"In a sick country every step to health is an insult to those who live on its sickness"

The Fixer - Bernard Kalamud

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fully, next year student government will be more responsive to student opinion.

Judy Reed

Recently several persons have commented to us that certain of our articles have been in poor taste. We, the staff collective, apologize for this and hope it will not happen again. But, we are a free press and cannot, nor do we deem it necessary, to censor what someone wishes to put in The Fixer. We feel some poor articles (so described by our readers) are necessary if excellent pieces are to continue. As we have stated time and time again, we will print anything submitted to us (in accordance with the copyright laws and if accompanied with the sender's name which will be withheld on request).

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MARCH 16

On Monday, March 16, Mr. John C. Lowe, an American Civil Liberties Union attorney will speak on the Madison campus. Mr. Lowe was co-counsel on the Eisenstein case (sexual segregation in higher education), and is counsel on cases involving challenges to the marijuana law and anti-riot law. He is also Virginia counsel to Operation Southern Justice, the major ACLU civil rights program. Mr. Lowe's main purpose in coming to Madison is to answer questions the students might have regarding their constitutional rights, which are not forfeited when you enter college. Madison's infamous Handbook will come up for discussion; please bring a copy along with you, along with any other questions you might have to put to Mr. Lowe.

PLACE and TIME of Mr. Lowe's appearance will be posted.
PINK PILLS: FOR GENERALS ONLY

SOUTH VIETNAM (LNS)—All U.S. personnel are told to take pills against malaria. The troops get big orange pills, which prevent malaria most of the time (although not all of the time) as well as both nausea and vomiting as a side effect. Researchers have now developed according to the Overseas Weekly, a new anti-malarial pill—a pink one—which fights malaria and doesn’t cause nausea. But the pink pills are expensive, so only generals get them.

There are about 10 million Americans who smoke marijuana regularly or occasionally, who for obvious reasons wish that this drug were treated more sensibly by the law. The writer also wishes to see the prohibitions and punishments relating to pot approached more rationally.

Pot is used for a variety of reasons. Because marijuana is illegal, many young people of today use it to show their rebellion against society. The most obvious reason for pot smoking is the exhilarating effect it has on the user. The third and least known reason for the use of marijuana is its medical benefits. Marijuana is the best known means for treating depression, loss of appetite, high blood pressure, anxiety, and migraine. In fact, the father of our nation, George Washington, used marijuana for its medical benefits.

Marijuana is a relatively harmless drug. The only physical effect on the body is an increased heart rate, but along with it is a feeling of lightness of the eyes. In fact, alcohol and tobacco have more adverse effects on the body than does marijuana. Pot does not effect the blood sugar rate as alcohol does nor does it become a psychological crutch for the user as do both alcohol and tobacco. Instead of doing harm to the respiratory system, pot has been a most effective treatment for respiratory ailments.

Pot smoking does not lessen the mental capacity no matter if the user is under the influence of the drug or not. Tests have shown that the capacity of the user is not lessened, but sometimes increased over a long period of time. Long term users and inexperienced subjects did equally as well in tests for concentration and mental stability, even while on very high doses. In fact some pot smokers scored higher or while under the influence of the drug than without it.

Contrary to the public’s opinion, pot smoking does not lead to the use of addictive drugs. This “stepping stone” theory means that to obtain a larger “high” the user tries more effective and harmful drugs. The truth is, as one becomes more experienced in the use of pot, he can obtain a larger “high” from the same amount of pot.

A parallel can be drawn between the prohibition of marijuana of today and the alcohol prohibition earlier in this century. It is evident that any attempt to legislate morality results only in widespread disrespect for the law, and new markets and profits for gangsters. Before it is too late, our conservative legislators must wake up and realize that the menace is not marijuana, but the way it is treated by the law.

Dave Bassler

American Revolutionary Media (ARM)

LNS—First of all, I would not like this to sound like a sob story. Even though it sort of is. With smack I had lost from the beginning. I hated to admit when I was using smack that I was becoming an addict. No one who ever uses smack ever really sees addiction. Though people sincerely believe that they’re the one who is not going to catch a habit, as in my case.

My personal experience with dope began at the snorting stage. Snorting dope was an experience I had never had. I have made much of this to sound like a sob story. I never got a smack head so much that I started doing it at least twice a week, mostly on weekends.

Being very paranoid toward medicines, it took me quite a while to
Dear Students,

I have been the target of criticism, ridicule, and bitterness since I published an article in this paper about Student C.T. and her article on the Toni Flitter case. Before I published this article, I had noticed much bitterness around me. There was bitterness between students and townies, students and faculty, students and administration, even between students and students. This puzzled me and I desired to know a reason for all this bitterness I witnessed. Although I still do not have a reason, I now have a better insight.

