

# Features, etc. . . .

## Truth Shall Make You Free by Mary Beth Zablothy

This article was originally intended as a humorous piece, but as the research progressed, it didn't seem so funny. At times the entire governmental system seems laughable and the Bureau of Investigation are no exception. However, the detrimental effects resulting from police arrest and conviction are of far greater import to the reader and must not be overlooked.

Inscribed on the seal of C.I.A. is the biblical quote, "...ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." This article is also written for that purpose. No moral judgements on either side are intended, but rather a simple awareness of the serious economic, social and legal implications involved in criminal arrests and-or convictions.

It is a known fact that the greater percentage of the 50 million Americans in the U.S. who have at one time been arrested are now on file with the FBI. These "criminal records" include a large number of people

who have never been convicted and in many cases have never been tried on a criminal charge. This is true despite a federal ruling that reports of arrest without conviction are not a matter of public record.

And yet how does the FBI get hold of these facts? The information is diligently reported to them through the National Crime Center by state and local police. Unfortunately, state and local police are far less relentless in reporting information exonerating a person. As a result, the FBI often fails to know if the accused was acquitted, if charges were dropped, or if the arrest was mistaken. The charge simply remains on file.

This information can place the innocent as well as the guilty in serious jeopardy. For example, imagine the great harassment value in cases involving young people, peace demonstrators and blacks who are apt to be held on "suspicion" or gathered up in

mass arrests.

In addition to this, arrest data from the FBI is widely disseminated among thousands of insurance agencies, banks, credit bureaus, employment agencies, government offices, commercial police firms and private organizations.

The possible effects in the conviction of a felon are even more devastating and can result in any or all of the following: imprisonment, disenfranchisement (loss of vote), possible denial of passport, and the inability to enter a licensed profession (this includes medicine, law, civil service jobs, and, in many states, high school teaching).

These laws and the tactics of the FBI and SBI may be considered unjust, a flagrant invasion of privacy, and a serious threat to the presumption of innocent until proven guilty, and yet, there is no doubt this potent force exists today and should at least be recognized.

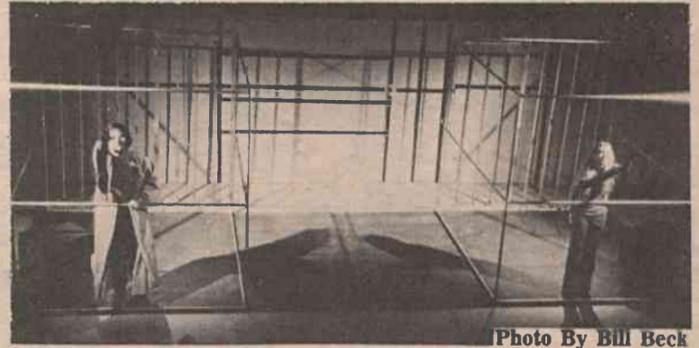


Photo By Bill Beck

Jon Thompson and Marilyn McIntyre search for meaning during the recent Drama Department production of "The Last Sweet Day of Isaac," a rock musical directed by William Dreyer.

## Platform For Office of President

I have been at NCSA for two years. During this time I have seen many favorable changes made, especially concerning the Student Government Association. This school is still a young school and still has many problems. I feel that I can help improve upon some of these existing problems and new problems which might develop next year. I like to meet people and I feel that I can communicate the students' needs to the administration of our school (including the Board of Trustees) and other interested persons.

I feel that, when voting on amendments for our school constitution, a two-thirds majority vote of the students should pass the amendments, the voting should not be restricted only to S.C.A. members.

This school has had a mail problem not only this year but in past years. It is my opinion that part of this problem could be solved by the selection of more efficient mail clerks as well as using dependable work-study students. Our mail service should be for the convenience of the mail clerks (for example - mail should be distributed on Saturdays as is done at other state-supported institutions, and the package room should be open if not all day, then at least more than just a few hours). The Student Council Association could be instrumental in solving this problem by speaking through

proper channels.

We need better maintenance of dormitory facilities, such as washing machines, dryers, stopped up sinks and bathtubs. Through the SCA, these matters could be brought to the attention of the proper people. However, the students have a responsibility to report such matters to the maintenance people and if no immediate action is taken, then the SCA could be of assistance.

There are plans for having a coffee house (similar to "Tree") next year. I would like to see these plans go through because students who cannot leave campus or cannot afford outside entertainment should have a place to go and socialize with other students. Communication among students could be improved not only by a coffee house but also through a more frequently published newspaper; if not enough news for a weekly edition, than an edition at least every two weeks.

If elected, I pledge to do my best to uphold the rights and powers of our school constitution and Student Council Association. I would like to help continue the progress made by this year's S.C.A. which has been more active than any previous student council at this school.

Please exercise your right to vote - for the person you think could best represent you and your school.

Very Sincerely,  
Jim LaRocco

## The Sprouting of A Cafe by Mary Beth Zablothy

Tired of spending another dull evening on the week-end alone in your dorm room? Why not try tea at Tree instead? In case you're not familiar, Tree is the unlikely name of a new cafe open from 8 to 12 Friday and Saturday nights in the first floor of the main building.

The seed of Tree was first planted by Sandra La Vallee and Margot Rose at a speech tutorial with Leslie Hunt (so that's what goes on at those speech tutorials!). Miss Hunt was enthusiastic and offered the use of her studio. With the additional support of Robert Hyatt and Sam Stone from Student Activities, Tree became a reality.

Why the name Tree? Well, it isn't overused and if you have to get metaphysical about it, trees have branches and that's unity, baby - right?

