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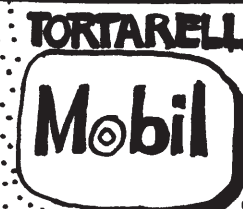
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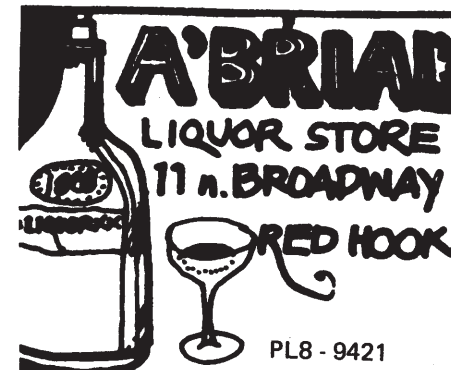
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NEW CONSTITUTION

Citing the need at Bard for "government by the concerned", Jeff Raphaelson defended, Monday night, his new proposal for a constitution of the Student Association. Members of the Senate such as Liz Semmel supported the new constitution saying that she wasn't sure that under the present arrangement that "senate had anything to do." However, John Datzzenbach in early debate on the question said that rather scrapping the present structure he would rather "make the Senate important, Senate important." The debate on the question occupied a great deal of time with numerous members of the audience asking questions of Jeff Raphaelson on such matters as new procedures for EPC and the Judiciary Board, with special emphasis on the matter of allocation of funds for various groups at the beginning of the semester.

Raphaelson's plan would call for the allocation of \$37.50 to each member of the community at a meeting at the beginning of the semester with each student having the ability to allocate his money as he (or she) so desires. Many at the Senate stated their uneasiness at the thought of the possibility of students setting up an "X Memorial fund" in the words of Steve Richards, with themselves as sole beneficiaries. Frank Weinberg, Treasurer of the Association last semester, concurred in the analysis and added that he doubted that students would really participate in the unstructured government the new constitution would create. In response to this criticism Liz Semmel said that the students would be "forced to participate" by their concern for the issues raised. "Besides," added Raphaelson, "This proposal would make student government a hell of a lot of fun."

Debate proceeded in a rather calm fashion for almost an hour at the end of which a member of the audience interjected that the endless debate on a topic that everyone had already made up his mind about was precisely what had made people "sick of the Senate."

The debate in the Senate was over the proposal put forward by Jeff Raphaelson for the Senate to approve the proposed constitution and send it to a general Community Meeting and Referendum at which time the students could pass their judgment on the proposal. After debate was closed, Raphaelson called the role to discover a tie vote among the six attending Senators with Liz Semmel, Rick DeGolia and John Katzenback voting in favor of approval and Steve Richards, Steve Levy, and Barry Silkowitz voting against the proposal. In the event of a tie in the Senate the President of the Association has the deciding vote and Raphaelson cast his in the affirmative, thus giving Senate's approval to the proposed constitution.

The constitutional draft, printed in full below, will now go before the entire community in a meeting to be held in the Gym, tomorrow night, Thursday, and be put to a vote either there or in a Referendum to be held soon after the meeting.

Constitution of the Bard College Student Association

ARTICLE I COMPOSITION

The Bard College Student Association shall be composed of all students registered at Bard College.

ARTICLE II RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

Each member of the Association shall, in general, enjoy all the rights and freedoms accorded to a citizen of the United States of America, and, specifically, he shall enjoy the rights and freedoms enumerated in the Association of American College's Joint Statement on Rights and Freedoms of Students.

ARTICLE III GOVERNMENT

SECTION I The Bard College Student Association

A. Composition

The entire membership of the Bard College Student Association shall itself be the sole governing body of the Association.

B. Officers

1. There shall be a President of the Association who shall be elected from the membership of the Association at large. The President of the Association shall be elected in the second week prior to the end of each semester. If five or more candidates seek the office in this election, a run off election shall be held between the two candidates with the highest number of votes. The run off election shall be held one week prior to the end of the semester. Students wishing to be candidates for the office of President shall place their signatures on a sign up sheet which shall be posted three weeks before the end of the semester.

The President of the Association shall chair meetings of the Association and shall supervise the execution of its wishes. He shall be a member of all commissions and ad hoc committees of the Association.

GOES TO VOTE

The tenure of office of President shall be one semester and shall begin at the beginning of the semester following the election.

2. There shall be a Treasurer of the Association who shall be elected from the membership of the Association at large. Procedures for the election of the Treasurer shall be the same as those for the election of the President (see Article III, Section I, Part B, Number 1).

The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping accurate records of the financial affairs of the Association and shall be responsible for the disbursement of funds as directed by the procedures outlined in Article III, Section IV.

The tenure of office of Treasurer shall be one semester and shall begin at the beginning of the semester following election.

3. There shall be a Chairman of the Permanent Commission on Educational Policies (EPC) who shall be elected by the membership of the Association at large. Procedures for the election of the EPC Chairman shall be the same as those for the election of the President (see Article III, Section I, Part B, Number 1).

The Chairman of EPC shall supervise the activities of that Commission and shall Chair its meetings. He shall report the Commission's activities to the President and to the Association at large.

The tenure of office of Chairman of EPC shall be semester and shall begin at the beginning of the semester following the election.

4. There shall be a Chairman of the Student Judiciary Board who shall be elected by the membership of the Association at large. Procedures for the election of Chairman of the Student Judiciary Board shall be the same as those for the election of the President (see Article III, Section I, Part B, Number 1).

The Chairman of the Student Judiciary Board shall supervise all activities of that body and shall chair its meetings.

The tenure of office of the Chairman of the Student Judiciary Board shall be one semester and shall begin at the beginning of the semester following the election.

C. Meetings

1. Meetings of the Association shall be called by the President of the Association at his discretion, or when requested by a member of the Executive Committee of the Association, or when a petition requesting a meeting and bearing the signatures of at least ten per cent of the membership of the Association has been presented to the President.

2. The President shall convene the Association within one week after one of the above conditions has been satisfied, and he shall notify the members of the Association, at least two days prior to the meeting, of its time, place, date and probable agenda.

3. Meetings of the Association shall be open to all members of the Bard College Community.

4. There shall be two types of quota recognized in the meetings of the Association:

a. A standard quorum for a full meeting of the Association shall be fifty per cent of the membership.

b. Where less than fifty per cent, but more than five per cent of the membership is in attendance, the body may act upon such majority vote action as it will. However, where less than fifty per cent of the membership is in attendance, the action must be voted upon at two successive meetings of the Association before it shall become effective.

