

The Statesmen Slated for Lucky Friday 13th

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Mrs. Faure

supported, the staff felt justified in restricting circulation to registered students and holders of library cards when it became apparent that competition from the community was making needed materials inaccessible to the students. Some students have been misinformed that they can check out material from the UPS and PLU libraries with a TCC activity card.

FOLK CLUB SCHEDULES EVENING CONCERT

The TCC Folk Music Club has scheduled another performance. Kay and Tom Kiso will appear in concert at TCC Monday, January 16, from 8:00 til 10:00 p.m. In addition to the concert, Kay and

Tom will give a brief lecture on Folk Music. The couple appear regularly at the Nul Set, a coffee house, in Olympia. They sing various forms of blues and folk music. The concert will be held in building 12-1.

A.W.S. Plan for Health Week

A special meeting of the Associated Women Students cabinet was held on January 9, Tuesday, to plan for a special week of education on physical and mental health on the Tacoma Community College Campus.

Attending the meeting was Mrs. Ragsdale, the health counselor for TCC, who pointed out the need for such education, citing that the two major health problems on college campuses are suicide and venereal disease. She also pointed out that communicable diseases in the greater Tacoma area was up 300%.

Suggestion Made

A suggestion was made for a week in which each day a different speaker would be on campus speaking on a different theme. The themes would range from mental health to facts and control of venereal disease. A special discussion group on sexual relationships was also planned for the week with teachers from TCC leading the discussions.

A date for the week has not yet been set. Nora Callaghan and Linda Finlayson are the co-chairmen. If anyone wishes to help on the health education week they should contact any member of the AWS cabinet

SCHEDULED FOR AMVETS HALL

Friday the 13th will be a busy night for the very eager and ambitious Pep Club. A bonfire and pep rally are planned for 6:30 before the game with Green River and another successful dance will be staged at the AmVets hall from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m.

The dance has been designated as the "Lucky 13" with the Statesmen providing the music and the Winter Sports Club providing the entertainment; also a short ski style show and the drawing of the lucky winner of a set of skis and accessories.

Dance Chairman Joe Remlick and Pep Club President Les Martin described the dance and the night's activities as one of Pep Club's largest activities of the year.

Aiding Joe Remlick with the technical aspects of the dance will be Brian Fladager, Decorations; Mike Kappahn, Tickets; Rick Baird, Publicity; and Jerry Rowe, Cleanup.

Refreshments will be handled differently than at previous dances, with the owners of the AmVets hall providing refreshments at regular prices.

THE STATESMEN ARE COMING



THE STATESMEN
MARC - PAUL - STACEY - STEVE - BILL

Howell Replaces Henderson; No Decision from Phil Tate

As the Fall quarter ended, so did the official terms of two members of the student body government.

Jan Henderson has resigned her position of Sophomore representative to GASTCC. Jan will only be attending TCC part-time this quarter, and according to the constitution, if she is not a full-time student, she cannot represent her class. Jan is now attending the Tacoma Vocational-Technical Institute, besides taking a three-hour art course here each week. Dan Howell, current president of the Young Republicans, has been appointed to replace her.

The Freshmen, too, have lost one of their representatives. Mike MacDonald has transferred to a business college in Utah, where he plans to "learn how to study." Mike will be returning next quarter, but will not longer hold the office of representative. Frosh president Phil Tate has not yet appointed anyone to fill the vacant position.

At the last GASTCC meeting there also arose some discrepancy over the original intention of a portion of the constitution. This section, which states the qualifications necessary to be a member of the GASTCC, leaves a loophole by which a member could fail every other quarter, and still retain his office. John McKinney, Soph president has been appointed to form a committee to investigate

the possibility of amending the constitution concerning this situation.

The newly formed Audit Committee, which was created by the Government of the Associated Students of Tacoma Community College to investigate this year's and all future GASTCC budgets, made its first special report last week.

