

RAINS-WRIGHT ON NC NON-COMMODITY

ALIENATION OF FIRST-CLASS MINDS

In order to be exploited, Marx tells us, one's labor must be important to the economic system and exist in an alienable form. Daniel Bell has pointed out, for example, that the decisive factor in the advent of modern capitalist exploitation was not alone the invention of industrial machinery, but also the advent of the hourly wage system which universalized labor value as a highly alienable commodity.

Our economic system has changed, however, and the most important forms of labor upon which it rests today are no longer alienable in the established manner. The decisive "labor-commodity" is remunerated by the year instead of the hour; its product may be unspecifiable except in terms of institutional power, profit, or prestige; and we have difficulty recognizing "exploitation" in the luxurious life-styles of its individual producers.

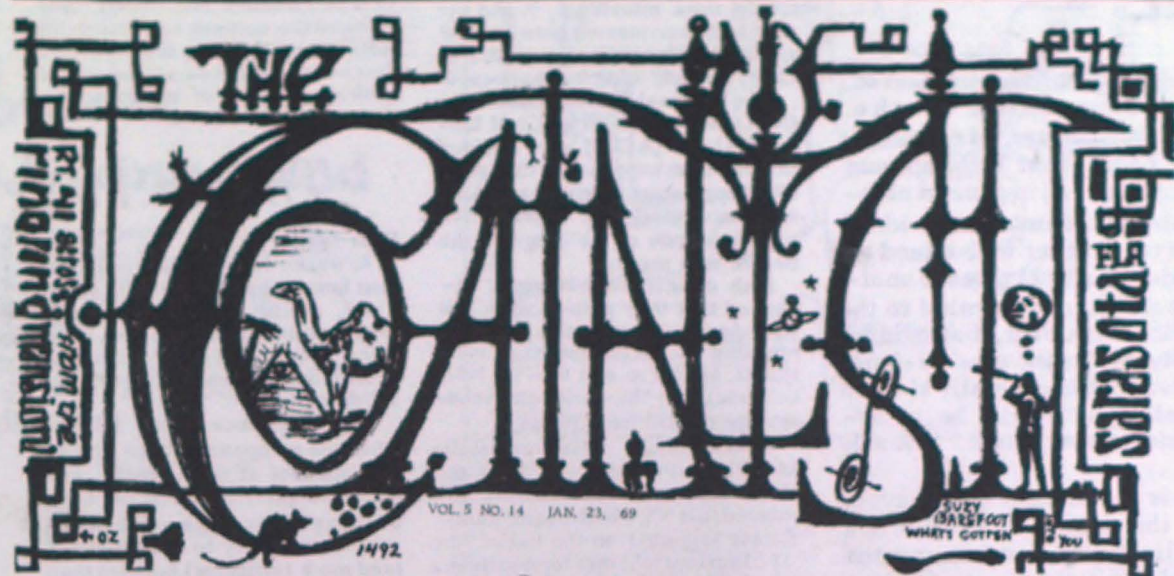
Already the competition for "first-class minds" is enormous. Buyers, whether in the academic, defense or finance sectors of the economy, seek out "talent" in terms which are increasingly universalized. But it is not the explosion of technology and bureaucratic

organization alone which has made this shift possible, but also the routinized transformation of intellectual creativity into an alienable and alienated commodity.

The alienation of this labor commodity begins with its official certification: SAT scores, attendance at elite colleges and universities, and advanced degrees. But the alienation does not become complete without the support from within by a work and duty ethic, an inner-worldly asceticism which one finds caricatured in the academic mentality and the organizational saint. With the routinization of the alienation of man from the product of his labor comes the rationality of human relations, and the human possibility of care is all but lost in the urgency of "business".

What is the importance of conceiving of the intellect as an alienated commodity? What is the human cost? Individuals in a system which routinely alienates the intellect as a commodity may suffer an internal split which breaks off their minds from the rest of their being, rendering intellectual abstraction empty and experience meaningless. For when the split occurs, intellectual activity becomes an empty game and experience lacks validity in the only terms that seem to count.

