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CELEBRATE it

Students tell each other of their gripes about the rules and regulations that govern the school. We too have gripes. We will complain and give solutions to remedy the faults, we see, in this school. We are asking you, students and teachers, to give us your complaints and if possible solutions or suggestions to mend them. Write to us (see pg. 3) or give us your ideas, suggestions, and complaints in school.

Suggested Reform #1

The concept of "The Study Hall" is strangely intriguing. Nearly ninety students are lumped together in one room for fifty minutes and are expected to remain absolutely silent. Students who dare oppose the rules may be thrown out and given detention.

The staff of the ORACLE is suggesting a plan of correction;

- 1) Make room 126 a "talking room". Students who have study may go there to talk.
- 2) Make the cafeteria or two or three consecutive rooms into "study rooms". Here you are obliged to study, read, etc. without talking.

Room 126 should be made the "talking room" because it is secluded from other class rooms, preventing the disturbance of classes in progress. Taking attendance would not cause a major problem. Attendance would be taken in each room, the names would then go to a "study room" where the teacher will check attendance from a list of names of students who have study at that time. Wouldn't this system cause students not to study? NO! Most students who would go to the "talking room" would not study anyway, we would be helping the student who wants to learn, by eliminating the noise which prevents concentration and learning.

Many will scorn and say this could not possibly work. Why not try our plan on a trial basis? If you agree or disagree.....let us know!

ORACLE staff

Do you know of any clothes that could be put to better use than lying around that closet? In South City (Holyoke), they may be put to good use. Please donate what you can to the clothing drive going on now at H.H.S. A white box is outside the office on the first floor. Donations will be accepted and appreciated for the remainder of the year. Are you warm? Some in Holyoke freezes.

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Att. ORACLE Staff:

We of the West Street School Project would like to express our appreciation for your generous gift. It will be useful in providing much needed equipment and as we have been operating on the strained budget of the Service Club we were greatly relieved. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Duren
Chairman,

West Street School Project

Taking into consideration that many students and teachers may not be willing to submit articles for fear of having their identities revealed, we are opening a channel for them to submit articles. If you have something for publication, please send it to the ORACLE

c/o Carlos Vega

672 High St.

Holyoke, Mass.

A little girl asked her mother, "Do you and Daddy have sexual relations?" Thinking it was a good time to discuss a few facts of life, the mother replied, "Of course we do, dear."

"Then how come," asked the youngster, "I never go to meet any of them?"

We are happy that you enjoyed, and will continue to enjoy, our presentation of Spring. We will bless you with sunshine, happiness, flowers, and a little rain. In the coming months, be sure to watch for our presentation of summer.

SUPPORT THE GRAPE STRIKE-- BOYCOTT CALIFORNIA GRAPES-----

Happiness is something which just cannot be bought

I FEEL FREE.....FREE LIKE THE SEA

THE DRAFT: Part V

After World War II, only two countries were militarily and economically able to occupy and dictate policy to another country- they were the United States and the Soviet Union. It was inevitable that these two powers would clash. The U.S. adopted three basic policies aimed at the containment of the Soviet Union. The first was the military occupation of Western Europe and Japan. The second was the economic strengthening of these two areas to obtain effective allies. The third was the establishment of a network of military alliances.

In order to supply men for this massive program, peacetime conscription was needed. It was established in March, 1948 after the Soviet Union seized the government of Czechoslovakia.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was the first in a series of Post WWII alliances dependent upon U.S. Conscription. Then came the Bagdad Pact (CENTO), the U.S. Japanese Defence Treaty of 1951, and then SEATO.

Because of these and other agreements, the U.S. has been able to establish strong military footholds in Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America. These "commitments" make peacetime conscription necessary so that we can maintain the role of world policemen.

By means of peacetime conscription, the President and the Pentagon have been able to send troops virtually anywhere and even enter war without securing the constitutional sanctions of Congress or the popular support of the people.

by Carolyn Hester

&

Bill Goglin

Peace March to be held Saturday, April 19, more information in later issues.

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SUPER SHOW

5400 people gathered in Boston Garden on Sat. March 8 for Super Show with Country Joe & The Fish, Sam and Dave, The Grassroots, Ian and Sylvia, and The James Cotton Blues Band.

Although Noon was the beginnin time, it wasn't till 12:45 when Ian and Sylvia started it all off with the Bob Dylan, Rick Danko song, "This Wheel's On Fire". Sylvia looked like a beautiful child in a little-girl lavender lace dress. Ian was wearin a white turtleneck, blue pants, an boots.

Their voices an Ian's electric-folk guitar were backed by a lead guitar, a bass guitar, an drums. All of these people had just flown in from New York where they'd played a set at the Fillmore East the night before. Here there was trouble with the sound system. Even though the words weren't comin through too clearly, their Country & Western (C&W)--Rock-Folk sound was still there despite the lack of audience support.

