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"THE STREETS OF OUR COUNTRY ARE IN TURMOIL. THE UNIVERSITIES ARE FILLED WITH STUDENTS REBELLING AND RIOTING. COMMUNISTS ARE SEEKING TO DESTROY OUR COUNTRY. RUSSIA IS THREATENING US WITH HER MIGHT AND THE REPUBLIC IS IN DANGER. YES, DANGER FROM WITHIN AND FROM WITHOUT. WE NEED LAW AND ORDER. YES, WITHOUT LAW AND ORDER OUR NATION CANNOT SURVIVE. ELECT US AND WE SHALL RESTORE LAW AND ORDER. WE SHALL, BY LAW AND ORDER BE RESPECTED AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD. WITHOUT LAW AND ORDER OUR REPUBLIC SHALL FAIL."

ADOLPH HITLER

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I assume your invitation to submit articles to the Scorpion included all interested personnel and would not exclude those of us who can no longer claim membership to the present student generation. I am happy to say that from the tone of your first two editions it appears you are indeed interested and concerned with the climate for student development on our campus. Contrary to the beliefs of a few this same concern is shared by the majority of us employed for just that purpose.

Those of you who have been exposed to my philosophy of higher education know that continuing re-evaluation and improvement of existing practices and procedures is essential to the development of a dynamic institution. However, if we are to meet these challenges we must develop the capacity to communicate.

I am seriously concerned that students feel so restrained and fearful of reprisal that they have to resort to an "Underground Newspaper" with unsigned articles to air grievances and points of concern. For what it's worth this "administrator" feels you have every right to question procedures. You have every right to be informed of decisions that effect you as students. You have every right to protest situations that aren't as they should be, and you have no reason to expect retaliation if you do voice your disapproval within the limitations of the law.

If I haven't completely missed the point perhaps the following suggestion might help to improve the situation: As a representative of the institution, (and I hope of the students), I offer to sit down with any student or group of students and discuss our problems as you the students perceive them. I won't promise instant action but I will promise that my office will see to it that your concerns are recognized and that they will be duly considered.

Sincerely,

W. A. Hutcheon
Associate Dean

(Editor's note) by Peter Gamache

First of all we would like to say that we appreciate very much your concern and your willingness to help, or at least listen, to the students' ideas. One of our main purposes in founding this paper was to draw out those members of the administration through whom we could express some of the students' ideas. Also of prime importance was the creation of an organ to facilitate and stimulate thinking in the students. (Primarily along the lines of

what programs are available to achieve whatever freedom necessary to enable them to receive an education in the exercising of responsibility as well as the purely academic education now available.)

