Rusk Discusses Vietnam Policy

Secretary of State Dean Rusk has strongly underscored his recent controversial statement that a major reason for U.S. involvement in Vietnam is to curb Red Chinese aggression. This resistance is necessary "to keep the beast of nuclear war in its cage," he says.

In a magazine interview Mr. Rusk accuses China of actively spreading "the militant doctrine of Asian Communism" through southeast Asia and declares that failure to stop it "could endanger the survival of the human race."

Peace—A Necessity

In the interview, which appears in the Readers Digest's December issue, Mr. Rusk answers ten queries touching on: the background and escalation of U.S. involvement in Vietnam; the current military and political situation in the war zone; and prospects for organizing a "relatively peace" in Asia. He terms the latter goal the "central necessity" by which all aspects of U.S. policy must be measured. Repeating earlier criticisms of China's aggression, Mr. Rusk says: "Guerrillas trained in Communist China and North Vietnam are operating in northeast Thailand. Peking has openly declared its support for the Communist insurgents in Burma. Its leaders have long publicly advocated the use of force to destroy non-Communist governments; and eventually to achieve Communist control of the world."

The Secretary claims that the recent events in South Asia would be "appalled" if South Vietnam were to be abandoned, exposing them to the momentum of successful Communist aggression.

To support this view he cites the "far greater" contributions made by Asian and Western Pacific countries to South Vietnam's defense than to the defense of South Korea in the 1950's. In Vietnam, other Asian and Western Pacific forces total approximately 12 percent of U.S. forces, he notes, against 14.1 percent in Korea.

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It has been recommended that students seek advice from the Dean of Women. Dr. Reubush holds a degree in guidance and counseling, and is no doubt qualified. Yet, how can she be expected to fit into her schedule the hundreds of students who need to talk out problems and receive psychological aid?

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The Massanutten Mental Health Clinic is supported by federal, state and local funds (including contributions by Madison College). The staff, consisting of a full time social psychologist and a part time psychiatrist, will counsel students. However, how many of us, if even if we are aware of the existence of this service, would use it without much urging by a qualified person?

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BREEZE BRIEFS

Two young poets, Richard Dillard (The Day I Stopped Dreaming of Barbara Streisand), and Henry Taylor (The Horseshow at Midnight) will read from their poems Wednesday, December 13, in Fredrickson Recreation Room. Everyone is invited to hear them.

Reverend C. Graham Reid of the First Presbyterian Church, will speak on the topic, "Do Faith Healers Heal?" His presentation will be at 4:15 p.m., Tuesday, December 12, in Blackwell Auditorium. It is sponsored by Circle Y.

Kappa Pi, Art Honorary Fraternity, will choose one piece of artwork per month as the art work of the month. The following two have been chosen: October, 1966: James P. Armstrong, "Do Faith Healers Heal?" The presentation will be held on the 13th of the month, at 3:15 p.m., in the Student Union Auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend.

Students who are repeating courses in which they have previous failure, or who are repeating courses for Quality Point credit, are urged to sign up for these classes as soon as possible.
Dukes Victorious Over George Mason

by John Heerlein

The Dukes bounced back from their first defeat of the season from Shepard College by crushing George Mason Wednesday night, 83-53. The win was their second victory against one loss.

Madison jumped into an early lead by taking advantage of Butch Rinker's hot hands and Mason's inability to adjust to the Dukes' strong defense. Madison opened with a 1-2-2 zone and their opponents were unable to get a shot at the open man. Within minutes, Madison had led 24-11, and Mason never got started.

The second half proved to be worse than the first half— for George Mason that is. The Dukes continued their domination of the game, increasing their lead to an excess of 30 points before Coach Huntzinger pulled out his first team with more than six minutes left to play in the game. This enabled second string to see quite a bit of action and they successfully held the visitors to the eventual 30 point margin of victory.

Madison's scoring was exceptionally well-balanced as they placed four men in double figures. Butch Rinker, who led the team in their first win, tossed in nine field goals and led the team in their first win, totaling four field goals and being the team's leading scorer in their first win. Bartley and Houston Dickenson added 11 each. Hummer again led the team in rebounds with 17, while Rinker and Emmett Hunger pulled down 15 and 8, respectively.

The Dukes will play their next game at home on Friday night, December 15, against the Bridgewater College freshmen. The game will begin at 8:00 p.m. in Keene, so try and be there early in order to get a seat.

**Handbook Error Discovered**

Yard Long, chairman of the Safety Committee, at Madison has taught an error in the Student Handbook to the attention of the Student body.

On page 102, third paragraph under "Crossing the Road", under "Crossing the Street", it states, "Pedestrians in these designated crosswalks have the right of way". This statement is incorrect, the pedestrian does NOT have the right of way.

The law reads, "When crossing highways or streets, pedestrians shall NOT walk behind, obviously, or maliciously interfere with the orderly passage of vehicles. They shall cross only at right angles. For his own protection, the pedestrian when crossing between interfering vehicles, shall exercise extreme vigilance because the vehicle has the superior right there."

"All in all," 'Newsweek' concludes, "the 'Froen' high offers the most tragic evidence of the frightening ingenuity of thrill seeking youngsters."

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WAA Plans Constitutional Amendments

Two amendments to the WAA constitution have been recommended by the council and student body. The first recommendation suggests that a two-thirds vote by the council be sufficient to ratify amendments to the constitution. The second proposal is that the student body should have the right to establish and become an independent club.

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Stu Ga News
by Suzanne Hobson

Good morning, and now a look at the news.

On the "classy chef" sheet, you will find Bluestone Inn and Motel. Bluestone Inn has been removed from the list and is no longer "off limits." If you are interested in visiting the establishment, it is located about 10 miles north on Route 11.

A reminder for the upcoming vacation — the fortunate ones who are driving their cars back to campus for Christmas should turn the keys in to their housekeepers, and should not whirl around town in their cars. Simply speaking, do not drive the cars.

The Rules Revision Committee has been meeting weekly discussing changes. If you have any good proposal for a rule change, please contact Janie Spangler or myself.

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