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"Sugar And Spice" Fails To Make Everything Nice

Everyone knows what little girls are made of, but what are the advantages of being sugar and spice? The most immediate advantage apparent is that Uncle Sam declines to send such a soluble composition to the wet swamps in Viet Nam. Surely this is an unmistakable advantage for those of us who prefer to remain in school, in the relatively safe confines of the square.

As girls, we enjoy a choice existence with no threat of a sudden unwanted trip to Viet Nam if we fail to maintain the minimum grade average. We must admit that the pressure of continual studying is certainly preferable to the constant threat of attack. If we were to become exempt from all of the painful experiences of living, then we would also have to relinquish its pleasures, since the rewards must be measured by the costs involved.

The narrator in *The Fantastiks* has asked us:

Who understands why spring is born

Out of winter's labor and pain,

Or why we must all die a bit before we grown again?

We must each decide how best to cope with this in our own lives. It isn't an easy question to answer but it underscores the hypothesis that we must all suffer to create the things that are most valuable to us.

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Brave New World Portrays Man After Nature Completes Conquest

By Roberta Frost

Brave New World is a twentieth century novel concerning essentially the scientific approach to life. Aldous Huxley has projected our society six centuries into the future with a startling portrayal of life in terms of possible scientific progress. He pictures a society in which man's conquest over nature is complete. The image of mankind is startling as we see babies produced en masse in the test tubes of government laboratories and "conditioned" as infants to develop into a certain type of individual.

In such a futuristic novel as this one finds comments on every phase of society. So it is with *Brave New World*. Huxley effectively uses satire as a means to communicate his criticism of life. His basic idea is "Progress" at a horrible extreme, the consequence of Science if it becomes the staff of life.

There are several distinct differences between the moral ethics of our culture and Huxley's theoretical "Utopia" of the twenty-sixth century: the social caste system, the attitude toward sex, the manner in which inhabitants escape to a so-called Paradise, and the religious values.

First, this "Utopia" has a unique social caste system. Chemicals governing human traits and characteristics are inserted into the embryo's surrounding medium while in the test tube, which may produce an individual ranging from the highest caste system of Alphas to the lowest Epsilon-semimorons. The scientific aspect here is the mass production of people; an absence of parenthood and love is created. The inferences Huxley makes concern an overconcern with science which will produce people like machines.

As we examine the people of "Utopia" we find a second ethical

issue—the society's attitude toward sex. In this unique society sex is free, and based on the pursuit of pleasures. Because the State produces the people, parenthood is an ethical taboo; there are no families. Thus the very basis of our life, the family bound together by love, is considered barbaric. This is a further inference of Huxley's idea that our society is declining morally and that science is producing the cold, factual individuals who search only

for individual pleasures. When this "happiness" and "security" is threatened, his characters take several grams of SOMA and depart from the real world on a "soma-holiday."

This leads to a third moral issue. Huxley appears to be equating SOMA, this cure-all for human distress, to the alcohol and narcotics of our society. The only difference is that soma has no after

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Around The Square

By Ann Ward

Well, St. Valentine has passed this way again bringing happiness to some and a mild form of bitterness to others. But don't lose hope, girls. There'll always be another time.

Jane Bray has mixed emotions about receiving flowers. She got a beautiful bouquet of roses but the card wasn't signed. She was overjoyed until she thanked the wrong boy. Better luck next time, Jane.

Betty Britt has been added to the first floor Gramley group of elite television watchers. Her father gave her a TV as a special gift for Valentine's. Now there are three on first floor. The other two are owned by Bebe James and Jane Litton. Seems to me you girls don't have enough work to occupy your time.

Finley Stith complained so much that she wanted flowers for the big day, that her friends got together and sent her carnations (they'd run out of roses). Later Finley really did receive roses from her guy in Sumter. There's nothing like the perfect squelch, right Finley?

Peggy McPherson was quite excited about her Valentine flower. She got one red rose with the note signed "your secret admirer." But disappointment later set in when she found out it was sent by her sister, Molly.

Some girls gave some really unique gifts to their pin-mates. Sandra Frazier and Bev Paisley decided that the "only" gift to give was a pair of kissing fish. Sandra was just sure that hers were incompatible and would die before Eddie Ross could pick them up. And Bev got excited about giving hers to Jim Armstrong until she found out she'd bought two males. Needless to say panic broke out. However,

the matter was settled with another trip to Woolworth's where an exchange was made. Things, now, have returned to semi-normal.