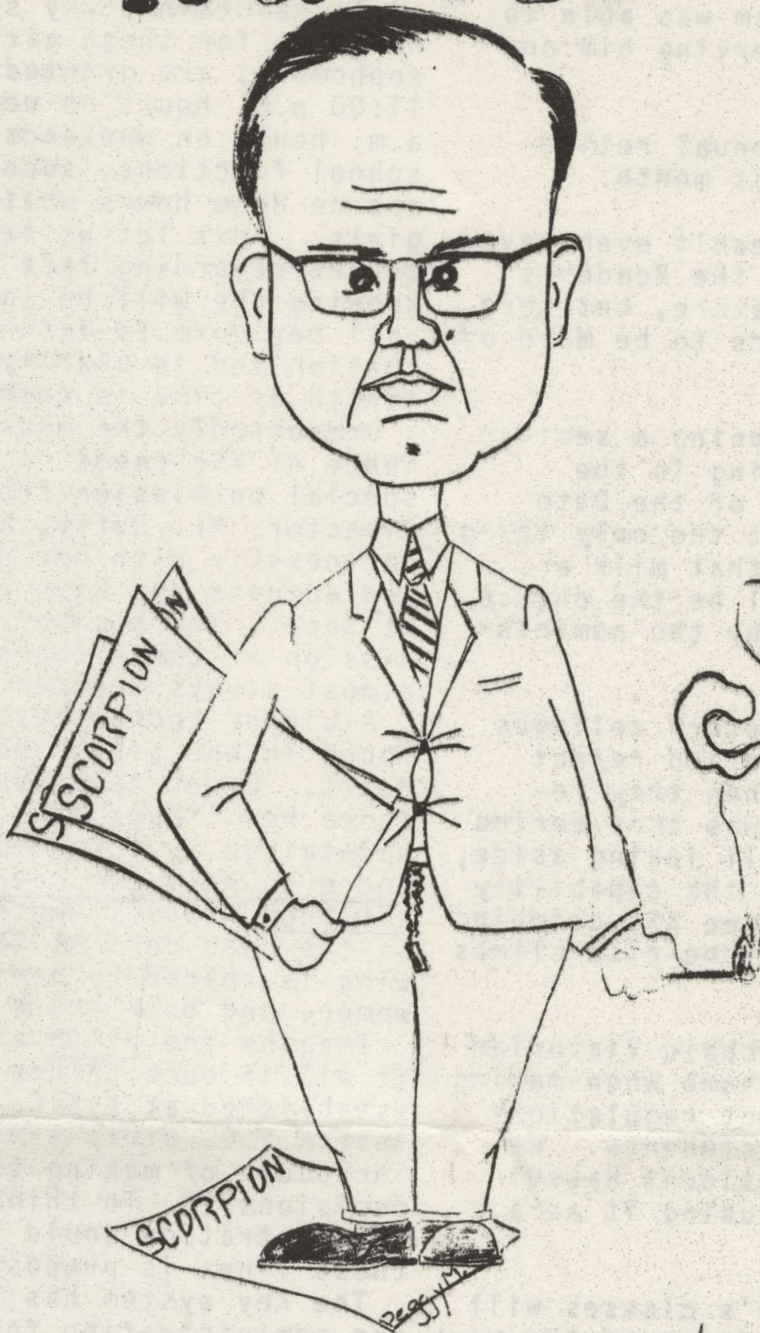
A SOLUTION

Something has to be done about the "sexual revolution" that has reared its ugly head in our society. To deal with this menace to the American-way-of-life a campaign will have to begin in the cradle. Slap the baby's hands when he touches himself "there". Even at such a tender age, he'll get the idea. Next, make the toilet training particularly rigid so he can start building in controls early. When he becomes old enough to notice there is a part of the opposite sex that he's never seen, tell him how nasty it is to want to see it. If you've conscientiously done your job to this point, he'll probably know enough not to ask where babies come from, but if he should venture, you can tell him he's not old enough to know. When he does get old enough, he won't bother you.

So far, alright, but when this new generation that we're raising gets into the teens, there are more problems, for some of the degenerates have found out some of the basic facts, although garbled. This period calls for intensive training and watchfulness if you want your youngster to keep his or her body "clean." It works best on girls, for you can tell them that the nasty little boys may be wanting to do nasty things with them, which of course, they would never want to do. Scare them with the thought of pregnancy and venereal disease. As far as the boys are concerned, be sure no contraceptives are available if they (horrors!) should have discovered such things (contraceptives.) As a final resort, which will at least make them feel guilty if it doesn't make them good, look into their eyes with a mixture of love and parental suffering and say: "I hope you're being a good boy/girl."

Finally, if by some dent of the devil a girl should become pregnant, she should be treated with contempt and disgust by the better people of the community. Hopefully, this will provide the punishment for the breaking of the sexual code and will tend to deter others from following suit. The ideal, of course, is to get the daughter to the altar in a state of innocence, and the boy too, although that's a little harder proposition. Of course with this type of training, prostitution, illegitimacy, impotence, frigidity, pornography, homosexuality, exhibitionism, and sado-masochism will flourish. But remember: Morality has its price. Pat Hill

WANTED



Wanted by K.S.C.

DONALD BRIGGS

Purpose: For questioning concerning the amassing and destroying of Scorpion news articles in the Student Union.

Reward: A GUARANTEED position as announcer at all K.S.C. basketball games.

RUMOR HAS IT:

Professor McCarrow was carded at the "Last Chance" last week, but because of his oration on the unconstitutionality of an age law on alcoholism was able to brow-beat the bartender serving him any how.

