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Think about the kind of world
you want to live and work in.
What do you need to know to build
the world? Demand that your teach-
ers teach you that.

Kropotkin

Please Pass This Paper Around

RACIST JUSTICE IN CHARLOTTESVILLE

In our September issue we printed an article entitled "Racist Justice In Charlottesville" in which we told how two Charlottesville policemen, Jeff Robertson and Dave Pleasants acted in a racist manner in arresting "Snake" Jones, and further cited several other incidents which had built officer Pleasant's notorious reputation for racism and brutality. For publically exposing this racism, we are now being sued by these policemen for \$200,000.00. Their lawyer, interestingly enough, is H.G. Haugh who, while having enough time to represent and support the police in the libel suit didn't seem to have that same concern for a Black man who was brutally attacked by the police. The article below describes that attack and relates how in this society the VICTIM of injustice is treated like a criminal by the police, courts, and the law.

RACIST JUSTICE FROM RACIST POLICE

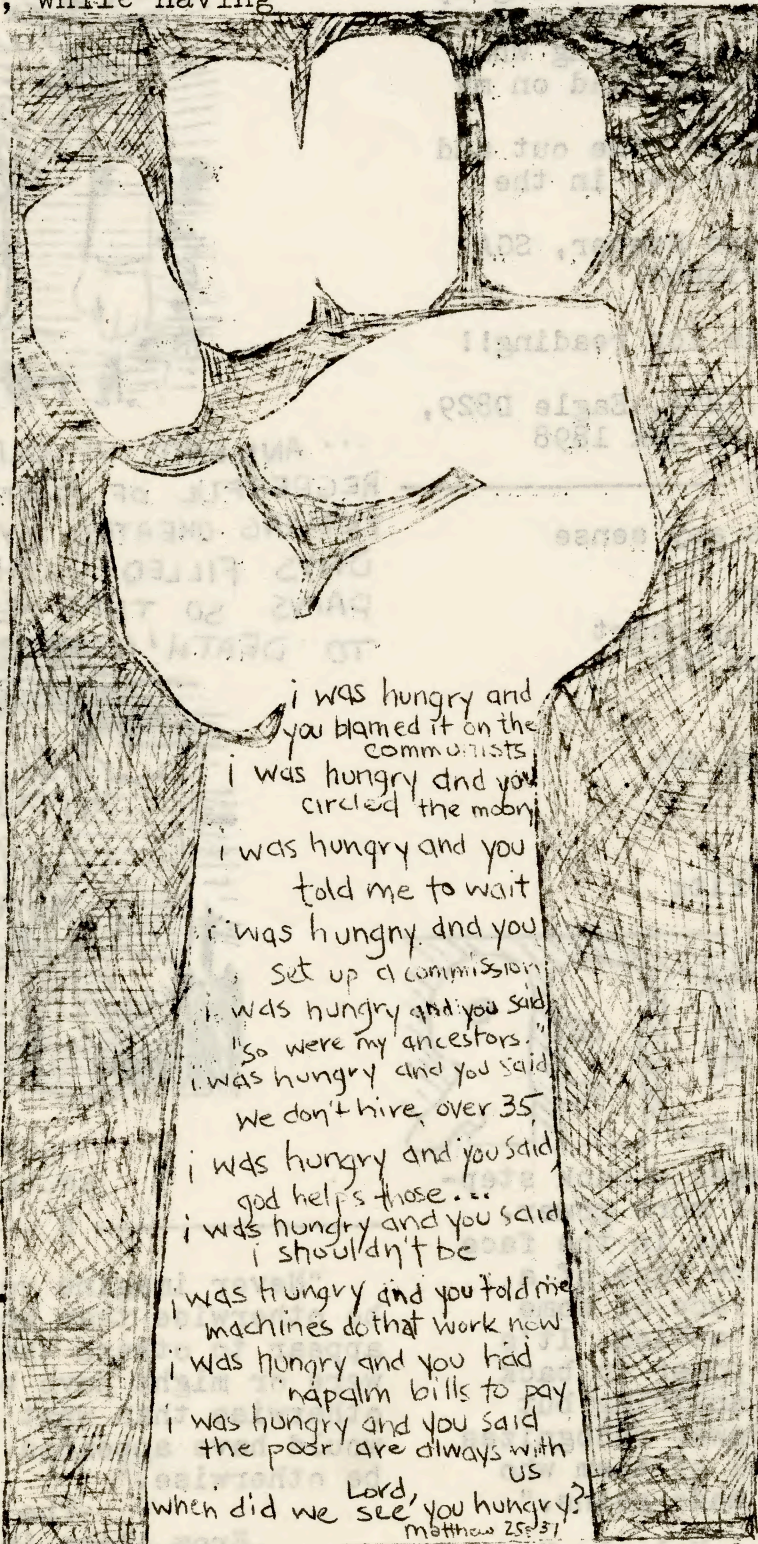
In December of 1969, Clarence Guyton, a Black man, was having a party in his house. The noise from it bothered no one and no neighbors filed any complaints. Nevertheless, two policemen, Dave Pleasants and Jimmy Pace stopped their cruiser, got out, went to Mr. Guyton's door, demanded

