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RALPH NADER

PREVENTION IS THE STRATEGY

Bridgewater- Ralph Nader spoke to a capacity audience in the S.U. Auditorium yesterday morning. Mr. Nader's talk concerned the pollution of the environment and malpractice and misuse by technology.

"The strategy against pollution," said Mr. Nader, "is prevention." Manufacturers ask how much will it cost to stop pollution. Nader's REPLY IS HOW MUCH WILL IT COST NOT TO STOP POLLUTION? How much must we pay in health, safety and property damage if we do not stop pollution? Mr. Nader believes that the monetary cost of prevention is well worth the pound of cure.

He stated that there were two ways to deal with air pollution: first is to build more hospitals that will be wheeled in or the cause of pollution back to industry.

Mr. Nader told his attentive audience that we should reject the word violence. Contamination of water, air pollution, the worst fire prevention system in the western world, needless motor vehicle deaths and injuries, harmful and dangerous household products, and unnutritious foods are doing more harm to our society than street crime.

Who has the responsibility for developing the know-how to stop and to prevent pollution? Mr. Nader places this job squarely with technology and industry. He did say, however, that industry is going to need strong public pressure before they actively undertake the job.

Mr. Nader also attacked the food industry referring to its "ingenious misuse of modern chemistry." The food industry, he claims, is producing foods that are quick to prepare, easy to chew, palatable and presentable, but not nutritious, wholesome or clean. He cited the cereal manufacturers whose products contain from 35-40% sugar.

Industry engages in "Environmental Blackmail" said Nader. Industry claims that pollution prevention will be detrimental to their business or that plants will be closed or men laid-off if they are forced to concern themselves with the environment and with the health and safety of human beings. Nader stated that the public and the workers must call the bluff of industry and force them to assume the responsibility for pollution prevention. It is the challenge of our generation to "toilet train American industry", said Nader. Nader accused the automotive industry, particularly GM, with inefficiency, fraud, poor workmanship and criminal negligence.



Nader at Press Conference (photo: Ann Courtney)

He referred to bumpers as "metal eyebrows" which serve no purpose at all except cost the consumer a great deal of money in repair expense. He said that cars were oriented as if they "were going into warfare with pedestrians." Mr. Nader also attacked the food industry referring to its "ingenious misuse of modern chemistry." The food industry, he claims, is producing foods that are quick to prepare, easy to chew, palatable and presentable, but not nutritious, wholesome or clean. He cited the cereal manufacturers whose products contain from 35-40% sugar.

Mr. Nader appealed to the students in the audience to become involved and to assume the responsibilities of citizenship. He spoke of the boredom of students with education and the prolonged adolescence of our society. He advocates the formation and participation in a public interest group that will deal with environmental consumer issues and investigation. The students in Oregon assessed themselves \$3 each and established a public interest group that would represent them legally and lobby for them in Congress. Mr. Nader said that a Massachusetts Public Interest Group was forming and that participation in it would contribute to the learning process and citizen involvement.

He said that the average student spends \$250 a year on Coke, candy and cigarettes and that \$3 was not too much to pay to be concerned. Mr. Nader closed by saying that student involvement in this area would be the most significant chapter in the history of student involvement.

COMMENT

Poll To Be

Held on Monday

How will the Bridgewater student vote in the upcoming Massachusetts primary? To help answer that question the COMMENT is running a pre-primary election poll to ascertain which candidate students prefer at this time. The mock election will be held on Monday, March 27. The ballots found at the COMMENT office where a staff member will check off the voter's name on the class list. This procedure is being used to help insure that the poll be as accurate as possible by eliminating such tactics as ballot-stuffing which over-zealous supporters might be tempted to use to guarantee a good showing for their candidate.

The COMMENT plans to publish the results of this poll in its next issue. Later this semester, in April, the COMMENT plans to sponsor another poll to compare the two polls. The April poll will be part of a nationwide student-run preference poll and referendum on major issues.

President Explains Furniture Delay

I am glad to report that I see light at the end of a long tunnel! The securing of the new Library furniture which had seemed to me at least, and probably to others, as a relatively simple task, has turned out to be full of complexities and difficulties which we had not foreseen. What we discovered was that, although the College recommends, the State Purchasing Division has the responsibility to determine two important things:

1. Whether or not the bids and the awards are completely in accordance with the State Purchasing Policies and Procedures. Although we were fully aware of this responsibility, there are some highly technical considerations.

