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## An Atmosphere Of Fear?

Things haven't reached the point of the recent Berea College incidents at St. Andrews yet, mainly because our Trustees are more liberal and approve eventually most proposals coming from the campus community. But Berea is an example to keep firmly in mind by those who are concerned about a healthy academic and social attitude at colleges throughout the nation.

The editors of THE PINNACLE, Berea's newspaper, quoted in the context of a discussion of the college's present situation a report compiled by a group of Bereans at a conference in 1968. It remains relevant in some degree to all colleges.

"There prevails an atmosphere of discontent, fear, distrust, disrespect, and apathy which is caused partly by the inconsistency between ideals and their implementation and partly by the failure of parts of the community to realize the increasing intellectual and emotional maturity of the students now entering Berea.

"Inconsistency and confusion can be found at the root of much of the present discontent in the community. While the College has sought to turn out students who are mature and able to make reasonable decisions, too many people find themselves unable to be decision makers because they have had all their decisions made for them by someone else. This problem has led some to conclude that many students actually regress in maturity while they are at Berea. At the same time the campus is suffering from a real confusion as to roles and rights. Many members of the total community (not only students) are not at all sure what position they have in the college structure and they are even less sure of the rights which they possess. There also seems to be a reluctance on the part of some of the community to admit that such problems exist.

"A most obvious result of the problem of inconsistency and confusion is a growing feeling of fear. Not knowing exactly where they stand in relation to the system, many members of the community are never convinced that they will be given a fair chance in the relationships with the system.

"There is also disrespect and hostility for the system. This is in part a result of the absence of a due process procedure that is clearly defined for the entire community. More and more, people are trying to get back at a system which they feel is treating them unfairly and which is not doing the type of job it claims it is doing. Another aspect of this feeling is what might be called the US - THEM dilemma. This refers to a feeling that part of the community is completely alienated from the other part both socially and in terms of power and change initiation.

"The end result of this whole atmosphere is an irresponsibility-dependence syndrome."

## Student Center Needs Help

A note to those responsible for campus planning and use of existing space--the Student Center (whose official if widely unused name is College Union) needs a bit of reorganization.

The "bookstore" which is actually a catchall for shampoo, T-shirts, beer mugs and cigarette lighters should be moved back into what is now the Snack Bar. With adequate space perhaps we might even get new paperbacks, a wider selection of texts and a record franchise in the actual bookstore. The space is large enough also to allow a more complete range of cards, toilet articles, sweat shirts and what not without the room looking like a Salvation Army warehouse. Wheelies could possibly even make it through the aisles without slicing off toes and mangling elbows. And a bit of that space might even be dedicated to the behind-the-scenes post office. If you've ever had to put a notice in every box, you'd understand.

The Snack Bar, which now has a steady business but not many crowds except at 10:45 when half the campus apparently becomes ravenous, could be moved into the present bookstore area. With organization and expansion into the now-existing storage room while retaining the present kitchen area behind the post office, the Snack Bar could become quieter, cozier and perhaps even more efficient with a sit-down counter and booths. In any case, it should be open later at night, possibly until 2:00 or 3:00 a. m., for solving immediate problems of milk-fed ulcers, the blind munchies, or bull sessions. O thou in power, hear our prayers!

A fable:

Once there were a lot of people running around on the moon. These people, as people are apt to do, made a mess of things. When they began to stumble over their trash, one prominent moon doctor realized that nine out of ten stumblers bump their chins. He published books and spoke to the Cub Scout groups about this, but no one would listen. He climbed water towers and painted "TRASH IS HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH" in moon language, but no one looked. The poor man died a few years later,

## Letter To Editor

To The Editor of the Lance:

The Election Board must explain the irregularity of the coming election schedule in order to prepare students wishing to run for either a Student Association office or a dorm office. Also it wishes to express its feelings to the Inter-dormitory Senate on the nature of the decision that the Elections Board had to make in regard to accommodating a referendum on constitutional amendments at such a late date.

As the schedule stands, there will be a campus-wide referendum on the recently passed constitutional amendments, March 3. The primary reason this referendum must be held prior to both Student Association and dorm elections is that the changes affect the College Union Board staff make-up for next year.

The inconvenience for students, brought on by the necessity of holding the referendum, becomes apparent when it is realized that self-nominations for the dorm offices must begin on the following day, March 25, in order to complete all elections before the spring vacation.

The Elections Board was placed in a very difficult position due to the late notice of the need for a referendum. It left the Elections Board really only two options: either not to hold the referendum until after the elections hence deferring the results of the legislation until next year, or to hold the referendum and sacrifice some important aspects of the elections which follow the referendum. Each has its better and worse points. If the Board had decided not to hold the referendum

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BY MIKE HOWARD

from a bad bump on the chin, and, as well as our scientists know today, is buried along with all of the rest of the moon civilization under lots and lots of dirt and trash.

