

Scholasticism Exhumed

By ROGER K. BYNUM
Clark Kucheman, in his essay, "Toward A Theory of Normative Economics," gives currency to a myth that is common among educators and deserving of further discussion. The paper, edited by Gibson Winter in "Social Ethics: Issues In Ethics and Society" (Harper & Row, 1968), asserts, "labor productivity accounts for the largest part of income differentials, we can raise income by improving labor productivity," and,

"Education is probably the most effective way of doing this." Had Kucheman intended the term "education" to refer to the learning experience that occurs in any context, we could easily concede it essential to any increase in productivity and likely so for an income boost. Instead, the professor apparently has reference to institutional training and has taken a "leap of faith" that is a bit much for this writer. I find little evidence that one's own labor productivity is a

major factor in determining the variation of one's income during successive periods or can explain the difference between two individuals' income levels. Today's standard business and political practices attest that the shrewd and ruthless exercise of power is the key to a rising income. Labor productivity is certainly a crucial factor in producing real income, but in America only a small part of his added value accrues to the worker. The

worker is manipulated by industry and our middle-class society to its own profit and given very few viable alternatives. The manual laborer, for whom we reserve our most unpleasant chores, is also the recipient of subsistence wages and our scorn because we have subjugated him and somehow believe ourselves superior. By conferring degrees and privileges, and reinforcing pretensions of superiority we can certainly increase incomes:

the rich get richer, the poor poorer. This model will reassure every paper shuffler, every leech on humanity, that he is performing a just and noble service. The process of education is more painful. It may bring more radical peons like myself to the campus. It may bring us to assign other than monetary values to life. It may send us to serve men, to produce (may be, in the name of Jesus), and teach us the experience of joy in our souls.

All In Humor At ACC

(CPS) — Swallowing goldfish, stuffing phone booths, and smoking dope can't compare to the latest college fad — streaking — or running around in the nude. At the Atlantic Christian College campus, this pastime has become particularly evident, although, according to the campus police chief only one nude runner has been arrested so far this year. The runner was charged with assault and disorderly conduct after hitting a resident director who tried to make him go inside. The record for mass running in the nude was set at ACC by about 125 sprinters, mostly male, who circulated a dining hall while spectators urged them on with shouts, music, and

firecrackers. A group of coeds claim they held the most bizarre nude event, a mock wedding in which the participants wore only hats and headresses. One student claims he started the nude activities by taking off

his pants in front of a girl's dormitory. "It wasn't premeditated," he notes. "We just decided to do it after we got drunk one night at Happy Hour." The activity is not limited to colleges. Time magazine reports

that Los Angeles housewives are prone to shedding their clothes and loping off into the cool California night. Few streakers are reported to police, who are not overly concerned anyway. Time says. But passers-by have been shaken up by the spectacle several times in the past few weeks and no one knows where the streakers might streak next.

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Claridge. Other residents of Grovers Corners are played by Kin Hester, Scott Hemby, Hoke Bullard, Linda Tharrington, Ernestine Cobb, Heather Jordan, Scott Griffin, Theresa Michaud, Renee Booth and Jerry Blackmon. Elaine Lee is serving as stage manager for the production.

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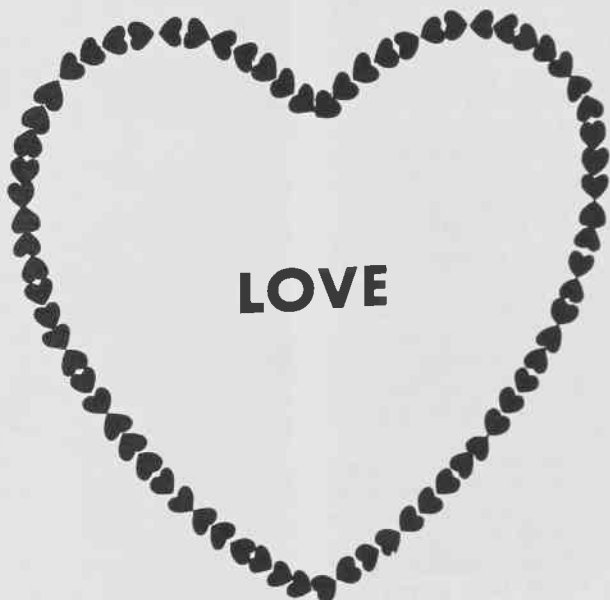
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