

Writer Max Steele Tells His Experiences

Hippie's Haight Ashbury: 'The Movement Is Over'

By BLACKWELL BROGDEN

When I left San Francisco in September of 1966 to come to UNC as a writer-in-residence Haight-Ashbury was the best integrated neighborhood in America with people who worked hard to get themselves out of the ghetto. There was one hippie bookstore.

one of misery. 400 kids a week were coming into the district. They were leaving at the same rate. There is no free food, the sex was not what they had been led to expect, and as Mark Twain put it, 'the coldest winter I ever spent was one summer in San Francisco.' They were not properly clothed.

"Doctors voluntarily set up a free clinic. Three epidemics of penumonia hepatitis, and veneral disease had spread through the group. Approximately 4000 in S.F. were methedrine addicts."

Steele feels sorry for the Negroes who live in the district. They are now surrounded by what is in essence a drug culture composed of people who are playing at being poor, 'begging in 50-dollar suede pants, cashmere sweaters, and a 20-dollar string of beads.'

"The real object of the movement is a white middle class rebellion. The white middle class bores me. I have lived with Bohemian cultures of the very rich or very poor. The hippies are a group of conformists rebelling they cannot rebel individually."

San Francisco, he said, is a flexible town. The barbershops are now hairdressers where it cost five dollars to have your hair styled. And you must make an appointment. On Sundays traffic practically stops as tourists are bumper-to-bumper coming into the district.

Quoting Herb Cain, a columnist, he stated, "Haight-Ashbury is the only place to see a middle-age tourist from Nebraska watching teenage tourists from Minnesota."

Steele found many white businessmen who were weekend hippies and even a breed of white-collar hippies in full sympathy with the movement but caught up in economic necessity and forced to work. He claims he was taken as one several times.

Sometimes it even becomes difficult just to talk to a flower child. He will probably turn out to be an undercover narcotics agent, an anthropologist, or a psychologist investigating the hippies.

It is ironic that Haight-Ashbury, once a part of the Golden Gate Park and settled by squatters during the Gold Rush, was being invaded by people living 45 to a single apartment.

Steele, a part-time real estate man and landlord, predicts that land prices which have dropped will eventually rise and that the district, in its notoriety will become a very fashionable residential area.

The movement is changing though, "The hard-core psychopaths, the Hells Angels types, are moving in. Formerly when the police picked up a hippie he had no money no identification nothing. Those arrested now are carrying knives and guns.

Some got into my best apartment and painted LOVE over all the walls. It cost 200 dollars to clean. What used to be love covers up a lot of hate."

"Overall I think that there will be a good effect. People are more tolerant now. In some ways I am glad I'm not twenty years old. I might be right with them although the Carolina students did look clean and good when I got back."



Max Steele, head of UNC's creative writing department ... was a realtor in Haight-Ashbury

UNC India Association Tries To End Old Ideas

By STEVE PRICE of The Daily Tar Heel Staff

Two years ago an organization was stated on the UNC campus to promote India-America relations. Today that club has blossomed into one of the most exciting organizations at Carolina.

It's name? The India Association.

"We are just trying to eliminate the pre-conceived notions of India," says Association president K. K. Kumaroo. "It is surprising how little people here know about India."

"Many think of our country as a place where snake charmers sit before cobras and cows walk through city streets. I have never seen a snake charmer and only one city with cows in its streets."

There are about 50 students in the Indian Association this year, Kumaroo said. If faculty and wives are counted the membership swells to over 75.

A constitution has been incorporated, allowing a new student to join. Membership

dues are only \$2 a year. Many members are from India. Kumaroo, a graduate student in biochemistry, is from Kerala, in the southern part of the country.

Highlights of last year's Association activities included "India Night" a dinner with Indian food and exhibits. About 400 attended.

Last May the group also held the India Bazaar, selling Indian art and artifacts. The Association made \$2,000 profit on the Bazaar and sent the money to poor families in India.

This year the largest project is an Experimental College course, which is attended by about 45 students.

"We leave the course up to the students," Kumaroo points out. "Our discussions are informal and may include talks on Indian mysticism, philosophy, social history and religion."

The course is called "India and its Culture," and meets at 8 p.m. each Tuesday night in the Episcopal Church.

Another feature of the

Association this year, is the presentation of Indian films. "We plan to bring one movie to the campus very month," Kumaroo said. "to offer a better introduction to Indian culture."

Indian music is another main interest of the Association. Last year they produced a weekly radio program on station WUNC featuring 45 minutes of Indian music.

