

EDITORIALS

Is It Fair?

It's that time of year again when the students on campus are worried about passing, failing and what they are going to do next semester. In my opinion it is a very bad time to be harassed by the campus policeman who is trying to keep his "image" up by waking up students at late hours or calling them into his office and telling them, "you don't have any friends."

Is this fair to the students? Especially now near the end of school when we have more important things to worry about than being kicked out of school.

—Jim Rich

Eternal Man

I'm eternal man, I've lived an infinite time. Let me tell to you the things that I did find. Relieve your mind from all its task, and let it wander free, for it is the only way you will understand, and have the light to see.

Drift back through time and space to when the world began, out from the ocean came a thing that called itself man.

At first you were a humble thing, you gazed on the earth with awe. You were frightened and bewildered, by all the things you saw.

As time passed by you walked upright, discovered fire, and learned to fight. You made as your servant, the beast of the land, and counted them by marking in the sand.

As your kind progressed, you sprang forth a new creation, learned to communicate, and formed a civilization.

All this time you worshipped things, you did not understand, the celestial bodies, and even your fellowman.

More years followed as you searched, for another land, and learned to sail the seven seas and plant the crop of man. You caught up with your future as you sped upon your way, nothing could stop a thing, that could change night into day.

And what could defeat a thing that could rule the skies, prolong its life, destroy the world, or increase its size?

You set back and boast of how you are Supreme, I'm Eternal Man, and say you're in a dream. What fools are men, who are blind, but who claim to see, who rape the earth of its life, and think they get it free.

Do not strangle on your greed, use only that you need. Put back all you take from the land, and you can be Eternal Man.

And rob not your body from this earth, for even that has some worth.

I'm not God, or anything of the kind. To be like me, there are answers you must find.

To you, I come as a friend, and hope you understand. For I have seen you die a thousand times, please, not again.

Mankind you should have listened for I did forecast your fate, but just like all the other, you couldn't stop your take.

If you had stopped to listen, and not just to hear, opened up your eyes, it would have all been clear.

Some mortals around you tried, but all in vain, they were not loud enough, to penetrate your brain.

Someday, man will think and do as I have said. He will be Eternal Man, instead of being dead.

Damned are those who spoil this land for they'll never know, Eternal Man.

—John Slay

College Deferments for Draft May End

The Senate Armed Services Committee has voted to let President Nixon end draft deferments for college students—starting with those entering school after the current academic year.

The provision approved at a committee session Friday differs from the House-passed measure enabling the President to carry out his announced plan of ending the deferments retroactive to April 23, 1970.

The Senate panel, nearing final action on a draft extension bill close to what Nixon asked, decided authority to end student deferments should take effect when the bill is enacted.

This presumably will be sometime before the current draft law runs out June 30.

Any college student who entered school before that date would be free to complete his four-year undergraduate program before becoming subject to the draft.

Nixon, in announcing he would end deferments if given authority, said this would apply to students at junior colleges and

in apprentice and technical programs as well.

On another key point, the committee voted Friday to keep a provision permitting conscientious objectors to serve two years in an alternative civilian service. The House had voted to increase this to three years.

After two years' service, the objector, like other draftees, would stay in a reserve status for another three years.

The Senate committee expects to finish work on the two-year draft extension next week, possible Tuesday. It will come up in the Senate about two weeks later.

A Senate-House conference committee will have to resolve differences in the two versions. Besides the date for ending deferments and the service for conscientious objectors, the two bills contain vastly different pay-increase provisions.

The Senate committee went along with the President's proposal for \$987 million in additional pay and allowances, including enlistment bonuses for men volunteering for combat duty.

The House, however, has nearly tripled that to about \$2.7 billion while ruling out the enlistment bonus.

The administration hopes the pay increases plus decreasing manpower needs as the Vietnam war winds down will attract enough volunteers to do without the draft by the time the two-year extension runs out July 1, 1973.

But the House Armed Services Committee expressed doubt about this goal, and members of the Senate committee likewise are skeptical it can be achieved.

THE Calldown Kid
Scott Napier - Skip Holland



Sleazy Gets Excited!



THE Kid goes back to His Room. MEANWHILE IN ROOM 103 Sleazy Rider PLANS SOME MISCHIEF.



Time 11:20, the Kid is in the Shower when HE HEARS this Gosh AWFUL NOISE!



Riding down the Hall on His Sleazy, Greazy Slide Bike; Sleazy Rider Blows oil ALL OVER the Call Down Kid



WITH A SMILE ON THE Kid's Face:



AND SO ENDS ANOTHER EXCITING EPISODE with our Hero The Calldown Kid

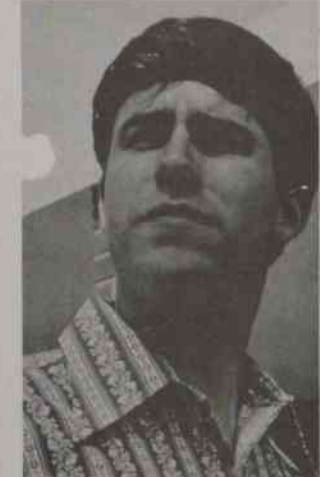
QUESTION: In your judgment, do you think that Lt. William Calley deserves a life imprisonment penalty?