2. The function and responsibility to examine the bids in terms of the specifications, and to make the judgement as to whether or not, in the opinion of the State Purchasing Division, the deviations of the lower bids from specifications are sufficiently minor or inconsequential so as not to disqualify them from receiving an award.

The following complications of this second function and responsibility were not anticipated by us:

1. That the State Purchasing Division had the discretion to 2. even more important, that in a number of instances deviations which both the all-college Library Furniture Selection Committee and in all probability the Library staff, considered important might on the contrary be considered unimportant and inconsequential to the State Purchasing Division.

However, we are pleased to report that after having come through a whole series of complicated and time-consuming conferences, few of which are listed below, it does look as though the furniture purchase orders have not only been forwarded once again to the State Purchasing Division by the College but, hopefully, that they are being processed so that the furniture may be manufactured and delivered to the College within a reasonable period of time.

It may be a matter of interest to the College Community to review some of the complicated events that happened relevant to our attempt to reconcile the various recommendations of the Library staff and the all-College Library Furniture Selection Committee and, on the other hand, the sometime divergent requirements of the State Purchasing Division.

1. In the summer of 1971, the Library staff prepared the furniture specifications which were forwarded as submitted by them to the Bureau of Building Construction for their approval.

2. On October 16, 1971, the all-College Library Furniture Selection Committee (consisting of 3 faculty members, 3 students Mr. McGowan and Mr. Perry) met and, after having reviewed samples of furniture submitted by various bidders in terms of specifications, made recommendations to me concerning the awarding of the furniture bids. These recommendations were virtually unanimous in the selection of the bidders for the various items.

3. I concurred with these recommendations and forwarded the bid proposals to the State Purchasing Division during the period of November 3 to November 12, 1971.

4. In mid-November, and subsequently, we began to receive negative reactions to a considerable number of our bid recommendations from the State Purchasing Division in which the Division exercised the prerogative mentioned above and informed us in substance that they felt "that certain low bidders are turned down for what we (the State Purchasing Division) consider minor reasons." The personnel of the State Purchasing Division further requested that we give certain bids additional considerations and they felt better reasons were needed to justify our recom-

mendations. They also suggested at a meeting held in Boston, as a result of which all bids were returned, that a certain of the firms which had bid on a large number of items should be given the opportunity to meet at Bridgewater with College authorities to 5. On December 29 and 30 the following bidders met with representatives of Bridgewater State College:

- Remington Rand, Inc.
- John J. Sjoström, Inc.
- Modern Furniture Upholstery Co.
- O.P. Killam Company
- Milton Bradley Co.

Representing Bridgewater were President Rondileau, Dean Dean Chiccarelli, Mr. Perry and Mr. McGowan.

6. On January 31, 1972, all requisitions were again submitted to the State Purchasing Division with a more detailed explanation justifying our recommendations.

7. Subsequent to the resubmission of bids, we received notification of acceptance of a few minor purchase orders but were notified that the majority were still being held up because a number of firms were protesting the bid awards on the reason mentioned above, i.e., "deviation from specifications were inconsequential." The State Purchasing Division indicated that they would accept one of the lower bidders which we knew had relatively high favor with the Librarian even though he, like all the other members of the all-College Library Furniture Selection Committee, had expressed a first preference for another firm.

8. We were also informed by the State Purchasing Division that the bid awards on lounge chairs were also being held in protest. As a result, a second meeting was held with the company representatives involved in the protest. At this March 7 meeting we were informed by these company representatives that sufficient time had not been given them to submit a sample meeting all specifications. This company requested a two-week extension in order for them to submit a sample identical to the specified one, which they could deliver at the specified price.

We are currently awaiting the sample and if it meets specifications we will be in a position to go forward with the bids on lounge chairs within the next few days.

9. As of the present time, all furniture purchase orders have been forwarded to the State Purchasing Division with the single exception of the lounge chairs and, hopefully, are being processed. The lounge chair furniture will also be decided upon and processed immediately upon receipt of the sample referred to in "8" above.

