

The Captain's Log

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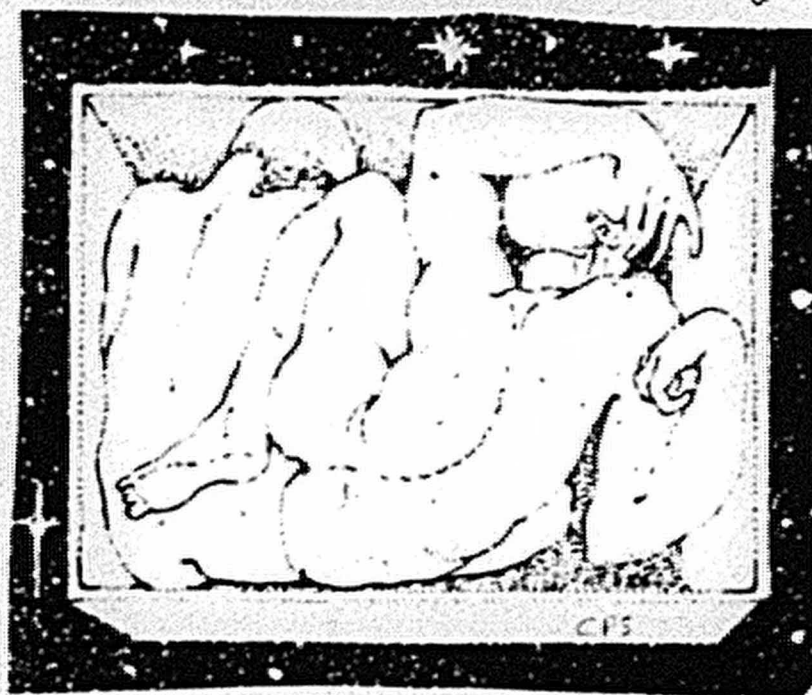
men's liberation

Liberation seems to be a prominent cry in today's society. Tears are shed by many groups. Women, Blacks, Indians, and even students are asking to be set free from the established order of things. In some cases, such as the ones above, the statement of freedom is given as a major premise, and debated from that point of view. It then becomes the duty of the "establishment" to tear down such freedom if it can be shown to be in error, or conform to the new order. Yet freedom cannot be wrong! On a political level, there are four of them granted every person in the American Constitution. Then freedom, outside of the psychological interpretation of the word, is essentially there for the taking!

This point is well illustrated by one of the gym courses offered at CNC. As the hour is near when students must choose courses for next September, the issue is enhanced. The question is this:

"Why are MEN restricted from taking the Modern Dance course by the category of the course?"

P.E. 150 is given as an "Activity for WOMEN." The fact is, that the course is open to men. This semester, for the first time ever, at CNC, there is a male student taking the Modern Dance course. Beyond this, it is found, after the first few class meetings, that men are not only permitted in the class, but quite desired. Men are stronger, and thus more able to leap higher, than women. Men can also run faster and longer. Men can relate ideas such as heroes, warfare and fatherhood far better than women. A class of this nature also offers excellent chances for better



masculine/feminine understanding if the class is co-educational. If for no other reason, men are needed in the course because they will always be outnumbered by the women in the course.

Yet there is a prevailing attitude among male students that would brand a male dancer as a "sissy." This attitude may well be the result of ignorance rather than actual observation. The muscles of a good professional dancer are as well developed as his contemporaries, as in track, basketball, football, and baseball. The main difference is that a dancer has a keener, more sensitive eye for art. The same rules of order, balance, movement, and form apply to dance and football. It is simply that the dancer is divorced from the aggressive-competitive spirit that invades the so-called "contact sports."

The idea is not to have P.E. 150 moved out of the Women's Activities category into the co-educational Activities category. What should become quite clear is that the course welcomes and needs men in order to function at a more practical level. Given other choices for co-ed activities (such as archery-badminton, or golf-bowling), the Modern Dance course certainly has more to offer to the sensitive, but healthy, male.

by Rodney Hespenshide

SAC MEETS

Last Wednesday, the Student Activities Committee met in order to discuss the current Trident controversy.

The motion was made that the Trident should be continued and be funded partially by student activities fees and partially by the students receiving yearbooks. All of the details concerning the proposal are to be worked out by the Appropriations Subcommittee.

It was also decided that specific guidelines should be set concerning money allotments to student organizations. This proposal was also sent to the Appropriations Subcommittee for further consideration.

After a discussion of the philosophy of student activities, the meeting was adjourned. Another meeting was called for Wednesday, April 4.



Elections

Now is the time for all students to come to the aid of their student government!

