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## Editor's Opinion

It is obvious that most of the Nixon propaganda presently being circulated across campus is geared to those uneducated people whose primary basis for decision-making is their own prejudice.

Most particularly I write in opposition to a recent Republican publication entitled "First Monday," obviously a dig at the news broadcast "First Tuesday" which seems to have published certain facts by their very nature critical to an administration that has allowed them to become this explosive. This publication opens up to an immediate connection between "mild-mannered McGovern" and the "extremists" who are trying to disarm America. It plays upon the Jerry Rubin and Abie Hoffman endorsement of McGovern as "the last chance for the electoral system in this country." Of course there are pictures of these two men with their longhair and "hippie clothes" to provide a more dramatic view to the article, adding that these are the type of people McGovern would invite to the White House for dinner.

The uneducated to whom this article appeals would naturally fail to see the advancement represented by the Hoffman-Rubin endorsement. Rather than condemn this attachment as "un-American," would it not be more enlightening to view it as a step forward -- a step from the negativism of governmental overthrow to the hopeful positivism of working through the system? Isn't working through the system what the Nixon administration is trying to advocate?

A second point in "First Monday" stresses the humanity of Mr. Nixon in a story about a sergeant in Vietnam who wanted to bring home a Vietnamese boy but was erroneously classified as a drug addict and thereby was refused passage for the boy. President Nixon intervened and allowed the boy to be brought home. This act of "personal humanity," as the leaflet terms it, is wonderful until one views the total Vietnamese spectacle.

President Nixon's humanity has brought home thousands of Americans, yes, but what kind of humanity is it that steps up the air war to a greater degree than in any of the past three administrations combined and that mines the Vietnamese harbours in attempts to gain peace?

Then there is the praise of Mr. Nixon's economic policies--the cuts in inflation and unemployment. However, can we praise the ever-increasing meat prices and the RISE in youth unemployment as Nixon refuses to sign bills providing more jobs for youth?

Nixon is similarly praised for reducing the nation's capital crime by providing MORE police, MORE prosecutors, MORE legislation, and MORE street lighting. Is it MORE feasible to reduce crime by suppression, or to stop it by working from its roots to provide for people, thereby alleviating many of the reasons for crime?

Finally, the pamphlet shows Mr. Nixon's concern for the drug problem in his new "pilot concept" for drug treatment (the TASC Project). In a new program aimed at stopping street crime by enforcing drug laws, Mr. Nixon hopes to treat drug users rather than prosecute them. This program would be ideal for drug-users, but one major problem has been overlooked. Most of the drug-users are among the young, yet Mr. Nixon has neither appointed youth nor past drug-users to the committees studying these problems, so that those most nearly acquainted with the problems are refused a voice in solving them.

These are just a few of the points explored by the "First Monday" publication; yet it is clear that uneducated people might be swayed by the "all-American" view represented here. Most McGovern pamphlets, on the other hand, are concerned with presenting FACTS about the issues of the present election year rather than with the prejudices which lie in uninformed hearts. If we are to appeal to the emotional side rather than the factual side, I will play in that game, too. Is it more American to continue an immoral war, to allow tax loopholes which prevent the poor from eating, to suppress crime rather than seek to stop it at its roots, to jail "rebels" rather than listen to their protests and do something about them?

I am tired of listening to students whose primary basis for electing a president involve uninformed concepts of content with life as it is. When Americans can be content with war, poverty, crime, and disillusionment, then it is time to question our very existence as Americans.

JFS

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the inauguration committee, I want to thank every person, whether known or unknown, student, faculty, administration, and staff, who helped to make the inauguration of Dr. John E. Weems a success. It was a wonderful day, everybody had a great time, and it was each of you who made it so. If I have

missed expressing my appreciation to any one of you in person, please accept this method of doing so. From the bottom of my heart, to all 1300 (at least) of you, I say "thanks and thanks and thanks again."

