

Editorials

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Commentary

Student revolt Columbia style

The recent student takeover at Columbia University again makes it evident the aftermath of the Berkeley riots have not promoted effective changes for all large universities.

The takeover, spearheaded by about 1000 militant SDS members was mainly to protest two university projects. One was the building of a university \$11,500,000 gymnasium on prime Harlem recreational park land. The students were also objecting to the school's participation in the Institute of Defense Analysis' work to aid the Vietnam War.

The protest group accomplished its purpose—the Columbia's president ordered construction to cease but faculty members Sunday were still deciding whether to give amnesty to the demonstrators, who seized five occupied buildings and held three university officials captive.

This situation and others similar to the Columbia take-over which occurred last week point an explosive and dangerous situation which exists on the majority of large universities.

These schools are witnessing a complete breakdown in communications between administrators and faculty, and students.

Many students were still protesting Sunday and their reason—they want the establishment of a permanent faculty-student committee to act on all questions of university policy. As one coed put it—"we wouldn't have to take over buildings to get something done or changed."

Columbia students were perfectly justified in demonstrating their disapproval of the university's policies. The means the students used to obtain their demands were drastic, radical and lawless—but they also obtained results—and quickly.

While these methods are effective, this type of situation can not be allowed to exist on college campuses. While these students were protecting the rights of Harlem residents, they in turn were infringing upon the rights of the remaining population of the university whose educational processes were halted because of the outbreaks.

Students must have access to other means through which they can bring about quick and effective changes. To alleviate recurrences of the Columbia outbreaks the college students must be given an equal voice in the decision making process within the school. Militants might not have restored to such action if they first had had access to a fast moving and powerful faculty-student committee.

Cheryl Tritt

Graduate schools hits deferment policy

Washington (CPS) — The Council of Graduate Schools in the U. S. has issued a statement that "there is in our judgment no justification for general deferment of teaching and research assistants."

The statement, submitted to Selective Service Director Lewis Hershey for use in formulating guidelines for local boards, also said that in some cases a graduate student's "services to the university are essential and in such cases deferments may be appropriate in individual instances.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology recently announced that it would ask for occupational deferments for 1,600 teaching and research assistants, who will not be able to get student deferments after June. The council and several other education associations have been discussing this possibility with Hershey.

Campus Opinion

Dear Editor:

Attention! Notice! Important! To whom it may concern (i.e. All higher educational institutions in the U.S.A.): The University of Nebraska is hereby complying to the widespread use of establishing the value of a 2.0 minimum to indicate satisfactory academic performance by undergraduate students.

However, realizing that our students are at a decided disadvantage due to the inability of our professors to use the 4.0 grade system correctly, we feel that the University of Nebraska students should have a bonus over students of other institutions.

Consequently, we are establishing our own 4.5 grading system (but we conform to your 2.0 minimum).

Isn't this great! Just think we'll have five possible grades above 2.0 (2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5) and only three grades below (1.5, 1.0, 0). The rest of you will have only two grades above (3.0, 4.0) and two grades below (1.0, 0) the magic 2.0.

Remember, this is only fair since our faculty members are not educated towards the idea of correctly implementing a 4.0 grade system.

It may seem like our students have too large of an advantage over yours. Yet this is not really true. For example, we could have adopted a 9.0 grade system with a minimum requirement of a 2.0, but being as intelligent as we are, we could see that this advantage would be too large.

In conclusion we want to stress how proud we are over having come up with such a simple solution to our problems. Now we won't have any more students on scholastic probation than you do.

Sincerely,

Senile Faculty

Tom Larsen

Graduate MBA

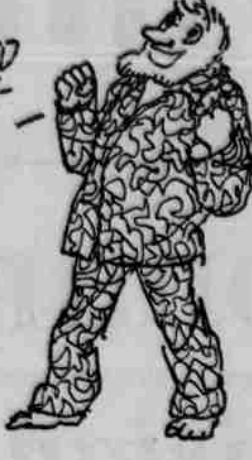
LISTEN WORLD! YOU KNOW WHAT I DID TODAY?



I OPENED MY MAIL!



AND I ANSWERED MY TELEPHONE EVERY TIME IT RANG WORLD!



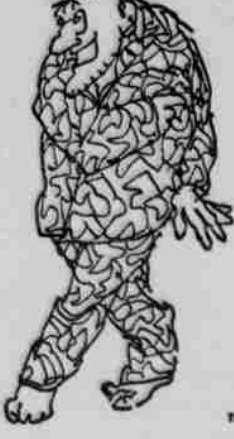
AND WHEN THERE WAS A KNOCK AT THE DOOR I DIDN'T STAND AGAINST THE DOOR, TERRIFIED! NO SIR!



I ASKED: WHO'S THERE?



AND WHEN THERE WASN'T ANY ANSWER I DIDN'T HESITATE FEARFULLY, WORLD- I OPENED THE DOOR!



AND GOT MUGGED.



REGRESSION.



