

Washington Report

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Last week Congress continued its summer recess. During the interval I had the pleasure of delivering a commencement address to the Beaufort County Technical Institute. In preparation for the speech, I was astounded at the phenomenal growth of the community colleges and technical institutes in the state of North Carolina. From the creation of the first

technical institute in the late 50's I find that we have now 50 schools of this type. The ever increasing enrollment is most impressive; for the school year 1962-63, an enrollment of about 25,000. The last definite figure we have for the year 1967-68 was 189,000 students with a projected enrollment for 1968-69 of 225,000.

I chose for the subject of my address "Campus Unrest," for I think many of our North Carolina citizens are concerned about the events of recent months which disrupted the orderly processes of some of our institutions of higher learning. The speech attempted to convey the fact that campus unrest is not solely the product of the present young generation but has existed in the past. It has been written: "Our youth now love luxury. They have bad manners, contempt for authority, disrespect for older people. Children nowadays are tyrants. They contradict their parents, gobble their food and tyrannize their teachers." Certainly, this has a ring of modern times, yet this quote is attributed to Socrates, who lived from 469 to 399 B. C.

In the 14th Century a situation existed at Oxford University similar in many ways to the violence of this day. The students, with some degree of immunity, virtually and with the tacit approval of the university administration as well as the government, took over the university and community. But in 1354, an outraged English public, tired of the tolerance of the government and the universities, rebelled -- which resulted in the "town and gown" riots, so-called at that time. They restored order to the universities as well as to the community.

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Poison Ivy, Oak, and Sumac

An estimated seven out of every ten Americans are allergic to poison ivy, oak, and sumac and will develop the familiar itching skin, rash or blisters, if exposed.

According to NIH's Division of Biologics Standards, the villain is urushiol, a component of the sticky sap found in all three plants. Direct contact with the urushiol is necessary to develop an allergic reaction although direct contact with the plant is not.

The urushiol may be carried in the fur of household pets and thus the unsuspecting allergy victim is exposed indirectly. Garden tools, clothing and smoke from burning plants may also be carriers of urushiol. Dead leaves or roots may still contain traces of urushiol and thus be potentially dangerous.

Skin reactions from the urushiols vary with the sensitivity of the individual and the length of exposure. Urushiol victims often worry about scarring, which rarely occurs, and tend to overreact to the symptoms. Contrary to popular belief,

scratching the rash or blisters does not cause it to spread. If the reaction appears to be spreading, it is likely that the urushiol is still on the skin.

Scratching is dangerous, however, as it opens the skin to secondary infection which can cause scarring or worse. A drying lotion will help relieve the itching. If symptoms are severe, a physician should be consulted.

The best preventive is learning to identify the plants and avoiding contact. Though many people claim to be allergic to only one of the three plants, research at NIH indicates that this is probably not true. The urushiols which cause the problem are closely related in all three plants.

If avoidance of the plant is impossible, the exposed skin should be washed immediately with strong soap to remove the urushiol. Clothing or garden tools which have made contact with the urushiol should be washed thoroughly.

A pamphlet prepared by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) contains information on research in these plant allergies, along with pointers from the U.S. Department of Agriculture on how to recognize, avoid, and eliminate the plants.

The NIAID is the primary research arm of the NIH concerned with seeking knowledge leading to the prevention or cure of allergic disorders and infectious diseases. The DBS is responsible for research on the biologic products used in prevention, diagnosis or treatment of allergic and other disorders.

The so-called "Russian Student Movement" generally covers a half century period -- 1856, just after the Crimean War, to 1905. The Russian Student Movement of that day, similar to the violence of today, consisted of many non-students or ex-student leaders and produced many of the most vicious ex-student revolutionary criminals of all times. This movement, by its stupidity and violence, lost the confidence not only of the public, but of itself, to such an extent that when the opportunity to overthrow the czars under the Kerenski leadership came in 1917, the student movement had become impotent and was useless, and never even played a part in this important stage of Russian history.

There is a clear cleavage between the students who have an objective in life and attend the university to prepare themselves to be able to accomplish that objective, and those students who would use the universities as a base for political revolution and destructiveness.

Certainly, no one would deny the students the right to express themselves as it relates to improvements of the institution or constructive changes. But, if the institution is to survive, the projects must be conducted in an orderly manner without endangering the total objective of the entire program of higher education, and they must also be void of outside influences.

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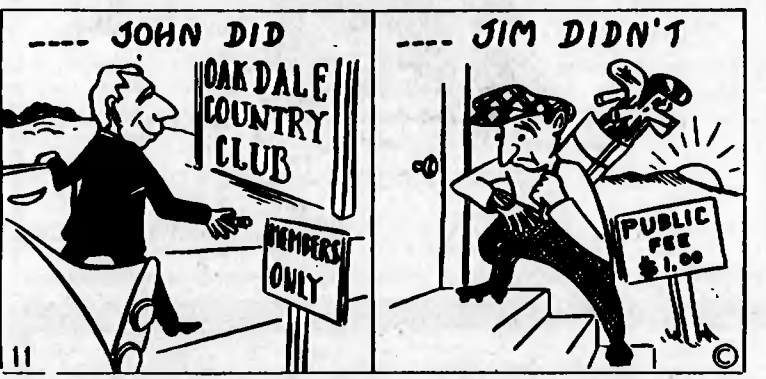
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