

# Writer Asks "Are Heart Transplants Wrong?"

## Drama In Human Life Re-Enacted

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Haskell Karp, the latest of the heart transplant recipients, died within 48 hours after receiving a human heart—he lived for 62 hours with an artificial heart, and according to doctors, might have lived for as much as a month, or not less than 10 days with the man-made beater, for as much as a month, or not less than 10 days with the man-made beater.

The most recent drama in human life does not prove heart transplants are unsuccessful. It merely substantiates a gnawing suspicion that they are wrong.

The public appeal by Mrs. Karp, seeking a human heart for her husband, somehow seemed strange, appalling, ghastly—even wrong to ask that a person give up his (in this case, her) heart for another. And yet, this has become an almost daily occurrence throughout the world.

In medical science, many people are calling heart transplants progress, but it still seems wrong to allow a few—doctors—the power to decide who shall live and who shall die. How can the world justify this kind of progress when, after thousands of years of primitive methods, it is now moving away from the idea of capital punishment?

In the Karp case, when a "donor" was found—Mrs. Barbara Ewan—a woman effort was made to keep her alive, her vital functions intact during a hurried plane trip from Lawrence, Mass., to Houston, Texas.

Only after her arrival in Houston, did anyone bother to obtain permission from her family to have her heart taken out and implanted in the cavity of Haskell Karp's chest—a cavity vacated by his diseased organ. This seems to indicate that the doctors "let Mrs. Ewan die."

In most heart transplant cases, the concerned families must take the professional word of the doctors that their donor—kin has no chance of survival. Yet, the incongruity of the situation is that millions of dollars are spent in an effort to "save" the lives of people with serious heart defects—and at the expense of some unfortunate person.

These questions then arise:—Why wasn't a transplant performed, say, on the late President Dwight D. Eisenhower?

—What is useless?

—Did his family think transplants were wrong?

—Or was the idea of letting Ike die more romantic in the eyes of the western world? Objection to permitting doctors to wield the scepter of life and death over their less knowledgeable fellowmen is not the only thing that makes heart transplants seem wrong. In essence, the transplant seems to be a denial of the donor's inherent right to life—to say nothing of liberty and pursuit of happiness, if there be any such for him.

What right does a physician have to let one person die, just to make further use of his or her "good" heart, in another body? Just when is it that a person is in reality dead? There has been no really adequate decision made on that score.

The great social imbalance that exists throughout the world—especially in places where transplants have occurred, and particularly the circumstances under which they have been performed—seemed to suggest a perpetuation of the notion that it's all right for poor and oppressed people to die so that their more affluent brothers can live.

To say heart transplants are wrong, also requires some opinion on the transplanting of other human organs. At this point, it seems reasonable to say as long as a human life is not directly or critically at stake, such transplants can be performed.

But to take a life to save another life—how can that be justified?

of New York for a reading enrichment program.

This will mark the fourth summer in which the college will have been able to offer a summer enrichment program for about 40 to 45 college-bound juniors and seniors from various sections North Carolina.

Dr. Smith, who will serve as director of the program this summer, said that the program will begin on June 9 and continue through July 18. Mrs. Lucille Yarborough, head of the Reading Center at the college, will be co-director.

The director said that, as in the past, students will be accepted on the basis of their recommendations by their high school principals or guidance counselors.

## PREGNANCY PLANNING AND HEALTH

BY MRS. GLORIA RIGGSBEE

Dear Mrs. Riggsbee:

I have been reading your column but I never thought I would need to write to you because I have been a widow for a long time. I am 43 years old and I have three children. My older is 19 and my baby is 14. But now I am getting married again to a man who is 52. He says that we don't have to worry about birth control because he's too old to make babies, and anyhow he read that women over 40 can't get pregnant. Is this true? I really don't want to have another baby after all this time.

Mrs. J. P.

Dear Mrs. J. P.:  
Run, don't walk, to your nearest doctor or health department. Your husband-to-be is wrong on both counts. A man of 52 is perfectly capable of fathering children unless he has some physical disability, and will be for a long time. Besides, unless your menstrual periods have stopped completely for more than a year, there is always a chance that you can become pregnant. Not all women go through their menopause or "change of life" at the same time, and very few begin this as early as forty. If you don't want a baby, don't take any chances.

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Dear Mrs. Riggsbee:

I am a girl, 17. My sister is 19 and we are both having the same trouble with our father. We thought you might be able to help. My dad is a lay preacher and a very religious man. But he believes that the whole world is so full of sin and evil that my sister and I will become bad girls with the first boys we are allowed to date. And that's part of the problem right there...we aren't allowed to date at all.

Our father gets upset at the silliest things. Every time we go to school with our hair curled or with a new dress, he's sure it's for sinful reasons and that we are trying to attract the boys.

