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"The Truth Shall Be The Warrant" — Sir Walter Raleigh

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## Spectrum Protests Board

The second demonstration in three days was held at the University of Virginia at Charlottesville on February 17th. The protestors seek to change the composition of the Board of Directors, in order to make it truly representative of the entire population of Virginia. At present, the Board is composed entirely of white, upper class business and professional men. These men have the final say on all the policies of the University.

Spectrum, a George Mason College organization, has sent a letter supporting the protestors' requests, to the Board of Visitors, the Governor of Virginia, and Chancellor Thompson. The letter was written as follows:

"We, the members of Spectrum (the George Mason College organization to promote discussion of and action on so-

cial questions) wish to state our accord with the present effort of the University of Virginia Community to alter the composition of the Board of Visitors. We feel that unless the Board is truly representative of the entire population of the State of Virginia, the University's present difficulties can only increase. Further, we feel specifically that Mr. Wheatley's segregationist views make him unsuitable to serve as a member of our Board. Please inform us of your intentions on these matters."

Spectrum particularly opposes the membership of Mr. C. Stuart Wheatley because of his segregationist views. Wheatley was co-sponsor of the tuition grant program that was recently ruled unconstitutional, and has publicly stated that he does not favor the mixing of races in the schools.

## Charles R. Fenwick Dies

State Senator Charles R. Fenwick died on February 22nd at the age of 68. He had been a patient at Arlington Hospital after undergoing surgery for diverticulitis early in January.

At the time of his death, Senator Fenwick was dean of the Northern Virginia delegation to the Virginia General Assembly, and was also a member of the George Mason College Advisory Committee. Because of his ability in the legislative branch of Virginia's government, Sen. Fenwick was able to gain many concessions for George Mason College for its beginning and development. Because of his efforts, Mason's library was named the Charles Rogers Fenwick Library in honor of the senator.

Sen. Fenwick was a Democrat in the tradition of the conservative Byrd machine, and through his work gained a position on the powerful Steering Committee which makes other committee appointments.

### View on "Venice"

Saturday's "Evening in Venice", sponsored by Chairman Mike Baker and the Activities Committee, was a surprising success. At least 500 attended the free dinner dance in the Gondola Room. Although the attendance exceeded Mr. Baker's expectations, everyone was served spaghetti or ravioli, along with the salad, dessert and punch.

During the dinner, entertainment was provided by GMC's finest singing talents, Jim Farrell, Randy Gentry and Ken Leber as a duo, and Joe Fox. Mr. Baker himself provided some comedy along with acting as M. C.

The dance following dinner featured the Apollos, and it, along with the rest of the evening, proved a success.

In this position he paved the way for other Northern Virginians to step into major posts.

Sen. Fenwick graduated from the law school at the University of Virginia with an L. L. B. degree in 1925. He later served as Rector of the University in 1964.

His other political positions include President of the Virginia Electoral College and chairman of the 10th District Democratic Committee.

## Biology Club Blossoms Out

We are pleased to note that the Biology Club is no longer a secret society. Participation is now open to all members of the student body and biology as a major is not required.

A program of natural history films has been instituted by President Mike Biblitt. These films are in color and selected on the basis of content. The first of these films was shown on Friday the 21st and dealt with life in the Arctic. The most intriguing portion of the film covered lemming-small rodents which commit mass suicide during population peaks by diving into the sea.

Besides these films will be the usual amount of field trips to the mountains with Dr. Bradley, lectures, and visits to the local scientific interests.

The highlight of the month is usually a wild party held at a member's apartment.

All suggestions for possible lectures, films, and field trips are welcome.

Chancellor Thompson has announced that all students not actively pursuing a Ph. D. will be dismissed at the end of the current semester.

## Faculty to Vote on ACC



### "Evening in Venice" is Success

by Pat Price

Little of the mundane appearance and atmosphere of the Ordinary was recognizable as lavish decorations transformed it into an Italian nightclub scene for last Friday's "Evening in Venice." The decorations were the consummation of some 30 hours of work by members of the Activities Committee. The mural along the north wall of the Ordinary, featuring a roof-top view of Venice, together with hanging ivy vines and star-studded crepe paper ceiling decorations combined to give the illusion of a Venetian terrace. A 12 foot gondola and wrought-iron street lamp added additional outdoor touches. Even the bane of GMC students' existence, the canteen machines, were effectively camouflaged by a second mural.

