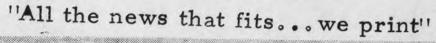
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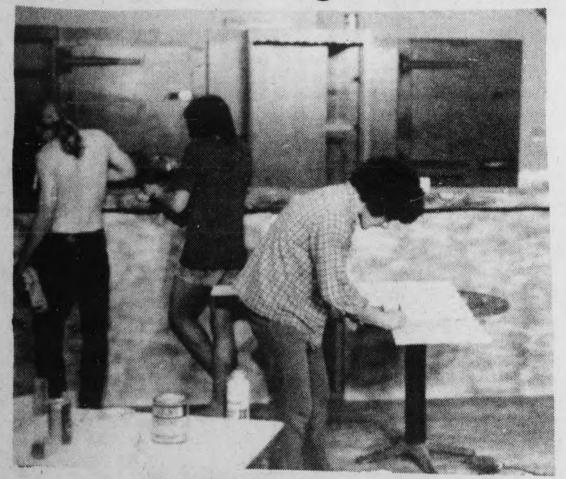
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After a couple of weeks of unusual campaigning, the election results were just as unusual. All around the campus, you

could hear predictions of who would win and by how many votes. Even after the machine was opened, people were surprised at the outcome. Especially with the results of the race for University Senator, and they will not be determined until Dorian Mickey gets the ballots back from the students who have this semester off campus.

It was very interesting to read the write-in ballots as they came out, as they showed a sense of humor. There were quite a few variations on the Beatty and Allbach ticket, and most of them were not accepted by the Elections Committee. In order for the vote to count, both the names of Beatty and Allebach had to be listed. So, even though there were only 25 votes listed for the Beatty-Allebach ticket, more than 60 were written in. Others felt that Roy Beatty was not only presidential material, as he received three votes for Social Committee Chairman, and two votes for University Senator. Perhaps the most interesting vote in the write-in category was "Lola Loves Ron" for Social Committee.

Concerning the Pub and the Pub License



THE PUB IN THE BEGINNING

Proposed Bylaws

ARTICLE I.

Name and Affiliation

The name of this non-profit corporation shall be the University Center Pub Association whose premises shall be located in the Drew University Center, a facility of Drew University, an accredited institution of higher learning chartered by the State of New Jersey in 1868.

ARTICLE II.

Purpose

The purpose of this non-profit corporation shall be to enhance the social and recreational atmosphere of the University by providing a meeting place for members from all segments of the campus community.

ARTICLE III.

Section 1. Membership in the non-profit corporation shall be open on a voluntary basis to all persons of legal age in the following categories:

- a. Registered students of the University
- b. Members of the University faculty
- c. Members of the administration and staff of the University
- d. Alumni of all divisions of the University

Section 2. There shall be an annual membership fee of one dollar per member.

Section 3. The trustees of the non-profit corporation shall have power to terminate membership for cause. In case of such termination the current membership fee will be refunded.

The Center Pub Association is being organized this month under the auspices of the Pub Steering Committee of the University Center. The move is a necessary step in advance of a formal application for a club license allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages on the present pub premises.

Membership is open to all students 18 years of age and over, faculty, staff and alumni at an annual cost of one dollar per person. This provision for voluntary membership is in keeping with the guidelines of New Jersey's Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Bylaws for the association have been formulated and given a legal review over the past several months. They will be presented for adoption at a meeting of the association in late April or early May.

A minimum of 60 paid memberships will be required to activate the license application. The current dollar payment, applicable to the 1974-1975 academic year, will be refunded if the license is not secured.

Persons interested in joining may do so at the University Center Office during the week of April 15.

University Center Pub Assoc.

ARTICLE IV.

Officers

The officers of the non-profit corporation, who shall be a president, a secretary and a treasurer, shall be elected by the trustees and shall serve one-year terms beginning May 1.

ARTICLE V.

Section 1. The board of trustees of the non-profit corporation shall be constituted as follows:

- a. Three student members elected by respective student governments of the three divisions of the University.
- b. A student elected by the University Center Board.c. A faculty member elected by the University Faculty.
- d. The director of the University Center.
- e. An alumnus, elected by the alumni associations of the University.
- f. A member elected by a majority vote of the members of the non-profit corporation at a regular meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose.

Section 2. Trustees shall serve annual terms beginning May 1. All must be members of the non-profit corporation.

Section 3. The trustees shall have full power and authority over the affairs of the non-profit corporation, including the appointment of management and record-keeping personnel, the establishment of prices and hours of sale, and the promulgation of regulations appropriate to matters of service and supervision. All memoranda and documents related to these items and all current contractual agreements, as well as copies of the books of account for purchases and sales of all goods and services, shall be filed in the office of the University Center director.

Section 4. An Entertainment Committee, including at

APPLICATIONS FOR SGA OFFICES REQUESTED

ALL PERSONS WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A POSITION AS STUDENT GOVERNMENT TREASURER, EXEC. SECRETARY, SECRETARY, OR ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN ARE ASKED TO CONTACT KEN GREBENSTEIN (BOX 645, HURST 12) OR CARL WINNER (BOX 1719, TOLLEY 212) BEFORE SATURDAY, APRIL 20.

PROPOSED BYLAWS

least one member of the Board of Trustees, shall be appointed by the Board from the membership of the nonprofit corporation. Special committees may be appointed from the membership by the Board as the need arises.

ARTICLE VI.

Meetings

Section 1. The trustees shall call meetings of the non-profit corporation as they may be required. A quorum shall be those members of the Association present at any meeting announced at least one week in advance.

Section 2. For meetings of the Board of Trustees a quorum shall be a minimum of five members.

Section 3. Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be open to members of the Association.

ARTICLE VII.

Type of Beverages

The sale of alcoholic beverages in the premises of the non-profit corporation shall be limited to beer and wine having a maximum alcoholic content of 20% by volume.

ARTICLE VIII.

Dissolution of the non-profit corporation

Section 1. The non-profit corporation may be dissolved in accordance with the statutory requirements of the State of New Jersey.

Section 2. The non-profit corporation shall maintain an escrow account of \$2,500 reserved for meeting obligations in case of its dissolution.

ARTICLE IX.

Amendment of ByLaws

These bylaws can be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any called meeting of the non-profit corporation, provided that the amendment has been circulated to the membership at least ten days in advance of the meeting.

Draft of 4/1/74

The Drew Telethon -Hustling Bucks for Drew

Until May 2, every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday night, Alumni, Faculty and Students will be using the fifteen telephones set up in the Hall of Sciences, room 4, in order to call alumni in an effort to raise money for Drew. This massive effort was started as a more personalized means of contacting people who might contribute to Drew. As of the writing of this article, the Telethon just started, but they far surpassed their nightly goal of \$1,500 per evening — in the first night alone, \$3,300 was pledged, and that is not including the amount of money that the Trustees Challenge Fund will match. The Challenge Fund is set up to increase Alumni giving by matching every dollar in excess of what was donated last year. In the case of new contributors, the Trustees will match the entire contribution dollar for dollar.

