Record Nr. UNINA9910795421603321 Autore Ehrlich Matthew C. <1962-> Titolo Dangerous ideas on campus: sex, conspiracy, and academic freedom in the age of JFK / / Matthew C. Ehrlich Pubbl/distr/stampa Urbana:,: University of Illinois Press,, [2021] ©2021 **ISBN** 0-252-05315-X Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (viii, 216 pages) Disciplina 378.1213 Soggetti Academic freedom College students - Sexual behavior Freedom of speech Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Monografia Livello bibliografico Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Introduction: little explosions -- Tidal wave -- Sex ritualized --Seriously prejudicial -- Storm coming -- International vermin --Ungloriously wrong -- Conclusion : yeast and ferment.

Sommario/riassunto

"In 1960, University of Illinois professor Leo Koch wrote a public letter condoning premarital sex. He was fired. Four years later, a professor named Revilo Oliver made white supremacist remarks and claimed there was a massive communist conspiracy. He kept his job. Matthew Ehrlich revisits the Koch and Oliver cases to look at free speech, the legacy of the 1960s, and debates over sex and politics on campus. The different treatment of the two men marked a fundamental shift in the understanding of academic freedom. Their cases also embodied the stark divide over beliefs and values--a divide that remains today. Ehrlich delves into the issues behind these academic controversies and places the events in the context of a time rarely associated with dissent, but in fact a harbinger of the social and political upheavals to come. An enlightening and entertaining history, Dangerous Ideas on Campus illuminates how the university became a battleground for debating America's hot-button issues"--