Dr. Grace will make his annual retirement announcement late this month.

Calvin T. Ryan library doesn't even have the complete selection of the Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature, but here in the Hinterland who needs to be more up to date than 1939?

The Student Senate is planning a seminar to be held later this spring in the Special Education section of the Otto Olsen building. But about the only thing definite at this time is that milk and cookies or humble pie will be the choice of refreshments provided by the administration.

Yale and several other Eastern colleges were spurred to re-examine and reject their R.O.T.C. programs when they received the word that KSc was considering adopting this program. All joking aside, it is a sad commentary on the capability of our administration to see KSc climbing on the band wagon as everyone else climbs off.

Milton Hassel uses the archaic Victorian moral code as a rule of thumb when making decisions regarding conduct regulations and dorm rules for women students. We can only wonder where President Hassel keeps his thumb when not using it as a ruler.

All of Professor Blostein's classes will be dismissed for the remainder of the week. He supposedly required hospitalization after dislocating his shoulder while trying to himself on the back.

Will Wortman is the only professor on campus who has succeeded in putting himself as well as the rest of his class to sleep during his lectures.

Professor Stevenson is the closest thing to any intellectual that Kearney has on campus presently, and that his students enjoy the cultural aspect he adds to history.

Dr. Young (the late Dr. O'Quinn) is prejudiced against the female element in her History classes but this is only fair, seeing how the male element can concentrate no how!

INCONGRUENCIES IN GIRLS'S DORM LIFE

In Wichita, Kansas, there is a small coed college know as Sacred Heart. It is a Catholic college managed by the

Sisters of Precious Blood. It differs from Kearney in many aspects, but perhaps the greatest incongruence is with in the regulative policies for girls.

At Sacred Heart the junior and senior girls maintain a key system. There are no hours for these girls. Freshmen and sophomores are granted sufferance of 11:00 p.m. hours on weekdays and 2:00 a.m. hours on weekends. On nights of school functions, such as proms, there are no dorm hours whatsoever for any girls. Next let us examine their procedure regarding late minutes. A girl knowing she will be late, has only to call her dorm to inform them of the situation and is usually granted whatever length of time is necessary to return.

Undoubtedly the most childish experience of KSc coeds is the attainment of special permission from the Housing Director, Mr. Duffy, to dissolve her partnership with her present roommate and actuate one with another. The girls at Sacred Heart simply have to ask permission of their counselors. This is almost always granted.

A Liquor Locker System can also be found in the girls' dorms at Sacred Heart. Under this system a girl can store her liquor in a locked cabinet maintained by the dorm mother who is there to help the coeds, not the baby sit them. Still another incongruence is the coed dorm at Sacred Heart. One wing is shared by men, the other by women, and both share the same lobby.

Imagine the filth and disgust of it all if such things were ever established at K.S.C. We all know that K.S.C. girls are immature and incapable of making their own decisions??? To think that the administration would follow any of these lines is preposterous.

The Key system has been before the administration for two years and has not been acted upon yet. We wonder if it ever will be.

GIRLS! If you want the Key System for juniors and seniors you'd better act now! Draw up petitions. Check with your A.W.S. to see what you can do. Some coes have even held demonstrations. During the spring season they refused to tarry in the dorms. They camped out on the lawns of the dorms and Hootenannies each night until the Key System was passed. But they women who were willing to pursue their beliefs and fight for their right. ARE YOU?

Peter Gamache

SOMETHING'S ROTTEN IN "DORM MARK"

At the end of last semester I had a rude awakening about withdrawing from the residence halls-----you don't. Several of my friends, people I've talked to, and myself have tried to move for various reasons, but to no avail. Mr. Duffy, the housing director, refuses to let us out no matter what motives we have for leaving. One boy was trying to decide whether or not to go into the seminary. Because of advice from his religious counselors, he wanted to move into the Christian Center to be exposed to the priest and people there--no deal. Only one person, that I know of, was allowed to leave (and this is just the boys dorm) but he had managed to get one of the deans behind him. He was a senior, one semester to go, and couldn't afford the dorm fee, but the housing office told him they weren't going to let him go. He told me that if they made him stay he would have had to quit school and probably would have joined the Navy because he was likely to be drafted. A senior, with one semester to go. There are many cases like this and some like this last person threatened to get lawyers. They were told it would not do them any good.

