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possible in the fast moving, thrill of the moment type of relationship. Perhaps it is unfortunate but I will probably have fonder memories of my dealings with my fraternity than of my connection with the University. I think that the new drive for campus activities is great and we are now able, financially, to attract the large name groups to the campus. But, there are individuals that enjoy small fraternity parties also. Certainly, your comments were at times sweeping generalities and I realize this. Your call for the abolition of fraternities was an extreme that was uncalled for. After all Jack how will you be able to play football for Theta Chi if that happened. Was last Thursday's exhibition on the football field for the benefit of your own frat brothers or for all Greeks? Gee, Jack do you think you could ever be a hypocrite? No, I guess not, but that Theta Chi sweatshirt did wonders for you. You should wear it more often, maybe some of the ideals of Theta Chi would reappear in your editorials.

In conclusion Jack, what we are moving toward is not only a greater involvement in the campus and community, but the possible creating of a new "Freak-Greek".

Fraternalty, ??????????????????
Thom Sacco
President, Phi Sigma Kappa

To The Student Body

Fraternities exposed!!! the Fraternal system at the UoH has been under attack as socially ineffective and derogatory towards the members of that university and the community for as long as they have coexisted. At times their criticism has been justified -- other times not. Mr. Hardy has gone beyond justified or unjustified criticism in exhibiting a degree of tastelessness, tactlessness and inconsequential naive journalism that is an insult to the intellectual and aesthetic sensitivities of both the fraternities and a great majority of the "independent" students. His baseless sensationalism completely belies the constructive purpose which he says prompted his actions. Mr. Hardy has misused the UH News to create a biased distorted view of the fraternities and sororities at the UoH. His staff, in the best tradition of the hack, has misconstrued, misquoted and taken words out of context in an effort to create that view.

Refuting the accusations made against Tau Kappa Epsilon is done best by our actions. True we dress relatively "straight" (this does not pertain to D. Petey Rex). We do so not because of fraternal sanction but rather of our own volition. True we submit to some degree of regimentation as a corollary of organization. We do so because each one of us has adjudged this course to be one of the better methods of becoming an ordered autonomous human being. Our detractors confuse superficial individuality with true autonomy within a pragmatic social framework. The right of the individual to govern himself according to his own reason are qualities of the latter and not of the former.

No one is intimidated or coerced into any fraternity. No one signs away his heart at any rush function. No one upon rushing or entering a fraternity commits anything other than good faith. No one is more anxious to show our good faith than we are.

We recognize the need for a change in the fraternal system and that change is being accomplished. To eliminate by decree deviation from the norm of dignity would make us truly the social sanctions that the UH News portrays us to be. The change must evolve from a heightened sense of social awareness and a respect for the autonomous nature of our bro-

ther -- brother both in the fraternal and biblical sense.

The UHNews does not have to "expose" us. We are proud of who and why we are. Come to the rushes and you might find that we are much different than the "Guide to Fraternities" make us out to be.

In the Name of Tau Kappa Epsilon
Vic Di Novi

Greeks-Doing Their Own Thing

Since I am a Greek and proud of it, I feel that I must add a few corrections to your gross exaggerations and misinterpretations of the Greek System on this campus.

First of all, if you do away with the Greeks on this campus then you might as well say goodbye to three-fourths of the committees and organizations that make up the activities of this entire University. Let me give you a few FACTS:

- Freshman Queen Coronation - TEP - Greek
- Homecoming - Peter Furman - Greek
- Greek Weekend - Jim Bryon - Greek
- Student Senate - eight Greeks
- Program Board of Governors - eight Greek Chairmen
- President Football Club - Craig Miller - Greek
- Program Director - Kevin Fahey - Greek
- Intramural Athlete King - Pete Rex - Greek
- U H Liberated News - Jack Hardy - Greek

The above is a mere fraction of what the Greeks do on this campus. They contribute civically, academically and socially. I need not go into all the areas of contribution for I feel that its really only important for us to know. Obviously you don't because you printed such ridiculous garbage.

Your newspaper which was so benevolently dedicated to the Greeks on this campus was on the most part pure trash. Why didn't you try comparing us with other groups on campus i.e. freaks and the independents etc. Then you might have gotten a more accurate picture of those doing things around here.

