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# GEORGE

## The third

The SGA-initiated pass-fail proposal was debated by the faculty at a called meeting last Friday and was passed---but the vote was close. After being assured by two student members of the Academic Affairs committee that the proposal was widely accepted on campus (almost unanimously, as far as they could tell) and that the risk involved was minimal if at all existent, some members of the faculty still had reservations about it. Naturally we are not implying that they should not have voiced their opinions, but the mere fact that some were against such a moderate, far from radical, and (to some students) disappointingly lukewarm proposal leaves us with some feeling of uneasiness about the future. We are indeed thankful that the proposal got through, but we wonder about the possibility of a situation arising where a handful of faculty members are able to override the opinion of hundreds of others.

The Students Organized for Active Religion (SOAR), an organization moderated by John Gaither, is making significant efforts toward a more aware college community. Their latest venture is the arrangement for a film series to be given second semester. Their selection of films (which will be made public later) was well thought out and brings back to campus opportunities to view films of significance in the history of cinematography...opportunities which stopped with the last art film series two years ago. Our thanks to them and to Sr. Ruth Margaret who is looking into ways of helping SOAR financially through the Lecturer Fund.

While the faculty was debating the pass-fail proposal, a different type of student initiative was being displayed across the street at Wash U. SDS'ers and members of the Association of Black Collegians were holding a sit-in in Brooklings Hall. The white students' demands (including a voice on university committees and the elimination of ROTC) were debated by faculty, administration and students in meetings over the week-end. With incredible speed the demands were conceded. Some students, still dissatisfied with the turn of events, are maintaining their sit-in. However, the victory is plainly the students'. Whether this is because the demands were not new but have been argued for during the past few months by many faculty and administration members, we do not know.

The situation of the blacks is far more serious. Their demands are part of a more far-reaching dissatisfaction and frustration. We do not know the attitudes of the campus security police, but their alleged harrassment of (among others) student Elbert Walten is a charge that will have to be cleared up with no whitewashing....or else the university might find itself unable to handle another demonstration so easily.

Chancellor Eliot is to be recognized for his understanding and openness. His refusal to bring in outside police force shows what progress can be made when an attitude of trust and communicability exists between students and administration.



# THOUGHTS OVER COKES & ANIMAL CRACKERS

Many, many THANKS to Mr. Krekeler  
for the jukebox and the oven--the  
Cafe is now the fun place on campus.

Bring canned goods for the poor  
to the Cafe--don't you think each  
one of us could afford one can  
of something!?!?

Happiness is being able to take  
one course next semester for p/f.  
thankx to the faculty

Remember at the SGA meeting in November--the  
Course Improvement Program committee that  
was appointed? Well, the committee has  
drawn up the forms that we will use. The  
forms will be available in Ryan and in the  
Cafe, Wednesday, December 11.

Thought you might like to hear the  
new calendar proposal that some  
members of the campus are talking  
about

that we begin the school year on  
the fifth of July with the semester  
ending before Thanksgiving and then  
the second semester would start  
January 2, so that we would get out  
before Easter.

I think that sounds pretty good now,  
but I wonder how it would sound to us  
on January 2.

maureen a.

The VALUE of an  
organized approach to  
and a systematic  
procedure

of study can NEVER  
be over emphasized  
if the student

is to be  
successful  
throughout

his college

career, . . .

However,

at this moment

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(good luck)



# letters and...

A VISIT FROM MR. STEVAS  
Reactions to Norman St. John-Stevas, M.P.  
House of Commons,

Dear George:

I am writing to let everyone know that their creative ideas for improving courses now have a tailor-made outlet. The Student Government Association will inaugurate the Course-Improvement Program this week. The purpose of this program is to provide a channel for constructive suggestions from students on improving specific courses to reach the faculty members teaching those courses. This is an opportunity for students to cooperate creatively with the faculty toward the improvement of academic life at Fontbonne.

Forms will be available beginning Wednesday, December 11 on first floor Ryan and in the Cafe. The forms are to be returned by the following Wednesday, December 18, to boxes provided on First floor Ryan and in the Cafe.

Sincerely,  
Marty Bruemmer

A rare opportunity was afforded Fontbonners this past week as the results of hard work and far-sightedness on the part of some of the true educators on our campus were realized. Through making use of the opportunities available to us in such a "booming metropolis" as St. Louis, the talents of Norman St. John-Stevas were brought to campus.

Mr. Stevas spoke on The Right to Life, a topic with which he is extremely familiar, having defended it in Parliament and having written a publication concerning said subject. He brought to the attention of his listeners the pertinent facts, such as the difference between contraception and abortion, and the fact that the Catholic beliefs on this matter, whether right or wrong, cannot be imposed on the mass of the people, unless it is by individual election of each conscience.

The gentleman also enlightened us as to the state of laws concerning this matter in England. There, protection of the doctors and nurses who refuse to aid in an abortive operation is assured, while abortion itself is permissible on social, eugenic, or health grounds.