VOTE!! April 9 & 10

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM &

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

for Student Government officers and class officers.

If you would like to run for an office, petitions are available in the Dean of Students office (N-105). Petitions must be returned to the Dean of Students no later than April 2, 1973.



forum

To the Editor:

My name is Walter Caruthers and I am presently serving time in the Ohio State Prison at Lucasville, Ohio. I am doing well at the present time except I have no one to correspond with. As you might guess, it is quite lonely for me. I was hoping that perhaps you could print this letter in your newspaper in the hope that some of the students would wish to write to me. You would be doing me a great service and you have my heart-felt thanks.

The loneliness of life in the prison, to be never remembered but often forgotten, is one that defies description. If a man has never felt the feeling of those doors closed behind him, then he cannot appreciate the hell that is the lot of the incarcerated individual. No man who has failed to receive even the briefest of letters could ever hope to regain his pride, or even more important, the respect for the society that has sent him here to change. For how can a person change but that there are compassionate people to care about his fate and welfare. You, my friend (though we are unknown to each other), are but one person; and yet you have it within your power to bring a little light and happiness to one who is less fortunate than yourself. You have it in your power to aid in the transformation of a human. The price? Eight cents; the cost of a stamp.

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STOP MUTILATING PERIODICALS

In the last On Campus, a small article was put in entitled "Cut It Out!!" It referred to the atrocity of mutilated periodicals in the library.

I feel this small article is not enough! Even the slightest damage to any volume in the library is too much. There is no excuse for such irresponsible actions to occur on a campus of responsible, mature adults.

Unfortunately, too many of us know the frustrations of at last finding the volume we have searched all over for, only to discover the desired article in the magazine not there.

As stated in the On Campus, periodicals are difficult and often impossible to replace. The older the magazine, the more difficult it is to replace. We are the ones to suffer not the librarians. This childish destruction of our library's volumes can only be stopped by you! So please, Cut It Out!!

Kay Forrest



MARY SHERWOOD HOLT TO SPEAK ON ERA

Mary Sherwood Holt will be at CNC to speak on why she supports the Equal Rights Amendment and why it has failed to pass in Virginia. Check the On Campus for time and place.

Mrs. Holt spoke in Richmond at the last legislative session in favor of passing ERA. She has followed its progress carefully.

As a wife and mother, Mrs. Holt has been an active member of our community. She is currently serving as a member of the Newport News City Council.

The Equal Rights Amendment has had hard going in Virginia and many other states. It looks like it will be at least one more year before it is passed.

cowboy bob's column



You see before you the Captain's Log. This represents the journalistic endeavors of our dedicated group of staff members. Week after week we break our backs (not to mention other unmentionable parts of our respective anatomies) to put a newspaper out. Right now you might be saying to yourselves 'why is it that this dedicated group of journalists have only published a four page paper?' There are several answers to this questions which, in turn, bring up questions of their own.

The first and major reason for only a four page issue is money. We don't have enough money to publish eight pages a week. In fact, we just barely have enough to put out four pages. The reason for this grievous lack of funds? In years past, CNC has not had a newspaper staff that has lasted longer than three or four issues therefore making the powers that be reluctant to allocate money for a newspaper that may have disappeared after November 1st. This raises another question. Will we, next year, receive enough money to publish an adequate paper every week? In addition, will the key staff members (editor, ad manager etc.) receive some sort of compensation for the incredible amount of time they put in on every issue. I would hope that the answer would be in the affirmative to both of these questions. If not, I can not guarantee the quality or even the existence of the Captain's Log.

Another reason is the staff. We simply do not have a staff of adequate size to do the amount of work necessary to publish an eight page paper. The material is there but there are not enough reporters and staff members to gather it up and put it all together. If we had about ten more people to work hard for an hour or two each week, we could indeed publish eight pages weekly.

Until such a time as the student body sees fit to more actively support us, we will be forced to restrict ourselves and our creative egos to four pages each week.