Greeks themselves play an intricate part in the functioning of this entire University. Look around you Mr. Hardy and you will see that on almost every committee this University has a Greek or two serving on it.

So if you must continue tearing down Greeks -- go ahead -- no one will take you seriously. Just as I said before, take away the Greeks and you take away those things that make up any type of campus life whatsoever.

Gayle Kelley
President Phi Sigma Chi Sorority

"Ulysses" Thursday

Starting the October
funfest is "Ulysses." Ships
and chants, pigs and giants,
scenery and sexy Italian
actresses. And then there's
Ulysses.

Come and see. Thursday,
South Cafe, 8:30 p.m. 50
cents.

Marijuana Law Invades Privacy

by Harry Brown

There are several ways in which legalization of marijuana is being attempted currently, the most popular being that it is harmless. Cases involving the testimony of doctors, psychologists, sociologists, police officers, and PTA of-

officials have been struck down when the government says that its use aggravates hangnails. The validity of legalization will never get anywhere on this basis -- how could one legalize cigarettes or lipstick from this approach? The government doesn't have the burden of proof; the defendant does, and the government can always find some vagary.

But it should be clear that the marijuana law for possession is an invasion of the citizens' privacy, and, therefore, is in violation of his constitutional rights. The right to possess marijuana has been asserted in a brief filed this summer in the Colorado Supreme Court. The ACLV of Colorado intends to have the court rule that classification of marijuana as a narcotic is "medically indefensible and sociologically unwarranted," and the prosecution for its possession is an invasion of privacy. The brief claims that there is no substantial evidence that its prolonged use leads to physical, mental, or moral degradation, and there is no established connection between its use and anti-social conduct. Furthermore, "the imposition of criminal sanctions on the possession and use of marijuana is an unwarranted and unjustifiable denial of man's innate freedom to experiment with his own consciousness as long as he does no harm."

In a recent Supreme Court decision, Stanley vs. Georgia, it was held that the mere private possession of obscene material cannot constitutionally be considered a crime. In this case, a man's house was being legitimately searched by police, who were seeking evidence of book-making activities, and found pornographic films. In defense of the right of privacy, and in accordance with the first amendment, the Court held, "if the first amendment means anything, it means that a state has no business telling a man, sitting alone in his own house, what books he may read, or what films he may watch. Our whole constitutional heritage rebels at the thought of giving the government the power to control men's minds." The Court also added, however, in anticipation of what claims might be made concerning what kind of conduct would now be permissible in the privacy of one's own home, that, "What we have said in no way infringes upon the power of . . . government to make possession of other items, such as narcotics, firearms, or stolen goods a crime."

The courts are obviously very cautious in defining rights of conduct in private. This has always been the case; the right to include marijuana will have to be fought for. The ACLV pointed out also that the state already has sufficient legislation to control any public harms related to marijuana, like selling it, or driving while under its influence" to add as a crime the mere possession is an arbitrary and unjustified invasion of the individual right of privacy."

Since the public welfare regarding the possible hazards of marijuana is not affected by its private use, prohibition of private use is an invalid extension of the state's police power.

The brief further claims that the laws represent cruel and unusual punishment (simple possession of marijuana in Colorado is punishable by fines of up to \$10,000, and imprisonment for not less than two years and not more than fifteen years, even for the first offense.) The difference between the seriousness of the crime(?) and the seriousness of the sentence makes it in violation of the eighth amendment.



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statement stating that she was too far into drugs to stop now; yet, as one ex-drug user states at the end of the film, "Search for happiness is an expression of heart, not mind."

Tuesday night's program included two guest speakers who were well learned in the field of drug abuse. Dr. Carl Nieforth, scientist at the School of Pharmacy at UConn, and Sergeant Tom McDonald of the Connecticut State Police.

Dr. Nieforth stressed upon the effects of marijuana on a person. He stated that the effects of pot is a "learned effect," in other words, a person sees how other people act when they are "stoned," and thus, acts accordingly when he tries the drug for the first time. He added that two joints generally effect an individual in the same manner that eight ounces of alcohol would. The most detrimental effect of pot is that the user tends to fixate his eyes on one object. The doctor also stated that LSD use has been cut down considerably due to the more abundant supply of "grass."