Many think that the smartest thing New College has done was to hold the SAT scores at a very high level, regardless of the financial burden imposed by the cost of purchasing first-class minds in a highly competitive market. We now believe that this decision has been positively destructive to the atmosphere at the college by fostering the illusion among us all that putting a student with high board scores together with a faculty member with a Ph.D. results in the "confrontation of two first-class minds". It is not clear exactly what a first-class mind is, but perhaps it has very little to do with intelligence. Perhaps the hallmarks of a first-class mind are an openness and willingness to consider a problem from many points of view, a lack of defensiveness about lacunae in



Tell Us It Ain't So, Al

By John Shaughnessy

Over a year ago the maintenance workers here at New College felt they should have a union through which they could negotiate a written contract which could then be enforced. A large majority (19 out of 22) signed cards requesting a National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) election be held to decide if the majority of the workers wanted a union and if so which union.

They soon found out that college employees, like farm workers and other underpaid workers, are not protected by the NLRB and that the administration at New College wasn't going to respect their desire for union representation without a fight. The workers started to line up student and faculty support, the administration raised basic pay all the way to federal minimum, and the business agent of the local union didn't come through with his end of the effort, letting things cool off.

Over the Christmas holidays recently, Johnny Coats, the young black guy who used to clean up on East Campus was out sick with pneumonia for a week. He called in to tell his supervisor, but was given a week's notice to find another job when he returned to work. He was making \$1.60 an hour here and had just made the down payment on a home of his own for his family about a month before this happened. Without a written contract or a grievance procedure, there was nothing for him to do but start looking for another job. He was lucky and found a night job doing the same work for \$2.00 an hour, but this new job may not be steady, year-round work like New College, an important thing to a man with a mortgage and a family.

Now rumor has it that two more "uppy" black workers, one in the grounds crew and the other a maid, are next to be fired on some excuse. The workers are quite naturally eager to get a union to protect them from these tactics. Other grievances

besides insecurity and the generally low wages paid to them, the college practise of not paying time and a half for overtime but rather offering time off during the next week-time off which rarely materializes, the doubling up of work loads without pay increases (e.g. the general maintenance man must now also do Johnny's work as well as his own) and the lack of a written contract which would clearly establish the rights and obligations of New College workers.

New College signs the paychecks for the construction workers now on west campus and recognizes their union because it is strong and their trade has NLRB protection, so why won't they recognize a union for the regular workers?

I think it is time the students and faculty and staff workers (secretaries) at New College reciprocated the consideration the maintenance workers have shown us over the years and give the workers all the support they need to get union recognition. Each group should consult with the workers about how to support their efforts and then carry out their part. The faculty has already begun discussing what role they can play. I will propose student support at the next SEC meeting, an issue which should be hashed over ahead of time so that a general resolution of support can be quickly forthcoming. Staff workers don't have an organization yet, but some sort of support seems appropriate anyway.

If we are all united against the administration's present anti-union policies, it shouldn't take long to set things right, and when they are, I hope something is done to straighten out the record with respect to Johnny Coat's arbitrary firing as well. It's about time this otherwise modern college started practicing 20th century labor relations!

NUFF' SAID Ed

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SEC lives

Elections

1st yr.
Monte Knight
Peter McNabb
Seon Andemon
Paul Zimmerman Alt.

2nd yr.
Duane Sweeny
Larry Reed
John Esak
Jack Lindsey Alt.

3rd yr.
Bill Heddrington
Claudia Bolin
Jon Lundell
Gary Moriello Alt.

SC.
Frank Borrmann
George Chappell
Lee Harrison
Dick Ingraham
Roger Klurfeld

Question
General over SEC
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Congratulations on a full SEC.

INVITATION

New College students have been invited to attend a performance by the Alpha-Omega Players of North Hollywood of Norman Corwin's "The World of Carl Sandburg" to be presented at the St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2256 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota on Friday, January 24 at 8:00 P.M.

getting to know one another

On February 21-22 the Department of Sociology and the Alpha Kappa Delta chapter (sociological honor society) at the University of Florida, Gainesville, are hosting an informal gathering of Florida sociologists and sociology students. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for sociologists to become better acquainted with each other, learn what kinds of research activities exist in the state, and exchange teaching ideas. There will be some discussion groups (to be announced), a general session on approaches to teaching sociology, and opportunity for socializing. Interested students should contact Jim Feeney and Prue Rains.

gymnasts

With a \$2000 gift from Mrs. Janet Hollaman, the College has acquired four pieces of gymnastic equipment for use in the near future: a horizontal bar, parallel bars, a side horse/vault combo, and a balance beam. The equipment is Olympic standard from the Nissen Corporation and includes apparatus for both men and women. This equipment will be housed in a shed next to the southern-most barracks across the street from the pool. Women can work balance beam, uneven parallel bars and vaulting events. Men will have high bar, side horse, parallel bars, and vaulting events. Workouts should start next week. A tentative schedule will be set up for workouts between 3-5 p.m. on weekdays (girls routines on Mondays and Thursdays).