Susie Materne was probably the most satisfied with her Valentine. Taylor Benson called her from Babcock pretending he was calling long distance from Richmond. He told her to go to the pump house in the square to pick up her valentine. When she went, she found the perfect gift, Taylor himself. Ah, love!

Jean King has the right idea about the hearts and flowers occasion. If you'll notice her left hand you'll see the beautiful diamond she received from Larry Parsons, a student at Wake Forest.

Best wishes are in order also for Tippy Cox. She became engaged to George Maron, a senior at Belmont Abbey, last weekend.

Dan Cupid shot both Carol de Jongh and Nancy Thompson with his arrows. Nancy got a lavalier from Dan Dolan a Sigma Phi

Epsilon at Wake and Carol got pinned to Joe Wilson, another Sigma Phi Epsilon at Wake—Congratulations, girls.

Well Nickye Yokely decided that things at Carolina were too tame and took off for a weekend at Harvard. She came back happy but tired. It seems her date tried to convince her just how much she really did like him. What was your final decision, Nickye?

We all know that sometimes one has to make sacrifices for love's sake and Martha Laird is living proof. Martha has had her contacts since last summer but hadn't quite gotten use to them yet. However, since the boy she's dating from Richmond can wear his all day and he's only had his two weeks, Martha has decided she can make the supreme effort. Now if you notice her blood-shot and blinking eyes you'll know there walks a girl who'll do anything for love.

Pacifist Groups Oppose US On Moral Grounds

By Laurie Williams

The February 11 issue of the Winston-Salem Journal brought together on page 13 many views of the Speaker Ban controversy, which, it can be assumed, colleges and universities, public and private, are eyeing with curiosity, and perhaps, sympathy.

An account of Governor Dan Moore's reactions and statements regarding the appearance of Aptheker and Wilkinson led the discussion on page one, beneath which was a report of the formation of the "Committee for Free Inquiry," organized by UNC-CH students to express student reactions and attempts at change. Their juxtaposition points up the two basic interests involved.

In the first article, the four conditions to be applied to each speaker were stated; all were indefinite, particularly the first. This required that such speaker appearances should be judged by "the frequency of such a speaker on campus." Obviously, because the former Speaker Ban Law prohibited this type of speaker, "frequency" is nil.

Also somewhat difficult to understand is the Governor's defense of his statement that free speech has not been violated or censored: "In order for any person to speak they must meet the four conditions of the speaker policy."

There are levels to the controversy, however, which are easy for a college student to ignore. One is the fact that the University system is tied to the state. In refusing to allow the speakers invited by SDS—and subsequently by other Carolina groups—to appear, the Board of Trustees was exercising its decisive powers granted by the law change. That the Governor is on the Board of Trustees is an interesting point, however.

Moore is confident that North Carolina will continue to approve the four conditions prescribed by the law, and the Speaker of the N. C. House of Representatives backed him by saying that 90 percent of the people of the state are opposed to having a Communist speaker on the campus.

There is an intriguing tangle here: the taxpayers of the state help support UNC, on whose campus are many people at wide variance to the state's majority view. If the law could again be changed, where should responsibility lie? With potential audiences at the university, paying for much of their education—organizations and student body—or with the Board of Trustees, representing, it seems, the majority of off-campus taxpayers who also help its support? Who is closer to the problem?

Class Of 1905 Dedicates Steps By Greek Letters

By Paige Bishop

In hurrying to and from the Fine Arts Center or the Science Building, have you ever noticed the Greek letters on the granite steps leading to the walkway to Main Hall and wondered what the letters meant? Literally translated they mean "Virtue bears off the palm", but the words have a much deeper significance than their literal translation. In days past when each senior class had a motto, the Class of 1905 adopted ApeTn Kai Nikn as their motto and a seal bearing the letters AKN. On May 22, 1905 the new granite steps bearing the motto and seal were presented by the Class of 1905 at a Graduation Class Exercise by Miss Cammie Lindley. They were designated as

the Memorial Steps. The steps had no real purpose at the time they were built except to replace the wooden steps which were then in use and to beautify the campus. Since the Science building wasn't in existence at that time, the steps were used very little after their installation except in getting to the May Dell where the girls frequently went for walks. As Miss Mary Louise Grunert, present correspondent for the Class of 1905 said, "We walked a lot in those days because we couldn't get off campus as much as you girls do now." Now the steps are used almost constantly as Salemites go to and from the Science building and the Fine Arts Building, and they remain a memorial to the Class of 1905.