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THE FORUM

In our Friday’s assembly on February 24, the Freshmen Class presented a panel discussion on the topic, “The Value of Protest.” In the informative and (at times) boring presentation, the moderator confronted the panels with questions, which were put forward as separate questions which had already been given in advance. We then proceeded to the uninformative and non-opinionated toward the audience. The students had not been given questions in advance, the panelists seemed to me to have been reading minds, or had not been prepared, or had not been able to focus on their topics and actually unprepared.

It is my opinion that this panel utterly missed the mark in their presentation. Freshmen were supposed to be presenting a panel discussion because they were “to discuss” the topic confronting them.

Furthermore, it is my opinion that the panel never truly reached the college level in their presentation. They did not, on the whole, present provocative ideas or thoughts and did not stimulate response or even reaction within the audience. There was, however, a single exception. One panelist at the beginning of the presentation quickly focused his attention on the anti-war protest movement concerning U.S. involvement in Vietnam and throughout the entireity of the program harped upon a constant theme about the government and the agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This young man went so far as to endorse draft dodgers and draft card burners.

It is my definite opinion that the entirety of this presentation was an absurd waste of the students’ time, yet the entire student body and audience assembled to hear this drivel. For a presentation with such a deflection of preparation and interest, one which provided no enlightenment for he who runs the fastest runs into brick wall first. But, it seems that certain of the “hijacks” have allowed their surging hearts to become a little public.

There has been some talk of the “lovebirds” who seem to think the game room in the Hi-Rise is the place for ear-kissing. It has also been observed that the same “lovebirds” have had trouble eating in the cafeteria because they seem to be unable to chew if they do not have their arms tightly entwined. And I dare say that the library is barely the place for neck nibbling.

We would agree that this generation is an open-minded one, quick to be understanding of normal hand-holding or affectionate glances in the presence of others. But, please! Spare those of us who are less fortunate than you from your drooling and sighing. We’ll all think your loving one another is wonderful, but we could find better things to do than watch you prove it!

Why Christian Leaders?

by Joe Laingina

Have you seen the newspapers lately? Bobby Baker created a push for a new code of ethics for Congressmen because of illegal letters. Adam Clayton Powell, lost his seat in the House of Representatives. Now, Senator Dodd is under investigation for illegal use of campaign contributions. And there’s a good deal more going on that never makes the headlines.

Let’s bring it closer to home. A couple weeks ago, a cheating scandal was revealed at the Air Force Academy. Quite a few young students went home. A few days later a few more went home. How far can it go?

What kind of society allows more protection for criminals than for its law abiding citizens? Recently, an Oklahoma judge released a confessed murderer on the grounds that the police had been too nice in obtaining the confession. The prisoner was guilty of murder; he admitted it and now he’s free again.

So where are our Christian leaders? They’re too busy bickering among themselves that will and what ought to I. They’re too busy trying to compromise standards, with a decaying society.

Regarding the ones who can’t see any harm in compromise, go right ahead. I think I want to keep my high Christian standards and values—I feel more like a human being that way.

Spring Drama

To Be Presented—March 30, 31, and April 1

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Junior Varsity
Final Touches as.

International Spartans

On March 4th, the GNU International Spartans, the international team of the year as they defeated the Spartan Aviation School of Aeronautics, 5-1, 11.

The International Spartans scored early in the game when Kenya kicked the first goal from the left side of the goal area. France's counter-attack was immediately nullified by Kenya's defense.

On February 26, the International Spartans defeated the USA 3-0 in the final round of the competition. The USA team was the only one to be defeated by the International Spartans in the tournament. The International Spartans had scored a total of 9 goals in the tournament, while the USA had scored only 3.

As evidenced by their fine performance, the GNU International Spartans have been constantly improving and are a coming team. With the completion of basketball season, the campus sports eye focuses on our other major sport - baseball.

The GNU baseball team started practicing long before basketball season was over and they are now ready to represent the university on the baseball diamond. With Coach Hatchett behind them, we will do a fine job.

Coach Hatchett feels that "as far as this, our second season, things appear somewhat bright. Last year we had a very short squad and this year we are much improved. The record was 6 wins and 9 losses. We trust that this record will be improved upon even though the opposition is stronger. Most of the competition will be from four-year schools.

Among the seven returning letter-room, this year's squad is composed of one junior college transfer and twelve freshmen. All of these new players have exceptionally good records in high school and are still improving. The pitching staff is stronger and the outfield will be much improved.

Jimmy Lawson, team captain and the leading hitter last season, will again be at shortstop. Herb Potente, a transfer from Connors Junior College where he led the team in batting with a .401 average is also a good fielder and a fine base runner. Don's Robinson, another fine outfielder will be at the same position. Eason Whitney, a versatile athlete from Tulsa College, can play well in the outfield and infield. So, we feel that we will be very competitive in the conference this year.

The Spring season schedule will be announced at a later date. The first game will be played at 1:00 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.