The State Purchasing Division, in fulfilling its responsibility and prerogative to the Commonwealth, in marked contrast to the ordinary bidding situation in which there are usually two or three bidders on a purchase order, faced a situation here at our College where each of the more than 50 separate requisitions had as many as 6 to 10 qualified bidders were all very reputable concerns having

I trust that this review of some of the salient circumstances and events will help everybody in the College Community realize why there have been long delays in this process of awarding the bids -- the first and essential step before receiving the furniture -- and also why, in many instances, the recommendations of the all-College Library Furniture Selection Committee were not acceptable to the State Purchasing Division and, therefore, why other high quality library furniture, though not our first choice in many instances, will be received by the College in the near future.

Adrian Rondileau
 President

IN and AROUND

OYEZ! OYEZ!

Post Mardi-Gras Begins

Come to the Post Mardi Gras Friday night S. U. Cafeteria from 6pm-12midnight, March 24, for a real grand time.

The meal includes Cog au vin and baked potatoes. Beef Burgundy with rice, french style string beans, tossed salad with french dressing, gelatin and fruit salad, rolls and butter, coffee and tea, with cherry cubilee for dessert.

Entertainment will be by a 9 piece group from Brockton called "Horse" and they will play the

recent top forty hits. A French singer will be coming and there is to be a choosing of a king and queen. A few prizes will be given and there will be refreshments and food to munch on during the evening.

You can't miss it; it's only \$2.50. Tickets are on sale at the S. U. Information Booth. If you want the meal included buy your tickets by Wednesday morning. Tickets for the entertainment from 8-12 midnight are \$1.00 and can be purchased at the Information Booth until Friday.

There will be a meeting of English majors Tuesday, March 28 at 10a.m. in the Humanities Building. At this meeting student representatives will be selected to serve on committees in the English Dept. All majors are urged to attend this important meeting.

The Drama Club's next production Alice in Wonderland with the Walt Disney music will hold tryouts Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 19, 20, and 21, in the S.U. Aud. Check Drama Club bulletin board for exact time.

YEARBOOK STAFF DESPERATE!!!!

Call it a little of desperation, but the 1973 Yearbook staff is still looking for ideas towards a title, theme, and cover design for their yearbook. These ideas may be submitted to the information booth at the Student Union sometime before the next meeting, March 29th at 4:00 at Pope Hall. This is a good opportunity for those students

who don't really have time to be on the staff but would like to be recognized as contributing to its cause. Try and think of something original, something that best expresses the feelings about our four years at B.S.C. The minutest of ideas could blossom into the biggest and best concept ever seen thus far. Please start thinking!

BULLETIN BOARD

A.C.E. will have a meeting on Monday, March 27 at 4p.m. in room 8 in the Burnell School. All members are asked to attend. Contact Peg Arnold at Woodward Hall for any questions.

MCGOVERN
On Tuesday, March 21, the McGovern xmr President Committee met in the Student Union. It was decided that on Thursday, March 23, a registration drive will be conducted in front of the Union. At this time, any resident students wishing to register in the town of Bridgewater will be provided with transportation to the town hall.

The Committee also wishes to announce that on Tuesday, March 28 at 8:00 P.M. "Pistaschio Intercourse" will be featured at the C. House. Proceeds of which will benefit the McGovern for President Committee. Tickets are \$1.00 and are attainable through

All S. G. A. recognized clubs and organizations who have not yet turned in their budget requests must do so by March 30, 1972, or they will not receive funds.

For Sale: V W Bug, Excellent condition. Am-Fm, New Tires. \$1050. Contact Bill Miller in Tillinghast Cafeteria.

