

Academic Freedom Has Not Been Won Without A Fight

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(Editor's note: The Mercer Cluster has invited faculty members to contribute articles to the paper, and will allot space in each issue for publication of these articles. The contributions are not limited in their subject or content, only on their length. Here is the first in this series. The author a professor in the Christianity Dept.)

Eight years ago President Dwight D. Eisenhower, then president of Columbia University, sent to some 750 institutions of higher learning in all parts of the world an invitation to join in celebrating Columbia's 200th anniversary in 1954. The invitation in part read:

"In considering what would be the most appropriate theme for Columbia to emphasize in its celebration, the trustees, aided by a committee representing the faculties, students, and alumni, have agreed that there is one principle which all free universities unflinchingly must defend. This is the ideal of full freedom of scholarly inquiry and expression, the right of mankind to knowledge and the free use thereof."

For many centuries the civilized world has held that this privilege is essential to human liberty, welfare, and progress. Unhappily, it is now being subjected to serious and systematic attack in many lands . . ." (Quoted in Alan Barth, *The Loyalty of Free Man*, p. 212. (Pocket Books, Inc., N.Y., 1952).)

The common name by which this "ideal of full freedom of scholar inquiry and expression," is known as academic freedom.

What is academic freedom? A few years ago a Russian scientist by the name of Trofim Lysenko set forth a new theory of genetics, asserting that the commonly accepted views of Mendel were in error.

At this point the Soviet government decided that Lysenko's theory was correct and would be the party line in genetics. The moment that the matter was taken out of the hands of the scientists and determined on a non-scientific basis academic freedom became non-existent.

Your assurance that what you are taught in history class is not the personal idiosyncrasy of your professor is the freedom granted to the historians to investigate events and draw conclusions by the use of methods which historians have worked out. The same consideration holds for the other areas of study.

It is therefore very important to you and to every university student in this nation that aca-

ademic freedom prevail. One of the most insidious attacks on the right of the scholar to determine his conclusions by scholarly methods has come in the form of "loyalty oaths."

Probably the most celebrated case was that of the University of California, the nation's largest institution of higher learning. President Robert Gordon Sproul suggested to the regents of the university that they require a loyalty oath of all members of the university's faculty in order to forestall the same requirement by the legislature. This was ordered, but 40 members of the faculty refused to sign, whereupon the regents dismissed them.

Many people on the outside could not understand why anyone would refuse to sign a simple affirmation of his loyalty to his nation. But the ground of refusal was this: Shall a professor's competence be determined by the university's professional personnel or by the board of Regents? The only satisfactory answer to this question for the scholar is that his academic fitness must be determined by academic standards and by no other. Any interference with this process is serious tampering with the university education.

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Kappa Alpha—The officers for the pledge class of KA are as follows—president—Billy Wheeler; vice president—Tommy McWhorter; secretary and treasurer—Ernest Ramsay.

The KA house party will be held this week-end at Lake Rabun.

Joann Fagan, of Wesleyan, has been chosen the new pledge sweetheart of KA.

Kappa Sigma KS's have chosen their pledge officers. President—Philip Young; vice president—Harry Estes; secretary and treasurer—Joe Mattin; sergeant at arms—Jimmy Sutton.

The Kappa Sig's have scheduled their houseparty for this week-end at St. Simons.

Lambda Chi Alpha—The pledge officers for Lambda Chi have been elected. They are as follows: president—Will Land; vice-president—Tommy Schibner; secretary—Louis Micheli; treasurer—Elmo Remick; chaplain—Jerry Key.

The Lambda Chi's are donating a piano to Tatnall Square Baptist Church. Wayne Montgomery, a brother from UCLA, was a visitor in the Lambda Chi suite.

Phi Delta Theta—Joe Ashurst is the new pledge of Phi Delt.

Phi Mu—Jimmy Blackwell has been elected the new pledge sweetheart of Sigma Nu.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon—The new pledge officers of SAE are as follows: president—Guy Hays; vice-president—Tom Bowden; secretary and treasurer—Asa Marshall.

Sigma Nu—The pledge officers of SN are as follows: president—Hoyt Farr; vice-president—Benny Rivers; secretary—Jimmy Farr; treasurer—C. J. Mowell; chaplain Bobby Halstead.

The SN's held a pledge-brother party at the Lanier Hotel Saturday night at the Jefferson Davis room.

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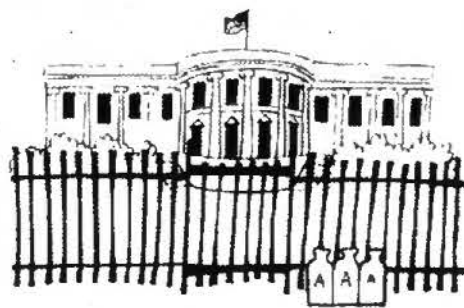
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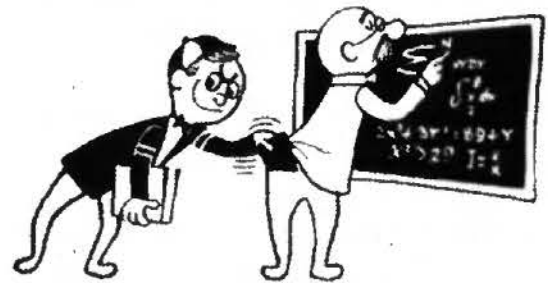
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