Sarah Lemmon, Chairman  
Inauguration Committee

# PUBLIC TV LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN TO FIGHT VD

A nationwide campaign against venereal disease will be led by the nation's 224 public television stations (including the University of North Carolina Television Network) with a series of special TV broadcasts this month.

The campaign will be launched with a special, hour-long program, VD BLUES, to be broadcast coast-to-coast at 8 p.m., Monday, October 9. Host for the program will be late-night talk show personality, Dick Cavett.

VD BLUES will be seen in this area over Channel 4, WUNC-TV.

The TV presentations will be followed up nationally by an extensive campaign on the part of over a dozen national medical, educational and social organizations to combat the spread of venereal disease. During the last few years VD has reached epidemic proportions in the United States and gonorrhea is currently our most reported communicable disease.

VD BLUES is being produced by WNET/13 in New York with a grant from the 3M Company and content assistance from the American Medical Association. Other national groups will provide follow-up campaigns in their own areas and are disseminating material to the local public TV stations for their viewers.

Following the hour-long national presentation, the UNC-TV network will produce a local follow-up providing information about programs to combat VD in the state and where they are located.

VD BLUES will consist of dramatic vignettes and songs combined with a hard-hitting, frank presentation of facts about the symptoms of venereal disease, its various forms, causes, how it can be prevented and cured, and what happens if VD is left untreated.

Among the performers and writers who have contributed to the program are Jules Feiffer, who has written an original sketch, "Silverlips" for the program and Arlo Guthrie who will sing "Child of VD", an unpublished song written by his father, Woody Guthrie, in 1949.

A major segment will feature Broadway stars James Coco and Robert Drivas as gonorrhea and syphilis germs in a sketch which begins on a humorous note but ends in a frightening depiction of how the diseases work their torments on the human body.

"The show has its frivolous moments as well as its serious ones," said Cavett, "but the purpose is dead serious." This is an entertainment show, not a documentary program, aimed primarily at the young folks. It is a show they'd watch, not a program they'd be told to watch. "It is very worthwhile to have the opportunity to contribute to the lessening of a disease that has descended into 100 generations," he concluded.

"The show not only will dramatize the human predicaments of the individuals faced with venereal disease, but will impart to viewers vital information," said producer Don Fouser of WNET/13.

Fouser was formerly with the Emmy-winning series, THE GREAT AMERICAN DREAM MACHINE.

Other public television programs that will be related to the subject of venereal disease will include BLACK JOURNAL'S October 3 study of the controversial Tuskegee Study conducted by the U.S. Public Health Service in 1932 in which some 400 black men suffering from syphilis were purposely denied medical treatment. William F. Buckley's FIRING LINE on Sunday, October 15 will be devoted to the subject of sex education and WORLD PRESS on October 12 will look at the venereal disease problems in other countries as reported in their press.

Among the national organizations contributing to the VD campaign are the American Academy of Family Physicians, the National Education Association, the American Library Association, the National Council of Churches, the National Congress of PTAs and the American Osteopathic Association.

GAP

Being lost usually ends in being found

But somewhere between the end and the beginning is being confused.

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## EXAM TO BE GIVEN FOR FOREIGN WORK

The written exam for selection of new Foreign Service officers for appointment to both the Department of State and the U.S. Information Agency will be given on December 2, 1972, in Raleigh. Candidates for the exam must apply no later than October 21. Application forms may be picked up at the Placement Office in Johnson Hall.

The Foreign Service, the professional team of diplomatic personnel responsible for maintaining U.S. relations with some 115 other governments around the world, recruits new junior officers only once a year. This year, the Foreign Service is particularly seeking experienced candidates interested in economic, commercial, administrative, or news media work. The Foreign Service is also emphasizing the recruitment of WOMEN and members of minority groups. Starting salaries range from \$9,000 to \$13,000. In addition, salaries of officers on overseas assignments are supplemented, depending on local conditions, with housing, cost-of-living, and hardship - post allowances.



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# REGISTER TO VOTE

Do you know you may have only a few days left to register to vote in the November election?

Although registration deadlines vary nationwide, most local election boards stop registration about a month before the election -- October 9