They next went into blues with "C.C.Rider". Sylvia's strong, wailin voice plus a solo by each musician gave the old song a new sound.

By this time their steel guitar player had finally shown up. With him alternatin between steel an banjo, they did a fantastic experimental C&W Rock song called "Southern Comfort".

Jimmy Orr had the next song dedicated to him. "The Woman is a Girl"—a beautiful, soft thing with Sylvia singin an playin the piano.

The last song was dedicated to good ole Jerry Lee Lewis, a C&W Rock song written by Hal David an Burt Bacharach called "24 Hours To Tulsa".

The majority a the audience didn't dig em too much (I was in the minority) an showed it by their non-applause. But WMEX's Cousin Duffy, the MC, praised em for startin off the show an fightin a not-too-good sound system.

Dave Potvin

(Continued next issue.)

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to the few student dissenters at Community College who made the new changes possible. All will reap from the new benefits even though it was a minority that campaigned for change. Special recognition should go to Mr. William Wilkinson.

We must also thank the teachers who voted for the reforms. They have played a great part in non-violence. Now if the administration will carry out the new changes to their capacity with open minds and no hard feelings, we might be witnessing the first step by the (Cont.)

people of Holyoke to change from their outdated Puritanical stance to a more modern and efficient level.

PATTERNS

The night is settin' softly
 with the hush of fallen leaves,
Casting shivering shadows
 on the houses through the trees.
And the light from the streetlamp
 leaves a pattern on my wall,
Like the pieces of a puzzle
 or a child's uneven scrawl.
Up a narrow flight of stairs,
 to a narrow little room,
As I lie upon my bed
 in the early evening gloom,
Impaled on my wall
 my eyes can dimly see,
The pattern of my life
 and the puzzle that is me.
From the moment of my birth
 to the instant of my death,
There are patterns I must follow
 just as I must breathe each breath.
Like a rat in a maze
 the path before me lies,
And the pattern never alters
 until the rat dies.
The pattern still remains
 on the wall where darkness fell,
And it's fitting that it should
 for in darkness I must dwell.
Like the color of my skin
 or the day that I grow old,
My life is made of patterns
 that can scarcely be controlled.

Paul Simon

PAT'S SONG

Bring flowers and bring them
round her grass hair.
Bring leaves from the Mountain
and boxes of air.
Bring baskets of food
and things you can share
and the moon will shine in
her eyes.
She will stand and see with
her body like sand
and the dolphins will come
kiss the palms of her hand
as she opens her soul to the
water and land
Her smiles will cover the sky.
With bottles of light
and sacks of clay
with music to dance and songs
to play
with lemons and candles
you'll see the way
that the moon will shine in
her eyes.
She will fly on the wind
with her face to the sun.
Children will dance all
around her for fun.
Just ask her for love
and she'll give you some
for her smile will cover
the sky.

Country Joe MacDonald

With the knowledge that the news of what is happening in the movement seldom reaches the public through the established news media, we will attempt to fill this vacuum by reporting the important causes and events of the underground.

the GRAPE STRIKE; the average wage of a farm worker in California is \$1.62. At the peak of the grape season some grape workers earn \$2.00 per hour, but consider what a small minority the grape pickers are. This strike which was started and is centered around the grape picker is also a strike for the benefit of all farm workers. Since grape picking is a seasonal job the average wage is \$1600 to \$2300 per year.

LOWERING THE VOTING AGE TO 18; twelve million young adults in their twentieth, nineteenth, and eighteenth years who function as other American adults do under most of our laws are barred from voting. Several million young men and women 18 to 21 years old have established homes and families but have no voice in the issues at city hall, the courthouse, or the capitol. Millions of young Americans work and support themselves but have no voice in the laws that govern them and their work.

"Taxation without representation is tyranny." Young adults pay heavily in sales, use, gasoline and income tax. Servicemen and women are also not allowed to vote if under 21. All College and University students under 21 cannot vote.

Make your views known to your U.S. senators and congressmen and state legislators.

(information from LUV... let us vote)

Next Issue: the San Francisco Presidio and other HORRORS.....

WE'RE GETTING TIRED OF HANGING AROUND.....WITH OUR HEADS DOWN
TO THE GROUND.

BEFORE I SINK INTO the DEAD SLEEPI WANT to HEAR
I WANT To HEAR..... I WANT to HEAR the SCREAM of THE.....
BUTTERFLY....

time to live ...time to die.....

There's too much to do before I die

go real slow, take it as it comes specialize in having fun

THE DICTATOR

Freedom is the abstract idea we, in this country, hold so hypocritically to our hearts. Only in a dictatorship do leaders brainwash and control their people. Only under such governments do leaders tell their people what to believe. These people are easily tricked in their assemblies. Then the leader tells them what to do: clap - stand - sit - clap - bow - think - don't think - stand - clap - sit.

Only brainwashed constituents are easily fed lies. Totally unaware of what is going on, these people are programmed—told what to say and how to react.

