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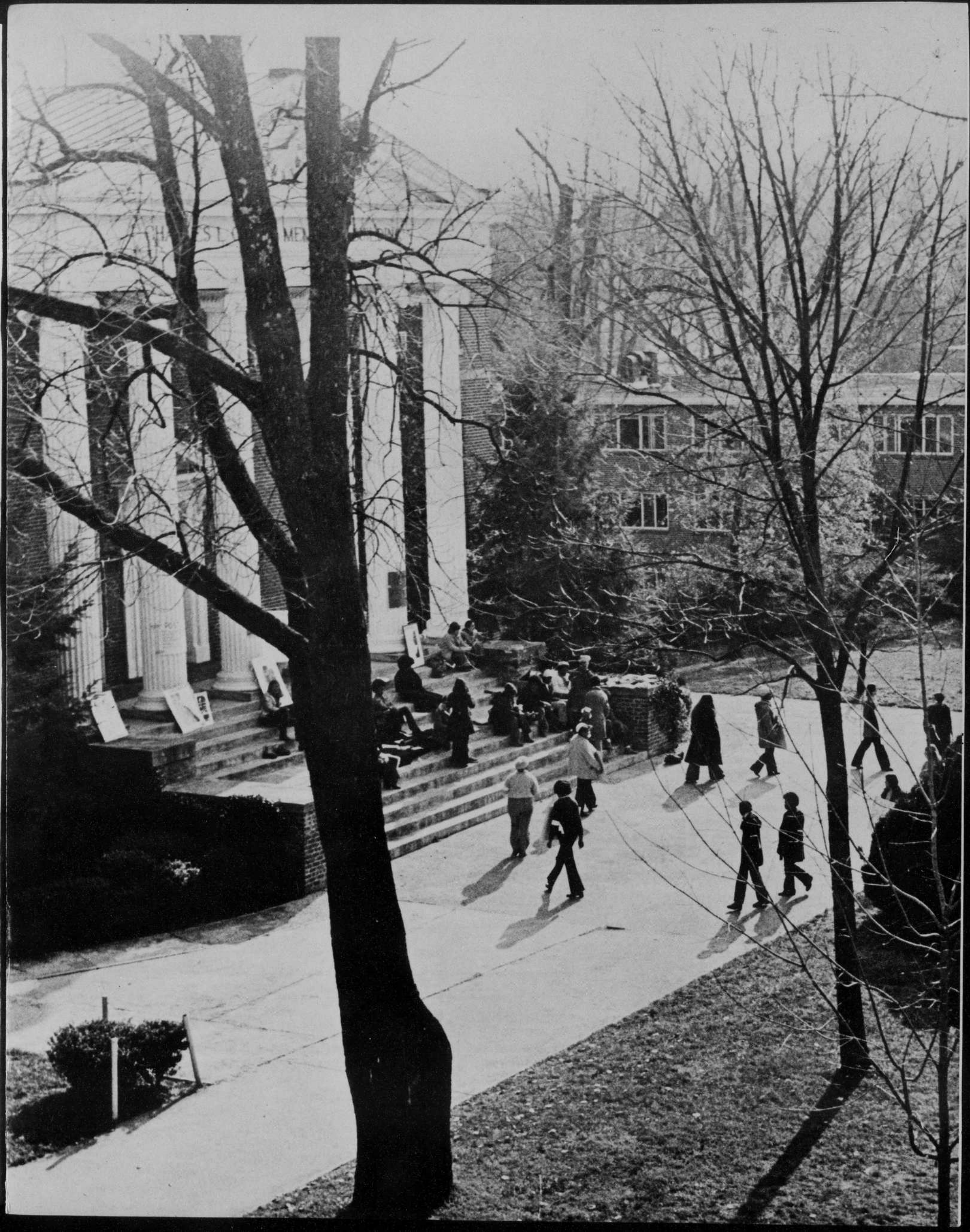


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FROM THE EDITOR



It always amazes me to see the peace that reigns after a divisive battle. So as the hot and divisive legislative battle over the Sawyer-Gushee curriculum proposals near an end, and as the season of thankfulness and good will approaches, perhaps we should take time for this strange peace of counting our blessings. For much as we complain, we do have things here for which we are thankful. In these moments, our thoughts include:

1) Peggy Eldridge, for her undying devotion to seeing that no one ends up one credit short the day before graduation.

2) Mr. Beardslee, our chaplain, who among other things, has for years kept his home open as a hotel for our guests.

3) all those who worked so hard on the new curriculum proposals. Regardless of the outcome, the study forced the issues involved in education before a community that had become so bogged down in detail that it had forgotten the basic principles.

4) Karen Green, who has almost singlehandedly initiated and directed the recycling program at Hollins.

5) the new policies in the Dining Room. Although the Snack Bar has virtually lost its salad trade, there are many more satisfied tummies around.

6) the Sociology Department, which by its new course offerings is helping to answer that \$64,000 question "What can I do with my major?"

7) Jong Ra, who as a different method of teaching, diligently conducts presidential simulation games each semester, hoping that those who participate will learn more about the American political process than any series of lectures could teach them.

8) the workers in the post office, who manage to dig up smiles, extra magazines, and lollipops for those of us who never get letters.

9) Ron Webster, for his dedication to carrying out an idea and promoting the name of Hollins.

10) Peggy-Ann Neumann, who in her brief time here has already made many life-long friends among members of the Senior class.

11) John Henry Smith, for being the best friend any Tinker resident could hope for.

12) Tony Whitwell, for being not-

able in his belief in and encouragement of the abilities of women.

13) Baylies Willey, who listens.

As is the characteristic of all lists, some people, some groups and some things have been left out. Any of the readers of HC who have an addition to the list may submit it along with their names to HC / Box 10154 / Hollins College before Dec. 5 and see it in print.

BOOK REVIEWS



Melancholy, depression, boredom, the blues - any of these will melt away as by magic when exposed to the warm radiations of some of the world's most inspiring *Meditations*, selected and illustrated by Peter Max (McGraw-Hill, \$3.95).

Paper of many bright colors carries memorable, brief messages from the likes of Mark Twain, Dag Hammarskjold, Cicero, Tennyson, Martin Luther King, Jr., Thoreau, Benjamin Franklin, Dante, Pablo Picasso - more than 100 memorable quotations, enlivened by Peter Max's interpretation of the spirit in which they were made.

"Enlightenment is man's only and ultimate goal," writes Peter Max, who spent much of his youth in China and Tibet. "Many great sages and saints, philosophers, wandering monks and scientists have guided us through history with their words of wisdom, hoping to enlighten us to a path leading to the supreme goal of life . . . I hope that this book will further enlighten readers toward the golden path."