to be let in, and stopped the party.

After forcing some of the guests out, Officer Pace said, "Well we are going to take you downtown." Mr. Guyton said, "For what? I ain't going downtown, you don't have a warrant." At that point, Officer Pace said, "Consider yourself under arrest," and then both officers Pace and Pleasants grabbed Mr. Guyton. Later, three more police came and joined in the attack on this Black man.

They beat him severely in his own house and then as they were dragging him out the front door--one officer had him by the legs,

and one by the arms--Dave Pleasants struck Mr. Guyton in the head with his night stick inflicting a wound which was later mended with eight stitches. Afterwards, the police stated that he had fallen down the steps in front of the house thus causing all of his injuries. But this is a lie because 1) there are no steps in front of the house 2) the doctors have stated that the only way that he could have received his back injuries was from having his arm twisted--not from falling, and 3) Dave Pleasants admitted and bragged about having hit Mr. Guyton on the head. Following the beating at the house the police took Mr. Guyton to the hospital, fearing that he might die from loss of blood in jail. Once at the hospital, according to Guyton "They started to whup up on me...



but the doctor said, "No, not in here... the boys hurt." Conse- (Please turn to page 5)

SGA PRESIDENTIAL ~ RUN-OFFS ~

TO THE FIXER:

On Tuesday, March 14, 1972, a run-off election will be held for the two candidates running for the office of Judicial Vice-President.

This election will determine the future of the Honor System, a change towards the better and I, Fred Naehar, can do this. My main goal is to eliminate the brand "farce" from the Honor System by combining the Judicial and Honor Council systems into one efficient organization.

I want to stress that I am in the Class of 1973 and that I am not a quitter. Quitting does not solve any problems what so ever. and quitting does not benefit any organization. I believe in facing up to the difficulties of office and I also believe in publishing what I stand for, as can be read on my declaration for office.

Once again, please come out and vote, TUESDAY, March 14, in the Post Office Lobby.

Vote for me: Fred Naehar, SGA Judicial Vice-President.

Thanks for reading!!

Fred: 5871, Eagle D829,
PO Box 1898

nothing much makes any sense
any more
since you've left
this empty pit in my heart
cries out for you but
you're not there
anymore
it can't understand why
we are no more
together again.

Fritz

POWER

"power never takes a back step-
only in the face of more power.
Power doesn't back up in the face
of a smile or in the face of a
threat, or in the face of some
kind of nonviolent action. It's
not the nature of power to back
up in the face of anything but
some more power. Power recognizes
only power, and all of them who
realize this have made gains."

