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V.I.M. Vigor and Vitality

Students Lose Millions By Not Applying

VIEWPOINT

General Hospital

by Karen McGee

Every weekday afternoon at 3:00, swarms of Montreat students (male and female) migrate into dormitory lobbies to watch the phenomenal soap opera, General Hospital (G.H.). All other obligations are put aside as G.H. addicts anxiously view the paramount screen.

When the news permeates the campus that an exciting incident has occurred on the beloved soap, such as Scorpio seated at Luke's front door with a gun, the lobbies are packed fuller and screams fill the air as events proceed.

Why do campus members watch G.H.? Lisa Plumlee said, "I watch it because its good and you start watching it and get so interested in it you just can't stop."

Dana Weatherly said, "I like the suspense and the mysteries, and I love to see the romantic parts. I feel that I know all the people."

Lisa Hinson, another avid viewer of G.H., said, "I love General Hospital. It's kind of a little excitement around here you can just forget school for an hour."

Ken Sausedo and some guys in Davis Dorm watch G.H. too. Said Ken, "We watch it because people get the idea that all soap operas are sinful, evil, and trashy. But General Hospital, though secular in context, proves that modern T.V. can still exhibit those true characteristics of classic American dramatics. Though sometimes facetious, it is exciting, exhilarating, and most often suspenseful. That is the true essence of a soap opera."

Professor of psychology, John D. Davis said that people generally watch soap operas as a means of escape. "They watch them for the same reason they read poetry or novels. It's an outlet. It's living in another character's situation and a way of forgetting yourself."

G.H. causes campus-wide conversation as well as, for some, special arrangements in class scheduling. Said Lisa Hinson, "I arranged my schedule around it and sometimes I get off work from 3:00 to 4:00 just to watch it."

Dana said, "Everybody gets into that (G.H.) more than any other story, that's why I made sure I didn't have a 3:00."

So faithful G.H.ers continue to march to the television set every afternoon to be refreshed daily by G.H.'s developments. They consistently wait to see what problems arise next for Luke, Joe, Hutch, Jeff, Rick, Alan, Leslie, Laura, Monica, Bobbi, and all the rest of the captivating characters on General Hospital.

The Volunteers in Mission program of the United Presbyterian Church enables people with vigor and vitality to serve the mission of the Church for short periods of time (summer) or for 1-2 years.

Projects are available throughout the United States and overseas. Volunteers serve in a variety of positions: houseparent, tutor, recreation leader, youth worker, pastor's assistant, teacher, nurse, doctor, business manager, museum guide, librarian, maintenance staff, community organizer, and vacation church school leader.

From New York to San Francisco, from Alaska to Florida, from Japan to Egypt, Volunteers in Mission serve at over 100 projects.

While most volunteers are college students, teenagers, middle-aged and senior citizens also serve. All volunteers receive room, board, and accident insurance. Scholarships are available for qualified students.

Contact: Volunteers in Mission, 475 Riverside Drive - Room 1126, New York, NY 10015, or call (212) 870-2802.

The program is open to all persons who are willing to commit themselves to the disciplines of the projects involved. For an overseas assignment, completion of college or special training and church membership is required.

Popularity

I fix my hair, I fix my eyes
In case I happen to walk by some guys.
My mascara's so thick that I can't see
And I do it all for popularity.

I'm getting fat, I must be thin
I'd just die if I got a double chin!
I've eaten so little that I can't see
And I do it all for popularity.

I gossip about others with my friends
Making brownie points off of someone else's sins.
I've scorned so much that I can't see
And I do it all for popularity.

I so much want attention from beautiful guys
But do I really care what kind of person is behind those gorgeous eyes?
I've seen only the surface so much that I can't see
And I do it all for popularity.

Satan turned ugly into beauty, but I know he must've lied
'Cause this seeking of fame and recognition leaves me so dissatisfied,
I thank God that He opened my eyes so now I can see
To give it all to Him, not to popularity.



A Wall Around My Heart
And there's a wall around my heart,
To keep the hurt out.
And even if you love someone enough,
To let them in, and you think that this
relationship is going to make it,
Something goes wrong somewhere,
And you find you just can't take it,
Then, you realize that being on the
inside,
Just makes it easier to break it.

Caro Jones

A missing link exists in the U.S. between available college scholarships, grants and financial aid, and the people eligible to receive them.

"Money is going unclaimed, because people don't know where to find the funds, or they think they don't qualify," says the Director of the Student Assistance Council of America.

According to Robert Freede, author of "Cash-for-College" (Prentice-Hall), "People believe the myth that all scholarships and grants are based only on a student's financial need...class standing...or test scores. It's not true!"

"More than \$1,000,000 of school aid has gone unclaimed and unused because it has not been matched up with the proper students. Students don't bother to apply because many parents don't believe their children qualify for financial aid," Freede says.

Yet millions of dollars in aid are available to people regardless of need or academic excellence. Total dollars available to students for college are some \$500,000,000. "Substantial amounts of money are hidden behind strange eligibility requirements, little-known trust funds, public and private grants," says Freede.

"Since you must apply to be considered, the trick is to find out about these funds. Matching scholarship sources to qualified individuals isn't a job for amateurs, as a computer is required. Even student counselors can't know more than a fraction of the over 250,000 available source items."

Scholarship Search, an arm of the Student Assistance Council, provides personalized research by computer that matches a student's eligibility factors to

sources of funds for college which they are qualified to receive.

The search guarantees to identify specific financial sources of potential funds for the subscribing student.

Who is more likely to qualify for college funds?

To help answer this question, the Student Assistance Council has developed a 60-second quiz for which one "yes" answer could qualify someone to apply for a number of financial aid sources:

Ask yourself:

Have you participated in extra-curricular activities in school...or outside of school?

Have you decided on a particular career or occupation? (Many scholarships are based on the student's interest in a major course of study or future occupation.)

Are you or your parents affiliated with any union, religious or fraternal organization, community or professional group?

Were either of your parents in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard?

the Student Assistance Council of America has developed a unique Student Profile Application Form, which provides the "keys" to finding multiple sources of financial aid.

You can get a copy of this form, plus a "how to" Scholarship Search Information Kit, by writing directly to the Council and enclosing \$1.00 to help pay for first class postage, handling, etc.

Write Student Assistance Council of America, Suite 628U, 1775 Broadway, New York, NY 10019.



This young lady recently represented the state of South Carolina in the 7UP Junior Superstars. She participated in seven events and was ahead of the other field until the sit-up competition where 13 fouls were called. She finished eighth in a showing of 12 states of the Southeast.

Courageous? This accomplished young lady is Jean Gunter from Columbia, South Carolina. You may have noticed her running toward the Black Mountain stop light. This is not unusual. She has been running since her sophomore year in high school in which she competed in

cross country her junior and senior years and also ran track all of her high school days. Jean now runs at least 5 days a week, approximately 6 miles per run.

Recent competition for Jean included the Charlotte Observer Marathon's 10,000 meter race held January 3, 1981. Officially out of 2,000 competitors, she placed 202nd. However, she placed second in her age group and was fourth in the overall female competition. Her time for the 6.2 mile run was 40.04.5 minutes. Very impressive!

Montreat is proud of you Jean. Keep on running!