5. At any meeting of the Association where a full (type a, above) quorum is present, the following business may be transacted:

a. Any Officer or elected official of the Association may be recalled by a two-thirds majority vote.

b. Any ammendment to this Constitution may be made by a two-thirds majority vote.

c. Any other action may be taken by a majority vote.

6. At any two minority meetings (type b, above) of the Association, only majority vote actions may be taken.

SECTION II Committees and Commissions of the Association

A. The Executive Committee of the Association

1. Composition

The Executive Committee of the Association shall be composed of the four elected Officers of the Association.

2. Function

The function of the Executive Committee shall be to supervise the day to day operation of the Association and to institute emergency action on behalf of the Association. The Executive Committee shall be subject to the approval of the Association at large.

3. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall take place periodically at the request and convience of the members. These meetings shall be open to any interested member of the College Community.

B. The Permanent Commission on Educational Policies

1. Composition

The Permanent Commission on Educational Policies (EPC) shall be composed of all interested members of the Association and shall be Chaired by an Executive Officer of the Association as provided in Article III, Section I, Part B, Number 3.

2. Function

EPC shall advise the Association on all matters of academic import and shall be responsible for carrying out the various evaluation procedures of the Association.

3. Meetings

EPC shall meet periodically at its own discretion. The presence of at least two members of the Association from each of the Academic Divisions of the College shall be considered a quorum. Meetings shall be open to any interested members of the College Community.

C. Elections Committee

The Elections Committee shall supervise all elections of the Association. Composed of all interested members of the Association, it shall, at the beginning of each semester, elect its own Chairman.

D. Orientation Committee

The Orientation Committee shall plan and supervise the successful execution of the College's Orientation Program. It shall be composed of all interested members of the Association and shall format the end of every semester to plan for the following semester's Orientation Program. The members of the Committee shall elect one of their number to be Chairman.

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Bard seems to be changing directions. A re-distribution of power is imminent with the forth-coming report of the Committee to Study and Review Present Policies on Evaluation, Appointment and Tenure. The Art department has become the second largest in the school, and the more historically oriented departments seem to be on the decline, at least in terms of student popularity.

Priorities for the 70's relate, we think, to academic and creative areas as yet unexplored at Bard. A film department is not only desirable, but a necessity. The popularity of John Rubins film history course is, in fact, the handwriting on the wall.

The rumor mill is alive with the usual slander, probably not too inaccurately predicting that conservative tenure faculty will try to block Bard's growth in these new areas.

The changes that occur at Bard in the next year will probably be the most important of the decade. Basic alterations in the curriculum and the nature of the community will be the deciding factor about Bard's usefulness and relevancy for future students.

A community of people of generally the same liberal inclinations such as Bard must be prepared to act in a unified way to insure the most meaningful direction for the college. If this action calls for a vote -- we should vote to the man. If it calls for a strike, we should strike to the man.



letters

To the Editors:

Subject Matter: Propagandist comment on contemporary "exploitation" of women, back page of Observer, 2/25.

On the "most powerful sales incentive ever devised by man": What ever makes you think that only Capitalists capitalize on the "totally artificial creation" of woman? What ever makes you, man, believe you devised woman as she is thought of (whatever that may be) in ANY culture, Eastern, Western, Indian, Latin, Primitive, etc.? What ever gave you the idea that the identity of the female MAN is a "mask"?

Of the listed categories in which woman is "exploited," there seem to be two supra-categories in which one could sub-categorize all these others, namely, the Natural and the Artificial areas of human culture. Television, magazines, and double standards might be considered Artificial (man-made) areas in which woman is "exploited" by men. Double standards in sex, however, are founded on biological facts. Nature did not count on our arrogant "knowledge" of reproductive matters, nor on our rude interference with Nature. We puny human animals foolishly believe that we have so very much under our own control.

However, to continue; in the matter of the Natural areas in which woman is "exploited," namely in the sub-category "Family," I would be more inclined to consider that this indictment of female "exploitation" is a product of the minds of culturally-rent waits, who have somehow been prevented from alternative expression and so, find outlet to do so in a pattern of possibly non-constructive interference with traditional forms of human social organization, rather than what they indict so because of some lofty vision of truth.

The sub-category "Family" is a social structure, difficult, if not impossible, to separate from the biological unit "Family." Human animals, in ANY culture, require a MINIMUM of thirteen years to learn the culture and hence to become independent of the "teachers" and branch out to develop their own units "Family." This is a social phenomenon based on the biology of the hairless ape. The female of the species is not only needed to help carry on the kind, to aid in the transfer of bio-social-organizational information, she is also biologically

WILLING (that is, it is her NATURE) to do this sort of thing.

The problem now is that we have foolishly overproduced and also upset the balance of nature; we have let our intellect govern our actions too much in some areas, not enough in others. We are thought-producing, yet care-less animals. The job to be done now is to reduce the population. Mankind taken as a single living entity, is unconsciously amputating the excess tissues of his body with his commonplace, but thoughtlessly conceived intellect. Mushrooms of every form abound. It may not be long now.

The woman whom you call "exploited" must rise to the occasion as she always done in the past. She must recognize her new role as a female MAN and not as simply a female animal. It appears to me that we humans are, as always of course, in a period of change. Right now, it may be that the salient point of change is with the size of the population. We are overcrowded, and predictions are that by the year 2010, things will be very bad indeed. But we seem to be taking care of the problem by various means: We are murdering each other, destroying ourselves, developing "useful" methods of mass-kill, and developing mental and psychomatic illnesses at an astounding rate, (maybe not so difficult to understand). These take care of the faceless masses.

But woman has always been concerned with the individual. She hates to see the ones she bore and unconditionally loved, not to mention the ones she never knew, fall to the wayside.

She may have to sit on the mushrooms. She may have to, once again, "exploit" (if you will) her body for the good of the perpetuation of the species--only this time she must exercise her freedoms, sadly by refraining from exercising her nature. This may mean biological suicide, of a sort, consciously rejecting her biological nature. It may not even be the appropriate thing to do. It may be a terrifying choice. Hopefully it is not. She does have a choice. Woman developed out of Nature's "need" to express itself. Is going against one's nature a form of self-exploitation? Let those who cry "exploitation" demonstrate the other existence of the "real person" (what's that?) under the mask. I am patient to learn of this.

