

Editorial Comment

Rate - a - What?

The COLLEGIAN conducted a brief survey Friday, November 13 to determine the opinions of students on the current SGA project nicknamed Rate-a-Prof.

Participants in the poll were selected at random from the student body.

All were asked one simple question: "What is your opinion of Rate-a-Prof?"

Out of the total of 63 students surveyed, only 22 had an opinion about Rate-a-Prof. Of these 22, fifteen favored the project, while seven were vehemently opposed to it.

What happened to the other 41 students' opinions? Nothing. They had no opinions.

Why? They had never heard of the "fantastic" SGA project called Rate-a-Prof.

That's right, sports fans! Of the 63 students polled, 65.07% had never heard of the SGA's super-colossal instructor evaluation survey.

Indeed, the replies from this ignorant group ranged from "The what?" to "Is that the yearbook?"

Why didn't more students know of the project?

The COLLEGIAN contacted Christopher Pogozelski, SGA president, for the answer.

Pogozelski attributed the lack of knowledge about the project to the lack of interest by the student body to SGA affairs.

He stated, "SGA meetings are always open to the student body. If they had come to the meetings, they would have known about the project."

Pogozelski also stated that the newsletter carried information about Rate-a-Prof. He therefore contended that the SGA could not be held responsible for the lack of knowledge about the project.

Then who is to blame? You are, students.

You should attend SGA meetings and find out what's going on behind that stained door.

But please, don't all come at once. If you do, you'll only give the SGA another headache; that of where to seat all of you!

'Mr. and Mrs.' Who?

We bet some of you are wondering what has happened to that fantastic art exhibit, "Mr. and Mrs.", which was supposed to be displayed in our SUB lounge this past week. Well, so are we. Where is it? Perhaps it is still sitting where it was last Friday. Where's that? It had been sitting in the SGA office, still uncrated. Why? That's a perfectly legitimate question. But, the COLLEGIAN does not have the answer.

The Arts and Culture Committee is responsible for displaying exhibits that are shipped in. After all, these exhibits are paid for by SGA funds. Is there any reason for this type of procrastination? If the Arts and Culture Committee cannot answer this question, then possibly the SGA can.

This exhibit sat in the SGA office for a week! Not one of its able-bodied members made an attempt to put this exhibit on display, not even our COLLEGIAN editor. It wasn't even uncrated! This seems like a waste of money. The exhibit has already been paid for and one week has already gone by. Unfortunately, it is only here for a two-week period.

There are many possible reasons for this situation. Negligence on the part of the Arts and Cultures Committee and SGA members seems like a perfectly reasonable answer. Laziness is also an answer that should be considered.

Perhaps the committee and SGA members were all busy and lacked the time to do it.

The COLLEGIAN's door is open to a logical answer to this dilemma.



Who is this man?

Apple pie, anyone?

by John Hancock

Once again, the American people have been duped. I (against proper editorial form) have stumbled upon another Commie plot. Luckily, there is still time to squash the pinkos. A few scattered patriots still retain southern strongholds, and in these people we must find our strength.

Constant vigilance by those who truly love our country has stopped the undermining of many sacred institutions which we hold dear. Unfortunately, the Ku Klux Klan has faltered in a most terrifying manner. Even the Imperial Wizard must launder his own sheet, no longer being able to have the boy do it.

Sheet manufacturing firms too, have been infiltrated, hence the advent of colored sheets instead on the good old white variety.

Action is urgently needed to stop this disgusting Communist threat. We must start our purge of those liberal northerners in the judicial and legislative bodies. The people's friend, Joe McCarthy, started the fight for us. It must be carried on in a most zealous manner to insure that he may rest in peace.

Remember: instill the 'love it or leave it' spirit in someone today.

Matter of importance

by Richard Rockman

"Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got till it's gone?"

A sensitive young song writer, Joni Mitchell, has conveyed in this line from her "Big Yellow Taxi", a message as important as any written in our textbooks.

When you stop to think about it, isn't it true? Aren't we more appreciative of that which we have only after it is no more? It is sad, but usually true.

We should be thankful for what we have and take measures to protect our possessions. We must not take it for granted because, when it's too late and we have it no longer, we will be sorry. You might say "I don't have much to be thankful for anyway," but what you really mean is "I'm too busy trying to get what I think I want to be thankful for what I have."

What does it matter if you achieve the success you seek so hard, if you lose your capacity to appreciate the little things in life on the way? These little things are what make life worthwhile. They include the smile in passing, a "hello" on the street, the sharing of laughter, the wonderment at the kaleidoscopic view around you on an autumn day, the remembrance of them all in times of loneliness—the things you do and experience that make life happier for yourself and others. And when you take time to notice these little things you'll discover that they're not so little after all, and that the so-called "big-things" are really least significant.