Report

Treasurer Donna Lee Massoth reported a model budget has been set up and there will be a new policy towards school sponsored dances. In the past, dances were entirely supported by GASTCC. However, beginning next year, the Government will only give \$100 to each group sponsoring a dance. This will mean there will be a charge at all informal dances next year. A limit of 50c stag and \$1.00 drag have been set as price ceilings. All profits will be returned to the group holding the dance.

It should be pointed out that the Audit Committee final report to be presented on February 17 at the GASTCC meeting must be approved by GASTCC.

Members

The committee consists of President Mike Fuller, Freshman President Phil Tate, Treasurer Donna Lee Massoth, Sophomore Representative Dave Lantz, and Freshman Representative Tim O'Grady.

EDITORIAL BOARD MEETS



EDITORIAL BOARD

The editorial board composed of Mr. Anthony Thomas, Mr. Harry Markowicz met with Mr. Monty Jones, (seated third from left) Collegiate Challenge advisor to discuss student participation in editorial policy.

In a meeting Monday, the Editorial Board of The Collegiate Challenge decided that students should be members of the Board.

The Editorial Board serves as an advisory council to the editor on problems of editorial policy. The group presently is made up of three instructors, Mr. Harry Markowicz, Mr. Frank Garratt, and Mr. Tony Thomas; the advisor to The Challenge, Mr. Monty Jones; and the editor, Jim Simpson.

In the immediate future, three students will be selected to sit on the board. The members of the group are now deciding how the students should be selected.

When asked about the outcome of the meeting, Simpson replied, "This will give some students who disagree with the current policies of the paper an opportunity to try to get on the Editorial Board, and express their opinions there."

EDITORIALS . . .

People Complain of U. S. Brutality; Who Think About the Viet Cong?

Four United States women have just returned from Hanoi, the capital of North Viet Nam. They went there in sympathy for the North Vietnamese civilians whose homes were deliberately bombed by American warplanes.

Due in Hanoi next week are four U. S. clergymen, also in pity of these poor unfortunate victims of the war.

The United States government has been bombarded with outcries from world powers and U. S. citizens demanding a cease to these monstrous and senseless bombings of the north.

Hanoi claims hundreds of civilians have been killed or wounded and that much damage has been done to purely civilian areas. No one, however, has taken notice of the fact that these U. S. women belong to such left-wing organizations as the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

No one noticed that one of these clergymen is U. S. Pacifist, A. J. Muste, who has led anti-war rallies in New York, Washington and Saigon.

Bomb Strictly Military Targets

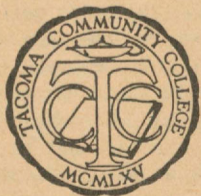
How many realize that U. S. plans have a flawless bombing record; that the U. S. warplanes drop leaflets warning that that area is a military target; that the United States bombs *strictly* military targets; and that the closest bombing raid near the city of Hanoi was a petroleum depot three and one-half miles from the city limits (other raids have been five miles away).

It seems strange that no western newsmen have reported seeing U. S. bombs fall on Hanoi, but Communist newsmen have.

Yes, have pity, on the North Vietnamese civilians who have been hit by their own SAM anti-aircraft missiles and their own anti-aircraft shells falling back to earth.

But let us not have any feeling of pity for the South Vietnamese. Let us forget that the Viet Cong have methodically murdered 3,000 civilians in the South. Who cares if the Viet Cong have kidnapped 10,000 others, village chiefs, technicians, teachers—and often their wives and children? How significant is it that the Viet Cong have killed, in the past decade, 30,000 civilians? What great loss is it, in a recent raid that the Viet Cong used southern women and children as shields?

When these United States citizens say that they are Americans, they do not lie. They are Americans—by birth and birth only. — Marshall Vigus.



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When it Rains

Wading to class not long ago, I stopped at the edge of the sidewalk leading to building 19. I looked up the hill at the water frothing out from somewhere, possibly the administration building, and running down the blacktop in sheets two inches deep in places. I noticed an occasional cigarette butt surfing along atop a tiny wave as though it was headed for the white sands of Waikiki. Unfortunately, it met disaster in the Grand Rapids of the Colorado River that has left the marks of time bare in a canyon running down the hill and into the mudflats.

