

MONADNOCK ESSAY

A Confused Young American Revisited

Don Therrien

Poor misguided Ray, the typical martyr to the moral decay of the American way. He was led astray from the cradle. It might even lead to his death in Vietnam. Are we to pity Ray? Was he the victim of uncontrollable circumstances? Are we to condemn the bad influences he was under and condone his actions? Poor Ray, is he really a case for the psychiatrist's couch?

Isn't Ray the only one to blame for the situation he is in? It would seem that he's eating cyanide because he likes the taste of almonds. His problem? He is incapable of making a decision. He can't say to himself, "If everybody's doing it, is it right?" Like those who were his bad examples, Ray found it easier to do the dishonest way. We can't excuse his laziness. He should have asked for proper guidance, from a priest or minister about lying or stealing, and from the proper authorities about his eligibility for sports. We can't excuse his laziness in buying exams instead of studying.

This modern martyr suffers from a prevalent disease of our times. It is known as "lack-of-backboneitis".

If he had bothered to ask questions on these matters he might not be on his way to Vietnam. He might have found out that war is man's greatest inhumanity to man. He would know that it can never be justified.

He might have learned that Hitler feared communism because they were both striving toward the same goal, world domination. He would know

that our purpose is not to spread our doctrine of government but to keep the communists from forcibly spreading theirs.

He might have learned that the greatest business booms occur during peace time.

He would know that democracy, by definition, cannot be spread by force. He might know that anyone who wishes war to try out new war machines is criminally insane.

He would know that to think of protest he needs freedom of thought, word, and deed. This freedom is costly. The freedoms have been, are, and will be bought and rebought with free blood until man has reached a state of civilization when war will be only a word in the dictionary.

Americans do not say that killing or war is right because others are doing it. We do not kill and make war to please warriors. Our plea is the opposite of that.

We ask our young men to go out to the bloody fields of Vietnam, the Dominican Republic, and Korea to protect our freedoms. Our freedoms, and the freedoms of those who write lies so that their children can play hooky, make false claims against insurance companies, fix school records, and buy stolen exams.

They also pay the price to protect those who study for their exams, and are honest in their daily life. They protect those who love their God and practice their religion. They protect those who love their country and try to make it a better place.

New Buildings

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Suggestions for names for the new college buildings were screened by a special committee composed of faculty, alumni, and student representatives. The chairman was Alumni Trustee Albert R. Furlong, faculty members were Dr. Ann C. Peters and Professor Maynard C. Waltz, student representatives were William Makarawicz and Daniel Lein, and alumni representatives included Robert L. Mallat and Mrs. Edward MacLaughlin.

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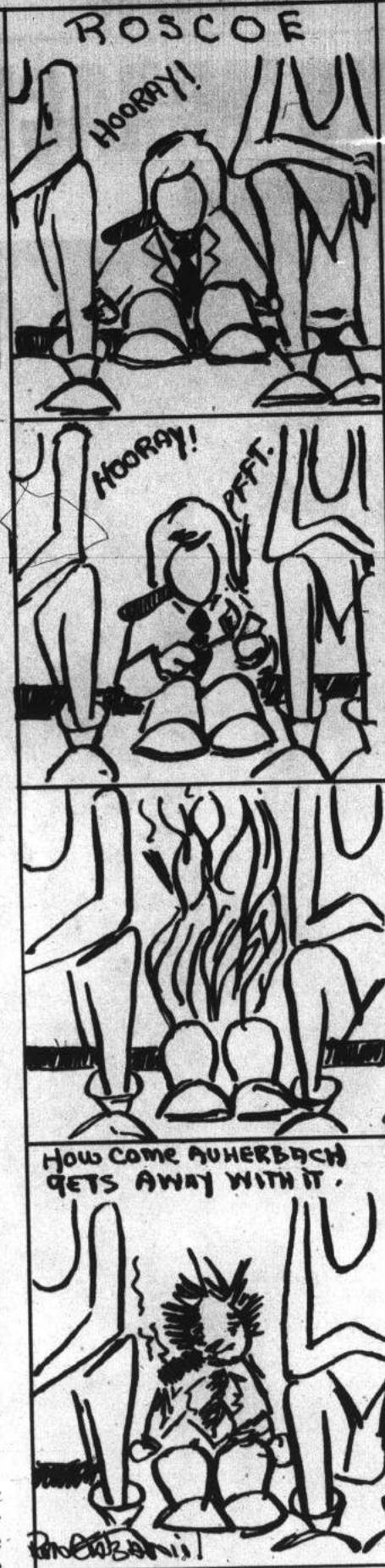
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Boy Scout Lab

By BILL BENTLEY

Saturday, April 30th, Keene State College will host a leadership laboratory for the Monadnock Region of the Boy Scouts of America. The program, coordinated by Mr. Haley, will involve approximately 150 boys from southern N. H. They will take part in a varied program, including discussion groups lead by students of Keene State. These groups will consider the various programs and activities that the young scout leaders can take back and share with their own units. It should be a very interesting experience for the scouts and students as well.