Malcolm X

THE MAN IN HIS YOUTH IS PATHET-
ICALLY HOPEFUL AND OPTIMISTIC



... AS HE GROWS MORE "MATURE"
HE BEGINS TO "FACE UP TO THE
HARSH REALITIES" OF LIFE...



... AND ENDS UP OLD AND EMBITTERED,
REGRETFUL OF SHATTERED DREAMS,
FEELING CHEATED BY FATE, HIS
DAYS FILLED WITH ACHES AND
PAINS SO THAT HE LOOKS FORWARD
TO DEATH!!



VIOLATIONS FOR
SOCIAL CHANGE

"Never imagine yourself not to
be otherwise than what it might
appear to others that what you
were or might have been was not
otherwise than what you had been
would have appeared to them to
be otherwise."

-The Duchess
From Alice in Wonderland

"AMERICAN DEMOCRACY IS NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF"

by Truong Trong Quang LNS

Editor's note: Whenever the U.S. government talks about Vietnamization, it talks about the increasing number of South Vietnamese soldiers (now pushing one million). But no one bothers to point out that a great many of the soldiers already in the South Vietnamese army are there against their will (drafted to fill the quota) and are openly hostile to the Saigon government and the U.S. presence in their country.

The following excerpted letter by a Vietnamese soldier in the Saigon Army responds to comments by President Nixon and U.S. Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker about the one-man election held last September in Vietnam.

Bunker: "You can't expect too much from this underdeveloped country."

Nixon: "It'll take a few more generations before the Vietnamese can enjoy democracy."

This contemptuous attitude provoked a tremendous reaction in South Vietnam. Several reactions were translated and printed in Thoi Bao-Ga, a newsletter put out by Vietnamese students living in the U.S. Copies of the newsletter can be obtained from 76a Pleasant St., Cambridge, Mass. 02139.

Mr. President and Mr. Ambassador:

After several nights of deliberation, I realize I must wake up my people and protest your contemptuous words by writing this open letter. If I do not, the frustration within me will explode in more violent and effective means of protest.

I cannot take action because I am a soldier bound by strict regulations. I cannot march in the street waving banners or burning effigies like other young Vietnamese outside the regimented world of the army. But like them, I am proud of Vietnam... I have not forgotten my origins, and neither my conscience nor my heart are yet Sinicized, Frenchified, or Americanized. I still feel shame when my country and my people are scorned...

The Americans arrived in this land after the signing of the Geneva Agreements, claiming to be helping my country in her fight against the Communists, to be protecting the southern part of our country and to be providing "security" for nations on the other side of the ocean, including your own, but not to be bringing progress to an "underdeveloped" country.

The decision to pour in American troops was purely strategic, designed to build a solid wall to contain China and to avert the consequences of waking up the tiger. It was not designed to help our people find a true form of democracy. In fact, if the Americans had not interfered with plans for elections under the Geneva Agreements, the war would not have begun and the Vietnamese people would have been reunited in brotherly love. (The Pentagon Papers confirmed that the U.S. had sabotaged the plan for elections and reunification of Vietnam because intelligence reports indicated Ho Chi Minh would have won any elections easily.) Everything can be traced back to the Americans...

Democracy has been taken away from our country by a capitalist superpower. The United States has not left us alone for a single moment, so that we could together begin rebuilding what she has ruined, because she is afraid that our people, with more than 4000 years experience of nation-building, will rise up.

In a way it is true to say we're not ready for democracy (Nixon), or that one cannot expect too much from such an underdeveloped people (Bunker), because it will indeed take us a very long time before we are for American-style democracy...

Even inside your own country, which boasts of its civilization and democracy, many people still live in the most wretched conditions, and only a few capitalists enjoy the fruits of life to excess. If the United States is truly civilized and democratic, why is there so much racial hatred there? Why are schools, hospitals, places of business and entertainment segregated between whites and blacks? Why do her laws not protect the weak and the minorities and even the very lives of her citizens, instead of guns and bullets freely used to enforce jungle law?