Peter Max is one of America's most popular illustrators. His work is as familiar to the average person as it is to the art community. It is found in galleries and museums - and in

clothes, novelties, and television commercials. Millions of his posters have been sold, and each page of *Meditations*, drawn in line and color, is a miniature poster in itself.



In an age of jets, superhighways and industrial parks, discovering America – just as nature created it – is not an easy task. Those who wish to do so will be helped immeasurably in their endeavors by the compact, comprehensive, portable, all-encompassing *American Heritage Guide to Natural Wonders of America* (\$5.95 until 12/31/72, \$6.95 thereafter).

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The book tells it all: what to look for and how to get there; how to explore; admission hours, seasons, fees – it is a perfect traveling companion.

COMMENT AND OPINION

"NIXON'S NON-CAMPAIGN MAY HAVE APPEALED TO MANY AMERICANS, BUT HE WILL BE FORCED TO DEAL WITH DOMESTIC, DEFENSE AND ECONOMIC NEEDS TO WHICH McGOVERN GAVE PUBLICITY."



McGOVERN IDEALS: A WINNING CAUSE

Was all of the work that went into George McGovern's campaign for nothing? What are the benefits of supporting a losing candidate? These questions are important to the thirty-nine per cent of Americans that voted for McGovern and especially to those who actively campaigned for him.

The American political system is organized so there is a role for the minority. In his concession speech, McGovern urged his supporters to act as "loyal opposition." Support can be given to Richard Nixon as he holds the office of President without liking the man or approving of all of his policies. McGovern supporters can continue to influence policy even though government is directed by Nixon.

It is too early to analyze the continuing impact of McGovern's candidacy, but even as it occurred it had an impact on the system. One major benefit of McGovern's candidacy was that it brought the issues to the people and it forced their consideration. The majority of Americans rejected the approach and policies of McGovern, but they were made aware of the pressing problems in the country. Nixon's "non-campaign" may have appealed to many Americans, but he will be forced to deal with domestic, defense, and economic needs to which McGovern gave publicity.

By working for a political candidate, an individual learns about the political system. In trying to sway others to his candidate, a campaigner must know the variety of arguments about each issue and his own opinion. He becomes more politically aware and responsible even if his candidate loses. He recognizes methods of communication, persuasion, and channelling demands.

It is unusual for one individual to agree completely with another on every question. A vote for one candidate is not a blanket sanction of all of his actions. Those who supported McGovern felt he was the better candidate of a choice between two. Many of those who voted for McGovern can also see some good qualities in Richard Nixon.

The core of McGovern's candidacy was issues. Now that the selection has been made, personalities may be disregarded. With continuing support and action, perhaps now is the time that the issues of McGovern's campaign may be pushed into a primary position for all Americans. No President can totally disregard public demands. If the supporters of McGovern do not give up, perhaps their battle of issues may still be won.

Marilyn Linhart

"IT'S A GIRL!"

MARLETTE





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WORDS FOR "WISE, STRONG, INVINCIBLE"

"I am wise...I am strong...I am invincible...I am woman..." Keep singing today's number one hit song (at least it is on my chart) in the tub or shower. Keep reminding yourself that med schools, law schools, industry, government are avidly recruiting WOMEN for the few openings on the 1973 horizon. Then rush to the Career Counseling Center on the third floor of the Administration Building and fill in those myriad forms on that big green table in the hall. Specifically, fill in the large one marked "Registration Form" and return to me. With your academic background, geographical preference, and your career objective, as well as your past employment record and extracurricular activities all on one sheet, I can try to aid your search for the right graduate school or the first job in your new career. Your credentials file should also be started now. Blanks and instructions are both on that table. In fact, you will find pamphlets on how to write resumes, how to go about job hunting, and what helpful hints the alumnae have passed on to you. Recruiters from industry, government and educational systems are listed in publications from the College Placement Council and the Association for Schools, College and University Staffing. Applications blanks for the GRE, LSAT and graduate business exams are waiting for you. (So are the books to help you pass them. Buy them in Hollins College Book Store.) Next, with that heavy load of paper, stagger into my office and recoup your strength by browsing through the information on careers,

graduate schools, and JOB OPENINGS. You and I should then be ready to have a talk about what you hope to do after graduation.

You say you're not a senior? Dear Juniors, Sophomores, and Freshmen: please come also to browse, talk, and sign up on the "Part-Time Jobs Wanted" list. I strongly recommend that you start thinking now about what courses to take after you have familiarized yourself with career potentials. On the bulletin board in my office I post interesting newspaper and magazine articles concerning unusual jobs, success stories, or the dismal job market.

Yes, I said "dismal." Come and read a copy of the September 23, 1972 Business Week's Special Report, "The Job Gap for College Graduates in the '70's," subtitled "And many of those who are employed are working below their abilities. The mismatch threatens to get even worse." The bright note is found on page 51, where one firm reports that "it is recruiting about as many people today as in the boom years but that 35 per cent of these it now takes are women and blacks."

"I am wise...I am strong...I am invincible..."

Peggy-Ann Neumann

FREYA MEMBERS EXTEND THANKS

To the Members of the Hollins Community,

We wish to thank you for choosing the Freya Emergency Relief Fund as a donee of the White Gift Fund. The choice of the three White Gift recipients, Freya, Trust, and the King-Kennedy Daycare Center,

seems to reflect the community's concern for their immediate friends and neighbors. This seems to be a very special vote for all of us who are trying to serve the members of our community. Freya's Emergency Relief Fund, available to all Hollins students, is entirely dependent upon contributions for support. Although some students eventually repay their loans, repayment is never required. This, combined with the number of cases we handle each year, causes the Fund to fluctuate in a very unpredictable manner. Obviously as the Fund increases, the number of individuals who can be aided increases.

Thank you very much and please give generously at White Gift.

Sincerely,
The Members of Freya

McGOVERN LOSS: NOT THE END OF LIBERALISM

The reality of George McGovern has once again become the principle of the ideal. The nomination of Senator McGovern by the Democratic party was a hopeful indication that constructive change could, indeed, become a possibility. But the overwhelming victory of President Nixon indicated the unpreparedness of the American people for a shifting of national priorities.

Although significant steps have been taken toward a negotiable peace in Viet Nam, the peace deal still remains elusive. In his victory speech, Mr. Nixon told of his theme of "national unity, in the interests of peace and good works." However, one is reminded of the promises to

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end the war "within the next four years."