Belski Elected Director Of Keene State Pageant

By DANIEL PELLETIER

The Social Council has named Thomas E. Belski, on the recommendation of its president, William Haggerty, the Director of the 1966-1967 Miss Keene State College Pageant. Miss Christine A. Horan was elected Assistant Director of the Pageant.

'Brave Men Die' Monday, May 2

By BOB BUSWELL

The K.S.C. Young Republicans will sponsor the movie "While Brave Men Die," Monday, May 2, 1966 at 7:30 P.M. in the Social Room of the Student Union.

This gripping film is a documentary on the demonstrations against U.S. involvement in Viet Nam.

This film has been made available as a public service by the N.H. Sunday News, the Manchester Union Leader, and the Manchester Veterans Council.

A member of the Manchester Veterans Council will introduce and show the film. There will be no admission charge.

Griffin Postponed Until Next Year

Late word from his agency informed the Keene State College Lectures and Concerts Committee that John Howard Griffin, scheduled to speak on Monday, April 25, would be unable to meet this commitment.

Mr. Griffin, author of the widely-read *Black Like Me*, was to have an elective operation later this spring. However, his doctors decided that the surgery should take place immediately. The committee was fortunate in securing a re-scheduling of the program during one of the two weeks that Mr. Griffin still has open next year. The program will now be heard on Wednesday, October 12, 1966, and will be in addition to the projected series soon to be announced for the coming school year.

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Eight New Faculty Members Appointed; Additions Now Total 14 for Fall Semester

Doctors Horn, Bebis To Be Commencement Speakers

Dr. Francis H. Horn and Dr. George S. Bebis have been designated by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America to be the Baccalaureate speaker for Keene State College on Saturday, June 4 at KSC.

Dr. Francis H. Horn, President of the University of Rhode Island, will be the Commencement speaker for Keene State College graduates on June 4. Graduation exercises will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, on the campus in front of Huntress Hall.



Dr. Francis H. Horn

Dr. Horn is a 1930 graduate of Dartmouth College, has the Master of Arts from the University of Virginia, and the degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy from Yale University. He has received twelve honorary doctoral degrees from a cross-section of the nation's leading colleges and universities.

Dr. Horn taught at the American University in Cairo, Egypt, from 1930 to 1933. For six years he was the head of the Junior College of Commerce, now Quinnipiac College, in New Haven, Connecticut. During World War II he served in the Army, rising from lieutenant to lieutenant colonel, and he received the Legion of Merit and the Army Commendation Medal. His last Army assignment was as assistant dean of Biarritz American University in France.

From 1947 to 1951, Dr. Horn was at John Hopkins University as dean of the evening college and director of the summer session. He then became executive secretary of the Association for Higher Education, and from 1953 to 1959 he served as president of Pratt Institute in New York City. Dr. Horn was Distinguished Professor of Higher Education at Southern Illinois University in 1957-1958, and since July 1, 1958, he has been president of the University of Rhode Island.

Dr. Horn is the author of over 100 articles and reviews in the professional educational journals. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and numerous honorary and professional organizations, and trustee of three New England colleges. He currently serves as a director for the New England Council, the Near East Foundation, the United World Federalists, and the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia.

Dr. George S. Bebis has been designated by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America to be the Baccalaureate speaker for Keene State College on Saturday, June 4. The service will be held at 10 a.m. on the campus quadrangle.

Dr. Bebis is a professor at Holy Cross Theological School in Brookline, Massachusetts. He will be the first representative of the Greek Orthodox denomination to serve as the main speaker in graduation exercises at the college.

Dr. Bebis was born in the Island of Crete and received his high school education in Greece. He has the B.A. and B.D. degrees from Holy Cross Theological School, the S.T.M. from Harvard Divinity School, and the Doctorate in Theology from the University of Athens, Greece.