—Dellie Morse

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KING LAIRD

A Tragic Farce

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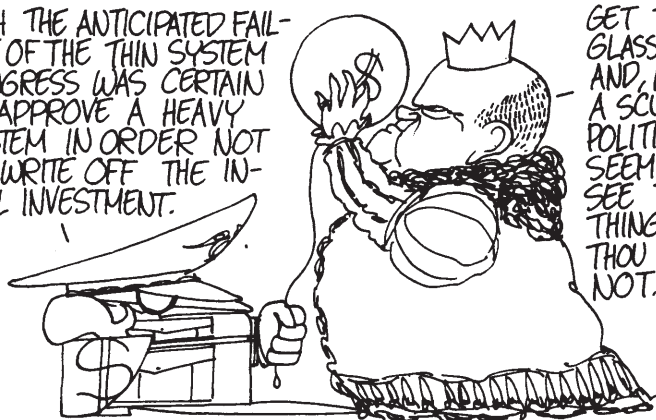
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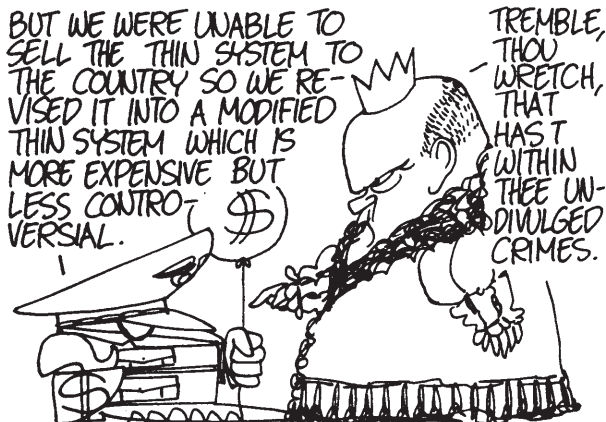
I WILL DO SUCH THINGS--WHAT THEY ARE, YET I KNOW NOT. BUT THEY SHALL BE THE TERROR OF THE EARTH.

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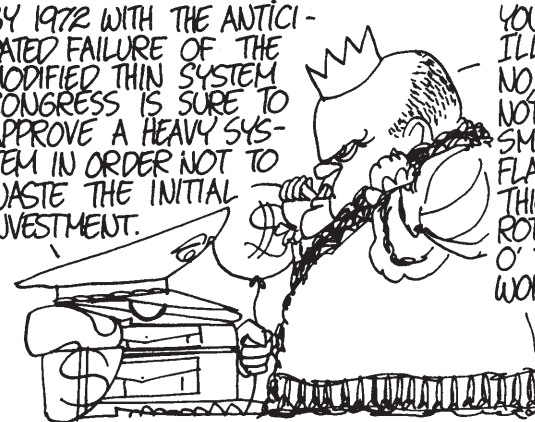
GET THEE GLASS EYES, AND, LIKE A SCURVY POLITICIAN, SEEM TO SEE THE THINGS THOU DOST NOT.

BUT WE WERE UNABLE TO SELL THE THIN SYSTEM TO THE COUNTRY SO WE REVISED IT INTO A MODIFIED THIN SYSTEM WHICH IS MORE EXPENSIVE BUT LESS CONTROVERSIAL.



TREMBLE, THOU WRETCH, THAT HAST WITHIN THEE UNDIVULGED CRIMES.

BY 1972 WITH THE ANTICIPATED FAILURE OF THE MODIFIED THIN SYSTEM CONGRESS IS SURE TO APPROVE A HEAVY SYSTEM IN ORDER NOT TO WASTE THE INITIAL INVESTMENT.



YOU THINK I'LL WEEP; NO, I'LL NOT WEEP. SMITE FLAT THE THICK ROTUNDITY O' THE WORLD!

SO ALL SIGNS INDICATE ANOTHER BOOM YEAR FOR DEFENSE!



I FEAR I AM NOT IN MY PERFECT MIND.

[Exit ALL OF US.]

river can be CLEAN

"The Hudson River could be cleaned up in five years," says Dr. Robert Rehwoldt, chemistry professor at Marist College.

"It is a good river. It is...temporarily dirty, but not irrevocably damaged."

Just how dirty is the Hudson? Some have called it "an open sewer" and some apparently aren't that worried about it.

Rehwoldt says that it is a "chemically healthy" river, that, at least in this area, it stands no chance of bursting into flame like the industrial waste-laden Cuyahoga River in Ohio did last summer.

And, indeed, the Hudson did not make "Newsweek's" list of the 10 dirtiest rivers in the country.

"But," he quickly adds, "there are levels to the word 'pollution.'"

"The State of New York Health Department has labeled these levels AA and A for drinking, B for bathing, C for fishing, and D for industrial, agricultural, and drainage.

Even level "D" requires secondary treatment, facilities for which in Dutchess County are available only at Bard College.

Currently, primary treatment is used throughout the county—but primary treatment removes only 30 to 40 per cent of all pollutants.

Secondary treatment removes 80 per cent of the pollutants, and tertiary, more than 95 per cent.

Tertiary treatment is required of municipalities away from the Hudson, in order to keep lesser water bodies from becoming polluted.

There is no state law requiring secondary treatment along the Hudson, but there is a state "policy" being adhered to throughout the area.

According to Jack Hill, senior public health engineer of the Dutchess County Health Department, every municipality along the Hudson in and around the county is planning or building secondary treatment facilities.

Hill said that no raw sewage—sewage that has no treatment at all—is being dumped into the river from anywhere in the county.

"Of course we can't comb the banks of the river for pipes," he added.

But thoughts of purification began being taken seriously at least by voters when they passed a \$1-billion "pure water" bond issue Nov. 2, 1965.

More than four years have passed, and the sources of pollution are still trying to minimize their contributions.

The Arlington and Titusville sewer districts are both expected to be completely renovated by the end of the year.

The villages of Tivoli and Wappingers Falls and the City of Beacon are in the final stages of planning their plants.

Many districts face the dilemma of whether to build anew, renovate, or share facilities with another community.

The City of Poughkeepsie is such a district.

Wondering whether it should advance its current plant or build a new one in the Town of Poughkeepsie, authorities have yet to take any specific action.

Other areas, such as Red Hook and Rhinebeck, utilize systems of individual septic tanks, and therefore have never discharged into the river and require no change now.

Hill said that by the end of 1972, all municipalities in the county will have completed their secondary treatment plants.

A racing pace is necessary, because the billion dollars of the 1965 bond has declined considerably—and Poughkeepsie has yet to receive any portion of the \$1,496,000 once promised to it under the program.

A municipality receives no aid until its plant is one-quarter built.

At that time, it will supposedly receive 30 per cent federal aid, to be matched by the state.

According to Hill, the municipalities receive the aid while they are under construction, but 59 per cent of it comes directly from the state.

"And the state's funding capacity will probably be exhausted by the end of this year," he said.

Then the long process to acquire funds would begin again.