As a Sociology major, I secret-ly conducted an independent study. I started with the hypothesis that bitterness feeds bitterness. For the purpose of this study I confined bitterness to the following definition—the willingness of a person to publicly degrade another person because of their ideas. I now wish to make the results publicly known.

When Student C.T. published her rather bitter article about Toni Flitter, I chose to write a bitter reply and observe the results. Apologies to Student C.T. who suffered the blunt of this study. Nothing of which I said about you was verified but was said only to evoke certain expected responses.

Some of you that have followed the paper probably remember some of the bitter replies I received. Lewis Sword rather sarcastically expressed his bitterness toward my ideas and a girl whose name escapes me recently published a rather blunt article concerning myself. Student C.T. sent me a somewhat bitter letter in the mail I had planned the semester by writing further bitter articles and observing the replies but the results to the present in my opinion have been rather—to be blunt—sickening.

The evidence is far from conclusive but I have decided to abandon this study and gather no more evidence. I have seen enough. One possible redeeming factor I noticed was that some students are willing to defend other students whom they feel have been treated harshly or unfairly as seen by those who rushed to defend Student C.T. by attacking me. But that does not overshadow the fact that my bitter article evoked bitter replies just as uncalled for as was my article. The appeal I made

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Dear Editor:

For more union between students was honest, my accusations were not. This increased union does not include bitterness. It has been proven in my eyes by this study that bitterness is like a weed. If watered, it will grow everywhere. I would not be surprised to receive bitter replies against this study I conducted.

Sincerely,

Philip R. Cato

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I have just returned from another nauseating meal at Ma Copper's Cafeteria, commonly known as Gibbons Hall. I'm beginning to think I'd be better off starving to death rather than face that place again. You enter the door and try to push your way through the mob into the coatroom, hoping that maybe this time the food will be worth the wait the line—But so far it never has been! Today (Sunday, Feb. 15) the menu consisted of rib steak, potatoes, asparagus, rolls, and peach shortcake. I found a table and sat down with my tray before me, wondering which delicacy would be the least lethal. After scrapping the sauce off of the "stake" I found it to be a fatty mass with a few fleas of meat in it. I'll be damned if I was going to eat that thing. Then proceeded to put some margarine on my lukewarm mashed potatoes. They tasted o.k., if you like watery paste; maybe Anthony-Seeger had a surplus of it or something. Next I tried tackling the asparagus. It wasn't too bad, truthfully, but it's hardly a balanced diet. The rolls were cold, hard, and inedible in my opinion. The "piece de resistance" was the peach shortcake. I'll have to admit it really looked good to my deprived taste-buds. I picked up a forkful of it and was about to put it in my mouth when my fiancé screamed at me. Bless his heart, he may have saved my stomach's life, for there on top of my soiling mouth lay a long black hair. That did it; I couldn't eat another bite if my life depended on it (perhaps it did.) We left, hungry but nauseated.

Surely there must be a solution to this situation. The boarding students on this campus are required to pay for the food; I think we ought to get something edible for our money. The rules for wearing hairnets should be enforced. Many times I have seen girls be kind to the counter without them. I have also seen them with plates of food, rolls, etc., feeding their faces as they work. Not all of them do this, granted; but it sickens me to think that their hands handle the food and at the same time come in contact with the germs of their mouths and hair.

A few other comments that come to mind—I usually eat in line 3; and as you walk in the door, there is a big blonde moose of a girl who is supposed to check I.D. cards. It's necessary, I'm sure, because they don't want any outsiders to get any of their food. (God, who would want it??) Checking the cards is one thing, but I keep expecting this girl to start taking fingerprints. On one occasion, she grabbed this boy's I.D. and said, "Wait a minute; I didn't see this." She glared at him, gave back his I.D., and let him go through. Funny how authority goes to some people's heads! One more thing that bothers me. I have classes until 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and until 5:45 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On several occasions I've arrived there to find that they have run out of food. One time they finally dug up some lasagna that was left over from several days before. Not only was it old, but it wasn't even warmed up enough. I don't expect a cafeteria to cook like my mother or anything, but I would like to see it try a little harder to be sanitary and efficient. I'm tired of fighting the crowds, only to find a disappointing meal awaiting me. We pay plenty for the food, and we should get our money's worth.