Dr. Bebis represents the Greek Orthodox denomination in the National Council of Churches and he is a member of the Orthodox and Anglican Commission for Consultation. He is the author of numerous articles and monographs, and he serves on the Editorial Board of the Greek Orthodox Theological Review.

The Baccalaureate Invocation will be given by Rev. Gerard J. Vallae and the Benediction by Rev. Fay L. Gemmell.



Dr. George S. Bebis

Tardif Elected Social Council President, 66

Norman "Tag" Tardif has been elected president of the Keene State College Social Council, for the school year 1966-67. He was elected at a regular meeting of the Social Council on Monday, May 9.

His vice-president is Maurice St. Germain. The Council secretary for next year is Judith Purdy. The treasurer will be Ronald Bosse. The members of the budget committee for next year are Paul Charpentier and Wayne Balcom.

President Tardif appointed Dennis Bosse, as his parliamentarian, just before the meeting adjourned.

Eight new faculty members for Keene State College were named today by Dr. Roman J. Zorn, KSC President. Six other appointments having been previously announced, fourteen professors will join the college staff for the 1966-67 academic year.

Dr. Ernest E. Lohman will become Associate Professor of Education and Director of Student Teaching. Prof. Lohman has Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees from Bowling Green State University and the Ed.D. from Ohio State University. He has taught for six years in public schools in New York and Ohio, and has served as the Supervisor of Student Teaching in the laboratory high school at Bowling Green University.

Dr. Thomas Neal, now on the faculty of Baldwin-Wallace College, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Physical Science. He has the Bachelor of Arts from Earlham College and the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Pennsylvania State University.

Charles A. Riley has been appointed Assistant Professor of Mathematics. He has the Bachelor of Science degree from Carnegie Technical Institute and was awarded the Master of Science degree in Mathematics by the University of Michigan. Prof. Riley is now completing his fourth year on the faculty of Long Beach State College in California.

Dr. John B. Wiseman, Assistant Professor of American History, recently completed the doctorate at the University of Maryland. His undergraduate studies were at Linfield College and he holds two graduate degrees from the University of Maryland. Dr. Wiseman is currently Instructor of History at the University of Maryland.

Mrs. Janet Gottesman, who is completing doctoral studies at Columbia University has been appointed Professor of English. She has the Bachelor of Arts and the Master of Arts degrees from Brooklyn College. Prof. Gottesman is Lecturer in English on the Brooklyn College faculty.

David R. Leinster, now a Lecturer in History for the University of Hartford, will come to KSC as Instructor of European History. A graduate of the University of Bridgeport, he has the Master of Arts degree from the University of Connecticut. Prof. Leinster is completing his doctoral studies at the University of Connecticut.

Dr. John D. Cunningham, now Associate Professor at Florida State University, will become Professor of Elementary Education. He has the B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of California at Los Angeles, and he holds the Ed.D. from the University of Southern California. In addition to four years of experience in the California public schools, he has been a college teacher in Science Education at Oregon College of Education and the University of California, Berkeley.

Peter H. Batchelder has been appointed as Assistant Professor of German. He previously was a permanent member of the faculty at Tufts University and last year he initiated KSC German language instruction as a part-time faculty member here. Mr. Batchelder has the B.A. degree from Dartmouth College and the Master of Arts degree and further graduate study at Harvard University.



ABOLISH?

Should we abolish the Student Council? A little far fetched you say. Maybe you think you have a misprint of an article which appeared about a year ago concerning the campus Mayor. No, read it correctly the first time, we are talking about the Student Council.

Let us examine the incidents which led to the formation of this seemingly ridiculous question. The Biology Club, the drama group, and the Monadnock receive money from the Student Council with which to sponsor an all-campus activity. The Biology Club sponsored the Audubon series, the drama group produced plays and the Monadnock prints our campus newspaper. In the process of sponsoring an all-campus activity each organization made profits from the town's people. The Monadnock uses its profits to obtain needed equipment; the drama group uses its profits to buy new equipment and costumes; the Biology Club uses its profits to give a scholarship and to purchase greenery for the beautification of the campus.

The budget committee, being in dire financial straits, decided that two of these groups, specifically the Biology Club and the drama group, should return these profits to the Student Council. Learning of this decision, these groups took the matter to the Student Council, which at the time, knew nothing of the action of the budget committee. The Student Council then proceeded to vote in favor of the groups on the basis that the good done by the profits out-weighed the budget committee's need for money.

Word having reached Dr. Zorn of the vote, he took action in which he reversed the Student Council decision.