As in the past four years, Mr. Nixon may find it difficult to deal with the Democratic-controlled Congress. The conflict between the Nixon Administration and the Congress can also be seen between the electorate and the Administration. President Nixon's landslide victory was not one of solid achievement and support; rather it was one of compromised victory. (One significant fact is that fewer than 54 per cent of the eligible voters turned out, the lowest turnout in 24 years.) This victory was built on an antipathetic attitude toward McGovern, not on agreement with Nixon's achievements.



This temporary alignment with the Republican party, known as the "pennance vote," helps explain the large number of split ballots which shortened Nixon's coattail effect. An estimated 50 per cent of the working class vote (lower-middle income blue collar workers) went to Nixon. This was accomplished by playing on their suspicions of the counter-culture, the radical left, and the Blacks - an emphasis was placed on abortion, amnesty, marijuana, welfare, busing, law and order, and so on. However, this voting pattern was transitory, indicating the antipathy toward McGovern's policies. This is what the politics of the 1972 election was all about. Rather than a campaign of issues and stands taken by each personality, the personalities themselves became the issues.

McGovern's defeat is not, as one would be tempted to say, the end of liberalism or the Democratic party. The grass-roots campaign of McGovern in gaining the Democratic nomination is one fact contrary to this point. The coalition of young voters, anti-war sympathizers, and the radical element of the Democratic party helped McGovern to gain the nomination. But the reformed quota system which enabled McGovern to win within his own party was too great a price to pay in running against President Nixon. Granted, the reformed delegate selection was a truly representative cross-section of our society, but it was not the middle America that selects its president. With the effects of the "pennance vote" and a reorganization of the Democratic party, a new coalition of party regu-

lars and McGovernites can be built.

But aside from the traditional party structure, McGovern's candidacy did have the inherent weakness of trying to introduce the "new politics" and radical change at a time when the electorate is seemingly content with the status quo. McGovern's mainstay of his campaign was withdrawal from Viet Nam and this in itself is an accepted ideal no matter who had won the election. The ideals and change that McGovern stood for are, perhaps, a bit too far-reaching for the American public to accept at this time. Had he been elected President, McGovern, along with the "new breed" of Congressional representation, may have stood as a certain threat to the status quo. The possible changes would be anachronistic at this time in America's history; perhaps the younger and more liberal Congress is all that middle America is willing to accept. As George McGovern once said, "We may not be able to change the past but we can help to shape the future."

Nancy Lampert

Editor's note: Nancy Lampert was the Hollins coordinator for McGovern campaign activities.



A QUESTION OF LIFE

PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE ISSUES AFFECTING HUMAN REPRODUCTION

"MUCH HAS BEEN PREDICTED AND PREACHED ABOUT THE OVERPOPULATION CRISIS...PEOPLE ARE NOT, HOWEVER, GRAPPLING WITH A SIMILAR PROBLEM OF PARALLEL IMPORTANCE, NAMELY THE QUALITY OF LIFE ON A GENETIC BASIS."

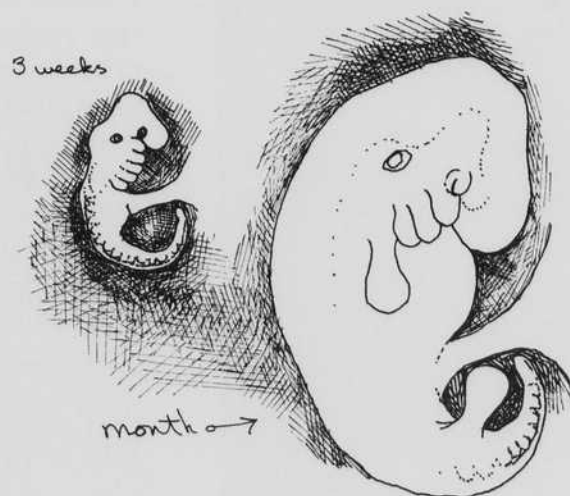
Modern medicine offers a double challenge for the ordinary, everyday man and woman. First, the challenge to acquaint themselves with the background and present state of human reproduction and experimental embryology. Second, a challenge to meditate seriously on the many implications such research and realities hold for them personally as well as for mankind. It can only be hoped that individuals meeting these challenges will implement their knowledge by participating in the ongoing creation of man with some semblance of wisdom.

Much has been predicted and preached about the overpopulation crisis and the subsequent responsibility to limit offspring. Such information is widely circulated through the media and educational enterprises. People are not, however, grappling with a similar problem of parallel importance, namely the quality of life on a genetic basis. The extent of this problem is evident from the fact that 6 percent of all infants have detectable genetic defects of greater or lesser seriousness. This excludes the higher percentage of specific defects in particular families, age or ethnic groups. All humans are heterozygous (possessing two non-identical genes, one from each parent, for a given trait) for at least a dozen or more disadvantageous genes.¹

From an ecological viewpoint, the human gene pool is the primary resource of mankind for all times. It is the culmination of 3 billion years of evolution and natural selection. In the last few decades, medical advances have tampered with the natural balance of this situation, provoking a so-called "genetic pollution". For example, a single gene is responsible for the

condition of phenylketonuria, in which the liver of an affected person is unable to synthesize a specific enzyme. The result of the absence of the enzyme is the accumulation of the amino acid, phenylalanine, which results in brain damage and mental defect. If this genetic defect is diagnosed soon after birth, the individual is given a diet low in phenylalanine and mental development may approach normality. Besides dietary restrictions and supplementary pharmaceuticals, direct corrective surgery can be utilized as in the situation of pyloric stenosis where normal health can be granted to newborns with this abnormal constriction at the nexus of the stomach and intestine.

Such "engineering" of human development, which permits the survival of those who previously would have died under the handicap of their genetic endowment is called "euphenics" ("eu" - well, "phen" - appear-



ance). Depending on the degree of remaining disability, many of these safeguarded persons reproduce, thus permitting the persistence of the undesirable gene. The variety and multiplicity of the list grows as clinical medicine learns to circumvent the consequences of more genetic disorders. In short, medical practice has relaxed the natural selection against "bad" genes and represents one factor upon which their accumulation in the population depends. If not confronted with the same vigor and seriousness as the campaign against population growth, this deterioration of the human gene pool could well be coupled with war and famine as the third great world problem.