Kris Russell

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The Fixer wishes to thank The Breeze for their placement of the articles entitled "Two Sides of the Issue", page 3, in their March 4 issue. Frank Humphreys, the Breeze's Associate Editor-Business Manager, has accused The Fixer of "prejudice in placement of my article. It is a proven fact that the right hand, or the outside column of a page is the place to which eyes are immediately attracted." Not only did The Breeze itself with the President's statement and the professors' rebuttal, they also placed them in the exact fashion we did: the statement first with the rebuttal to its right.
OHIO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS
IGHT FEE HIK

ATHENS, Ohio (INS)—Forty-six students were arrested at Ohio University in Athens, Jan. 30, in a demonstration against proposed university fee increases. The arrests came during a five-hour pitched battle on the College Green between 500 students and some 75 university, city and state police.

The students retaliated against police brutality by smashing windows and heaving bricks from campus sidewalks. The demonstration provided an opportunity for the university to test Ohio’s new plan for dealing with campus rebellions. The plan provides for rapid use of both police power and legal intimidation. First, the State Highway Patrol was quickly mobilized to aid in breaking up the angry crowd. Second, two hours after the protest began, the university secured an injunction against nine student leaders and a hundred John and Mary Does. The court order prohibited assembly, "loud and excessive noise," and threatening, inciting, counseling force of violence against university persons or property. At the same time, Ohio University President Claude Sowle requested National Guard troops. A batallion was immediately put on alert.

Members of the Black Studies Institute were instrumental in pointing out the implications of the fee increase to the rest of the students. The black students brought the issue up at a meeting of the Athens Peace Committee. The proposed increase in fees of $120 more for in-state students would further estrange the university from poor people living in the Appalachian mountains in the area, while the $400 increase for out-of-staters would help hike the price out of the range of inner-city residents throughout the nation.

The first planned action was a demand by 50 students to meet with President Sowle. He refused, saying that he would meet with only five representatives. The Jan. 30 demonstration followed Sowle’s recalcitrance. In the following days, the Ohio University Campus was in turmoil. Students started fires, set off fire alarms and tossed a tear-gas bomb into the campus police headquarters.

420,000 ANTIWAR SIGNATURES PRESENTED TO PRES. NIXON

WASHINGTON (INS)—While President Nixon vacationed in Florida’s 70-degree weather a group of about 400 young people gathered in the snow outside the White House to present him, in absentia, with some messages.

But Nixon isn’t likely to publicize them as he did the “silent-majority” telegrams supporting his Vietnam policy. For these messages, 37 cartons of them, containing 420,000 signatures, were brought by the Vietnam Moratorium Committee, and they represented popular sentiment against the war.

Presentation of the cartons filled with antiwar postcards, letters and petitions following a Feb. 15 rally called by the Moratorium Committee at which former Sen. Ernest Gruenn (D-Alaska), David Hawk, a moratorium coordinator, and Dick Davis, brother of Rennie Davis, spoke out against the war and political repression in the U.S.

Held in Lafayette Park, across from the White House, the rally broke up about 3 p.m. when participants marched single file toward the chief executive’s well-protected mansion carrying the cartons.

Two dozen police inspected the contents of the cartons before allowing the march to proceed.

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"If American democracy is destroyed within the next generation, it will not be destroyed by the Russians or the Chinese but by ourselves, by the very means we use to defend it."

Senator J. William Fulbright

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THE PENALTY IS BEING PAID BY YOU...

Dear Miss Debbie Darr--

After reading your critique of THE MADMOISSE OF CHAILLOT, I didn't hesitate to look into your theatrical background—where is it? By what license do you practice the occupation of drama critic? What are your assertions to that profession?

I viewed "Madwoman" at least a hundred times during rehearsal and all three nights of production. I also sat near you during your visit to the theatre and your attentions seemed to be directed away from the stage—at any rate the actors performed to the best of their inexperienced ability—experienced only in the aspect of working with a writer like the author of the play.

As far as the directing was concerned, Bill Musser endeavoured to do his best in the face of quitting actors, exams, and semester break. Besides, as you stated, Bill is not a "professional," yet, or a professor of drama. He, like many others of the Dept., are trying to fill the position left by Ed Kenestrick last year, one that was unable to be filled at present. Several "competent professionals" are joining the staff next year in the hope that the Drama Dept. can please all of their disappointed theatre goers.

Actually the Dept. is lacking in some areas I will grant, but what really P.0'd me was your rash generalization of the lack of confidence of the cast. My dear Debbie, any cast that develops a lack of confidence to the proportions that you relate to, would surely refuse to go on.

Another item; I was glad to see that you recognized our "noticeable uncertainty" on stage. The set was built to try to bring about this effect. Congratulations Miss Darr!!

If you intend to continue to write your theatrical criticisms I want to suggest that you read up on the art of critical analysis in relation to drama.

