

Winston-Salem Needs Liquor-By-The-Drink

A bill has been introduced into North Carolina's State Legislature which would provide for local options on Liquor-by-the-Drink. Sponsored by the North Carolina Travel Council, this legislation would make restaurants of a seating capacity of 50 or more eligible to have a license to sell mixed drinks if the local option passes.

This bill was met with considerable opposition when it was first introduced, and although this has dwindled somewhat, the fervor of the opponents still exceeds that of the proponents. For example, at a hearing Wednesday lobbyists against the measure (predominantly clergy) presented a letter from Billy Graham expressing his disapproval of the bill. The most support for the bill is located in the urban and resort areas which must compete with similar areas in other states having this feature.

Although it will be an up-hill battle to insure passage of the bill, it is structured with a local option so that passage of the legislation would make it effective only in areas where the people desire it.

North Carolina's resort and urban areas need the passage of this bill to aid them in luring conventions, tourists, etc. They could also use the increased tax revenue from liquor sales which this measure would provide. But more important, if this bill passes, Winston-Salem should approve the local option. The building of the new Convention Center along with the tourist trade of the area puts this city in competition with quite a few others in the area. Effecting this measure in Winston-Salem would no doubt be advantageous to the city and its citizens.

Speak Out On Comps!

Readers may note that there is an article on page three concerning Comprehensive Examinations and the Seminar Structure. The Editor wishes to withhold her comments on this subject at the present time. However, there are many people involved and therefore somewhat qualified to speak out on this issue. The Salemite invites and even requests that students (especially seniors), faculty and administration voice their comments and suggestions to the college community on this subject through Letters to the Editor within the next few weeks.

SUSGA Conference

Racial Outlook Seems Hopeful

By Celia Watson and Louise Sherrill

Now is a time for change, but more importantly, a time for honesty. We must allow ourselves to see the existence of white racism, the reason for black racism and the necessity for their separateness.

In making strides toward the understanding of our present social revolution, the white society is overlooking its own prejudice which is a root of the existing racial problem. Instilled from birth and growth in a racist environment, prejudice has prevented the white from going beyond token understanding and has lifted him to more "oh-so-holy-white tolerance."

Letter To Editor

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Dear Editor,

I want to thank you and all the other members of the past administrative staff, as well as everyone who wrote, ran, drew, and just plain worked for **The Salemite** while I was editor. I especially want to thank Mrs. Laura Nicholson, for her quiet, but always present, support; Bill, for his humor, patience and understanding; and Francis, for his sparkling eyes, not-really-gruff voice and perseverance. Working together, all of you helped make my senior year at Salem a very special year. Thank you.

Always,
CEC

This prejudice was made obvious to us on a personal level at the Southern Universities Student Government Association Conference in Charlotte in our discussions with other delegates, one of whom—a white—referred to the blacks as "colored." Upon doing so, he was asked by a black delegate to define "color"; the latter could see that **everyone** present was colored. At this point we began to see and feel that the colors did vary from black to off-white and possibly to "swine-pink." Unfortunately, the personal prejudice evident in this incident prevails so extensively in our lives that it has become, for the majority, an unconscious way of life. Thus, it is difficult to admit its existence and its jeopardizing effects on interracial relationships. Fletcher Knebel, a staff writer for **Look** magazine has stated: "The subtle virus of racism so infects men of good will that they no longer even understand the meaning of a basic human relationship."

In discussing white racism one sees the basis for feelings of inferiority toward and within the black community. Because the black man has been deprived of an identity with a culture of his own within American society, he has been denied respect as a race. In the black powerist movement we see him facing his identity crisis and attempting to resolve it. The white's desire to alleviate the social-economic plight of the black has

manifested itself in attempts at mere assimilation — offering the black the benefits of a white culture, but, again denying him his own. The black has awakened to the realization that he cannot find identity, self-esteem or self-respect through such assimilation. Neither can he allow himself to trust the white when mutual respect between the two races does not exist.

The white is frustrated that his attempt to integrate the races through assimilation has not been extensively successful and is not the correct approach to resolution. This frustration, coupled with guilt feelings over past white suppression of blacks, further inhibits mutual trust and is even precipitating somewhat of an identity crisis within the white race.

"What is the white who wants to help the situation to do?," asked a SUSGA delegate. He must start by recognizing the prejudice of his race toward the black: he must work within his own race to overcome that prejudice as the black works within his to overcome his bitterness and to find himself. The white "who wants to help" must realize that the black race does not have to be completely on the receiving end, only able to accept from the whites, but that the blacks have much to give—a love of life, compassion for each other and respect for humanity. Peaceful co-existence of the races seems nebulous today, but the SUSGA discussions on personal and institutional racism have given us hope.

