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"I have sworn upon the alter of God eternal hostility to all forms of tyranny over the mind of man."
Thomas Jefferson

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Students Receive Severe Penalty

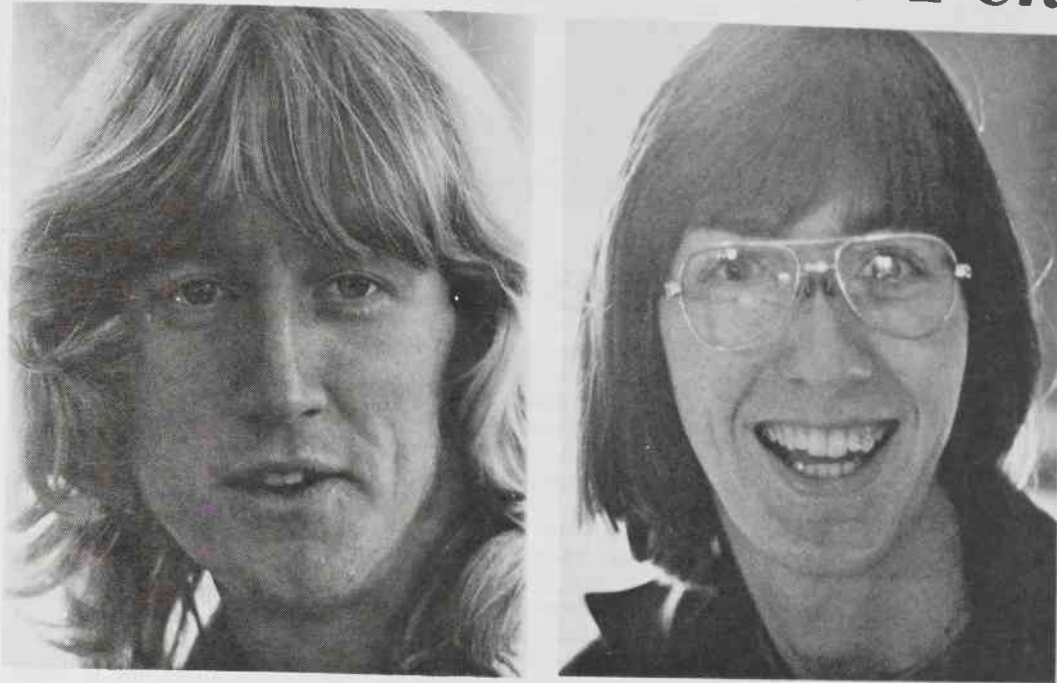
Last Saturday afternoon, two male students in Hackney Hall were discovered with two females in their room, several half-full beer cans in a bag and a few empty cans scattered about the room. They were charged with possession of alcohol, consumption of alcohol, and having females in their room at other than visitation hours. They were found guilty of the last two counts. The evidence against them appears very flimsy and circumstantial. The evidence is:

A.) Several half-full beer cans in a bag and several other empties scattered around the room.

B.) The two females

C.) Two RA's thought they saw one of the young men following the women into the dorm, but could not make positive identification.

The beer cans being in a bag would suggest that the cans were brought into the room to be thrown away, although this is not an established fact. The two had been in their room only 10 minutes when they were confronted. That is very little time to drink several beers. They arrived in their room at 5:00 and



Darrell English and Mike Sellers before the news

at 5:10 were apprehended. The two females testify they entered the dorm on their own free will. They were both ECU students, and one girl's brother lives in Hackney. According to their testimony, they were looking for

him.

The penalty for these crimes has been established as two semesters suspension from school for both. This will go on their permanent records and will be shown to prospective

employers as well as educational institutions when they consider them for a job or acceptance to their schools. In light of the extremely flimsy evidence, this would seem to be a rather harsh sentence. The

fact is that they broke a school rule, even though it is outdated, and some punishment would be in order. However, suspension for two semesters seems rather harsh.

But this is not all there is to the case. In the recent past, there have been several cases where occupants of dorms have been caught with hard liquor in their possession and have been caught in the act of drinking it. These have included resident assistants, sorority members, and other individuals. These people got off with very slight penalties, probation at the most. In a standout case, a young man did not even go before the discipline committee. This would seem to be a grave contradiction of justice.

Can it be that Darrell and Mike were singled out for some reason? Maybe it was their attitude at the hearing that had a bearing on the verdict. Or perhaps the Disciplinary Board felt obligated to make an example of the two, due to the laxity shown in previous cases. Maybe not. Still it remains rather questionable that true justice was served here.

Reflections of Dr. Hamlin

The time for the interview had been set for 1:00 o'clock. The reporter knocked on the door. There was no sound. "Maybe he forgot I was coming, or got busy and couldn't make it," he thought. Just then there was a rattle on the door handle and he realized his fears had been unjustified. The door opened and the old man (Did I say old? This certainly is a contradiction, for despite his physical age, he has a wisdom and vitality of spirit that transcends age and youth.) stood in front of him. He was frail looking and thin, but there was energy in his voice.

"Come in, come in," he said, and told the reporter to have a seat.

Dr. Hamlin, are you a pacifist?" asked the reporter.

He replied that he was but that he didn't like the word. It gave the impression of a weakling who gives no resistance. Dr. Hamlin and he believed in the "super-resistance" — using your head instead of your fist, and looking and thinking ahead. He said he had supported World War I, but only because he was fooled into thinking it was a war to end all wars. The old man stated he had been misled by the War Machine propaganda that operates to brainwash the minds of people during all wars.

