

# LÜBECK

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cluding their program with the "Exodus" theme. The Lübeck Chorus is on tour for three weeks every year. They have previously travelled in Canada, Turkey, and most of the countries of Europe. The Chorus is made up of amateur singers of every background and is supported by the City of Lübeck as well as by the federal West German government.

## Coeds Flag For Safety

College girls, on summer break, are being employed as "flag women," by road construction contractors in North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming and British Columbia, according to the National Safety Council.



# FACULTY FORUM

By: DR. ALLEN F. CORDTS

Seventy billion dollars! That is a lot of money! All those zeros numb the mind, so let us knock off just one and make it seven billion-one-tenth of the sum, one little dime out of each one of those dollars--and try to reduce this to understandable terms.

That one-tenth is equivalent to about two dollars for every man, woman, and child in the world. Two good American dollars would buy enough food to fill many empty bellies in India or Biafra. But we'll get closer to home. That one-tenth is equal to about \$35 for every man, woman, and child in the U. S. A. Even at our high prices, if carefully managed, that one-tenth would feed all of us--all 200 million of us--for probably five weeks.

Look at it another way. That one-tenth means \$1,000 a head for every college and university student in the U. S. A. If our struggling college had that much per student handed to us, our financial problems would evaporate. And if we could count on it year after year, we'd probably never have to raise tuition again, and maybe could even reduce it (unheard of!)

Since I never deal in such large sums (except in dream - like writing such as this) I don't know how far that one-tenth would go to revitalize our crumbling cities or to assure adequate nutrition and health care for all our children or to strengthen our overworked, overwrought, and underfinanced system of public education or to build decent dwellings for people now living in shacks--but it would sure help if it were available for such purposes. If--

The seventy billion mentioned at the beginning is the current Federal fiscal year budget for the Department of Defense.

The late President Eisenhower warned us almost a decade ago about the grip of the "military industrial complex." Can that grip be pried open just enough to take out that desired one-tenth? The human cry is getting louder and louder to do just that. More and more citizens are exclaiming: "We'll pay the surtax from here on out, but meet some of these human needs--let us spend more of our vast resources for life and the living instead of death and destruction."

My guess is that this same cry is heard in other lands--that Russians, Germans, Egyptians, Jordanians, and people everywhere are saying (or at least thinking) that the quality of life is more important and that living living fully--and enjoying the good earth's resources-- is certainly better than dying.

In spite of all the helplessness and hopelessness, this shines through. More people everywhere are pleading that human measures be applied in all the complicated decision-making which affects their lives. People everywhere are becoming stronger in their convictions that high-sounding phrases such as "an adequate deterrent", "second-strike capability", "overkill", and the like, ad nauseum, all fall on very deaf ears when addressed to a hungry child.

If there is any single great cause in our turbulent world, it is this: that we strive in each generation to bring forward these human measures by which to judge the soundness of our ac-

## BLACKMAN

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to mean much to administration." He tried to convince the officials that they needed more information before making good decisions concerning the students; however, representation on either Board of Trustees and/or Administrative Council was denied. For instance, when Jess confronted the Administration with complaints concerning the food in the cafeteria, he was told by an infrequent visitor that the food was "top-notch."

Finally after convincing the administration that students are interested in decisions made which affect them, Jess has been allowed to serve as a member of the Administrative Council for ap-

proximately a month. This Council now consists of six members, the president of the college, the director of the college, dean of students, comptroller, and president of the SGA. This accomplishment grew out of one of the many conferences Jess had with the members of this group.

Since the election of the new SGA president, John Roberts, he too has accompanied Jess to the confrontations to present complaints to the individual members of the group. Jess emphasized that along with every complaint

dealing with the problems concerning his goals, there has been a reasonable suggestion. Jess

hoped that decisions concerning the pool table money and maintenance will be made within the next few weeks. He stressed his feeling that "there are ways of working these problems out."

Jess concluded that groundwork had been laid in these areas so that more progress can be made next year if newly elected officers want to continue work. He stated that his greatest com-

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

I would like to thank the DECREE for its objective coverage of the facts in the lead story of March 28, 1969, and I appreciate Mr. Ed Smith's telling editorial. I would like to thank Mr. Robin Rawlings for his concern, his hard work, and the petition. Needless to say I am deeply appreciative of the 285 who signed (and my thanks also to those who would have signed but were afraid it might hurt me). I feel like bragging; anytime nearly half the student body sign a petition for a teacher, he must be fairly competent. I'd rather have you on my side than all the business communities and all the administrations in the world.

My thanks also go to Dr. Jack Teagarden, who did not copy out when asked about the recommendation and did in fact "split the decision making process." His recommendation definitely

tions and plans; that we concern ourselves more and more about the quality of life everywhere--in short, that we work and struggle to become more human.

proves to me that my competence is not really in question. He is after all my chairman and the only Ph. D. in English on the faculty and the only man on the faculty with his years of experience in teaching English on the college level. I believe these things qualify him to judge ability.

There are a good many other professors who have stuck by me, offered to recommend me, and extended many other kindnesses: Bond, who was with me on the boycott; Mottershead and King, who were there at the school board meetings; Dingman, who

directs a damn good play; and gutsy Bob Hawk, who won't be back next year either. And there are others.

Believe me, I have not lost any battles here. Perhaps I can be backed into a corner and destroyed, but I doubt it. I doubt if any man can be destroyed when he has so many on his side. Actually I have won: won the trust of the black man, the admiration of my students, the understanding of my colleagues, and the self-respect, which for a while I thought I had lost.

Thank you, Greg Hall

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