This brings us back to the opening statement of this article. If the President of the college is going to reverse the Student Council decisions, then evidently the judgments of the Student Council carry no weight. Therefore, the pipeline which leads from the student body to the administration, as represented by the Student Council, has been clogged at the administration end and no longer serves a worthwhile purpose.

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PARKING PROBLEM — Signs don't seem to do any good at all, as is evidenced by this two-wheeled vehicle illegally parked behind the home of President Zorn. Or is it legally parked? Somebody take down the license number and check with the office.

LETTERS

To: The Editor, The Monadnock

The Monadnock's April 29 editorial denounced the administration of campus parking, thus it seems fair that some related aspects of the situation should also be made known. The presence of interloping vehicles in the Student Union parking lot had become chronic, and on the day in question 10 of the total of 43 spaces were illegally occupied. The irate and justified complaints from the commuters, who found their assigned (and paid for) spaces preempted, required remedial action.

Word-of-mouth warnings alerted most of the violators so that they removed their vehicles before the tow car arrived, and actually only one automobile was towed away from the campus. It should be noted that demands from the displaced commuters, who justifiably objected to being forced into illegal parking themselves, required the enforcement of the posted regulations. Moreover, it is obvious that 10 displaced vehicles can create other parking complications on our crowded campus.

Everyone on campus dislikes the towing away of vehicles, but distribution of warning tickets has not proved effective. Since parking regulations have been repeated distributed and also are permanently posted, interlopers who pre-empt assigned parking areas know the risks they are taking. Individuals do not deserve apologies or sympathetic support.

Because parking is a difficult and perennial problem, it seems wise to broaden the base of policy formulation and implementation. Consequently, I have designated a joint Faculty-student-Administrative Committee, and this group will be responsible for reviewing campus parking problems. Ex-officio student representation will include President of the Student Council, President of the Non-Resident Club, and President of the Interfraternity Council. Faculty members will include Professor Frank E. Tisdale, Dr. William S. Felton, and Mrs. Ruth W. Keddy. E. C. Vanderwalker, Director of Housing, and Robert S. Campbell, Director of Student Activities, will be administrative representatives.

The joint committee on campus parking will provide a clearing house for the exchange of ideas and evaluation of grievances concerning parking problems. I trust that its review function will provide a representative basis for policy recommendations.

R. J. Zorn
President

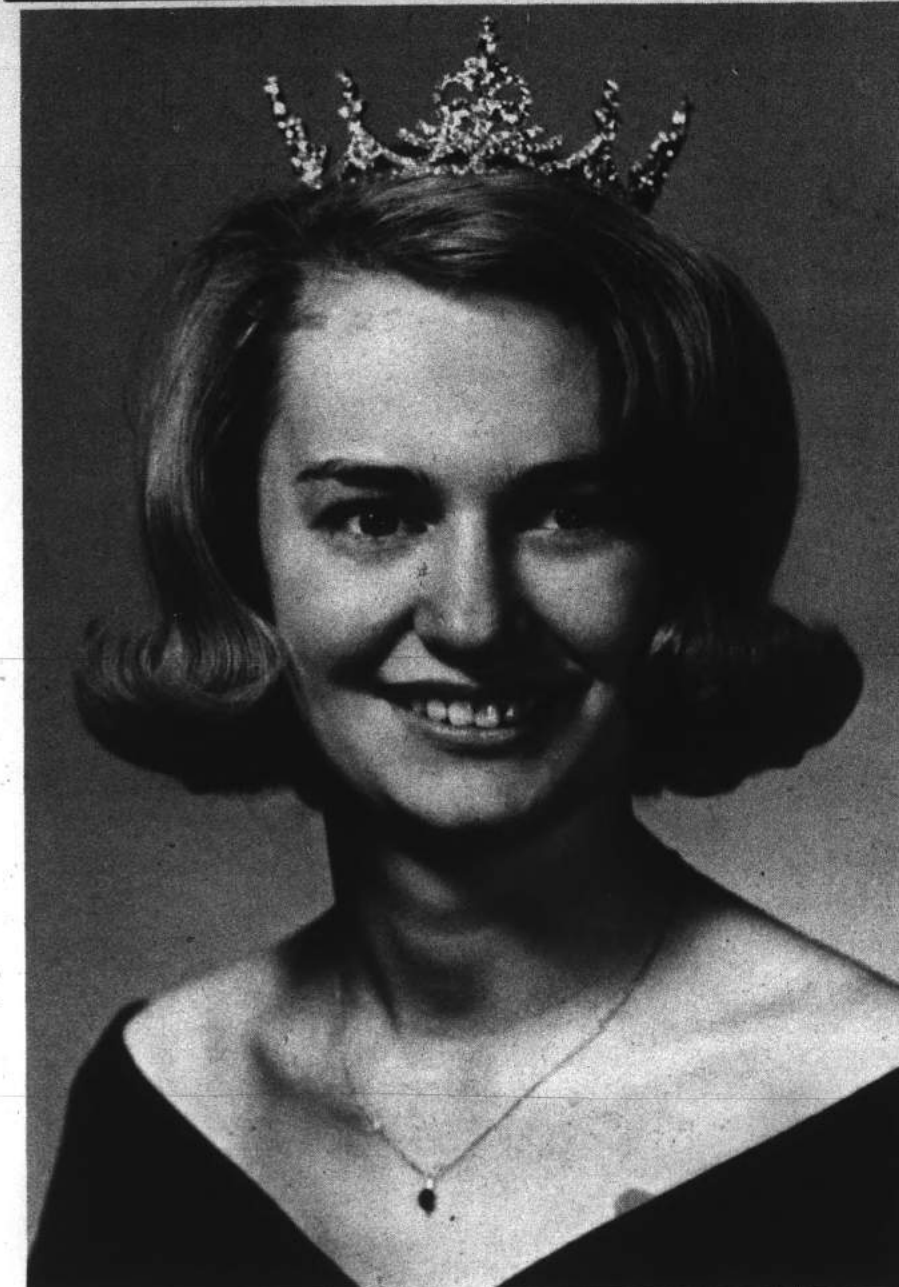
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Herold Battles For N.H. Title

