

Letters To The Editor

Ed. note: The professor to whom the following letter is addressed would like to share it with you. It is a letter from Sal Paradise, a 1971 graduate of Capitol Campus. Sal enjoyed a unique living experience while he was a student here. He and Greg Francis lived for a time in the ravine across from the dorms. Now in Nepal as a Peace Corps worker, Sal writes some of his experiences and thoughts in this letter dated November 5, 1971.

Dear Professor,

Had some free time and thought I would drop you a line. Peace Corp training is through and I am in a village in the southern part of the Terai (Nepal) near Darjeeling (India). War brews all around. My days are spent among rice, corn, wheat and vegetable fields. My nights are full of stars and songs. I've been playing the harmonica and the Nepalis admire English songs. I eat one meal at night of dal and rice and vegetables; supplemented through the day with fruits and tea and water. Fish about once a week and no meat. My health is A-OK. There is a cholera outbreak here. The people are very poor. A farmer makes about \$100 a year. I've bought some seed with my own money and distributed it. The farmers just about cry when the American Sahib gives them seed and asks for no money. It is so very natural here: forests, snakes, ox carts, rivers are everyday life. It's just a natural cathedral which I dig being a part of. Have been reading *Foreau*, and am doing some work with organic gardening. I have the "responsibility" of about 10,000 people, and with

the little money I have for materials am trying. I can't honestly say I miss anything, because all I had I took with me to Nepal. My village people call me worshipper of peace because of my ideas and I wear a flower in my shirt pocket every day. I am treated with respect, and give the farmers mine. The sunsets here are beyond words, I'm sure you understand the experience. Here comes an absurd question! "How is America?" Hope you and your family are in good health and smiling. I personally want to thank you and your family for the experience of your ideas and good works. I remember and will keep you all in my thoughts.

Hope school is going well? Hope someone is taking care of my home—the Ravine. In a couple of years, I want to return and say hello to my fine-feathered friends.

So much going on here! Met the ambassador and had dinner at her house (a little high society); met gurus and saddhus and farmers and agriculture officers. Nepal needs more than Peace Corps. They need seed and fertilizer and tools. I've asked why the government can't help—there is no answer. That's the catch, you know, there's always a catch. I hope you'll keep the peace at home and if you get a chance please drop me a note. Happiness is working with my hands—I feel this. I enjoy it. May all the gods and goddesses of this world ever be with you and everyone. Take care.

Upon my heart,
Now/forever
Peace, your friend

Sal
Peace Corps/Nepal 25
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Kathmandu, Nepal

Vietnam Today Drug Detention At Long Binh

by Thom Marlowe

(Mr. Marlowe has spent the last three years reporting on Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. He has written for *Overseas Weekly*, *Asia Magazine*, and *Dispatch News*, as well as being reporter for *Metromedia Radio*. He was assistant Financial Editor of the *Hong Kong Star*, and is currently on assignment for *PNS* in Indochina.)

Long Binh—"How can you believe a place like that is going to help you when they let a man who is sweating like crazy and running a high fever, die in front of them?" a GI from the 542nd here in Long Binh asked. He was talking about his former unit-mate, SP/4 Jeffrey C. Wright, from Flagstaff, Arizona, who died of Malaria here.

Wright didn't die in the hospital at TC Hill. He was "drying out" in the post's

detention center. Wright's friends say he had gone to sick call several times complaining of a chill and cramps, but the medics sent him away telling him he only had a cold.

"He was walking around here like a skeleton for three or four days," a member of the unit asserted. "Then his urine test came out positive, and he was sent to the center at TC Hill."

Periodic urine samples are taken in search of heroin users, though many men claim they are both an "affront to personal privacy", and frequently inaccurate. Mistakes in diagnosis are common. A Spec 4 said, "For instance, they picked up a hard-drinking lifer a few weeks ago, and sent him to the center. He couldn't believe it. He had never even smoked pot, let alone heroin, but his test came out positive and he was sent up to TC Hill to dry out."

Wright suspected he had malaria before he went up to TC Hill, but according to men in the unit, "People in the detention center mistook his malaria symptoms for withdrawal pains and refused to take him to the hospital."

Army spokesmen admit the incident occurred, but claim "The staff at the drug detention center thought Wright was 'Jonesing' (going into withdrawal). By the time they realized their mistake it was too late. He was dead by the time he reached the hospital."

Angry over the incident, the men of the 542nd are bitter. "If you refuse to go to the drug detention center, should your test come out positive, they either throw you in jail or force you to go." Another snapped, "And if you are ill, you may die there."

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On Faculty

Faculty responsibility has been defined by a new statement adopted by the Academic Senate of Illinois State University. The eight-point outline of faculty responsibilities adopted states:

Faculty should "adhere to course content approved by committees" responsible for setting curricula.

Teachers should explain course objectives to the students.

Teachers should also explain how final grades will be determined, return student papers promptly, collect "sufficient evidence" to support the grade given, and evaluate students without taking into account such factors as their personalities, race, political activism, or personal beliefs.

Faculty should meet classes as scheduled.

Teachers should tell classes their policy on attendance.

Each teacher should be available for a "reasonable number" of office hours.

Faculty "should not utilize the services of the university" in pursuing non-academic concerns in the community.

Expression of dissent and attempts to produce change "may not be carried out in ways which injure individuals, damage institutional facilities or disrupt the classes of one's colleagues. Nor should faculty members incite acts of violence to individuals, acts of destruction of property, or acts which interfere with academic freedom.

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Since the time we announced that our classified ads would be printed at no charge, we have been amazed at the number of ads which we have received. We regret to inform you that, due to a lack of space in this issue, no ads will appear this week. Next week, however, the ads will be printed along with the new ones we expect. Ads can be submitted to Trish in W-105. Communicate! in the Classified Ads.

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New Physics Prof

Dr. Joseph Pedulla has joined the faculty of the Capitol Campus of The Pennsylvania State University as assistant professor of physics.

Dr. Pedulla received his bachelor of science and master of science degrees, both in physics, at the University of Pittsburgh. His doctor of philosophy degree, also in physics, was granted by Penn State.

While at Pitt., he was a graduate assistant doing teaching and research. He was an optical physicist for IBM in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., before becoming a graduate assistant at Penn State's University Park Campus.

A member of the American Physical Society, Dr. Pedulla has conducted research in the fields of superconductivity, surface physics in the areas of thermionic and photoelectric emission, and the electrical properties of complex solids.

He and his wife, the former Nancy LuAn Hauck, are the parents of three children.

Education Program Group Student Election Held

by Mike Dini

The first student election of the Education Program Group of Capitol Campus was held during the Winter Term Registration of January 4-5, 1972.

Forty-five percent of the Education Students participated and voted in the election.

Students elected as members of the Education Program Group include:

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION: John P. Schwartz, Marilyn Giordano, Andy Fuller.

SECONDARY EDUCATION: Social Science, Michael A. Kowalcheck; Humanities, Rita

Gironi; Math-Science, (No Candidate).

GRADUATE PROGRAM: (No Candidate).

The following question won the approval of the student voters:

"In the case of a vacancy of a student representative position on the Education Program Group before the next scheduled election (Fall 1972 Term), the remaining student representatives shall have the power to review, screen and appoint qualified student applicants as student representatives to the Education Program Group Committees."

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