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"STAIN AND DISGRACE" ... A Letter to The Student

ASUNCION, PARAGUAY: For strong reasons of personal security I am forced not to sign my name to this letter because of the conditions that rule in my country, Paraguay, fettered by the cruel iron shackles of the police and military dictatorship of General Stroessner, one of the most oprobious infamies subsisting in America, a real stain and disgrace on Western democracy.

With genuine astonishment and indignant amazement the Paraguayan citizens have been witnessing the benevolent attitude of certain governments of neighbouring American countries and of more remote countries and the beatific support they give to tyrant Stroessner.

But this astonishment rose to a climax, ... and filled us with a gloomy pessimism regarding the rule of ethical and human values in the democratic world, when we learned that several European governments (Germany, France, Spain, Italy, the Vatican and others) have invited the despot to visit their respective countries.

In the face of this situation, a Paraguayan ... student who has to hide his name to avoid flagellation in the police torture chambers demands in the name of the Paraguayan people ... of you, young students throughout the world, being generous and idealistic, a gesture of solidarity with our country by expressing wherever the tyrant passes on his way, the repudiation and derision such men deserve.

We hope that this appeal will impel you to prepare an adequate reception. With best wishes and thanks.

A Paraguayan student.

STUDENT JAILED

IRAQ: The international student magazine *The Student* recently reported that Iraqi students are fighting not only for educational and intellectual freedom but also for the freedom of their people from the repressive regime of General Kassem.

The are battling against Kassem's "Police State" that was "established ... with the aid of the communist party in Iraq".

The students are also struggling under the strong control of the Government over their national Students' Union. According to the article students are often jailed to keep them and the others on the "outside" toeing the government line. Elections to the Students' Union are limited and "fixed" by the Government and its police agencies.

The report continued that Kassem's methods resulted in "lowering considerably the cultural standards of the students and forced many famous universities ... to withdraw recognition of degrees awarded by colleges in Baghdad".

Thus, the students are fighting for their rights as citizens of a state conceived in the light of democratic principles—a state not as Iraq is, but as they want it, both for themselves and for their people, with better living conditions and a higher status for their education.

It appears that to go to university in other places it is not just a matter of paying fees, of absorbing the prof's "words of wisdom", and receiving a decorated piece of parchment. Right or wrong, these students are concerned with the conditions in their respective countries.



TORY TACTICS

To The Editor:

During the past few months the Conservative Club has repeatedly challenged the so-called Liberal organization on this campus to an Oxford debate on some constructive topic. Mr. Chumir and his associates have either refused to meet us or have come up with meaningless verbiage.

Before the Model Parliament campaign begins we would like to issue one last challenge. The topic that we propose is the following: Resolved that devaluation of the dollar has been a great benefit to Canada. We assume that with typical Liberal fearlessness this challenge will be ignored.

Yours sincerely,
The Conservative Club

COUNCIL CAQUETTES

To The Editor:

May I congratulate the Students' Council in finally realizing their frustrated ambition to govern something or somebody some of the time.

They have discovered that the monumantal amorphousness of grad students has no viable organization, does not want an organization, has too much work extant to form an organization, and is therefore in no position to defend itself against any attack on its collective or individual rights.

Council has already tasted success, when their persistent bitching to the University Administration prompted this august body to confiscate the graduate student's parking lot, in the true judicial spirit of Imperial Rome; and to replace it with a patch of gravel open to all—at the rent of \$6.00 per session, a far greater revenue than it ever realized growing pea plants for the Department of Agriculture.

Not satisfied, Council now wishes to soak all graduate students for \$30.00 per annum, to help finance the expansion of their empire. This on the basis of the odd grad who wanders into SUB mistaking it for a public lavatory or a waiting room for the ETS. Council has found a sympathetic ear from an Administration always generous with money—provided it isn't theirs.

Perhaps those campus Castros and council Caquettes might think before they arouse the gods from their banks of asphodel in the administrative Elysium to persecute

mere mortals. The gods demand a price for their indulgence, remember Troy, that the fate of the thousand ships was little better than that of the sacked city. Consider the future when fees may well read;

Tuition—\$350.00
Students' Union and other facilities—\$550.00

"Those whom the gods wish to destroy, they first make mad."

I am,
Yours sincerely,
(Troglodytes)

Ed. NOTE: This would confirm our suspicion that some grad students study semantics to the exclusion of everything else. Back to your cave, Trog.

NO IDEAS; JUST WORK

To The Editor:

A very real threat to academic freedom exists on this campus. It would seem that a great deal of student endeavor is being marked by graduate students. This is work that is done for a quite different man, our class professor, on the basis of ideas to which he, personally, has exposed us. I'm not intimating that the graduate students are not able people, but they have not experienced the particular interplay of ideas between the various professors and their students. Therefore, these worthies can only examine papers according to general rules (perhaps sometimes in a superficial way) which are made applicable to all students writing.

I may be wrong, but it seems as though this is only another step in the movement by the Administration to standardize our courses. Courses which, in the main, involve ideas. There is little enough personalized contact between student and professor in a class of 100 people without this new obstacle. When 100 people are crammed into one classroom in the first place, is not our basic problem a lack of professors? I should like to hear opposite ideas on the matter.

Wayne Morgensen

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