Mr. Karl Salathe, Director of University Resources, is very hopeful that the goal of the Telethon, \$18,000, will be surpassed. The Telethon has no outstanding expenses, as the costs of the telephones have been borne by a Corporate gift, and this helps the drive's monetary success.

THE ACORN WISHES THE BEST OF LUCK TO THE TELETHON.

ORIENTATION COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS FOR FALL

For the past week the Orientation Selection Committee has been busy interviewing perspective O.C. members. The selection process is being done by Michele Colice and Craig Kozlow, the Frosh Advisros; Maryann Coppinger and Ed Tucker the Program Directors; Mitch Mitchel and Artie Garyn, the two Senate appointees; and Mary Reed and Brian Molin, last year's Frosh Advisors who together have one vote.

There are 65 applications for the 30 available spots with over half of the applications coming from freshman. The selection process is based primarily on the applicants interview and the application. "The person's class and sex do not enter the decision" Craig Kozlow said. "We are just trying to get a mixture of people who will be outgoing and will make the freshman orientation successful."

The interviews were held for over a week with the committee seeing approximately 14 people a night, two at a time. The questions asked had no right or wrong answer — they were merely asked to open a discussion with the applicant. After the interview was over the committee spent a few minutes discussing the people, all along taking notes. A scale of 1 through 10 (ten being the highest) was then used to judge the person and then the seven votes were averaged together.

"All the people this year were really good," Craid said and the committee should have a hard time narrowing the number down to 30. The final decisions will be made and notification of acceptance or rejection will be made between April 17-20.

"Beyond the Wall" - How to Make the Most of Being Young and Broke

by Jenny Beaver

All of us have, at one time or another, had the disconcerting misfortune of being without bucks. But being broke on the Drew campus is a far cry from being without money or other resources in a strange town. Here, we are fed (even though badly, there is food available) and if your own room is too far to walk, you can always find a place to crash. But a Stranger in a Strange Land is really up Shit Creek without a paddle—unless he or she knows where to go for help and information. This week's "Beyond the Wall" meeting provided some helpful hints on surviving in the real world.

Probably one of the best things you could possibly do upon entering a new environment would be to find the Courthouse in the area. Most counties publish all kinds of helpful handbooks on where to go for medical aid, addresses and telephone numbers of hospitals, law enforcement agencies, social workers, welfare boards — in short, the kind of things you need to know if you're staying in town any length of time. Just ask for a Resource Book or Guide to Services for People.

Another thing you should know about is Food Stamps. Chances are, if you're not making too much money (and what kid freshly out of college ever is?) you may be eligible to receive them. The purpose of these stamps is to provide low income families with enough nutritional food. Mrs. Shrope, Supervisor of the Morris County Food Stamp Unit, mentioned that a family or household can include any group of people living and paying rent and preparing food together. To find out if you are eligible, check out the Courthouse and various banks in the area. The only stipulation they put on the food you buy is that it be fit for human consumption, so if Mel craves cat food or your goldfish is hungry, you can provide for them with money. The value of the food stamps you receive is relative to your income and the number of people in the household.

Mrs. Falk, the Income Maintenance Supervisor of the Welfare Board of Morris County, told us that you are only eligible for welfare in New Jersey if you have a family. The only two programs they have are Aid to Dependent Children and Aid to the Families of the Working Poor. So if you are planning on

YALE FUND DRIVE ASKS \$370-MILLION

3½-Year Campaign Begun for Largest Sum Sought by Any U.S. School

By Michael Knight

NEW HAVEN, April 8 — Yale University today announced the largest fund-raising effort ever attempted by an American university, a three-and-a-half-year drive to raise \$370 million.

The bulk of the money will go to shore up Yale's \$525 — million investment portfolio, which has been hard hit in recent years by declines in the stock market and what Kingman Brewster Jr., Yale's president, today called "the recent

taking up residence in the Garden State, don't rely on the Welfare Board for help.

Remember, if you're ever in a bind, there are always clergymen and social workers who will be glad to be of assistance. Never be afraid to ask.

MAGAZINE STAND

Yes folks, there is a magazine stand. Do an about face as you scream your number at the lovely ladies at the checking booth at SAGA, and feast your eyes upon the veritable wealth of literature displayed before you. Members of the Drew Community, you wanted magazines, and now you have them. Looking at the front covers will not broaden your horizons beyond this little pice of paradise we call Drew. They are there to be purchased, and unless you start buying soon, there will be no magazine stand next year. If none of them appeal to your sense of curiosity, humor, or sheer perversity, give your suggestions concerning the selection to the worker at the booth. They will be happy to do whatever they can to oblige you, considering that the magazine stand is providing them with jobs. If you are interested in working at the Stand, contact the manager, Sandy Swenson. Due to lack of support, the stand is now open only at dinner, rather than twice a day, as originally planned. GET OUT THERE AND BUY THOSE MAGAZINES! You're slitting your own throats if you don't.

Apology

The Acorn wishes to apologize to Kevin Hanson and Jane Nordstrom because it omitted material in the last issue concerning their campaigns for the recent SGA Elections. It was a sin of omission — nothing intentional. Also, the Acorn had no knowledge nor did it endorse the placing of posters about the campus endorsing Doug Goodman for Social Committee Chairman.

appalling inflation." The university has had budget deficits three years in a row.

Hundreds of corporations and foundations, as well as all 90,000 living Yale alumni, will be told during the course of the "Campaign for Yale" that the university's position as one of the nation's foremost educational institutions will be seriously threatened unless the \$370 million is raised.

Failure to meet the goal, which was described as a minimum estimate of the university's needs, will result in a "real dwindling of the quality of the institution" Mr. Brewster said.

Advance Donations Cited

Advance donations totaling \$63-million have already been

ON-CAMPUS CAPSULE COURSES

* After the editor of the Mississippi State U. student newspaper, "The Reflector," refused to run an ad for a campus gay organization last semester, the group took the paper to court. Last month in U.S. District Court, a judge dismissed the complaint saying the homosexual group had failed to sufficiently allege actions contrary to law.

* Sixty-three per cent of students polled at North Dakota State U. said too much money is being spent on men's intercollegiate athletics and only 3% felt too little is being spent. But 47% of the 2,000 surveyed thought women's athletics were not sufficiently funded.

* A masked man threw a chocolate pie into the face of the president of Florida State U. as he was holding a "hotline" session with students. The incident was reportedly not in friendly fun.

YALE - (Cont'd)

given or pledged, well over the 10 per cent figure usually sought for a "nucleus," or "kickoff," fund considered essential in any fund drive.

"This should reassure the fearful who might properly worry that the times are not exactly buoyant with optimism, Mr. Brewster said at a money marking the announcement. He acknowledged that the nation's political and economic condition "does not make it easy to raise money or to give it" now.

Fourteen of the advance donations exceeded \$1-million, he said, and five exceeded \$4-million.