Psyching Out History

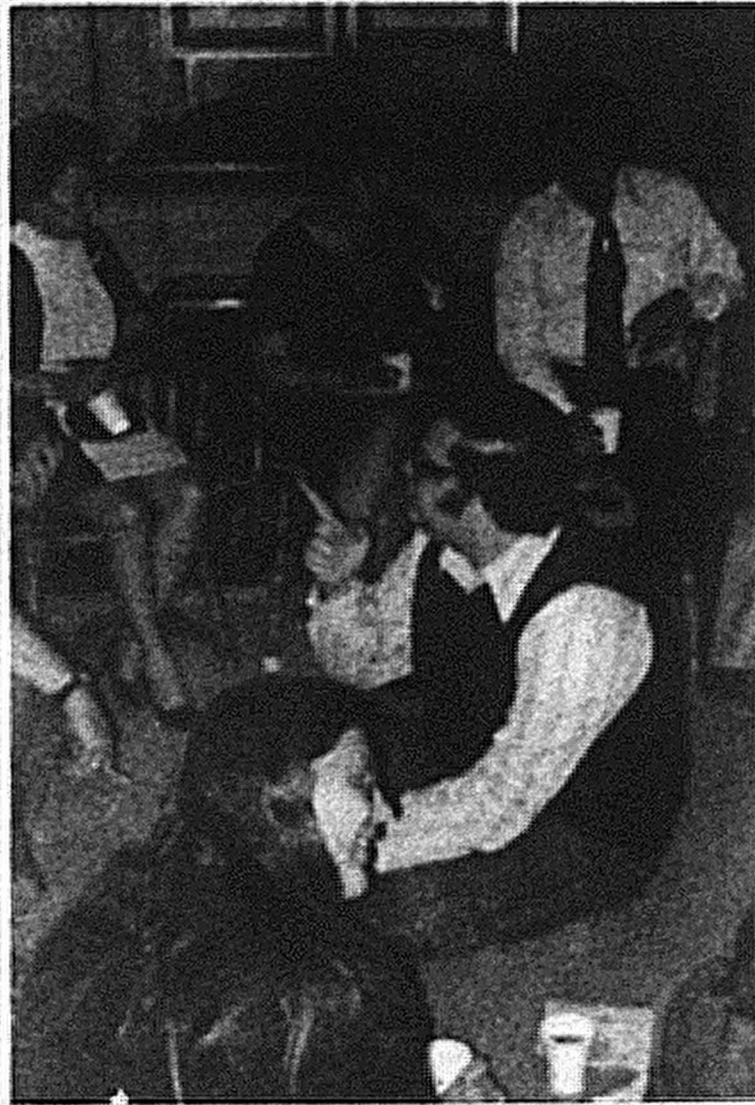
by Barbara Slifer

History is the study of fascinating people and ideas and the times which have produced them. But Sigmund Freud has surely messed up history! For some strange reason, ever since Freud exposed potty training as the culprit it really is, people have been unable to disassociate the social sciences from psychology. As a result, the other social sciences -- and especially history -- are suffering from the popular belief that they are unfashionable.

Well, there is news for those of you who are tempted to yawn at the mention of the Thirty Years War. History is full of interesting people -- paranoids, sex deviants, the whole gamut. And for the more fiendish of the history freaks, there is an organization on campus in which they can channel their energies. This organization -- yes, you guessed it -- is the CNC History Club, better known as the Honorary Garrett Augustus Hobart History Club. Members of the club devote some of their time to psyching out yesterday's nuts -- sans couch, of course.

For example, the Club has sponsored for the last year and a half "discussion groups." While they never reach the pitch of an encounter session, the discussion groups frequently involve heated exchanges on historical interpretations. It would be difficult to find anyone who has attended one of the groups who has not left in a thought-aroused mood. Students feel free to debate issues with professors who come, and all are well-fed (for a slight fee) by the time they leave. The next discussion group, planned for April 15 at 8:00 p.m., is on the Arab-Israeli situation. In the past, however, club members have sought to learn, for example, if Richard III of England was actually a murderer, if Russia could have managed without Stalin (Arthur Schlesinger is convinced he was super-paranoid), and if the Protestants in Northern Ireland have a leg to stand on. These topics and many others spanning almost every area of history have been the meat of the discussion groups.

But, of course, the History Club has other functions. Field trips to



such places as Monticello and Ashlawn have been planned. The Club has also sponsored a number of special lectures by well-known experts. Navigation experts, Civil War authorities, and labor historians have all spoken on behalf of the History Club. Presently planned for March 30 at noon in N110 is a lecture on the dollar crisis by Mr. James McCabe of the Richmond Federal Reserve Board. Dr. William Ryan is going to speak on "French Intellectuals and Politics: 1890-1944" on April 6 at noon in W103. And following that, CNC professor William Parks is going to speak on -- get this -- "Revolution and Religion in Virginia" on April 27 at noon in N110.

Aside from historical pursuits and projects, the History Club has its pragmatic side as well. To raise money for books for the library, the Club sold door and desk name panels to profs and staff members with identity crises. Just before Spring Break, the Club had a book auction, the profits from which the Club hopes to spend on a picnic or some other history-making event!

