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"HEY, WE'RE ON!" shouts a physically-educated artist emerging from a clinch and pointing at the TV camera. This shot was stolen from a film clip taken at the opening of Allegheny's first College Bowl show filmed this week. This team replaced the original student team, now vacationing in Cuba after hijacking their plane.

Also shown are (l. to r.) a bookie becoming infatuated with a camera girl, a couple preparing for questions on the history of knitting, and (far right) the emcee doing a commercial on teddy bears.

College Bowl Team Prepared To Lecture on Beautiful Allegheny

Allegheny's College Bowl team is now making final preparations for its TV appearance this Sunday. The **Hemlock Cup** interviewed Ted Crumby, one of the team members to catch up on last minute details. He feels confident that the team is prepared for its television appearance. "That is," he added, "we are prepared to give the short speech and movie about the college during the show's 'half-time'."

Crumby gave details about this "half-time" presentation, which was worked out by Robert L. Murkey, Director of Public Information. Crumby said the movie will begin with an aerial shot of the campus, taken from the highest possible altitude. Then there will be a front shot of Bentley Hall, followed by a shot of Bentley Hall from the side, then Bentley Hall from a corner angle, a shot of Bentley Hall from the other corner, Bentley Hall from the ravine, Bentley Hall through the trees, and Bentley Hall from the bridge.

The film will close with several quick shots of the other buildings. The speech at this point reads, for instance, "Hidden behind the trees is beautiful Wilcox Hall."

Crumby then read the beginning of the speech which will be given

while the film is being shown — "Allegheny College is the first college floundered west of the Appalachian Mountains."

"If its many faults are overlooked, the college campus is one of the most beautiful in America. Century-old trees, rhododendron-filled ravines, formal gardens, and hundreds of flowering shrubs add to the beauty of the buildings, by covering them up. The campus crowns the hillside, unfortunately overlooking Meadville, and is glorified by the burning rays of the sun daily, when it shines.

"Allegheny is a small liberal farce college known for its high and lofty moral standards, its high and exacting academic standards, and its high and rising tuition . . ."

Obviously, this presentation will do much to further Allegheny's national reputation and resolve the college's "image" complex.

Dr. Richard Madness has been coaching the team for competition. "I've honed the team to a peak of competitive sharpness," he commented in a rather unfortunate poetic metaphor. He feels that the team has gained valuable experience from its matches with campus challengers, for, he said "it is learning how to lose gracefully."

College Cleans Up After Phony April Fool Registration

"April Fool, April Fool," Pelly giggled as he ran up the steps of Bentley Hall, clicking his heels at every other one, after registration day was over on Monday.

Several students just leaving after spending their last cents on term fees, turned around and chased him down the hall to find out what he meant.

"Get the hell out of here!" he said with a loud laugh as he ran into his colonial white office, slamming the door of his office and slicing off one coed's finger.

They could hear nothing but uncontrolled laughter from the room

as other voices joined in.

"How'd we do, Allen?" someone shouted above the clinking glasses.

"We cleared \$800,000," a man reported in a fuzzy drawl.

"Damn good, damn good," a woman croaked, "but I'd better get a cut if you want me to register them all again."

Puzzled, the students were going back down the hall to leave for the infirmary when a notice caught their eye:

"Memo From the Registrar: Heh, heh. That was a pretty good job you students did registering on April 1. Now you can do it for real tomorrow."

Simplified Letter for Hung-over Students

HOW TO WRITE A LETTER HOME: A helpful do-it-yourself letter to alleviate the burden of taking time from studies to write a letter home.

Dear _____,

1. I am:
 - ☐ fine
 - ☐ so-so
 - ☐ in pretty bad shape
2. Financially, however, I am:
 - ☐ broke
 - ☐ broke again
 - ☐ still broke
3. My love life:
 - ☐ is progressing nicely
 - ☐ is stagnating
 - ☐ has landed me in jail
4. Most of my extracurricular activities are:
 - ☐ expensive
 - ☐ relaxing
 - ☐ illegal
5. When I come home, you will be surprised to note that:
 - ☐ I smoke a pipe now
 - ☐ I cut my hair short
 - ☐ I can go to the bathroom by myself now
6. Last week I became:
 - ☐ a member of I FELTA THI
 - ☐ an athletic hero
 - ☐ a father
7. Today, for the first time since I got here
 - ☐ I attended a class
 - ☐ I am passing all my subjects
 - ☐ I am cold sober
8. I got a letter from Betty, the girl next door, and please tell her I said:
 - ☐ thanks for the cookies
 - ☐ she's invited up to our prom
 - ☐ wait another month
9. I am happy to report that last week I finally succeeded in making:
 - ☐ the grade of D in Math 61
 - ☐ the ping pong team
 - ☐ the girl who sits next to me in Sociology
10. I am something of a campus hero since I:
 - ☐ scored ten touchdowns
 - ☐ won a waltz contest
 - ☐ started making booze out of hair tonic in chem lab
11. I have purchased at a bargain price:
 - ☐ one gallon of bathtub gin
 - ☐ pass key to the girls' dorm
 - ☐ an original copy of *Lady Chatterley's Lover*
12. Last week my three roommates got together and:
 - ☐ made me take a bath
 - ☐ threw me out
 - ☐ helped me with my homework
13. I have just received grades and:
 - ☐ now have a scholarship
 - ☐ have switched major to sanitation engineering
 - ☐ am now contemplating shooting myself
14. Well, goodbye for now, I send all my:
 - ☐ love
 - ☐ dirty laundry
 - ☐ bar billsYour loving son,

WARC-TV To Be Reality After Agonizing Effort

With the words, "Live, from Allegheny College, WARC-TV is on the air" a new dimension in student communications will open soon before the eyes of thousands of collegians and Meadvillians.