Right now a friend of mine is in danger of being suspended for violating his dorm contract. He is twenty-four years old, lives on a particularly close budget, and found that he couldn't pay for another semester in the dorm. He also lived on one of the wilder floors and the boys there, because they knew they bothered him, gave him a hard time. Finally, he went to Mr. Duffy and told him that he not only did not want to stay there, but could not stay there. Some how he was given the impression that if he thought it over for a week, and still wanted to leave, he could. He thought it over, and he moved over the semester break. Mr. Duffy was out of town at the time, but Mr. Duffy is back now and my friend has been notified that he is in danger of being suspended from school for violating his contract. He's really in a cute situation. He is facing being thrown out of school or dropping out of school because he can't afford the dorm. This really makes sense; Mr. Duffy seems to want him in the dorm more than he wants him in school.

The boy thinking of the seminary may have had his whole life changed. Mr. Duffy, why do you consider it so important that we stay in the dorms? I hear you have a waiting line for them a mile long.

In my opinion, there is only one apparent and logical solution to this situation: a fairer, more realistic policy from the housing authorities, with the institution's goals as the guiding line, instead of the current management's goals. At this time there seems to be a great conflict between the two, and the most important one should get the decision.

I have heard people say when they read articles or get into discussions criticizing the administration's system, that there is no real motivation for all the fuss raised; that people are making waves for the waves' sake. I disagree, for when a person's education is sacrificed for institutional folly or indifference some fuss and waves must be created. Three cheers and my pledge to help if creativity occurs.

Tom Steffes

DORM COURT

"Guilty, whether or not innocent" is our democratic answer to the American dream of free and open trials, moral justice, and the dignity of the individual. Isn't it reassuring to know that here at Kearney State College we have a legal system of trial and punishment superior to that of the United States Constitution? Our dorm court policies exceed those of the Supreme Court at its best and our Administration is much more honest and farsighted than the Presidential Administration; they at least profess to live by the rules, and here at Kearney State they don't even care about the pretense.

Dorm court, the extended arm of "Big Daddy" in the Administration Building, has its finger (and nose) stuck into every pie (dormitory) on campus. Excuse me, at the boys' dorms the finger is stuck in, but only in the girls dorms is a lick being taken. In fact, so many licks are being taken that "Big Daddy" might get a severe case of "indigestion."

The root of the problem is too complex and interwoven with the injustices of society to unravel immediately. But, steps could be taken to upgrade the dorm court proceedings; 1. Dorm court election is held only at the very beginning of the year before the dorm residents have truly gotten to know

one another. This should be changed to once every semester, so these same persons can't monopolize the authority and prestige that goes with being on dorm court. 2. There is an atmosphere of secrecy surrounding the dorm court meetings. Members are advised not to tell what was said or any proposed punishments. Why? Is secrecy "vital to the security of the dorm?" 3. The housemother should have absolutely no influence on dorm court proceedings as her very presence could sway the feelings of some jurors. She should not attend the meetings at any time, and she should keep her opinions to herself. 4. Extenuating circumstances for being called to dorm court are not taken into account. This would include late minutes because of getting stuck in snow or mud, certain functions getting out late, or just plain forgetting the time. But being proven guilty "beyond a show of a doubt" has no place in Kearney States' code of ethics. 5. The punishment meted out by dorm court are undignified and an insult to a college student's intelligence. Is it right to sentence an eighteen or nineteen year old girl to solitary confinement because she failed to be in at 10:00 to be tucked into bed by her S.A.? 6. Isn't it rather strange that all cases that go to dorm court are found guilty, and few if any, are ever found innocent? The defendant could be as guiltless as one of the jurors, but if the house mother or one of the counselors says she is guilty, she's guilty. 7. Housemothers warn counselors to crack down harder on certain trouble makers, yet other dorm residents do the same thing and are not even warned. (A true case with names withheld.) 8. A girl is told that she can appeal her case to the A.W.S. court, but who there is going to question the combined word of an Administration-hired housemother and counselor, and the verdict of a nine-girl dorm court?