Yet, strangely enough, much of this activity seems to go unnoticed by many students on the CNC campus (they probably heard about the Club Christmas Party, though!). People don't seem to realize that everything is history -- Biology, English, Business,

et al. However, the History Club is working on it -- perhaps a discussion group on the effects of breastfeeding on great men in history can be planned.

FLORA CRATER TO RUN FOR LT. GOV.

Equality is supporting Flora Crater for Lieutenant Governor. She is a wife, mother, and grandmother. She is a journalist, Editor and publisher of The Woman Activist, an action bulletin for women's rights with national circulation.

Since 1949, Mrs. Crater has been active in civic affairs at the statewide level. In 1970, she was the convenor and first President of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW). The Virginia Women's Political Caucus was begun by her in 1971. She served as its first coordinator. She also began publication of The Woman Activist that year.

As a Delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1972, she served as a member of the platform committee.

This year Mrs. Crater has served as Vice-President of the Woman's Lobby, Inc., Chairman of the National Women's Political Caucus Committee for Equal Rights Amendment Ratification.

A person seeking to be a candidate for a state office needs the signatures of 11,000 registered voters. If you wish to help Mrs. Crater run, see an Equality member to sign one of the petitions to put her name on the ballot. Even if you don't want to vote for her, at least give her the chance to run.

by Kay Forrest

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REVIEWS

EQUALITY SHOWS FILM

Growing Up Female: As Six Become One is a documentary film about women to be shown April 2 in N110 at 3:00 by Equality.

This film shows the socialization of the American woman through a personal look into the lives of six females. Their ages range from 4 to 35, and their backgrounds vary from poor black to upper-middle class white. We see in action how many forces shape them: their parents, teachers, guidance counsellors, the media and advertising, pop music and the institution of marriage. It is a compelling film that demands one to respond.

Julia Reichert and James Klein, the filmmakers, are graduates of Antioch College and have been working together for about three years. They are presently teaching courses at Antioch on the political use of media.

Their next film, due to be released later this year, concerns the experience of women who become involved in crime. It explores the judicial process, addiction, prostitution, women's prisons, and the concept of criminality as defined by our society.

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by David Ben-Gurion casts a new light on the fundamentals of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Many facts, secret conversations, and correspondences between Arab and Israeli leaders, and between leaders of other countries who have tried to act as intermediaries in promoting peace in the Middle East, are revealed publicly for the first time.

David Ben-Gurion, first Prime Minister of the independent nation of Israel, gives a first-hand account of the efforts he and Arab leaders have made toward alleviating problems in the Middle East. The book spans the generation from the time of Ben-Gurion's election to the Jewish Agency Executive in 1933 till his retirement thirty years later.

From the time of his youth, Ben-Gurion worked untiringly for the national liberation of the Jewish people in their historic homeland, Israel. Yet, even at the height of his power, his dedication to the fulfillment of the dream of the Jewish people did not blind him to the needs and rights of the Arab population. He understood that the true interest of both countries were complementary, not incompatible. The documents in MY TALKS WITH ARAB LEADERS, many of which are now published for the first time, represent the philosophy which enabled David Ben-Gurion to retire to write the history of his people's struggle for independence and survival in his own time.



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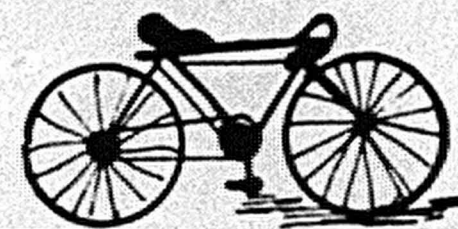
NOW HEAR THIS!!

GRADUATION SPEAKER

William H. Styron, Jr., nationally known author, will give the commencement address on May 20. The CONARC band will play, and special music will be provided by Ann Rowe and Mary Thompson. The Graduation Committee, chaired by Alice Randall, will continue to plan additional details of this special occasion.

SELF-STUDY COMMITTEE

Over the next several months the College will be engaged in a definitive self-study in preparation for evaluation by the Southern Association. The purpose of this evaluation will be to reaffirm our accreditation as a four-year college, after which a self-study will not be required for ten years. Aletha Markusen has agreed to serve as the Director of the Self-Study. Teddy Bostick, Doris Reppen, Bob Durel, Gary Hammer, and Graham Pillor have agreed to serve on the Steering Committee.



The Captain's Log is a weekly publication. All contributions from students and faculty are welcomed. Deadlines for the rest of the year are: March 28, Apr. 4, Apr. 11, Apr. 18, Apr. 25, and May 2.

Contributions or letters to the editor can be left in either the Dean of Students office or our office in G-203.

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