What scientific knowledge has been uncovered by this torrent for the future Dr. Leekies and other plumbers to read in the exposed layers of mud, dirt, sand, sawdust, and cowdung fertilizer, I know not. I wonder who brought the seed of the Colorado, planted it there and watered it carefully during the Pacific Northwest showers until it grew into the destructive junior that now babbles and roars at the passing students? Yet the question isn't really so hard to answer. It is the genius who planned the sidewalks with just the right slopes and angles to prohibit the water from running off before it got to the Maelstrom at the bottom of the gorge.

I reached down and like a fool picked up a handful of mud that formed a delta on the sidewalk. Looking at it I thought, "Well, I've got to hand it to him, his aquaduct was a success" Hand it to him? I would like to throw it at him!

I waded further down stream to class, mumbling words I would never dare to put down in print in a letter for fear the post office would jot down by return address as they were reading the first class mail.

The mud came off easily in the miniature waterfall that drips off the roof at the entrance to the building. Two honeymooners stood there starry eyed watching the waterfall as the wind blew spray in their faces—the husband holding a brochure asked me if these were the American falls or the Canadian.

At least, like at the Vatican, everyone walking around TCC has been baptized.

Warren Churchward

Bits and Pieces

I have a question for the students of TCC—Why do you complain about having no school-sponsored activities and then turn around and refuse to attend the basketball games. Knute Rockne, a noted football coach of years past, once told one of his teams at the beginning of the season, "It's easy to play when you're healthy, but it's when you're injured and have to give 100 per cent that counts." The same applies to the students of TCC. It's easy to cheer for a winner, but it takes pride in one's school to support the team when the odds are against them.

Would next like to wish Governor Dan Evans and the rest of the Republicans of Washington State a Happy New Year. Under the leadership of Governor Evans, Washington has taken its place in the race for national prestige by setting a record of 818 deaths on our highways this past year.

Congratulations to Highway Dept.

Would also like to congratulate the Governor on the progress made on the state highway system. Santa missed the Highway Department this year, but maybe with luck the mothers of Washington State will be getting an extra present on Mothers' Day.

A New Year's resolution for A. S. B. Veep Dan Birnel — Learn **Robert's Rules of Order** for all further meetings in which he takes over the chair for Mike Fuller.

A further note — a grand total of seven students showed up for the last ASB meeting. TCC students again showing their great school spirit!

What Happened to the Bus Shelter

Another question — this time directed to Mike Fuller. Did you or did you not promise TCC students a covered waiting station for the bus in your campaign of last year? The girls from St. Joseph's are still waiting in the 15 building next to the library for the bus. HOW ABOUT IT?

Intense research has uncovered a lost law of economics for those students of that subject and their relentless teacher, Mr. Keely. It states:

PRICE'S LAW

If everybody doesn't want it—nobody gets it.

—Rusty Rae

TCC Needs Many Urgent Changes

As TCC begins a new quarter, we would like to suggest that the student government and TCC students, in general, address some serious attention to some very serious problems that remain unanswered from past quarters.

(1) The Constitution of the Associated Students of Tacoma Community College is in direct need of revision. We have already faced a crisis over requirements for cheerleaders which could have been averted, had the constitution been written to handle such a problem.

Miswritten

The people who wrote the constitution were somewhat surprised to find that they had written a section which says what they did not intend it to.

In treating the matter of vacancies in ASTCC offices, the constitution provides that an election will be held to fill such vacancies. It does not, however, place any time limit on when an election must be held.

In light of these, and many other shortcomings, the following, at the very least, should be done:

(a) All regulations over activities which deal with the entire student body—i.e., the selection of cheerleaders,—should become part of the ASTCC Constitution.

(b) ASTCC officers should be removed from office immediately if their accumulative grades fall below 2.0.

(c) The ASTCC President should be required to hold an election no more than 21 days after any vacancy in an ASTCC office occurs.

(d) Some provisions must be included in the constitution to assure that the Activities Council will serve its function as a second branch of student government.

