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A Prof's Look At The American Game

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BOSTON, Mass. (CPS) — I remember back when I was a graduate student teaching Freshman Comp. It was a big state university and I was one of (I think) 80 comp. teachers. They paid me \$1,800 a year, and I played the Academic Game.

I don't mean I didn't care; I cared. I did my best to train students to write acceptable papers for college courses. What a goal!

And I pretended to be shocked when out of a batch of essays we found 13 per cent duplicates and eight per cent probable plagiarisms. Not to speak of the papers taken from fraternity files.

I say pretended because somewhere I knew it was all role-playing and that the students simply recognized this. Maybe it was the smarter ones who created, who say the game for what it was. But no — probably it was the type who were smart as pickpockets are smart. Otherwise dead.

Role-playing. Waste motion, all of it, except a few private talks that mattered and a few class hours when within the squeeze of the syllabus, could generate excitement about something that mattered.

I hope I'm finished with role-playing. I'm not giving any more students practice in writing academic essays which are themselves as unreal as the freshman essays. Unreal because the upper-class academic essays are only more practice for graduate school essays which are again practice for publishing in PMLA or American Journal of Sociology. And if you look at these journals, you'll be up against ultimate unreality.

Instead of this I'm asking students to tell me something that matters to them, something that connects their lives with "The Orestes" or "The Bacchae," and if nothing matters to talk about that.

I won't play the role of being shocked at a comma fault or an inversion of subordination. I'm asking my students to commit themselves to what they're saying.

But much more in university life is unreal. Because who controls the system but people who have been selected for unreality? It's a filtering process which usually gets rid of people who are committed to living or gets rid of their commitment. I used to think that it was faculty and students against administrators. I was naive. Much of the faculty I've seen is twice as rigid, twice as tradition-ridden, as the administrators I've met.

The faculty is hung up in its disciplines, responsive not to students but to national disciplinary societies, like the American Chemical Society, which dictates that chem majors take 55 hours in math and science.

And are students much less rigid? Give them free choice on essay topics and you'll get half of them writing the same plodding academic essays they've found to be safe. Let a discussion get going hot and half of them are uneasy that they're not taking notes for the exam. They suck in "knowledge" because they're told, they discuss masterpieces because they're masterpieces. Ours is not to say

it's bunk. Ours is but to pass or flunk.

So let's get rid of the Academic Game. Let's begin with exams, I spent 80 hours — two work weeks — on grading exams last year. Suppose I had 80 extra hours for talking to students?

Maybe we'd feel we were meeting because it intrinsically mattered. Maybe teachers would have to give students something they could use — or believe in — or love.

What are exams for anyway? To keep up standards? You mean I'm spending two weeks a year to keep up a university's standards? Anyway, I think I'm achieving quite opposite results. Exams create a course content which can be examined easily — often trivializing the work. Do exams "make students learn?" I've heard that. What an incredible ideal I don't want to make anyone learn anything in college — except maybe a white rat. Exams create students who stop caring; they set up the rules of the academic Game.

What exams are really for, I suppose, is selection: who gets into graduate school, who gets into the corporation. Do I have to serve as a testing service for Harvard and Westinghouse? Why not let graduate schools judge on the basis of the GRE and written work and personal interviews?

Or maybe there's another, deeper reason for exams: maybe the faculty and administration is afraid that what goes on here is just a game — that without the whip of examinations, the classrooms would be empty.

Look at the world of the Fathers — filled with injustice and suffering and spiritual deadness which stays safe and ignores the suffering. There are double locks on the door in Brookline; there are locks on the sympathetic imagination; on my sympathetic imagination, too. Men respond to horror as to sexuality: they turn it off — and they go through the motions of living.

And doesn't this creep into the University under the guise of scholarly objectivity? What

about calling it non-commitment and withdrawal? I have a faculty friend who started a near-riot by attacking a group of self-styled patriots who were threatening some peace picketers. He tells me girls who had sat handsfolded all semester were quickened into life; they cared; they brought in evidence that he was wrong. They blasted him and he blasted back.

Out of this living confrontation came more than an analysis of subcultural characteristics — though that too; what came was a commitment to living thought.

An idea is what a human being sings. Ideas are not abstractions but experiences; they must be carried alive into the heart; they should be richly loaded with values; they should lead to action — either social or personal.

Freshmen need to study alienation in America or to study problems of identity in their own cities. If sociological tools are needed, if economic concepts are needed, introduce them. But don't make a student go through years of digested, analytical, disciplinary structure before he finds out why. We need courses which involve the students' life at home, in the dormitory, at work. We live in the laboratory.