The story of this student venture was dug up by a diligent **Hemlock** reporter, who became inquisitive after discovering several television cameras and several thousand dollars worth of equipment hidden behind the door of the upstairs women's john in the CU and in the studios of WARK, the radio "front" for the organization.

"WARK, your ship to radio happiness, will soon be sailing to you over the TV waves, too," gloated WARK director Black N. Blue in a statement exclusively given us after learning of our find.

It was revealed that a group of 2,000 students known as the "Allegheny Television Underground" has been secretly working for six and a half years to bring their dreams to fruition.

During this time the committee has been receiving video tapes from Moscow, and when televising begins hopes to become affiliated with the Moscow line. "This will truly make Allegheny a national leader

with an image," Blue declared.

Where financial backing for the effort has been coming from is as yet indefinite. It was understood, however, that committee members have infiltrated the cashier's windows at registration, and that ASG is soon to make an appropriation of around \$45,000. The treasurer could not be reached for comment.

Several members of the administration have, however, expressed their enthusiasm for the project. "It is a fine idea," the offices of the president, treasurer, deans of students, housecleaning, and physical education said in a joint statement to the press.

"For many years there has been a need for a student-operated television station and we are glad that students are at last coming around to our way of thinking. We would be glad to support the station to the tune of, say, \$200,000."

Blue could not be reached for comment on this statement, since he was reportedly in Cuba seeking more support.

Although televising is to start shortly, the FCC has not yet been notified. "They'll go along, all right," a WARC-TV spokesman said in a burst of confidence.



You put WHAT in the coffee, Miss Townsend?"

Sex Declared 'Fraud' By Effete Authority

Sirs:

A somewhat loose relation of mine, one Professor P. Gloss, has upon occasion contributed letters to a rival publication at your institution: This "other" paper — it shall here remain nameless — is now late, but, by not a few, unlamented. (This information I have on the good authority of a stalwart captain of a fine packet ship who does a brisk undercover trade on French Creek running Unitarian-Universalist tracts from Meadville to Shaw's Landing).

The early demise of your rival only goes to show what will happen when you become too Glossy. Albeit, the sage Professor Gloss is presently out of the country. He is undertaking a sea-voyage in the belly of a great whale to verify the Jonah legend for **The Readers' Digest**.

However, before his ingestion, the kindly Gloss delivered into my hands a letter which he had recently clipped from your paper. In the letter one of your fellows complains bitterly concerning the deplorable state of Sex on Allegheny's campus. This "student," a Mr. Odi Mundum, charges the college's administration with a lack of virile and creative leadership in the development and maintenance of a sound hetero-

sexual coeducational program.

Doubtless, your readers well remember the young man's heated attack, and I need not repeat his arguments for them. It is my intention here solely to put Mr. Mundum straight on a few simple philosophical matters.

I think the time is long overdue when the youth of America should learn the REAL facts of life, to wit: Sex is a fraud! In short, the term "sex" is utterly meaningless. To be more precise, this term has no descriptive meaning whatsoever, only emotive meaning. The term "sex" says no more (has no more meaning) than the words "gosh," "gee," "jumping Mount Etna!" To utter the word "sex" is therefore simply to grunt or groan or swear.

Consider: Everything which exists is either a substance or something which is attributable to a substance (e.g., a property or a relation). Now, just exactly what is a property? Properties are such beings as colors, shapes, sounds, etc. They are being which we always conceive of as being to other things and never existing in their own right. A color is always a color of some object; a shape is always the shape of some object; and so on. So, we want to know, is sex a property in this sense? Certainly, (Continued on Page 2)

Real Sex

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we often speak as if it were. We say, example, "she (or he) has REAL sex". But in such cases, if challenged as to what we mean by this, we can only answer by specifying certain properties which characterize the person spoken of. We say, "she has curves," "he is hot," and so forth. In other words, when a definition of "sex" is demanded, all we can do is to point to certain other qualities — of which none is the quality itself that we are attempting to define. Also, the properties or qualities we usually specify in such definitions may be referred indifferently either to persons or non-persons. The properties of "having curves" and "being hot" may, for example, refer to an electric iron.

