editorial comment

STOP THE KILLINGS!

Only two issues this term

This is the first of only two issues of the Highacres Collegian to be published this term. The reason: lack of student support.

Believe it or not, this issue was produced by only four people, two of whom are not even Penn State students. Of course, there are still those staff members who write and take photographs, but the production work, totalling some four to five hours per night for five nights, is the exhausting work.

We advertised for a new editor to take over operations this term. No one applied. So rather than deprive Highacres of what could very well be one of the top college papers in the Commonwealth, the few (believe us when we say FEW) of us remaining here decided to publish only two issues this term instead of the usual five.

The only one you can blame for the loss of the bi-weekly status of The Collegian is yourself as an individual. If perchance we publish something offensive or contrary to your opinions, tough shit. Why didn't you speak out and voice YOUR ideas when we needed you?

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HEAD ECOLOGY: The spiritual case against drugs

Quotes compiled by Richard Rockman

". . . we are all one, I mean communication, just the realization of human love reciprocated, it's such a gas, it's a good vibration which makes you feel good. These vibrations that you get through Yoga, cosmic chants and things like that, I mean it's such a buzz, it buzzes you out of everywhere. It's nothing to do with pills or anything like that. It's just in your own head, the realization, it's such a buzz, it buzzes you right into the astral plane.

Nobody can become a drug addict if they're hip. Because it's obvious that if you're hip then you've got to make it. The buzz of all buzzes which is the thing that is God-you've got to be straight to get it. I'm sorry to tell you . . . you can get it better or more if you're straight because you can only get it to a degree. You know even if you get it, you only get it however long your pill lasts. So the thing is, if you really want to get it permanently, you have got to do it, you know . . . be healthy, don't eat meat, keep away from those night clubs and MEDITATE . . ."–George Harrison

"I had given LSD to a number of pundits around India and some reasonably pure men:

An old Buddhist Lama said, 'It gave me a headache.'

Somebody else said, 'It's good, but not as good as meditation.' "–BE HERE NOW by Baba Ram Dass (Dr. Richard Alpert)

"And so, very, very clearly, (Meher) Baba told me where LSD was at. He said that drugs, especially LSD, was a delusion within illusion, that it gave you a glimpse into the lowest plane, only a glimpse. He said it was nothing into nothing. He said not only was it physically dangerous, and mentally, but he said it was spiritually dangerous. And no one I had ever heard who spoke with authority had mentioned the spiritual side effects. He said that principally what it did was that it liberated a certain amount of energy that is used in opening the higher centers, but that it's not something that's controlled, it's just spurts, and that taking of it could lead to madness. He was very adamant. This was the first public statement Baba ever made on drugs."–A disciple of Meher Baba from "The New Religions" by Jacob Needleman

"Many people who use psychedelics primarily experience astral planes where their ego is present. Thus they often attempt to use the powers that are available in such an astral plane in the service of their own ego. This creates additional karma for them-for it is action which comes out of attachment. Many messianic trips are of this nature. Sometimes such individuals get stuck at one or another astral plane and lose contact with the gross physical plane. In the West such beings are usually hospitalized until they find their way back to the physical plane. Of course, what in fact has happened is that they have not gone far enough. For the psychiatrist is attached to the physical plane (denying the reality of other planes) in the same way that the patient is attached to the astral plane (denying the reality of other planes including the physical). The only true reality includes all these planes and is beyond them all at the same time. This is known as the paradox of Mahamudra-the paradox of two-in-one."–BE HERE NOW

"In these few years we had gotten over the feeling that one experience was going to make you enlightened forever. We saw that it wasn't going to be that simple.

And for five years I dealt with the matter of 'coming down.' The coming down matter is what led me to the next chapter of this drama. Because after six years, I realized that no matter how ingenious my experimental designs were, and how high I got, I came down.

At one point I took five people and we locked ourselves in a building for three weeks and we took 400 micrograms of LSD every four hours. That is 2400 micrograms of LSD a day, which sounds fancy, but after your first dose, you build a tolerance; there's a refractory period. We finally were just drinking out of the bottle, because it didn't seem to matter anymore. We'd just stay at a plateau. We were very high. What happened in those three weeks in that house, no one would ever believe, including us. And at the end of the three weeks, we walked out of the house and within a few days, we came down!

