

# No Jobs For Social Science Graduates

by Tom Hagan

It's a bad year. This seems to be the consensus of opinion concerning the job market for Humanities and Social Science graduates. There are, of course, many reasons for this situation.

The depressed economic condition is the primary reason. Tight money has prompted both the state and federal budgets to be cut. It seems that social service agencies are among the first to be hit. President Nixon has ordered decreased allowances to socially oriented projects and institutions supported by the federal government. The Pennsylvania State Government has issued a "freeze" on hiring in social service areas.

There is the obvious factor of excessive spending in Southeast Asia. This naturally drains the amount of funds available for domestic use. With the announced cutback in military personnel in Vietnam, there is the possibility of a flood of ex-GI's into the job market. Many have Bachelor Degrees, and most employers accept veterans over others. The reduction of draft calls may also have a similar effect.

It is apparent that the number of available jobs will not increase proportionately to the increase of applicants that is expected.

Although the outlook is not what could be termed optimistic, there are a number of things which can be done to better your chances.

First, try to get some experience in your field, prior to graduation. Most companies and agencies con-

sider this to be invaluable. Also, if you really want the job, be prepared to move to another area of the state or the country. It just may be that your hometown has no need for your talents. Even if you do get a job in a specific location, you may be able to find a similar one at a better salary somewhere else.

Try not to pin yourself down to one particular type of employment. As undesirable as it may seem, it might prove to be beneficial. A few years of work in a related field may enable you to have a wider perspective on your long-range plans.

Mr. Schulz, the Director of Placement, emphasized that the student must be the one who takes the initiative. Start now to discover possible openings. If you like, contact the Placement Office for interviews with representatives of various companies. Some students are surprised to learn that many companies are just as happy to have those with a Social Science or Humanities Degree as those with a Business Degree.

In any case, begin to formulate plans now so that you can get some kind of a choice. Don't wait until a month before graduating, because you may not find anything that is even close to being suitable.

There is one very constructive possibility that was offered by Mr. Schulz.

"Personally, I think you ought to consider the Peace Corps or Vista."

For experience, they can't be beat. And who knows, in two years, the outlook may not be quite as disheartening.

## POLL ON PEACE

(continued from page 2)

The questionnaire also gave the students space for any additional comments or explanations of answers which they felt necessary. Regarding the question about whether or not the Moratoriums have accomplished anything, many students felt that it did in the sense that it showed the size of the overall Peace movement. As Paul Roast, an Engineering major, put it; "It has made many people aware of the magnitude and degree of unrest and displeasure with the present Establishment." Ed McCartan, a Social Science major, stated; "I believe they have unified the students together for a common cause." On the other hand some students feel that although the Moratoriums have succeeded in uniting people, they have done little to bring about real change. This the students attribute to many reasons. Tom Hagan, a Social Science major, feels "it has shown how many people oppose the war although it has not been accepted by the administration as a valid voice." Others feel that working within the "system" by supporting Peace candidates is the only way of bringing about any real change. Two Elementary Education coeds feel that the previous Moratoriums have not accomplished anything because "for people to notice any movement, there has to be some violence, which is against the nature and purpose of a Moratorium." On the opposite side, one Engineering student feels that the Moratorium has accomplished something; "prolong the war." He feels that as long as the North Vietnamese "see resentment of the war is getting stronger in the U.S. they will continue to prolong it."

At the end of the poll there was space given for any additional comments that the student might wish to express. The following are some of the opinions received from our sample.

Michael Rix, Elementary Education:

"It is idealistically a cool thing, but with the apathetic heads of people today, the goals of getting people organized to voice their opinions, not only for the one shot deal, is really unrealistic."

Gerald Notaro, Engineering:  
"Whether we should be in Vietnam or not is beside the point now because we are there (whether wisely or unwisely). We did not start the War, the Communist world did. Protest over the war should be channeled to those who started the War, the Communist world for power hungry reasons."

Maryjane Bodrock, Elementary Education:

"This Moratorium will be an overwhelming experience. Hopefully hundreds of fellow students will bridge feelings to stand united and march on for peace now."

Stan Saltzberg, Social Science:  
"Give peace a chance"

## Profs Join Environmental Committee

The Environmental Committee held its first meeting on October 13th, in the Ad building. The meeting was chaired by Dan Durante, who last year was coordinator of activities for Earth Day at Montgomery County Community College.

Also present at the meeting was Jeff Adams, coordinator of activities for Earth Day at Philadelphia Community College. Dr. Ed Racey and Dr. John Patterson will be acting as advisors to the new committee. Also contributing to the committee on a less permanent basis will be Dr. Tom Knight, Dr. Ambrose Klein, and Mr. Weber.

The meeting included such matters as the organization's constitution, the securing of funds, and the obtaining of a permanent office.

Other matters discussed were involvement in the upcoming elections in November, the chartering of a bus to University Park on Nov. 17th, in order that Capitol Campus students may participate in the National Conference on the Arts and Human Environment, which will be held there, and the drawing up of lists on ecologically safe products.

The committee meets once a week. Times and places will be announced in the Hot Lion.

**S. S. Kresge Co.**  
OLMSTED PLAZA STORE  
ONLY

**10% Discount Coupon**

Good on any purchase  
in store over  
**ONE DOLLAR**

may be used as many times  
as needed through

**DECEMBER 31, 1970**

Please Sign Before Using

Signature .....

**NEXT ISSUE:**  
**CLASSIFIED ADS!**  
\$1.00 for 10 words. . . .  
advertise your club  
meetings!