

Goodman Column Starts This Issue

This issue of the *Observer* marks the beginning of a new series of columns written by Paul Goodman, author and social critic. His columns will be carried on a fortnightly basis, and they will deal primarily with campus issues, although they may stray over into other areas.

Speaking of his column, Goodman has said that "I won't be libelous or obscene, but I might be annoying—to some people."

Goodman is perhaps best noted for his books on education (*Compulsory Mis-Education*, *Growing Up Absurd*, *The Community of Scholars*) where he attacks the "American way" of education and defends students who are upset with it.

John Kenneth Galbraith writing of *Growing Up Absurd* in the *New York Times Book Review* observed that "Paul Goodman, a man deeply dissatisfied with things as they are, deserved more attention than other less conscientious objectors . . . his book is a highly serious effort to understand the relation between society and the disaffected youngster."

Reviewing *The Community of Scholars*, *Commonweal* magazine had this to say: "Mr. Goodman's way of writing about higher education can be unreservedly recommended as the surest antidote to the platitudinous and tired stuff so often written about what's wrong with colleges. The 'simple' and 'modest' proposal *The Community of Scholars* makes to remedy conditions is radical . . . It's the kind of proposal, however, that will generate the right kind of thought and shake up the right kind of people."

Goodman, a native New Yorker, was born in 1911. After graduating from City College of New York, he received his Ph.D. in Humanities from the University of Chicago.

He has taught at the University of Chicago, New York University, Black Mountain College and Sarah Lawrence and has lectured widely at various colleges and universities throughout the country.

Besides his many books, Goodman has written for *Commentary*, *Politics*, *Kenyon Review*, *Resistance*, *New York Review of Books*, *Liberation* (of which he is editor) and other magazines.

Centrex Phone System Installed

An innovation this year at Augustana College is a new telephone system which permits direct in-dialing to all campus extensions.

Officials at Illinois Bell Telephone Co. report that Augustana is the first college of its size in Illinois and one of a very few in the nation to install Centrex. The only other Centrex system in the metropolitan Quad-Cities is at the Deere & Co. administrative center on John Deere Road.

The impetus for installing Centrex came in February, 1964, when the Augustana board of directors approved plans for erecting the new \$2 million men's residence complex. At that time the board decided to place telephones in every dormitory room, both in the old and new residence halls.

"We found it is more economical to change to Centrex than to keep on adding phones to our old manually operated switchboard. If we had continued to use our present system, we would have had to enlarge our switchboard and have three operators instead of one to accommodate the extra load from the dormitories."



"Kennedy Reconsidered" in First Forum

By INGRID GUSTAFSON

"Kennedy Reconsidered" was the topic for discussion at the first meeting of the history forum held Sunday in the College Union.

The panel consisted of Dr. I. Dowie and Dr. Ross Paulson of the History Department and seniors Carol DeLay and David Neubauer, both of whom participated in the Washington Semester program last year.

The discussion dealt with the "Kennedy legend," what created it and what remains when we separate the man from the legend.

As to the creation of the legend, Dr. Paulson opened discussion by comparing Kennedy to Lincoln. He pointed out that the Lincoln legend developed within six months after his assassination; the Kennedy legend was created during his own lifetime, resulting from both a conscious attempt and the Kennedy personality.

Carol suggested the press was an important factor in the creation of the legend. The fact that Kennedy enjoyed and was enjoyed by the press meant that he was perhaps not criticized when he should have been. "They liked him too well."

Dave, in discussing excerpts from the soon-to-be-published *1000 Days* by Arthur M. Schle-

singer, Jr., pointed out that although Kennedy was not a liberal, Schlesinger served as his liaison to the liberal community and gave the impression that he was.

JFK's "style" is another part of the legend. "Action," Dave commented, "was the key word." Although in terms of accomplishments the Kennedy administration has little to show, it was as Schlesinger stated "the things he started and stood for" that made Kennedy important.

But, Paulson pointed out, the man is gone. The man dazzled us with the Harvard style, but he is gone. What remains?

In trying to separate the man from the myth, we run into certain obstacles Dr. Dowie suggested. The first is the danger of "revisionist history" where we seek answers and interpretations just for the sake of innovation. The second is the fact that we are still too close to the event, and thirdly, L. B. J. interferes. He "puts Kennedy in a different perspective than Andrew Johnson put Lincoln," according to Dowie.