If the term "sex" does not signify a property, well, does it signify a relation? Relations are properties which refer to two or more objects taken together. The statement, "Boston is north of New York," asserts a relative fact concerning Boston with respect to New York. It would seem obvious that the term "sex" does not name a relational fact for the following reasons: (a) Relations may be said to be transitive or intransitive, symmetrical or assymetrical, etc. The relation "north of" is a transitive relation. Thus, if Boston is north of New York and New York is north of Philadelphia, then Boston is north of Philadelphia. I hardly think we could speak of sex as being either transitive or assymetrical. (b) Relations are also said to be either "external" or "internal." The relation "between" is external, while the relation "father of" is internal. External relations may be altered without affecting the objects so related. This is not the case with internal relations. Now, it would be silly to speak of sex as being either internal or external in this sense. Indeed, it seems to be external for the young and internal

for the aged. (c) We frequently use the term "sex" in contexts where only one object is mentioned, for example, "that is a sexy horse" or "that dress has sex." A relational term can never be used in this fashion. Therefore, for the above reasons, sex cannot be a relation.

Finally, then, is sex a substance? Here again, the answer is clearly negative. A little thought will readily convince the reader that all statements about substances may be translated without residue into statements about properties and relations. If whatever is a substance is merely a "collection" of properties and relations, and nothing more, and, if sex is neither a property nor a relation, then sex does not exist. Furthermore, it will be seen that all statements about properties and relations may be translated again without residue into statements about some actual or possible sense experience of mine — something I see, hear, taste, smell or touch. Therefore, all properties and relations are merely differing kinds of sensations which I experience. Finally, I can experience only my own sensations and not those of another, therefore all that exists is only my own personal sensations which do not include sex. Therefore, sex does not exist.

The truth shall make you free! The truth is that there is no sex. Knowing this truth, I am now free to enjoy the only possible kind of meaningful intercourse, namely, the private intercourse of the self-possessed mind. I hope that these little thoughts will serve to lay the doubts of Allegheny's robust youngsters in the hard times which await them in the fecund womb of Time To Be.

Yours,
Sextus Empiricus

WMJCGBBAC Merger
Argued at Joint Meeting

A proposed merger of W.A.A., A.W.S. and A.S.G. was discussed during a lengthy joint-meeting, when the feasibility and necessary ramifications of such a merger were considered. ASG president E. I. Wonder expressed disapproval of the AWS suggestion that the WMJCGBBAC (Women's and Men's Joint College Governing Body of Allegheny College) contain 15 presidencies and 34 vice-presidencies.

Norm Blue suggested that 14 of the presidencies and all of the vice-presidencies be considered "Directors." This, he contended, would lend "greater prestige to the inferior offices while maintaining the necessary bureaucracy."

Betsy Beaut, 3rd A.W.S. president in charge of Long Range Planning, commented that since we were all students and therefore equals, there didn't seem to be any need for officers in the proposed organization, provided, of course, everyone "does their job."

"But people just don't do their jobs," said E. S. Hard, citing the example of his summer camp experience and the difficulties of enforcing latrine duties.

ASG vice-president of religions and dogmas voiced objection to Hard's reference, adding that it did an injustice to our beautiful and unique institution and was a severe "breach of good taste."

Discussion continued, with a student in the rear of the room suggesting that the Dean of Students Office was also worthy of inclusion. ASG president Wonder opposed the inclusion as a possible obstruction to the efficient operation of the organization.

Mottos for the WMJCGBBAC were discussed. Phil Flower, Alden Hall ASG representative suggested "Ever Onward," while WAA 8th

vice-president in charge of physical fitness, Bunny Pure felt that "West of the Alleghenies Forever" was more fitting.

Everett Wright, ASG vice-president in charge of religions and dogmas objected saying that the proposed mottos were too worldly. In lieu of these he offered "Till Bentley Falls" as the WMJCGBBAC motto.

A heated discussion ensued, and it appeared that a mutually acceptable motto would never be found, when a freshman, Timothy Buchanan, took the floor. He proposed that all three mottos be used and that they be written in three different languages. "Ever Onward" and "West of the Alleghenies Forever" might be written in Greek and Latin respectively while "Till Bentley Falls" could appear in Hebrew. "Whether they can be translated exactly," he added, "matters little as few would ever be able to understand them." Also, the mere presence of three such languages would have a "tremendously impressive effect."

The three organizations voiced unanimous approval of Buchanan's proposal and agreed to table further discussion of their merger to a later date.

In other business before the meeting, Rick Mona, ASG vice-president in charge of traffic, indicated con-

Drukker Jingle
Most Effective

H. Drukker, renowned for his appearance in toothpaste ads, recently extended his horizons to the political field, partly with the aid of a jingle just revealed by an associate and said to be highly effective:



"When her lips begin to pucker,
"Whisper sweetly,
'Vote for Drukker'."

cern at the number of students who continue to drive on North Main St., "when Prospect St., Allegheny St., Brooks Drive, Park Ave. and North Main St. were closed to traffic, it was done at President Kennedy's suggestion with the students' health in mind."

"It is lamentable," said Mona, "that all students are not availing themselves of this opportunity to walk."

The meeting was adjourned at 3 a.m. with the usual pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

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