

## Students Attitudes Revealed in Interviews

## VIEWS ON DOPE AND GOD

(ACP) -- The Review, Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas. The great majority of college students say they have never used either marijuana or LSD -- and don't intend to. Most also disapprove of sexual promiscuity and adhere to traditional religious beliefs.

These are some of the major findings of a nationwide survey of student attitudes toward American institutions, and of their values and beliefs. It was made at colleges and universities, large and small, public, private and religious.

The survey was commissioned by Standard Oil Company (New Jersey) and was made by Roper Research Associates. Although focused on male seniors in accredited four year colleges and universities, it included, for comparative purposes, smaller but similar surveys of freshmen and alumni of the Class of 1964. In general, the three groups -- freshmen, seniors and alumni -- held similar views.

Students' actual experiences and attitudes toward such matters as drugs, sex and religion

differ sharply from some popular impressions. On these subjects students were asked to fill out a confidential special form. This was returned to the interviewer in a sealed envelope to avoid possible embarrassment and to ensure frankness. Less sensitive subjects were surveyed by verbal interviews.

Only 24 percent of all seniors, for example, have ever tried marijuana. A majority of these have used the drug two or three times at the most. Only nine percent of the students described themselves as occasional or frequent users. LSD has been used experimentally by a very small number of seniors -- 3 percent.

Students who are highly critical of American society and those active in student political movement are more inclined to use drugs than others, Jersey Standard's study shows. But, even in this group, occasional or habitual users are a comparatively small minority.

Although most students have not used drugs and show no interest in them, there is considerable feeling that marijuana

laws should be liberalized. Almost half the seniors think the sale of marijuana should be made legal but under controls such as with liquor. The same does not apply to LSD; only 7 percent would legalize its sale.

Freshmen agree with seniors in their attitudes toward both drugs. Alumni, however, take a harder line. Proposed legalized sale of marijuana is opposed by 66 percent of graduates; of LSD, by 94 percent.

If the supposed "sexual revolution" is really occurring on the college campus, Roper Research Associates found little evidence of it. Far from being promiscuous, most freshmen and nearly half of the seniors say that they are either opposed to premarital sexual relations or believe they should be limited to women they expect to marry.

Concepts of religion vary, of course, with the individual, but a majority of the students and alumni might be called religious. Most expressed a belief in God as either a Supreme Being or a governing force that guides the universe.

God was defined in four different ways in the study. Students were asked to select the description that best expressed their views. The largest number of seniors -- 33 percent -- chose the most (Continued on page 12)

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And I say to each and everyone of you, put that Bible where you can use it, because if it hasn't done any more for you than what it has, you need to throw it away! Get rid of it.

Now I can tell that a lot of you pseudo soul Brothers don't want to hear that but it's the truth. The Honorable Elijah has instructed me to tell you the truth. Too long much too long have we turned the other cheek... Much too long have we kept fear in our hearts and our heads in the Bible. The answer is if you must stick to that thing called the Bible, make your Bible and your God relative to your needs, let it do something... let it lighten your load and ease that aching heart that cried freedom... freedom.

As he spoke his last word the sound alone seemed to ring out loud echoing resolutely in every ear of the two or three hundred spell bound people. They were captivated, and for that moment they belonged to him, ready to follow wherever he led.

I made my way through the maze of people who were mostly milling around trying to gain their

composure and those who had become cognizant of themselves to see the man called Gerome X; The Black Messiah.

"Mr. Gerome, I must say that I really enjoyed what you just said. You don't know what it's like to finally see a Black man with the courage and strength to say the things you brought out. Ecuse me sir my name is Roy Williams."

"Roy all I can say is thank you. And I hope if you didn't get anything else but one thing, remember, my Black fore fathers built this country and died for it, let's not desert it for a better place to lay our head. We've already earned our right to the fruition of this nation years before 1776 and if they are not going to give it to us... Roy we must take it... we must take all that is ours.

Is there any way that I could become associated with your movement.

You just made your first mistake its not my movement but our movement, you're in this just as deep as I am. We have a temple on West 135th Street...., you will be welcomed.

