Dr. Merrill Resigns Chairmanship of Literature-Language Dept.

Dr. Walter M. Merrill resigned his post Tuesday as chairman of the Department of Literature and Language after serving his post two years. In his letter of resignation, Dr. Merrill cited his inability to "bring a satisfactory measure of unified strength to the Department of Literature and Language" and his "obligations to Drexel University to complete the major project of editing the letters of William Lloyd Garrison." A search and selection committee has been formed to seek a replacement for Dr. Merrill, but this appointment is not expected to take place until September 1.

On another topic, Mr. Miller commented that he has been very favorably impressed with the amount of student input generated to the freshman advising. Particularly with regard to his efforts on the controversial ROOm writing course last Fall term. Although projects has great respect for the advisors, he would prefer more input to come from the student department head than is presently forthcoming. His reasoning - the student department head generally reports exactly what the students are saying, but the advisors sometimes report on what they interpret the students to be saying.

News Analysis

Thoughts and Reflections on the Resignation of Walter Merrill

Whoopee!!

by Paul Autenrieth

Upon first hearing that our old nemesis Dr. Merrill had resigned, I was tempted to leap for joy, or at least have a few beers at the Jailhouse in celebration. But then I got to thinking: what good does it really do? Revenge is sweet, but it doesn't solve anything. Will it tear down the barbed wire of distrust and distrust that were erected within the past year or so between the students and the administration? Will it bring Marty back to Drexel? Or Joel? How about Frank? Or Bruce? Would you believe Larry?

Too many things have happened for us to expect everyone concerned (on both sides) to forgive and forget, but we all must try if we are to earn the title of "University." The Battle Hymn of Lt. Merrill

Rumors have been flying that Dr. Merrill was pressured by the higher-ups (L, Vice President for Academic Affairs Ralph Crouch) to resign. If they are just that --- rumors --- then Dr. Merrill is to be commended for following his conscience, and the reasons he outlined in his letter of resignation to Dr. Hagerty are to be respected. If the rumors are true, however, we have quite a different situation, one that disgustingly parallels the My Lai trials. Perhaps a bit of background information in order here. During the student sit-in last year, the students viewed four men (President Hagerty, Vice President Crouch, Dean Hallwachs, and Chairman Merrill) as being primarily responsible for the firing of Kellman. The official Dr. Merrill’s office door made him a favorite target for abuse, and he consequently became identified as "the man who fired Marty." Now (if the rumors are true), Dr. Merrill has himself fallen victim to the infamous Drexel shaft, the implication being "the students said he was all to do but we got rid of him, since we always listen to student input." Poetic justice in a way, but it’s just not right. Dr. Merrill should by no means be exonerated of his actions on the defense that he was not the only one responsible, but neither should he be crucified for taking the pressure off others. I saw too much scapegoatism in the Calley trial. It made me sick then, and it makes me sick now.

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Co-op Talk

"This is a very critical quar­ter," said Stewart E. Collins, director of the Cooperative Education Department. Of the 1298 students on co-op, some 1000 are employed, 200 are less certain, and 180 are co-op talk for employed. This quarter's enrollment is down about 10%. Many students are still being interviewed, 47 to be exact. Only 25 students are not employed and not being currently inter­viewed. Collins said that "some kids are just not interested in work­ing. Looking to the fall Collins said he was looking for "turkey improvements." He also pointed out that the current quarter had the highest number ever of students leaving to enter the armed forces.
A peace letter from trade unionists

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The following is our best attempt to clearly and understandibly present a story that deals with the calling of persons that prosecute, and feel the proceedings and atmosphere of the Drexel Grand Jury in the prosecution of our individuals - Terry McHugh and Terry Will.

We'll begin with a grand jury. An investigating Grand Jury is called to listen to evidence presented by the prosecution to determine if it is sufficient to bring the defendant to trial. It does not, however, determine guilt or innocence. One method available to this kind of Grand Jury for examining and weighing the charging of persons that prosecute believes to be knowledgeable of the crime. Because this constitutes a guarantee that a person cannot be forced to incriminate himself, an investigating Grand Jury has the power to grant a person immunity from prosecution. Refusal to yield the desired information after immunity has been granted legally constitutes contempt of court. Specifically now, in the Berrien Case, an investigating Grand Jury has been called and is making use of its ability to summon witnesses and grant immunity in an attempt to uncover the dual kidnap conspiracy and bombing plot.

Where do our individuals fall in this scheme? Terry McHugh, a Temple University student, is a sympathizer with the expressed ideals of those involved in the Berrien Case. She has said "yes" to the lives of these people and their beliefs; "yes" to their love of man and value of life; the burning desire to eradicate war and violence.

Terry has been called to give witness before the Grand Jury - First Amendment - the right to hold and speak such ideals - and the Fifth Amendment, constitutional right to have such ideals protected.

Because Terry has refused to testify and refused to accept immunity, she has been convicted of civil contempt of court, she will be sentenced to imprisonment for the duration of the Grand Jury, approximately 14 months. Realizing that should she testify, incrimination would fall on any individual or group she would be sworn to, Terry knows that they too would be unable to testify for the same reasons she cannot and would be jailed for their refusal. She cannot morally permit this to happen, and so she will lose her freedom for protecting her principles.

Let us look at what has happened. In effect, an individual is being denied the right to hold a belief. She is being denied the right to protect her ideals. These infringements are the work of the Grand Jury system. Through this abuse of the efforts of the Federal prosecution system, this is being made a tool to eliminate legitimate moderates on issues such as war and violence. The method in the calling of witnesses that cannot morally testify, thereby having these individuals jailed, purged from society without having committed a crime.

And now about our other individual - You do have the right to hold a specific belief? Do YOU have the right to defend your ideals? Should YOU be jailed for refusing to assist in the prosecution of your own point of view? CAN YOU ALLOW another to be imprisoned for this reason? There is only one absolute in this case - Terry McHugh WILL go to jail.

National anti-war conf.

The National Peace Action Coalition has called for a National Antiwar Conference, July 4-6, at 3309 Pearl Street, New York City. The conference will be similar in nature to the conference held in Chicago in December 4-6 which called for the massive marches on Washington and San Francisco on April 24.

The conference will begin Friday night, July 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Kennedy will include Vietnamese Veteran Bob Mueller; Deterrent theory; national coordinator of the Student Mobilization Committee; Senator Vance Hartke, District 65, Distributive Workers; Vietnam mother of the Anti War Workers; and Jim Lafferty, NPAC coordinator. On Saturday and Sunday there will be workshops and plenary sessions to discuss action proposals.

According to Jerry Gordon, National NPAC coordinator, "This conference is open to all who oppose the war. All who attend this conference will have voice and vote."

Issues will be leaving from Philadelphia Friday, July 2nd, at 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. from 30th Street Station. Round trip fare will be $5.50.

Registration for the conference will be $6 for adults, $3 for college students, and $2 for high school students. Housing will be available at nominal cost.

For further information, call the Student Mobilization Committee at W 5-4498 or write SMCC, 1115 Walnut St., Philadelphia, 19107.

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