Of the \$370-million sought, \$239-million will be invested to produce new operating revenues for the future, \$55-million will be used for current operating expenses, and \$76-million will go for new buildings and the renovation of old ones.

"The president and the fellows of the Yale Corporation begin this campaign for Yale with a very high sense of purpose and confident determination to succeed — not only for Yale, but for the country," Mr. Brewster said echoing a theme worked out for the fund drive that will attempt to link Yale's fate with that of private higher education and of the country as a whole.

"The question is not whether Yale will survive," Mr. Brewster added. "Of course it will. The question is whether Yale will continue to do as well for our successors as it did for us, not just each of us personally, but for the quality of our country and the advancement of learning for the benefit of the world."

Today's ceremony in Connecticut Hall, the oldest building on the campus and which dates from 1750, was attended by a rare public gathering of all the members of the Yale Corporation and marked the culmination of years of planning for the fund drive.

As early as 1967, analysts were predicting that the

* The Arizona Supreme Court ruled that the U. of Arizona had no right to impose a fee on campus distribution racks of a local underground newspaper. For two years the U. had collected \$2 per rack as a "cleanup fee" for the litter caused by the freedistribution paper. "Regardless of the label attached to the fee, it constitutes a license on the right to distribute printed material" which is an unconstitutional infringement on the right to a free press, said the court.

* A "World's record-breaking" phone call was completed recently between a sorority and a fraternity at Morehead State U. (Ky.). The 724-hour conversation -that's 30 dayswas a stunt to raise money for a children's hospital charity.

* About 25% of the U. of Iowa's 21,000 students are 25 years of age or older, according to the registrar's figures.

university would need an infusion of \$161 million to its endowment fund to maintain its present programs with no additional innovation or growth.

Since then, economic forecasts for the next 20 years have been revised again and again by a committee headed by William McChesney Martin, a member of the corporation and a former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

The university's deficit-ridden budget was cut 20 per cent and a experimental year-round academic calendar was voted to increase revenues. And, of primary importance to an institution going into a fund drive, Yale's sometimes troubled relations with its alumni were smoothed.

Rate of Return Lags

The university's current \$525-million endowment produces only an 8 or 9 per cent return—less than many estimates of the current rate of inflation—despite changes in financial mangement and efforts to increase the rate of return.

The effects of a lowered rate of return and inflation have combined to give Yale three budget deficits in a row. Last Year's budget, which totaled \$144.8-million, produced a deficit of \$869,000. Attempts to bring the budget into balance began in 1971, when a record \$2.6 million deficit was reached.

The university is now on an austerity budget, with operating expenses and faculty and staff positions cut 20 per cent since 1971. This year's budget was to have been balanced but for the dramatic and unexpected increase in the cost of heating oil.

Physical improvements planned include a new graduate school of management and a new art library, as well as additional facilities for the Yale Medical Center and renovation of the university's 19th century "old campus."

Reprinted from N.Y. Times, April 8, 1974

National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws

D.C. doctors urge no penalties for private marijuana use

The District of Columbia Medical Society has endorsed a far reaching resolution calling for decriminalization of the private use and possession of marijuana. The Society, representing 700 physicians, urged "that there be no criminal sanctions imposed for possession of small amounts or use of marijuana by anyone.'

The resolution noted that "there appears to be no serious or lasting physical or mental effects from moderate or intermittent useage in healthy adults." The doctors went on to say that they do not recommend the use of the drug and said that persons should be held "fully and legally responsible for their behavior while under the influence of marijuana.'

Last March, an advisory committee to D.C. Mayor Walter Washington recommended complete legalization of marijuana. with the government regulating the growth and distribution.

Dr. Irving Burka, president of the Society, said the effects of marijuana "are much less than one would see with alcohol. Possessing a small amount of it shouldn't be a criminal offense. any more than possessing a pint of liquor is."

With the resolution passed at their annual meeting on Nov. 19, the D.C. doctors join the Alaska State Medical Association, who passed an identical resolution in June, 1972. They are the only two state medical organizations to date to take any affirmative stand on the marijuana issue

After Collinsville

Clutching her Liverspots — Comment

The strong arm tactics used last

year in the widely publicized Collinsville, Illinois drug raids led to the seventeen count indictment of eight federal and four local narcotics agents. It also led to some serious reassessment of police procedure and "noknock" laws.

Not long after the raids occurred in Collinsville, the various government agencies involving federal drug law enforcement were merged into the Justice Department's new Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) In the wake of public outrage at the sudden terror inflicted on three Illinois families, and the bizarre raids which at last count has left three citizens and one narcotics officer dead-all incidents occurring on mistaken information—DEA Administrator

John R. Bartels, Jr. announced new guidelines for narcotics agents.

The published guidelines require that Bartels or his deputy must now authorize the use of no-knock authority. DEA agents must not force an entry for the purpose of arrest except with "probable cause." The agents must first knock and announce their purpose and authority. They must wear distinctive markings for identification such as badges, caps, etc. And, according to the guidelines, no firearms may be used, except in self-

ill-conceived activities of narcotics agents. Now Percy is planning to introduce legislation to repeal the "no-knock" provisions of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970 and the Omnibus Crime Law for the District of Columbia.

Senator Percy finds four serious flaws in a law allowing "noknock" entry. "The law is of doubtful constitutionality; it has proven to be quite ineffective as a tool of law enforcement; it has unnecessarily increased the danger to law enforcement officers and suspects; and, it has contributed to an atmosphere where wholesale assaults on individual rights have taken place.'

Senator Percy is also proposing more legislation in response to incidents like the Collinsville injustices. "It seems to me that it is now time to amend the Federal Tort Claims Act so that victims of deliberate violence at the hands of federal agents can be better compensated, if only monetarily, for their losses."

He tried harder

A rental car dealer in Hawaii found guilty of twenty unfair and deceptive practices, was barred from doing further business in the Aloha state. One of his bag of tricks included placing marijuana in cars of customers who balked at overcharges and then threatening them with arrest if they did not cough up.

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Promoters of "Spring Get Away"... With Money

THERE IS STRONG EVIDENCE THAT THE PROmoters behind the "Spring Get Away," a contest for college students which was heavily advertised through campus newspapers, may have themselves pulled a "getaway."

The contest offered "over \$10,000 in prizes," including expense-paid trips to Florida. Student entrants were required to send one dollar "for processing and handling" and winners were to be selected by random drawing.

Such a scheme, because of the entry fee, clearly makes the contest an illegal lottery, according to a U.S. Postal Department investigator.

But there are suspicions of even more serious charges against the individuals behind the ads. Curtis Enterprises and New Era records, listed in the advertising as the operators of the contest, are nowhere to be found. During the course of the twomonth ad campaign, Curtis Enterprises-New Era Records used three different Atlanta addresses. NOCR was able to verify two of the addresses as being merely mail drops in the offices of public secretarial firms. The telephone number listed for Curtis Enterprises- New Era Records turned out to be a telephone answering service and the operator there, when pressed, said "they were once going to be a customer of ours but I guess it didn't work out."

