

Commentary And Prospective



Photo By Beck

by cortlandt jones

Trying to find a job while attending school here is a tedious task. Where do you go? Whom do you talk to?

I have applied for jobs all over town and as yet have not had one come through. This I cannot understand. Who can help me?

Seeking the answer to these questions, I talked with Mr. Stone, work study supervisor on campus, who said there is no formal office for student job placement. An ordinary student, not on work study, has actually no help on campus in obtaining work: a little extra money. This should not be!

Wake Forest University, Salem College and Winston-Salem State have job placement programs which help students obtain work. Businesses such as

Reynolds Aluminum, Wachovia, Hanes, Rose's and King's recruit employees on campus through the job placement office. Although the jobs are not guaranteed, it is a basic start. Why can't NCSA offer something like this?

The school frowns on students working because of extra activity in the student's chosen art. This alone answers the above question, but the problem is not remedied. There are times in a school schedule that allow extra time to make money. The school shouldn't frown on that.

An office should be set up to recruit jobs and employees on our campus for part-time and, or temporary jobs. A little-spending money in our empty pockets is a good feeling.

by alan zingale

At present, music majors continue to struggle with insufficient practice facilities and the entire music department seems at a loss for what to do. There are simply not enough practice rooms. Pianists suffer most from this, since the piano department is so large (close to forty majors). Also, unlike other musicians, pianists can only use the practice rooms containing pianos.

There are approximately twenty upright pianos available during the day to any music major, since the 14 studios are then used for classes and teaching. Most of the studios become available in the evenings, on a supervised sign-in, sign-out basis. With this arrangement, there is hardly a chance when ever half the pianists can practice simultaneously, since in-

strumentalists, vocalists, and ensemble groups share these rooms. The congestion becomes quite obvious when you realize that, ideally, every music major should practice a minimum of 3 hours a day (excluding vocalists), and that this much time usually accumulates in the evening, after classes and dinner.

To cope with this situation, a practice system of the "dog-eat-dog" type has been used over the years, at the insistence of the students. It is a battle system, to practice when and wherever you can, and the majority of pianists feel that this method is the most practical and efficient.

The administration has repeatedly proposed practice scheduling as the only present solution to the studio problem. However, pianists met with this unfavorably last year, and though attempts were made to initiate a week-end schedule-program this year, the plan failed and was withdrawn.

The only solution is obvious, but, of course, not feasible: the addition of piano practice rooms. It is a serious fact that there is not one practice room in the commons building or the new dorms. The present practice room control provides security for studio protection. There seems no choice, but to bear with the difficulties through sharing, until more rooms are added.

The Artful Dodger, NCSA's literary magazine, is now accepting material for a fall edition. Short stories, one-act plays, poems, essays, art work, etc. will be included. If you are interested in submitting material, please see Robin Kaplan; or, leave manuscripts in the Essay office or in Box No. 374. Thank You.

by mif

The recent death of Janis Joplin, caused by an overdose of heroin, was a tragic and bitter example of what many young people are doing to themselves today. Why smack? Why such and evil, ultimately life-sapping drug?

OK. Let's be realistic. Smoking grass (or hashish), in itself, isn't going to kill you. Enough said.

Smack, horse, whatever you want to call it, is another trip. It will ruin your system, rot your brain, and leave you a shell of a human being. It doesn't take you anywhere; it won't "give" you a thing.

I don't want to come on like one of Nixon's G-Men or his insipid "drug reports." Nor am I the one to tell you what to do with your life or your body. But it seems like a foolish thing (putting aside even the legal considerations for a moment) to be taking dangerous drugs, putting foreign substances into your system, that are going to harm, maybe kill you. I can't see where that's at.

Even acid, LSD (on a comparative level) is a dangerous thing to play around with. There simply isn't enough information about it yet. We don't know how harmful it is or its "benefits." I've seen too many people get screwed-up by taking trips indiscriminately. Yes, I know it can be "helpful," I'm aware that some people have attained "great understanding" while on acid trips. But it can also be a horrible, terrifying experience (even if it's "good acid"). And there's enough horror and terror in this world today already. We don't need full tab of sunshine to provide it for us.

by the staff

In an effort to help 25 students and faculty indicted by the Ohio Grand Jury, the Kent State student government has organized a defense fund. William, Kunstler, Chicago Seven attorney, will defend the students. The Essay staff would like to establish a support fund and is accepting contributions in the Essay office to be forwarded to Kent State.