How can the genetic quality of man be guarded? The accumulation of undesirable genes can only be contained if they are not propagated. Prospective parents should research their genetic genealogies (pedigrees) and confer on special considerations with a genetic counselor. A physician can often accommodate such questions although there are a meager number of specifically trained genetic counselors who can be consulted for complex cases. Such assistance is invaluable when it provides edification or justification for persons deciding on limiting or refraining from reproduction. The applicability of genetic counseling, which may become civilization's substitute for natural selection, will be largely enhanced as new procedures are developed for identifying the asymptomatic heterozygotic carriers of harmful genes.

For instance, in some areas of the country there are widespread testing programs for Tay-Sachs disease and Sickle-cell anemia. The latter is an inherited defect in the oxygen-carrying hemoglobin molecule which is composed of 574 amino acids, two of which show substitutions in the sickle-cell trait. The disease afflicts

10 percent of the Black American population and occurs once in every 400-500 Black births, a frequency 6 times higher than cystic fibrosis, and 20 times greater than phenylketonuria, both almost exclusively Caucasian diseases.²

Tay-Sachs disease is another case of an enzyme deficiency which results in accumulation of a chemical affecting the liver and brain. About 158 per million Ashkenazi Jews and 1.7 per million non-Jews are carriers for this trait.³ Prenatal detection of the disease, as well as many other genetic defects can be accomplished through the procedure of amniocentesis. Introduced in conjunction with the complication arising from the Rh blood factor, it involves the analysis of fibroblastic cells from fetal skin or amnion in the amniotic fluid, withdrawn from the uterus through a needle. It is usually performed after 16 weeks of pregnancy to reduce the risk to mother and infant.

It can be said that genetic counseling is one biological consideration that must be met pre-conceptionally if it is to be effective. Another issue in this category includes artificial insemination. Once the protective role of glycerol



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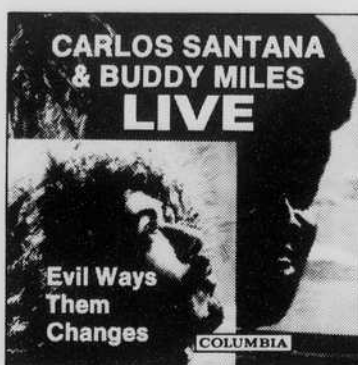
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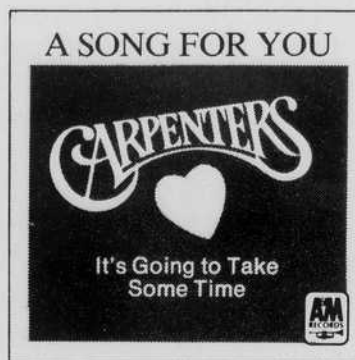
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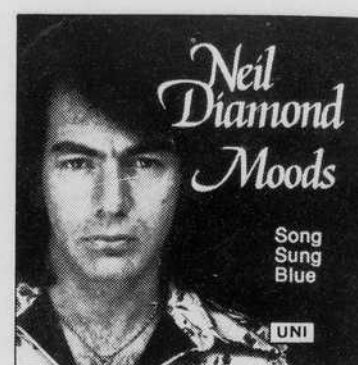
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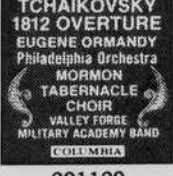
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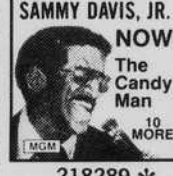
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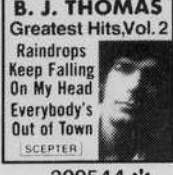
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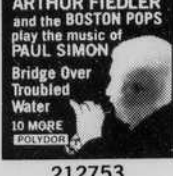
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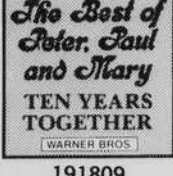
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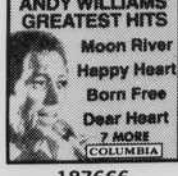
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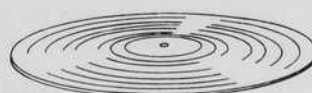
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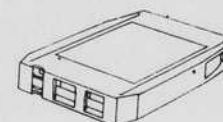
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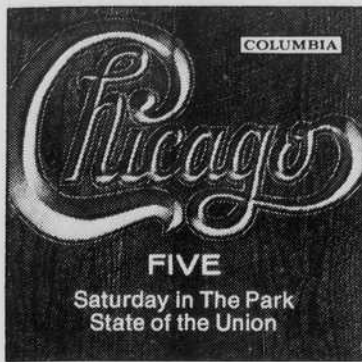
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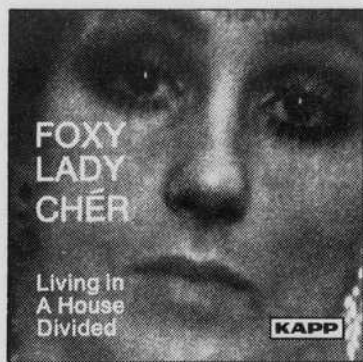
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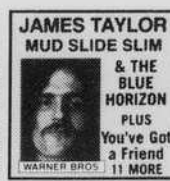
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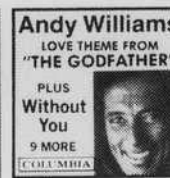
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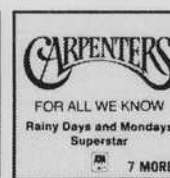
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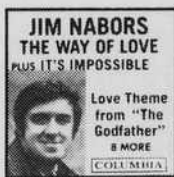
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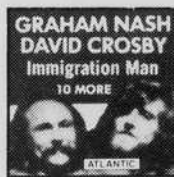
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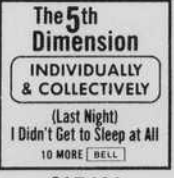
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was discovered, frozen animal sperm quickly became internationally popular among breeders. In the chapter entitled "Sex Gets a Helping Hand" in his book *Utopian Motherhood*, Dr. Robert Francoeur states that each year in the United States over 40 million cows are bred by artificial insemination using frozen sperm. A champion bull, for example can father over 50 thousand prize offspring per year. The first use of frozen human semen was in 1958 and Dr. Francoeur's conservative estimation of the number of children conceived by artificial insemination annually in the United States is 20,000. Use of this method has been largely limited to remedying human infertility.

Techniques are being developed for freezing human eggs for later use in reproduction. To take this progression to its logical conclusion, preservation by freezing has been applied to multicellular systems as well. The October 27, 1972, issue of *Science* magazine featured an article on researchers who have succeeded in freezing whole mouse embryos and then thawing them to completion. The procedure involved taking 1, 2, 8-cell, or early blastocyst embryos from pregnant mice, slowly cooling them to -196°C and as low as -296°C , rewarming the embryos as much as 8 days later, then culturing and transferring them to foster mothers, a high percentage of which yield normal mice.

