

Live And Let Live!!!

Homecoming is upon us now and the highways leading to the many parties will be crowded. There can never be enough said about safety.

There is a cloud no bigger than a tranquilizer pill appearing on the horizon of traffic safety researchers these days.

As though they didn't have enough troubles with the ominous statistics uncovered in connection with the alcohol-impaired driver, there is growing evidence that another type of drug-impaired driver also presents a problem of tremendous potential.

A person can be taking such drugs for several ailments and acquired from a number of sources. The cumulative effect of the medication is thus greater than would be anticipated from any of the drugs taken singly.

Such mind-altering drugs as diet pills, tranquilizers, antihistamines, barbiturates and bromides can impair a driver's ability to function effectively on the highway. When used in conjunction with even moderate amounts of alcohol, the results can be tragic.

In measuring impairment, the yardstick must be the individual driver's ability to handle a car when in a normal physical condition . . . that is, undrugged. The addition of drugs to the scene creates a dangerous situation for the driver. His perception of time and space is altered and his driving equilibrium is thrown out of balance.

The magnitude of the legal drug industry can be measured by the fact that just the promotion and advertising of beverage alcohol and tobacco, patent medicines and over-the-counter drugs costs \$2 million every day in the United States.

The real Sunday punch of the drug situation lies in the so-called "synergistic" effect of drugs combined with alcohol. This refers to the interaction of drugs which, when taken together, increases each other's effectiveness.

This means that a driver taking cold pills, for example, might after a couple of cocktails, exhibit all the characteristics of the town drunk. His reflexes could be slowed, his speech slurred, his vision impaired and his gait affected.

This man becomes a dangerous driver, by any definition . . . and only because he woke up with the sniffles and lacked the knowledge of the possible side-effects of his pills and cocktails.

One researcher has observed that numerous individuals arrested for drunken driving are also drug involved. In certain instances, the individual has a very low blood alcohol level but has also, in fact, taken some other substances which are synergistic with alcohol and which produce all the appearances of gross drunkenness.

With this in mind, please be cautious during the upcoming festivities. Have a happy homecoming.

The Editors

After College What?

To many college students in our nation the biggest question is how they can use their college education to benefit others without having a Master's or Ph.D. degree. For those freshmen and sophomores interested in math and science, the State University of New York may have the answer.

On the campus of the State University at Brockport there exists a unique program known as the Peace Corps /College Degree Program. The program, the only one in the U.S.A., was started at Brockport in 1967, for the purpose of training teachers in the math and science areas to be stationed overseas as Peace Corps volunteers for two years. The first five years of the program were aimed at sending teachers to Latin America but the new emphasis is on Francophone Africa, especially Zaire, the former Belgian Congo. In fact the project

director has just returned from a two year teaching tour there.