Student Involvement

(2) A great many questions have arisen over some courses—one Psych. 110 class in particular. When a new course is being planned, the students should be involved. When discussions are held on courses which aren't working out as planned, what better source of information is there than the students taking the course?

Students must be given representation, with advisory powers at the very minimum, on all course planning groups, all course evaluation groups, and the Instructional Council.

(3) The GASTCC should make a serious study into the advantages, if any, in belonging to the Washington Association of Community College Student Governments. It must be determined exactly what the ASTCC is gaining, aside from notification of unofficial meetings, in return for its \$35 a year membership fee.

(4) Some individual on this campus with a flair for doing the apparently impossible should endeavor to discover just what a TITAN is, and what it looks like.

—Jim Simpson

Auburn Five Makes First Visit

Luckless Titans To Brave Gators At Home Tonight

The cellar dwelling Titans (0 and 10) will take on the Green River 'Gators (1 and 7) tonight at home. The game will be played in the Mt. Tahoma gymnasium and will start at 8 p.m.

The 'Gators picked up their only win of the season and the first in the school's history against the winless Titan five last December, defeating them 92 to 73.

Stunned

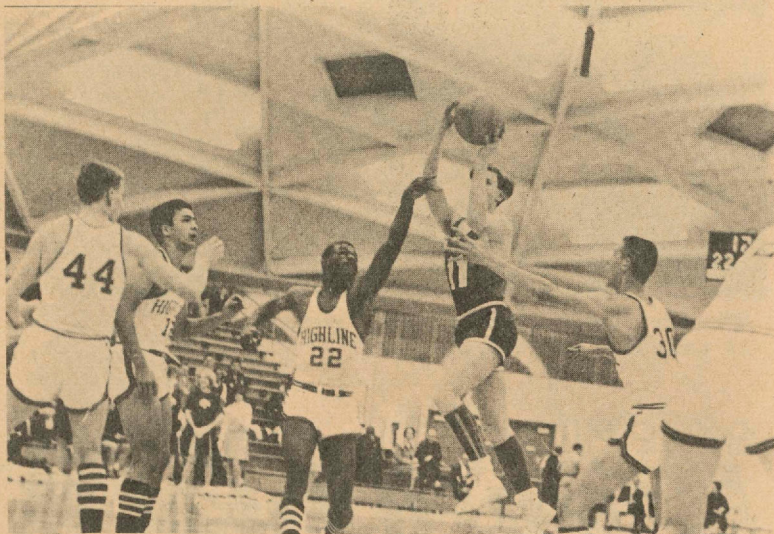
Take a Beating

The Titans have been taking a beating the past few weeks being defeated 104-66 by Shoreline, going down at the hands of Highline 80-53, and then were shaved by the UPS Frosh 69-61. At press time, the Titan quintet was hosting Everett.

However poor the team's record may seem, it can be pointed out that Shoreline dumped Green River last week 126-76. Also the Titans are fourth in their league division for offensive points scored, having racked up 461 points thus far in season play.

Stunned

During the last encounter with the 'Gators, the Titans led until nine minutes remained in the contest when Auburn pulled away. 'Gator guard, Vern Hoffer, stunned the Titans with 26 points in the second half and 30 for the entire contest, and helped his team mates out-rebound the Ta-



Titan Neal Goerger (11) drives by T-Bird guard Harold Ross (22) and forward Phil Kostims (44)

coma quintet 54-38.

The Titans were slow getting started against their last few opponents and this will have to be corrected if the Titans are expected to win a few games. Also turnovers have marred our team's past performances. The full court press has been applied rather effectively against Tacoma, and Auburn could use it tonight.

Upcoming Games

After tonight's encounter, the Titans will journey to Skagit Valley next Wednesday, and then entertain Shoreline Saturday, Jan. 21. Highline is next on the roster, playing here Wednesday, Jan. 25.

BRIDGE THE GAP!

"As Leaha Sees It"

By Leaha Lund

During Christmas vacation I had by first encounter with the sport of skiing. You couldn't have hauled me off the snow for anything! The snow and I became utterly attached (in more ways than one)!