The future implication of this for humans is the temporary fixation of an embryo for reasons of health, family planning, or mere convenience to the mother. A couple could unite sperm and egg while still quite young, circumventing some of the risks of middle-aged childbearing. While the incidence of twinning rises with the age of the parents, so do the frequencies for congenital defects such as Down syndrome (mongolism) and cleft



palate. A woman in her late 40's has one chance in 50 of having a mongoloid infant with mental retardation and changed physical features.⁴ The procedure for freezing embryos may also enhance the option of permanent sterilization as a contraceptive method, since a couple will have secured its reproductive potential through frozen embryos.

Modern medicine promises to intervene in procreation at yet another step, by transplantation of the embryo to other than the original womb. The terminology of motherhood gets a bit tricky at this point, but it can be said that the genetic mother (the donor of the egg) may choose for whatever reason to transfer her embryo to a natal mother (a female who carries the child). This procedure could be used advantageously by a genetic mother who is prone to miscarriage.

The advent of an artificial womb of glass and steel is another prospective accomplishment. Experimental Russian biologists in 1966, reportedly sustained a human fetus for six months before it died at the terminal weight of one pound and two ounces. Dr. Francoeur highlights the advantages of the artificial womb as stimulation of the intellectual and physical qualities of the child, repair of congenital malformations, immunization against infection by prenatal vaccination, and development of tolerance to foreign tissues and blood to allow grafts and transfusions in later life without danger or rejection.

Some of the issues raised above sound futuristic and rather unbelievable today. Admittedly, many biological prospects have been buried in irrelevancy when research and human affairs have shifted. Who can predict, looking retrospectively at the lesson of the contraceptive pill and its history? Regardless of the specific directions, the growing technology of human reproduction is leading to new ways in which man may reproduce his image as well as introducing new risks. Much of the population is ill-prepared to cope with the present state of embryology and the prospects for the future. Even most religious, ethical, and legal systems, enshrined in the old mystiques of reproduction and the morality they engendered, can not deal effectively with the situation. As suggested in the first paragraph, one can only hope that these responsibilities will be met individually and mutually with a semblance of wisdom.

¹*Biology and the Future of Man*, ed. by Philip Handler (New York, Oxford University Press, 1970), p. 910.

²Patrick Young, "A Disease Draws the Color Line", *The National Observer* (Dec. 11, 1971), p. 26.

³Dabney James, "Treatment of Genetic Disease and Genetic Engineering", p. 3.

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'ADMISSIONS' OF THE ROADRUNNERS

"RECENT APPLICANTS SEEM GUNG-HO ABOUT WOMEN'S COLLEGES."

ROAD•RUN•NER: a largely terrestrial bird (*Geococcyx californianus*) of the cuckoo family that is a speedy runner and ranges from California to Mexico and eastward to Texas—called also *chaparral cock*; also: a closely related Mexican bird (*G. velox*); also: any one of a species of Hollins College Assistants to the Director of Admissions, displaying a similar quality of speed, and ranging from Hollins College, Virginia, to all parts of the United States centering on the East Coast during the fall—called also *Terry Crawford*, *Ann Whitney*, *Suellen Wine*.

If you've ever wondered how girls find out about Hollins, one of the Roadrunners is the person to ask. Roadrunners are women who go on week-long tours to high schools two weeks out of every month during the academic year and tell people just where Hollins College is.

They have their own map, posted in the Admissions Office and dotted with colored-head pins—a different color for each Roadrunner—indicating the visits they have made so far this year. The pins are already numerous, and many more trips are planned for visiting high school Guidance Counselors and talking about Hollins on College Nights.

A "College Night" is a congregation of representatives from 70 - 100 colleges. The evening is divided into 15-20 minute periods, giving "shop-around" high school seniors an opportunity to get a preview or introduction to a school before actually requesting an applica-

tion. During the period, the college representatives try to tell the students as much about their school as possible—including everything from location and size to dress regulations and basic philosophies of education. Students also have a chance to ask questions and pick up various catalogues.

Between trips, "Most of our time in the office is spent preparing for trips," says Suellen, because they also include daily visits with high school guidance counselors. Routes have to be mapped, schedules set up, and mountains of correspondence must be posted.

Hollins representatives are often alone on guidance office jaunts and aren't usually able to take students away from classes to talk to them. But Hollins belongs to Capital Region Colleges, an organization of 14 colleges located in Maryland, D.C., and Virginia, that sends a group of representatives on tour four times each fall. Ann, who travels with CRC for Hollins, says there is enough power in those numbers to merit special assemblies and individual college days at the high schools. "There's variety in the group—everything from large universities like G.W. (George Washington University) to smaller schools like Hollins and Randolph-Macon."

Back at Hollins, Assistants to the Director of Admissions conduct personal interviews with prospective students. "Most of the girls are looking around, trying to narrow down their choice of colleges," says Suellen. "The interviews are pretty informal. We're trying to see

"THE INTERVIEWS ARE PRETTY INFORMAL. WE'RE TRYING TO SEE WHAT THE APPLICANTS LOOK LIKE OFF PAPER."



Suellen Wine

what the applicants look like off of paper." An interview, usually set up ahead of time by appointment, lasts about 30 minutes, and is mostly devoted to the girl herself. The parents come in for the latter part to have an opportunity to ask questions they may have. A student guide then gives them a tour of the campus. "It's not a sales type of thing. Lots of times they're seeing Hollins, Sweetbriar and Randolph-Macon the same day," Suellen adds.

ates. "I don't think it necessarily makes me any better qualified but sometimes it makes it easier," says Suellen. "Having lived on campus I can give little details from a student's point of view." Ann feels she can be more objective since she's not a Hollins graduate. "It gives me a broader base from which to speak in some cases. I can represent what's occurring here now." She's found, in fact, that guidance counselors are often impressed to learn she's

THE CAMPUS TOUR: "IT'S NOT A SALES TYPE THING."

"Each of us has our own little project. Mine is Student Representatives and Campus Guides." Ann is excited about the success of a newly revised Student Representatives program. There are approximately 30 current Hollins students working with Alumnae Area Representatives (Terry's "project") arranging Coke parties, etc., over vacations for interested high school students in their hometown areas. "We send them lists of names of interested students and they can get together with them and tell them what Hollins is like now." The names come from catalogue requests, regular correspondence files, and "Do you know a student who might be interested in Hollins?" cards sent to freshmen and alumnae. "We've had the program three years, and it seems to work best when a Student Representative works with an alumnae."

