LET'S TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT DRUGS

The following article appeared in The Great Speckled Bird which is an underground newspaper in Atlanta. This does not mean that it is not a well-written article. It is printed in a matter of public interest and we feel that it is as good an article on the matter as could be found anywhere.

The Federal Government is planning a new crackdown on drug users; local politicians are making hay by focusing further harassment of his community, and arrests nationwide are mounting. There were 37,500 marijuana arrests in California last year, and this year the figures will be even higher. Despite the police action and the outrageous penalties, drug users have steadily increased, and by recent estimate twenty million Americans have smoked pot at least once.

The supposed justification for this witch-hunt against otherwise law-abiding citizens is that the drug scene is a dangerous public health hazard, and in some vague unspecified way is linked with crime and violence. Yet the use of drugs excluding heroin, represents a very minor medical problem, and it is clear that it is not the citizens themselves that the establishment fears, but it is the philosophy of which they are symbolic that so threatens the society. The two facts are unjustified. While alcohol is definitely related to the use of drugs, excluding heroin, represents a very minor medical problem. Aside from the risk of getting drunk, the pacifying effects of pot should consider the several abilities of the class and hope that the class as a unit would contribute. Miss McMillan of Col- umbus, the newly elected freshman secre- tary, agreed with Slagle also voiced great con- fidence in the abilities of the class to succeed. Maria McMillan of Col- umbus, the newly elected freshman secre- tary, agreed with Slagle also voiced great con- fidence in the abilities of the class to succeed. Maria McMillan of Col- umbus, the newly elected freshman secre- tary, agreed with Slagle also voiced great con- fidence in the abilities of the class to succeed. Maria McMillan of Col- umbus, the newly elected freshman secre- tary, agreed with Slagle also voiced great con- fidence in the abilities of the class to succeed.

Marijuana has had the greatest attention because its use is so widespread, and considerable misinformation has been put out by the anti-drug element, including some people who do not wish to justify oppression based on what is actually happening. The truth is that at this time there is no evidence whatsoever that marijuana smoking in this country has any serious medical consequences. Aside from the risk of getting drunk, the pacifying effects of pot should consider the several abilities of the class and hope that the class as a unit would contribute. Miss McMillan of Columbus, the newly elected freshman secretary, agreed with Slagle also voiced great confidence in the abilities of the class to succeed.

The battle for the office of president was one of the particularly competitive races. Three were nominated and after a close runoff election, Ken Leclerc of Melbourne Beach, Florida, became the president of the freshman class. Jesse Slagle of Forest Park, the newly elected vice president, is said by many to have been elected on the merits of his speech and the poise with which he delivered it. Slagle in recounting the opin- ions he voiced in that speech exclaimed ambition for the class and hope that if he is willing, to put in a coin operated pool table, and the school to put in a new color TV. Arrangements will have to be made to where exactly each one will go, but the vote was favorable to the improve- ments. The question of immediately medical assistance for students was next discussed and it was agreed that it come with a better idea than we already have in existence.

Why clubs in the LaGrange area would not rent to fraternities and sororities was brought up and Dr. Henry explained that he had made arrangements with the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations so no avail, it seems that there are national regulations governing these clubs which prohibit the groups using them.

In the truth to the rumor that Campus Chef's were pulling out of LC. Last but not least, the topic of drinking was brought up. This topic had not been discussed openly with Dr. Henry, by the student leaders. In some time and the discussion went very well. It seems that there are no national regulations governing these clubs which prohibit the groups using them.

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Princeton, N.J. - Educational Testing Service, announced today that undergraduates and others preparing to go to grad- school may take the Graduate Record Examinations of any of six different test dates during the current aca- demic year.

The first testing date for the GRE is October 25, 1969. Scores from this administration will be reported to the graduate schools before December 1. Students planning to register for the October test date are advised that applications re- ceived by ETS after October 7 will incur a $3.00 late registration fee. After October 10, the ETS is no guarantee that applications for the October test date can be processed.

The other five test dates are December 13, 1969; January 17, February 20, April 25 and July 11, 1970, with fee and registration deadlines apply to these dates. Choice of test dates should be deter- mined by the requirements of graduate schools or fellowships to which one is applying. Scores are usually reported to graduate schools five weeks after a test date.

The Graduate Record Examinations in Accounting contain a Aptitude Test of general ability, and an Advanced Test of accounting achievement in 21 major fields of accounting. Registration forms for the GRE are contained in the 1969-70 forms for Candidates. The Bulletin also contains forms and instructions for requesting transcript ser- vice on GRE scores already on file with ETS. This booklet may be available on your campus or may be ordered from Educa- tional Testing Service, Box 865, Princeton, New Jersey 08640; Educational Testing Service, Box 1500, Berkeley, California 94711; Educational Testing Service, 960 Grove Street, Evanston, Illinois 60201.
The Hilltop News has been criticized by some as a result of the last several issues. This criticism has been by individuals or organizations who the HTN pointed it's finger at. By the same token, there has also been praise. To those organizations or individuals who were affected, the HTN is not going to apologize, rather it is going to keep pressing you until it is satisfied that something constructive has been done about the situation. An organization or individual that weeps because it has been ridiculed or harassed in a school newspaper has not one leg to stand on anyway. If you or your organization feel that it has been wronged, you might try something new such as sitting down at a typewriter for about ten minutes and writing your side of the story for publication in the HTN. The HTN will be first to praise an individual or organization, but it will now also be the first to criticize. If you can't take it there's always time to kick out.