Newburgh's plant will be finished by this spring, and Kingston's is in the final stage of planning. Arlington and Titusville districts have received a total of \$864,000 in state aid, but Poughkeepsie's plans are not yet ready.

In the meantime, "pollution" becomes a stronger and more frequently used word in our everyday vocabulary.

Dr. Rehwoldt fears that, like other words, it will be used into the realm of the commonplace, and then, impotency.

You will be interested to know that at four o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, February 24th, the College's new sewage plant was turned on, and for the first time in many decades the Bard community was handling its sewage in a manner completely completely conforming to all standards of state and county Boards of Health, and for the first time in many decades, the College has ceased to contaminate the land and streams between the campus and the Hudson River, and even the Hudson River itself.

Reamer Kline

"The time for screaming and making dire predictions is over," he said. "Shouters are not realists. They want everything returned to its 'virgin state.' That is not only impossible, it is nonsensical.

"But the sewage—the major source of pollution—can be treated to a point where it has no harmful effects at all.

"We have the technology and the money to clean up the river," said Dr. Rehwoldt. "But we don't have the personnel."

Dr. Rehwoldt is the head of a newly formed "Environmental Studies" department at Marist College.

"Another problem is how federal funds will be used—how much in laboratory research, and how much in actual work.

"If we have to choose between a million dollars for the laboratory and a million dollars for a sewage treatment plant, there should be no question in our minds where the money should go."

The Bard Theatre of Drama and Dance, which had a two-week engagement in February at London's Hampstead Theatre Club for its production of QUOTE!, will present the 90 minute show at Bard on Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8, at 8:30, with a Sunday matinee at 3:30.

A theatre games play, with a scenario by Robert Rockman, Professor of English and Drama at Bard, QUOTE! is directed by William Driver. Free-structured, in the manner of Hair and America Hurrah, QUOTE! is a series of improvisations emerging from a loose framework in which a company of actors is waiting to begin a rehearsal of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

The February 16th London opening was greeted by the critic for the London Daily Mail as "a wild romp and a lovely laugh." The February 17 Financial Times' Anthony Curtis ended his review with: "Easy enough to do? It seemed easy the way they did it last night but this is probably a tribute to Mr. Driver who has elicited an agreeably light-hearted manner from his hard working company." And Sean Day-Lewis in The Daily Telegraph wrote: "The company of 13 is young, attractive and splendidly drilled by William Driver."

Ticket requests may be made by calling 758-8693 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Admission is free, but reservations are necessary.

WILSONscholars

Leslie A. Nadelson, of Flushing, New York, an anthropology major, and Louise G. Pugh, of Darien, Connecticut, a major in English literature, have been named to the Honorable Mention list of the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Foundation. The names of those receiving Honorable Mention are sent, with the list of the Woodrow Wilson Designates, to graduate schools in this country and in Canada.

From a total of 12,000 outstanding graduating seniors nominated from more than 800 colleges, 1,153 Designates and 1,151 Honorable Mention recipients were chosen.

Woodrow Wilson scholars are selected not only on the basis of scholarly excellence, but, further, because of the human qualities which make good, even great, teachers.

Designates are almost assured of graduate school scholarships because of their selection, and direct awards are made to the top 100 by the Foundation itself. Acceptance and assistance are also highly probable for the Honorable Mention recipients.

Miss Nadelson, who transferred to Bard from Queens College, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Nadelson of Flushing. Miss Pugh is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pugh of Ridge Acres, Darien.

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Rx

DR. HIP POCRATES

"Dear Dr. Hip Pocrates:

The guy who thought up the enema idea for disciplining his wife is a genius! I used to strap my teenage spoiled-brat of a wife's backside until she was black and blue without noticeably improving her behavior.

But after tying her down and administering only one enema the improvement in her behavior is remarkable. She hasn't misbehaved since."

COMMENT: You'd better not turn your back to Women's Liberation.

Dear Dr. Schoenfeld:

Recently my 14 month old daughter got ahold of some LSD tabs. The trip was apparently too much for her because she kept crying out in what seemed to be terror.

My husband sat with her for the most part because I fell apart seeing her like that. In the end, the acid did wear off and she slept that night and a good part of the next day.

Since then she seems to be back to the way she was before. She didn't flip out for good and yet she is not the youngest 'enlightened one' on earth. She is just a little girl baby.

The reason I am writing: I expect this same thing has happened and will happen to others. I think it would be valuable for any parent to know how to handle a stoned child. I would suggest also that the mother take a good strong tranquilizer so as to make matters as calm as possible.

ANSWER: Accidents and poisonings are, by far, the greatest killers of children in the United States.

"Dear Dr. Schoenfeld:

If a girl's hymen is intact, how does the menstrual blood get out?"

ANSWER: Only rarely does the hymen completely cover the vaginal opening. One or more small openings permit flow of menstrual blood.

Cyclic pain and cramping without bleeding in a young girl may indicate an imperforate hymen. Prompt medical attention is then necessary to prevent serious consequences.

"Dear Dr. Hippocrates:

I know the latest trend is to go without underwear, but even with my modest length skirts I wouldn't dare. My vagina constantly drips a milky substance. I am pretty sure it isn't a discharge of disease, because it is not discolored, doesn't itch, and I have had it for years. In the last few years the drip has become more of a problem.

Since I don't plan to go around without underwear, I am not worried about leaving a trail like Hansel & Gretel, but I don't like my underwear to look dirty after two or three hours. Sometimes my boyfriend will take off some of my clothes, and it embarrasses me to think he might notice.

I think the drip is the result of sexual arousal, but since I don't think I'm abnormally preoccupied with sex, I wonder what to do.

This is really to embarrassing to mention to my gynecologist."

ANSWER: Chronic sexual arousal is unfortunately the least likely source of a chronic vaginal discharge. Common causes are trichomonas, fungal and gonorrheal infections, erosion of the cervix or a reaction to birth control pills. Your gynecologist will neither be shocked by your questions nor embarrass you with his answers.

4 MODULAR DORMS: student reaction

by jane auster

When asked what they thought about the newly proposed doms, some students called images of Tewksberry to mind with loathing and disgust.

"Tewksberry is a disaster," Tia Sutter said. An unidentified student said that she approved of the doms, but that they should make them out of Redwood and that the inside should be nothing like Tewksberry. Will Lipman said that "the design must not be symmetrical or else the doms will look just like Tewksberrv." Natalie Kaye said that the newly proposed modular doms would be like a little suburb, that the Bard campus is beautiful and that they should build in the style of some of the other buildings. "The modular doms should be built to look nothing like Tewksbury," she said, to end on what was, to me, already a cliché.

