

# Drug-Using Student Talks Freely About Problem

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"There's a four-hour period I can't even remember."  
The 19-year-old girl winces. "The period I remember best is being afraid, afraid of everything. I remember I thought if I don't ever get straight of this one, I'm going to kill myself."

"I decided I'd better get out of the darkened room. I opened the door and I looked out and it was like a camera flash—everything yellow and white."

What she saw was another girl, studying at a desk in this

Appalachian State University residence hall.

The frenzied girl thought "if she speaks to me, then I will die. But I don't want to die anymore. I went back into the room and retreated into a corner. It seems like I could see my future"—in a sequence of opposing scenes—"Passing before my eyes."

In one scene she saw herself locked into the drug culture. In the other she was living a "straight" life. Could she but reach out and ensnare one of the passing scenes, she felt, "That's the way my life would be."

Telling this, she tightens; the fingers holding her cigarette quiver. The frosty smoke spirals and her downturned gaze is looking back 13 months to the night when the LSD she took at an off-campus drug party in Boone turned upon her.

"I had a freak, I guess is what you'd call it. I made the mistake of 'gropping' on a school night." At the time, freshman women had to be back in the dorm by 10 p. m. There was no way out of it.

Her friends took her back to campus. In the dorm, "the kids were afraid of me. They sense"

I was on something. My roommate that I had at that time considered me a wild girl anyway, always running around."

Tina was on a bad trip, the ghost of which is often, if not usually, in her mind, at times synchronizing the temolo of the voice with that of the hands.

The terror she lived by unwisely trusting in LSD transmitted to those around her. Says Tina, "No one would come and be with me at all."

Therapeutic Boone  
It was at the age of 17 while a student at UNC-Chapel Hill

that Tina first smoked marijuana. Twice more, she indulged. This, she feels, does not lead to heavy drugs. "I feel the company leads to heavy drugs."

Still 17, she enrolled at Appalachian State University in Boone, a prospering town, but smaller than the one she calls home. "It was kind of a let-down," she says.

Why not stay at Chapel Hill? "My dad was afraid that I would become immersed in the drug culture. A lot of kids are sent here because of that, and kids with radical ideas."

It turned out that a small,

mountain town failed to dictate the goings-on at the university it encompasses.

"I met the drug users here on campus," Tina says. "I started dabbling around with amphetamines. I dropped a tab of acid (LSD)." She pinches the end of her little finger with her thumb to show the size of a tab.

"It seemed like the world was just brighter. It seemed like I understood the people around me. And the hallucinations I had were beautiful things." On she goes, detailing the music at this off-campus party. It was called The House of Four Doors and

its lyrics seemed to synchronize with her trip.

The first door is marijuana, she says. The third door is acid "Once you're in the house, you can never come out," she recites. "The fourth door is seeking yourself. That's what I'm doing now, I guess, is seeking myself."

The next time she tried her luck with contraband LSD, her world turned upsidedown. She lasted it out in a dormitory room in the Hub of the Holiday Highlands. No one informed her family: "My parents didn't learn about my bad trip until I

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The awarding of the half-million-dollar contract was made by Harold Stanley (left) to D. E. Dunmyre (right), with Motorola Electronic. Stanley, an Ashe County Commissioner, is chairman of the Northwest Planning Council for Crime Deterrence and at center is Kramer Jackson, president of the council. (Staff photo)

### \$500,000 Systems Contract Signed

## Area Communications

## Aid To Law Enforcers

### Personnel Upgrading Is Planned

The Northwest Planning Council for Crime Deterrence has awarded a \$500,000 contract to Motorola Electronics to provide a law enforcement communications system for nine Northwest North Carolina counties.

Action was taken at a six hour meeting held on ASU campus last Friday evening. Seventy representatives from Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany, Wilkes, Surry, Yadkin, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey attended the session and had a voice in awarding the contract.

Representatives from Motorola and General Electric were given an opportunity to present their proposals. Three hours of deliberation were required before a decision could be made. A called vote of the Executive Board showed 26 votes to Motorola, and 4 votes to General Electric.

The issue of point-to-point communications created the most interest among the county and town officials. The successful bidder was required to guarantee that his system would allow each county communications with its adjoining counties.

County Control Centers will be installed in the counties of Watauga, Ashe, Surry, Yadkin, and Wilkes. These centers will allow all law enforcement communications to be centrally received and dispatched. Tape recorders will record all incoming calls to the center providing an accurate record of the telephone calls.

Kramer Jackson, Director of the Planning Council, points out the awarding of this contract to be the result of almost two years of planning. Funds for the Communications System have been awarded through the federal "Omnibus Crime and Safe Street Act" passed in 1968.

Immediately following the awarding of the contract, the regular business meeting was conducted.

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Northwest Planning Council were read and adopted. Judge J. E. Holshouser and Judge Ralph Davis were elected to the Executive Board. Four persons representing the general public were elected to serve a one-year term on the

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## Operation Rescue To Aid Drug Users

Providing counseling and medical services for kids in trouble with drugs is not a new concept.

In Winston-Salem they call their program Together House. At Chapel Hill it is Switchboard. In Miami, the Drug Store.

In the university town of Boone, it is Operation Rescue which is armed with \$1,000 it got through the Association for Retarded Children's Boone and Raleigh chapters, a staff of 24, and has been holding drug seminars here through the Wesley Foundation of the Boone United Methodist

Church.