WHERE ASKED: Whitaker Library

WHO WERE ASKED:



DONNA JONES Soph., Heathsville, Va. I believe that there was a crime committed but I don't think Calley should not be held responsible for it because he is just a small fry who was following orders. If anyone should be punished it should be the general in command but I really see no need in punishing either because war is war not a game of baseball, where you exhibit fairness and sportsmanship. If we remove the military system in the U.S., Russia and China there will be peace on earth. It is hard to do this because man is man.



HARRY WHITLEY Soph., Murfreesboro, N.C. In my opinion it was an abortion of justice that Calley was even brought to trial. The decision of the court is just another symptom of the disease which is ripping at the heart of the American nation.



BRENDA WOODFIN Fresh., Arvonia, Va. The verdict in Lt. Calley's trial upset me greatly because I could not imagine placing a murder charge upon a soldier in Vietnam. The enemy is everywhere, so how can you know who is the innocent civilian and who is the enemy? War is ugly, inhuman and heart-breaking. The innocent are victims of war crimes. I feel Lt. Calley should not be singled out to bear the war crimes committed at My Lai. The charges if any should have been soon thereafter and all involved charged including the commanding officer. GIs in Vietnam cannot be expected to fight for their country if they are to be convicted of murder when they return home.



ADRIAN WYNNS Soph., Ahoskie, N.C. The court gave Calley the only verdict they could other than death. The evidence presented and the judgment made on this proved that he was guilty of murder. He should have been brought to trial two years ago while all the other men of his unit were also subject to punishment as he is. The method that brought about his trial by court martial I do not personally like. He was only one day from release from active duty when the charges were brought against him by the Army from evidence presented by men who were out of the Army and could not be tried. The photographer that sold the official photographs of the

dead and the village and the addict that hated Calley and the private Mead Lo who sold his story to Time-Life and a journalist all are guilty of some or similar crime that Calley is but are not punished.

Capt. Daniels, the prosecutor, has done a commendable job as prosecutor but has disgraced his uniform by his letter of criticism to the President. He should have waited a week until he was a civilian. Officers in the Armed Services of the U.S. do not have the right to disagree publicly with the policy of the President of the U.S. and commander in chief. The verdict against Calley should have been given by court martial two years ago after a complete investigation at that time, not now. Seventy to eighty marines, soldiers and airmen are in Federal prison for similar crimes at this time but they were tried and convicted immediately after the crimes were committed.



JETE EDMONDS Soph., Kilmarnock, Va. In my opinion, I feel as though Calley is guilty, but who am I to judge. I don't know the evidence presented for or against. I do feel, however, that whatever sentence is passed, it shouldn't be life or death. I believe that this is too much to ask against a man who is fighting for his country. I feel that had Calley been fighting a war in the U.S., that these charges wouldn't have been brought against him. Maybe I should say that a definition of the situation should apply. Who can say what each of us would have done, had we been in his position.

A Poem

A photograph of Kelsey, Crinkled and fading Lies unframed on the foremost Shelf of mind. Her smile peeks curiously Round her mouth, Betraying dreamer's thoughts And secret plans. Two faint dimples play Upon her cheeks, Echoes of laughter Tender and gay. The nose is a nose, No heart-breaking beak, Nor Ceasar-mountain, But has reflections Of a sun-flecked, dimpled day. Two half-moon eyes Speak nought but love and care; A kitten is as gentle, A young colt as sensitive. Two soft brown jewels A thousand diamonds cannot trade; Large eyes, quick to sense trouble, Eager to bring laughter To the air. Tender, tender— Even though Touched with pain, By anger, By grief, They still wrinkle up with joy As easy lips express Unneeded words. A crown of hair, Long hair, Dog-eye brown A twisted strand, Sneaked over the rounded ear Restless finger moves it back, And runs through chocolate velvet locks. A look that glows Come summertime, As the sun sweeps golden brown From dimple to dimple, And touches haloes to velvet curls. But now slightly worn and flushed From standing such close scrutiny, My photograph of Kelsey Will soon be all that I have, As the flash of the jet Takes her up and away From those sun-flecked, dimpled days.

By Craig Thompson
February, 1970

Hutchens Elected SGA President

The recent Student Government Association elections showed the students' lack of interest in campus politics. The simmering trend of student enthusiasm can be seen by comparing this year and last year's election results.

Freshman, 17 per cent in 1969-70 as compared to 12 per cent in 1970-71. Homecoming, 18 per cent in 1969-70, fifteen per cent in 1970-

71. SGA, 34 per cent as compared to 23 per cent. Sophomore, 20 per cent in 1969-70 and not yet filled for this year.

Bill Hutchens, SGA President-elect, was quoted saying that "it was partly due to the attitude of the candidates." There was no campaign made by any candidate except himself. He is the only one who bothered to put up campaign posters. Two students

claimed that many other students resent showing their ID cards just to vote.

Here are the SGA officers for the academic year 1971-72: President, Bill Hutchens; Vice-President, Ronald G. Dunn; Treasurer, Carl W. Cunningham; and Secretary, Joel Rose.

Male Social Co-Chairman, Thomas L. Patt; Female Social Co-Chairman, Sue Ella Garner; and Historian, Susan Riggs.

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