Comments on the exterior finish for the Proposed Doms

Some student felt that the exterior should blend with the environment:

"The simple outside should blend in with the woods and grass but not elaborately." -Susan Alpert.

"I do not like antiseptic surroundings. They ought to put wood on the outside instead of cinderblock." -Sue Cohen.

"If they are building them out of cinderblock, forget it." -Thom Rosenthal.

"This modular stuff can be shoddy and is apt to fall apart. They should use good concrete." -unidentified student.

"The modular doms should be geometric, with lots of stainless steel and glass, and a sharp contrast. It is ridiculous to try to blend the doms into the environment and it is an impossibility. Bard's first consideration is of course cost, and it would probably be expensive to build something that would fit in perfectly well. The windows should be fairly big, and there should be sky lights on the top of the building." -Richard Freedman.

Other comments in relation to the exterior were:

"I think they should be yellow and green." -Roger Sessions.

"My friend once told me of an exterior of a building made with soft con-

crete. What you do is take rocks of various sizes, press them into the concrete, so that it becomes a mortar between this varied pebble background. We could have a special day at Bard where all the students could gather various shaped rocks and imprint them on the building." -Jane Becker.

Students who opposed expansion and New Dormitories

The building of the modular doms seems to carry with it the implications of expanding the size of the school. Eric Karlin feels that they should build the doms without increasing student enrollment. Eric Kiviat said that he did not think the student body at Bard should be increased income will probably not help anything. Richard Grabel also said that he did not think Bard should have more people. "They should be spending money on books for the library, not modern dormitories," he said.

Some students forgot Bard's present financial condition and spoke of an ideal dormitory in a heated passion.

Bruce Chilton demanded a separate lounge for each floor that would be equipped with color television, rented by students. He said that the doms should have provisions for handicapped students -- things such as extra ramps and elevators. He also wanted an intercom system, Sauna baths for each dormitory, meditation rooms with black walls and white floors with cushions. He wanted the windows polarized, with vertical, rather than horizontal venetian blinds. "The doms should have plenty of electric sockets and ironing boards built into the walls. Peep holes must be put in the doors. There ought to be a bath tub in each bathroom with glass surrounding it, and indirect lighting," he said.

Bruce went on to say, "If the doms are truly delivered as promised they would be ideal. But I can foresee that the convenience and space that the dormitory allows might be tampered with. The living rooms must not be turned into bedrooms, and I would like to have a written statement from the trustees that they will not do this. If all my demands are not met I will not approve of the doms, and think then very unsatisfactory."

FIRESIGN



"David Ossman, Peter Bergman, Phil Austin and Phil Proctor. Why are these four refugees from broadcasting school laughing? Probably because they've done something that no one has ever done before --- they've conquered the comedy record syndrome, and probably because they are the funniest team in America today, combining elements of W.C. Fields, Joyce, Karl Marx and thirties radio...with brilliant bit of verbal effluveum and mental panache." -Rolling Stone.

Someone once told me that being in a room with The Firesign Theater, they became aware of forty personalities floating around, being caught and displayed and then freed at the will of the minds who created them. No, doubt if you've heard any of their records-- ("Waiting for the Electrician or Someone Like Him", "How Can You Be in Two Places at Once and Still Be Nowhere at All") then you've had a taste of these minds, of the incredible satirical madness and acid clarity that they alternately fire at you, and no doubt you've been led right up the garden path along with this writer, willingly, because they are incredibly funny, and slightly in a daze, because they twist your mind into some strange places, only to slap you mentally and tell you you're in the wrong flashback.

And now they're coming to Bard. As part of an East Coast tour, and direct from the Yale prom I might add, they'll be appearing here Wednesday, March 4 in the gym at about nine.



A bit about the group. David Ossman is a poet, among many other things, and has been involved in recent years with such things as his WBAI poetry program and numerous similar projects on the West Coast with the radio stations there, especially Radio Free Oz, one of the first underground multimedia radio stations in the country, broadcasting in L.A. His book, The Sullen Art, is a series of interviews with contemporary poets, which he collected and edited.

Peter Bergman, described by some as a thin, trustful, beautiful, holy being, has, like all the members of the group, been involved with numerous broadcasting adventures, and from what I can gather, was the founder of Radio Free Oz. Available biographical data includes a birth in Cleveland, an education at Yale and a period of study with Seyyed Hossein Nasr, a scholar of mysticism and a teacher of sophi.

Philip Austin and Philip Proctor are both professional actors and their abilities in the craft of dramatics are obviously a strong support to the group.

I spoke recently with Mr. Kelly, who met the group out in California, and appeared on Radio Free Oz, during a series of poetry readings he was giving around the country, and he spoke enthusiastically of his appreciation for the various individual involvements of these four people, and of their collective thing as the Firesign Theater. He said that two of the things that impressed him most about the group were their immense spiritual freedom and strength, and that they seem to be beyond paranoia, that they see all the things that a paranoid sees, but somehow they get beyond it. He went on to say that one of the things that make them so funny is that they seem to know exactly what we're uneasy about, and that they present these things at times with unusual clarity, the kind of clarity that the Beatles sounded like before they became complicated. He felt the difference in this case was that they (Firesign Theatre) got together after the complications, after they had worked out so many of the hassles.



The things the group deals with are very contemporary, and their bits or improv or routines or however you would describe them, are a kind of mad review of everything that's gone down recently, much like Beyond the Fringe was for England in the early sixties, for those of you who remember Peter Cook and company, but, of course, Firesign is much farther out because the things they deal with take them there.

They are satirical, yes, and one is always aware of the persona standing firmly between their satirical characters and themselves, and even when they break their characters out of their material, one senses that even this break comes from another persona in another dimension. They are topical, dealing with everything from drugs and the Indianization of the hippie, to entirely new concepts of American culture and politics. They are confusing at times, digressing in that stoned way that Lenny Bruce and Lord Buckley do when they get lost in their raps, but the Firesign Theatre have this amazing control that enables them to switch from their digressions back to devastating clarity. But above all, they are funny, consistently funny, and consistently entertaining.

Enough. Prepare yourself. Tonight's the night.

by B.B.

FREEDOM IS FOR THE BIRDS...
or YOU HAVE TO TAKE TWO
STEPS BACKWARD TO GET ONE
STEP FORWARD...

CAT OF



TAILS

First impressions, though often wrong, are nonetheless, important. Coming back to Bard is essentially bitching about the food, the weather, drinking down the road, greeting people with a hug whose last names you don't know, and being confused and frustrated by registration. But every semester it works out, and within a week or so everyone will have slipped into the Bard routine, and ordered their lives to the extent that nothing can touch them. The semester becomes a long waiting period, a time suspended between snow and the beach, burdened by the inconvenience of a little learning. But like all things it passes, slowly at first, but as spring picks up its natural momentum which carries it into summer, so does the semester begin to move and sway with the rhythm of spring. One cannot avoid a sensation of freedom, just as spring frees itself from winter.

