

The Other Side

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Exactly why and when it all began is not known precisely. It was slow at first, and very subtle. So subtle, in fact, that most of the students didn't know what was happening. Now, however, it is quite evident that an ingenious mind, or maybe many ingenious minds, have devised an intricate, many faceted scheme to sabotage the student lounge, the purpose of which is to painfully provoke the administration into closing it. The whole idea may sound morbid; but really it isn't. It's actually fun; so much fun that it has become quite popular.

Besides being piles of fun, almost anyone can do it without any special training. Another reason for its popularity is the creative aspect involved in turning the lounge into a hish-hash crumb cavern. Some of the students participating are just sick and tired of experiencing the horrible discomforts of cleanliness. Others are mentally healthy enough to enjoy the open and direct manifestations of their pigmalistic instincts. And a few just enjoy agonizing the Establishment.

Other than the glorious satisfaction of undermining the Establishment there are several other tangible rewards possible for this most worthy project. For example, the Humane Society might award the participants a medal for their "uncompromising concern for the welfare of mice and flies." Also the school might be given a free subscription to "Better Slums and Ghettoes". And quite possibly posterity will remember the devout efforts made by the students on this campus. What a distinction it would be to have an epitaph reading: "Here lies an alumnus of ol' Southeastern in the dirt he loved so well." And of course a lot of pride is involved, too. Others will hear of these valiant endeavors to have the lounge closed. That is why it must be a success; why everyone should work so hard. Failure would damage beyond repair the image of the S.C.C. student and give others the impression that this is undeniably a school of morons and cretins.

There are many ways to participate. The easiest, especially for the beginner, is to simply leave cups, saucers, and napkins on the table. The effect is immensely heightened if a little coke is spilled and a few crumbs and some hamburger is dropped on the floor. Also, strewn catsup and mustard add a lot of spice to the sewage. Another valuable contribution is the proper use, or shall we say proper misuse, of the ash tray. That is—don't use it for any reason whatsoever. And since music has been added to the lounge, it is convenient to listen to a favorite song while not using the ash tray.

All this must be done with the utmost cunning. Filth is most effective when it appears to be accidental. While making a mess of the place it is best to appear preoccupied with worries over more important things like the increasing dangers of air pollution and water contamination.

Burying the lounge under an avalanche of litter will take a lot of work by a lot of students. But it can be done. Sooner or later, the Establishment will learn that trying to keep the lounge clean before students have grown up is about as perplexing as having two broken legs and dysentery simultaneously.



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Growing Pains Appear At SCC

Growing pains have begun to make their mark on Southeastern. Already the increased population of the campus made problems for the still young college institute.

Two major problems have already started to plague the student body as a result of the entrants of S.C.C. The student lounge area and the library are the two problems of major proportion.

An assembly and a Student Government Association recommendation did little good to have the student lounge cleaned up. Although there has been a great deal of improvement, there are still some people who take it upon themselves to destroy what others have tried to preserve. This would be sanitation. Some have stated that the student lounge could not get a grade "D" sanitation certificate because of careless people who leave trash, cigarette ashes and butts, along with leftover food.

The library also has seen the disadvantage of a large student body. Many people seem to think the library is a place for social conversation. This is not the purpose of the library. Correct etiquette in the library would be a quiet, studious, endeavor to learn from the fine facilities at Southeastern. This does not mean club meetings, jam sessions, and private parties.

It is hoped that responsible students will strive to stop these group gatherings. Perhaps only students can prevent student apathy.

Student Court To Be Applied

Because of the unsightly mess of the student lounge and the resulting shut down of that area, THE RAM'S HORN is taking upon itself the personal obligation of aiding in the cleaning up of this privileged area.

From this issue of the school paper on there will be a "Pig Pen Award of the Month." The recipient or recipients of this award will be charged officially before the Student Court and tried for the offenses committed at Southeastern. To better intensify the humiliation of the award, THE RAM'S HORN will issue a detailed statement in the paper for all to see the ingratitude of the offender and his actions at S.C.C.

If the "Pig Pen" charge is upheld in the Student Court fines will be issued and a possible strong reprimand from the Court. Southeastern was not created for a trash dump but as the pursuit of higher education.