Passing through the Italian archway at the east end of the Ordinary, the 500-person turn

out was seated in the candlelit atmosphere by *maitre des* Maria Roza and John Freda. Checkered red and white tablecloths and wine bottles accentuated the dining atmosphere.

Seven waitresses, decked out in homemade Gondolier costumes, served up the free course of spaghetti, ravioli, green beans, and tossed salad.

The dinner entertainment was provided by GMC students. Featured were Joe Farrell, Joe Fox, Mike Baker, the team of Ken Leber and Randy Gentry, and the "Stepchildren" trio of John Oxley, Joe Howard, and Pat Price.

While the folk sound predominated the dinner entertainment, the after dinner sound gave way to amplification when the rock/roll group, "The Apollos," set up their equipment and provided three hours of dancing music to end the evening.

## World Affairs Council Begun

The National and World Affairs Council has reorganized its first meeting on Tuesday, February 25th. Topics of discussion included formation of representative teams to attend national collegiate conferences

to be sponsored by the United Nations, and the Organization of American States. All interested students are invited to attend club meetings in the future or contact Dr. Kheury for further details.



"Isn't it wonderful the way an institution grows together, Dean Quickshaft? Goodness, it seems only a few months since we resolved to plant this handsome old monarch."

In March or April, Faculty will vote to either approve or reject the proposed Academic Community Council of GMC. The formulation of this council has been an almost impossible task and the culmination of a semester's work.

The idea for the ACC sprang from Chancellor Thompson's now famous Student Affairs Council. This council was to act as advisor to the Chancellor on student matters. Among others, the council was to include a librarian, a business manager, and four student leaders, all appointed by the Chancellor.

The matter was brought to the attention of the Senate where only a minority present voiced doubt as to the structure of this council. But student unrest rose due mainly to the absence of direct student representation. This unrest culminated in Forum which set up a committee to study the matter. The results of their study finally went to the Senate where only one major change was made. It was decided that instead of four elected students to the council there would be three, and a representative of the student government would be added to the four faculty and two administration members.

This new council will serve in an advisory capacity to facilitate communication between the Administration, faculty, and the student body.

The general concensus about the ACC is that it will help GMC in its growth as an academic community. As an "indirect power" the ACC could become the most important tool GMC is ever likely to see.

### Plea for Funds

Bill Stansbery, the Ledger photographer, needs money. Actually, he is not the only one who needs money; the Ledger itself needs money. If you DON'T need money, meaningfully relate your condition to the Ledger's editor, Bill Marcey, and he will give a really tear-jerking spiel about the 50-50 plan by which both the Ledger and its photographer take your needless \$\$\$\$\$\$.  
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Second payment on yearbooks must be made by Fri., March 28.  
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# TTC Changes Traffic Regulations

The Traffic Control Committee which hears all traffic appeals at George Mason has recently proposed a series of changes in the traffic regulations. These have been approved by the Business Office and are now in effect. A small booklet containing all the regulations is in the process of being prepared and will be passed out on registration day next year to all students. In the meantime here are the changes that have been made:

It has long been an unwritten rule that student parking was allowed after 4:30 p. m. in front of the North Building. This has now been incorporated into the revised traffic regulations and reads as follows:

"Student parking of registered vehicles will be allowed weekdays and all day on Saturday, Sunday or days when the college is closed in the designated visitors and faculty/staff parking spaces after 5:00 p. m. on weekdays and all day on

Saturday, Sunday or days when the college is closed, except as provided below:

1. Student parking is not authorized in these spaces when classes or exams are scheduled on Saturday.
2. Student parking is not authorized in spaces designated for State Vehicles and for the Chancellor. (For purposes of these instructions, the College will be considered closed only when the faculty and staff are not required to be present.)"