After having allowed us to "see the world through European windows" for an hour, Mr. Stevas departed, leaving us with no answers but those of our own consciences, perhaps a few more deeply searching questions, and one afterthought: the principal individual involved, namely the unborn child, is the only one who has no say in the fate which is to befall him.

Sue Stephens

Programs  
is the mother of problems

Chesterton

Overheard in cafe: "GEORGE is a radical paper."

(ed.: Thanks, but flattery will get you nowhere.)



# THIS WEEK

Joseph Heller, author of Catch 22 and We Bombed New Haven:

Monday, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m. Graham Chapel.

Washington University Annual Christmas Music Program:

Friday, Dec. 11, 11:00 a.m. Graham Chapel.

WASH U.

Loretto-Hilton

(Curtain at 8:30)

The Lower Depths: Wednesday, Dec. 11, Thursday, Dec. 12.

The World of Sholom Aleichem: Thursday, Dec. 12.

Long Day's Journey into Night: Friday, Dec. 13.

Ring 'Round the Moon: Saturday, Dec. 14.

Bach Society Candlelight Christmas Concert:

Kiel Opera House, Friday, Dec. 13, 8:30 p.m.

Candlelight Christmas Chorale: Rotunda of

City Hall, Sunday, Dec. 15, 5:00 p.m.

Bach's Magnificat and Britten's Ceremony of

Carols: Memorial Presbyterian Church,

Skinker and Wydown, Sunday, Dec. 15,

4:00 p.m. Directed by William Memmot.

In Town

Fontbonne

International Hootenanny: Medaille, Dec. 9, 4:00 p.m.

International refreshments.

Jim Forest's Allelu: Medaille Hall, Dec. 10, 8:00 p.m.

Poet, critic, editor, member of Milwaukee 14 presents interpretive dance, poem, song.

Zulu's: Thursday, Dec. 11, 2:00-4:00, Lewis Room. Chairman, vice-chairman and coordinator of the black nationalist organization in St. Louis will give their views.

Biafra Day: Friday, all day. (see last page)

A Concert for Christmas; Fontbonne College Chorus,

Sunday, Dec. 15, 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Theatre.

FREE.

"Horseman, Pass By:" human account of the life and work of William Butler Yeats, Irish poet and philosopher. Includes rare footage of Yeats himself reading his own poetry. Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m., Dec. 13, 1:00 p.m. Lewis Room.

"Phoebe:" Thursday, Dec. 12, 8:30, 1:00, 6:30. Lewis Room.

"What is Prejudice?" Friday, Dec. 13, 2:00 p.m. Lewis Room.

Flicks



"The loss of life from starvation continues at more than 10,000 persons per day---over 1,000,000 lives in recent months. Without emergency measures now, the number will climb to 25,000 per day within a month--and some 2,000,000 deaths by the end of the year.

I cannot accept the view that the deteriorating situation and extraordinary loss of life in Nigeria-Biafra is primarily an internal or African concern, and must be met within that context, however desirable this objective. The mere fact that arms are pouring into the area from many parts of the world to needlessly prolong violence at the expense of innocent millions, should tax the conscience of all mankind---especially that of our own Nation, whose traditions and ideals call for a maximum effort in the service of peace and the welfare of humanity.

The United States has always found a way to make its weight felt in the affairs of others when our political self interest and national security have been at stake. In the historic tradition of our Nation, I would also hope that we can still exert our powerful influence when great human tragedy strikes our fellowman.

Senator Edward Kennedy

# DO YOU BELIEVE (Biafra Day - FRIDAY) IN GENOCIDE ?

## SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT:

8-minute movie on Biafra shown throughout the day  
8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30 a.m.  
2:00, 3:00 p.m.

"Soup-In" in cafeteria. all students, faculty, and lay personnel are invited to join in eating the meal of the poor and to contribute what they would spend for lunch to the pot in the Cafe. If you don't like soup, there will be pots all over campus if you would like to give. \$1.00 from every student would be appreciated.

S.O.A.R.

Mass in Chapel, 1:00 p.m.



By the time they got to Phoenix

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A college whose freshman orientation includes a three week trek in the desert? Prescott College, Arizona!

Sr. M. Damien, Sr. Mary Charity, John Gaiter, and Jerry (that's spelled with a 'J') Fugate, did not take any hikes in the desert but--they did go to Prescott to look at the school and to find out just what goes on there.

The faculty and student body are free to change. They don't have many years of tradition to fall back on which can be an hindrance. Most of the faculty is there because of a dissatisfaction with higher learning in most institutions.

Prescott's major goals are:

1. to graduate men and women capable of dispassionate analysis of their society and committed to rational and responsible action toward solution of its problems;
2. to offer to students an undergraduate introduction to many academic disciplines leading to careers or professional training.

The school is a close community, being quiet and isolated in a positive sense. The administration, faculty and students are one, believing that knowledge can not be integrated by the student by himself. All at Prescott are striving for unity or synthesis. Consequently, the student is concerned about the world when he graduates.

Want to hear more!?!

Sit in on the Curriculum Committee meeting

Faculty Study in the Library

Monday, December 9, 2:45 p.m.

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fall edition available this week