For more information contact Jon Culbertson in Natural Sciences.

d.c. odyssey

Last week 15 novocollegians and fellow travelers left the cloistered halls of New College and journeyed forth to the nation's capitol to join in the inaugural festivities. At least 14 of the Novii, one high school refugee, and Fred the gorilla went for reason's other than to welcome the new President (for a new age?). In next week's Catalyst you can read of the difficulties of traveling for 24 hours in the back of a psychedelic hearse with poor ventilation and a bust'd exhaust.

You will learn of the group's encounters with the Capitol police and southern filling station attendants and fellow freeks. Mostly you will learn of the group's experiences as they went from anywhere to somewhere on an educational odyssey to the Center of Power.

EAT OUT

A plan for inviting interested citizens to have dinner with New College students will be inaugurated Friday at the first forum for this term.

The plan was conceived by the Student Community Relations Committee and developed by member Melanie Powers.

It is proposed that students invite local citizens to join them for dinner, to hear a Forum speaker, and to meet and talk with other students.

Some of the guests, it is hoped, will be identified through statements or letters in the newspapers, or through referrals from various people in either the campus or the local communities.

Students who wish to invite guests should notify the Student Policy Office. When a guest is invited, the student issuing the invitation usually will be asked to host at the table and to arrange for others to join the table

EDITORIAL

SORRY, MIKE

The SEC rationale for recommending the appointment of rather than the election of student representatives to the faculty biweekly reunions was less than sinister, if not overly trusting. It was felt, not without cause, that 1) the amount of student interest (forethought, seriousness) in general elections was lip-service to some abstract democratic ideal that no one intended to, intends to, or ever will intend to back up with their precious attentions, and 2) that the unfiliated representatives would probably pay no mind to the necessity for a really unified student government, backsliding into autonomous, ineffectual oblivion like the now defunct lovable SAC. Is that so? Just what will the generally elected student representation be? Hopefully they will be a co-operating, serious part of the student government. Probably they won't.

Second and last on the agenda is the thought that maybe, in view of the present situation, the College Council might as well have been hunting butterflies for the past four months instead of administering artificial respiration to the Student Bill of Rights as if it mattered. Somebody could've gotten vaguely suspicious at the fact that the College Council has gone in and out of the same door four or five times since the Shoemaker administration many, many long, worthless boring meetings ago. The perpetual issue should be made a matter of ritual for later generations maybe? The College Council wastes more time than the Catalyst!!

letters

SPACE WASTED

To the editor:

I.

As upper classmen are sometimes wont to do, I occasionally slip into a nostalgic mood about the "good old days" at New College. There are many things that I become all teary and knock-kneed over, some that I remember fondly and others not so fondly: throwing Drs. Elmendorf and Berggren into the pool on dedication day; the "original" book store; "Zombies of the Stratophere" each week, preceded inevitably by the William Tell Overture; and Laurie Paulson's Art Buchwald-type column--which brings us to the Catalyst. Although we might not have thought so at the time, the Catalyst of years past was a fine rag, at least in relative and maybe even if absolute terms--which brings us to some present criticisms.

Item #1. I remember the crisis-laden atmosphere just after the trustees had met first term, when practically everyone was up-tight because the trustees decided to give the Social Sciences only one new faculty member for next year. Well, now that the trustees have given the aforementioned division two more new faculty members (and the Natural Sciences one more), the Catalyst not only did not engage in rapturous delirium but also buried the news in a seemingly innocuous article with a tell nothing headline.

Item #2. Lazlo Deme was appointed chairman of the Social Sciences division, and this fact was even more cunningly concealed in a few lines near the end of the same seemingly innocuous article. Said article almost had equal billing given to a picture of John Muir and a news item about the newly-formed outing club. Your ranking of the importance of each of the items seems grossly inverted to me.