WRA announces up coming trips:

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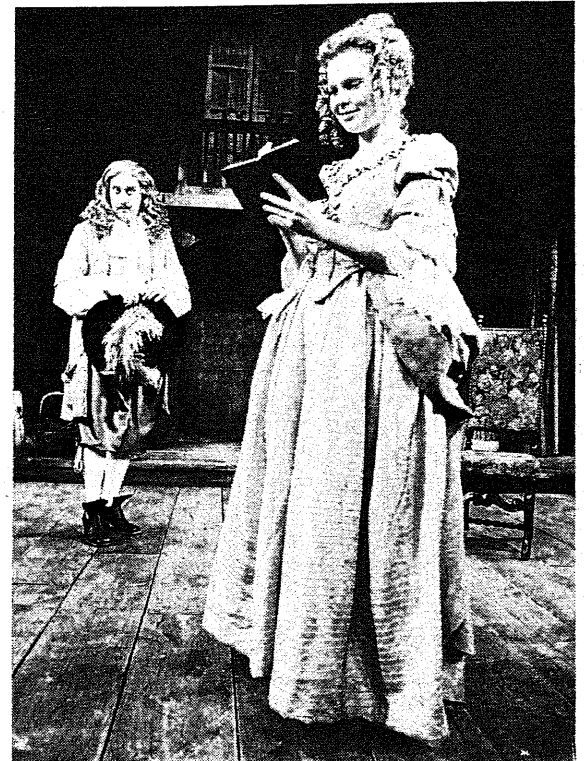
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SCHOOL FOR WIVES

School For Wives, Moliere's most successful play, is a biting satire on male chauvinism. (Either Moliere was way ahead of his time or Women's Liberation is nothing new.) We are introduced to Arnolphe, a wealthy, middle-class, 42-year-old man, who had remained a bachelor because he feared a wife would only become unfaithful. He thinks he can circumvent that problem by raising his ward Agnes in complete ignorance of the ways of the world until she is old enough to become his wife.

In a small convent, far from the haunts of man,

The girl was reared according to my plan:

I told the nuns what means must be employed

To keep her growing mind a perfect void,

And, God be praised, they had entire success.

As a grown girl, her simple-

Is such that I thank Heaven for granting me

A bride who suits my wishes to a T.

Arnolphe's plans are complicated, however, by Horace, the young son of an old friend. Horace is unaware of Arnolphe's relationship to Agnes, and confides to him that he has fallen madly in love with a beautiful girl named Agnes (the ward of some unknown ogre.) The rest of the play is concerned with Arnolphe's efforts to prevent Horace's success - and whether Agnes is to naive and unimaginative to be faithful.

"The ultimate humanity of Moliere is that he can make an audience laugh at a man's folly, then make the audience feel how that foolish man suffers, and finally make us all realize just who that suffering fool is -- us."

-T.E. Kalem, Time

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THE WILD BUNCH

Sun. March 26, 1972

"The Wild Bunch," a Warner Bros. release which will be shown on Sunday March 26, at the Student Union, is a story of outlaws in the cruel terrain of the West. It takes place in 1913 when the world was about to plunge into war and Mexico, where much of the action takes place, was being strangled in a bloody counter-revolution.

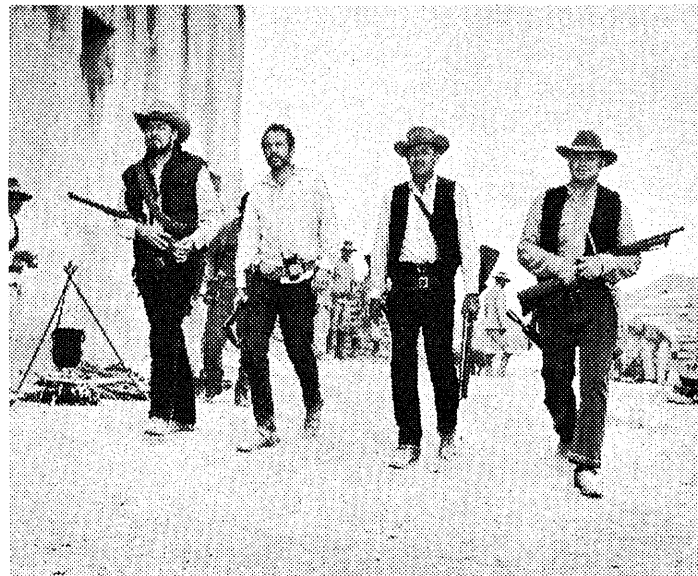
William Holden, Ernest Borgnine, Robert Ryan, Edmond O'Brien, and Warren Oates star in this explosive adventure drama about the last of the legendary lawless breed who lived to kill-and killed to live.