If you should, by chance want to investigate my qualifications for writing this search no farther. Last year I participated in two Stratford productions, Three Sisters and Oliver. This year I have continued to be a member in good standing by doing my small part to help out in the production of MADMOISE, along with helping out wherever I could and was needed at other times. To further accentuate my qualifications I am at present a student of Mr. Atkins and of Mr. McClung and last year I studied under Mr. Rogers.

DEAR MISS DARR, I am not a Drama Major nor do I ever intend to be a "professional"—but I think you have created a grave injustice by your insular and pre-supposed misconception and misjudgment of the cast and of the members of Stratford who took time and put a lot of effort into that show—so I suggest that you apologize to the cast for your unprofessional opinion!

Thank You Miss Darr--

Michael B. Moore
LEISERTERS IN CANADA REFUTE PENTAGON STATISTICS

MONTREAL (LHS) — The American Leiserters Committee (AIC) of Montreal has refuted the Pentagon's recent statement which claims that there are only "576 American deserters in Canada."

In contrast to this figure, the AIC has received 650 deserters in 1969 alone. Leiserters continue to arrive at the Montreal office at the rate of 20 per week. Spokesmen for the AIC in Montreal stated that there are between 800 and 1200 deserters in Montreal. This, of course, does not include the deserter communities in Toronto, Vancouver and other major Canadian cities. (It also doesn't include draft resisters, numbering in the tens of thousands.)

It is believed that there are between 3,000 and 6,000 deserters all over Canada. In Toronto, the Anti-Draft Programme receives between seven and fifteen deserters daily — twice the number that the AIC receives.

The Pentagon further claimed that only "107 cases" of desertion were attributable to the Vietnam war.

"That's a patent lie," said one of the AIC's immigration counsellors. "In over 50% of the cases, men have left the military and the U.S. after they had received orders to Vietnam."

Further, 10% to 15% of the men in Canada deserted the military after serving a tour in Vietnam. One veteran of the war, a Marine with only six months of service left, said: "After what I saw and experienced in Vietnam, I just couldn't accept an honorable discharge without feeling like a complete hypocrite. I just can't see how any human being can be proud of what we're doing there."

Nominations for officers of Har- rembee, 1970-71. The President and Vice President candidates will present speeches at 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, in Blackwell.

President: Dennis Gregory
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Secretary: Lee Rhodes
Treasurer: Mike Larsh

The D—Hall Advisory Committee announces that from now on all notices must be posted on the calendar on the cafeteria doors and no announcements will be allowed on the tables in the D—Hall.

 Peace and Power
Jay Rainey

when smiles were real
of a hope i had
as a mockery
and always will
a trace remains

One veteran of the war, a Marine who served a tour in Vietnam, left, said; "After what I saw and experienced in Vietnam, I just couldn't accept an honorable discharge without feeling like a complete hypocrite. I just can't see how any human being can be proud of what we're doing there."

how easily
my face holds up a smile
it was all yours
for a little while

then all smiles ceased
since then—but still
a trace remains
and always will
as a mockery
of a hope i had
when smiles were real
and i was mad

Kari Funk
THANK YOU FROM THE FIXER

Enclosed are two dollars to go to publication of The Fixer. Let me say that my initial response to the first Fixer I read was hardly favorable. My traditionalistic and, in a sense, my puritanistic upbringing gave me many reasons to believe that this paper was disgusting and disgraceful. Although I still occasionally consider some articles to be in poor taste, I have since realized that a few little things, such as freedom of speech, are a bit more important than ‘good taste’ always. I frankly believe that some individuals have abused The Fixer on occasion, but this is only one price to pay if the paper is to stick to its original purpose, that of guaranteeing the opportunity for any person to express himself at any time. Indeed you, as a ‘staff,’ may not always be responsible for what goes into The Fixer if you intend to keep your promise to print any letter.

Hence, although I reserve judgment on some individual articles, I do commend the efforts of those who compile, publish, and contribute to this paper (in poor taste or otherwise!) It is an assurance to me to know that The Fixer exists at Madison—hence my small contribution to a paper which makes a large contribution.

Sincerely,
Connie McCook

Carol Good

"The greatest homage we can pay to truth is to use it."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

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"Why is formal schooling so important?"

Should what we learn come only from our professors?

Education has become a regurgitation of facts we have memorized.

What about other people—can’t we learn as much from our environment?

We must learn to apply our knowledge to our surroundings.

Interest and curiosity are suppressed in favor of memorization.

Can’t we open up the broken lines of communication?

We must face the truth—aren’t interest and people enough?

Connie McCook