The spiritual values of American-style civilization and democracy fall short of those found in Asia And Africa. They are like a coat of paint on a piece of wood whose inside has been eaten up by termites.

American democracy is nothing to be proud of. Nor is the fact that American dollars have enabled you to control smaller nations; if the U.S. is really the model of civilization and democracy, then the world cannot last much longer...

I must admit that in our own country there are many traitors whose love of money has made them usurp our people's democratic institutions. But this minority will be run down by the wheel of history and the march of progress of our people will step over their dead bodies...

Our country may really lack democracy, but it is the kind of democracy that the foreign capitalists are trying to impose on us. We may be underdeveloped, but it is the kind of underdevelopment that we have cultivated through more than 4000 years of nation-building: We cannot tolerate disorder, prostitution, manslaughter, robbery, rape and other such ills. We cannot allow them to corrupt the foundations of our family structure and our morality...

In short, your country excels our country only in the areas we have already rejected. The things you call civilization and democracy only cause us to throw up. As Asians in general and Vietnamese in particular, we stress benevolence, harmony, compassion and spiritual beauty.

We cannot change ourselves into cowboys and act out scenes from the Wild West with blows, knives and guns. So we prefer to reserve this democracy for your enjoyment, Mr. President and Mr. Ambassador. No other country in the world would dare accept it unless it wished to destroy its own culture.

I hope that my humble words arouse your slumbering consciences in time for you to look at yourselves and change your course. I would be most satisfied if you left your high positions and became ordinary citizens again. Then you could ask your government permission to come back here and study the good and beauty of a people with a 4000-year-old culture.

And when you came I would be more than glad to bring you into the remote areas of our country and let the patient and hard-working peasants teach you the way.

TM, RIP-OFF?

As I removed one of the Transcendental Meditation lecture posters the other night, I got rather irritated at finding that some child (synonym for some of our students) had written RIP-OFF on it, indicating that he thought TM was a farce and a waste of money. I assure you that it is neither. This person is obviously not a SILE member and has probably not even been to one of our lectures. This is typical of most people today who criticize what they know nothing or little about and who fail to open their mind and look at things objectively. If you think you have valid reasons for labeling TM a RIP-OFF, then I invite you to use this medium to express yourself. If you do not have valid reasons or don't have the ability to express yourself, then I urge you to limit your scribbling to your coloring book.

Dennis G. McAdams.

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VAGINAL INFECTIONS (Part VI)

Another infection many women suffer from is cystitis, the medical term for bladder infection. The urine that is stored in the bladder does not normally contain bacteria, so the infection does not start here.

But since the outside openings of the rectum, vagina, and bladder (the urethra) are close together and since the whole area is warm and moist, it's easy for germs to spread from the rectum or vagina to the urethra and bladder.

Bladder infections can occur in all women and children, but like vaginal infections, they are more often
cont. next col.

ginal infections they more often occur among women who are sexually involved with men.

Symptoms: There is pain and burning feeling when you pass urine. You may want to pee frequently, yet when you do there is very little urine in your bladder. In a bad case there may be blood in the urine.

Cause: Several different germs can infect the bladder, including those that are normally present in the rectum. If a woman is diabetic and there is sugar in her urine bacteria will grow and spread more easily.

Treatment: A sulpha drug called Gantrisin is widely used. In some cases the bacteria may be resistant to Gantrisin and an antibiotic like Tetracycline may be used. This medication should bring almost immediate relief from the symptoms, but since the infection is not cured immediately, the medication should be continued for about two weeks.

Women who have side effects, including headaches, when they take Gantrisin are treated with Tetracycline. It is very important to be completely cured of bladder infections. Many people think that chronic bladder infections may lead to serious kidney disease.