Ann also distributes the "Good Guide's Guide to Good Guiding" and trains current students who work in the Admissions Office. "They do office work, too" - such as typing address labels for catalogues and filing.

Both Suellen and Terry are Hollins gradu-

ates. "They say 'Hey, that's really something!' and want to know more about the school."

Ann has worked at Hollins for two years. "Recent applicants seem gung-ho about women's colleges," she says. Suellen, working here for her first year, agrees: "We're more inclined to get students who are serious about their studies and who recognize the advantages of a woman's college." Ann adds, "They seem more mature and independent. They really have their feet on the ground."

The Roadrunners do most of their running in the eastern United States and Texas, though Ann travels to Southern California, her home, annually and Terry covers the Indiana-Illinois area. Ann Splitstone, Director of Admissions, usually handles any foreign "roadrunning", and was recently in Europe with a group of Admissions Directors from various colleges.

Right now Ann and Suellen are both on campus, conducting interviews and arranging tours. But Ann will be off again next week, telling everyone she sees that Hollins is a college worth looking into.

HONOR SYSTEM UNDER FIRE IN VIRGINIA STUDENT'S SUIT

College Press Service - The honor code of Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Virginia has been, over the past few years, debated in classrooms; opposed in numerous student newspaper editorials; and upheld, in ever-decreasing majorities, by student referendums.

Throughout the controversy, however, the future of the 28-year-old honor system has remained unchallenged. The entire college population shuddered therefore when an ex-student initiated a legal assault against the code, which will undoubtedly affect the honor system of every state-supported college or university in Virginia.

At the end of the last school year the nine-member student Honor Council dismissed a fellow-student on charges of an alleged on-campus theft. Over the summer, the ex-student sought legal assistance through the Virginia Federal District Courts in obtaining re-admission to the college.

Although Federal District Judge Robert Merighe denied immediate re-admission to the college, he set a trial date for this month and expressed serious doubts that Virginia colleges have a strong case in main-

taining present honor codes.

In requesting the temporary restraining order, which permits the ex-student's immediate re-enrollment, attorneys argues that her constitutional rights under the 14th Amendment had been violated by her dismissal, and that a college has no authority under law to delegate power of absolute dismissal to a student-run honor council. Counsel also contended that the ex-student has undergone severe "psychological suffering and a loss of potential income" due to the interruption of her education.

Representatives of the Virginia Attorney General's office oppose issuance of the restraining order, claiming that the controversy "represents a most serious threat to the lifeblood of the institution," commenting that "this is a direct attack on the honor council system."

The Assistant Attorney General continued to passionately describe the concept of an honor system as "a very delicate mechanism," and an historical institution. Merighe dismissed the state's line of argument, stating that "the real issue here is whether power delegated by the state legislature to the college

can be turned over to the students. The court has serious doubts about this."

Merighe based his decision to deny immediate relief through re-admission on the fact that other students and college administrators would suffer more harm by the ex-student's immediate re-admission, than that the ex-student would suffer by his failure to issue the restraining order.

As representatives of the Attorney General's office explained, "We have incoming freshmen right now being indoctrinated in the honor system." Even a temporary injunction," he commented, "will cause a state of confusion among them."

Despite his refusal to issue the restraining order, Merighe stated that the ex-student "has a very strong case."

Reaction to the Honor Council challenge has been extensive and emotional on the MWC campus. The Board of Directors of the Alumni Association and the Board of Visitors passed a resolution not only endorsing the concept of the present honor system, but also resolving "to defend vigorously...the Honor



system and the College." The Alumni Directors added that the "Honor System has long been an integral part of the college life and an essential instrument for providing an atmosphere of freedom, responsibility and trust. Having lived with the Honor System, alumni are commit-

ted to the preservation of the system as necessary to a free and democratic way of life at the College."

A majority of the faculty also voted to endorse the present system.

The only campus group which has yet to endorse the Honor System is the Student Association.

"The question that needs to be asked is not whether power delegated by the state to the college can be turned over to the students—which is the question posed by Judge Merhige – but whether the state can ever turn over the functions of policing and judging to any individual or group (other than the officially established government courts and police force) e.g., to the publically appointed officials or student honor council or any other private group.

WHY AN HONOR SYSTEM?

The law suit against Mary Washington College brought by a former student evicted by its Honor Court brings into question the idea of an Honor System, its purposes and its legitimacy. Though M.W.C. is a state-supported institution, the proximity and similarity of the college makes the situation there impossible for the Hollins Community to ignore.

Chairman of Hollins Honor Court, Tee McElhiney, terms the Honor System and its Court a vital element of the Hollins Community and says "If the Honor System fails, Hollins College fails... Honor Court is a body of representatives elected by the students for their own protection. A violation or disregard of the Honor and Community Trust system is a violation or disregard of consideration for others. If a person lies, cheats or steals, she or he involves others, and because a person lies to someone, cheats someone, or steals from someone, she or he denies the other person the truth, a fair

chance or a possession."

Dr. John A. Logan, president of Hollins, acknowledges that the Honor System is "a relic of the past," but adds that "it still has or can have meaning today. The whole system, I believe, was based on the fact that a whole community living in such high concentration and with such different goals than commercial society needed some special rules. A system of honor provided those special rules then and still can today. However, there is no doubt that Honor Systems everywhere are facing some pretty stiff challenges."

In a letter to the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* September 11, Thomas L. Johnson, Associate Professor of Biology at Mary Washington College expressed some of his feelings concerning the legal challenge and the general purpose of an Honor System (quoted with permission):

"Actually the most important question that should be asked is why does the academic community have an honor system? Why do we not find an honor system in a residential, business or industrial community? What is so unique about the academic community that it would have not only an honor system, but such other features as student government, tenure for faculty and a special type of freedom of speech designated as academic freedom?

"The reason for the existence of the honor system and all the other special features of the academic realm is that the academic community is totally unlike other societal communities which exist in a free society. It contains all of the elements which would only be found in a dictatorial, authoritarian or closed community—one which operates by means of commands—one which attempts to accomplish its ends by means of force.

"One does not find an honor system in a business, industrial or residential community because these

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communities operate on the premise that individuals have a right to voluntarily interact with each other and that if someone commits an act of theft or fraud that the person against whom this act was perpetrated can call on the legally constituted authorities—the police and courts—to settle the matter. The medieval academic community attempts to operate as a separate, dictatorial community couched among the other free societal communities, and thus it has its own laws (rules) and its own courts to try offenders. (This is similar to the military which has its own military code and courts.)”

