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Prison teaches Krogh the value of every man

by Allyn Vogel

Adapting to prison life is not so much a matter of changing status levels but one of looking beyond labels and accepting people on a one-to-one basis, observed Egil Krogh.

In Meredith's October 4 convocation program titled "Prison, the Great Equalizer" and in a question session in Cate Center, Egil Krogh spoke of the insights into politics and prison he had gained during his six month Allenwood, Pa., Prison Camp term.

Krogh was the head of the White House "Plumbers" operation during the September, 1971 break-in of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office.

In February, 1974, Krogh plead guilty to obstruction of justice. His two to six year sentence was the first Watergate-related sentence.

Because of his contact with prisoners during his imprisonment, Krogh hopes to work for prison reform.

The prisons, he said, do not reform the inmates. As one of his Allenwood friends, a moonshiner, stated, he had learned "next time" to work deeper in the woods and to "step a little livelier" when chased. Prison, Krogh determined, has little deterring effect.

The prisoners, Krogh remarked, with few exceptions, don't come out of prison "better people", but people better able to break laws than when they came in.

A lot of men in prisons he noted, however, "would like to change". They are, though, assailed with negatives from the beginning of their term to their release: they are told that they are felons, that will always be considered felons, and that life will be hard when they get out.

Krogh suggests that means need to be developed whereby the prisoners are helped to think about themselves as other than thieves; that they be aided in developing new self-images and ideas for their futures.

Krogh said that in prison he discovered that everybody has a positive side. In prison he tried to emphasize the better aspects of his friends' makeups.

He prefers this positive approach to the traditional negative one.

Krogh isn't sure that prison itself rehabilitated him, but during his term he gained a new perspective on his plumbers role in stopping "the further disclosure of top secret information."

While he served for Nixon, Krogh stated that no one ever questioned "Is it right?" when faced with a decision; actions were taken with consideration only for collective concerns, not for the welfare of individuals.

People and groups, Krogh said, were stereotyped and this "loose terminology", he believes, "lead to abuse". If a person's ideas or programs were considered by the White House upper echelon to be "a threat to the state", they were cast as "enemies" and actions were taken against them.

People "were viewed as interests, targets," Krogh declared, "individual rights were not considered." He believes government officials should consider themselves on a

one-to-one basis with the people they deal with.

There was, he observed, an attitude in the White House of "do what has to be done" and "don't tell anyone."

The Plumber activities, he noted, could have been done legally with a warrant if probable cause could have been shown. His crime, he said, was basically one of "failure to ask permission".

The White House staff, he said, followed Nixon, not as a man, but as the "embodiment of a national interest." They rarely thought of questioning his orders.



Egil Krogh

SGA passes new 'late' procedure which deletes R.A. initialing

by Rebecca Askew

The Student Government Association passed seven bills including a new late permission procedure at its Friday meeting.

After being passed by the Student Life Committee and signed by Dr. Weems, the bills will become Handbook changes.

The new late permission procedure, which was originally proposed by the resident advisors, will involve

signing a late list in each dorm instead of having the dorm card initialed by a resident advisor.

Other business included a bill which would allow students to keep turtles and fish in the dorms.

Two bills involving calldowns were also passed. Calldowns would be given for failure of freshmen to attend required hall meetings during the first 6 weeks and for failure of any student to sign out properly for an overnight.

Another bill concerning overnights would permit a student to sign out to return on SDH when she has taken an overnight; to do so, she must have filled in "Expected Return" with the proper day and date she expects to return on SDH.

An additional bill to be sent to Student Life establishes a sign out procedure for students living in the Home Management House. When a student begins her residence in the Home Management House, she should sign out in the dorm for the length of time she will be gone.

When leaving the Home Management House to go off campus, the girl should sign out as she would in the dorm. If she returns to the dorm and plans to remain there overnight, she should sign out properly at the Home Management House and sign in properly at the dorm.

One of the girls in the Home Management House should be responsible for checking the dorm cards each night and should report to the campus checker.

According to the new late proposal, a late return list would be put on the signout desk each day by the resident advisor in each residence hall. A student planning to take a one-hour late that night would sign her name and room number on the list. The dorm card would be filled out as usual, but the student would not be required to take her card to a resident advisor.

Cancelling a late would be the sole responsibility of the student. If she returns before closing hour, she would cross her name off the list and note the hour of her return, in addition to signing in on her dorm card.

Successful completion of the course receives one hour credit for a P.E. requirement at Meredith. The P.E. Department is asking that payment for this trip be made before Dec. 15.

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TWIG newsbriefs

SNEA

Student National Educational Association will hold its November meeting on Thursday night, November 14,

from 6:30-7:30 in the Hut. We will have someone come and share some ideas on education with us. All students interested in education are welcome to come; it is not required that you be a member or be interested in joining to attend the meeting. Those interested in joining are urged to come and bring membership dues of \$6.00. This fee will enable you to receive two education magazines, "North Carolina Education" and "Today's Education". If you are interested in membership, contact Jackie Cullifer in 320 Barefoot, or call 833-5482. Dues must be in to Jackie by November 27, 1974. See you Thursday, November 14.

AQUA ANGELS

Tryouts for the Aqua Angels, the synchronized swimming performing group, will be held in Weatherspoon Gymnasium on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 19th and 20th, at 8:00 p.m. Those girls in the beginning or intermediate synchronized swimming classes are urged to come and try out for the Aqua Angels.

SKIING TRIP PLANNED

Meredith will offer a skiing trip this winter in connection with the French-Swiss Ski College located on Appalachian Mountain in Blowing Rock, N.C. Dates for the skiing trip are set for Jan. 5 - 10, 1975 and the cost is only \$80.00. The trip includes five sessions of skiing (all day), unlimited instruction, all equipment needed, slope fees, lift fees, and lodging for five nights.

An additional feature this year is "Guaranteed Skiing". "The French-Swiss is the only ski institution in the world to have magic snow carpet on a ski slope which will guarantee skiing in any kind of weather."

Also included in the French-Swiss fee is accident-medical insurance carried on every skier. "Mutual of Omaha issued this policy to French-Swiss due to the incredibly low number of injuries."

Red Cross Bloodmobile

Tuesday, November 12

10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

basement of Poteat Dorm

Faculty, students, and staff
are urged to come