I don't mean to say that you shouldn't strive to achieve and that your accomplishments are meaningless. The attitudes you have kept and the joy you have brought into the lives of others on the way (especially during the gloomy moments of life) will be your true yardstick of success. The more you practice this art of happiness, the more it will enrich your life.

Many of us are in college to learn how to get to where we want to go in life. However, we should realize that we will have to live with ourselves when we get there. Learning to do this is our true education.

"And in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make" reveal Lennon and McCartney (The End).

Maybe we should keep that in mind on our way to our respective ends.

Life is a quarry, out of which we are to mold and chisel and complete a character. --Goethe

For Peace And Human Rights

Many patriotic Americans are troubled because they see some flag-wavers using the flag as a mask for racial prejudice, drop-the-bomb frenzy, and club-the-kids delight.

Now two American flag decals for peace and human rights are proving hot items. One portrays a dove wearing the flag and the other shows two hands—one black, the other white—holding the flag between them. You can order the first decal for 75¢ and additional ones for 50¢ each from Save Our Flag, P.O. Box 79, Gedney Station, White Plains, N. Y. 10605.



Overpopulation and the new morality

by Gene Davis

Some people say that a possible solution to over-population would be the colonization of other planets such as Mars. Here people from Earth could form a "New World" that would be the safety valve for the ever-increasing population. But these persons do not consider the cost to send people to another planet. It would cost millions to send one person and millions more for him to live there. To send a quantity of people large enough to ease the population burden, the amount that would have to be spent would be enormous. This obviously is not a solution.

Aldous Huxley's prediction of test-tube babies in "Brave New World" is indeed a startling possibility. Human beings would be selectively bred to produce the desired type of person needed to form the complete, unified society. Perhaps an Einstein would be needed, or a factory-worker, or a common laborer. Each would be produced according to specification. The kind of person would be pre-determined; it's like playing God. Man playing God—quite a thought!

The most probable solution to over-population is a practical system of birth control. Birth control, if incorporated soon enough, could stem the tide of the population explosion. Couples cannot continue having six or more children. The land mass of the Earth is only so large, and enough food can not be grown to feed the increasing number of people. Today the trend in middle-class families in America is to have only one or two children. But it is not practiced by the majority of the people, and until it is, it will not become a useful solution. All the people in every nation must begin some type of birth control program if

over-population is to be stopped.

The true answer to the future question of over-population must be founded on a new morality. This new morality would allow less perfect individuals to live. The present religious morality takes a firm stand against birth control, but there is a gradual turning toward a more liberal attitude.

Many people will cry out to prohibit the "manufacturing" of test-tube babies. They will argue that man is not God and should not be allowed to create life in the laboratory. Continuing, they will add that man and woman have been making babies together all these years and that the test-tube would remove the human element from the process. In the next few decades these views may, out of necessity, have to change and follow the pattern set by the new morality.

The question of letting some "inferior" people die so that others will live is the most complex moral question facing the world. Who can say that one life is less important than another? It would be a difficult solution to accept and rightly so.

Within the next fifty years, this new morality will have to develop. There will be many questions to be answered, and the peoples of the world will have to change their existing views. Moral codes will change; they must. But hopefully the extreme measure of allowing deficient individuals to perish will not have to be used. Perhaps man will discover a "middle of the road" that will be fair to all. Inevitably something will have to be done. Otherwise, man will face the undesirable prospects of starvation, suffering, and death.

Letter to the Editor

While I agree with John Martonick regarding the seriousness of the Middle East situation and its consequent deleterious extensions, I personally cannot subscribe to his conclusion.

For the record, the Israeli solutions. I saw dramatic have made repeated attempts to bring the Arabs to the conference table in order to explore a *modus vivendi* which both sides could possibly subscribe to. There can be no peace anywhere in the world unless sincere men work out their sometimes conflicting goals in frank and open discussion, in an atmosphere that is unhindered and unafraid. The Big Four

If left alone and these two peoples can resolve their own problems in peaceful instances of friendship and the fellowship existing between Arab and Jew on my many visits to Israel. It is possible that these local gestures could grow in dimension between the world factions. In the land which cradled "goodwill to men" perhaps every man will still live "under the vine and fig tree and none that will make him afraid." -Lucille Ruderman

The hell that a lie would keep a man from, is doubtless the very best place for him to go. --G. Macdonald

To the President of North Vietnam

To the Honorable Ton Duc Thang:

We take this means of appealing to you on a situation which is close to the hearts of all Americans. This issue is not whether Americans should be in Vietnam or whether we should pull all our troops out immediately. The issue is not whether you are right and we are wrong or that we are right and you are wrong.