All litterers of any type beware, student apathy is no more.

Counselor Speaks Of His Position

By GORDON WATTS
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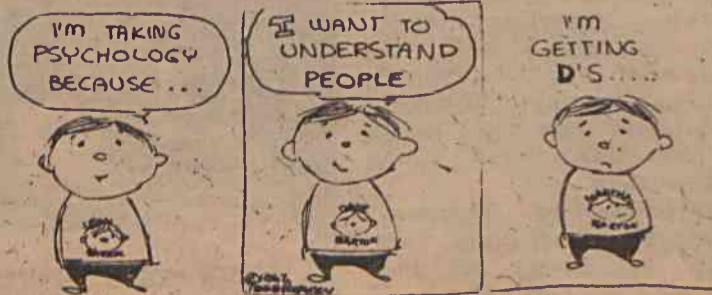
"Much has been written about the role of the counselor and many functions of the counselor have been described. Several years ago, I came across a quote from James Michener's FIRES OF SPRING which I have enjoyed sharing with others in our field. I would like to share it with you.

"For this is the journey that men make: to find themselves. If they fail in this, it doesn't matter much what else they find. Money position, fame, many loves, revenge, are all of little consequence, and when the tickets are collected at the end of the ride, they are tossed into a bin marked Failure. But if a

man happens to find himself—if he knows what he can be depended upon to do, the limits of his courage, the position from which he will no longer retreat... the secret reservoirs of his determination, the extent of his dedication, the depth of his feelings for his beauty, his honest and unpostured goals then he has found a mansion which he can inhabit with dignity all the days of his life.

This, as I see it, is our job as counselors—to help each person to find himself, to understand himself, and to use his abilities and understandings to build a mansion which he can inhabit with dignity all the days of his life."

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CLOSE THE LIBRARY?

In the December issue of the 'Ram's Horn' the SCC college library was presented as a place of dilemma ranging from 'a friendly crap game going on in one booth to being strafed by a paper airplane zooming in from 12:00 high.' The noise in the library is an apparent and a very real problem. The writer of the previous article presented this problem well, but failed to offer a solution.

Could the problem be solved by 'closing the college library?' No, there is to be no deprivation of the library as there was of the student lounge. The closing of the lounge may have caused a few hunger pains due to going without food—but food for the brain is not to be denied.

"We cannot close the library as was the case concerning the student lounge. To do this would be to deprive students of what they are here for—an education," stated Mr. Ray Dunmire, head librarian.

"No one tells us to be quiet," is the common remark of students. Does the answer lie here? Must students be constantly 'called down.' Mr. Dunmire and his assistants are well-trained and well-educated librarians. Their responsibility lies in the upkeep of the library not in the policing of students.

Closing of the library and policing of students have both been ruled out as solutions to the problem. However, there is an answer. It is to be found within the individual student—whether 'he wants to be considered an adult instead of a kid,' said Mr. Dunmire. The college-age student is of adult-age, but whether he wants to be considered adult is up to him.

'Actions speak louder than words.' In the library mature actions rather than loud words are preferred and they speak for the beholder saying that he is adult and capable of accepting responsibility—the responsibility of allowing himself and his fellow students a peaceful place for study.

Let quietness prevail!

"THE CONFLICT IN VIETNAM"

By BILL TURNER

That dirty, ugly mess with which we are embroiled in Southeast Asia is halfway around the world from our peaceful Carolina, but it is actually just around the corner when your friends and neighbors receive that dreaded notice from the War Department.

We live in a small community of towns with closely-knit families and friends, who have been hard hit by the conflict in Vietnam. A number of other boys have suffered wounds in a war that is not a war.

Many of our men ask for second tours of duty in Vietnam because they believe in what their country is doing.

We remember them as intensely eager young men who were always on the go. We grieve along with their parents as well as their wives. Our hearts go out to them in the hours of sorrow.

We implore our nation's leader to act with all haste to bring this conflict to a just and honorable end.

But most of all we want to proclaim that these boys who have given the last full measure of devotion have not done so in vain. They fought and died for freedom not only for their country, but for all the people of the world.