He concluded his lecture, which was more informal than factual, with the results of three studies that were done on LSD. The first stated that LSD improves driving ability, and the last stated that LSD causes birth defects. He stated, however, that none of the studies done were accepted as scientifically valid on a complete basis. In answer to a question concerning the legalization of marijuana, the doctor stated, "Before legalization, a drug must be proven safe, as well as, efficient."

Sergeant Tom McDonald's lecture, however, proved to be typical and uninteresting. He immediately offended the audience by stating the following sentence: "If you guys could come with me to visit the hospitals, where hundreds of young people are painfully trying to recuperate from strong drug habits, you would go to a barber and stop looking like bums." This presentation was hardly the proper way to address a group of people who were interested in learning the facts about drugs. The narcotics agent, therefore, scored very low in the interest and respect of his listeners.

Mr. McDonald, however, had a copious amount of new methods that he uses in confiscating drugs. The use of a specially trained dog has helped the Connecticut State Police more than the combined efforts of all its narcotics agents. This "crafty canine" has been taught to find drugs in every possible place. "No matter how well hidden the dope is" states the sergeant, "he'll find it." What does the dog do when he finds it?--eats it, of course.

Wow! What a waste. III. Wednesday night's program, the last of the three day symposium, presented Dr. Donald Louria, expert on drugs, author of the book entitled "The Drug Scene," and co-author of "Nightmare Drugs." Doctor Louria opened his lecture with the affirmation that he was not a member of the "blauchy establishment," but that he was solely interested in correcting drug abuse, for more deaths are caused by drugs than the combined fatalities of accidents and war.

Since Dr. Louria is extremely interested in the use of LSD he stated the following true facts concerning this drug:

- 1) "LSD, although taken on only 1 occasion, can cause bad recurrences for a period following up to three years after taking the drug. 2) It has been definitely proven that this drug causes chromosomal breakage, as well as chromosomal rearrangements--the former may repair with time, but the latter causes permanent damage. 3) Leukemia has also been linked to the use of LSD. 4) Evidence also suggests that LSD can cause other diseases.

In a radio discussion with Tim-

othy Leary, a firm believer in the LSD Philosophy -- Dr. Louria debated the harmful effects of LSD with his most prominent opponent. Dr. Leary rather submissively admitted that LSD can be dangerous, a major contradiction to his previous teachings.

In relation to the pot problem, Dr. Louria told of the dangers of relation to the different reactions that individuals sustain through constant use. "Marijuana," he states, "most often leads to the use of more potent drugs in order to achieve a better 'high'." A user will lose control of the drug when used on more than 10 occasions. There is, however, no chromosomal damage through using pot; yet, the difficulties are now being tested more thoroughly.

Dr. Louria concluded his lecture with a reference to the Woodstock Festival. "It has been proved that 45,000 young people were stoned at Woodstock; thus, the peaceful crowd refrained from damaging property and fighting. Yet, I feel this is a fake interpretation by the festival's officials because a stoned society is not a stable one."

When asked if pot should be legalized, the Doctor answered, "Why add another evil to our society?"

Persky For Council?

RADICAL CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE TO REVEAL PLATFORM WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Mark Persky, University of Hartford Political Science graduate running as an independent candidate for City Council will discuss "A Revolutionary Approach to Hartford's Ills" Wednesday evening, (Oct. 1, 1969), 7:30 p.m. at the office of Capitol Area Action Movement (CAAM), 106 Ward St.

Included in Persky's talk will be:

- A proposal to switch the tax burden in Hartford from the individual citizen to big business.
- A plan to reorganize the Board of Education to alleviate the city's racist, unbalanced and overcrowded schools.
- A study which will attempt to isolate and act on the causes of welfare dependency.
- An idea for a revolutionary housing program which would work for the people not the politicians.
- A call to initiate laws which would legalize marijuana in the state...a first realistic step in dealing with narcotic abuse and drug education.
- a critique on how the power structure in Hartford exploits its citizens and how the people can fight it.

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