Women who have a history of bladder or kidney infections should drink lots of fluids to dilute the urine and flush the kidneys. Pee regularly because the pressure of a full bladder may inflame the tissues, and also because peeing washes bacteria out of the bladder and urethra. (Last chapter of this exciting story next week)

RACIST (cont)

quently, they left him alone while the doctor made some temporary repairs and two more policemen arrived to give him a warrant charging him with disorderly conduct. After finishing at the hospital they went back to get a clean unbloodied shirt (couldn't have anyone look like they had just been beaten!) and then down to the jail.

As a result of this attack Mr. Guyton was left with a dislocated disc in the shoulder. For four months he could not use his hand, and he was out of work for six months--forcing him and his family to live off of the goodness of their friends. However, it is interesting to note that while Mr. Guyton was in jail the City of Charlottesville paid for these visits, perhaps admitting that they were libel for the damages and hoping that nothing more would come of it.

RACIST JUSTICE FROM RACIST COURTS

When the case came to court, Spitzer gave him 90 days for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. While Mr. Guyton's arm was still in a cast and sling Judge Spitzer told Mr. Guyton to "shut up" at his own trial and then asked the Charlottesville police if any of them had been hurt. Of course, with the odds of 5 policemen to 1 man, the answer was no. Mr. Guyton appealed the sentence.

When the case came before Judge Coles, the collusion of all racist elements in American justice became painfully apparent. Mr. Guyton never got inside the courtroom and never even saw Judge Coles. H. G. Haugh, his lawyer, kept Mr. Guyton out in the hall while he went running back and forth between his client and the judge. Finally, the word came out that he would have to serve 30 days because, "If they turned him loose, everybody in Charlottesville would be whuppin' up on the policemen." So, Mr. Guyton went to jail.

However, Mr. Guyton only stayed in jail for ten days at which time he was released to the custody of his employer. This release was not the blossoming of any benevolence on the part of the police or Charlottesville power structure: but rather, as Mr. Guyton was later told by an official, because keeping him in jail was costing too much money in medical bills--\$30 to \$40

a day.

RACIST JUSTICE FROM A RACIST LAWYER

During all of this, it was requested of H. G. Haugh, Mr. Guyton's lawyer, that he do something about his police brutality in some sort of counter-suit. Indeed, when Mr. Guyton's doctor examined the wounds made by this brutal police action, he was so shocked that he asked for Haugh to come talk to him about the beating and injuries of his client. Mr. Haugh never came down to the hospital as he was asked. He also clarified his position on racist, police brutality by saying, "I'm not going against the police."

RACISM NO MORE!

So where has all of this left Mr. Guyton? Because he could not afford it, he has been deprived of physical therapy which is necessary for him to learn how to best adjust to the permanent damage done by the police.

Mr. Guyton has not been intimidated though. He told the Virginia Weekly, "I'm still interested in getting my shoulder back in place, in being repaid for the time I was off work, and in why they can just walk through people's doors and just do whatever they want to do. That Jimmy Pace and that Dave Pleasant, something has just got to be done about them. They keep agitating and agitating, trying to force you into something. There's just so much a man can take, you know. I've never been one for marching and carrying signs, but what's right is right."

VA. WEEKLY

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why do people think
that i have no feelings
that it is impossible to hurt me
is it because i have a smile on my face
or that i never seem down
to them
while all the time
in my self
I cry.

Fritz

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Claiming it is "unreasonable and oppressive" the government is trying to quash a subpoena issued by the Harrisburg 7 to none other than J. Edgar Hoover to appear as a witness at the trial.

Fiery images across my brain,
Who am I to be judged insane?
Am I to be or am I to die,
And which of those is the greater
lie?
For what is wrong and why is right?
It isn't as simple as black and
white.

Flash

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NUMBERED FOR LIFE

Even though many Americans feel that they are codified and computerized enough as it is, the Senate Finance committee last week approved a bill that would require every child entering the first grade to be issued a Social Security card and number to carry with him through life. The immediate purpose of the measure would be to make it harder for people on welfare to cheat; universal distribution at an early age would make it more difficult for anyone to apply for false Social Security cards later. In other words, a number in a central file would track a person for life from approximately the age of six. Such a system would further enable the Government to amass information on citizens and store it in a central computer under a single identification number. To date, no one has suggested using tatoos.