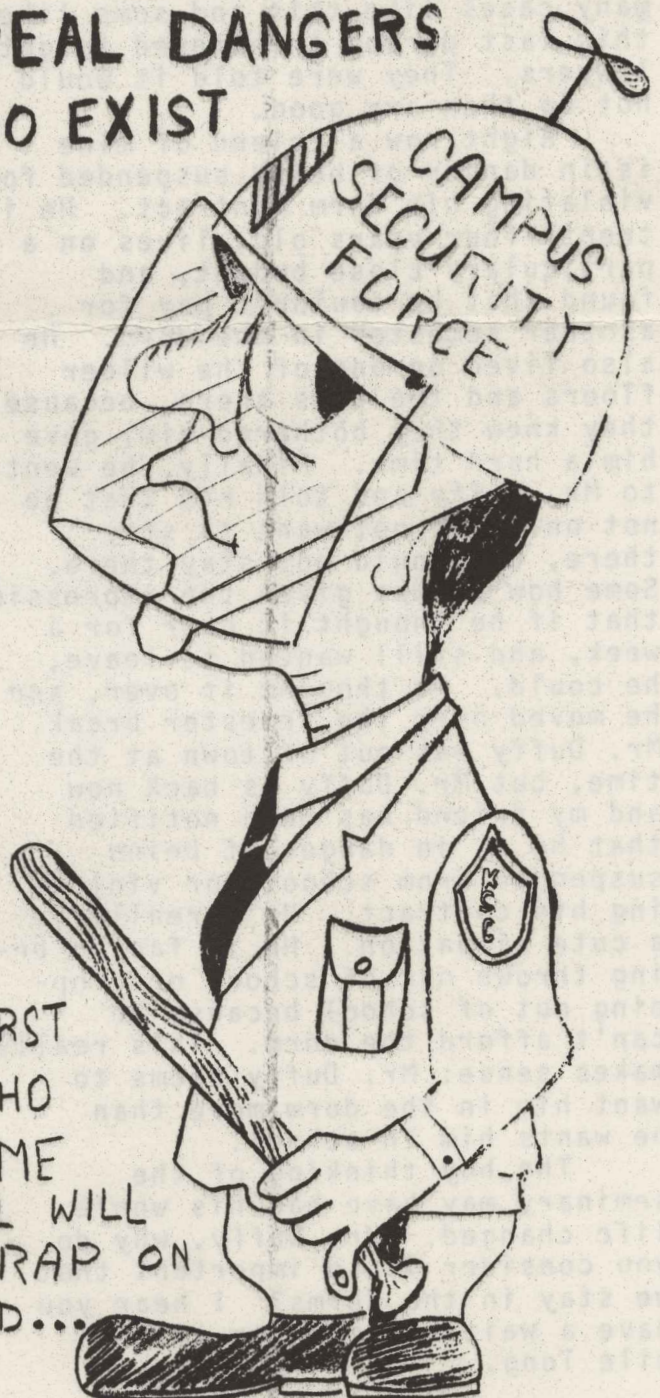
This is just a small sampling of the dissatisfaction being heard in the dormitories. The Administration demands the respect and consideration of the students, and yet they treat over a half of the student body with an attitude of distrust, suspicion, and downright indifference. Technically, the Administration is within its legal right in forcing ridiculous rules and a shallow form of government on its students. But a legal right and moral right often aren't compatible and when they disagree, the moral right should be upheld.

unjustly punished

In answer to the numerous demands that have been made by our readers that we sign our articles, we can only say your wish is our command. Please forgive us for not doing so before this issue. It was not that we wouldn't have liked to. (We realize the validity this adds to your paper). Our only excuse is that we were apprehensive as to what policy the administration might adopt toward the paper. We also received some rather alarming reports suggesting the possibility of some type of censure and it wasn't until this week that we finally decided that it was the risk. We have prepared what we believe to be a legal argument in defence of our right of free speech and we hope that if a crisis should arrive, your aid will enable us to convince the administration to hear our case.

Michael Doan

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