In case you're still hazy on the whereabouts of this place, it's the outside entrance of Studio 2 (the old cafeteria) located on the back terrace (where they dump the garbage . . . now you got it). On warm evenings you can sit outdoors at the picnic tables provided and contemplate or simply enjoy the lush view of flora and fauna across the railroad tracks, not to mention the equally aesthetic faculty parking lot.

Inside, an array of posters, soft lights and music add greatly to the atmosphere. There is also a large menu offering such delicacies as homemade banana bread, cheese and crackers, moravian sugar cake, coffee, Russian tea and freshly squeezed lemonade (the house specialty).

Live entertainment is provided by the students and anything is welcome. The only exception is

loud rock. If you're interested contact Margot Rose or Sandra La Vallee.

Hopefully, Tree will have a permanent home in the future with longer hours and a more extensive menu. Tommy Williams is pursuing possibilities such as an off-campus location that would include beer-on-tap as well as a separate "hang out" for Lower school students. Mr. James Semans has donated \$500 to start a fund which has now grown to \$600. See Tommy if you want to contribute.

As it is now, everything must be cleared out for classes during the week. In this regard, special thanks to Ivy Whismont, Marilyn McIntyre, Nancy Mette, Monique Le Boeuf, Tom Hulce and Kerry Joyce. Your help would also be appreciated. If you can provide assistance, contact Sandra or Margot. Help Tree grow!

## Saint Bianca

by Robin Kaplan

Saint Elizabeth: She gave so bountifully to the poor that she starved her own household. One day, her husband met her going out with her apron filled with something heavy, and demanded of her what she was carrying. "Only flowers, my lord," said Elizabeth, and to save the lie God converted the loaves into flowers.

Here at the School of the Arts we have our own Saint, Saint Bianca. Last year she noticed students having a picnic - near the garbage dump. She inquired about landscaping the area between the Commons and Academic building; our administration showed interest and asked her to draw up a plan. Monies were received from the NCSA Foundation.

The original plan was simply to pave the space between the two buildings and to box in that large oak where azaleas and rhododendron now bloom. Mrs. Artom had hoped to have a fountain among the flowers, but because of the limited amount of funds available to her, a waterfall was substituted. The waterfall was inspired by a magazine picture and built with the help of Ernest Illman.

A love of languages was imparted to Bianca by her father. In the process of her Venice education she had eight years of Latin and four years of Greek. Her college education was interrupted by her marriage. Under Mussolini's rule all Jews were told to quit Italy. There was no hope for Mr. Artom to continue

his bio-chemistry research and the couple elected to seek a new existence in the United States. Her husband accepted an offer to head the department at Wake Forest (then located near Raleigh). The Bowman Grays offered to finance a medical school if Wake Forest would move its campus to Winston-Salem. The Artoms moved with the University in 1941.

Mrs. Artom went to Venice over spring break to furnish a palace Wake Forest had acquired for summer faculty and winter semester use. She furnished the entire palace, almost single-handedly, in twelve days. In what spare time Bianca allows herself, she works in her own superb garden and embroiders. Her married twenty-nine year old son lives in Charlotte and has two daughters.



## THE LAST BLAST

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if the cameraman made it himself. My comment about the lighting is still true. The film DID include a great deal of interior footage, contrary to Miss Roseannya's (sic) erroneous statement.

She concludes with the statement "It will do your heart good." This all depends. If you are subject to vacuous tear-jerkers, this might be true. I am not. (And neither were most of the critics, though they don't have to tell you this is a bad movie, as it speaks for itself).

(Alas, all things must pass and hopefully these critical exchanges will too, as they only go to prove, once more, that criticism is "one man's opinion of moonlight." And besides, we'll all have a chance to decide for ourselves, as the new, infamous version of "Wuthering Heights" is now in Winston - Ed.)

The only concept of the word "council" that relates to legislation, in a community such as ours, is "an executive group whose members are equal in power (vote) and authority (freedom granted by the members of the community). It is because of this concept or direction of meaning that I consider the term "president" as meaningful.

I relate to it as a position rather than a title; therefore the spelling of it in this article, and any subsequent ones involving my being, should not be capitalized.

Because we are a community we can dispense with the unclear and uncalled for term "government", and move toward a clear and necessary "mode of interdependence." It is my opinion that only through interdependence, where no person or group can be misused or capitalized on, can any community of whatever size or nature exist. The humanism of in-

terdependence as opposed to the dehumanization of a "governmental system" is essential in communal affairs.

Student control is not an introduction into the world of political America, but an attempt at finding modes of interdependence for not only this so called democratic community, but for the community of humanity.

In respect of this belief my campaigning will not involve posters or signs reflecting the circus techniques of slick, baby-kissing, rear-licking, sore-picking, western politicking capitalists. Please vote sincerely forever. Truth in action :change) is always the issue.

I will discuss the problems our community faces directly at our first candidate assembly. I promise you if you listen - you will understand me.

Stephen McKinley Henderson  
Candidate for SCA president

I am running for Student Council president in the hopes that I can effectively carry on and strengthen the tremendous amount of work Tommy Williams produced this year. This takes leadership. I was president on the Frederick College Forum, 1968-69. It takes a great deal of knowledgeable work between student, faculty and administration. To which I was SCA representative on the Faculty Council and College Student representative. Lastly a president must have a goal and a zest to reach it. My goal is to

further strengthen the SCA through greater "Student Power" in administration dealings. Also I would demand that all SCA officers work directly in accordance with the demands of you the students. Let my zest from past student representatives offices show for my belief in "Student Power" and for the work I will continue to produce for you as President of the Student Council. Thank You.

Respectively Yours,  
Robert P. Crozier