Time

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And if it is a
despot you
would dethrone,
see first that
his throne
erected within
you is destroyed.

For how can a
tyrant rule the
free and the
proud, but for a
tyranny in their
own freedom and
a shame in their
own pride.

Kahlit Gibran

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"You will listen
and listen, but
not understand;
You will look
and look, but
not see."

Bible

SEXISM SPREADS THROUGHOUT THE GALAXY

NEW YORK(LNS)--As if sexism here on earth isn't bad enough, it's now catapulting its way through the vast reaches of the Galaxy as part of U.S. scientists message to other planetary civilizations. The Pioneer 10 space ship launched Feb. 26, is on the longest space mission in history to date. Its mission? To send back to earth some two years from now, close-up pictures and scientific observations of Jupiter.

And perhaps more importantly the Pioneer 10 will announce our existence to possible distant civilizations through symbols engraved on a gold-coated aluminum plate. The two symbols foremost on the plate are drawings of man and woman. Man's hand is raised in a friendly salute--and you guessed it--the woman is standing passively at his side.

Other less controversial symbols include one which shows the two states of the hydrogen atom as the unit of time and distance used. A star-like diagram shows the position of the earth relative to 14 stars that emit radio pulses at regular rhythms. Man and Woman stand in front of a diagram of the spacecraft and at the bottom of the plate there is a representation of the solar system which shows that the Pioneer 10 was launched from the third planet from the sun.



CHINOISERIE

One of the more visible repercussions of Richard Nixon's China trip has been a sudden American appetite for things Chinese. In New York City's China Town, according to one food wholesaler's estimate, restaurant business has increased 25% since the President went to Peking. Part of the rise may be due to the recent Chinese New Year, but the televised spectacle of the Nixons sitting down to eight-course Mandarin dinners obviously set many salivary glands to work.

Across the nation, there was a great fumbling and clicking of chopsticks--an item that restaurants often ran out of, as Americans accustomed to forks and chop suey suddenly demanded authenticity. Instead of the familiar Cantonese cuisine, spicier Mandarin dishes enjoyed a vogue. Some adventurous diners even demanded preserved eggs and shark-fin soup.

There was, of course, no evidence that the Chinese were overcome by a corresponding yen for hamburgers.

Time

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UNIMPORTANT: 57,000 lives

"I can understand the anguish of the younger generation. They lack models, they have no heroes, they see no great purpose in the world. But conscientious objection is destructive of a society.

The imperatives of the individual are always in conflict with the organization of society. Conscientious objection must be reserved for only the greatest moral issues, and Vietnam is not of this magnitude."

Henry (Chin) A. Kissinger

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SELF-DETERMINATION FOR NON-ADDICTS?

The U.S. surgeon general's office pointed to new hazards for nonsmokers in smoke-filled areas. They noted that the carbon monoxide thrown off by coffin nails is as easily ingested by nonsmokers as smokers, and that there can be surprisingly high carbon monoxide levels in smoke-filled rooms. The surgeon general favors segregation of smokers in all public places. Harry Ring

The Militant

"It is preoccupation with possession, more than anything else, that prevents men from living freely and nobly."

Bertrand Russell

To Whom It May Concern:

Hal Bullock and Tim Page ARE NOT NARCS! I know them both, I know they're cool. They have been socially ostracized and threatened a couple of times. This is unnecessary and unjust. If you don't have the balls to face them and talk to them about it, come talk to me.

