

## Editorial

**"We have met the enemy, and he is us."**

A need for change has been recognized by all the elements of our population, but the prime question in this national election is: what kind of change, and in what direction? Many changes are advocated, but the common characteristic of all of them, and perhaps the reason that none of them can be ultimately satisfactory to the majority, is that they are programmatic changes; that is, mere additions to or changes of programs for strengthening police forces, for farm support, for urban renewal, etc.

The conclusion could thus be supported that the needed change is structural, rather than programmatic. A structural change in a society would be one in the form

of government or in the relative status of the elements of the society. Genuine structural change has not yet been envisioned by any except the radical and reactionary elements of the population, for the changes needed to save the power of America are so far-reaching that only the radical or the reactionary could imagine them. One hopes that the change would be radical rather than reactionary.

Thus, the problem for most Americans is that if the change does not come their society will destroy itself, but if it does come their way of living will be out-moded; so that, as Walt Kelly wrote, "We have met the enemy, and he is us," for we will not change our society, but we must.

### Hillbilly Poem

There was a hillbilly named Hollis,  
Who used snakes and frogs for his solace;

His offspring had scales and prehensile tails,  
And voted for Governor Wallace. -Playboy

## FACULTY FORUM

By CORBITT B. RUSHING

One of the benchmarks of the Wallace campaign is the pitch that there isn't a dime's worth of difference between his two opponents. Shooting from the lip at every opportunity, the bantam Governor pounds on this theme - and admittedly to the delight of an increasing number of Americans, rednecks and white collar.

But the truth is that there is a wide divergence in the political posture of the Democratic and Republican parties - a wide gap in philosophy, practice and performance. It is not necessary for the voter to choose the Wallace alternatives: the irrational, racist politics of frustration as opposed to tweedle dum - tweedle dee major party politics.

In the area of the basic thrust of governmental power there is a fundamental gulf between Richard Nixon and Hubert Humphrey. And this difference is wide enough to accommodate the rational American voter. If a person thinks that the proper role of government is negative, that the essential problems that beset our polity can best be solved at the individual and private level, he is reflecting the traditional and Nixon Republican view. If, on the other hand, he feels that government has a positive role in producing the better life, that societal problems have largely out-grown individual and private economic solu-

tions, then HHH is his boy.

For example, here are a few major areas of governmental activities in which there is basic and significant dispute in the major party camps: Foreign Aid, Medicare, War on Poverty, Model Cities and Urban Renewal, Civil Rights, Public Housing, Rent Subsidy, Tax Policy, Food and Drug Supervision, Labor Regulation, and Agricultural Parity and Commodity Support. In each of these areas there is an affirmative and a negative - a Democratic and a Republican position.

To give George his due, he is partially correct in assessing a monetary difference between Hubert and Richard in the area of control of the public schools. But the difference is not one of 10¢ but of over \$1.5 billion. Mr. Nixon has stated (strictly for sub Mason-Dixon audiences) that he will not use the threat of curtailment of federal funds to local school systems to coerce compliance with HEW guidelines. Humphrey would seemingly continue the practice, unless there is a voluntary compliance with the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment and that day is not yet in sight.

In the field of law and order - the hot issue of the campaign - Mr. Wallace has a point: there isn't too much difference between the two major parties. In fact, Mr.

### Bruits Organize

The Bruits Literary Club held its second meeting of the year Wednesday, September 25, in the faculty lounge. Officers were nominated and elected. They are: Head Bruit Bonnie Cullom; Assistant Head Bruit Joyce Homan; and Secretary-Treasurer Ann Thomas Gill. Program plans were discussed and will be voted upon at the next meeting.

The Bruits extend an invitation to all English majors and other students interested in the humanities to join the literary club at the October meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 6 pm in the card room.

### Parents' Weekend

(Continued from Page 1) His teachers were not available for his parents to meet, one faculty member, Dr. Davis, said he "met more parents than all last year."

Parents' Weekend included an open house in all classes Saturday, open house in all dorms and fraternities, a soccer game and a fashion show Saturday afternoon, a banquet and faculty re-

## Perspective

By: JEFF SHELTON

A few weeks ago the students here received a communication from the SGA concerning a monthly assembly program. In part, it read: "In accordance with the Dean of Students' philosophy of 'freedom with responsibility,' these assemblies will not be required. However, Dr. Wilde has threatened\* to enforce a required assembly with fines for absences if participation is not close to 100%." Apparently, we have here a graphic il-

lustration of what the Dean really means when he talks about "freedom with responsibility." I think that on this campus, as elsewhere, it is time for an assertion of student power. But how can this power be manifested?

If one grants that racial elements at Columbia, Berkeley, and elsewhere went too far, one can still not invalidate the entire concept of student power, since the militant approach is only one of several alternatives. The need everywhere in higher education is for a new orientation: the student should not be a slave to the grade and therefore to the professor; he should not be treated as an adult only when he knuckles under to every administration whim, but at all times. It is well for us to remember that when universities began the students paid the professors and could get rid of them at any time. Is the complete reversal we have now really wise, or are our colleges and universities just factories for impersonalize, "button-down" minds?

### Sturgill

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leyan, Mr. Sturgill was on the faculty at Green Mountain College in Vermont, where he appeared in several of the college's productions. Mr. Sturgill received his Bachelor's Degree from William and Mary College, where he achieved membership in Delta Psi Omega, a national honorary fraternity of the dramatic arts, for his participation in college dramatics.

Also representing Wesleyan's language department is Miss Rilla Carter, who will serve as one of the rehearsal pianists.

Mr. Michael K. Grindstaff will design the sets and serve as technical director for the production, while Mr. Anthony Dingman will direct and choreograph the entire show.

## Oklahoma : (1955)

Fred Zinneman's film version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's first musical stars Gordon Macrae, Shirley Jones, Rod Steiger, and Gloria Graham, with excellent choreography by Agnes DeMille.

This film, appearing on campus tonight, was first screened in 1955.

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