The Atlanta Better Business Bureau says it has been unsuccessful in attempts to obtain information about the firm, which first came to their attention earlier in 1974. And an Atlanta postal official confirms that the firm is being investigated for potential violations of lottery laws, but that no individual connected with the firm can be

FROEHLKE, LAIRD, AND FORD FOR CONDITIONAL

Although he opposed any form of amnesty while Amer-

icans were dying in Vietnam, the former Secretary of

need to begin mending in every possible way the heart-

supports alternative service in exchange for amnesty.

duties could be found where useful (national) service

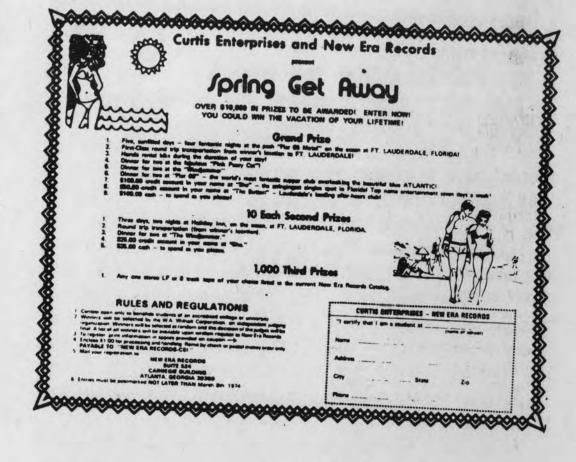
the Army under Nixon now favors a mild type of con-

ditional amnesty for draft resisters. "Because we

break and wounds left by that war, " Mr. Froehlke

"I would settle for three months if any worthwhile

AMNESTY



Bogus ad...it was in ACORN, two issues.

located or even identified as non-ficticious. Advertising for the contest was placed in hundreds of student newspapers, but some refused to run the ad when it was recognized as being in violation of state gambling laws. It is estimated that the total dollar cost of the campaign will approach six figures. Although the potential lottery and fraud charges against the promoters are criminal matters, it is unlikely that any of the student newspapers which ran the ads will be affected. But as one student newspaper ad manager put it when he learned of the suspicious circumstances surrounding the "Spring Get Away" promotion, "I guess we'll have a hard time collecting the bill for all that advertising."

could be performed in this short time period." (New York Times, 24 Jan. '74)

Since Froehlke has returned to his duties as President of Sentry Insurance in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, he seems to have shed the fears the Army loudly proclaimed during his tenure about ill effects of any form of amnesty will have on the ability of the U.S. to raise conscript military forces in the future.

Seven days after Froehlke declared his support for conditional amnesty, former Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird announced at his last press conference as Presidential Counsellor that he, too, supported a form of conditional amnesty for draft violators. "I am against a general or blanket but I think some sort of conditional approach towards equity in this area needs to be considered.... " (29 Jan. '74 Laird Press Conference, White House.)

U.S. Senator Charles Percy (R., III.) is not satisfied. His hearings were instrumental in focusing public attention on the

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NEWS photo by Charles Frattini Minnie Towns, 77, among those snared in roundup of dope pushers, arrives at Brooklyn district attorney's office.

EDITORIAL

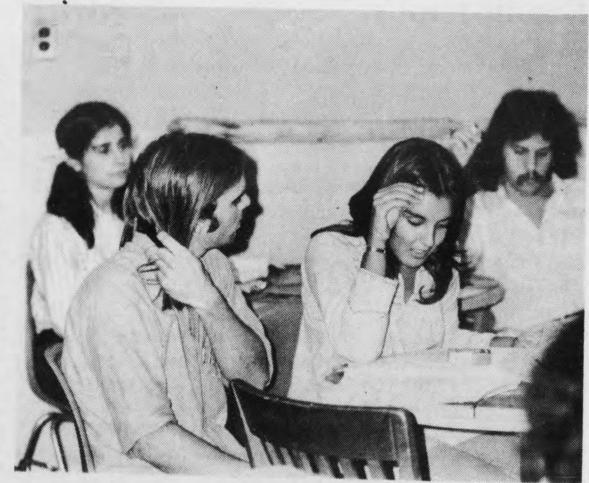
This Editorial is coming in two parts. First part one and then part two.

On Wednesday, Ken Grebenstein and Carl Winner became the two most prominent student leaders on this campus. I congratulate them on becoming the new Prezz and V.P., although I think that Roy Beatty would have provided the proper moral climate if he had become our "leader." But I don't want to spend my time discussing the new SGA administration.

Rather, I would like to take the opportunity and the space to thank John Howell for doing a really fine job as President over the past year. He made it possible for myself and a number of other people to become involved in the workings of Drew. John had the patience and the wisdom needed to promote student interests and student awareness as they relate to campus life.

There are always comments made that Student Government is ineffective and non-structive. Well to those comments I can only reply "Nuts, it just ain't true." I watched and worked with John for a whole year. I witnessed what he and his associates accomplished. They got a fair Search and Seizure Policy, a workable Judicial Structure, a Pub License, and a whole lot of other good stuff that would take a paragraph to list.

All that John accomplished, he did through talking to people, listening to still more people, respecting all people, and persevering. His philosophy about Drew was one that all could use as their own. He told me several times that Drew is a place to come and learn about yourself, a place to improve by taking the time to, and most important a place where you meet a few people in your four years to love. Sorry John, if I'm being too silly.



Well, anyway, I just wanted to put something down on paper for posterity, "maidenform consciousness," and oregown mania to say thanks.

The second topic of conversation will have to be two topics. There are several music majors who would like to see some better facilities. In discussions with administrators, it became obvious to me that there are priorities for everything at Drew. It is also apparent that Drew is waiting for some nice soul to give it \$10-million to build a fine arts center for all the arts. It's a great idea/dream. But when will it happen? Next year or in ten years? In either case I don't think that Drew "Arts" majors should be prisoners of inlimbo priorities and planning. Students here now should receive the best. Students here ten years from now should receive a fine arts center.

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Letters to the Editor

April 9, 1974

Editor, The Drew Acorn Drew University

To the Editor:

In his April 6, 1974 column "Target", writer Gary Biermann suggested that the Inflationary Spiral "could be ended almost immediately if there were increased taxation on the public." I tend to disagree with this statement as it stands, and since the theme of his column was clearing up the "cross-fire of trash that is handed out by politicians of this country", I would like to take the opportunity to try to clear up the cross-fire trash that Biermann has laid on us.