Flash

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elections

In several weeks Harrisonburg will have an election. Councilmen (no women are running, naturally) will be chosen at this time. This election might prove quite different when compared to past exercises. Before, the question was not a question one worked himself up about. One candidate was relatively close to all the others running. Some were Democrats while the others Republican. But this time the race has an able Black man and a student in the contest. City Hall (officers and cronies) is worried. They are scared, actually frightened of these two candidates. Both men represent a faction of the community most politicians have ignored for too long, the poor (both Black and white) and the youth. Many times these voter blocs are splintered because of some radical rhetoric, not true here though. Both men are solid, moderate intellectuals. They are bound to attract votes from their peers and the voters in general. Over 190 college age students have registered in the past four weeks. More are bound to brave the office of aged George Grattan (City registrar) before election day. The northeast (The Hill, etc.) section of the city will undergo a full-scale registration campaign very soon. Hopefully a new element will be added to this year's election, resulting in the election of George Blakey, a Black, and Lorne Gurne, a Madison student.

If you live off campus, within the city limits of Harrisonburg go to Grattan's Court Square office and register. It may take a while, but there should be no problem as long as you use a Harrisonburg address. If you want to work for one of these candidates call them (Mr. Blakey is listed in the Harrisonburg telephone directory under G.H. Blakey, Jr.) Talk to other students, try to encourage them to register and vote also. I often talk of power to the people. This is a chance to elect two men who will far better distribute political power (so long held in a tight circle in Harrisonburg) to all voters. Jay Rainey

On Saturn the sexes are three,
Which is awkward, I think you'll
agree.

For performing con brio
You must have a trio,
And it even takes two for a pee.

A Psi-gifted girl from Laputer,
Read the mind of her amorous suitor.

She recoiled in dismay
And hurried away,
When she knew what he wanted to
duter.

A thing from proxima centauri
Went out with a girl who was hauri.

She said, "I have done
Many strange things for fun,
But what you suggest - no! I'm
sauri!"

B.T.H. Xerxes

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"Happy are those who know they are
spiritually poor:
the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to
them!

Happy are those who mourn:
God will comfort them!

Happy are the meek:
they will receive what God has
promised!

Happy are those whose greatest de-
sire is to do what God requires:
God will satisfy them fully!

Happy are those who show mercy to
others:

God will show mercy to them!

Happy are the pure in heart:
they will see God!

Happy are those who work for peace
among men:

God will call them his sons!

Happy are those who suffer persecu-
tion because they do what God
requires:

the Kingdom of heaven belongs to
them!"

Jesus. Christ

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HAMBEE

ELECTIONS

Tuesday
March 14

JACKSON 107

6:00pm

COME-VOTE

with a little help...

Rich, Randy, Jay, Judy,

Tina, Flash, Patti, Patti,

Sara, Va, Bill, & others

VOTE TUESDAY

SGA RUN-OFF ELECTIONS

The most uncalled-for remark
of the week? Sen. Strom Thurmond's
vote would almost certainly go to
an observation by Sen. Edward M.
Kennedy while the two were attend-
ing a Senate sub-committee hearing
on the merits of amnesty for
Americans who shunned the war in
Vietnam. "After the Civil War,"
said the man from Massachusetts,
"we gave amnesty to traitors to the
United States." South Carolina's
Thurmond, grandson of a Confederate
noncom named George Washington
Thurmond, was so incensed that he
vowed to use the offending remark
against Teddy "when he runs for
President."

Newsweek

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Anyone who lives off
campus - register to
vote in Harrisonburg -
Those on campus - spread
the word to others !!

Today, nowhere in the world
are there elders who know what
the children know, no matter how
remote and simple the societies
are in which the children live.
In the past there were always
some elders who knew more than
any children in terms of their
experience of having grown up
within a cultural system. Today
there are none. It is not only
that parents are no longer guides,
but that there are no guides,
whether one seeks them in one's
own country or abroad. There are
no elders who know what those who
have been reared within the last
twenty years know about the
world into which they were born.

Margaret Mead

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IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE:

the sports mongers who rip apart
a newspaper to view their all-
important section . . .
the "quiet library after 7:00PM . .
the "blessed" parking lot (holely)
at Eagle and Shorts Dorms . . .

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