Another section has been added which should reduce the unfair advantage Volkswagens and other small cars have in finding parking places. Except for the unpaved portion of the parking lot, which happens to be the majority, "Parking spaces are marked and all are required to observe the limits of each space so that the maximum number of vehicles can be

adequately parked." This is a civil way of saying "keep your damn car on your own side of the line."

All students should also realize that traffic tickets can be appealed by picking up an appeal form from the Campus Police and filling it out. Appealing students are notified by mail of the time and location of such meetings and are strongly advised to attend.

Many students still don't realize that if their car is disabled and they are forced to drive an unregistered car they must either park it off campus on University Drive or stop by the Campus Police office and give them the car's license number and make to prevent it from being ticketed. Extra parking decals are complimentary after the initial purchase.

A means for future amendments has also been established: "Amendments to these regulations may be initiated through the Student Council for consideration by the University administration." All such charges will henceforth appear in the Gunston Ledger. But knowing the swiftness of action which characterizes the Student Council, I wouldn't hold my breath in anticipation of any changes in the near future.

Traffic Control Committee  
Cycil Barch, Chairman  
Jean Meyer  
Michele Yermack

# The Garden of Delights The Choice Is Yours

by Mike Strawser

In the midst of the Leftoff controversy Chancellor Thompson said, "George Mason College is a State College and belongs to the Commonwealth of Virginia and those charged with the administration of the College are the Chancellor and the Dean, who, in turn are responsible to the Board of Visitors and not to the faculty and the students." In other words, "It's none of your business."

The importance of the whole hiring-firing conflict goes far beyond the power arrangement of George Mason; it goes far beyond the Commonwealth of Virginia's property. This conflict represents one more instance of the continual assault on an individual's attempt to determine his own life. This assault is prevalent in almost all aspects of our society.

The assault on independence is imbedded in the militaristic orientation of basic decision making processes in the school system, corporate structures, and other organizations in this society. The basic system ranks people in a hierarchy, a chain-of-command. No one is answerable to anyone under him, only to those immediately above him, with the commander-in-chief ultimately responsible to no one and with authority

over everyone. There is absolutely no room for democracy in this militaristic system.

The necessity for an ordered system that dehumanizes the individual and stifles imagination and creativity, arises out of the militarist's frame of mind that finds instability intolerable. The system dictates a set of rules that the people must follow. Thus, the system acts as a mechanical device with the sole purpose of conferring a standard for action upon its members. This standard may be expressed as "Deutschland uber alles," "We always act in your best interest," or what have you.

If the system deprives individuals of free choice, it also deprives itself of free choice. Without freedom of choice, the purpose of the system becomes solely one of self-perpetuation, with emphasis on accomplishment. If virtue exists in regard to human action, it must rest in the freedom of choice that initiates the action rather than in the accomplishment of the desired end.

In order to operate efficiently, this system requires a certain type of man. Bertrand Russell comes close to describing this man. He terms him a "good" man in an essay entitled, *The Harm that Good Men Do*.

"... He (the good man) has a wholesome horror of wrongdoing, and realizes that it is our painful duty to castigate Sin. He has a still greater horror of wrong thinking, and considers it the business of the authorities to safeguard the young against those who question the wisdom of the views generally acceptable by middle-aged successful citizens. Apart from his professional duties, at which he is assiduous, he spends much time in good works: he may encourage patriotism and military training; he may promote industry, sobriety, and virtue among wage earners and their children by seeing to it that failure in these respects receives due punishment; he may be a trustee of a university and prevent an ill-judged respect for learning from allowing the employment of professors with subversive ideas... a good man is one whose opinions and activities are pleasing to the holders of power."

This good man isn't born; he's formed. He is formed by the deprivation of free choice. Man is capable of being free, because of his ability to reason, and should never submit to being determined by mechanical means. By such submission, he relinquishes his freedom of action and becomes a slave to the system.

way for the administration to save face. Also, demands should be directed towards preventing future wrongs rather than towards correcting specific past ones and causing a confrontation over a single issue.

# The Devil's Advocate

by O. M. Wood

It is not customary for us to regard ourselves as a nation riddled with superstition. Fear, as a way of life, we attribute only to the whimpering victims of tyranny, and the quaking of primitives before their idols. But in America? Fear? What an absurd notion! Why, we are all marching down this path because we want to.