As for the developing program at Appalachian State University, "It was my brainchild, more or less," says coed Meg Goforth of Albemarle. "I had a friend who tried to commit suicide here on campus. She tried to do it by an overdose of amphetamines."

When Meg learned about it, she and her friends searched the area. "Her attempt failed," says Meg, "and when we finally did find her, she was alright."

Meg decided something had to be done.

Desk Telephone  
"Right now we're hunting a building, a place for a desk and a telephone."

Meg says Operation Rescue will be manned 24 hours a day and a MD will be on call. The program will provide

education on drugs, abortions, and counseling on the draft and alcoholism, if possible.

After her friend's attempt at suicide, Meg says she consulted Lee McCaskey, then Dr. Roger Steenland who is head of the university's psychological services and who told her "about some high school students here in Boone who were trying to start the same thing."

People from Winston-Salem's Together House were to be in Boone Sunday to discuss with Meg and others how they set up "and how they can help us."

Meg's capacity is an overall director of Operation Rescue. She hopes some people from Boone will help in the program and that Dr. Steenland will agree to chair the board of directors.

## IRC Workers Still Off Job

Three factors weighed in the layoff the last of October of 90 employees of IRC, Boone Division of TRW, Inc.

Carl Smith, manager of the electronics-producing plant, says national sales of color and black and white televisions are "off about 30 per cent this year," so that tv manufacturers have sharply cut back their orders to IRC/TRW and other such suppliers.

And "when it appeared the economy might be turning around," Smith said, "the auto strike hit. We sell to the suppliers of General Motors so that had its impact."

Perhaps the major point is that going into 1970, "people in the electronics industry had very big plans." Among others, the television, radio and computer industries began

buying rapidly and building inventory for the expected upturn in the economy.

The downturn, surprising many economists, stubbornly continues and Smith says many companies which used to buy the Boone plant's products are "presently living on their inventory."

During the year, Smith says I R C / T R W d i d everything—including working short weeks—to buy time. The upturn just didn't come."

A company with widely diversified holdings, TRW is doing very well overall, he points out. But as to how long the 90 jobs may be vacated, "we are as uncertain about the near future as any of the economists. We're anticipating a very modest... very modest upturn in 1971."

## Buick Bids Low On Fire Chassis

Modern Buick-Pontiac Company of Boone entered the low bid last Thursday night to provide the Town of Boone a new chassis for a fire department tanker.

The winning bid of \$4,575.35 was opened along with bids from three other dealerships here. And the board approved Modern Buick-Pontiac's entry, provided County Commission Chairman G. Perry Greene does not secure a chassis through Civil Defense and Army surplus.

It was in August that Fire Chief Phil Vance told the city fathers that the truck part of the department's large tanker was beyond repair. The board subsequently investigated the matter and asked for bids.

In other business:  
On a motion by Howard Cottrell seconded by Clyd Winebarger, the board agreed to pay Building Inspector Ray Luther 50 per cent of all inspection fees up to \$100 and 25



### Thanksgiving Dinner(s)?

With Thanksgiving nigh, Floyd Thomas looks over his turkey flock on his farm in the Zionville com-

munity. His son David feeds the gobblers to fatten them for Thanksgiving dinner tables on Thursday. (Photo—George Flowers)

## Bloodmobile Is Coming

The bloodmobile will be in Boone at the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church Friday, December 4th and

Mrs. Goldie Fletcher, Executive Secretary of the Watauga Chapter, American Red Cross has issued a strong

appeal for participation in this life-sustaining activity. "Give blood," Mrs. Fletcher says, adding "if you are a person concerned about your family and the insurance they have of blood credit or do not have. Let your concern be known by going to the bloodmobile and sharing the gift that can mean a longer life for a friend or neighbor or perhaps one of your own family."

Mrs. Fletcher's statement continues:

"There was, perhaps, a time when blood donors would display concern for others without much coaxing and only needed the opportunity to exhibit their willingness without being personally recruited to support the blood program.

"This feeling, no doubt, still exists today for many regular donors. But, in our experience, the first-time donor must be convinced just what the blood program really means to him or his family before he can become actively involved.

blood, or for the blood-credit for his own family use... which is a very good reason.

"Blood credit is good insurance for blood needs. If you are a regular donor, perhaps you can let your next door neighbor know just what it means to you to have that credit. Just knowing the time, date and place does not convince the modern first time donor of what the program could really mean to him."

### To Observe Holiday

Practically all the stores and other business places in Boone are to be closed for the Thanksgiving observance.

Town and County Offices, the Postoffice, financial institutions, will take the day off.

### Deep Gap Fire Dept. Meeting Set

The Deep Gap Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual membership meeting at 7 Saturday night.

James Watson, chief of the department, says the annual report will be given and officers elected.

## First Day Burley Average \$73.41

Burley auctions started Monday at Big Burley Warehouse, where the top baskets of the sale fetched the growers \$78 per hundred and where the day's average evened out at \$73.41.

Total poundage for the day was 338,522, which figured at the average price amounted to \$248,509.

There was still a lot of tobacco on the floor at Big Burley when the auctions ended. Farmers Warehouse, where sales will take place next has been filled and during the weekend the house near the bus station was being filled.

Sales are being held Wednesday and Friday, and thereafter the first four days of each week until December 17 recess starts.