With Kennedy we must always use such words as "would," "perhaps" "maybe with time," suggested Dr. Dowie. "Kennedy wanted to turn tide, but even a

long life seldom allows a man to do this."

The forum then moved on to discuss Dr. Dowie's question: Did Kennedy really "turn the tide"? Suggesting the main events of Kennedy's administration, Dowie thought that perhaps they would be an indication of his impact on history.

Events cited: The Bay of Pigs, which as David and Carol pointed out were wrapped in rationalizations by the men who are the self-appointed spokesmen for the late president—Arthur Schlesinger and Ted Sorenson; the meeting with Khrushchev; the wall of Berlin, which Dr. Dowie said looked like a blunder at the time, but proved to be a victory for us and a de-

feat for the communists who were forced to put up a wall; the Cuban missile confrontation; and the Atomic detente or test ban treaty which, according to Dowie may be looked upon by generations to come as the turning point in history when man had control of absolute power and chose to use it with restraint.

Statements by the panel dealt with the future of the Kennedy legend and the impact Kennedy will actually have on the history in which he wanted to live.

Dave felt that Kennedy's magnetic personality would continue to stir our generation. Dr. Dowie added that it could only be through the generation now in college who felt Kennedy's impact directly that Kennedy would live in history.

30 Upperclass Coeds Pledge Six Sororities

Thirty Augustana coeds were pledged by six sororities Monday. Barbara Folen, Linda Jahnke and Joan Matuska are Delta Chi Theta pledges.

Gretchen Austermuehle, Carol Christell, Vicki Gowens, Joann Swanson and Katie Williamson pledged Chi Omega Gamma.

Betty Chapman, Janice Fredrickson, Nancy Fuhr, Leslie Herdegen, Jane Johnson, Gayle Moberg and Sandra White are the new Kappa Epsilon pledges.

Betty Behnken, Barbara Chandler, Carol Eshleman, Judy Goodwin and Carol Theivagt are Kappa Tau pledges.

Phi Rho fall pledges are Barbara Kay, Paula Sandburg and Christine Stopoulos.

Sigma Pi Delta pledges are Annetta Bray, Leslee Carlson, Jean Corson, Carolyn Hawkinson, Marcia Lutz, Lynne Olson and Sally Starkweather.

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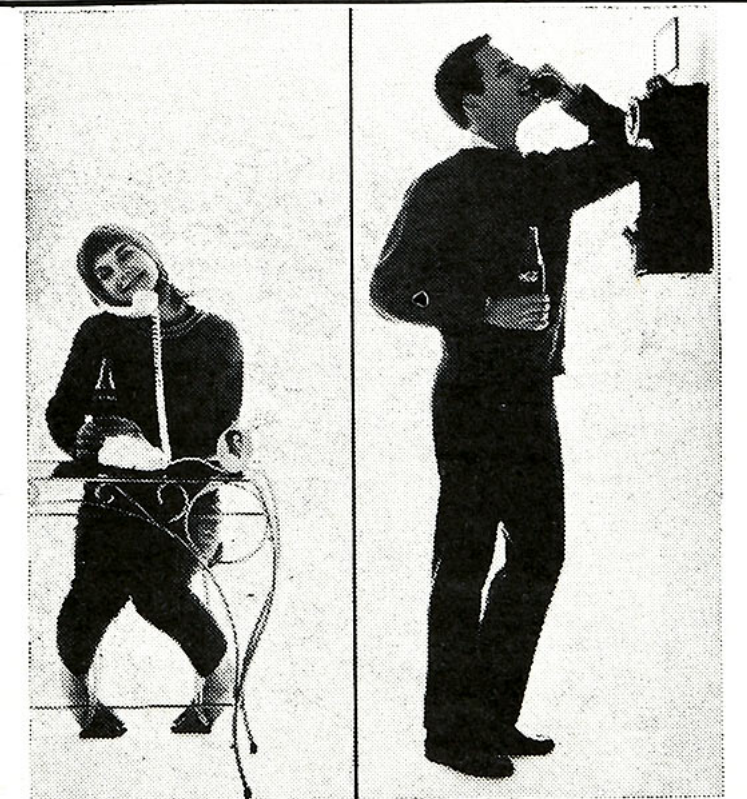
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