By BILL HAGGERTY

Presenting her original interpretation of "Rat Tat Tat Tat" from the Broadway musical *Funny Girl*, Miss Kathryn Herold, Miss Keene State College 1966 will compete for the coveted title of Miss New Hampshire 1966 on Friday, May 20, 1966.

The Miss New Hampshire Scholarship Pageant sponsored by the Union Leader Corporation, Inc., is scheduled for the Practical Arts Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. in Manchester, New Hampshire. Sharon Kay Ritchie, a former Miss America and presently a Broadway musical star will emcee the evening program which will feature seventeen young ladies from colleges and cities throughout the state in Swim Suit, Evening Gown, and Talent competition for the state title.

Miss New Hampshire 1966 will receive a \$1000.00 scholarship, a \$500.00 Toni-Banlon wardrobe, a \$500.00 chest of Judi-Lee Jewels, an Oldsmobile Toronado for her use during her reign, and an expense paid trip to Atlantic City, New Jersey, to represent the State of New Hampshire in competition for the title of Miss America 1967.

Scholarship awards will also be received by the first and second runners-up, as well as to Miss Talent and Miss Congeniality.

Kathy, a sophomore elementary education major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Herold and is a resident of Salem, New Hampshire. The 5' 8" blue eyed blonde enjoys skiing, softball, basketball, and sports in general. She has had seven years training in baton twirling and two years training in dance. Previously, Kathy has held the title of Miss Woodbury High School. Should Kathy win any scholarship monies in the pageant tonight, she plans to use them to complete her undergraduate education at KSC and then pursue graduate study in guidance. Kathy is a resident of Eagle Hall.

Crowning Miss New Hampshire 1966 will be Miss Cheryl-Leigh Bufum, Miss New Hampshire 1965.

Policy on Drugs

A committee consisting of KSC student personnel administrators met recently in order to review problems that have become conspicuous at many colleges and universities. No changes were deemed necessary in KSC policies, but in view of recent events on other campuses, it was deemed advisable to reiterate our policies with reference to the use of drugs, alcohol, and campus speakers.

The policy was restated that the illegal use or possession of drugs by KSC students is prohibited and will result in disciplinary action for those involved. It was agreed, however, that we have not had a problem in this area at Keene State nor are we anticipating one.

Two weeks ago at the request of the College Senate, a statement regarding the College's alcohol policy was issued from Dean Randall's office. The members of the student personnel committee discussed the implementation of this policy.

The third item related to the policy on campus speakers. In keeping with policy set by the board of Trustees, the basic guidelines should be the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution. The rights of freedom of speech and of peaceful assembly should be fully respected, and as required by the College Senate legislation there will be advance clearance of outside speakers.