The world is one. I'm not making a false dichotomy between the real world and the University. Experience is one. It's the

Student Notice Absentee News

At the college level, it is not necessary for you or your parents to call the college or the health office when you are going to be absent for a day or two. Please do not do so. There is no system of "excused" or "unexcused" absences here. When your absence causes you to miss a quiz or test or final examination, you and the professor will decide what should be done. An absence is an absence at the college level, and the consequences will be determined between the student and the professor.

If your illness is going to cause more than one week of absence then, and only then, you should call the health office. In summary, single sporadic absences should not be reported to anyone except the professors.

If you have a long illness, more than a week, rest, and get well, call the health office and then see your professors. It may be advisable to drop a course. In some cases, when all courses are hopelessly lost, a withdrawal from the college may be advisable. If so, see a counselor for help with withdrawal procedure. In summary, see your professor first, then a counselor if necessary.

Parents and students frequently request us to notify each professor when there is a long absence. They have, in the past, expected us to get the assignment and send them to the student. This, we do not do. Rest. Get well. See your professors. Then, see a counselor if necessary.

Your professors have been notified, too, that they should not call the health office regarding your single (sporadic) absences.

Grace M. Scully
Coordinator, Student Personnel Services

S.S. Dept. Views New Jersey Image

The Society for the Social Sciences at Paterson State College is sponsoring an all-day conference in co-operation with the Jerseymen of the New Jersey Historical Society on Saturday, Jan. 7th.

The conference theme is "New Jersey Images in American History" and "Images in Action." It will include history from the colonial period to the present. Guest speakers include: Vincent Warshaw, Barry Confort of the New York Port of Authority, Mr. Raymond Miller, and Dr. Charlotte Brown, Professor of FSC Social Science Department, Dr. Carl Prince, Dr. Robert Beckwith, and Alfred Cappo, president of the Passaic County Historical Society. In connection with the speakers there will be workshops and student presentations.

The conference will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. A registration fee of \$1.25 will include the conference, a coffee hour and a hot lunch.

There will be a meeting for sophomores interested in the Coronation Ball, January 12th in H-110. Chairmen must attend.

Applications for Coronation Ball Queen will be available in the Library, Wayne Hall, and the Snack Bar beginning Tuesday, January 10. Any sophomore or junior girl is eligible for nomination if she has been on campus for two full semesters.

Although it is not compulsory, the Sophomore planning committee suggests that a organization on campus sponsor each candidate. The applications must be returned to the Science Department.

Romance Language Club Meeting Thursday, January 12 in Language lab room 323. All welcome. Bring ideas for activities.

University which makes the dichotomy. There is only one revolution on the campus: the students'. It's a three stage process, and so far there hasn't been much progress beyond the first two: Open revolt, and a return to the university with the values learned in the course of revolt.

The Varsity Teams

of

Paterson State College

Announce Their

First Annual Dance

Friday, Jan. 13

8:00 p. m.

In Wayne Hall

Refresh. Live Band Admission \$1.00

Indians "Tomahawk" Pioneers

Fencers, Soccermen Spotlight In 1966

What kind of year was 1966 to Paterson State College athletic teams? Recordwise the year was partly successful and partly disastrous. There were many team and individual efforts which should not go unnoticed.

The 1965-1966 basketball team was coached by two new coaches, Ken Meyer and Terry Baker. Both men had their headaches as they were making their PSC debut with teams that could not break the losing habit. Coach Baker's JV team went 2-19 as the squad was simply outplayed. The Varsity team was little better at 3-19. But there was Steve Clancy, "Big Steve," already a basketball legend at Paterson State, scored over 1820 points in his four-year stint at PSC. Tony Hanu, Hank Saxon, Tom DeStefano, Stan Yarosz, John Richardson, and Bill Deubert were some of the other key players.

The men's fencing team compiled a 15-0 dual meet record and went on to win the Newark College of Engineering Tournament and successfully defended its North Atlantic Championship title. This was the first year any team had won both tournaments in a single season. Perhaps the biggest thrill for the fencers, aside from the undefeated record, was the upset victory over the Cadets of West Point. Imagine, little Paterson State knocking off the Army at the West Point fieldhouse! Key fencers: Jim Lawther, Jack Zellner, Chet Pilgrim; in sabre: Lon Lawson, Tom Szabo, and John Cilio; in epee: Scott Dyller, Ed Harrison, Tom Di Cerbo, and Bob Moore.