MOODY CENTER PLANS APPROVED; CONSTRUCTION OF CLINIC BEGUN

The latest word on the Moody Center is that with a good deal of luck we could be breaking ground late this summer. The Center, which has been in various stages of planning for many years, will include new dining facilities, a rathskeller, student government offices, and a student lounge, among other things.

Plans have been submitted to and approved by the Board of Trustees and working plans are now being developed.

A new contractor is being sought for the planned president's home. \$250,000 has been donated by members of the Board of Trustees toward the construction and decoration of the new home, which will be located at the end of Faculty Row.

Construction is already in progress on the \$57,000 building which will serve as a home for Dr. Ron Webster's stuttering research program and clinic. The plan has received some money in grants as well as a loan from Hollins. It has been set up as a separate non-profit corporation. Plans call for the building, located near the 'Siberia' parking lot, to be completed sometime next semester.

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(By the year 2000, Census Bureau projections estimate our population could grow close to 300 million. That's about 100 million *more* people to house, transport, educate, feed and clean up after!)

This intensifying of problems by sheer numbers of people can also occur in individual households. For just as “too many people” make society's problems more difficult to solve, the problems of raising a family are not made easier when there are “too many children.”

Under the circumstances, we feel there's only one reason for a couple to have a child: because they really want it.

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VICE VERSA

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The First Annual Boxwood Bash

Amid the pomp and glory of traditional song singing atop beautiful Tinker Mountain on that festive day of all days (when Jack Frost is making out with the pumpkins or something like that), arose the following question: "Do the guys from Boxwood have a song?" The answer was yes.

So the Boxwood delegation gathered together their forces amid scattered applause. Prior to the singing, it was announced that the song was for the seniors. The gist of the song, for those of you who may have forgotten, was that the men at Hollins would like to get to know a few of the seniors, who were allegedly attending school here. Very few of the guys seemed to know where the seniors hung out or what they did in their spare time. And so, in our song we announced a party and invited especially the seniors. Then suddenly there they all were singing to us and telling us how much they liked us and all that good stuff.

Well, the wheels begin to turn. Zircle and Company began to organize. A date was set. Recipes were gathered. Responsibility was delegated. Strings were pulled. Everyone chipped in his fair share. Some contributed more. Trash cans were purchased. And lemonade, limeade, grape juice, Hawaiian Punch. And, for people of legal age, a little something extra was added in places.

Advertisements were posted. Announcements were made. The campus was canvassed. Early estimates

of two hundred began to rise. At one point, we were expecting all of Hollins, half of Washington and Lee, a hundred guys from Hampden-Sydney and Davidson, and three guys from Princeton.

And then came the day. The house was arranged. The tension was running high. All the yes answers of the past weeks were worth nothing, for it all boiled down now to physical presence. But there was one thing about which we felt certain: the seniors would be there.

Six-thirty. Seven. Early arrivals. Seven-thirty. A meager matriculation was becoming very evident. Robert Hall and I steadily sipped as we collected money and stamped hands. Eight o'clock. Look out, you guys. Here comes a crowd.

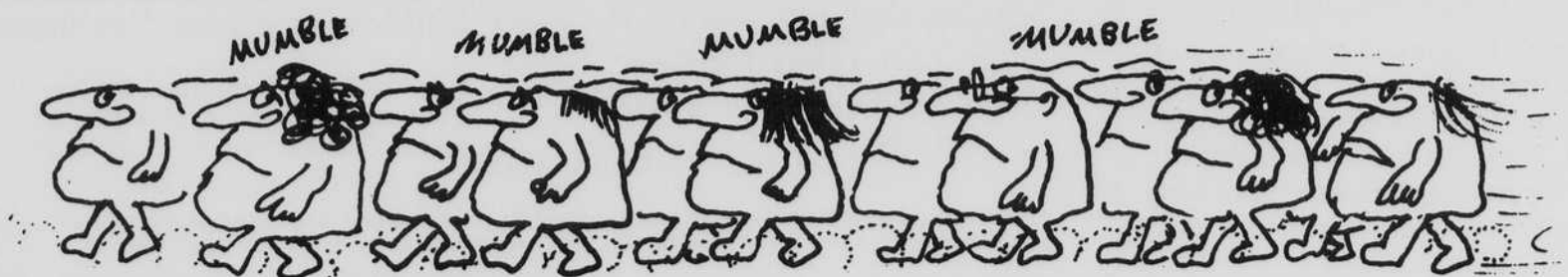
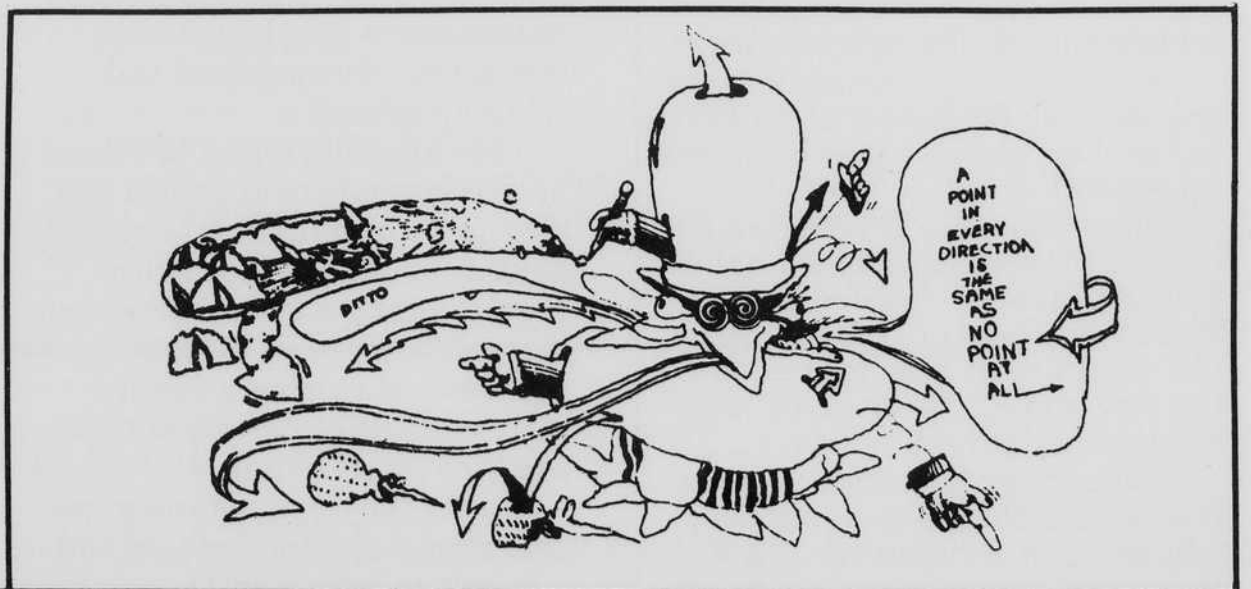
Between 8:00 and 9:00, the rush was on. Sighs of relief were breathed by those who invested above their heads. Their investment had been a wise and safe one. A

hundred people. Two hundred. And more. But very few of these were seniors.