The Social Sciences division, ever since the inception of the college, seems to have been floundering. When its various core programs have not been afflicted with irrelevance and/or complete failure. Such being the case, I would think that the Catalyst would see fit to publicize the appointment of the new division chairman, a much respected and effective teacher who is perhaps the first Social Sciences division head to be chosen from within the ranks, rather than being imported for the job. Maybe a followup article on Professor Deme would have been appropriate.

Item #3. I, for one, do not like the new masthead and rather

suspect that it is a device for decreasing the amount of space that has to be filled with copy. In fact this whole last issue seemed to be an exercise in minimizing the amount of copy necessary.

II.

The above criticisms are rather specific. I now arrive at several more general comments and what is intended to be honest questions. In comparison to what the Catalyst used to be, the general level of the articles seems to have deteriorated. There is not enough consistent variety in the type of material presented. Sometimes I get the impression that the articles are aimed by, at, and for a particular group of like-thinking people on campus; i.e., there should be more information and less propaganda and mysticism.

My first two complaints could be rectified, I think, by editorial alertness. But what of the others? Are space-devouring mastheads, photographs, etc., used because of lack of copy (lack of writers)? Maybe not enough people have displayed an interest in contriouting articles--I don't know. Has any attempt been made to determine what the Catalyst needs in order to be well balanced? Has a determined recruiting effort been made to secure the staff (full or part-time) to fill specific needs? What's happening, baby?

(signed)
Ken Moore

Reply

Dear Ken,

Your comments and criticisms are for the most part accurate and well taken. The Catalyst is in the midst of trying times. It is most true, as you have pointed out, that we lack sufficient editorial direction. The departure of former Editor Paul Adomites has left us for the most part devoid of much practical journalistic knowledge or experience. We have also run into production difficulties due to the depletion of our typing staff. If you will notice the first two issues of this term have been a day late. We have been so concerned with turning what copy appears every week in the office by some magic into some sort of newspaper that we have not been able to devote sufficient care to editorial concerns. However, we feel that what has been published is of sufficient interest and importance to rule out the possibility of suspending publication, which was in fact considered. We have been working hard, and we

NSA, ACLU Fight Pot Prohibition

(CPS) When a young man is sentenced to 20 years in prison for selling an ounce of marijuana, a drug called by top researchers a "relatively mild intoxicant," and yet the use of marijuana is growing and spreading from coffee houses to fraternity houses, what has happened?

The National Student Association (NSA) and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) have decided that what has happened is that penalties regulating marijuana in America are totally out of proportion with the nature of the drug and the people who use it.

Both organizations recently announced that they plan to work this year for changes in the laws surrounding use and possession of marijuana, and for an end to what NSA calls society's "hypocrisy and inhumanity toward its children."

NSA officials, citing the results of a three-year study of drugs and their effect on students, have announced that NSA will begin "campaigns" to place on the ballot by 1970 various schemes for marijuana regulation--from legal sales in stores (like alcohol) to reduction of criminal penalties.

At the same time, ACLU has urged removal of criminal penalties for use and possession of marijuana (which are now felonies and punishable by up to 40 years in prison in some states), and said it will take on selected cases of individuals charged with these offenses.

Charles Hollander, who has headed NSA's Drug Studies Program since 1965, said the number of students arrested for drug charges across the country in 1968 has risen 800 percent over 1967 for the same September-November period. Sixteen

thousand students were arrested during the ten weeks after school started last fall, Hollander said.

"The issue of drugs," according to NSA President Bob Powell, "has plunged the campus into one of its worst internal crises, and has driven another wedge between a large and growing number of students and their elders."

Thrice Payes For All

Dear Editor,

As was no doubt evidenced by the first letter I had occasion to write, I was, during the first term, very much unsure of the situation here. I was, in fact, supremely confident of only one unambiguous emotion. I didn't like it.

The experience of my ISP has given me an opportunity to ponder the situation at some length, and to ask the question which has been de rigueur ever since science revealed an ability to blow prettier (and more terrifying) bubbles than any other branch of learning; is it me or the context?