Budget Passed

This budget was approved by the Student Council at a regular meeting on Monday, May 16. No changes were made in the budget presented by the Finance Committee.

BUDGET FROM ACTIVITY FEE FOR 1966-67

Alpha Psi Omega	\$ 200
Beta Beta Beta	400
M.E.N.C.	1,000
Newman Club	960
Foreign Film Festival	600
Col. Ambassador Prog.	800
S.N.E.A.	120
Concerts & Lect. Com.	3,700
Drama	1,800
Keene Com. Concert Ser.	125
Alpha Pi Tau Frat.	50
Kappa Delta Phi Frat.	50
Theta Chi Delta Frat.	50
Inter-Fraternity Coun.	2,000
Nu Beta Upsilon	200
Social Council	8,720
Monadnock Hall	25
Fiske Hall	25
Huntress Hall	25
Randall Hall	25
Kronicle	10,000
Monadnock Paper	5,500
Sigma Pi Epsilon	700
Student Council	325
I. D. Cards	200
Annual Calendar	400

(1,520 students at \$25 each) \$38,000
Allocations Based on Receipts from Ticket Sales

Concerts & Lect. Com.	300
Drama	200
Contingency Fund	400

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The budget was approved with very little discussion. Student Council President, John Cloutier recommended that next year's Finance Committee begin planning the budget earlier in the school year.

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'Two New Financial Aid Programs' Barry

By ERNEST HEBERT

Two new programs for students showing financial need have been made available, Mr. Fred L. Barry, Financial Aid Officer, said. "It is important that students interested in these programs see me before the semester ends," Mr. Barry said.

The first new program connected with the Work Study program, is for students desiring summer employment in the Manchester area. Mr. Francis MacDonald will be at the alumni office, 2nd floor, Student Union, May 26, from two to five p.m., to interview those interested in social and playground work in the city of Manchester, Mr. Barry said.

Students who have received college aid in the past should fill out the standard KSC Application for Financial Aid form, available in Mr. Barry's office. Applicants not previously in any college aid program must complete an additional form, the Parents Confidential Statement. De-

tailed information may be obtained from Mr. Barry's office.

The second program is sponsored by the federal government for students showing exceptional financial need, and is in the form of outright grants, Mr. Barry said. The Educational Opportunities Grants Program is for those who attend or wish to attend college "who for lack of financial means, would be unable to enter or remain in college without the Educational Opportunities Grants Program," according to a U.S. Office of Education bulletin.

In addition to showing a financial need the criteria for qualification in this program are, according to the bulletin "qualified high school graduate, evidence of academic or creative promise, and capability of maintaining good standing."

Students interested in this program should complete the Parents Confidential Statement, and speak to Mr. Barry as soon as possible.

Alumni Fund Raises \$11,800

The KSC Alumni Association has raised \$11,800 dollars for library books in the humanities, surpassing its goal of \$5,000 dollars, Mr. Fred L. Barry, Alumni executive secretary said.

The association responded to a challenge by the Gravity Foundation, which gave \$5,000 to the library for books in science and math and suggested that the sum be matched by some other organization, Barry said.

About 20% of the alumni participated in the fund raising drive, he said.

"The role of the Alumni Association is expanding as a force for continued progress at KSC," Mr. Barry said. As defined by the Alumni Council, "The role of the Alumni Association is to encourage the development of policies which are of mutual benefit to the college, the students, and to the alumni."

To Administer Athletics

An enlarged and redefined Athletics Council will replace the former administrative committee on athletics, according to President R. J. Zorn. The new agency has been defined on the basis of consultations between the Department of Physical Education and the college administration.

The new Athletics Council will represent both the faculty and student body. The non-voting chairman, Dean E. C. Vanderwalker, will provide liaison with the administration.

Two student representatives will be designated by the Student Council. They will include one male student and one woman student, both selected in terms of interest and experience in the college athletics and recreation programs.

Faculty appointees will be Mr. William B. Greer, Department of Industrial Education, and Mr. David Costin of the Wheelock faculty. The Physical Education staff will also be represented and will have one vote in the group decisions.

The purpose of the Athletics Council

will be to act in an advisory capacity to the Physical Education Department and to the college administration. It will review existing policies in collegiate and intramural activities, make suggestions about new and revised programs, and generally advise regarding needed developments in the athletics and recreational activities.

Elected

Michael Carbone, newly elected president of the class of 1967, was elected president of the Keene State College Student Council on Monday, May 16. This election, and the election of other officers of the Council, was at a regularly scheduled meeting, with both new and old members present.