Dr. Hamlin got up and went to the closet. He opened the door and pulled out what looked like a term paper. He handed it to the reporter. It was titled "A Pilgrimage In Ideas" and had been written by the old man in 1970. He told the student to read the section dealing with the rejection of warfare to see what had changed his views on war. The young man flipped open the short booklet (9 pages) to the first page and began to read.

It dealt with the false propaganda the U. S. and her allies had used in World War I to fire up the people in favor of the war. The paper cited the sinking of the Lusitania for one example. The U. S. had made it appear as though the Germans had sunk the passenger ship and killed many innocent people, as well as 114 Americans. But the bill of lading, not made public until after the war, showed that it was heavily laden with munitions of war. The paper also noted that in 1916, when President Wilson was up for re-election on the slogan "He kept us out of war," he held a meeting with three southern legislators and asked them to support a move to enter the war. They refused. The paper went on to say that after the U. S. entered the war, a propaganda program was started under the administration of George Creel. This organization published over 75,000,000 books and pamphlets, used 75,000 speakers, and had a daily newspaper circulation of over 100,000. The U. S. established propaganda offices in every nation except Germany and her allies. Creel, after the war, was reported as saying with the same propaganda equipment, he could throw the U. S. into a war with any country in 90 days. The paper referred to many other instances in other wars which showed how each nation uses propaganda to influence its people in the desired direction during times of war. All this added weight to the old man's view on the War Machine, and the reporter could not believe such facts as these had never been covered in any history class he had been in. Then he realized that the propaganda brain-washing doesn't end with the event. Then the old man, without a

trace of bitterness or malice, said, "President Wilson was the biggest, pious, most well meaning liar in history." The young man laughed. But it was an uneasy laugh, more in an attempt to laugh away an unpleasant fact one has just been told, and wishes he hadn't heard, than at anything funny. The reporter changed subjects.

"What is your relationship with God," he asked?

Immediately the old man replied. God is a personal God, he resolved, and could not be defined, because the finite cannot define the infinite. He believed that there was something divine in all men. He gave a quote by George Fox of the Quaker Church. "There is that of God in all men." The sage thought for a moment, and then added that all men's thinking should be anchored in religion.

The correspondent was surprised to find so many of the old man's thoughts were similar to his own. "He's just a romantic like me," he thought. Then he noticed the eyes again. The gleam was still there. During the course of the interview, it had grown dim at times, but each time it had rushed back just as bright and strong as ever before. The reporter still could not figure out what it was. He went on to the next question.

"Dr. Hamlin, what do you see in store for us in the future?"

"It's beyond me," he said in a voice more cynical than optimistic, but in reality was neither. "None knows that except God." Now there was a softness in his tone. He went on, saying we should work for disarmament and should stop rattling our swords as many do now.

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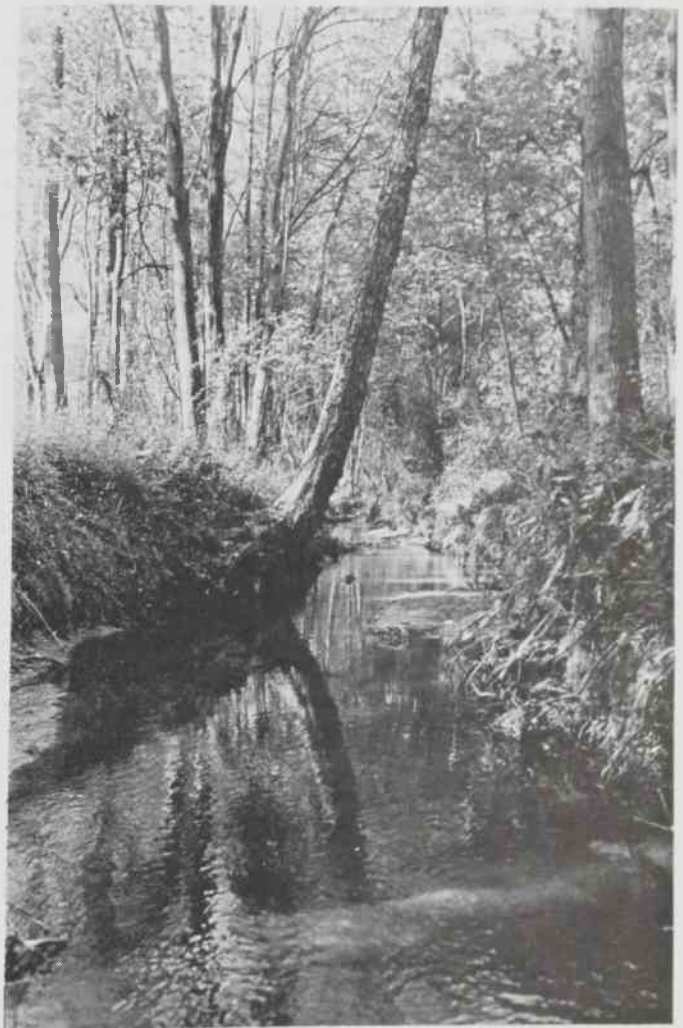
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"If there is love in your heart, and your heart is not filled with the things of the mind, then it is like a fountain, like a spring that is constantly giving fresh water."

Jiddo Krishnamurti
(Japanese Philosopher)