

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

Complaints mobilize?
It was my privilege the other day to sit in on one of Dean Komisar's coffee hours an experience I suggest to anyone who would like lessons in brainwashing as displayed by a rather successful master. In the room with me and the dean were several engineering students who were quite clear in their disapproval of our school's paper. The fact that they allowed the editor only one issue before they suggested his removal was quite absurd but the sly way that the dean suggested the possibility of an opposing paper (that is one that would be safe) was rather nauseating. I must include that when I mentioned that rather than set up a separate paper these people should offer their services on the present one the dean did say that he was sure Jack would be happy to accept their help and that this method was indeed a possibility. He did also bring up the point that last year there was an opposing paper and that this was a possible answer. I for one feel that such an idea is a good one depending of course on what motivated its establishment and the rationalization behind its adoption.

The reason I am hesitant to support this new rivals philosophy is that they suggest destruction of an existing paper without giving it a chance. They did not complain to the editor to see how he would react, they simply did not like the first issue and therefore felt justified in organizing an opposition. If this paper does materialize I wonder if it will be as open to opposing views as I know this one will be. I also hope this will be in principle a representative paper, since its main cause for condemning the Liberated Press seems to be that it represents only one point of view.

Howie Gross

Dear Editor:

I would like to comment on your first edition for this academic year. First, you have named your newspaper "Liberated Press" but it is clear that you have, in your first issue, shackled yourselves to concepts which bind you and color your thinking more effectively than any previous shackles you may have borne.

These shackles are evident in your continued personal affronts to persons in the University who have given many years of dedicated service. This does not mean that you must agree with these persons but it does mean that you should help conduct a dialogue which illuminates disagreements and attempts to resolve them. Your personal malice defeats this larger purpose.

You are also shackled by a JUVENILE preoccupation with sex. You have an obligation to write on this subject lucidly, and in depth. Confining your discussion to birth control methods that might have been a sign of liberation twenty years ago. Today it is redundant. Your writings on this matter do not add anything and, in fact, serve to obscure the real problems of love and marriage which the students must eventually face.

Finally, you could help conduct a meaningful dialogue on the problems of student-teacher relationships both at the personal and classroom levels. Again you have chosen to shackle yourselves and your cause by your own biases and prejudice.

The U of H News can be an effective device at this University if it is strong, forceful, and innovative. Your first issue fails on all of these counts.

Very truly yours,
FRANK C. GRELLA
School of Business

Dear Editor:

Understandably, the fraternities on campus are seeking as big a profit as possible when they throw their Friday night bashes in the Gengras Center. And why not? They supply practically 80% of the social life at U.H. despite the quality of said mixers.

However, while attempting to make it worth their while to stage these events, I do think these brothers collecting money at the entrance should be more particular about who they allow to enter. Without a doubt anyone flashing a College I.D. should not be denied admission, but by now it is common knowledge that most fraternities are primarily interested in increasing their gate sales.

Last weekend, several non-college YOUNG men came to the mixer for no reason other than to bully individuals, disrupt the mixer, and generally cause headaches for the brothers who threw the dance. One of the brothers came close to squaring off against six troublemakers in the lounge, while another individual complained to campus security guards that he had been smashed about the head with a pool stick.

If we are going to have college mixers, let's keep them college mixers which are not sprinkled with high school children who seek to change them into gang fights. I think after this weekend everyone will agree that if something is not done about this situation it will not be safe to go to a U.H. mixer unless you are "armed to the teeth" against high school boys who are looking for kicks in a new and tragic manner.

Nick Mitsos

Dear Editor

I would like to apply for the one right wing position open on your staff. Please Advise.

R.W. McCurdy
Skibo
Carnegie-Mellon Univ.
Schenley Park
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15213

P.S. I would appreciate receiving copies of the LIBERATED PRESS. My check is not enclosed.

Dear Editor:

Have you noticed that the food in the cafeteria tastes lousy? At a price less than a dollar, nobody really expects French cuisine, but the cafeteria food is ridiculous. Even cheap food can be served hot. Many times the cashier service is inadequate and by the time a seat is found, the food is stone cold.

Maybe the students should do something forceful about this situation; perhaps the cafeteria management needs to be reminded that hard driven students have been known to boycott. Shall we all unite or will we all do nothing but suffer in silence?

Ken Lewis

Dear Editor:

Not long ago an article in this paper was headed with the title "Babysitting Service?" I thought someone had finally heard of my organization and wanted to help make it better known to the students of this University. Well, there really IS a babysitting service, and I'D like to make it better known. The group is comprised of girls from different schools within the university. We enjoyed a very prosperous first year last school year, and it looks like this year will be even more successful. Faculty wives, as well as other housewives throughout the surrounding communities have been ecstatic with the extent that we have been able to aid them in their times of need. And the girls from the service have appreciated earning a few dollars for what usually amounts to sitting in a quiet home and doing their homework. AS of this moment there are 20 girls involved with the University Sitter Service, but we can always use more girls. There is no obligation to accept any jobs offered, and there is an abundance of jobs waiting. If you are interested in joining up with USS -- University Sitter Service -- call 522-6650.

Paulette Garvis

Dear Editor: (alias Jack Hardy)

As a dormitory counselor, it's necessary that I keep in close touch with my students, most of which are freshmen. I thought that the hierarchy of the student body i.e. Ben Holden and Co., would like to know the general reaction to their Freshman Week. To quote a disenchanted freshman girl "I've never gone through anything more depressing." The meetings were too frequent, too boring and very unnecessary. The academic advisors were not properly prepared to advise, thus hundreds of freshmen in total chaos.

I don't know what Ben Holden said in his public address to the class, but, apparently, it was in his usual tradition. The turned-on boy wonder turned everyone off.

Forget your parents, your home, your religion. This school sucks but...The trouble is Ben and his freaked out friends offered nothing better.

The freshmen were treated as individuals during Freshman Week, and theoretically, this is good. However, most of these new students were scared (of a new school, a new environment, etc.) and this was the one time that they didn't need to be individuals. To be alone.

Maybe the beanies, the harassing, and the other nasty and vicious things the upperclassmen forced on freshmen in previous years were not idealistically proper, in terms of the individual, personal worth, etc., but THEY DID WORK. They gave the new students a common bond, they had to group together in order to survive against the evil upperclassmen who were out to deliberately upset and break the spirit of the new freshmen (the goals of harassing, according to those who decided to do away with it.) I submit, however, that harassing, beanies, etc. did not break the spirit of the freshmen but rather created it.

At any rate, the point to be made is that the Freshman Week Committee, starring Jim Diamond, has managed to orient an unhappy group (Continued on Page 4.)

Jefferson Airplane Loves You

Ben's Bargains



With
Glen McKay's
Headlights

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5 - 7:30 and 10:00 p.m.

Tickets \$3.00 Students \$2.00 (in advance)
LaSalle Music Shop - U.F.O. - Gengras Center

University of Hartford Gym
200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, Conn.

Sponsored by the Student Faculty Association