"Response was so enthusiastic," Kumaroo says. "We are continuing it again this year." The program may be heard each Thursday night on WUNC at 10:15 p.m.

Kumaroo isn't certain if the Association will stage another India Bazaar. "It takes hundreds of manhours of work," he says, "but we would like to have another one in the spring."

Tentative plans do call for another "India Night," possibly to be held in Early December. "It will be similar to last year's program," says the president, "and hopefully as popular."

Television Viewing Today

Table with 2 columns: WUNC-CHANNEL 4 and WRAL-CHANNEL 5. Lists programs and times for both channels.

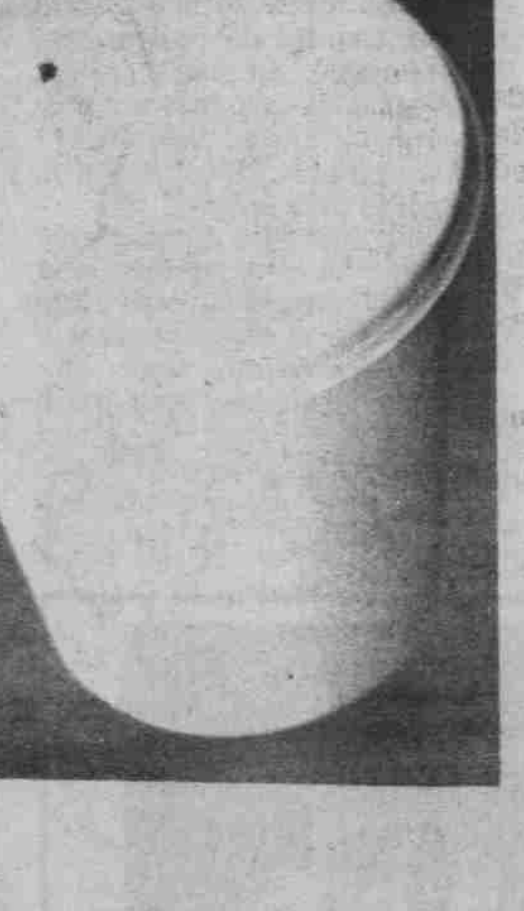
DAILY CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a small word search and a grid for the crossword.

Comic strip titled 'PEANUTS' with four panels showing characters and dialogue.

Campus Calendar: Lost And Found

- WEDNESDAY
The Stray Greeks will meet at Sherrie Huff's house tonight at 6 p.m.
The Student Advisory Committee will meet at 4:30 in Roland Parker II.
The Young Democrats Club will sponsor a dinner meeting at 6:00 upstairs in Lenoir Hall.
Experimental College Committee meets tonight at 8 p.m. in Grail Room.
FOUND
Found—pair of men's gloves near Carr Dorm call 967-2227 after 6.
Girl's gold watch found Sunday in phone booth at Glen Lenoir, Call Charlie Farris in 319 Stacy.
Slide rule in Mitchell Hall. Claim at GM Information desk.
Wristwatch in front of Bingham, Wed. Nov. 8. Owner please call or write and identify: Westbrook, 506 Buchanan Blvd., Durham. Phone (eves.) 292-9089.
LOST
Hart Shaffer & Marx charcoal over coat. Reward, Call 942-5422.
Gold men's watch: 25 jewels by Gruen. Sentimental value. Reward offered. Call 933-4193, 601 Morrison.
Bracelet with pearls and black onyx, on Nov. 15, somewhere near library. Of great personal value — Reward, Call 929-6096.
Brown wallet in town last Sat. night. Reward. Contact Jay Hawkins, 745 James, 933-4768.
Nikon F 35mm camera and box of negatives of great personal value. Reward for any information leading to return. Call 968-3087 evenings.
One pair of black-rimmed glasses. Please contact Eric Fast, 1019 Morrison, 933-3256.
Red wallet belonging to Ann Boatwright Humphrey J-6, Camelot Apartments, Estes Drive, Chapel Hill. Lost in Wilson library stacks 10th



This is a cup. It is in a tree. No one knows who put it there. But it certainly is a novel way to dispose of those Y Court cups that seem to run dry about half way to GM. Complete with top, no less.

Advertisement for 'NEED MONEY?' featuring a large dollar sign and text about financial services and insurance.

Advertisement for 'The Norelco Tripleheader' electric shaver, showing the product and a woman shaving.

Advertisement for 'Need Money for Christmas?' from 'The Intimate Bookshop'.