Finding that the situation here on Earth is becoming quite as bad as that on the moon, concerned people of Earth are forming into environmental groups to stop the Earth from dying. Here at SA, a group called ZERO POPULATION GROWTH has shown promise, and is now opening membership to any Earth people who are interest-

ed, and would like to help.

There will be an initial campaign to make the campus ecologically sound. Suggested projects have been starting collection boxes for paper and cans that could be recycled. Efforts will be made to stop the use of fertilizer in the soccer field which is increasing eutrophication of Lake Moore. We will campaign in Laurinburg, and initiate action on all political levels as soon as possible.

If you are an Earth person, and are interested in making your planet safe to run around in, join ZPG. Applications are on the landing of the stairs in the Student Union.

## Guest Editorial

# Laos Invasion: Nixon Has Learned His Lesson

BY RANDY LONG

First, let me state that I do not support war in any way. Men should settle their differences like men, by reason, not by mutilating each other like animals. However, in view of the current Southeast Asian situation, it is possible that invasion of Laos is not the worst thing we could do. The concept of expanding war to end war seems to be a bit ludicrous, but it may be the best thing we can get at the moment.

We are relatively lucky (if anything about war can be lucky) to have Nixon's Vietnamization of the war running as well as it is. The invasion of Laos appears to be a necessary part of this. If the action is as militarily successful as we are told the Cambodian venture was, it may help speed the withdrawal of American troops.

Perhaps the reason the nation is not responding is because they feel the current "honorable peace" plan is all Nixon is willing to give. Maybe this is the best he can do. Also there may be some hidden variables we do not know about. Nixon should know more about this than practically anyone else in the world.

The lack of vehement opposition in Congress can partly be attributed to Nixon's tact. Shortly before the invasion he informed about thirty of the

highest ranking Congressmen of the invasion plans. Unlike the Cambodian excursion of last May, which was handled rather high-handedly, Congress, the nation and the world were prepared for what was to come days in advance by widely published news reports of troop movements and the ominous news embargo.

The slight circumvention or ignoring of the Cooper-Church amendment has its pacifying aspects. Supposedly, our only troops operating in Laos are helicopter recovery groups and medics plus the CIA who have been there and everywhere since time immemorial. Recently, however, we are finding this may not be quite true. For example, the use of pathfinding teams in locating and securing landing zones. The reason for lack of strong negative response in this area is clear. How could anyone oppose missions to save downed flyers and helicopters and the wounded? There may be more opposition when more people find out of the Army is taking advantage of this situation; However, I doubt if it will be enough to convince many we should leave downed men on the ground to be captured or killed. Nixon learned his lesson last spring. He played his cards right this time. He got his invasion without arousing a mass violent outcry as he did with Cambodia.

## Proposed Amendments

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Summer Court to handle all student judicial matters. It shall be a regularly constituted court, making recommendations to the President of the College or his own appointed representative.

b. The court shall consist of four (4) students to be appointed by the Attorney-General with the approval of the Senate; two (2) faculty members appointed by the President of the College; and the Dean of Students.

Article VI: Dormitory Organization

Section 3. Each dorm shall elect at least one social chairman to represent the dorm on the College Union Board.

Article VII: College Union Board

Section 2. The membership of the College Union Board consists of the President, Vice-President, and one social chairman from each dorm. A Secretary and Treasurer will be elected by the Board from the board members. A representative of the Office of Student

Personnel Services serves as advisor.

Section 1: to be deleted; . . . "in cooperation with the dormitory social chairmen . . . officers of the CUB and" . . .

Article X: College Related Committees

Section 1. Student members shall serve in an equal capacity with all other members on all standing committees and boards, unless otherwise specified by the Faculty By-Laws.

a.) Student membership on these committees will come from the student body at large.

b.) Appointments shall be made by the President of the Student Association and approved by the Student Cabinet unless otherwise specified by the Faculty By-Laws and this Constitution.

Section 2. Student members of such Faculty Committees as The Faculty Executive; The Code Implementation Committee; will be appointed by the IDS with recommendations from the President of the Student Association.

Section 3. Student Life Committee (same as Article X in present constitution).

Section 4. The student representatives are responsible for reporting to the IDS and to other responsible persons or agencies through the appropriate channels of communication.

Article XII: Elected Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Student Association with the exception of the off-campus representatives to the IDS, are elected in a general election each Spring Term before the end of April and serve a term of office beginning at their installation which takes place within two weeks after the close of the Student Association elections and ending with the installation of new officers in the spring semester of the succeeding year. The off-campus representatives shall be duly elected within four weeks after Fall Registration.

Section 3. The position of Suite Leader is an office of the Student Association and is not considered an elected office.