The issue is the 450 American servicemen who are held in your prison camps. Another 1,150 are listed as missing and possibly some are your prisoners.

Their situation is our united concern. Both the "doves and the hawks" of American feel deeply about them and their welfare. We ask you to consider their immediate release. They have no military value to you. They can't hurt or hamper your war effort and no longer would help ours.

These men, like your soldiers, do not institute policy but merely serve as soldiers have done since time began. Like your men, they performed their duty and were willing to sacrifice for their country. Like your soldiers, they left their homes and families not because they wanted to but because their country called on them.

Patriotism is not limited to the men of Vietnam or to the men of America but is the privilege of all men. They fight under their flag whether it be red, white and blue or red, yellow and blue.

Your supporters in this country could take satisfaction from the release of the prisoners. This is, more than anything else, would demonstrate that you too do not seek revenge against men who did their duty. This, too, would show the world that compassion, not punishment, can lead to peace.

The arguments of your critics that human life means nothing to you would be baseless if you allowed just peace by acting quickly on the appeal.

If your heart contains mercy and your soul compassion and if you truly seek to help the cause of peace, you have an opportunity to achieve these images in the eyes of the world.

The feeling here is that you don't care about the individual; that his needs and wants and desires don't matter; that life is not sacred to you.

Your actions can give lie to these beliefs. An act of amnesty toward American prisoners would show the world that you are concerned with life and that all life is sacred.

Family ties in America are strong and all Americans want these men reunited with their families. So me fathers have never seen their children. Some are missing the joy of watching them grow.

And, the children, they live with a constant dream and hope that they may again be a whole family.

Few men in the history of the world have been given the opportunity that you now have.

History can record you as a man of compassion; a man who respected human life and held it in high value; a man who held that family life is paramount providing a measure of peace to many families.

Return these men to their families and the world would hail you. Retain them and your supporters can't help but wonder about your sincerity and motives.

We address you not as one enemy to another but as one human to another.

As citizens of the United States we have no power to offer anything as individuals but goodwill in exchange for the men you hold. We have no power to make threats if you don't.

We only have hope; hope that you will heed the pleas and restore these men to their families.



How to change?

by Fran Lester

The student radical, the conscientious objector, the black militant, the neighborhood milkman all share one common goal or idea, though their individual expressions of that goal differ significantly. All share the thought that the much criticized and over-labeled "system" should be altered. Their solutions are as varied as the stars in the galaxy, ranging from monarchy to anarchy, from extreme permissiveness to inordinate repression.

Recurring uprisings are evidence of the fact that factions of society are more than thinking about change—they actively encourage change. While their concern is admirable, their impulsiveness is regrettable. As they painfully learn, lasting change is not achieved overnight by drastic upheaval. Change is a sluggish process. Hence, their inevitable frustration is the only result they see for their efforts.

Yet, a start must be made somewhere. In keeping with this realization, it might be wise for the advocates of change to first examine the values and attitudes of their society. Perhaps it is in our ideals themselves that we have failed. If this is the case, then "revolutionaries" of this generation should begin, at least, the monumental task of replacing meaningless values with lasting ones.

To accomplish this end, the attitudes of the masses must be changed. Force will not work, but subtlety might.

How? Examine the means by which the populace forms its attitudes. Basically, modern society is subject to three influences: (1) the educational system, (2) mass communications media, and (3) "big brother", the government. It follows simply that effective changes can be achieved through these influences. A giant step could be accomplished in the educational system. Instead of training man to respond, as a dog is trained, educators might strive and prepare man to think, to make decisions.

In mass communications media, the goal might be truth instead of sensationalism. The human mind is no longer stable enough to face the truth, but this is a theory. Couldn't it be put to the test?

Finally, the government structure might be altered in order to return power from the political institutions to the individual. The fact that decision of policy is traditionally accepted is no basis for the conclusion that it is the right way or even the best way.

Of course the preceding alternatives are not as simple as they appear. Perhaps they, too, are ideal in theory but, hopelessly impractical that they become unrealistic. On the other hand, perhaps the human character is not beyond achieving these heights, if only by a gradual process. Certainly this generation and several after it would not see positive results. Still, could we witness the meager beginnings? The student radical, the conscientious objector, the black militant and, yes, even the neighborhood milkman might ponder these considerations and possibly alter their tactics to work toward lasting alteration of our decaying "establishment."

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