Congratulations to all the dancers, Agnes de Mille, Gemze de Lappe, David Evans, Robert Lindgren, Marc Gottlieb, the NCSA orchestra, the Camerata Singers, and those unseen "techies" for a beautiful evening. The World Premiere was an exciting event with visiting dignitaries, lots of flowers and that sweet smell of success. No less successful were the other three ballets. The face-lift, which has been in progress all summer at the theater, was finished in time. We're all walking a little taller!

by nelson malloy

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It has been proven through the social practice of the administrative apparatus of this present government, ever since it's (sic) inception one-hundred ninety-four years ago that it has been nonfunctional for Black people in particular and poor oppressed people in general. All minority ethnic groups, Blacks, Puerto Ricans, Mexicans, Indians, Red and Yellow people, all poor oppressed people in general in this country find themselves excluded from all decision making processes. There is no doubt that justice and peace belong to those able to afford it, those people with a particular class, the ruling class.

For too long in the past we have hapahazardly sat by watched others, that didn't have our interest at heart, determine our destiny. We have allowed them to send us to wars we know nothing about as to the reason why or what for. We have let this non-representative government, so far as poor people are concerned, deny us our human right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. Repressive measures against the people that violate their most basic rights of privacy are being infringed upon by constitutional amendments such as the "No Knock Bill."

by fred avery

The problem of population and its capacity to reproduce under ideal healthy conditions is not becoming a major issue of concern-it is already the most serious problem facing mankind. In the year 1930, the population of the world was recorded at two billion, but it has been predicted that by the year 2,000, the world's population will be a frightening eight billion. We are not dealing with a population bomb, we are dealing with a population explosion!

America, the beautiful! Indeed you are! But you exceed the worst definitions of putrifaction in your blindness, your inability to see that your playground, your domestic tranquility is a selfish, mutated mask when compared to the harrowing state of mankind beyond your shores.

The population of the United States is a mere 4 per cent of the world's total and yet it has the unbalanced audacity to demand close to 60 per cent of the world's resources.

Each year, food production in undeveloped countries falls a bit further behind burgeoning population growth, and people go to bed a little bit hungrier. While there are temporary or local reversals of this trend, it now seems inevitable that it will continue to its logical conclusion; mass starvation.

Preventive detention and excessive bail (ransom) are other repressive measures that people are subjected to in the realms of the present constitution.

When ever people attempt to use so-called legal channels of redress, their pleas sounding of agony and pain fall on deaf ears. At this time we are calling for a new constitution. A constitution written by the masses of people throughout this racist country that is representative of them and that will give all power to the people.

November 26 in Washington, D. C. there will be held a Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention. This occasion will mark the coming together of all progressive people and organizations that desire a more representative government and see the need for a new constitution. Your presence at the Constitutional Convention is greatly needed to assist us in building for a better society.

Resources are also needed: Donations of money, mimeograph paper or office supplies to get information out of the people. If you can assist us in getting transportation, that would also be a great help. Send Contributions To: National Committee To Combat Facism 1602 E. 14th Street Winston-Salem, N. C. 27105 or call: 725-7026 Towards a New Constitution Nelson Malloy

The rich are going to get richer, but the more numerous poor are going to get poorer. Of these poor, a minimum of 3½ million will starve to death this year, mostly children. But this is a mere handful compared to the numbers that will be starving in a decade or so. And it is now too late to take action to save many of those people.

The only real hope in this crisis lies in the grass-roots activities of individuals. We must change public opinion in this country and, through public opinion, change the direction of our government. Exposure of the issues through the media is not enough. We must create enough pressure to convince politicians that their political survival is at stake unless they get behind some really effective measures to deal with mankind's most pressing problem.

So, mutated melting-pot, open your eyes: don't let over-population become a fantasy by letting nature bat last. Because then there would be little or no population at all; rampant starvation would have crippled the earth, if not destroyed her in chaos.

If you want to help: write to ZERO POPULATION GROWTH, INC. 1158 Lisa Lane Los Altos, Calif. 94022

by angela davis

"Resistance, rejection, defiance, on every level, on every front are integral elements of the voyage towards freedom. The path of liberation is marked by resistance at every crossroads: mental resistance, physical resistance, resistance directed to the concerted attempt to obstruct the path. I think we can learn from the experience of the slave" - Class Lecture.

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