Not only did I find that skiing was fun, but it also requires coordination. Some female skiers are called ski bunnies because they do not ski; they only care to sit around the lodge looking beautiful in their expensive ski outfits. Fortunately, I was not a ski bunny, just a snow bunny. I was in, on, and under the fluffy white stuff ninety per cent of the time in some of the most peculiar positions. I bet an acrobat couldn't get into some of the positions I did.

Sitzmark

Have you ever left a sitzmark while snow skiing? That was one of the first things I learned not to do. A sitzmark is a hole left in the snow after a skier falls. By leaving this hole in the snow other skiers tend to fall creating even more sitzmarks. Good ski etiquette insists that you always fill up your sitzmarks.

Right Track

Another rule I learned while skiing was: Don't change your



course when you hear someone yell "track right" or "track left." I crashed into more skiers that way! I had been skiing towards the right after hearing someone yell "track right", thereby crashing into him. After crashing into the same skier twice, I was informed on the meaning of the terms. You yell "track right" when passing a skier on the right side; you yell "track left" when passing a skier on the left side.

It is emphatically groovy to go skiing for the first time without having any knowledge of the sport, but you will feel much more secure if you first learn the rules of the game.

Intramurals To Resume Again

The Titan intramural program is once again on the move according to the program director, Edward Fisher.

Sports Offered

During the months of January and February, both volleyball and badminton will be offered for girls, while basketball will be added for the boys. The volleyball and basketball tournaments will be double elimination, and the badminton tourney will be single elimination.

"This means that every team will play at least twice in the double elimination tourney and once in the badminton play. However, if a team keeps winning, he will play up to seven times in both tournaments."

Ping Pong Tables

Pingpong tables have also made an appearance on campus. The tables will be set up in buildings 7, 19 and 18. The tables will, however, only be up between 12 to 1 p.m. each weekday, due to interference of classes during the remainder of the day.

Although Tacoma Community College's gymnasium is nearing completion, most intramural activities will still take place in the Wilson gym.

Sports Car Club Plans Ski Trip

The Sports Car Club is planning a ski trip to Snoqualmie Pass on Sunday, January 15. Anyone wishing to go should meet at the TCC parking lot between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. The trip will start at 8:10 a.m. and should return to Tacoma around 6:30 p.m. Any interested skiers are invited, and driving a sports car is not necessary.

Good Roads

During Christmas vacation, several members pre-drove a tour to Mossy-Rock Dam in preparation for a club tour in the latter part of January. The members reported that it is really beautiful trip over good roads that are very

winding, which is ideal for sports cars.

Advisor Needed

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Mr. Anderson will not be able to be the advisor of the Sports Car Club. Any faculty member who would be interested in heading the club should contact Mr. Steadman. He, or she, would participate in meetings, tours, rallies, and attend auto-crosses. At the present time, the club has over twenty members, with cars ranging from Volkswagens and Barracudas to MG's and Triumph's.

Ski Scenes

By Mike Stork

Many people have thought of taking up skiing as a sport, but dismissed the idea because of risk.

Research has shown that for every 1,000 skiers on the slopes, approximately six will be injured on any given day. Further statistics point out that while beginners make up 35 per cent of the people skiing, they account for 55 per cent of the injuries.

Simple Rules

With this thought in mind and some simple rules the beginner will master the sport with a minimum chance of injury.

The first thing in preparing for the skiing season is physical conditioning. Most of us are used to an automated, push button life. We drive to school, drive to work and ride the elevators in stores. Skiing is a strenuous sport and requires strength, coordination and endurance. Anyone who has held on to rope tows all day can testify to this. The beginning skier should establish a conditioning program and follow it all through the season.

Good Equipment

Before going skiing it is important to select the right equipment. The beginning skier needs competition skis, like he needs a broken leg, which will probably happen if he uses them. A beginner should use skis somewhat shorter than he will eventually use and have increased flexibility in the bindings.

Once on the slopes the surest way to injury is to teach yourself to ski. Lessons by a certified ski instructor are a must. They are not expensive, and are well worth the price.