Is This The Dawning Of The Age Of Aquarius?

By Gayle Bogdanowitz

(reprinted from **The Daily Reveille**, Louisiana State University)

Have you heard the 5th Dimensions' new record? Have you listened to the sound track from the Broadway musical, "Hair?" Have you heard the word? We're in the dawning of a new age of aspirations and of faith, the Age of Aquarius.

Well, what is Aquarius, anyway? And who says we're entering a new era?

AQUARIUS, astrologically speaking, is a constellation with few significant stars in the northern hemisphere. Aquarius is directly next to the constellation of Pisces.

On the Zoroaster, the Horoscope map, Aquarius is the eleventh house, Pisces is the twelfth. Symbolically, Aquarius is the water bearer. A picture representation of Aquarius usually shows a man carrying or pouring from a jug of water.

A book called **Mythology and the Zoroaster** holds that Aquarius is the sign of soul conjunction. Water is representative of truth, light and fertility. Generally, Aquarius is a very nice sign.

Carroll Righter, whom **Time** magazine calls this country's most outstanding astrologer, is the man who says that we are moving out of the Age of Pisces, an age of disillusionment and confusion, into the Age of Aquarius, an age of aspirations and of faith.

Righter has arrived at this conclusion, that the world is entering the Aquarian Age, through a series of calculations where the vernal equinox is moving westward at the rate of 50 seconds a year.

This westward movement, Righter explains, has caused the vernal equinox to move across the constellation of Pisces into the constellation of Aquarius. What's more, Righter says that this movement of the vernal equinox is connected with the death and the life of Christ.

Righter attributes the 2,000 year period in the Piscean Era to the death of Christ. When Christ died, the vernal equinox evidently approached the constellation of Pisces.

On the Zoroaster, Pisces, the twelfth house, is representative of communion. The Piscean sign is pictured as two fish lying diagonally across one another.

That book, **Mythology and the Zoroaster** holds Piscus to be a sign of unrest and spiritual confusion.

Today, the vernal equinox has reached the constellation of Aquarius. But what do the astronomers have to say about Righter's calculations?

Dr. David Sher, associate professor of astronomy, says, "Yes, the vernal equinox has been moving at a rate of 50 seconds a year. But what else is new? The ancient Greeks knew that. Yet, qualitatively, Righter's calculations are generally correct."

There is one flaw in Righter's calculations or in his presentation. It is not the vernal equinox that is moving, but the earth's axis.

Sher still has one question. "What happened to the stars when Buddha died?"

Whether Christ's death caused the constellations to move or whether it was the shifting of the earth's axis, not too many believers in the dawning of Aquarius seem to be concerned.

Beyond The Square

Is U. S. World's Doormat?

By Joy Bishop

On April 14 an unarmed U. S. intelligence plane was shot down by Communist North Korean jets at least 40 miles and probably 90 miles out at sea.

That deliberate and irresponsible act of war cost 31 American lives. The Communists openly announced the "kill." The reaction of the President was cautious and in low key. He said nothing at all publicly for four days. Then, at a news conference on April 18, President Nixon condemned the Red attack as "unprovoked, deliberate and without warning." He did not speak of reprisals. The North Koreans, however, were warned that the reconnaissance flights would continue in the future—and would be protected.

Several reasons were given for the White House caution, but they all centered on one point: As long as the U. S. is bogged down in a costly war in Viet Nam, it is virtually paralyzed from acting with vigor in a shooting crisis elsewhere.

It was this same paralysis that allowed North Korea to escape retaliation after the **Pueblo** incident.

The South Koreans—who have sent 50,000 of their troops to fight alongside the U. S. in Viet Nam—have never completely forgiven the U. S. for the **Pueblo** "backdown."

In Seoul, a feeling of doubt is growing over U. S. readiness and willingness to face up to North Korea, no matter what the Communists may do next.

With his decision not to retaliate, the President turned aside many demands for bold action being pressed for in and out of Congress. A punitive blockade was one such demand. Others called for the bombing of North Korea's key airfields.

Some in Congress recalled that the President himself, commenting on North Korea's seizing of the **U.S.S. Pueblo** in 1968, said during the last campaign, "I pledge to you the American flag is not going to be a door mat" for "a fourth-class power" such as North Korea.



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