The other officers are: Ronald Bosse, vice-president; Kathleen Ball, recording secretary; Joyce Howe, corresponding secretary; Thomas Bel-ski, treasurer; and Dennis Bosse, treasurer of the activity fee, and chairman of the Council Budget Committee.

1965-66 THEATRE AWARDS:

Best Actor Roger Perkins

Best Actress Sharyn Edwards

Best Supporting Actor Daniel Lein

Best Supporting Actress Nancy Coutts

The Director's Award

Paul Huard

THE LAST KISS

By ERNEST HEBERT

Usually he didn't like Friday, because that was the day you couldn't eat meat. But today was different; today was going to be good. Today they would kill the pigs.

Mark was seven years old. He had no friends. He lived in Gehenna which was thirty miles from the city and had green hills and great brown barns. Mark's house was in a cluster of three, some ways from the town's center. The house was the smallest of the three, but it was also the newest. On the right was old lady Henderson's, who hated small boys. Across the road down a ways was Sade's house. It was grey and, Mark's father said, ill kept. Beside the house was a great brown barn, mostly unused, and a pen which kept the pigs from getting away.

Because there were no other children around, Sade was Mark's only friend. Mark knew that his parents did not like Sade, but it made no difference to him. Once he heard them talking.

"I don't trust that man. There's something about him," said the mother.

"The man's a queer duck, but he's a cripple and couldn't hurt a fly. Besides, it's the only place the boy can go," said the father. "He's as safe there, as here."

It had all amounted to nothing. Mark continued to go to Sade's. The mother continued to worry. And the father continued not to worry.

It was Indian Summer, a week before school, and seven months since they had moved to Gehenna — to get away from the fuss of the city, Mark's mother had said. At first he was lonely, but now things were better, because he had met Sade.

In the early Spring he had met Sade who introduced him to Justice his dull-witted farm hand and to the pigs.

Sade had no legs. They were lost to the thigh in the War. As a result he received a disability check each month from the government; so the raising of the hogs was a sideline. He made his way expertly using his powerful arms to guide a specially designed wheel chair that the Veteran's hospital made especially for farmers. Justice, a state ward because he had no parents

and had no mind, did all the heavy work.

When Sade and Mark were together, Mark said little. He listened to the stories the man would tell. Sade said he killed a lot of Germans, describing in detail how he would stick them with his bayonet. One day Mark came home with a brown leather holster that Sade had given him. He claimed he'd removed it from a dead German and Mark had seen the sleek luger to prove it. But Mark's father laughed, and Mark could tell that his father did not believe Sade's stories. Mark's mother thought it a sin to give a child such a thing of death.

Each year in the Autumn before the leaves fell, Sade butchered the pigs. All Summer he had prepared the boy for that moment. He showed Mark the technique of killing a pig. Mark knew it took a special man to do it properly. Sade showed him just where to put the "sticker" to sever the jugler vein. He told him that it took a steady hand and a keen knowledge to do it just right.

Mark was fascinated by the sticker. It was long, longer than a knife, and unlike a knife, because it was without edges. It was shiny and pointed and he felt good when Sade let him hold it. At night sometimes he dreamed that he was sticking the pigs just below the ear where Sade had showed him.

It was an art, Sade had said. Mark didn't know what art was but he listened and said nothing. The pig had to be positioned just so, otherwise it would run around and its blood would be wasted. Sade gave Mark a special bucket. The bursting vein of the pig would flow into the bucket and the blood would be sold for blood sausage. He showed Mark where to place the bucket and promised him the privilege of holding it to catch the blood. It made Mark feel important.

That morning before Mark's father left for the city he had a discussion with his wife.

"They're going to butcher pigs, and Mark wants to go. He's too young to see such blood and spectacle," said the concerned mother.

"The boy must learn about such things as death. You can't protect him forever," said the unconcerned father.

Mark knew that his father's voice would prevail as it always did. The logic of his arguments would smother the poor woman. And with an inaudible whimper she would yield. And with confidence of a man who worked in the city he would give her a dutiful kiss of reassurance and drive off in the white Pontiac.

Before Mark left, his mother, not knowing exactly why, took him in her arms and kissed him. It was something she rarely did.

Mark went and forgot her quickly. First he walked moderately then faster and when he reached Sade's he was running, his body paced by the excitement of anticipation.

Sade and Justice were working on a contraption that would hold the pigs still during the butchery. Sade sitting in his wheel chair cursed the farm hand for his stupidity.

