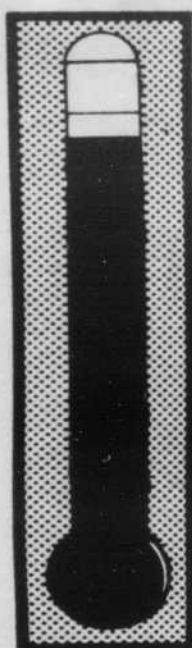


TELEFUND STATISTICS



On 11/21/83 16 Pi Beta Phi & 10 Phi Delta Theta volunteers received 160 pledges for a total of \$2,519.

First, second and third place for most pledges received are held by:

- 1st Kappa Sigma - 508
- 2nd ROTC - 371
- 3rd Chi Psi - 299

That brings the total for the telefund to \$84,699

Tonight Delta Delta Delta will attempt to set a new record for total pledges received.

letters

Questions

Here are some of the questions I wanted to ask Bernadette Devlin McAlisky when she spoke recently after hearing her hold successive British governments responsible for the troubles in Northern Ireland.

"As a supporter of the IRA, how do you justify the common IRA tactic of bombing Protestant bars, shops, etc., thereby killing and maiming the neighbors you say you have no quarrel with?"

"Does this not promote fear and hostility between the two communities and did it not give birth to the equally violent Protestant Ulster Volunteer Force?"

"How can this be seen as striking a blow against British Tyranny?"

While much of what McAlisky said is doubtless true, I believe that she left out a number of important elements crucial to an understanding of the tragic situation in N. Ireland.

Nobel Peace Prize winner Mairead Maguire's interview in the Register Guard Parade of Oct. 25 touches on some of these elements. I re-read it when I came home and her commitment to understanding, dialogue, the breaking down of barriers and the rejection of violence from all sides renewed my faith that the gun and the bomb need not prevail in Ulster or anywhere else.

Willie Johnston

Generous

Life is rarely easy nowadays, but I suspect it's always been a struggle for the little guy. You come to expect less than a fair share in

return for your efforts, whether it be school, work, whatever. Unconsciously cautious, we often miss the beauty and music of nature.

Much of that beauty is human, and last Wednesday, even the most unaware among us surely observed the generosity of two organizations. Through the cheese and butter giveaway, a large measure of faith in bureaucracies has been restored. Oh, it's a little thing, but it's the best of things, this gift of giving.

Can't we give in return? Surely a warmer spot can be arranged somewhere in the EMU. These folks deserve better than our unprotected site in the breezeway. Also, couldn't parking fees be suspended for the workers? Inconvenience is hardly suitable gratitude.

All of us (un)fortunate to be poor, thank everyone concerned for a heartwarming and belly-filling experience.

Michael Sheehan

Slight Col.

The article on the front page of the Nov. 21 Emerald slights Col. Tracy (from the panel on Central America) by glossing over what was really a key point of his address. What does he fear more than the presence of Marxists and Cuban advisors in Central America? Now that I have your attention — it's the growing gap between population and food.

This is a subject that North Americans seem pathologically unable to deal with. So what if Central Americans are hungry — hasn't this always been the case? No. While the population south of the border increases, domestic

food production has actually declined. Col. Tracy warns that by the year 2000 there will be millions more to feed in a region where children are even now dying of malnutrition. He stated at the Nov. 18 panel that "the sins of the past must be atoned for," and warned that the present moment is "our last chance" to defuse the starvation time bomb. To do this, "massive economic aid" will be required.

I beseech everyone (and especially the College Republicans) to shake off the habit of determined neglect with which this issue has been faced. Col. Tracy wants you to take seriously the first and most basic human right — the right to eat. Don't let him down.

Mark Davis
biology graduate

Commending

The ASUO Executive staff would like to commend John Farley and all of the Faculty Against Intervention in Central America for their efforts to educate the campus community about recent events in Grenada and Central America.

It is high time that faculty joined the effort to provide such education. At a university, of all places, we need to go beyond militaristic rhetoric and slogan-chanting toward a more cogent look at the facts.

We realize that the decision to speak about political issues and, further, to take public stands is often a difficult one for professors. But we feel it is wholly proper — indeed, in a democracy, necessary — for scholars to share their knowledge with society and to draw conclusions from that

knowledge. If the most educated members of our society are apathetic, or even merely silent, this only leaves a vacuum which will readily be filled by those with little or no knowledge.

In addition, professors' political involvement and activism may serve as an example and an impetus for students to educate themselves and become involved, and this we wholeheartedly applaud.

Responsible participation in a democracy requires an active interest and involvement in the political process and political issues. Down in Suite Four we're doing all we can to encourage that interest and involvement among the campus community. We're happy to see faculty doing the same.

Mary Hotchkiss
ASUO president
Sherri Schultz
executive assistant

Not his own

There was an article in this month's issue of *Off the Record*, the ASUO executive newsletter, with my name on the byline. While I agree wholeheartedly with the sentiments expressed in it, I did not write this article. It was written by members of OSPIRG's staff. I have an uneasy feeling about being responsible for word choice or syntax usage that is not my own. I don't want to give the impression I am hopping mad, but I think *Off the Record* should try not to let this happen to anyone else in the future. I just want to get that burr out from under my saddle.

Tedrick Housh
English

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