Common Sense

Last but probably most important is common sense. Skiing is a thrilling sport, and without the risk it would lose much of its allure. But the hospitals are filled with beginners who ventured on slopes that were beyond their ability. Start out on the easier slopes and take on the harder ones after some skill has been attained.

Remember to have an enjoyable injury free ski season use the proper equipment, a good level of physical ability, proper training and the use of good judgment.

What's The Score?

By Tim O'Grady

There is on campus a borish group of students who talk and act as if they know more about the sport of basketball than does the coach or any of the Titan players. These students are the ones that can be heard at each game booing their fool lungs out whenever a Titan player makes a bad mistake. Not only can this be damaging to the squad on the court, but it is also very embarrassing to the students who may be sitting next to these adolescents at the game.

But these ignoramous are not happy to just make a spectacle of themselves at the games, they must also bring their tart remarks back to school the next day and rib some of the players. This condemnation of the players for a somewhat dismal season is completely unjustified, and unfounded.

Coach John Heinrich has taken the state's smallest community college athletic budget and turned TCC into a three varsity sport school. Along with cross country and basketball, track is also on this year's schedule. This itself is short a miracle. But he is also expected by the administration and students on campus to build a winning basketball team. This will not only take time but it will also take money, something which there is very little of on this campus. He has been asked this past season to try and lure top high school graduate ball players here by just the gift of gab. He was not given a cent for a scholarship of the smallest kind. No offer of even book money could be made to a Titan prospect. He wasn't even given an assistant coach to work with. But Mr. Heinrich is a sportsman. So he doesn't complain and make excuses. He has asked the Challenge Sports Department a couple of times not to criticize the players but himself for the team's losses.

However responsible people in the administration have seen to it that this does not repeat itself next year. They met with civic and business groups throughout the city in order to gain athletic scholarships for TCC. These people were not just content to sit back and criticize ignorantly which seems to be very popular today.

Who are these administration aids? Well they include John Paul Steadman and Coach Heinrich among others. And who are the student experts of the sport of basketball? Well if the shoe fits, wear it.

Good Luck Chiefs!

The WARREN REPORT

By Warren Churchward

Ed note: Several students have come to me asking that we print another article similar to the one we had last year entitled "Would You Believe." This we hope will take the place of that former humor column. wlc.

The architect who designed our sidewalks is suing all of the manufacturers who are putting out skateboards. Although he didn't think up the idea of putting wheels on a board, he did have surfing in mind when he figured out the unique effect water would have running down our aquatic walks. When fully perfected, students will be able to use regular surf boards during the downpours here at TCC. Let's go sidewalk surfing!

Contrary to public opinion the entrance to our south parking lot is not pitted with chuck holes. The entrance is a deep ravine with pillars here and there for the cars to drive on.

Sometime ago the Red Cross was called out to give aid to the students flooded in Building 16. The fact was not reported earlier because communication has only recently been re-established with the disaster zone.

Unfortunately, many of the freshmen were not around last year to view the mud. And this is why they don't understand the reasons for constructing the roofs to all the buildings in such a manner that the water runs off directly above the paths of the students. This is a built-in feature designed to wash the mud off the feet of the students as they entered the buildings. The custodians report that it is still effective.

Administration is considering purchasing teflon paint and repainting the reserved signs in the south parking lot. "The idea is," says the Bean of Students, "that the snow won't stick to the Teflon. When we had the snow storm the students couldn't see the yellow reserved signs and parked where it was convenient for them."

Now that freshman orientation (psych. 110) is through with it is nice to be able to meet a classmate in the library without having to first look him up in the card catalog.

SCUTTLEBUTT..

On January 17, 1967, there will be a meeting of The Veteran's Club on 15-1 at 1200 hours. All Veterans of the United States Forces as well as Veterans of Friendly Nations Forces are invited to attend. A speaker from McChord Air Force Base is scheduled to be there.