"Idiot! Everything you touch turns to - - - Oh! Hello Mark. Come here and help me with this . . . you Fool! Stay out of the way till I need you."

Mark felt proud to think he'd been chosen over an adult. He looked at Justice, who understood little but knew he'd been humiliated. He scorned Justice, calling him a fool and an idiot. It made him feel good to say bad things to an adult and get away with it.

The first pig was ready. They would kill all the pigs and then in the late afternoon Mr. Astor would come in his pick-up truck and take them away. Justice straddled the contraption keeping the pig, a small one, as still as possible. Sade, his legless trousers folded under so he was sitting on them, rested — poised — on his chair, shiny sticker in hand. Mark was on his knees holding the bucket.

Sade took his time. He put his hand on the head of the pig and spoke into its ear. With the softness of a father rocking his son, he whispered.

"Good boy. Good boy. That's right, keep still, don't move. Be good to

Sade."

Then in one perfect move before the boy had realized it Sade plunged the sticker straight to the jugler. The pig gave out a high squeal of pain and moved spasmodically almost knocking over Mark's bucket; but Justice and the contraption held the pig fast. After a few moments the pig was still. It no longer remembered the pain nor realized it was dying. It stood grunting like a snoring man. Mark easily caught its draining blood.

He glanced at Sade. Sade looked content and happy. Mark knew how Sade felt; it was like a memory he had of comfort and warmth and his mother's arms. But she didn't do that anymore. His father said that too much fondling and kissing would make the boy a sissy.

The pig died quietly and efficiently. The second pig was just as easy.

Only this time Mark made sure he watched when Sade thrust the sticker into the pig.

Sade worked expertly and by dinner time all but one of the pigs had been slaughtered. He looked at the last pig, the biggest and strongest. He had deliberately saved it for the end. Mark understood: like dessert, all good things were saved till last.

The great pig was nervous; he sensed the loss of his brothers and sisters. So they had a difficult time getting him into the contraption. And once in it he would not be still.

Mark wanted to ask Sade if he could stick the last pig, but he didn't because he knew that Sade would not allow it. Mark wanted very much to play the prime role. He was flooded with feelings hitherto unknown to him. He wanted to hold the sticker in his hand and hear sharp squeals of the great pig and see the first spurt of blood.

Finally the pig was secure enough for Sade to work. Mark saw that Sade's body, like that of the pig, was tense. His face was surrounded with a halo of perspiration and his hand seemed a bit shakey. He cursed at Justice, but his voice was hollow. Suddenly Mark knew that Sade had

weakened, that he feared the pig. Mark felt a strength swell within him, for he knew that he alone was worthy to kill the great pig. He fastened a glare on Sade. Sade looked at the boy, looked at the pig, choked and drove the sticker home. But the nervous hand missed the precious mark, and the pig screamed in agony. In a contorted rage he burst the contraption and threw Justice to the ground.

Sade screamed at Justice. "You damned fool, look what you've done. Fool! Fool! Damn fool!"

But Mark knew the truth.

The great pig ran in aimless circles, his precious blood lost in a mass of earth. Then he wheeled and charged Sade's chair, but Justice pushed the man to safety. Mark saw the whiteness in Sade's face. He knew it was fear.

The pig was losing ground now. He would fall, get up and run, then fall again. Finally he didn't get up but lay on the grass by the garden. He grunted softly for a while, then died.

Sade was in control of himself now. He ordered Justice to the barn to prepare the pigs for Mr. Astor's truck. He told Mark to go home for lunch and clean up. Sade said he had work in the house. Mark knew that this was not true, that Sade took a nap every day for half hour before lunch.

Mark left. He watched Justice disappear into the barn. He waited a carefully measured ten minutes in the trees across the road. Then he walked back to the house.

Mark opened the door and looked into the kitchen. Sade was sitting in his chair near the sink, sleeping. The sticker rested in the sink. His head was back slightly and lay on his shoulder, exposing a great expanse of neck. His mouth was opened and from it came short evenly spaced grunting noises. Mark recognized the sounds. He looked at the neck, a great blue vein bulged and beckoned to him. He took a dish towel into his hands, and walked toward the sink. He looked at the sticker. It was shiny. Sade had cleaned it. Funny, how people like Justice get blamed for everything.



AND THEN I SAID TO HIM — Among the added attractions of Parents' Day was this earnest discussion between two gentlemen who are concerned with admissions, here and above, John Cunningham and Fr. Gerard Vallee.

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