Having decided that "it" is definitely the latter, I now feel qualified to speak, not as my own (suspect because unique) self, but to assume the sacred mantle of observer. It was in this role that I was speaking to one of the members of the faculty, as usual, complaining, when someone approached me in that state of righteous indignation I have heretofore observed only in an infant deprived of its mother's breast, and asked, "What do you want out of the place?"

Simple: I would like to grow up. The prospect of being frozen in a state of nonentity does not appeal to me. I find that I am unable to grow here. Growth implies change. One can change only by moving from one context to another, of making choices of movement. New College, God only knows how, has eliminated all significant choice. One can only choose for here. One can never choose from, since the situations in which one moves away from something imply a valuation of x over y. All values are equal here. It is just as easy to be an idealist as it is to be the most obnoxious sort of hedonist. Idealists

"Intensifying the situation are the two- and three-year sentences that are frequently handed out in the name of 'exemplary' law enforcement, and the deep fear, suspicion and mistrust generated on our campuses by the flood of disguised and often university-sanctioned narcotic agents."

are valuable simply because they stand as monuments of choices, consistently made in higher-valued directions. Both are equally accurate Vice versa for bastards. Idealists and bastards here are both parts of the landscape. Both are equally accepted. In fact, the bastards are somewhat more appealing; they provide negatives by which we can amuse ourselves. The idealists demand a choice which is not amusing, and the only alternatives we have left (and these are fading) are work--of the most narrow and constricted sort--or play--ditto.

Another way of saying all the above is that a person is a function of his choices. I can make no choices here which are in any way significant. My life will end, as of now, because I have decided to become another marshmallow, while at New College. (Tombstone: Charles MacKay; 1949-1968, 1972-2032.) Hence, because I can make no significant choices, I can not be a person at New College.

The above, of course, goes too far, for the sake of rhetoric. There are significant moments here. Dr. Berggren will drop a witticism, and we will all chew on it for days. Or somebody will catch on to the fact that information is a moving force in the outside world. But only for a moment. Events of monumental significance. But their isolation will only echo more strongly that by declaring a moratorium on life. We are, however, quiet in the grave. I got someone mad enough to slap me a few nights ago. This gives me hope.

But not much.

Thank you,

Charles K. MacKay

e=mc² flush

About two weeks ago, while helping two friends move into a room that I had lived in for part of first term, I found a photograph of Albert Einstein that I had left behind and for which I had been searching ever since moving. It was taped to the inside of the lid of the toilet.

I object to this for two main reasons.

1. The displaying of such a photograph in such a place seems to me to be evidence of a certain anti-intellectualism--a gesture of contempt for, and disrespect for, an outstanding man of science--which should be an alien thing at any college, but especially at New College. It occurs to me that an explanation of this action

might be the people in the arts wished to negate the sciences. This too, should be alien at a college which tries to stress interdisciplinary harmony. Above and beyond this consideration, Albert Einstein was not "dehumanized" or a "dehumanizer". He was a concerned human being.

2. There seems to be little, if any, pro-war sentiment at New College. Here I assume that the party who made this contemptuous gesture is against the war. It might be of value to whoever is responsible to learn that Albert Einstein stands as one of the most honest and consistent pacifists the world has produced. I question the integrity of the pacifism of anyone who would show such disregard for a pacifist of Einstein's caliber, and if the parties who showed this disrespect were ignorant of Einstein's stand on war, I encourage them to enlighten their ignorance.

(signed)
Ann. T. Lauer

Note: Letters from Jon Shaughnessy will appear next week.

OBITER DICTA

A Letter to the Catalyst:
OBITER DICTA

There exists in the State of Delaware a statute providing for the arrest of common scolds. The legally defined punishment for this misdemeanor is DUNKING.

Cordially,
Edwin Haywood Shuck, III

I-A OK

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the F.W.C.R. for their ecstatic response to my recruitment literature display. The mention of an honorary membership was most surprising and I would be proud to receive a card. (HINT: my mailbox is 104) As for the crack about my being in town with a WAC, since when are the private lives of NC students openly published? At first glance these two positions (CO vs. Enlistment) may seem antithetical or antagonistic, but I feel they are really complimentary. We merely offered two legal ways to avoid the Draft.

happily

John Dohrmann

KING BIRTHDAY

To the editor:

You have probably heard of the movement that has been started urging the President and Congress to declare January 5, the anniversary of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., a national holiday.

