

Reagan's freshman flop

If the government exists to aid the people, we wonder whom the Reagan administration is helping. As President Miller's recent trip to Washington shows, it isn't Black students, and, as recent headlines indicate, it isn't collegians Black or white. Evidently, the cause of education is the very last concern of this regime.

Who, then, is benefiting from the New Federalism? Unemployment is rising to near Depression peaks, but due to slashes in federal spending, many state employment offices will soon be closing around the country. Moreover, President Reagan recently pointed out, in defense of his policies, that there were 24 pages in *The Washington Post* advertising job opportunities. Most of those positions, however, required specialized training beyond the skills of most Americans standing in unemployment lines.

Reagan's solution to the need for technical expertise was to suggest that his administration is in the business of encouraging the acquisition of specialized abilities. Kindly corporations, stimulated by tax breaks and a supposedly improving economy, will supply the training and create the jobs, according to the President and his apostles. But, who of us has heard of any such possibilities since Mr. Reagan took office? Where are these benevolent corporations? The lines are growing longer in front of job offices that will soon be vacant.

If students and workers aren't prospering from government consideration, then perhaps some other segment of the population is. Could it be the elderly? Not very likely. During a fall conference for senior citizens, Reagan's representatives were ridiculed by the old for their false promises and oh-so-solicitous concern.

Somebody has to be getting fat. Perhaps the bureaucrats. Guess again. Reagan is attempting to phase out the Department of Education and to reduce the influence of Department of the Interior. It is becoming somewhat uncomfortable to work in Washington. Recently, 40 high-level government officials were forced to take lie detector tests to determine which of them were guilty of leaking news. Everyone passed the test—a fact which proves one of two things, the fallibility of the polygraph or the necessity of lying well in order to survive in D. C.

Then it must be children who are growing healthy, wealthy and wise under the paternal care of Msrs. Reagan, Meese,

Baker, et. al. We're afraid not. Last fall, the New Federalism was responsible for trying to list ketchup and relish as vegetables on school lunch menus so that costs could be cut. Hence, for millions of Americans, inexpensive, well-balanced lunches are going the way of food stamps, CETA jobs and college loans.

Only V.I.P.'s are prospering under the caring leadership of Mr. Reagan. His preferred list includes corporations, millionaires, conservative ideologues and dictators receiving bank vaults of American aid in order to check the menace of democracy in Third World nations.

No one else is doing too well.

In keeping with the national media's penchant for giving grades to politicians, THE BANNER awards an "F" to the Reagan administration for its performance during its first year in office. However, there is only one thing worse than the Reagan record so far, and that's for him to repeat the course. Four years will be more than long enough. We'll gladly waive the requirement. Voters, incidentally, waived all requirements when they elected the gentleman from California.

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Letters to the editor:

Student lauds consortium opportunity

To the Editor:

The school has every right to offer the opportunity to study at an outside institution. This is in order to promote social and intellectual growth. As an education program, the idea of consortium is to ease the demand for particular courses when the need for these courses may not be great enough at one school.

Walking is healthy, and stimulating, and in addition, great exercise for those of us too busy to set aside time for it. Weather problems are overcome by simply dressing properly. Telephones can be used to find out about cancellation of classes. In the case of assignments the student should be well kept up with the subject so that he will be ahead of the instructor, if possible.

The syllabus serves a purpose; it guides the student through the course. The money paid to the college to pay instructors, and fees, is more than legit. The consortium is in a sense extending finances for students to meet the full subject or credit requirements for her

major. Moreover, the sisters can take advantage of this program to become creative and productive. Isn't this the purpose of a school, to mold from the average individual a promising intellectual? Consortium offers the student the environment for increased academic expansion.

Students will benefit from the opportunity to compare the large campus with the small, the co-ed's with the woman's, the predominantly Black with the predominantly white, and so on. She can meet new people, and gain new and enlightening experiences. Thus, the student is stimulated to continue her education.

Minor shortcomings of the school, and missing a few meals cannot possibly constitute a demand for major improvement on the part of the college. I would reckon on the correction of students who don't apply themselves, or on the monstrosity of instructors getting paid to teach, but who do all else.

Harolyn Stevenson-Smith
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"NO, I DIDN'T SAY YOU WERE A DUCK, BUT NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, IF YOU WALK LIKE A DUCK, QUACK LIKE A DUCK, AND MESS AROUND WITH DUCKS, THEN, YOU ARE A DUCK!"

The corner of faith:

Thou shalt's for Belles

Most parents and elders complain that today's young people have no values or morals. These people say that the world is experiencing a crisis because people no longer believe in the Word of God.

Youngsters in specific, these people say, abide by different rules than their parents. If this is so, perhaps the following version of the Ten Commandments is one example of changing rules:

This version of the Ten

Commandments is directed at college students, Bennett Belles in particular:

- (1) Study and learn—you shall have no other goals before this.
- (2) You shall not worship any graven image, or disco or A&T Aggie.
- (3) You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, or Bennett, your Alma Mater, in vain.
- (4) Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day. Don't

waste your weekend and try to do all your work on Sunday.

- (5) Honor your father, your mother and your teacher.
- (6) You shall not cheat.
- (7) You shall not lie.
- (8) You shall not steal.
- (9) You shall not bear false witness against your classmate.
- (10) You shall not covet anything that is your classmate's.

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