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William F. Buckley

Linda puts Barnard on the spot

It is now a national story that Miss Linda LeClair, 20, of Barnard College, has been living off-campus in New York with Mr. Peter Behr, 22, of Columbia, and that a general story on such practices by the New York Times flushed out the cohabitation and put the authorities of Barnard College on the spot. Complications came swift and fast. Dozens upon dozens of Miss LeClair's classmates stepped forward to admit that their living arrangements were similarly loose-minded, and that therefore it would be unfair to penalize Miss LeClair simply because she happened to be the one who was caught, a defensive doctrine which is not exactly airtight.

The authorities, visibly disconcerted, demonstrated from the outset a total lack of conviction about the significance of Miss LeClair's sexual habits, and decided instead to focus on her having lied in the college form she had filled out giving the required details on where she was domiciled.

All of a sudden, all of Barnard was rising in indignation over the false entry in the form, which is rather like being indignant at Iago because he was rude to Desdemona. And then, to make

And they will then found a colony where couples can live and bear and raise children, without getting married. Miss LeClair, in other words, desires to abrogate the institution of marriage, which is apparently okay by Barnard, now that she has ceased to lie about it.

The commentary on the case in the urban press is of course more interesting than the delinquency of this pathetic little girl. My favorite is Mr. Max Lerner's, ever on his avant garde.

Surveying the story, he concludes, "In moral terms, while it says that the sexual code is no longer there, it fails to deal with the question of truthfulness. . . . So much for a code that developed over three-thousand years of Judaic-Christian experience — shot down, in a subordinate phrase, by Mr. Max Lerner.

There isn't anyone around who seems prepared to say to Miss LeClair: Look, it is wrong to do what you have done. Wrong because sexual promiscuity is an assault on an institution that is central to the survival of the hardiest western ideal: the family.

In an age in which the playboy philosophy is taken seriously, as a windy testimonial to the sovereign right of all

human appetites, it isn't surprising that the LeClairs of this world should multiply like rabbits, whose morals they imitate.

But the fact that everybody does it — even Liberace, as Noel Coward assures us — doesn't make it the right thing to do, and doesn't authorize Mr. Lerner that, like God, the sexual code is dead.

Perhaps the sexual code is dead. Question: Should we regret it? Or should we take the position that that which is "no longer there" is no longer missed? That should be a very good argument for saying that, in South Africa, one should not bemoan the fact of Apartheid, inasmuch as integration is, indisputably, "no longer there."

Many observers are telling us here that our country is so thorough-goingly racist that we have no practicable alternative than to turn to Apartheid. Should we, even assuming our efforts were correct, diminish our efforts to make things otherwise?

One wonders whether, if Miss LeClair were plopped into the middle of Columbia's Union Theological Seminary a single seminarian would trouble to argue with her, as Christ did the woman at Jacob's well, that her ways are mistaken?

'We can't stand pat'

Paulsen on the presidency

by J. L. Schmidt Night News Editor

The lady behind the Avis-Rent-A-Car desk at the Lincoln Municipal Airport stared at the extra crowd which had assembled in the lobby last Friday noon. Little did she realize how much the fact that she works for "number two" and the fact that the crowd was there had in common.

Number two may be a rather high number to explain the arrival of Pat Paulsen on a United Airlines non-charted flight. He isn't even ranked in the polls, but to the airport crowd, he was the number one man of the hour.

Paulsen, attired in a gray suit and vest was the last man off of the plane. He was accompanied by a public relations man and two photographers.

His immediate comments were that he liked the looks

of the city from the air and "after about eight years I would like to settle down here, or in a community like this. You're my kind of people."

As the crowd moved in toward the airport a coed asked if she could trade several University Sweatshirts for some of his Pat Paulsen Sweatshirts. His immediate quip was, "Do you have that high esteem for the University?"

Answering the questions of the news media he proved that that quick wit he has on T.V. is real. His first clarification was the definition of S.T.A.G. party. He says that he is the only member right now but he hopes that his following will mushroom. S.T.A.G. stands for Straight Talking American Government.

When asked about conventions and primaries he com-

mented that both are pretty much "Mickey Mouse." I don't want anything to do with hamburgers and all that. "I just want to present myself as being 'by the people, for the people and in spite of the people.'"

It was reported that he received a write in vote in the Pennsylvania Primary to which he replied, "That's a lie, I got two in Erie and one in Allentown that I know of for sure."

For a running mate he said he'd like "Somebody like Jim Ryan or someone like that." His comments on other candidates were varied. He said "They're all opponents to me."

According to Paulsen "Ronald Reagan is a known heterosexual." "Bobby Kennedy is too indecisive," and "Herbert Humphrey should be suspect because he has been calling me Paulsen lately." "I do

agree with Humphrey on his grass roots statements, he should be sent back to pasture."