The Women's Fencing Team picked up where the men left off. Losing to New York University earlier in the season, our girls came back to upset NYU and win the Women's Intercollegiate Fencing Tournament. Ann Stokes, Carol Mitchelldorf, Pat Flynn, Diane Kimble and Cherie Herbert led the way.

The 1966 Pioneer baseball team went 0-7-2 in the first half of its season due to weak hitting and sloppy fielding. Over the last half of the season the Black and Orange compiled a 5-3 log. The pitching, handled by Web Gould, Bill Joosten, and Steve Clancy, was excellent but was wasted by the Pioneers. Tom DeStefano, Charlie Ramsthaler, Tom Cash, Tom Vitolo, and Jim Bielen also had good performances. Watch for a breakout in 1967!

The 1966 Cross Country Team probably used more Ace bandage and popped more Contac capsules than any other team on record. Sophomore Al Paganelli, having perhaps run his last race for Paterson State, started out strong by winning 4 out of 5 meets before a virus knocked him back on his pins, never again running up to his potential. Bob McCann, tendon injury; Bob Moore, knee ailment; Gary Atta, broken bone in foot; and Jack Gardner, kidney infection were also among the walking wounded. Only captain Ron Schopperth escaped injury (knock on wood). Next year the Pioneers will have back Schopperth, Moore, McCann, Atta, Gardner, Bill Mastro and Dan DeNaci. Add to this a sprinkling of incoming frosh and the roadrunners will be heard from!

Ken Medaska scored 15 goals for the 1966 Soccer Team and fell only one goal short of Carmen DeSopo's all-time record of goals scored in a four year span. Ken made the first team, All-Conference, with Henry Saxon, a flashy ball controller. This was Hank's second selection in as many years to this elite all-star team. Other outstanding soccermen included Steve Kasnyanko, Norm Binder, Tony Benevento, Stosh Bavaro, Bill Deubert, Joe Pasquariello, and Tom DeStefano. Medaska and Benevento will captain the 1967 squad which is predicted to be the best soccer team in PSC sports history.

Well, 1966 was a mixture of success and heartbreak, 1967 is now with us. What kind of year will this one be? We can only wait and see.

Sportlight

The fact that the Paterson State Fencing team has been champions for the past two years is due in no small measure to the efforts of Jack Zellner. In his last two years, he has consistently been racking up many victories for the Pioneers.

Jack took up fencing at Ramapo Regional High School where he started out as a foilman. In his junior year, the coach switched him to sabre. This move proved to be an excellent one as Jack won the N.J. Individual Sabre Championship. His team won both the State and Metropolitan Championships and went undefeated for four years.

When Jack came to Paterson State, he went back to foil. In this freshman year he had the best record on the foil squad, 29-9. As a sophomore, he compiled a dual meet record of 33-11 and went on to take the second place medal in the North Atlantic and fourth place medal in the NCE tournament.

This year Jack's value to the team has increased because of the loss of last year's fencers. However, with Jack, Tim Szabo, Jim Lawther and Tom Di Cerbo leading the way, Paterson State can't have anything except another great season.

KIWANIS CONSOLATION	
PSC 101, BLOOMFIELD 88	
Bloomfield	
Porsavage	16 8 40
Kemmerer	4 2 10
Gutmann	2 0 4
Carpenter	3 0 6
Powers	4 3 11
Rake	2 4 8
Friedman	2 4 8
	37 18 86
Paterson	
Richardson	12 5 29
Kirkland	0 4 4
Dilly	5 1 11
Philport	3 1 7
Puzzo	7 4 18
DeStefano	6 4 16
Horbatuck	1 4 6
Campe	2 5 9
Desmet	0 1 1
	36 29 101

KIWANIS CLASSIC	
Montclair 89, PSC 66	
Montclair	
Bowen	2 0 4
Lester	3 0 6
Appar	4 5 13
Lametta	1 2 4
Oakes	4 0 8
Neigel	1 0 2
Conroy	8 4 20
Biroc	3 2 8
Gleason	7 1 15
Heldemann	4 0 8
Markowitz	0 1 1
	37 15 69
Paterson	
Puzzo	2 4 8
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	24 18 66

Horbatuck Shines In Tourney Defeat

Hank Horbatuck shot, Hank Horbatuck rebounded, Hank Horbatuck passed off, but Hank Horbatuck could not do the job all alone as Montclair State throttled Paterson State 89-66 in the first round of the Kiwanis Basketball Classic held at Montclair State on December 27. Needless to say the 6-2 Horbatuck was nothing less than sensational as he came off the bench to pour in 21 points, mostly 15-foot jumpers. The Indian zone collapsed on high scoring John Richardson to hold the Fort Lee Flash to 11 points. Several times Richardson was the point man on the fast break, but he could not see through the forest of arms to hit Horbatuck who was all alone under the basket.

