

# Birth Control Progress

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following editorial is reprinted from The Christian Science Monitor of April 21):

It is amazing (when judged against the situation only a short while ago) and gratifying (when one remembers how critical the situation has become) to note how swiftly interest in family planning and birth control is rising around the world. Within a few days four major developments were reported:

• It was revealed that the majority of members on the Papal Commission on Birth Control recommend approval of "decent and human means" of contraception.

• The World Planned Parenthood assembly has adjourned in Santiago, Chile, basically optimistic over possibilities of controlling today's runaway population growth.

• The United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, meeting in Tokyo, has set up an agency on population control.

• India's Secretary of Health and Family Planning in the United States seeking increased American participation in his country's effort to bridle India's disastrous population explosion.

And these are but the latest in a long series of steps and studies dealing with this stupendous problem. For example, only recently the United States Government announced its intention of giving greater help to nations seeking to limit births. On another level, American and Canadian educational stations have been showing a heavy-hitting Canadian film on the desperate plight in which mankind can find itself if today's population growth is not curbed.

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Together these add up to heartening evidence that the world is now becoming ready to face a problem which only a few years ago was still locked away in a closet.

But it cannot yet be said that, other than in a few spots, the world has done more than show a new awareness of the problem. It has not yet begun any remotely adequate attack upon the issue. This very day, notwithstanding all the meetings, studies, resolutions, and efforts, it is probable that more new mouths will be added to the world's population than ever before. In short, the globe's population growth is still swelling, is still out-stripping all efforts to check it.

But a start must be made, and it is being made. A realization of the problem must first penetrate people's thinking, and this penetration has begun. A shift in traditional attitudes must first occur, and such a shift is evident in more and more places. Age-old lethargy and ignorance must first be overcome, and at least a tiny start in that direction has been made.

The world is only at the beginning. Infinitely greater effort is needed. But at least the movement is in the right direction and is gathering momentum. This is grounds for encouragement.

## Letters To The Editor

### Leary-Louria 'A Disaster'

TO THE EDITOR: Many seem to feel that the Leary-Louria confrontation last Sunday evening proved at least a qualified triumph for the balanced program concept. I consider it a disaster.

Much of the difficulty in promoting intelligent discussion on any issue stems from the tendency to polarize viewpoints and refuse to confront the respective premises held by those in contention. Precisely this occurred Sunday, in consequence of which people were reinforced in their prejudices and more ground was lost than gained on the treatment of a crucial social problem.

In my estimation mere polarization is worse than no balance at all, for it tends to defeat the insights that the concept of balance should hope to promote. The only circumstances under which the concept can have constructive value are those which promote fruitful dialogue.

As moderator I had hoped to create such circumstances, but since both speakers were late I had no opportunity to set up anything in advance. After the speakers had made their individual presentations, neither was in any mood to make concessions to the other nor to recognize the other's premises, much less consider his own negotiability. Perhaps even more unfortunate, judging from the particular questions and general response, the audience seemed equally indifferent to meaningful debate in the brief time remaining for a "discussion" period. No doubt I am much to blame, but I'm still not sure what I could have done about it under the circumstances.

No, it was anything but a triumph for our prevailing concept of a balanced program. What the whole thing proved is that a balance consisting in the opposition of irreconcilable views is useless to thoughtful people, and if the University is not a community of thoughtful people we're deceiving everyone, including ourselves.

John Haag  
Assistant Professor of English

## BERRY'S WORLD



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  - 2-7 p.m.—The Opera House
  - 5-7 p.m.—Stereo Open House
  - 7-8 p.m.—Curtin Road East (jazz with Lynn Hopewell)
  - 8-12 midnight — Brendon O'Brian with Top Forty, news on the hour
  - 12 midnight - 4 a.m. — Eric Rabe with Top Forty, news on the hour
- Tomorrow
- 8-10:45 a.m.—Popular music with Ken Plesser, news on the hour
  - 10:45-12:15 p.m.—The Chapel Service (live from Schwab Auditorium)
  - 12:15-12:30 — This week at the U.N.
  - 12:30-4:00 — Music Unlimited (Phil Jaye with popular music, news on the hour)
  - 4:00-7:00 — Music Unlimited (Mike James is host)
  - 7:00-10:00 p.m. — The Third
- Programme: (Dr. Timothy Leary)
- 10-10:05 — WDFM News
  - 10:05 - 12 midnight — The Third Programme (continued)
  - 12-12:05 a.m. — WDFM News
  - Monday, May 1
  - 4-4:05 p.m. — WDFM News
  - 4:05-6 p.m. — Music of the Masters
  - 6-6:05 p.m. — WDFM News
  - 6:05-7 p.m. — After Six (popular, easy-listening)
  - 7-7:15 p.m. — Dateline News (comprehensive campus, national and international news, sports, and weather)
  - 7:15-7:30 p.m. — After Six (continued)
  - 7:30-8 p.m. — Hillite (discussion of topics of interest to the Penn State student—phone calls invited) (Report from Student-Faculty Senate Committee on Student Affairs)
  - 8-10 p.m. — Jazz Panorama (with Bill Fox)
  - 10-10:05 p.m. — WDFM News
  - 10:05-12 midnight — Symposium Notebook
  - 12-12:05 a.m. — WDFM News