Gary, you suffer from a simplistic view-point of the U.S. economy. Although an aggregate increase in tax revenues with no increase in government spending will help to lessen our fiscal deficit, the affect on inflation is not so certain. Our economy is presently just about at full employment. The unemployment rate (total) of about 5% has become a newly accepted norm, and we are just about at capacity utilization in our basic material and capital goods industries. Now according to theory, IF we are suffering from the Demand-Pull variety of inflation, the solution is to reduce consumption. I'm not sure that an increase in taxes will net this affect. Most of the increase in the consumer price index is due to rising food and energy costs, not only in the U.S., but abroad as well. The demand for these commodities is relatively inelastic to price. An increase in taxes (Biermann failed to mention exactly what type of increase he had in mind, which is like reporting baseball scores without mentioning team names, but I'll assume he meant an increase in income taxes.) cannot possibly reduce the Cost-Push type of inflation, which is what we have here. This would cause consumers, who now have less disposable income thanks to Biermann's tax hike, to dip into their savings to meet the rising costs of the basic commodities.

Another effect of the tax hike would be a reduction in consumption which would give rise to a slowing of economic growth. This we don't need — industrial production, particularly automobile production, is already down. Forcing it down further will increase unemployment, and



I'd rather have inflation than unemployment.

A third point — in 1968 we had an incredible Federal budget deficit, due to the war, but no where near the inflation we have today, without a war to finance. This hints at the fact that the economy might be a bit more complex than you would have your readers think.

Tax hikes, reductions in savings and investment, production and GNP contractions, unemployment, food and energy shortages, — KABOOM! I hope you see what I mean, Gary.

I don't have the answers, but I think we should point to the right causes. Gasoline prices inflated because of an oil embargo. Food prices inflated because of a wheat deal with Russia that left our farmers short, and also a worse harvest than was anticipated. Your stereo cost more this year because Japan is suffering from an inflation twice as bad as ours. In fact, all of the major powers are battling inflation, and each country feeds the others' problems.

For a solution, I think we should point more toward monetary matters. The money supply has grown, perhaps too much, which adds to inflation. Credit is too easily available. And there are an array of other problems.

I hope you now see that a tax increase is just one of the many things politicians can talk about. Let's do something about inflation, but let's do the right thing.

Ray Condal

Dear Editor,

I am very impressed with the extra effort Saga has taken this week of Passover. There are few schools which would take the trouble to make a difficult holiday, dietically speaking, easier on its observers. I appreciate it as I'm sure others do.

C. Rosenbaum

ASSORTED COMMENTS

by Marc Weiss

Several members of this University community are reflectant to share their knowledge of campus-related occurrences or administrative decisions with the local press. However, through much experience in working with the administration, particular individuals have risen above and beyond the call of duty in their desire to aid the informational network upon which every newspaper is based. These individuals have repeatedly been responsive and totally cooperative with the Acorn in its effort to gather the facts. Needless to say, not every time could the information desired be divulged But that is not the fault of anyone. It is rather the result of an unfortunate higher-echelon University policy which divorces the student from consultation or consideration in financial negotiations and contractual agreements pertaining directly to the interests of said students. For instance, if one wishes to discover information concerning the food service contract, one logically requests such information from the University Purchasing Agent. However, the Purchasing Agent then refers the inquisitive reporter to the Vice-President and the Treasurer. One then attempts to secure an appointment with the VP & Treasurer. After myriads of telephone calls to his secretary, it is realized that such information is not to be accessible to the concerned student.

However, despite the limitations of this policy of secretive information holding, John Keiper, Director of Safety; Walter Rommel, Safety Officer; Buddy Clark, Food Service Manager; and Chris Miller, Assistant Food Service Manager have proven themselves dedicated to the principles of professional integrity. Mr. Rommel and Mr. Miller are relatively new to the Drew campus, but have displayed an enthusiastic interest in their employment and its relationship to the student body. Mr. Keiper and Mr. Clark have a long record of assisting students, and cooperating with their interest when it is feasible to so do.

The ACORN may have its difficulties with some administrators in seeking the facts, but those individuals mentioned have expressed a consistent willingness to offer whatever assistance permissible in the operation of the paper.

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Another significant quality of the unusual foursome is the sincere dedication shown in the daily exercise of their respective job responsibilities. None of these gentlemen consider Drew to be a place of employment. Instead, it is greeted with the attitude that Drew is a place to learn and learn from.

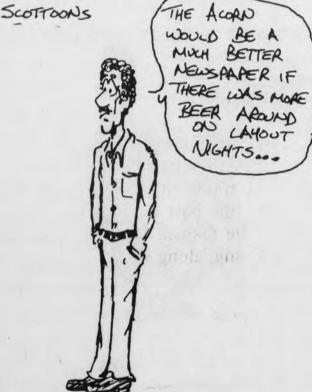
find it amazingly difficult to understand how two people the same age from very possibly similar backgrounds can sit in the same room for two hours. listen to the same two people talk, and leave hearing two very different things. I am referring to Lloyd Harris's article on the cover of the last issue of the ACORN concerning Oxnam's lunch with some students.

After reading the one account of the meeting I would like to relate what I heard, which, unfortunately is different.

"... when Oxnam stated he had never supported Nixon, a student accused him of being a liar. The president retaliated by saying, 'you, sir, are a liar." I was sitting next to the person that Mr. Oxnam accused of being a liar and he merely stated what the President had said two years ago and the President, not remembering, or not wanting to remember that he had said it, called him a liar. The "retaliation" was done by the student, not the President.

".... Students stated that they should choose their own speaker ... ' When the topic of graduation came up the students did not say they wanted to choose the speaker, only that they wanted to have some sort of a participation in the activities, that is, more than merely walking up to receive a degree of very questionable value. He did say that he was open to suggestions for next year, but when pressed also said he would not necessarily listen to any of the suggestions. Then the President went on to remind any students that might have forgotten that "you are not graduating but rather are being graduated".

This luncheon did indeed demonstrate a vast lack of communication between the administrators and the students but I feel it also demonstrated an even greater communication gap between the members of the student body. If this gap doesn't close first we can never hope to achieve progress in dealing with the administrators. Nancy Baughman



Dear Wesley,

I was furious when I read your editorials, and the fake letters from Dean Nelbach and President Oxnam. To say these writings illustrate the mind of a puerile, unthinking, and insensitive person would be an understatement.

"The role of a newspaperman is that of a guerilla - to smash through the word and the image and then put it all back together again." Wesley, that is an outright lie. The word newspaper has NEWS in it - the Acorn prints far too little of it. A journalist does not put the smashed word and image back together he presents them as they EXIST, not as he colors them to exist. A journalist must find facts; a newspaper must print the facts in an unbiased way. Let the people decide for themselves. "... in a pinch, urine will always melt the ice." In a pinch, Wesley, urine discolors and destroys the ice. It is small wonder that the Administration and the Trustees loathe the student body. Your are knifing the people for whom you act as leader.

Sincerely,

Karen Cheh Pat Connors Wanda M. Walls Rob Muessel Jane L. Nordstrom

SILLY LETTERS

Dear Remo,

Hi. I would like to meet you but I eat at 5 o'clock usually sitting on the side where lines 1 and 2 are. I'm 5'8", brown hair, brown eyes, male, and am interested in a full and meaningful realtionship for both of us. Are you interested?