And it was a terribly frustrating experience, as if you came into the kingdom of heaven and you saw how it all was and you felt these new states of awareness, and then you got cast out again, and after 2 or 300 times of this, began to feel an extraordinary kind of depression set in - a very gentle depression that whatever I knew still wasn't enough!" - Baba Ram Dass (BE HERE NOW)

"Because the psychedelic agent is external to yourself, its use tends to subtlely reinforce in you a feeling that you are not enough. Ultimately, of course, at the end of the path you come to realize that you have been Enough all the way along." - BE HERE NOW

"A Saint cannot be made from taking a pill. What I know of making saints is that it takes many lifetimes. If you can make a saint with a pill, also make some doctors and engineers." - Swami Satchidananda

"A man who has attained certain powers through medicines, or through words, or through mortification, still has desires, but that man who has attained to Samadhi through concentration is alone free from all desires." - Vivekananda

"Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together." - Jesus

"Conserve your powers. Daily renewed sense yesrnings sap your inner peace; they are like openings in a reservoir that allow vital waters to be wasted in the desert soil of materialism.

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What's on your agenda for this summer ?

by Mel Mundie

His manner was calm and relaxed as he waited patiently in the Green Room. The initial confusion of lights and cameras and cable was gone, replaced months before by the polish applied by lectures and interviews and Senate hearings.

This new sense of political and social interest constantly amused him. The problems were far from new. Volumes had been written by dozens of more knowledgeable men. The voices of warning had spoken thousands of times and gone unheeded thousands of times. Finally, the nation with 6% of the world's population, the same nation that consumes more than 40% of the world's resources began to react. The "cause" had become fashionable.

His host was making the cue card introduction, taking care to use the right phonetic sound for the word ecology.

He paused for a moment at the curtain. The applause sign flashed on but he wanted the audience to have a few more seconds to reinforce their expected image of some half-bald, half-mad scientist before he faced the lights. The success of his entrance was reflected in the increased applause as the handsome, young Dr. Paul Lution greeted his host with outstretched hand. The din diminished as he took his seat. He smiled, remembering how many times he had watched this show clad only in his jockey shorts.

That scene (scene?) is being repeated over and over across the country. If any one group can take credit for forcing the issue to national prominence, the applause is deserved by the young. They deserve one further recognition because they are forcing the issue beyond the usual stage of lip-service. They are not just talking, they are doing.

Sixty students at Hazleton High School formed an ecology club this year. They immediately passed the lip-service boundary when they conducted the area's first can recycling drive. They established a system of collection, prepared the cans and entered into an agreement with Continental Can Company to have them buy the cans and ship them to a major recycling center. This first effort fell short when the club was unable to find the space necessary to prepare the cans.

It might have been a good time to throw in the towel, but the Hazleton High School Ecology Club merely reinforced their intent to do something. They became affiliated with Lu-Lac, an environmental action group based in Wilkes-Barre which serves Luzerne and Lackawanna counties.

The club's plans for the remainder of the school year and this summer are many. They will head the area's first large-scale newspaper recycling drive. They will conduct a clean-up campaign for the school building and grounds. They have already taped a series of "Earth News" programs to be aired on WAZL and WVCD. They will engage in other campaigns in cooperation with Continental Can Company, area Boy Scout and Girl Scout organizations, and will participate in Project SOAR. (Save Our American Resources). Project SOAR is sponsoring a highway clean-up campaign on April 29th. Club members will also participate in the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company's tree-planting project on the same day.

The message is clear. There is work to do and groups like the Hazleton High School Ecology Club are providing the ways and the means.

What is on your agenda this summer?

The Berrigan mistrial

However dismayed most Americans have become at the extent of militant antiwar protests, the Berrigan mistrial shows that juries are not easily persuaded to side against all accused activists.

Where a conspiracy to commit grave crimes is alleged, the evidence must be solid and incontrovertible that defendants did, in fact, plan to carry out illegal acts. This is as it should be under the American system of justice where the burden rests with the prosecution to prove its charges.

In the case of the Harrisburg Seven, just terminated with a hung jury, the evidence of conspiracy to kidnap Presidential Advisor Henry Kissinger and bomb Washington heat ducts depended almost solely on FBI informer Boyd Douglas' testimony.