Pike Bishop (William Holden) and his gang are outlaws of a sort whose exploits 10 or 15 years before might have been considered heroic. But time had passed them by. Even their arch enemy, Deke Thornton

(Robert Ryan), thought they were reliving past glories.

Director Sam Peckinpah is a natural for a picture like "The Wild Bunch". He comes from a California family peppered with judges, ranchers, and outdoorsmen. Beginning his career as a writer, he emerged as a director for the stage, television and the screen. Peckinpah's aim in "The Wild Bunch" was to rejuvenate the Western film from its tired image, known to every American who owns a television set.

He explains, "We're telling a tale of hardened veterans of Western outlawry. This is a story of violent men who lived during the Mexican Revolution. The brutal story must be told honestly. "The Wild Bunch" will make "Bonnie and Clyde" look like a church picnic.



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FORUM

The Power of Brother Julius

by Dana Roberts

As college students we're often expected by others to give sophisticated answers to a diversity of problems. In our scientific and technological age we often find only enough time to develop insight in a few limited areas. Many history majors can interpret causes of the Civil War but are incapable of interpreting advanced mathematical data. Two fields which we are called on to evaluate is politics and religion. Because of the complexity of the American political system we are often forced to reject a particular candidate because he doesn't have as much charisma as another campaigner. In religion we often assume that our own particular denomination gives us sufficient understanding of religion to judge the merits of Christianity.

Then one day someone comes along who questions our knowledge of God or the Son of God. He may even proclaim his divinity (like Swami A. C. Bhaktivedanta) or that he is Jesus Christ. If a person really doesn't know Jesus Christ, no matter how many years he's attended church, Brother Julius will arouse an emotion in this listener--fear. "Maybe he is the Son of God. What is I reject him, like many did the first time he came?" If Brother Julius is logical and demonstrates his own self-confidence, the listener will not be able to eliminate his anxiety. At this point some, unaware of the conflict going on in himself, may believe that his emotions are caused by the personal power of this individual in his shepherd's robe.

Those persons, who are most seeking peace in their hearts, an answer to life, and hope, are most susceptible to his invitation. His new followers have always taken two directions after following him: in a few weeks they become disillusioned of their false messiah and leave, or unable to accept or admit their misgivings they will seek justification in the Bible.

Among those who have read the accounts of Jesus Christ in the New Testament, they are not taken in by Brother Julius. The Jesus Christ of the New Testament was a man of compassion. He attracted great crowds, not merely by the logic of his words, but by the evidence of compassion for others. Unlike Brother Julius he healed those who did not believe in him, because he had compassion for all. He didn't have a church, like Brother Julius, he went where the people needed him most not to middle class communities or colleges. It was not his appearance but his love that attracted thousands to him. With perfect knowledge of the things to come he warned them clearing the signs of his second coming, and that his return would be known to all, neither would anyone have to come to the Student Union Demonstration Room to see him. Because of this experience with Brother Julius, more of us will take seriously the claims of the true man from Galilee.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.
Cancelled!?!? What do you mean school has been cancelled?!? We traveled 32 miles for nothing!?!?

That is exactly what happened to a great number of commuters on March 15. We are scheduled for 8:00 classes which means we MUST leave the house at 6:30 to get here on time. School was "officially" cancelled at about 7:45. When we arrived at Boyden Hall, professors and students alike were wandering around asking each other, "Is school cancelled, or what?" If school can be called off at 7:45, I would love to hear why it cannot be cancelled at 6:00 or even 6:30 to give commuters the news BEFORE they are on the road. On our way to school, we saw three cars that had spun off the highway. One of those cars could have been mine! !! Is the college waiting for someone to be killed or seriously injured before they decide to cancel at a reasonable time?!?!? In our handbook, it says that classes will be cancelled by 7:00. (Is that AM or PM?) If the weather is bad enough to cancel at 7:00, I am CERTAIN that at 6:00 a cancellation would be just as warranted.

Commuters have been constantly accused of being apathetic to school affairs. But, in this case, I think the apathy is on the part of the administration concerning a much more serious matter than a social function!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
Dear Sir:

In the past few weeks I have noticed that two of the exits in the Tillinghast Dining Hall have been blockaded in various ways. Recently long tables have been put in front of these doors for the purpose of stopping students from sneaking in.

