther. "Oh, goody goanders!"

The next day Anna Livia received a phone call from Stewart Stalwart. "My Prom date has come down with a dread virus," he said. "Will you go with me?"

"Certainly," she said and promptly phoned Werther and said, "I have come down with a dread virus and cannot go to the Prom with you, Whipstitch."

"Werther," said Werther. "Oh, mice and rats!"

So Anna Livia went to the Prom with Stewart and who do you think they ran into? Rose-of-Sharon with Werther, that's who!

Stewart had felt obliged to ask Rose-of-Sharon because she always did his homework, but she had weaseled out because she really wanted to go with Werther with whom she felt a great oneness because they were both so dumpy. He fell wildly in love with her at the Prom, and today they are married and run a very successful five-minute auto wash in New Bern, N. C.

Anna Livia and Stewart are happy, too. They are still juniors and have not missed a prom in sixteen years. © 1960 Max Strubman

We hope you'll be smoking Marlboros at your prom—or if you like mildness but you don't like filters—Philip Morris—from the same makers.

Staff Comment:

A Leftist's View

By Sandi Laaker

Last October a group of Negro college students from a North Carolina college went into a Woolworth's store in Greensboro, N.C. They bought some toothpaste and other minor items then turned to the lunch counter and ordered coffee.

They were refused service.

That incident touched off the lunch-counter segregation or "sit-in" battle that is being waged now. Since then similar incidents have occurred throughout the South.

The governor of Florida, LeRoy Collins, has become quite concerned with racial demonstrations in his state. In a recent radio-TV address he told the following incident:

A highway patrolman told him one noon that he had had word that a big busload of students—Negro students, from Alabama—had pulled in to the Florida A & M campus and that they had baseball bats because they were out to augment the local forces and put on some kind of demonstration.

The governor called the president of the college and got this answer:

"It's true, Governor; we've got a busload. For a year now we've had a ball game, a baseball game, scheduled with the institution up there in Alabama, and the boys are here with their bats to play the ball game."

The game was played.

Wild rumors lead to suspicion. Suspicion leads to fear. There's mob violence—mob violence carried on by angry demonstrators who don't know what they're doing or why they're doing it.

And it's mob violence by people who carry racial prejudice which has been taught to them by equally stupid people.

But the recent lunch-counter segregation problems involve more than mob violence, racial prejudice or moral rights and wrongs.

The so-called demonstrations also raise legal questions.

The current issue of U.S. News and World Report summarizes the legal questions involved here.

First of all, is a storekeeper or restaurant owner within his legal right when he

sells to one customer and refuses to sell to another?

Generally, lower courts have held that a merchant has the right to select his customers. Restaurants often have refused to serve people who were not wearing coats and ties. Restaurants also have been upheld in both State and lower federal courts in refusing to serve Negroes. However, 18 states outside the South have specific laws forbidding businesses that serve the public to discriminate on the ground of race, color or creed.

Then what about "sit-ins"?

New legal questions are being raised here, the article points out. One is whether a store may serve a customer at one counter and refuse to serve him at a lunch counter.

Then there is a question whether stores that cater to the public take on a "public interest" and must treat all members of the public equally. Under this argument, Negro customers could not be discriminated against.

Are Negroes' civil rights under the Fourteenth Amendment affected?

Courts have held that the Fourteenth Amendment restricts only State action, not individual action, according to U.S. News. The Supreme Court once noted that "individual invasion of individual rights is not the subject matter of the Amendment."

Under this interpretation, can storekeepers discriminate?

"It would seem so," writes the author of the article. The Governor of Florida, in the speech mentioned above, said he thinks storekeepers have a legal right to refuse to serve Negroes at lunch counters. He also commented that the legal right conflicts with what should be morally right.

What if "sit-ins" might lead to riots or violence?

Governors, mayors, police officials are charged with maintaining peace and order. In Montgomery, Ala., a new ordinance requires a permit for demonstrations, parades and processions.

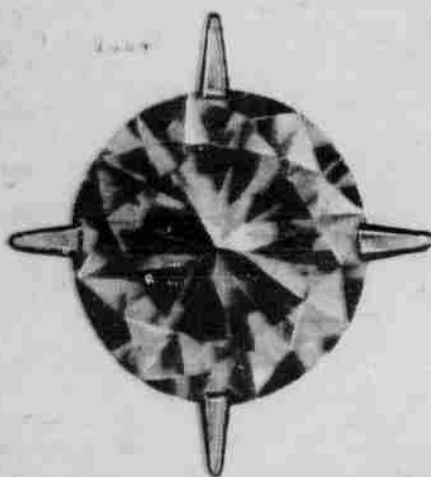
U.S. News comments that the "outlook is for a long series of lawsuits over 'sit-ins.'"

It's too bad the already crowded courts have to contend with such lawsuits. If we were to act like a nation of responsible people, such suits would not exist.

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