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## Second Rate Wars

The Arabs and Israelis are at it again. But this war (better called a widespread skirmish) is being fought halfheartedly. Neither side hopes to gain anything. The Egyptians are not willing to fight for some sandy peninsula, and the Israelis can't gain any new goals without having to really work at it.

But there is a point. The point is called American Money. Israel is in good position to get United States funds to build up its army. The Arab nations have something the Americans need—oil. Who will win doesn't even matter to the United States, this country will be the loser anyway.

Historically the American people support Israel and the Jewish nations. Vast amounts of money have been spent to bolster this military nation's supply of aircraft, tanks, and trained personnel. And who could argue that Americans favor a winner like Mosha Dyan and company? In these troubled times, America needs all the friends it can get — especially if these friends have surprising strength.

Economically, the United States (meaning Standard Oil and Mobil Oil) favor the Arabs. Not so much does the American nation favor the turbaned people, but their precious oil. The Arabs have threatened to cut off supplies of this black gold if America supports Israel.

Tragically, this war is being fought on the wrong battlegrounds. Since both countries are after the eternal American buck, why don't they stop wasting time and troops and fight elsewhere? This "elsewhere" is the United States Treasury. To get to the point, Anwar Sadat, Golda Meir, and Henry Kissinger should get together behind closed doors and see how much each country can stick American taxpayers for.

One helpful hint for Israel—Bomb the Arab oil refineries until oil stands a foot deep in the sand. Then sell oil rights to America.

Briggs Petway

## Palaver by Roger Bynum

It's unfortunate that people are so frequently blind concerning matters that are really important to themselves. Freedom is such a cause in America. Invoke that holy word and multitudes will rally to your aid with waving flags and blood-lust in their eyes.

Now I have no objection to expressions of nationalism, but it would be of greater value to our world that we be intelligent and honest men. As such we would do well to examine the effects of the hoax known as "free enterprise" that masquerades under this or other

names in practically every country of the world. This is a system by means of which men who are parasites prey on others who are lesser parasites and rob them of the result of their labor.

Man cannot create anything tangible. He can plant and cultivate, refine and manufacture, strip the earth of her resources. But some refuse to do even that. They survive by their wits, like beasts in the jungle, on the very lives of others.

Profit isn't made, for it represents consumer goods that other men have earned. It is extorted from people who have little financial leverage in the market place and who have been brainwashed to believe they must have the nonsense items that are offered in exchange for their labor. It is stolen from many people with an income barely sufficient to provide food and shelter. People who hear the mockery of middle-class capitalists who authored inflation with their bogus bills complaining about rising wages and prices when they never know the experience of wanting for anything.

Industrialists might direct the skill and manpower in their employ to improve the lot of

## Comment

By CARROLL ALDRIDGE

For the past several weeks, The Colony Theater has been advertising the opening of the motion picture, "Last Tango in Paris," but for some reason the opening of this film has been constantly delayed. Quite possibly some type of pressure has been brought against the theater not to show this film. Could it really be possible that in this wonderful "All-America City" of Wilson certain factions are trying to legislate morality? Sometimes it seems that in many local communities such as Wilson there are always some overzealous arbitrators intent upon destroying the freedom of the creative arts. And yes, for those of you who do not know it, film making is an art. Art is not for the courts sake, as the recent Supreme Court ruling has decided. Art is for all of the people. Whether a person goes to see the film "Last Tango" or any other film is beside the point: the freedom to do so, to have the choice is the important thing.

The Nixon court has definitely taken a major step backward in its regulation of obscenity. Must local communities now that they have the power, rush out and try to brand everything as obscene? Isn't this just another form of oppression? And if Wilson really is an "All-America City", is this a sign of things to come in the future?

## Poem

I directed myself  
in a play last night  
while seated on the john  
admiring the way  
I move my hands.  
Later I got myself  
a spot on Cavett  
and discussed  
my love life.  
After the show  
I fell in front  
of a moving van  
and shortly thereafter -  
posthumously - gained fame.  
This morning I have  
ring around the butt  
dreams of grandeur.

Kim Taylor



## Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir:

I would like to take this opportunity to voice my support for the proposed Student Meditation Center and to help set forth exactly what intentions are behind such an effort.

The idea for a Student Meditation Center came about out of a natural need for each person to find a quiet place where he or she can be alone. Recognizing the inadequacies of Howard Chapel with its very limited hours along with the pressures of academic life as well as the many other facets that are a part of life such a place is made necessary.

Regardless of one's religion, philosophy of life politics or perspective, the center can be a unifying point on the campus.

The center is going to be open twenty-four hours a day and the Chaplain of the College will be the administrator. The building will not be used primarily as a meeting hall, but as a structure that is open where privacy and

silence can be found.

The building is to be built with simplicity as its guideline and its interior will in no way favor that of a church.

The idea to have a Student Meditation Center conceived and built by students is unique in our time. This is an opportunity for every student that goes to ACC to do something worthwhile as a student body. This is an opportunity for us to improve the quality of life here at ACC.

The total cost of the structure is to be \$15,000 and at present over \$7,000 has been raised by students in actual cash. Approval has been given by the Board of Trustees and a site is available next to Howard Chapel facing the Art Building. The center is to be named by the students after construction is completed.

I encourage each of you to become a part of this effort as many others already have.

Barry Morgan

## An Environment for Learning

Small things are happening on campus. Small things that offer a great experience.

This past weekend Mr. Graham's Plant Kingdom class went on a field trip to Black Mountain. It was required that specimens of mushrooms, fungi, and other plants be collected. This may not sound like an exciting way to spend one's weekend but it was quite enjoyable. And then there was always Saturday night.

It was a new kind of experience. The group was casual and the absence of four walls added a touch of inspiration in the quest for knowledge. It was an observance of the sciences in their natural environment.

This type of out-of-the-classroom class should definitely be offered in some form by each academic department at least once a semester.

Too often a student feels that the subject matter is unrelated in everyday living. Witnessing the existence of the studied material in everyday use increases interest in the subject.

This is also done through the clubs at this school. Some of the departments have clubs for persons interested in those areas. With a casual atmosphere the Science Club merges the sciences into learning experiences, service projects, and money-making projects (So they can take those field trips). On October 20, Dr. Witherington will take a group camping to the Outer Banks where they will observe fauna and flora and study the stratification.

As all clubs should, it requires working together. In developing their knowledge of the sciences, the members carry out many projects such as the potting of ferns for sale during the winter months. They also aid the department in doing such things as cleaning the greenhouse in preparation for the new plants to be grown this winter.

This club is a good example of what each department should have. An environment in which students can learn together and choose the topic to be studied.

There is learning in all aspects of life - in everything one does. A club with this purpose can only be worthwhile. It's something to look into.

Homecoming

Elections

October 15

SGA

Meeting

October 16