So speak all good sheep. Looking ahead is a guarantee against ever seeing the herdsman, or feeling his lash.

But the atmosphere of stark gibbering terror hangs over America like the stinking air we breathe, thick, and corrosive. Its time that someone pointed out that the Emperor is naked.

And so, you mindless savages, (and note, I count myself among you) I shall name the puppeteers who yank you like a string of sausages, jerked by a snarling cur.

Highest of all in this grisly pantheon is that revered idol, College Degree. You'd sell your soul for that; your soul, your integrity, and your pride. You jeer at the prostrate barbarians, but you'll grovel in the dirt for that sheepskin, betraying, by the way, everything it was supposed to represent. You see it as a magic amulet, enriching the life of its proud owner. The spectacle is revolting! Have you no dignity?

# Ledger Notes

Recruiters visiting the campus this week are:

March 3-Alexandria School Board, Spottsylvania County School Board

March 4- Reuben Donnelley, Queen Anne's County

March 5-Central National Bank, Pan American

March 6-State Farm Insurance, J. P. Stevens & Company

March 7-Reynolds Tobacco, Arthur Anderson

Sign up in Room 114N to schedule interviews.

Behind the most high come a host of minor gods... Honorable Discharge, Good Credit Rating, and Bank Account, the Paper Trinity. And then the host of amorphous deities, Security, Popularity, Responsibility, Maturity, Success, and Stability. These are attended by the angels of Life Insurance, Credit Cards, 30 Year Mortgage, Paid Vacation, Retirement Plan, and TV Guide.

These, in small part, are the gods we worship, and who shower on our bowed heads the multiple blessings of our plastic wonderland. It is their intercession which protects us from the terrible realities of Life. Surely numbness and blandness shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in front of the boob tube forever amen.

The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Go to Annandale and see your fate, and mark it... the slub-lige Harpies of the split-level, attended by their cowed and castrate husbands. All this can be yours: the frozen stroganoff, the unending payments, the squalling brats. Yea, it is easier for a camel to pass thru the eye of a needle than it is for a man to save his soul in Suburbia.

Quo Vadis.

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# Get A New Cause

by William Laws

Now that the Leftoff affair has, as Mr. Wood put it, reached its inglorious conclusion, it might be wise to reflect on why it failed to achieve its purpose. There are many reasons, but the most basic is that GMC's "revolutionaries" took on the administration over a matter which the administration could not lose unless it wished to do so. The student body must realize it cannot hope to influence major policy decisions, if they can not even effect minor ones. So, what do we do?

The first thing GMC should do, is find itself a new revolution and some new revolutionaries. Not that the past ones were so bad, they just weren't good enough. George Mason's past attempts at dissent have been pale in comparison to those at Berkley, Wisconsin, Columbia and even Duke.

There are two methods of achieving revolution, or reform as it is known in polite societies, from within the system and outside of it. The outside road is definitely the more romantic method, but also the less successful. The outsider always runs the risk of alienating many persons, including those who he seeks to help, who can not understand his tactics. It is also an all or

nothing method, which means the student will seldom win because there are very few administrations which will capitulate to every student demand.

The second method is to work from within the system and in fact use the system against itself. The student body should use every legal means available to it, including the threat (not the act) of violence. The recently approved Academic Community Council is an excellent opportunity to make demands on the administration. Even if the demands are constantly rejected, it is on the record that the students and faculty attempted to adapt GMC to twentieth century realities, but their efforts were rejected by a stubborn and archaic administrative mechanism.

It is not enough to make only demands. If the demands can not be legally translated into action, their support can be. The most effective student weapon is the strike. An orderly, well-publicized strike, if only for a day, is more damaging to the administration than seizing the North Building and destroying its contents. It shows a mature and well-balanced student program. It would be difficult to criticize a student body that acts legally and maturely.

All demands, regardless of merit, should be negotiable. This enables the administration to compromise and maintain its dignity by rejecting the more eccentric demands. This was one of the major problems in the Leftoff mess; there was no

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