I wonder what would happen if there was a flash fire or a collapsing ceiling. It might take thirty or forty seconds for a panic stricken crowd to remove these obstructions, maybe just enough time for such a catastrophe to claim a few lives. Strict state laws have been enacted to keep all marked exits unlocked from the inside and free of any obstructions. A company the size of Interstate United should be well aware of

these laws and the penalties for not adhering to them. The only excuse for this irrational act is incompetence on the part of the officials of the Food Service.

It is true that Interstate United has a small problem concerning students sneaking in the exits for a free meal but there has to be a way to solve this problem within the law and without endangering the lives of B.S.C. students and faculty. One solution would be to have a person watch the doors at meal time, this would eliminate the obstructions and the problem very simply.

I am sure that the Food Service will want to remove the blockades that they have put up as soon as they realize the potential danger involved. I only hope that in the future Interstate will take the lives of those they serve into consideration before they make such decisions.

Greg Hall (251)

Letter to the editor To whom it may concern; As a member of BSC Choral Society, who has put about 6 hours a week into preparing for our upcoming

concert, I feel obligated to request of those who may have the power or influence to do so, to see to it that the continuing studies division cancel classes after 8:00 P.M. on Monday night, March 27. I have

found by attempting to sell tickets to this particular performance that many say that they are not able to come because of class commitments. This same performance with the Brockton Symphony Orchestra is being done the night before at a cost of \$3.25 per ticket in Brockton. The fee for the same performance here is 50¢ for students. Obviously, it is going to be a very worthwhile performance and to deprive these night students of this bargain, into which great effort and money has gone, would be an injustice. In discussing this with others it was also pointed out to me that during last Monday night's rehearsal here, there were considerable parking problems for members of the BSO. With the possibility of a full house Monday night (Brockton is nearly soldout) or at least a large crowd, many driving from as far as 30 miles, a considerable parking problem will result and cause much difficulty for those people (of which there are relatively few) who support our college functions. What do you say? Give all of those who want to come the opportunity to do so. And, give to us, who have worked so hard to make this successful, the greatest possible turnout and the chance to give all of those who come a totally enjoyable evening. Your consideration will be greatly appreciated.

Allan E. Foss

Dear Editor,
We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Mr. William Panunzio for teaching our science class with patience and understanding. Mr. Panunzio, we wish you the best of luck in your teaching career and throughout your life.

Sincerely, Grade 7B, Weir School
P. S. The world needs more teachers like you, Mr. Panunzio.

FORUM

Life After Death- Do You Believe It?

by Alan McRae

The question of life after death may seem a gloomy topic, but it's really essential that each individual analyze his own views about it. Why? We... the belief in life after death is an integral part of your religion if you happen to be Catholic, Protestant, or just about any religious sect in the world. Thus, if you have no universal views about life and death, you have an unanalyzed, unsubstantiated, and meaningless religious philosophy.

Today, death is something which is difficult to define, one thing is sure - you will eventually lose the ability to function as an organism. You will lose the ability to digest, assimilate, excrete, and reproduce. Also, your nervous system will degenerate and you will lose the ability to think.

The reason that you will lose the ability to think is that the ability to think and reason is obviously a biochemical reaction. Granted, these these are very complex biochemical reactions that take place in man's abnormally big brain, but nevertheless there is no reason to think that the process of thought is anything more than this.

When one dies, he loses what is called, his "level of organization." This phrase refers to whether something exists as an organism, organ, tissue, cell, compound, molecule, or atom. At each different "level," different properties arise. A cell cannot, and an organism

When one dies, he loses what is called, his "level of organization." This phrase refers to whether something exists as an organism, organ, tissue, cell, compound, molecule, or atom. At each different "level," different properties arise. A cell can do things that an atom cannot, a tissue can do things that a cell cannot, and an organism is likewise more than just a collection of organs.