Petitions are being circulated throughout the country at this time. However, considerable opposition is expected from Southern whites. To combat this opposition we would like to get as many signers as possible.

If you are sympathetic with this movement, I would appreciate your cooperation in obtaining signatures from New College students. Your signatures may be returned to me and attached to the petition that I am circulating.

Thank you,

Sincerely,
Deana Mardner

(Petitions have been posted on the door of Hamilton Center. ED.)

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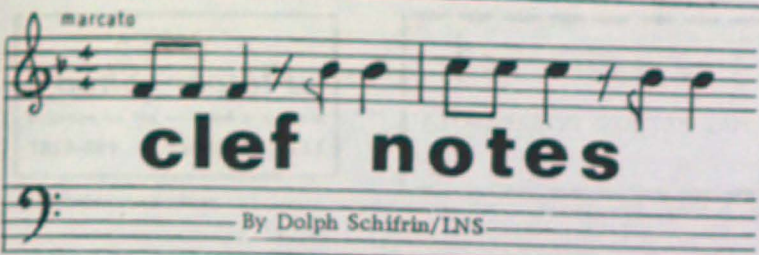
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Interview: Incredible String Band

right there among your favorite painted box inside your tastiest nougat candy rests all your icons tiny all your archetypes to be wrestled with your tongue

musicians stand like most loved centuries indian in yellow russian velvet & gypsies seated nestled in their proper scarves all that love & family has provided

we came to play we come to be listened we come for all of us to feel to be

& Robin Williamson and Mike Heron and Licorice and Mike's delicate dark bird sit with their embroidered eastern green pouch of finger cymbals and bat's teeth and twinkling chicken wishbones and answer questions from well-wishers on a studio couch far from Wales and Scotland in Philharmonics in Lincoln Center Green Room till Center cop says "ok that's it building is closing in five minutes...you...girl...stop the flute-playing everyone got to GO HOME...get it?"

And having gotten it Mike and Robin are mum and cool retreating it with pantomime giggles and quick decisive verbs: "We goin to be outta here soon as we're together." says Mike ("And where is my sitar...Downstairs?")

Along the way to Down Robin of the Water Song stops for a drinking fountain cup: "We don't have things like this in Wales" he says to the wee girl who he has his flute, "We get water from the well on my farm We carry it in a bucket on our back Remember how good it sounded in the bucket WATER IS DELICIOUS"

And around the innards of Lincoln Center were traversed finding ourselves in good company on the street and heading for a party of sorts...

Many people should take care of wonderful musicians and five minutes walk from the Great Wall was a place set for Chinese food and homey talk that must be incredible to musicians.

it was a blonde lady's house and she and her man kept all the Band and secret guests and friends and those who came to rap in good cheer.

she is assistant producer for a company that presents and Mike Heron calm & glad with eyes that smile "cheery" talked of presentations:

"The Philharmonic is a beautiful place for an orchestra, but we're a small band. What we need is a lousy hall with good microphones. Actually it was hard to hear ourselves and you want that--it's the best feeling. Also the Philharmonic audience is hard to figure out. At Fillmore (East) you really know what they dig. Here it's a bit too formal."

and other halls?