Montclair repeatedly used its superior height advantage to get away four and five shots at the basket while the Black and Orange had to settle for the one good shot, and even that was seldom inside the free-throw circle.

Dave Conroy, a 6-8 sophomore, and Bob Lester, a junior college transfer student, collected 34 rebounds between them. Still the Pioneers held a slim 14-13 lead early in the first half when the Indians cut loose for a 34-20 advantage. Back stormed the gritty Orangemen to trail by 33-34. It was at the 18-min-

ute mark that Jack Appar, Indian captain, came off the bench to lead his mates to a 46-38 bulge at halftime.

Paterson wilted under the Montclair firepower in the second half and were down 64-46 with 10 minutes left in the game. The Big Orange were never to mount a counter-rally.

It was evident to all present that the Pioneer lack of height plus the failure of Paterson to get the ball inside the Indians' 1-2-2 zone caused the one-sided contest. A few "questionable" calls by the referee at key points early in the contest also seemed to rattle the Pioneers.

Bloomfield Falls
John Richardson found the range again and led Paterson State to a 101-86 victory over Bloomfield College in a consolation game at the Kiwanis Basketball Classic on December 27. John scored 29 points and got plenty of help from Torrie Puzzo (18) and Captain Tom DeStefano (16). Sophomore Dave Campe had his best day on the Varsity with 9 points.

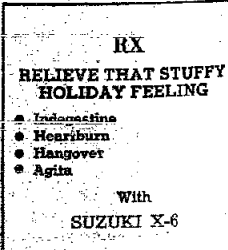
Down 46-34 at the half, the Pioneers forced a 48-48 tie early in the second half for the eleventh tie of the game. After that, Richardson sparked a 13-point spree as the Black and Orange went on to a 67-point second half. When Richardson has one of those high scoring days, the entire Pioneer squad usually does also.

The irony of Paterson's convincing victory over the Descons was that the latter were seeded fourth while the Pioneers were seeded eighth and last. The seeding committee would do well to remember this discrepancy in seeding for next year's tournament.

Bowlers Rebound

January 8th marks the start of the second half of the bowling season for our legklers. The team was off to a fine start as they compiled a 9 and 3 record. They finished the first half with a 17 and 16 record. For a period of three weeks the boys enjoyed 3rd place. Things started getting rough and they now find themselves in 7th place, 2 games behind Jersey City State. St. Peter's College is in first place with Rutgers New Brunswick in second. Seton Hall occupies third while Fairleigh Dickinson and Rutgers Newark are tied for fourth. The rest of the teams are as follows: Newark College of Engineering, Paterson State, Stevens Institute, Upsala, and Bloomfield College. Two of the Paterson State boys are in the top 15 in average. Arnie Schwartz is boasting a fine 188.4 average and Gary Atta 181.16. Bob Demeter is sporting a fine 174.16, Fred Glock a 166.09. Lou Corsaro a 159.4, and Pat Fleming 160.1. Among the PSC squad Arnie Schwartz has the high series, 616, high single game, 245, and high average 183.4. Gary Atta leads the squad with most wins; 6. As the team begins its howling these above scores are bound to fall and be replaced by bigger and better ones. The boys are 9 games behind 4th first place leaders but with 48 games still to be played it may get a whole lot closer.

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Kiwanis Classic

4 Bloomfield	NCE		
5 NCE	91-61		
1 Montclair	Montclair	Montclair	
8 Paterson	59-66	69-94	
2 Madison FDU	FDU		Montclair
7 Pace	83-63	FDU	70-57
3 Newark Rutgers	Rutgers	80-69	
6 Upsala	79-80		

Attention Seniors
Bids are now on sale for the Senior Ball which will be held at the Tammy Brook Country Club on June 6, 1967. A deposit of \$10 will be required at this time. The bids are now on sale to the Snack Bar and are also available in Dr. Annacino's office. Full price of the bids will be \$60. Bids will be on sale from January 22 to January 28th.