One function that arises at the organismal level in *Homo Sapiens* is the ability to think. An atom can't, by our definition, think, and neither can a cell, tissue, or organ. It is only as a complex whole that the ability to reason is found. A simple analogy can be made with an automobile: a piston cannot carry you around town, neither can a molecule of iron; however, when the parts of the car are placed together in a complex whole, a functional automobile is produced.

Again, when a man dies, he loses his "level of organization" - he is no longer an organism. With the decay of his nervous system, he forfeits all sensory functions. These include the ability to feel, touch, smell, and hear. The body will lose these "privileges" of being an organism; it will become a lifeless mass of atoms.

Man has coined a word called the soul. Somehow magically, amidst all this decay and decomposition, this "property" is supposed to be independent. Paradoxically though, "soul" is often defined as being dependent on intelligence and awareness. This is why many religious sects say that lower animals have no souls. One definition, by Webster's 7th New Collegiate Dictionary, is, "the spiritual principle embodied in human beings, all rational and spiritual beings, or the universe." Just as the body, in death, loses the ability to be rational so does it lose the so-called soul. It is scientific nonsense to believe that awareness of any kind exists after death. How many intelligent atoms have you ever met? Well, that's what our "level" is, after we die.

Some people will say that you cannot speak in terms of awareness when discussing the soul. Some will also say that you cannot speak in terms of the "material" when discussing the soul. To these people, I say that they are rationalizing and making the subject taboo to reason. Let's face it - man coined the word soul, just as man coined the words: God, love, perfection, Satan, Santa Claus, Heaven, Hell. These words are only as good as their definitions. Simply because "hell" is a word in the English language, does not mean that "hell" as such, exists. Similarly, man has formulated the word, soul, to represent a conception. This conception is that awareness-feeling- can exist without a nervous system or any other physical basis. This is highly unlikely, if you analyze it in any kind of reasonable light.

If the soul does not depend on any of the senses we organisms have, then what mysterious being is it. It would have to be some kind of blind, deaf, and tasteless monster. If this is so, should we worship for this state of limbo?

What does this all mean? Let's get back to the issue of life after death. It is only as a complex whole that man can function. In life, we have this complexity, but in death we lose it. We will eventually break down into basic particles, none of which can think or feel or be aware of anything.

In death, we become lifeless matter, ready to be eaten and assimilated by our brother organisms. We are part of nature and nothing more - there is no empirical reason to believe that we are anything more.

Man is on a big ego trip. He considers himself above other animals due to the fact that he can think. However, thinking is simply the result of man's brain capacity. Man considers himself the "chosen" organism-man was created in God's image. Let's face it kids - a man shits no differently than a dog.

Will the human race continue to label men like Copernicus as heretics. He showed that earth (and thus, man) was not the center of the universe. Thus, is the nature of death. Death is not a divine moment of eternal bliss, designed for man the most important organism of the universe; rather, it is a simple part of nature. Life after death is illogical, nonsensical, and anti-nature.

Life is natural, so is death. Accept what you cannot change. Do not be afraid of death. "There is nothing to fear but fear itself."

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May 3-Final Election
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THE VIEW FROM HERE

by LEE SMITH

Thoroughbred racing, the oldest of American sports is slowly dying in New England and with the talk of the off track betting coming to Massachusetts the oldest game around might be dead in ten years.

Horse racing which enjoyed its heyday in the 30's and 40's has gone downhill in recent years. Capitalism and the trend to make sports a business has hurt the sport badly. Local competition from Rhode Island splits attendance and handle which is used to increase purses, and a track better talent for the horseplayers to watch. Instead of improving horseman's conditions, local race tracks have invested too much time and money on trying to outdo their competition. Because of greedy legislators and money hungry track operators, local tracks don't enjoy monopolies they once had and racing has literally run themselves into the turf. The solution is pretty simple: get the four major tracks in the area to get together. Everyone would benefit if there were four separate meetings a year instead of two and their tracks open at the same time. Most important though, is that the sport would be improved by upgrading the purses, the competition would improve and thoroughbred racing might gain respectability again.

The sport has long been a supplier of the state's revenue and for this reason horse racing often suffers when politicians and businessmen are placed in positions that would be better handled by someone who knows about the sport.