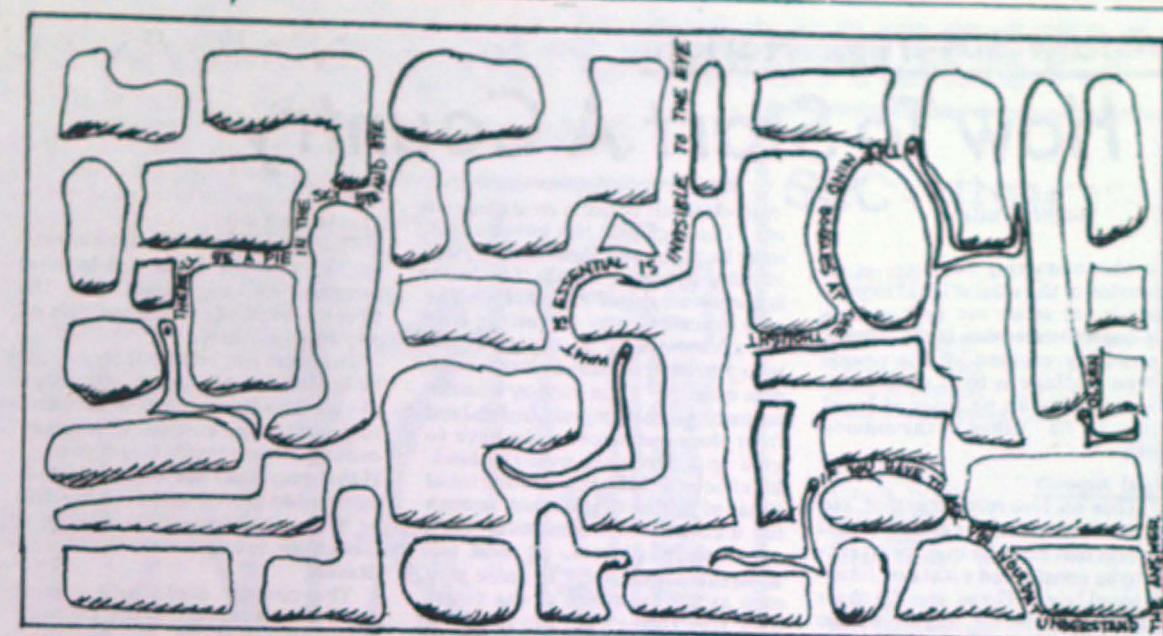
"Well, Albert Hall in London is not so good you know. Very, very proper. The clapping is perfect, so to speak."

do you like to play for small audiences?

"Oh, yes. We did that for a long time in Scotland. Played all the clubs. Everyone would drink their beer and do their social thing. You know, very easy. But after a while you want to go to a hall. In clubs there's the social thing and they don't care who's playing after a while. So we like to go to a place where they care about our music and come to listen. Fillmore (West) in California is a nice place. But the last time we were there we were on with Country Joe. That's a knocked out group. But not for a gig with us."

do you remember a really wonderful performance?

"Oh, of course. It was on Robin's farm in Wales. We got together all kinds of people to be in this very long thing. It should be on the new album. Well, we got this one guy



who drove a van to come and play He said he wanted to come dressed as a girl, you know. We said sure and he did his thing and wouldn't take his make-up off all night. The hidden repressions. Another guy played piano in a Russian suit and right in the middle of everything he jumped over the piano and did his Russian dance and his kicks. It was created communally. Robin wrote his part before... but it was all made right there."

is producing records in america a drag next to the farm thing?

"Well, you know, those are the best moments. But producing records in america is not hard if you stay away from singles. Singles means plugging records. I really don't like that. We tried to do "Paint Box" that way and it flopped."

do you also try and steer clear of heavy use of the studio?

"Well, not really. We've done a lot of overdubbing in our albums. We use the studio. We try and stay with it."

have you heard these souped-up specials like "Yummy, Yummy?"

"Oh, sure. I heard the album, in fact. Very curious. One song is about someone heading over a cliff. Naturally as the cat goes down over the cliff the base goes up..... clever."

we laughed for awhile in this funny predicament of wanting to know all the things of wanting to not impose forcefully--for this was a family in this rest-stop for right now

and Mike Heron told this wee girl that if she wanted to crash while on British soil she might try Robin's farm a place to stay awhile and then he got up and walked around

and smoked a Dutch Boy cigarette he looks like a good friend on your soccer team

do you dig the new Beatle album?

"Well not that much you know. Actually George Harrison has finished a sound-track for a movie and it is an LP now. I don't know if it'll be in the States but you should try and get it. He does the score for the orchestra and for sitar and there is some terrific rock. Harrison knocks you out... I don't really know if the Beatles are as popular in England as they are here... At least it's the way I hear it... the submarine picture did not do all that well over there... Have you seen it?"

tremendous

"Yes."

Time seemed to be moving out of this evening when I checked a glance at my friend Fred who once put these gentlemen up and was now occupying the tall blond & tinier face of Robin Williamson Fred was laying out new york and rock and string band music with seismographic vibrations that they both seemed able

to handle easy in the Lincoln Center Green Room

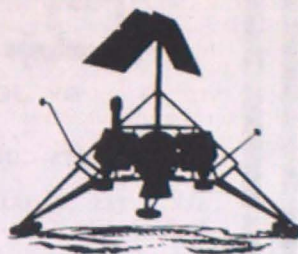
Freddie told Robin

"it's like a wide open valley and on this tree is a leaf that trembles ever so much it trembles and you tremble and it is very beautiful" Robin agreed like he was now, ensconced in this corner of this bohemian chick's rest-stop house and this part of this evening echoed they must be going

i asked Mike another question: you wrote a very beautiful song about a woman who "belonged" to "everyone" but was still yours "i am you" you said, will, were you thinking Krishna, or did it start with her dimples--you know?