Credit should be given where credit is due. Lane and Page, our group leaders, were the first female arrivals, and we love them for that (among other things). Marty Eskridge was at her best. But not too many other seniors were there. And few, yes. But not many. Now, the party was a success, a tremendous success, And I regret very deeply the absence of so many desirable party people who received numerous invitations and reminders. Senior apathy. Perhaps. Almost everything is attributed to that these days. In all seriousness, I am more sorry than offended that so many people missed the "one of a kind" party, the party which may be often imitated but never duplicated, the first annual BOXWOOD BASH.

I feel I might as well throw in one more thing before I let the seniors completely off the hook. Officer Harper of the security police politely informed us that there were complaints from the apartments about the noise and that we would have to keep it down or break it up. We closed the door.

Speaking of the security police, I got a chance to speak with Officer Hale after the party, not that I want-



ed to. A buddy who was down from Princeton and I were casually standing outside West dorm conversing with two females in an utterly mature manner around 1:30 A.M. when from somewhere nearby there arose such a clatter, we all turned around to see what was the matter.

Officer Hale, wearing a sweater over his S.P. shirt (I think that should classify as "out of uniform"), moved in and took over. Addressing the females as "little ladies," he practically forced them into the dorm. He told us to get off the campus, that we were not allowed on the campus after one o'clock. Well, in a most unusually calm manner, I embarked upon a conversation with him to try to find out why he was being so un hospitable. I mean this was the exact same guy who give minutes before had told us that he would let another friend of ours, who was LOCKED OUT of her dorm, in AFTER HE FINISHED EATING. He said it was in the

book that the girls when they came back to the campus had to go straight into their dorms. My buddy rather inappropriately remarked, "What book, the Bible?" To this Officer Hale walked off and called him a "damn yankee" (The guy's home is in Richmond.)! A "damn yankee"!! Can you believe that?

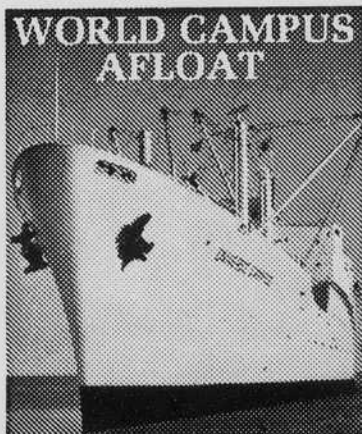
Well, the females listened to most of this discussion through the door, and then they emerged again, boldly coming out over the cries of "Little ladies, you get back in that dormitory!" and announced that we would go to Rathaus, where males can legally be on campus until 3:00 a.m. Officer Hale assured us that he would be over at 3:00 a.m. to clear us out. Believe this or not, I never raised my voice to the policeman, even when he looked me in the eyes and said, "You think you're so damn smart."

Well, we went on to Rathaus and discussed the absurdities of what-

ever set of rules was causing all the trouble. It seems, according to rules that a male cannot BE on campus between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00 a.m. unless he is in Rathaus. In other words, it seems it is illegal to walk from Rathaus to a dorm between those hours. And according to rules, after 1:00 a.m. if you are a male on campus, you are breaking the law. I guess a walk or drive to Boxwood in the early hours of the morning would classify as a getaway.

Enough said about rules and security. I had a nice little chat with Officer Harper (Arnold), assuring him that we had no intentions of defying authority during the incident with Officer Hale, but Officer Hale's approach to the situation (which I might compare with a grandfather catching his granddaughter in bed with a man) was somewhat less orthodox than it might have been.

The party's over. I doubt there'll be another one anytime soon. But



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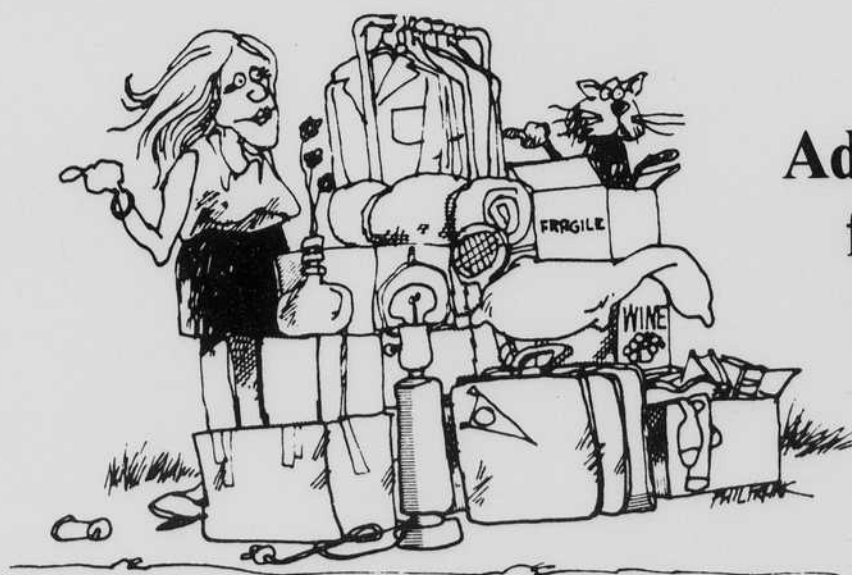
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for sure, the night of November 2 will be one that will be long remembered by much of the Hollins community.

The portion of this column in the previous issue entitled "Date Dilemma" has been the subject of some controversy. With few exceptions, the people who took some degree of offense seemed to overlook completely the subheading and the last paragraph which contained the very important phrase "mock serious." All I intended to say indeed in that little bit of writing was that in being my normal self at Hollins - i.e., dating, having platonic friends, and taking road trips - I have become more acutely aware of the differences which exist in the Hollins community as compared to the Davidson community. I hope this will satisfy those people who claimed that the column was "not justified."

By the way, anyone wishing to comment on anything that is ever said in VICE VERSA (That title was not my idea.) is highly encouraged to write a letter either to the editor or to me (Box 9559), preferably to me. I promise that none will go unacknowledged.



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