When questioned about George Murphy he said, "I like the way he moves." He basically doesn't feel that entertainers should be in show business. Asked about the Smothers Brothers he stated, "If I become President I'll drop them like a hot potato." His views on the draft were summed up when he said, "I believe that we should draft according to head size. The small heads go to the military and the fatheads go to Government."

On the question of race he said, "I think we should send the Negro back to Africa, the whites back to Europe, and then start all over again."

In closing he urged all of the people to "go to the polls, even if they vote for the wrong people."

The disgrace of Vietnamese hospitals

Saigon (CPS)—At the provincial hospital at Quang Ngai, there are two and sometimes three patients per bed.

The overflow is on mats on the floor. And there are stories that frequently babies are put two to an incubator. It is a horribly depressing place.

Even more shocking than the filth and the lack of light and ventilation is the little attention which patients receive. The nurses do not report for work on Sundays, so there was no attention at all on Sundays. Sometimes a nurse would be found knitting, a dead patient within earshot.

On investigation it was found the patient had gone into convulsions, but the nurse con-

tinued knitting, never summoning a doctor.

The Quang Ngai hospital was typical, I was told.

Vietnamese hospitals do not provide food service, so the patients must bring someone to cook for them. The families of the patients camp out on the lawn, cooking on charcoal braziers. All the many, many little children run around, sometimes outside, but frequently in the wards, bring chaos to the operation.

Because there are only 250 Vietnamese doctors for a population of 17 million, care is bound to be lacking.

But in the Mekong Delta, for some as-yet-unexplained reason, the situation is somewhat better. The hospitals are

cleaner, better equipped, and more efficiently run. They frequently have enough beds.

In Ben Tre, although there were 3,000 refugees milling around the hospital grounds, a dedicated MILPHAP (Military Physicians Hospital Assistance Program) team had imposed enough discipline to keep the hospital functioning. In response to threatened epidemics the team had administered 18,000 cholera and plague vaccinations.

A Korean medical team, including three doctors, was assisting the hospital's five Vietnamese doctors and the MILPHAP team in caring for the 350-bed civilian hospital. I was told the hospital was receiving several major war-inflicted surgery cases a day.

The My Tho hospital was overcrowded, but less so than the one in Quang Ngai. There were 650 patients and 450 beds. Admissions were running 65 a day, frequently exceeding 100 a day, over half war-inflicted. A Filipino team was contributing four doctors to the staff.

It is generally considered that civilians are bearing the brunt of the war's casualties. The My Tho hospital treated 1,300 war-inflicted injuries during the Tet offensive.

In Ben Tre, one of the sad results of the offensive was the withdrawal of an Iranian medical team of eight nurses, two surgeons, and a general practitioner. The team felt its security could no longer be guaranteed.

Andy Corrigan

Thirty cents worth of love

Recent campus history has provided me with another excuse to compose a column much to the chagrin and despair of some. However, I remain undaunted in my noble fight for Sanity Supreme to reign on campii (the sounds of wretching in the background are now silenced by the blare of trumpets as I proceed with my quixotix quest) . . . On to the ridiculous.

While glancing through a newspaper this weekend I discovered that I was part of a nationwide protest—almost. Fellow Friday Class-cutters also share this distinction—almost.

Friday, April 26, was National Student Walk Out Day. College and University students throughout the nation designated this date to jointly protest the Viet Nam War. The procedure generally followed by the many participating schools included rallies, marches, discussion groups and a boycott of classes.

Unfortunately I didn't have the foresight to engage in a heated discussion about the war last Friday. In fact I didn't even mention the subject to anyone. However, if any of you other Friday Class Cutters did happen to mention Viet Nam during the day I suppose you could consider yourselves part of the protest by default. Besides, it would be a beautiful excuse for missing that poli-science class.

The University of Nebraska is now on a 4.5 grade system.

The University's AWS is terming itself liberal? That's the word. Did you know that women students can now have Lincoln overnights on 2 a.m. evenings and that freshman and sophomores might be given unlimited overnights with parental permission of course.

However our in-residents Morality Legislators are having a problem over allowing first semester freshman unlimited over-nights. And rightly so. After all parents of freshmen don't know if their daughters can handle these big things.

After reviewing some of the action on other campuses it seems hard to understand our AWS. While we're being "liberal" others seem to be radical. Example: the University of Iowa will have sophomore and second semester freshmen keys next year and Illinois State has abolished women's hours.

Of course the best example is that of Stanford University—they abolished AWS. But then Nebraska always will be twenty years behind . . .

In my preface to this week's column I stated that my purpose was to highlight points of recent history that bordered on the ridiculous and while composing the last paragraph I was furnished with one of the most obvious.

Have you ever witnessed a group of college students marching about a room blindfolded and screaming "quack, quack, quack, quack" over and over . . . ? No? Well then you've never seen part of the Kosmet Klub initiation.

As the boys were led through the Daly Nebraskan office quacking loudly much to the approval of the following hordes of Kosmet Klub members, a bystander commented: "They sure must want to be members of Kosmet Klub."

And people wonder why KK is an anachronism.

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