It was Tuesday, the first official day of school, and I drove to Kingston following a friend who had to drop off a rented car. This accomplished, we turned and drove back towards the bridge, perhaps rushing a bit, there was much to be done back at school.

I didn't see the trooper until he pulled next to me and honked, at which point I pulled right over, and cursing to myself, jumped out of the car. He demanded my license and registration, which I gave him, and then he asked for identification of the two passengers. This was also duly handed over. He glanced at it, and held it, at which point he informed me that I had to have a New York State driver's license, and that I was actually driving under a misdeemeanor. Somewhat taken aback, I endeavored to explain myself, but he turned away, and stuck his head into the car and began to search it. I was flabbergasted, and tried to protest. He ignored me for a moment, then explained that because he had me "By the sleeve," he was free to do what he wanted. He then progressed from the car's interior to its trunk, which he asked whether it was unlocked. I replied yes, and he opened it, and also opened a bag in the rear, and shuffled through it. Again I protested that he had to arrest me, if he wanted to do that. He did nothing for a few moments, but continue to search. Finally, satisfied, he quit, and told me that if he caught me on that side of the river again without a New York permit, he would "Bust me." Then he took off without giving me a ticket.

I found out later that everything he did was not only wrong, but illegal. So I got a hold of the family lawyer, and told him what had

happened. He asked what I wanted done, and I said prosecute him. This apparently would be prohibitively expensive. So as a second choice I asked if it would be possible to put a little fear of God into him. Instead

of his head I would settle for a limb. This would be done.

But I was lucky, when officer Mikesch 6072 stopped me he didn't realize that I could bring the establishment down on his head. But this is rare, for most kids this occurrence would just be another sympathetic story to tell at a dinner table, that half the people wouldn't believe anyway. For some kids it would mean a night in jail, for others, something to laugh over. But for all it would be one thing, an insult, and affront to both them personally, and to hundreds in the U.S. If this kind of thing were rare, then it could be passed over, but there has got to be a line drawn somewhere, because this kind of thing is the rule rather than the exception.

I talked to Pat Defile the other day. In his way of thinking it is not whether Quinlan will pull the third annual Bard bust, rather it is when.

When I mentioned the affair with the state trooper to the dean, all he could do was mutter, and say that there was nothing unusual about it, and that it would be best to gird our collective loins for the spring ahead.

Telling the story around school I got the sympathy I expected.

But what does all this go to show? One thing sticks out and that is simple enough; we are not free, and we do not enjoy the freedom that everyone professes to offer us. It has become a stock answer for every politician to say that he sees nothing wrong with peaceful and lawful dissent, and that that is what this great country is built on. That rankles me more than anything else. What I'm being told is that as long as I don't really try too hard, I can have a compromise. And every time I turn around there is going to be another Mikesch 6072 to slap my wrists and send me scampering back to the safety of the little enclave we've built in the woods along the Hudson river. Sometimes I think that we are the most patient generation that ever existed.

by john katzenbach

IN THE CITY

This weekend in the city go see Neil Young and Crazy Horse at the Fillmore. Neil Young now plays with Crosby Stills and Nash (whose new album is set for release within a couple of weeks) but there was such a demand for Neil Young's last album that Bill Graham decided to headline him this weekend. Listen for Cinnamon Girl and Cowgirl in the Sand. The new Capitol Theater in Port Chester is moving in on Fillmore territory and will show strong competition in the near future. This weekend the Grand Funk Railroad is playing. Occasionally alot of noise but hard rock fans will really dig it.

Upsala College in East Orange, New Jersey is featuring The Band this weekend. All seats are \$5.50. Call (201) 266-7000 for information. The Youngbloods are at Suffolk Community College Friday night and if you are out on the Island make it. James Cotton Blues Band will also be there and the price of admission is only \$3.00. Call (516) 732-2387. In the city at Unganos you can find The Flock, a new, very professional addition to the rock scene.

Next weekend a much improved Leslie West and Mountain will be at Port Chesters Capitol Theater. Leslie West is one of the finest guitar players around, and he knocked them out at New Paltz recently. Mountain's new album is set for release early this month and judging by the cut I've heard called Mississippi Queen, the album will sell itself. If you are into the blues then don't miss the triple-header at the Fillmore. John Mayall, B.B. King, and Taj Mahal go at it the weekend of the 13th and 14th.

Coming up in the near future at Port Chester will be the Jefferson Airplane on Tuesday, March 24. Soon at the Fillmore will be Quicksilver Messenger Service. It's

worth the admission just to see Nicky Hopkins play the piano. The weekend of April 3rd and 4th is the date. Another rock concert hall is forming for competition with the Fillmore (thank God). If you've got bread and you ant in call (201) 839-9639 after 6.

In the way of discs, if you haven't got Delaney, Bonnie & Friends featuring Eric Clapton, get it. Save your money for The Beatles, Crosby-Stills-Nash and Young, and Mountain. Movies to see: Z at the Beekman Theater at 65th St. and 2nd Ave; Zabriskie Point at the Coronet Theater at 3rd Ave. and 59th St.; and The Damned at the Festival Theater at 57th St. and 5th Ave.

There isn't much in the way of demonstrations this weekend, although the Panther 21 trial will always make for good entertainment for the next few weeks. The Criminal Courts building is located at 100 Center Street in lower Manhattan.

New York University is holding an intriguing conference called "Prisons Today" this Saturday between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The present state of the prisons in this country will probably make this a mind-blowing conference and the need for decend, rehabilitative centers is unquestionable. March 7th is the date and Vanderbilt Hall is the place located at 40 Washington Square South. Call (212) LO8-8200 for further information. Next issue of The Observer will contain more information including the "spring offensive." Call (212) 228-0450 concerning anti-draft week.

---Michael Harvey

CONSTITUTION cont'd

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E. Entertainment Committee

The Entertainment Committee shall plan and supervise the entertainment program of the Association. It shall be composed of all interested members of the Association and shall, at the beginning of each semester, elect its own Chairman.

F. Other Committees

The Association shall create such ad hoc or permanent committees as it shall deem necessary.

SECTION III The Bard College Student Judiciary Board

A. Composition

The Student Judiciary Board shall be composed of four members of the Association elected by the members of the Association at large in elections held at the end of each semester. A fifth member of the Board shall be an Executive Officer of the Association, who shall serve as Chairman (see Article III, Section I, Part B, Number 4). Tenure for the office of members of the Judiciary Board shall be one semester and shall begin at the beginning of the semester following the election.