The Hilltop News finally got through to someone enough for them to write a letter to the editor. Below is that letter after proper correction by an English major.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Jim Menge, Editor
The Hilltop News
LaGrange College
LaGrange, Georgia

Dear Mr. Menge:

I want to call to your attention the fact that there is a, no-organization called the Key Club on the Hill. The Key Club is located in the Student Union Building and is run by students for students. It is a place where students can go to get involved in school activities and have a good time. The Key Club is also a good way to meet other students and make new friends.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Chesapeake Witness

As you enter the library, your eyes fall upon the statue of John Wesley. This statue stands still and lifeless. It has no real value, except as a memorial to the memory of a great man. It is simply a reminder that there was once a man called John Wesley who left his mark upon the world as he passed through it. In its purest, there is value that does not exist in its usefulness. Outside the library, there is a pillar that is also a memorial. It stands there lifeless and with no apparent usefulness. Again its purpose gives it value. It is a reminder of things that used to be. It is a memorial. Beside the library, there is another building. This building is referred to as "the Chapel." Does it have common ground with the first two articles mentioned? Is it an expensive monument to the memory of a God who used to be? Does it commemorate a time that is past in the culture of LaGrange College? Let's examine the facts. It's doors are officially open for one hour out of every two days. Obviously, it is a very special building or such infrequent use could not justify its continued existence. After all, we do need the space for parking. It is said that when the Baptist students wanted to use it for their prayer meetings, they were told that it was too nice for them to use, and was reserved for important ceremonial occasions. Only when this opinion was challenged was this decision changed. This sounds more like a monument than a useful building. The question arises, if this is a memorial to whom is it dedicated? God is alive, it cannot be His. If this is a memorial to a by-gone day of naiveness. And if someone should dare to question policies, procedures, or customs, a loud cry arises that he is shaking the boat. It is my firm conviction that any boat that cannot stand a little shaking needs either to be bailed out, or those who are in the boat to jump out. For that craft is about to sink.

Shirley Wilson

A great deal of waste paper is thrown away. A study shows that if the entire waste paper were recycled, it would save the city $25,000 per year. Yet, many people don't even bother to recycle. They simply throw it away and let it pollute the environment. It is time we all start to make a change. Let's do our part to help the planet.

Yours truly,

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You do not build up tolerance to grass, so you do not need steadily increasing quantities to get the same high as the case with LSD. In other countries, mainly the Middle East where there are people who have smoked hash daily for thirty or more years, it seems some of them eventually get brain damage, but there is no evidence that this occurs with quantities smoked in this country.

Balancing any possible negative effects of pot are its many positive qualities. These may have been overlooked at times and some people use grass to excess looking for something it can never give them. The pleasurable effects of grass hardly need to be repeated by me, but most opponents of legalization discount this aspect without having blown a single joint.

Using drugs merely for their own merits is not something to be advocated. There is much pleasure to be gained from life without the use of stimulants, narcotics, and tranquilizers. The freely chosen passive withdrawal to a drug-induced fantasy life cannot, however, be condemned just because it is contrary to the Protestant ethic, with its competitiveness, materialism, and achievement- oriented value system. The majority of drug users are content with their existence and do not want treatment, sympathy, or interference. After all, the drug user’s philosophy is no more deviant in our world than that of the straight world. Unfortunately there are dangers which they know from their own experiences, and the public generally as to what the use of drugs is really all about rather than by encouraging further persecution.

The saddest part of the drug issue is that the distortions and misinformation about drug use and particularly pot have led many “heads” to disbelieve anything they are told. Sick of being lied to by people who tell them things about drugs which they know from their own experience are untrue, they no longer accept any advice from the straight world. Unfortunately there are dangerous drugs around being used irresponsibly and many unnecessary deaths have occurred around the country merely through ignorance. There are those who have freaked out on drugs or want to get help but are afraid to seek it. What some of the real dangers are with drugs I plan to discuss in the future in this column.

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As Sigma Nu was going to punt, the ball was dropped on the 15 yard line where the GDI's took over. They scored on the second play as Lloyd Berry ran the ball over in the corner of the end zone. David Vittum converted the PAT with a run and the GDI's led 7-0.

Sigma Nu quickly came back with a pass to Chris Stagg for the TD and missed the PAT. 7-6. Sigma Nu wanted little time scoring again as Jimmy Terrell passed to Donnie Hodges for the TD and missed the PAT. 12-6. Sigma Nu then went on a long pass which he took in the end zone. David Vittum converted the PAT with a run and the score remained 19-14, Sigma Nu.

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