## This Weekend On Campus

- TODAY
- Association of Women Students Lecture, 10:30 a.m., 214-215-216 HUB.
  - Block and Bridge Banquet, 6:30 p.m., HUB ballroom.
  - Jawbone Coffee House, 8 p.m., 415 East Foster Ave.
  - Organization of Student Government Associations Chess Tournament, 8 a.m., HUB main lounge.
  - OSGA Table Tennis Tournament, 8 a.m., HUB gameroom.
  - Sigma Tau Gamma, 10 a.m., HUB assembly hall.
  - Sigma Tau Gamma, 2 p.m., 215, 216, 217, 218 HUB.
- TOMORROW
- Church, 8:30 a.m., HUB assembly hall.
  - Church, 8:30 a.m., HUB ballroom.
  - Folklore Society, 7:30 p.m., 215 HUB.
  - Jazz Club, 6:30 a.m., 217-218 HUB.
  - Lutheran Student Worship, 10:15 a.m. and 4 p.m., Helen Eakin Eisenhower
- Chapel
- Muslim Student Association, 10:15 a.m., 214 HUB.
  - Students for a Democratic Society, 7:30 p.m., 214 HUB.
  - Sigma Tau Gamma, 10 a.m., 215-218 HUB.
- MONDAY
- Alpha Phi Omega, 6:30 p.m., 217-218 HUB.
  - Bridge Club, 9 p.m., Cardroom.
  - Gamma Sigma, 6:30 p.m., 214 HUB.
  - ICCB, 7:30 p.m., 213 HUB.
  - Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, 7 p.m., 215 HUB.
  - Student Religious Liberals, 8:30 p.m., 214 HUB.
  - Town Independent Men, 7:30 p.m., 209 HUB.
  - University Senate Committee for Undergraduate Student Affairs, 6:30 p.m., 215 HUB.
  - USC Tribunal Commission, 3:30 p.m., 217 HUB.

### Rebuttal on Balance

TO THE EDITOR: David Zurndorfer has pointed to the incorrect assertion that the (HUB) Spotlight Committee was "compelled" to present a counterview to that of Dr. Timothy Leary in accordance with the balanced program policy.

I should like to join David in this by stating that a similar assertion, in the same editorial, concerning Bishops Pike and Sterling, was also incorrect. Bishop Sterling happened to be visiting old friends and his lecture had not the remotest connection with the alleged balanced program policy.

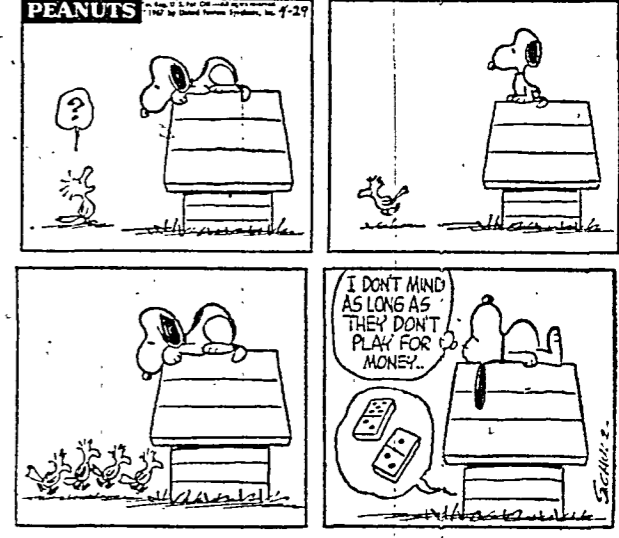
Rev. Derald Stump  
Episcopal Campus Pastor

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The Collegian was informed that Bishop Sterling was appearing under the balanced program policy, and thus our initial information was in error. However, despite the allegations of Rev. Stump and former USG Treasurer Zurndorfer, we stand by our original news reports and editorial comments regarding the application of the balance policy in the Leary-Louria case. It remains our understanding that the sponsoring committee would have been unable to hold the Leary program on campus without a "balance.")

### Suggestion for Underpass

TO THE EDITOR: Through the medium of your excellent newspaper, I wish to suggest, to the Board of Trustees, that the University lease the Pollock-Shortlidge underpass complex to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the storage of surplus turnips.

William M. Lepley, '34  
Professor emeritus of psychology



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