The day had been a hot one and the heat seemed

to be still coming out of the facades of the grayish drab buildings and the cluttered and littered asphalt. The shouts of the kids echoed out of the enclosed street as they dashed and moved dexteriously playing handball. Farther up the street were kids spraying cars as they passed laughing loudly and seeing who could stand the most pressure from the hydrant. The day had been hot but the cooling thermometer would later put an end to the playful activities of the young at heart. Windows of the drab building were all raised and the dingy curtains could be seen flittering in the wind by a fan supposingly.

He proceeded to enter and was stopped by the athletically built man in black who casually began to search him. Upon being satisfied, he nodded his head.

The first thing that Roy noticed was the almost morbid like quietness and the weight of his body sinking into the deep red carpet as he walked down the aisle and took a seat. All of the worshippers were dressed in white, men on one side and women on the other.

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## Scholarships — Southern France

Five scholarships of \$1,000 each are available to students applying to the Institute for American Universities for an academic year at Aix-en-Provence, in southern France. The Institute, chartered by the University of the State of New York, and under the auspices of the University of Aix-Marseille, founded in 1409, is designed for American undergraduates who wish to study abroad and have credit transferred to their home universities. The above scholarships are divided among majors in French, Literature, Fine Arts, History, Social Sciences and Mediterranean Area Studies. (They are not available to students enrolled in the I.A.U. Summer Program or the I.A.U. One Semester Program).

In addition to the above

awards, 25 tuition grants and a French Government scholarship of over \$1,000 reserved for French majors, are awarded each year.

Aix-en-Provence is located 17 miles north of Marseille within easy reach of the French Riviera, ski resorts in the French Alps, the Roman cities of Arles, Nimes and Orange, and is only a few hours from Spain, Italy and Switzerland.

Information about the Institute for American Universities is available in college libraries, foreign study offices or French Departments.

Applications should be made by airmail directly to: The Director, Institute for American Universities, 2 bis, rue de Bon-Pasteur, 13 - Aix-en-Provence. Telephone (91) 27.82.39.

## 21 STUDENTS SELECTED WHO'S WHO

Twenty - one Elizabeth City State University students - thirteen seniors and eight juniors - will be listed in the 1969-70 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Notice of the ECSU student selections was released by the Advisory Council, President Marion D. Thorpe, chairman. The approved list showed that, with sixteen of the students coming from Elizabeth City, N.C., that state again dominated, with sixteen students being selected. In addition, eight of the ECSU students are majoring in mathematics.

The ECSU students were selected on the basis of outstanding academic achievement, leadership ability, participation in extracurricular campus activities, citizenship and service to the University, and promise of future usefulness to society and professional advancement. Five of the seniors were selected during their junior year.

In addition to being listed in the coveted "Who's

Who" publication, each student will receive engraved certificates. The five students who were listed last year are: Ernest R. Bell, Chesapeake, Va.; Javon Brothers, Elizabeth City, N.C.; Alfred L. Carter, Washington, D.C.; Margaret V. Gregory, Elizabeth City, N.C.; and Lillian Riggs, Elizabeth City, N.C. Gregory is currently Miss ECSU and Riggs is editor of THE COMPASS.

The remaining students are: Peggy Bryant, New Bern; Angela C. Chapman, New Bern; Audrey Council, Hobgood; Barbara J. Curtis, Gary, Ind.; Dollie M. Gibbs, Washington, N.C.; Washington Johnson, Portsmouth, Va.; Sylvia P. Jones, Tarboro, N.C.; Samuel King, Grifton, N.C.; Vickie L. Lawson, Woodsdale, N.C.; Alice Little, Lumberton, N.C.; Glenwood F. Mitchell, Ahoskie, N.C.; William C. Mizzell, Ahoskie, N.C.; Velmar G. Rountree, Eure, N.C.; Jimmie Sutton, Elizabeth City, N.C.; Golden L. Webb, Creswell, N.C.; and Ernestine White, Gretna, N.C.

## LIBRARY RECEIVES GIFT

Mr. Hobson Thompson Jr., the ECSU librarian has announced that our library is the proud and grateful recipient of a 1969 set of Encyclopedia Britannica. The set was donated by the Coastal Plains Life Insurance Company, located in

Rocky Mount, North Carolina. And it was donated through the area representatives Messrs. Darnell Moore and Jerry Cross as a part of the company's "Insurance Investment program for services to colleges and Universities".