"Well, that is a very important song. Actually I saw this poster. The poster had KRISHNA KRISHNA KRISHNA on it. And I thought of this beautiful woman who I knew I would be staying with. She is in this group you know."

you know we shook hands we shook hands goodnight & their family departed.



WHO PUT IT THERE?

Who soft-landed the U.S. moon-picture machine? Congress? The Army? No, the Government contracted for the job with investor-owned companies. But who master-minded the project? The Government? No, that, too, was "farmed out" to one of the nation's biggest manufacturers.

Given the go-ahead, U.S. industry caught up and moved ahead in the space sciences... with the entire world witnessing its failures as well as its successes. And all the while delivering an incredible bounty for the folks at home and the needy abroad. Government contracting with business works so well that it's the new trend for state governments—even in welfare work. Costs less, too.



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How To Start A Country

Roger Klurfeld

The idea of starting a country as an extension of the educational experience is not as far out as it sounds. The logical extension of the closed community created by the people of New College is to maintain the closed effect with no fears of legal action to be taken by the outside world.

Legal Aspects

There are five requisites that are generally accepted by international lawyers that must be met for an entity to be considered a state of international law. These are: (1) there must be a population, (2) there must be a fixed territory that the inhabitants occupy, (3) there must be an organized government that exercises supremacy in the territory, (4) there must be an assertion of right by the state to enter into relations with the outside world, and (5) the inhabitants must have attained a high enough degree of civilization such as to be able to observe and respect the principles of international law. Each of these five points needs to be clarified as to the possibilities of an individual or group of individuals establishing a country.

The first point, of there being a population, need not be discussed in great length. The population of a state must be sufficient to guarantee the continuance of the country beyond the generation that starts the country. This would pose no problem if the country were set up as a haven for graduates of New College. One other point on the topic of population bears mentioning. The country must have a population at all times. In other words someone must always be in the territory occupied by the country. This isn't a problem if a sufficient number of graduates are citizens of the country and reside there.

The second and third points mentioned above can be treated as a single unit. These are perhaps the

most difficult points to attain success at. The fact that the government must be supreme rules out the possibility of getting land in the United States to establish a country. The only practical way of getting land for a community of any great size is to purchase an island off the coast of a country. The country who the promoters of the project buy the land from does not necessarily have to give up sovereignty over the land. It has been held by the International Court of Justice that it is not enough for a country to claim sovereignty over a parcel of land. It must also show that sovereignty in some way, such as the existence of the country's flag flying over the land. If all traces of foreign sovereignty are destroyed, then the country that sold the land to the group of individuals does not have sovereignty over the island.

The next step would be to declare the independence of the new island-country. This would be an assertion by the state of its right to enter into the community of nations.

The fifth and last requisite for statehood under international law can be summarily dismissed. Any group that can establish a country is certainly civilized enough to respect the principles of international law.

Recognition

Some lawyers believe that these requisites are not sufficient to decide whether or not a state is a state. They feel that recognition of the state by other states is necessary for the new state's existence.

Because of this fact, it might be deemed important that this new country seek recognition as a state from several countries. Among the countries that are likely to grant recognition to the new country are France, Austria, Israel, Malta, Finland, and Iran. Recognition from Israel and Finland would be forthcoming almost immediately. Without recognition, the new country could handle all internal affairs; however, to handle relations with other countries, recognition is nec-

essary.

The State Itself

The internal affairs of the country, such as the legal and judicial systems, can be controlled by the country without the recognition of any other country.

The president of the country would be entitled to all diplomatic privileges and immunities accorded rulers of foreign countries, whether or not the new country is recognized. If the president has United States' citizenship as well as the citizenship of the new country, he would not have these immunities in the United States.

The country could be operated as a business venture by the issuance of stamps, currency, passports, and the like. These items can be printed for an extremely small outlay of money and result in a great deal of profit.

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