These dictators rule the body and soul of these fooled people. Their total environment is controlled. They are only players in a game, pawns only for the using, never for the receiving or giving of their intellectual capacity.

Marat

Facism and Communism—One and the Same?

The terms Fascism and Communism are often used loosely without proper recognition of their meaning. They are sometimes even used interchangeably.

Fascism is on the extreme right, whereas communism is on the extreme left. Fascism advocates the Rights of the State. The Individual is merely a part of the whole. The rights of the individual are totally submerged in the interest of the State.

In a communistic society, however, the emphasis is placed on Human Rights. Ideally, the state will eventually dissolve.

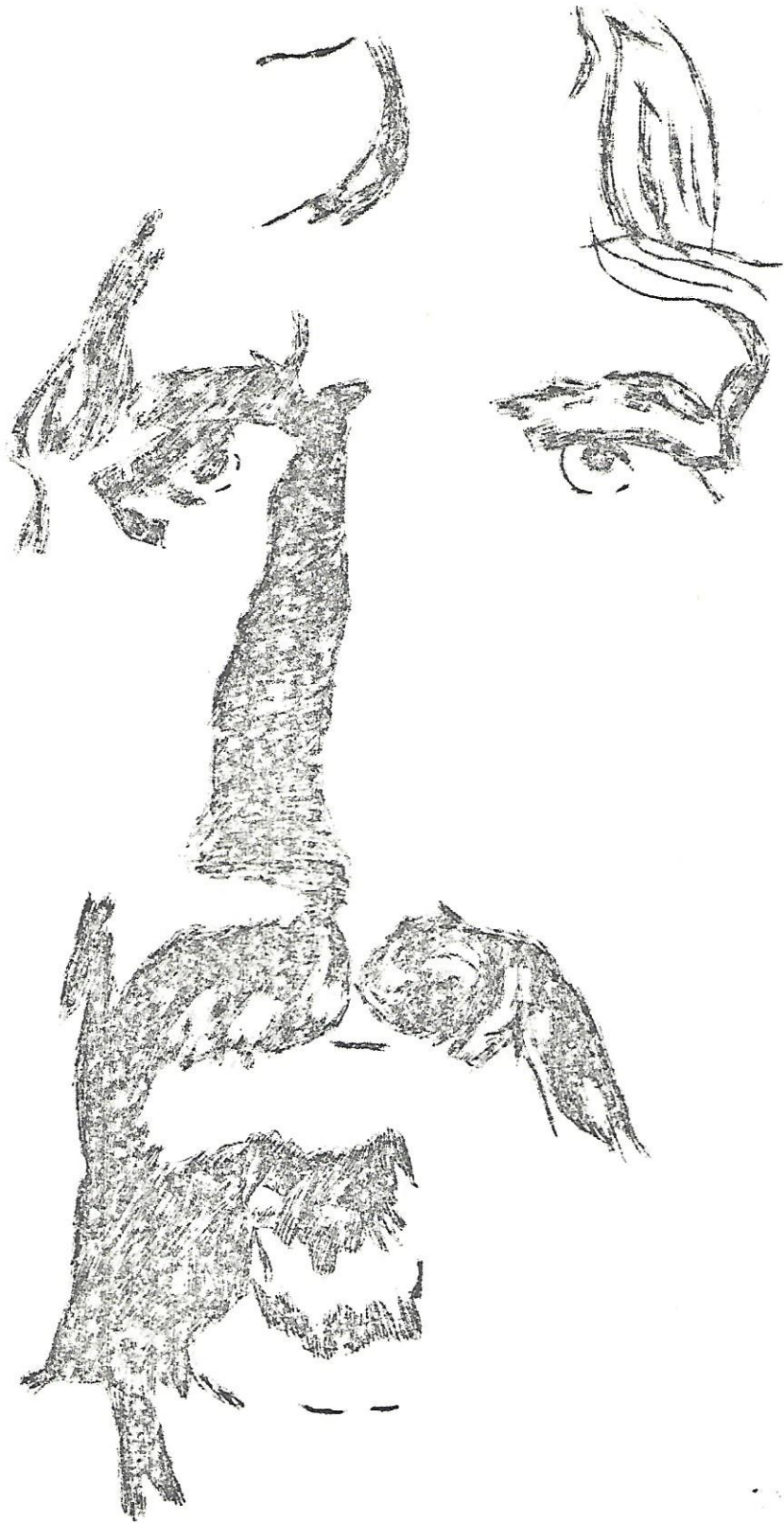
Fascists are Nationalistic. They believe in one Supreme Race which is destined to rule the world.

Communists are Internationalistic. Karl Marx, in his Communist Manifesto, wrote, "Workers of the world, unite."

The Staff

"This is my rifle...my best friend...my life...
my rifle and myself are the defenders of my
country." This is The Creed of the Marine
rifleman. This will be your creed.

—From the Marine Corps re-
cruitment booklet.



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