RSVP (in the Acorn)

To the editor:

Re the "asshole" letters by "Nelbach" and "Oxnam". e.g.

To the editor:

I am not an asshole.

Inez Nelbach Dean, C.L.A.

Concurring in the opinions expressed in the Beatty letter I protest the inclusion of these letters in the March 9 issue of the Acorn.

The editors aren't assholes, they're penis brains. Oh yes, there was a letter submitted for the March 9 issue concerning an open meeting of the SAGA advisory board on Tuesday, March 12. Somehow this letter never got printed.

Instead: assholes, assholes, assholes, assholes

Sincerely,

Ron Aker

To the editor; For all members:

Genitalmen?

An epic tail, with minor digressions: In Search Of The Holy Fuck Books) starring Ralph Plant and Lady Erika. There follows a detailed account of the quest as made manifest to me whilst frigging mineself before prancing nude-breasted dancers in the dark Deep.

Ralph, the spunky foetus, was kicking a few Emburies around in a mead adjacent to Sledgemore Cottage, while Lady Erika pasta her time away with paper-back riders. Heretofore, FUCK BOOKS were not to be found, though pursued with great urgency. Secretely, Lady ERika and Ralph, a lowly stable boy, planned to consummate their forthcoming derailment to debauchery. She said to him: "My word, you talk like oozing pimples". In reply he said, "Whench, sit on my face".

In pursuit of sanity, available only at the expense of FUCK BOOKS, they trod toward Sir Bobby's elfin grot.

Next Week's Exciting Episode:

The Holy Quest Continues . . .

Sir's:

Batter my heart, three-personed fuckbook; for You

As yet but knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend:

That I may rise and stand, o'erthrow me, and bend

Your force to break, blow, burn, and make me new.

yours;

j. Donne

To The Acorn Editor:

The contents of a recent letter from my son Larry (a first year student at Drew University), has caused us (his parents) much distress. Although Larry has favorably responded to Drew's intellectually rigorous and stimulating environment, he is quite disturbed by the Rose Memorial Library's literary deficiencies. Very simply, he can't find any "fuck books." I realize that the college imposes restrictions on certain aspects of student life, but how do you expect my son to shall we say, "get off?" Considering my personal investment in Larry's education, I expect the situation to be promptly rectified. I am after all concerned with his mental and spiritual welfare. Thank you.

A Loving Father

preferably remaining anonymous

To the Editor:

You have thought that you are safe. You have reverted to the printing of assorted trash: the reversion to the vile ways of the past reared their ugly head again. The Oxnam letter is unexcusable. In so doing, along with the Blitzzt letter



HEY, I HEAR THAT IN THE LETTERS SECTION THIS ISH THE EDITOR WROTE A LETTER SIGNING OXNAMS NAME. YEAH, WELL LOOK AT THIS - THE "OX" IS NO DUMMY !! HE WROTE A M LETTER AND SIGNED THE EDITOR'S NAMENI

the doors are open to Communist Threat AGAIN! Totally reprehensible were the deeds that were produced from the mind of some brainless simian: Wes Blitzzt. Using the idea of the famous Red Rag; the National Lampoon is perhaps just as bad as the Acorn's judgement. As the brain waves reverberate in the hollow recessed convolutions of that poor excuse of protoplasm that you have the audacity to refer to as a brain remember that we are so particular when we have you in our sights — we are watching intently, waiting - just sitting for the right movement that will catapult us to the forefront once again . . . bringing Truth out of jive . . . A catharsis awaits Drew. We shall bring the American Way back to Drew. It is not the isolated entity that all think . . . for they who so think are also brainless pseudo-simians for they allow themselves to be spoon-fed.

THE CONSERVATIVE EDGE

P.S. Wes and Ross are assholes too.

Finally, SAGA has two good people working for them at Drew. Buddy Clark and Chris Miller run the show for SAGA at Drew. When I hear all this talk about replacing SAGA I begin to wonder. Anyone who has a complaint or suggestion is encouraged to take it Clark or Miller. They're nice guys who listen.

During the following weeks, Dean Sawin and several students will be making trips to other food services at other schools in order to determine whether Drew can can do better for its money than it does with SAGA. I would caution this task force to take into account the things SAGA does give us: seconds, salad bar, all you can drink, etc. Most important is the need to have a service that will employ students. Students need money, and SAGA has been a place where they could make some. Students are not head cooks as many believe. They do help out in preparation. I wonder whether we can do better for our money than we are doing now.



Features

Spring Comes to Drew

By David M. Schiller, Jr.

We have had warm days since the end of January, but an imaginary Drew groundhog wouldn't have come out of its hole until Wednesday, the 3rd, when many students shed their coats after morning classes in response to the temperature. That kind of reaction is innocuous; another, more subtle and regarded as damaging, is the chronic estrangement of students from their studies. When I was at the library after lunch, nothing in print could distract me from the daydreams inspired by the springtime air the ventilation system inhaled through a nearby window. I knew others shared my problem when on the walk back to my room I heard music coming from four loudspeakers some freshmen (must have been freshmen) put on the roof of Tolley Hall. Below, other victims of the environment were scattered among the sunny spots, listening to the amateur D.J.'s. play requests. My purpose was to study, however, so I fought the natural urge and went inside. I shut the window to aid concentration, but the music penetrated the glass and the sound of an old favorite, Sittin ' On Top of the World, ended my hopes of working.

Drewites often treat spring fevers by trekking through the forest, although their modes of transportation may vary. Still sitting in my room, I was startled out of a trance directed towards the woods when a battered foreign car with a grinning driver emerged from one of the trails. In the spring, squirrels no longer own Drew Forest and students replace acorns as the commonly found nuts.

Partying is yet another indicator of the spirit of spring, and through my wall a room-full of Rugby players could be heard planning the first outdoor Bierfest of the season. Later that night, music aimed from a second story window gave a younger generation atmosphere to a suburban-style gathering of friends and neighbors. Cooling air and some drizzle drove the party indoors, but the thunderstorm after midnight marked the first genuine April shower.

In spite of the unseasonal weather that has returned, we members of the Drew community will find ourselves further affected by spring: we will see May flowers appear, more couples walking at night, and bare feet; frisbee sightings will increase, and so on

FROM THE COUNSELING CENTER

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TARGET

by Gary Biermann

The elections have come and gone today and with them, perhaps gone too, is the certain aura of excitement brought on by actions committed by those who don't know what is really going on.

I had the opportunity today of Poll watching for Jane Nordstrom and I'd like to show you what the atmosphere was in the glass-walled lounge in the U.C.

I, like many others, entered the lounge to vote and calmly took out my ID card and received my Authorization to Vote. Somewhere or another, these little scraps of paper were dug up from the Parsippany-Troy Hills area (Sewerage District One) and the Election was to be held in the local fire house. There used to be a certain air when the only method of preserving the election was a grubby box with an even more grubby sheet with the students' names on it. There was an almost radical air about it. The voting machine, although a trip in itself, just doesn't have the old pizzaz.