B. Functions

1. The Student Judiciary Board shall act as the judiciary organ of the Association and shall have the power of judicial review.

2. The Board shall have original jurisdiction in all cases regarding alleged violations of the Social Regulations of the College in which appropriate disciplinary measures do not include suspension or expulsion from the College. In cases where suspension or expulsion from the College are considered appropriate measures, the Board will advise the Office of the Dean in the adjudication of the alleged violation.

3. The Board shall adjudicate all cases within its original jurisdiction and shall communicate its decisions to the Office of the Dean.

C. Meetings

Meetings of the Student Judiciary Board shall be open, except where closed proceedings are requested by the defendant, who shall, in closed meetings, retain his right to present appropriate witnesses and have the counsel of his choice present. The members of the Board shall determine their own rules of procedure.

SECTION IV Convocation Funds

A. Collection of Convocation Funds

The Business Office of the College shall collect Community Dues, hereafter known as Convocation Funds, from each student as part of the College's regular billing procedure.

B. Allocation of Funds

1. At the beginning of each semester, any club or organization wishing Convocation funding shall submit a budget outline to the Treasurer of the Association.

2. At the beginning of each semester, the Treasurer of the Association shall issue to each student the individual's share of one semester's worth of funds in scrip, divided into \$2.50 denominations. The scrip shall not be redeemable for cash. Each piece of scrip shall be numbered and the Treasurer shall retain a duplicate copy.

3. Within two weeks of the beginning of each semester, the Treasurer shall Chair a full meeting of the Association, at which a representative of each organization requesting funding shall explain his organization's program and financial needs. At this time, members of the Association shall be requested to write the name of the organization that they wish to receive the funds in the space provided on the scrip. No organization shall be permitted to receive more funding than requested in the budget proposal submitted by the groups to the Treasurer.

4. The Treasurer shall collect the scrip at the meeting and shall continue to collect it for one week following the meeting.

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5. Any scrip not subitted to the Treasurer by the end of one week after the meeting shall be forfeit. At the end of one week, the Treasurer shall convene a meeting consisting of one representative from each of the groups submitting a budget request. This meeting shall allocate the remaining funds.

C. Distribution of Funds

The Treasurer shall distribute Convocation Funds as needed to the representatives of the various clubs and organizations up the the amount granted them by the aforementioned procedures. All funds must be accounted for an noe may be spent on activities or functions closed to any segment of the community.

ARTICLE IV REPRESENTATION OF THE ASSOCIATION ON JOINT GROUPS OF THE COLLEGE

SECTION I Community Advisory Board

The Student Association shall have three representatives on the Community Advisory Board. These Representatives shall be the President of the Association, the Chairman of the Permanent Commission on Educational Policies (EPC) and the Chairman of the Student Judiciary Board.

SECTION II Joint Long Range Planning Committee

The Student Association shall have two representatives on the Joint Long Range Planning Committee. These representatives shall be elected fromand by the membership of the Association at large, and shall serve with a tenure of office of one year.

SECTION III Other Groups

The number of representatives of the Association on other groups shall be decided by consultation with the other constituencies of the group, with the advise of the Executive Committee of the Association and the consent of the membership of the Association. The membership of the Association shall, upon the determination of the number of representatives elect the appropriate number from their own ranks.

ARTICLE V AMENDMENTS

Amendment to this Constitution shall be made as provided in Article III, Section I, Part C, Nurber 4, sub-paragraph b. Amendments may also be made by a popular referendum in which two-thirds of the students voting vote in favor of the amendment.

SMC wants you

The Moratorium Committee in cooperation with the New Mobilization Committee (they sponsored the Washington March in Nov.) is supporting a national "We Won't Go" movement. This movement began a year ago when more than 200 "student leaders" (student body presidents and editors of campus newspapers) declared their refusal to enter the armed forces as long as the war in Viet-Nam continues.

Noting that moderate student groups opposed to the war have been fruitlessly petitioning the government against the war and for draft reform since 1966, the students said that they have now arrived at the point where they will "refuse induction and aid and support those who decide to refuse."

The The Moratorium and Mobilization

Committees are following up this move in hopes of accumulating a significant number of induction refusals so as to influence draft legislation or at least sway a few fence riding representatives.

The Bard College Student Mobilization Committee gives its full support to this nationwide drive and has set up a sign-up sheet on the Hegeman Bulletin Board. If you are draft eligible and feel strongly about doing what can be done to effect and/or help enact "legitimate" change please either sign the sheet in Hegemen or fill out this entry blank and send it to P.O. Box 245 c/o Campus Mail.

Now we have Viet-Nam no. 2 already in existence in Laos, where will we have Viet-Nam no. 3? Make your more, it's not so big and it may be significant.

NATIONWIDE "WE WON'T GO" STATEMENT

Statement:

If ordered for induction, we, the undersigned, will refuse. We will not serve in the military as long as the war in Vietnam continues.

Name _____ Lottery # _____

Considerations:

- ** Any draft eligible male between the ages of 19 and 26 who is not a veteran and who has not failed a draft physical may sign.
- ** Since it is not clear how high the lottery cut off will be, a man's position in the lottery does not affect his eligibility. A signer should include his lottery number.
- ** Signing this statement does not commit a person to a particular option, such as C.O., prison, Canada, non-cooperation, or others. It simply says that if he should exhaust all administrative and legal remedies, the signer intends to refuse induction into the armed forces.
- ** Signing or circulating the statement is in no way illegal. Refusing induction is an illegal act. Stating one's intention to refuse if called at some point in the future is legal. Also, one is not subject to administrative punishment, such as reclassification, for signing the statement.

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RAMBLER

midnight

It's hard to believe how liberals can just keep eating up the establishment lies. The Nixon political line last year concerning the ABM was that no more missile sites will be necessary if Congress passed the bill. They did, by one vote. To no one's surprise Secretary Laird introduced a bill last week seeking money for twelve new sites protecting two bases. Don't think for a minute this won't pass. The original establishment line concerning the draft lottery was that the first one hundred and twenty numbers would surely be drafted, the second third possibly drafted, and the last third safe from the draft. To believe that they didn't know the lottery would consume every number is characteristic of wishy-washy liberalism. The fact that the Times and Post support the Chicago trial at the same time they are being blasted by Agnew makes about as much sense as Nixon advocating the lowering of the voting age to eighteen. Either they are stupid or they are playing politics, both of which fail to serve the needs of the people.

The walls of my room are perfectly clean except for one four letter word scribbled in Hebrew. "Shalom," maybe? "Fuck Hitler," possibly. "All power to the people."