The Veteran's Club was organized on campus last quarter and so far has managed to survive. This club has one of the strongest, most impressive group of slackers noted on any campus throughout the State of Washington. You, the student who attends this college on the G.I. Bill, could help in the construction of the only Veteran's Club on any campus within the city of Tacoma. You are also the most self-centered and unconcerned group of students on this campus. To borrow an English quote "I'm all right Jack" seems to be your philosophy as a student. The faculty of TCC and the office of the Veteran's Administration in Seattle are all working to maintain YOU as a student in this academy of learning. You, on the other hand, could care less if there is any possibility that as one of the older students you might do anything to help yourself or TCC or new veteran students to derive anything from your stay on this campus.

This meeting on January 17 will, unless you prove otherwise, be the "Swan Song" of this organization. Then we, the veterans, can point with pride at nothing contributed by our having passed this way but a grade average on the record that, like all of our past service records, can be filed away to collect dust. *You Pass This Way But Once My Friend—So As You Pass Leave Something for Remembrance.*

Scuttle-Butt is written for you, the veteran student. Any comments by you will be welcomed and considered for print in this column. There is a file box located on the counter in the Newspaper Office, Building 18, Room 2, that you may leave your comments in. Please print or have typewritten anything you consider pertinent to veteran affairs and drop your comments in this box.

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GOING CREATIVE

Beauty In a Woman

This selection was turned in as an assignment for Composition 101, and came to us through the chain of command of the faculty. The instructor felt, as we do, that it deserves more recognition than a few comments in the faculty lounge.

By Kenneth Ehly

They did not mind my being there. In fact, they laughed and talked to me. It bothered them little that I sat there, in the brown rocking chair, and watched them Indian leg wrestle across their sleeping bags spread out on the living room carpet. They were both twelve; the change was beginning in them, and their short nightgowns and panties were not enough to hide it. They were beautiful. For a brief moment they lay still on their backs, head by foot, awaiting the count; their faces were slightly flushed, and they breathed a little heavier than normal. Under the nightgowns the suggestions of breasts beginning to develop rose and fell with each breath. The count began and two bare legs arched upward—children's legs, and yet the faint shadow outlining the muscle on the fore-part of the thigh had a hint of femininity about it that made me think of Eve before the apple; femininity softened by childhood. Two bare legs met in mid-arch, there was a brief pause, and one leg continued in its course while the other was forced back the way it had come, accompanied by laughter.

The beauty that I loved in Gretchen and Mary that evening existed in their purity. Their undeveloped bodies were beautiful in themselves, but were even more beautiful in that they seemed to magnify the girls' youth and simplicity of character. The youth of their bodies focused my attention on the youth of their characters. They were themselves—uncomplicated. They were giving free reign to their emotions and having a good time. They hid nothing, they displayed nothing. There was nothing false or affected about their actions or words. Unrestrained they played, heedless of the fact that they were somewhat more scantily dressed than I had ever seen them before. Their bodies were moving towards womanhood and very soon their characters would move too. They did not mind my presence then, but would they act in the same uninhibited manner before me, dressed the same way, six

months hence? or a year? I could not help but wonder how much of this purity would remain with them when they became mature women—and how much of their beauty would remain as a result.

The "eating of the Fruit of Knowledge" is a life-time process. As they grow older, Mary and Gretchen will be able to look deeper into themselves and examine closer the world of which they are a part. And they will be able more and more to relate themselves to the world, and it to them. They will realize that society weighs their virtues against their faults, and vice versa, and judges them accordingly. They will try to change themselves in order to be judged favorably; weakness will be covered unstrengths, sins will be buried under good works; tastes, mannerisms, and appearances will be altered in order to meet the approval of society. This is right and proper, yet it is possible to carry it too far. For if their weaknesses become so covered by their strengths that the weaknesses are no longer visible to them, if their sins become so buried un-

der goodness that they place themselves above sin, if they become so concerned with being accepted by society that they change their tastes, mannerisms, and appearance to the point of losing their individuality, then they have cluttered their simplicity and lost their purity—and for me their beauty. But if Gretchen and Mary are able to "eat of the Fruit" and yet remain strong enough to continue as themselves, to reflect their personalities as they truly are, then they, as women, will retain the purity and youth of character whose beauty caught and held me as they played before me on the living room carpet that one evening.

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