Mama tries to help out by telling him that we are good girls and that we should be allowed to take pride in our appearances, but she still can't fix it with him so that we can do any more than say "hi" to the boys at school. Why



does our father feel this way? To hear him talk, you'd think all boys had only one thing on their minds. Some girls our age are already mothers, but at the rate we're going, we'll never even get married. What can we do? Sisters

Dear Sisters:  
Fathers are often over-protective with their daughters, feeling that no man ever be good enough for his "little girl." Chances are slim that your father will change. You are fortunate to have a mother who understands your problems and tries to help out. As you grow older you will naturally become more independent.

Try to make the best of things until you are finished with high school. When you are working or going on to college you will be legally of age and able to do what you want.

In the meantime, you have many opportunities at school and at church to get to know other young people. Perhaps your mother could persuade your dad to let you have some of your friends in your home for a party, where he could meet the boys you know and feel more comfortable about allowing you to date.

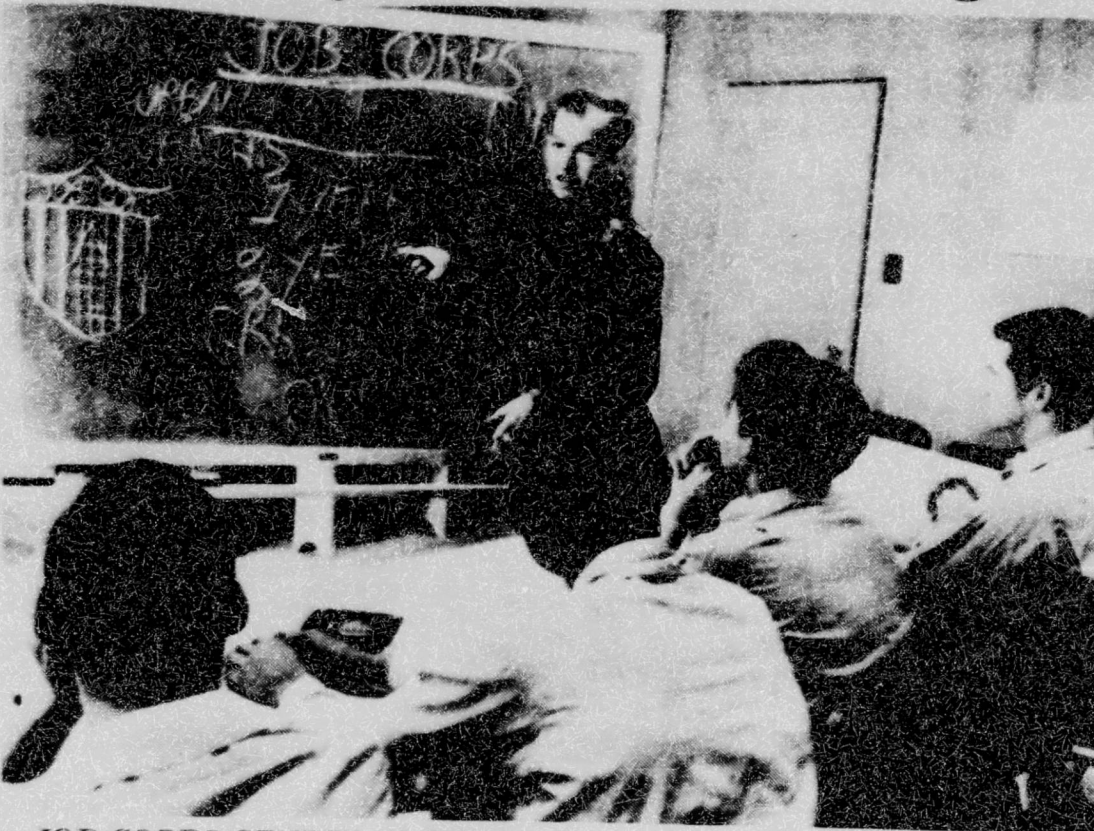
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Dear Gloria Riggsbee:

I have been taking the birth control pills for over a year now, and so far everything is going along fine. What I would like to know is, will it harm my health to take the pills month after month without stopping? Doesn't my body need a rest from them once in a while? Also, how long will I be allowed to take the pills? Mrs. T. P.

Dear Mrs. T. P.:

Your body doesn't need a rest from the pills. It is perfectly all right for your health, and in fact the doctor would recommend that you continue to take the pills each month as prescribed for as long as you wish to avoid pregnancy. The chances are good that you will be allowed to continue the pills for as long as you wish, providing you are not having any problems and see the doctor at least yearly for and examination cancer smear test.



**JOB CORPS CENTER CLOSING** - Washington: The Nixon administration has decided to close more than half of the rural and conservation Job Corps camps, as well as eight Job Corps centers in urban areas. One of the rural centers to be closed is this one, at Catocin, Md., shown in a 1965 photo. The Catocin center adjoins the Presidential retreat at Camp David, Md. In this photo, instructor Dick McCormack is shown addressing some of the corpsmen. (UPI)

## North Carolina's Participation In USDA's Poor Program Increases

ATLANTA, Ga. - U. S. Department of Agriculture food programs added 235,154 needy persons in North Carolina during February, 11,031 persons more than the number that received food assistance in January.

USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service said that 62,639 persons in 33 counties took part in its food stamp program and received \$439,499 in bonus coupons.

C&M's family food distribution program added 173,515 persons in 61 counties. The foods distributed had an estimated retail value of \$1.9 million and included dairy products, canned and dried fruits and vegetables, canned meat or poultry, grain and cereal products, as well as other items such as peanut butter and scrambled egg mix.

C&M's official attributed the increased participation to a slack in seasonal employment and the addition of Catawba County into the food stamp program.

The Veterans Administration receives more than 65 million pieces of mail annually from veterans and their dependents.

## Predict Jacksonville, Fla. Next For Racial Troubles

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - (UPI) - Jacksonville is headed for racial trouble, according to local NAACP President Lynwood Lee. Whites are to blame for the "dastardly proliferation of ghettos, according to National President Klive Kaplan, Chestnut Hills, Mass.

Both distinguished officials spoke at a packed NAACP life membership dinner at the Heart of Jacksonville Motor hotel. Kaplan, eminent businessman and foremost citizen, came from Massachusetts to make the special address.

Kaplan expressed doubt that Jacksonville's latest honor as listed by Look Magazine is deserved. Jacksonville was chosen as worthy of All-American honors by the prestigious magazine.

Kaplan, however, pointed out that Jacksonville has no Black fireman, one Black teller in a bank, one or two Blacks in city government with little authority, and the State of Florida has no Black state troopers.

He made it plain that Jacksonville might not deserve the Look honor, primarily because of widespread discrimination.

Whites are primarily responsible for the creation of Black ghettos, felt Kaplan. He reasoned, therefore, that whites should be responsible for the elimination of ghettos.

Kaplan is the retired president of the Colonial Tanning company, Boston. He has, for many years, given time and interest, as well as financial support, to the programs of the NAACP, whose executive secretary is Roy Wilkins.

Lee suggested the local chapter might send more impressive photos to Look magazine, pictures showing conditions in Black housing, plus the problems posed by slaughterhouses. Lee said the NAACP might picket a banquet scheduled

request from Mayor Clarence Murphy of Yaupon Beach for sand for that beach.



**FASHION DESIGNER IN BRITAIN** - Paris: Hyman Booker, 30, talking to a model, was born in Detroit and is the only American Negro fashion designer in Britain. His salon is filled to overflowing—a rarity for London—when he shows his new collections at the newly reopened House of Worth. (UPI)

## College Holds Memorials For Eisenhower And King

ELIZABETH CITY - Although pressured with mid-semester exams, and jubilant over the expectations of the spring holidays period, the students at Elizabeth City State College still found time to memorialize Dwight David Eisenhower and Martin Luther King, Jr., whose deaths approximated each other by almost a year.

Two members of the college community filed quietly into Moore Hall Auditorium, with the first memorial being held in the morning. At that time, with a background of recorded music adding to the solemnity of the hour, tribute was paid former President Eisenhower. Meditations from the recording of Thurston's, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," preceded readings from the sacred scriptures and other selections by Dr. R. Irving Boone, college minister.

The most impressive memorial at Elizabeth City State College was held that evening, as the portrait of Dr. King dictated feelings of penitence and re-dedication. Following the singing of "Rock of Ages," Mrs. Paige Jenkins, acting president, Women's Government Association, read from the sacred scriptures, after which Rev. David Pharr, Pastor, Mt. Lebanon A.M.E. Zion Church, prayed. Excerpts from Brownings' "Prospect," were read by Jaxon Brothers, Vice-President, Student Government Association.

## Livingstone College Gets \$12G Grant

SALISBURY - Livingstone College has received a grant of \$12,000 for a summer reading program, it was announced by Dr. Elnora Smith, chairman of the division of Humanities at the college.

Dr. Smith announced that the grant is the final one in a four-year period given by the Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation, Inc.

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**TUTORS IN LOW-INCOME AREAS**—A&T State University student Miss Rosa Bright spends her Saturday mornings helping Greensboro youngster with his lessons. Student group to which Miss Bright belongs operates public-service program for blacks and whites. She is from Hamlet.

## CP&L Plant Cooling Water To Be Empties Into Ocean

Carolina Power & Light Company plans to discharge cooling water from its proposed Brunswick nuclear power plant into the ocean.

Paul S. Colby, senior vice-president of CP&L, says the company has determined that the ocean discharge is advisable and desirable, and that required approvals for it will be sought from government authorities.

Since plans for the Brunswick plant were announced early last year, studies have been underway to determine whether the cooling water would be discharged into the Cape Fear River of the ocean.

To get the water to the ocean will require five or six miles of canal, Colby pointed out. He said the water will be piped 2,000 feet off-shore and discharged beneath the surface. The anticipated discharge point will be about 1.5 miles west of Fort Caswell.

Colby estimated that the canal and discharge facilities will cost more than \$10 million. When the second generating unit is completed in 1974 the Brunswick plant is expected to represent an investment of nearly \$300 million. It will have generating capacity of more than 1,600,000 kilowatts.

Through George Pickett, director of the State Department

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