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"... the verdict in Chicago's flamboyant conspiracy trial stands as quiet justification of the jury system." —New York Times Editorial, 2/20

"With a respect for law that was scorned by the prosecution, with a dignity that the defense rarely exhibited, and with a sense of perception and compassion almost totally lacking in the behavior of the judge, the jury ... reached its verdict yesterday." —New York Post Editorial, 2/19

Oh, God, help us. This, the answer of traditional liberalism in a time of repression. One might suspect that these opinions are based on a basic ignorance of the facts in a case which butchered the First Amendment and made minced meat out of the heart of America. I found it not surprising to learn that none of the editorial writers of the Post or Times spent any time whatsoever at the trial in Chicago and based their conclusions on the edited accounts of their writers. Never once did the Times consult the raw copy of Pulitzer Prize winning reporter J. Anthony Lukas whose stories were cut down an average of 10% and whose one thousand word interpretive analysis was completely thrown out. Paul Cowan and Jack Newfield's summation in the Village Voice (2/26) views the trial this way:

"(the defendants) saw Bobby Seale (who gave a speech as a replacement for Eldridge Cleaver and who was in Chicago eighteen hours) denied his own lawyer, denied the right to defend himself, and then bound and gagged. They watched Ramsey Clarke, the former Attorney General, who made an original decision not to indict them, told that he could not testify to the jury about that decision—and then heard Judge Hoffman instruct their lawyers that to mention the whole, sorry episode in front of the jury would be contempt. They watched a series of police agents—the only witnesses the prosecution could produce—lie about them, and then heard the judge outlaw their lawyers attempts to expose those lies.

"The United States may not today be the equivalent of Hitler's Germany, but Judge Hoffman's Chicago courtroom was like many German courtrooms in 1933. But as Jimmy Breslin says: 'I'm sure that there were a bunch of liberal lawyers telling the Jews on the way to Auschwitz that if they didn't make any fuss they'd be out in six months for good behavior.'"

Five men were convicted of crossing state lines with the intent, but not conspiracy, to incite riot (How about

arresting all the Jet fans from New Jersey who later tear down the goalposts?). They were found guilty on five "substantive counts" of incitement which consisted of thirteen speeches. Only speeches! Meanwhile eight men, not five, were thrown in jail (including Bobby Seale in California) for contempt. William Kunstler, defense attorney, will join them. The Times related to its readers that Kunstler received a one year sentence but conveniently left out the exact citation which said that Kunstler deserved his sentence for "embracing Reverend Abernathy in front of the jury." Is it not obvious that the D.A.s and judges in the American Nation are the lackeys for the forces of repression, wealth, and power. Can we seek help from the Carswell Supreme Court?

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More on repression. Take the case of Lee Otis Johnson, the major Black Panther organizer in Houston, Texas. Lee Otis was arrested after a speech where he insulted the mayor and police chief, who both left the crowd mumbling something about "the last straw." He was charged with sale and possession of marijuana and the fact that he was indicted two days after the speech and convicted to thirty years in prison for the sale of one joint to an undercover agent (which never occurred) left little doubt that those in power had other motives for locking Lee Otis up besides those of drug abuse. He was not convicted of possession but rather sale of a drug which the jury implied he never possessed. The trial date was set but then moved up when his lawyer was out of town. He was given two days (Saturday and Sunday) to subpoena witnesses. The mayor was at the Democratic Convention and the Police was conveniently on vacation and never received the subpoenas. The trial lasted ninety minutes and the jury deliberated for ten minutes. He now is in a state prison in "protective isolation" or solitary

(for one joint, man, which he never had!). Lee Otis has thirty days to make appeals, all of which have been denied, and then he will be transferred to the maximum security cell for twenty-nine years. But then Lee Otis got off rather easy compared to Fred Hampton, Black Panther leader, who was shot by police over thirty times while sleeping in bed.

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Telephone rates went up in New York City by a mere 8%. Of course, this hits the poor the hardest and, of course, the service continues to deteriorate. The price rise is 8.5% only on residential service (businesses excluded for what reason, pray tell?). The rich can afford it but the overwhelming majority of other tenants, who are poor, cannot afford it. They are being victimized and oppressed for the benefit of the wealthy ruling class. A lesser increase of 8.1% is added onto long distance calls. Note, the rate of increase is lower here because most of this revenue will come from big businesses which can write off these expenses on their tax forms and pass the bill on to the masses. The poor must pay the full increased price on whatever long distance calls they do make. This is a perfect example of where the masses are underpaid to produce a product which is then sold back to them at an enormous profit. The double-screw. There is hope, however ... in Cuba ... all phones are free.

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Every parent is freaking out these days on the teenage drug deaths occurring lately. 900 people have died last year from heroin overdoses, of which 224 were teenagers. There are

36 adolescents out of the 146 already dead this year. The number will mount incredibly with no end in sight. Thanks to Nixon's Operation Intercept last fall which substantially cut the marijuana supply, heroin has taken root and is running rampant in suburban high schools and junior high schools (still to the disbelief of my father, an educated citizen. "No, it can't happen here ..."). I don't have to mention the city high schools and grade schools. Rockefeller is answering the call with a \$30 million increase to 87% million for the Narcotics Addiction Control Commission, better known as a confinement center. The state, however, was unable to produce \$55,000 to open the now unused Throggs Neck Camp which could house 3,000 teenage addicts and which would gladly be run by the highly successful Odyssey House. Incidentally, the city has rewarded Odyssey House work by serving them with a building violation of overcrowding! They offered such alternatives as sixty days in a locked ward at Creedmore mental hospital ... need I continue? Until America begins to understand the whole drug revolution (their only answer being increased busts) doing scag is a bad bag to get into. Do it in England where it's not so expensive and not so degrading.

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An unwanted pregnancy might mean a four-month vacation for your favorite, former, future mother-to-be! The Senate of Hawaii just passed a new law permitting abortions for any reasons. A woman is eligible if she has lived in the state for ninety days and she is no further than four months pregnant. That's the only requirement. Right on, Hawaii!

---Michael Harvey

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WASHINGTON--(CPS)--Federal City College students got tired of what they considered poor food service at the college's cafeteria. So they bought it.

The Student Government Association (SGA) sponsored a cabaret and car raffle in December and used the funds to buy the cafeteria from the Servomation Co. Student operated food service began Jan. 12.

While Servomation continues to operate vending machines in the cafeteria, the SGA has hired a staff to prepare all hot and fresh foods. And the prices have been reduced.

Operating as a non-profit corporation, the SGA also runs a campus barber shop and plans to open a student-run snack bar.

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