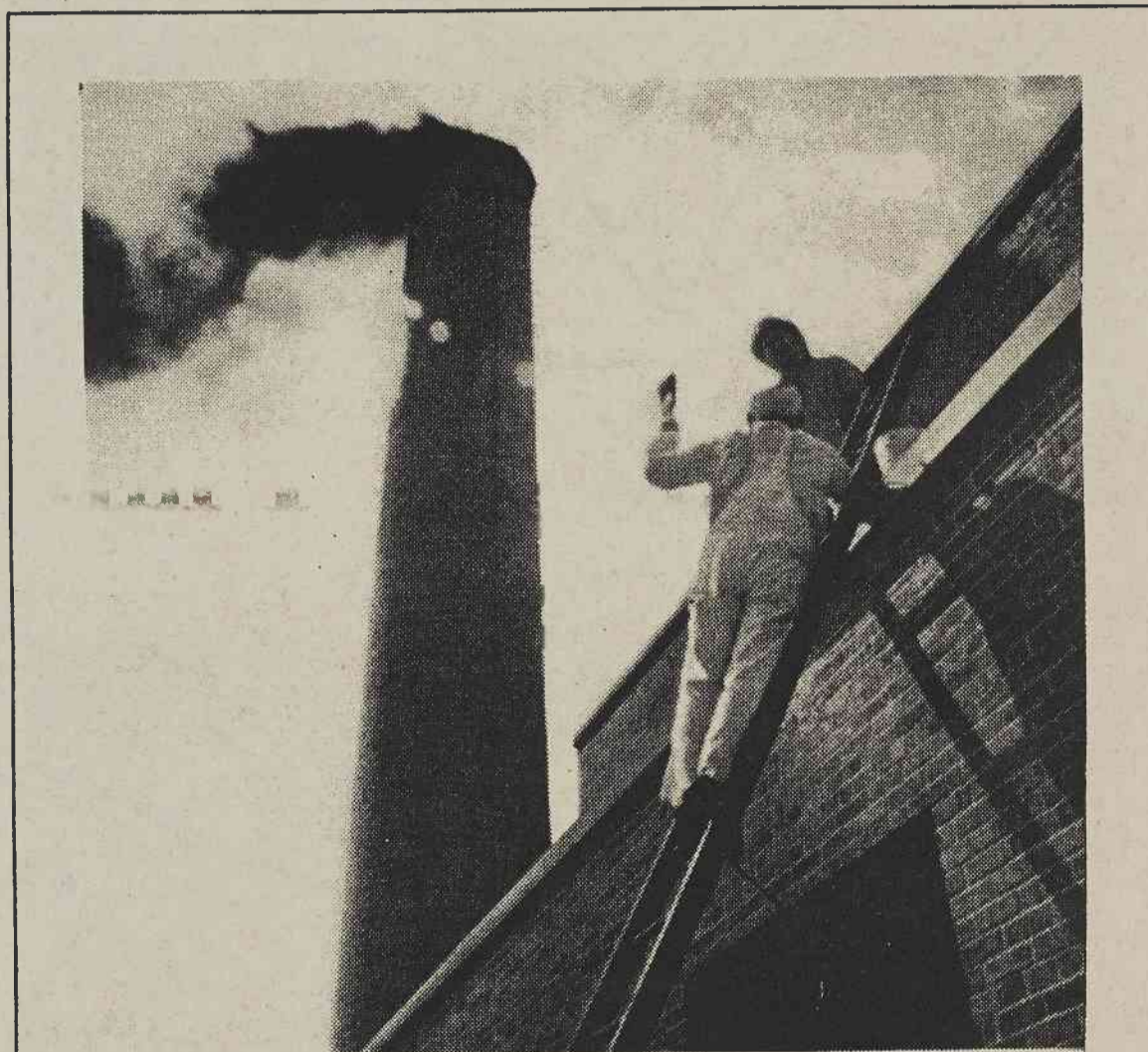
The program, which lasts for 15 months, is geared towards training volunteers who have finished the equivalent of a two year program, 60 credits, with enough hours in their math or science major to finish in four semesters. The graduates, who minor in French, Zaire's official language; receive a Bachelor's Degree and provisional New York State Teacher Certification.

The program begins in June, continues through the fall, the spring and a second semester. During the two summer sessions the students receive intensive training with special attention given to French, taught by an international staff. During the academic year the trainees take a full load which includes the French courses taught by Professor Georges Hingot, who lived in Zaire before and after its independence. The French courses

involve total immersion and are designed to give the students a working vocabulary so that they can teach in French by the second summer of training.

During the spring semester the co-directors; Mr. Noble and academic director, Dr. Elaine K. Miller, hope to take the students to schools in French speaking Canada to give them the experience of teaching in a francophone classroom.

Mr. Noble reports that last year's groups has finished its training and is now at schools throughout the Zaire. The present group of 26 will take up their assignments next August. Both Dr. Miller and Mr. Noble stress that there is a serious need for trained teachers, one that Peace Corps is helping to fill, so if you qualify for this program and are interested in teaching in Africa, write to: Peace Corps/College Degree Program, 112 Hartwell Hall, SUC Brockport, Brockport, New York 14420.



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