Let's not be naive about the situation. Money is needed today, but it should not be placed ahead of the betterment of the game. Such is the case with off track betting. This is the case, the new idea that is being tried in the New York area should be enough of a reason for race tracks in this area to halt any type of OTB legislation. In New York race track attendance has been down and the handle that is naturally down too is not being made up at the off track windows. The state should realize that they too will suffer, but instead we are led to believe that OTB is the messiah to the racing world.

While all racing fans want to believe that everyone who comes to the track enjoys the sport and is interested in its improvement this is not so. Gambling is racing's first attraction because this OFF Track Betting will probably be instituted in many states. It is a shame that we can watch the death of a once powerful and proud sport. It's something that really isn't missed until it's not here anymore.

'CHIP' PUTS CHILL ON CRUSADERS

by FRANK BOTTA

Bill Chipman, chairman of the Chemistry dept, combined finesse and brute strength to over power Coffman's crusaders. Dr. Chipman, the old man, put on a one man show at Asiaf Arena in an impressive victory. The game began by a vicious attack by "Chip" on Jim Taylor, an ex-Bear captain. A picturesque hip check sent Taylor sprawling. "Chip" then stick handled past every opponent and took a slap shot from 15 feet out that beat Botta, the Crusader's goalie, clearly.

In the second period, Dr.

Chipman squared off at center ice with "Jolting" Joe Dotolo and pummeled him to the ice with a vicious barrage of left jabs. As they were separated and all peace seemed restored, Chip tripped Dotolo from behind. During this period, Dr. Chipman scored twice more and picked up an assist.

The third period locked the excitement of the first two although "The Chipper" scored once again then headed for the lockerroom. It was learned later that he had left to apply for his old age pension.



Captain - JIM (SMACKA) McCARTHY
Junior Special Education major from South Boston.

SPORTS SHORTS

Anyone interested in playing Intramural Volleyball should draw up a roster and turn it into Mr. Swenson in the gym. All rosters should be turned in by March 30th. C. Riley.

Attention: All trackmen and prospective candidates. There will be an important meeting in the men's locker room March 29, at 5:00 pm. Attendance is mandatory as a final roster will be taken at this time.

Wanted: Trackmen
Still time to come out for the 1972 Bridgewater State Track Team. Report to Men's locker room at 3:30 Mon-Fri. Or contact Coach Brady or any person in the present track member.

Due to the lack of necessary money and equipment it has become impossible to maintain a sixteen man tennis squad. We must reluctantly therefore limit the squad to the following men:

1. Tony Garafalo
2. Frank Cullen
3. Nagy Webby
4. Ron Kendall
5. Chuck Robbins
6. Joe Genouese
7. Mike Lepage
8. Joe Masi
9. Dan Lynch
10. Dennis Sousa
11. Paul Girouard
12. Dick Steadman

Only the first eight or nine men will go to away matches for challenge matches are necessary for those on the lower part of the ladder. There will be a practice Sunday from 11:30-2:00 weather permitting.

The men listed above must obtain physicals Friday, March 25, 1972, before 11:30, at Pope Hall.



Assistant Captain - BILL NORMAN
Sophomore Earth Science major from Brockton.



Assistant Captain - MIKE BARTLETT
Junior Biology major from Marshfield.

TO RECEIVE VARSITY JACKETS

ALL men listed below are to report to room 119 in the gym on March 23, 1972, Thursday at 7:30p.m. to be measured for your jacket.

Football: Jim Hackenson, Kevin Hughes, Tom Perry, Jim Pirello, Richard Florencer.
Basketball: Curtis Caldwell, Richard Brennan, Michael Tikenoff.

Hockey: Mike Bartlett, Bill Norman, Rick Foley, John Celani, Steve Banks, Mike Dunphy, a John Duffy, Stan Bonham.

Swimming: Dan Beauregard, George Fountas, Joe Masi, Bruce Morrell, Barry Bartenau, Bob Stello, Bob Sullivan.

Baseball: George Banville, Steve Joy.
Track: Arthur O'Brien.

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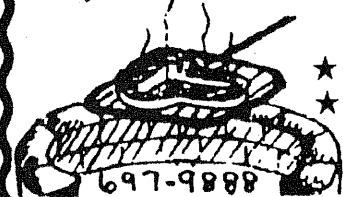
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