Well, at any rate, the voting machine seems to show that the Establishment once again had to step in and clear out the problem. (Dorian Mickey did a fine job of running the show, though.)

The person strides over to the machine — his newfound authorization slip clutched in his hand, only to have it taken away again at the side of the door. The apprehensive ones and the ones with experience in handling voting machines are easily discernible: the experienced ones calmly walk in and close the curtain. The others walk in, fumble for the knob, and jump forty feet when the curtain snaps shut the claustrophobic cell. I jumped.

With an air of having succeeded, I sat down to watch others endure the fate that I had perservered.

All in all, the Voting Machine is a very good idea in the ideal of promoting fairness.

Next week: back to digging up the dirty linen on the Drew Campus. How much does Johnny really spend on Saga meals?

A Question for Drew

A question for the Drew Community. Is a person who recognizes a need that should be met, regardless of the environment, is that person obligated to meet that need? Please recognize that since it is a need, the person who determines that there is a need has some committment to that need. If the question is to abstract, it would appear to me, the questioner, that you can not adequately answer the question. Those of you who dare to attempt to answer the question. Deware that one may be inclined to apply the answer to everything one does vis-a-vis Drew, Academics, and/or the outside world. Perhaps the Acorn may see fit to print your response.

A PALACE DEDICATED TO THE MUSE OF CELLULOID: THE BLEEKER STREET CINEMA

by Peter Stamelman

Les Rubin's Bleeker Street Cinema, at 144 Bleeker Street in the heart of the West Village, is New York City's most unique movie palace. Open only on weekends, the Bleeker Street specializes in double bills of vintage movie classics. For example, this past weekend Mr. Rubin, dipping into his own extensive collection of Alfred Hitchcock films, presented two seldom-seen' Hitchcock thrillers - Young and Innocent (1937), a "crisply paced, excellently performed melodrama" according to The New York Times of that year and the original uncut British version of The 39 Steps (1935) with the inimitable Robert Donat as the quick-witted hero of the John Buchan classic. In addition, Chapter Eight of Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe was on the bill, as it is every weekend for all twelve chapters. Two rare Hitchcock suspense yarns, plus Flash Gordon streaking through space, all for \$2.50. That makes the Bleeker Street not only the most unique cinema palace in New York City, but the cheapest as well!

This weekend, starting Friday, April 12, Mr. Rubin will be offering two great W.C. Fields laugh riots — Mississippi (1935) co-starring Bing Crosby, with songs by Rodgers and Hart and International House (1933) co-starring George Burns and Gracie Allen in a rare film performance. Plus, of course, Chapter Nine of Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe. (Wait until you catch Charles Middleton as Ming the Merciless. Man, is he evil.)

Incidentally, if you are a real film buff and wish to be kept informed of upcoming programs at the Bleeker Street, just leave your name and address at the box office and you will receive a monthly schedule. Also stay tuned to this column as I will be mentioning any future programs of special note.

For starting times or directions to the theatre telephone (212) 674-3210. In addition check the movie ads in the Village Voice or the movie theatre listings in Cue, New York Magazine and The New Yorker.

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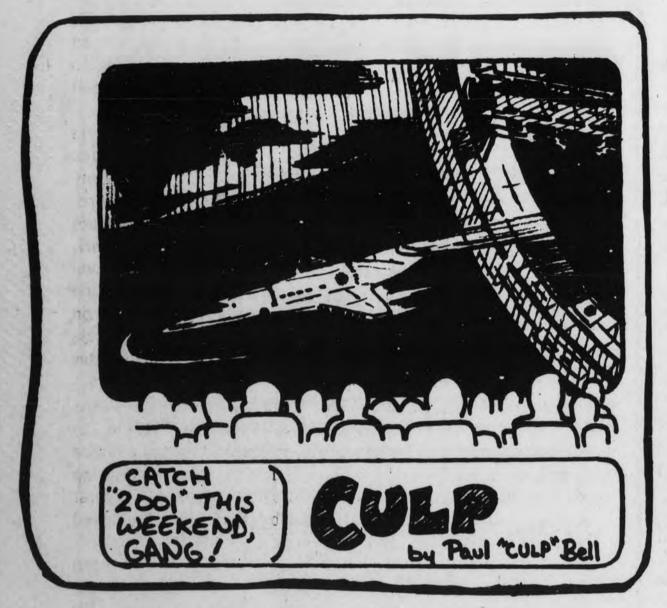
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Entertainment





2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY

by Bob Ryan

Stanley Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey is a total film experience. All elements; score, photography, composition, etc. combine to make a uniquely beautiful and powerful film. In slightly less than three hours Kubrick (and his co-author Arthur C. Clarke) makes use of the science fiction genre to explore the origins and the possible future of man. As if this isn't enough, the film is also a highly exciting adventure story.

Although I don't normally go into plot guides or summaries, in this case it may be useful. The film divides itself into three parts. The first, entitled "The Dawn of Man" deals with a group of "man-apes" in primeval Africa. Their normal pattern of existence is interrupted by the appearance of a large black monolith which mysteriously emits a piercing noise. The monolith becomes a catalyst for the emerging humanistic behavior of the "man-apes". They discover the use of the bone as a tool/weapon, and war is born. From here we move to a space shuttle and moon base Clavius in the year 2001, where a monolith has been unearthed. The slab begins emitting radio signals which seem to be heading in the direction of Jupiter. An expedition is sent to determine the source of the emissions, which leads into the third section of the film "Jupiter and the Beyond". The ending of the film is one of the most enigmatic in film history, and as Kubrick refuses to discuss it, the meaning of the slab and the "star-child" may remain an unanswered question. There are, however two main interpretations that seem closest to the truth and deserve consideration. The first sees the monolith as a manifestation of God, and the journey as man's search for God. The second, and more plausible of the two, sees the slab as a marker left by a more advanced civilization. Another is placed on the moon reasoning that once man had developed far enough to reach his sister planet he would be of sufficient interest to the more highly developed race. This view interprets the ending as the beginning of a new phase in human evolution.

2001 is a triumph of modern cinema, worth any price of admission, and when free an absolute must.

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SPOTLIGHT: GENESIS

by Rick Atkinson

Each time Genesis does a tour of this country they go home with more fans and higher record sales. They have a musical style and a stage show unique in the history of rock. Over the past several years they have worked hard and refined their style to its present form. It is necessary to follow their history to really fully understand the band.

Genesis originally started as a group of frustrated songwriters who couldn't find anyone interested in using their material. They decided that the logical solution was to form a band and perform the numbers themselves. The original three were vocalist Peter Gabriel, bass guitarist Mike Rutherford, and keyboard man Anthony Banks. Along with a guitarist and a drummer they recorded their first album under the guidance of Jonathan King, now known as the Bubblegum King.