And, as one juror, Mrs. Vera Thompson, said after the panel was dismissed, the "jurors didn't believe Douglas." His record as a convicted check forger and prison escapee turned informant clearly damaged his credibility with the nine women and three men.

Also, there appeared to be considerable confusion about what actually constitutes a conspiracy.

While the Government put on 63 other witnesses, they testified mostly to draft board raids, not the major charges. As to the letters between the Rev. Philip Berrigan and Sister Elizabeth McAlister which the FBI intercepted with Douglas' help, one mentioned kidnapping "someone like Henry Kissinger" but the defense was able to brand this a fantasy that died almost as it arose.

And so the jury could agree only on those counts not in serious dispute - that Father Berrigan and Sister Elizabeth smuggled contraband (letters) in and out of Lewisburg Penitentiary.

This offense is seldom, if ever, prosecuted. It would seem to warrant the maximum penalties that could be levied against Father Berrigan (40 years) and Sister Elizabeth (30).

Two points need to be made about the trial of accused conspirators generally. First,when the Government must rely upon an undercover informer to supply the major evidence concerning a plot, it must make certain that its agent does not become a provocateur or lead the conspiracy. At the very least, such actions will tend to discredit whatever testimony he later gives.

Second, the Berrigan mistrial is no carte blanche for those who would illegally conspire against American institutions and the Government. This is a nation of laws and people must abide by laws if we are to avoid anarchy. The Justice Department must continue to seek out such offenders.

Nevertheless, before serious charges are ever brought, the evidence should be clear and convincing of guilt. In Harrisburg, too much room was left for reasonable doubt.

This doubt crept in at the very beginning, in November of 1970, when FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover first revealed the alleged plot in a budget hearing before Congressmen, in an effort to justify additional agents.

Having made the charge, Mr. Hoover was immediately under pressure to substantiate it. Under the circumstances, it is hard to imagine why the Government would want to try the case again.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

Dear Editor:

On March 23, 1972, I introduced in the Senate legislation to halt immediately further U.S. bombing in Indochina and to require the total withdrawal of all U.S. military and paramilitary (e.g. CIA) personnel from Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos within 30 days after enactment. This bill, S. 3409, is explained fully in the enclosed remarks reprinted from the Congressional Record, and a copy of the bill itself is included on page two.

The U.S. air war over Indochina has escalated steadily during the past several months, in direct contradiction of President Nixon's public assertions that the war continues to wind down. Due to public pressure American ground troops are slowly coming home, but they are leaving an automated war behind. Computer technology and a small number of troops manning aircraft and artillery are creating a U.S. destructive presence that may literally hover over Southeast Asia for years to come. The President's troop cuts in South Vietnam do not affect U.S. firepower in Southeast Asia at all because the planes are based in Thailand and on aircraft carriers in the Gulf of Tonkin.

At the same time that the President is stepping up the bombing, he is imposing ever more serious strictures on the release of information about the air war. Newsmen have never been allowed to go out on bombing raids outside of Vietnam, and all information about the air war except gross tonnages and sorties has been kept from the public by classifying it secret. Official statistics released on the air war are now more bare-bones than ever, and press briefings are designed to accentuate the positive rather than provide hard facts on the continuing U.S. role in the war. Most recently, for the first time since bombing of North Vietnam began eight years ago, the U.S. Command in Saigon refused to give out figures on the number of planes flying missions in the North.

In the face of this news blackout on the air war I want to encourage you, as the editor of your school's newspaper, to provide your readers with candid information on this issue, and thus to join me in this election year to force an end to the war. Students have been leaders in pointing out the tragedy and mistake of Vietnam, and their help will now be vital in turning out of office those politicians who will not join us in ending the war.

I hope that those Americans throughout the country who are concerned about the immorality of the war will attend political meetings wherever there is a candidate, and ask him this very simple question: "How do you stand on ending the war?' If the candidate does not stand for ending the war as provided in my simple and clear proposal, then I hope the American people will not vote for him, for he does not deserve to occupy a high position in the government of this country.

S. 3409 now has fifteen cosponsors in the Senate, and identical legislation introduced in the House of Representatives is supported by 44 members of that body. I am enclosing a list of the names of those individuals so that students may see if their own senators and representatives are included.

If you need further information on the legislation, please contact my office or the National Student Lobby, which is coordinating efforts on behalf of this bill within the student community.

Sincerely,

Mike Gravel

Mike Gravel

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