Just as the album was to be released they ran into a snag. The group had dreams of being international stars, but some-body discovered that there was already an American band called Genesis. A fast name change and later the group was again ready to release the album under the name Revelation. This time an American band called Revelation was discovered. Rather than hold the album up again the record company just released the record with a set of liner notes explaining that the group didn't have a name yet. The album was finally called "From Genesis to Revelation."

The period following the album's release saw the group change musical style and record label. The first album was at least partially a product of the psychedelic age, while their second album brought them closer to the sound we know today.

Their new label was Tony Stratton-Smith's new Charisma Label. Stratton-Smith teamed them up with producer John Anthony and sent them off to Trident Studios to work on a new album. The result was "Trespass," the band's second album. While it was a good album for the time it is, today, the band's weakest effort. Of all of the songs on the album only one ("The Knife") still appears in the group's stage show. For a long time "Trespass" was unavailable in this country. It was originally released in this country by Impulse Records, but it sold very poorly. When Impulse ceased to exist so did the album. It has recently been re-released by ABC Records in the same cover except for the obvious change of record company

After the release of "Trespass" the group made a personnel change. Guitarist Anthony Phillips was replaced by Steve Hackett, and drummer John Mayhew was replaced by Phil Collins. This brought the band to its present line-up.

"Trespass" was followed by "Nursery Cryme," which many of the group's fans think of as the first real Genesis album. It was the first with the new line-up and it was also the first with the distinctive sound that is now identified with the group. The album included "The Return of the Giant Hogweed" and "The Musical Box," both of which became mainstays of the band's set on the first American tour. As with "Trespass," however, the new album excited very little in the way of record buying. Despite superb reviews the album went almost completely unnoticed.

Genesis first reached a large Amèrican audience with the release of "Foxtrot." Songs like "Watcher of the Skies" and "Can—Utility and the Coastliners" received excellent radio airplay and record sales began to mount up.

Charisma wanted the group to tour America in December of 1972 to promote "Foxtrot," but they ran into a problem. The group was booked for a European tour and would not be free to come to America until March of the following year. As a compromise Charisma booked the group for WNEW-FM'S annual benefit concert at Philharmonic Hall. Genesis came to America from Hamburg, played the concert and returned to Hamburg in time to resume their tour. They did their first full American tour in March 1973.

During the summer the group had an album released in England called "Genesis Live." It had originally been recorded just as a promotional tape for American radio, but Tony Stratton-Smith decided to release it as an album in Europe. The group consented, but with the agreement that the album would never be released here. At the end of the summer, however, Stratton-Smith switched the American distribution of Charisma Records from Buddah Records to Atlantic Records. Since Charisma still owed Buddah a few albums on their original contract, Buddah was given permission to release "Genesis Live" in this country. It should be out by the time you read this paper.

The reason for the release of "Genesis Live" in the first place was that the group was taking longer than expected in producing a new studio album. When "Selling England by the Pound" was finally released, however, it more than made up for the time it took to make it. It has been the band's most successful album to date, garnering both critical acclaim and good sales figures.

It is not hard to understand that Peter Gabriel is the man most associated with the name Genesis. Being the lead singer he holds the spotlight throughout the group's stage act. His make-up and costuming are the main subject of just about every article ever written about the band. He seems to realize this, and so he leaves the stage whenever he is not singing, thus focusing the audience's attention on the other four members of the band. He returns, usually with a new costume, when he is needed for vocal chores.

One of the things that makes Genesis such an interesting group to see live also makes them a hard group to watch too often. The show has a very easy-going feel to it, complete with jokes and kidding remarks flying around the stage. It eases the tension of the highly structured performance very well, but it is far from spontaneous. When you see them several times you begin to realize that even the jokes and light-hearted remarks are carefully rehearsed and appear in every show in the same form

Despite their few weaknesses, Genesis may very well be one of the most musically and visually stimulating bands making the rounds today. They have good musical ability, a good lead singer, and an excellent collective song-writing ability. All they lack is a mass audience.

DISCOGRAPHY

- 1. "From Genesis to Revelation" Decca Records (not released in U.S.)
- 2. "Trespass" ABC Records in U.S., Charisma Records in U.K.
- 3. "Nursery Cryme" Charisma Records
- 4. "Foxtrot" Charisma Records
- 5. "Genesis Live" Charisma Records in U.K., Buddah Records in U.S.
- 6. "Selling England by the Pound" Charisma Records

Although Laird speculated that "my position may be a little different than the President's, but I would like to think that there would be some movement here," syndicated columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak focus on the divergent views Laird and Nixon have on

amnesty. (2 Feb '74) Without consulting Laird, Nixon informed the Veterans of Foreign Wars that he steadfastly opposed any form of amnesty. Likewise, Laird without consulting the President told the VFW that changing political conditions had forced him to modify

his earlier opposition to amnesty.

Evans and Novak see these divergent views as a concrete example of how isolated Nixon has become. "The astonishing disagreement between Richard M. Nixon and Melvin R. Laird over amnesty for Vietnam draft dodgers underscores as nothing else the President's dangerous isolation from the shrewd politician who has just ended eight frustrating months as domestic counsellor." Not only was Laird unable to discuss amnesty with Nixon but neither has anyone else, high White House officials told Evans and Novak.

"Thus, President Nixon is probably wholly unaware of bipartisan feeling in Congress that something eventually must be done about amnesty..." The columnists add further that even Vice President Gerald Ford has seen the writing on the wall and before moving to the White House told his Congressional constituents

that a conditional amnesty is in order.

However, the President's official position as expressed by his 23 January '74 letter to the VFW national commander remains inflexible. "The few who refused to serve or deserted their country must pay a penalty for their choice.... We cannot provide torgiveness for them.... The price is a criminal penalty." Later on Lincoln's birthday after Nixon delivered a speech at the Lincoln Memorial in which he compared himself with the greatness of the Civil War President, White House officials repeated the "criminal penalty" statement in response to media queries on Nixon's amnesty position. (CBS Evening News, 12 February '74)

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Presidential intransigence notwithstanding, the declaration of such widely respected conservative Republicans as Laird and Ford are highly significant. Regardless of who sits in the Oval Office, the Republican signal that conditional amnesty is acceptable will hasten the pace of the politics of amnesty. The VFW-American Legion "criminal penalty" position will quickly be put into the isolated context with respect to public opinion that it has always represented quantitatively.

Qualitatively the "criminal penalty" position has enjoyed more publicity than it deserved precisely because highly placed conservatives gave it their support. With the signal for change issued and a President who many feel is maneuvering for his own amnesty as the holdout for no amnesty for war resisters, the movement for conditional amnesty will become a real challenge to the universal, unconditional amnesty

forces.

It is more important now than ever before that people organizing for amnesty understand the need for struggle after the first less-than-honorable amnesty is granted by Washington in order to divide and weaken the movement for real amnesty. For how Washington has done this after World Wars I and II see "Unity and Mass Pressure: Formula for Fast, Just Amnesty", Amex Vol. 4, No. 1.

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