Still hoping

In the recent fall months of our creation, experimentation and development, THE COLLEGE VOICE has weathered criticisms from the College Community. We readily admit our fallibility, and request your understanding, constructive criticism, faith, and support. We obviously want to please the Community we serve while striving, appreciating or not, for certain standards of professional journalism. In determining the format and content of the VOICE, we have only students' interests in mind. We choose to think that students, as participants in an educational institution, have a more vital and deserve a more vital role than just an elaborated communicator. While coverage of events is necessary in college publication, we think in depth, analytical and issue-oriented topics such as the budget, advising, religion, and so forth warrant a prominent place in a campus newspaper. As journalists, we want to do more than simply list facts. We want to generate student reaction and involvement.

Although the vast majority of the VOICE concentrates specifically on the students and student life, we are aware that some students may seem to present a point of view. It is written by a man from a man's point of view. In writing this article, I did not expect (like so many other women, or women and men if you prefer your sex to be seen) to be sexily attacked in a trashy tone) was an insult to every woman (or women and men if you prefer your sex to be seen). It was a rather blunt approach at presenting a point of view. However some women seem to have interpreted the article to be an attack on the whole College and we are not misled. To do this to smite yourselves.

Alice Johnson, Dean of the College, was somewhat making an attack. She said in a letter to the Editor, "This article (aside from its completely vulgar trashy tone) was an insult to every woman on this campus. It betrayed a male sexist-pig attitude I thought had been left behind for good. It betrays the College community. Here Dean Johnson is plainly the sexist. The article was written by a man from a man's point of view. It certainly did not reflect the College women who go to a party, meets a guy and then leaves with him for a lifetime. It was written by a man from a man's point of view. Women wrote an article would every man on this campus be insulted? On the contrary many would be delighted.

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Sam Avrett

Discussion

To the Editor:

Upon arriving back from the North East Field Hockey Tournament this past weekend, I was extremely shocked to read Walter Sive's article entitled, "Field Hockey shooting for the top," in the latest issue of THE COLLEGE VOICE. I am amazed that this paper still continues to print articles based solely on a lack of information when it has such repeatedly strong criticism from so many people on this campus to this effect. When I was interviewed for this article, I did not expect (like so many other unsuspecting victims of this paper) to be insulted and misquoted in this manner. It seems to me that this is a very serious offense.

Miss Conklin was a very fine lady, and her concern for her team is unending. It is totally to her credit that the team attended the North East College Tournament at Amherst. It would be commendable for the unbeatable success that we had there and not tactlessly criticised without sufficient facts to back up that criticism. I cannot even begin to comprehend why any college paper would want to print an article which contains so totally on the negative when there is so much that is positive to be said.

May I remind you, Walter, that there are many more to this story. Women have been asked to play on the Varsity Field Hockey Team this fall, all of whom are fantastic and should have been mentioned and considered in your writing. I would like to suggest that from now on you find someone who is really interested in the team, to write the team, preferably someone on the team itself. This idea should extend to all sports at Conn College.

I feel that I have played field hockey for Conn College, this season has been the most successful and exciting I have ever seen. I feel that an apology is not only to Miss Conklin and myself, but to the whole Field Hockey Team in general. Another in the name of decorum, Buffie Ashforth (Co-Captain)

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Walter Sive

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Jeopardy

To the Editor:

Last spring I became a member of the Student Government Election Board. Neither I, nor any of the members of the Board, nor any of the students who participated as an impartial representative in three instances; individual elections for classes (last spring), student-faculty committees and Freshman Judiciary votes (this fall) The Committee has done its job impartially; nevertheless, I am resigning from the Board because I have contracted my own, ideals of impartiality and integrity. I am disappointed; but relieved I have resigned.

Sincerely,
Rick Semiaim Sophomore Representative

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LETTERS

Who's the sexist?

To the Editor:

Scott Calamar's article "Party Time: The Male's awareness of the Right Place?" has brought to light a sexist tone. This article was an insult to every woman on this campus. It betrayed a male sexist-pig attitude I thought had been left behind. It betrays the College community. Here Dean Johnson is plainly the sexist. The article was written by a man from a man's point of view. A woman who goes to a party, meets a guy and then leaves with him is no longer whispered about, labeled a tramp and eventually asked to leave the College. If a woman wrote an article would every man on this campus be insulted? On the contrary many would be delighted.

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The Electric Boat Company, Connecticut's second largest employer, said its decision to lay off 3,000 white collar workers from its shipyard in Groton was easily explained: a submarine contract has been nearly completed.

Members of Congress in Connecticut have charged that the company was using the workers as pawns in a dispute with the Navy over payments on the submarine contract. With a 3 billion dollar backlog of submarine construction orders, E.B. has asked the Navy for an additional $544 million to cover construction of the 688 Class Attack submarines.

The trouble began October 4, 1977, when General Dynamics brought P. Takis Veliotis from its Quincy shipyard to take over for Gordon E. MacDonald as general manager of Electric Boat. Mr. Veliotis shifted most of the top management employees and began the lay-offs.

Political representatives in Connecticut criticized E.B. for the cutbacks. Representative Christopher J. Dodd attempted to disclose when and why the decision to dismiss the workers had been made; without success. Senator Lowell Weiker sent a letter to the chairman of E.B., David L. Lewis, accusing the company of lying to the State's Congressional delegation because a week earlier Mr. MacDonald had allegedly told the Senator that no employee cutbacks were being considered.

Regardless of the lip-service paid by Connecticut Representatives, 3,000 people are currently unemployed.

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Although Governor Grasso issued a list of conditions for the amnesty, he said he was willing to hire some of the dismissed employees, this is not a long term solution to the problem of Defense Contracts and subsequent employment practices. As a virtual monopoly in the business of Electric Boat, EB’s problem is nothing but the U.S. government rewards Electric Boat in the form of new and larger defense contracts. However, when the decision is made between saving dollars to meet deadlines or saving jobs, Electric Boat has always chosen the former. Efficiency in management and construction cannot begin as production programs near completion.

For a more in depth perspective of this dilemma responses from the workers at Electric Boat were solicited. The issues of morale in the yard, worker alienation, and the effects of the workers’ resentment on the production schedule served to put this inquiry into a more understanding context.

According to a Union Steward representing the local Boilermaker’s Union: “Management is making worker alienation a way of life. Let me give you an example. Before a worker can leave to go to the bathroom he must have a pass from his supervisor. Without such a written excuse, workers are subject to written warnings and suspension. Since THE GREEK (as P. Takis Velotis is affectionately called) took over, the number of warnings of this sort have increased incredibly. The response of workers to such childish regulations has been to do less work. Increased production has not been the response of yard workers. As a Union Steward, my job is to represent Union members. When Velotis pays me to come to the union hall to me and I represent their interests. Coffee breaks for “safety reasons” is a sinister way of the layoffs began. The workers are scared, depressed and angry. Things are really crazy in the yard. I’ve ridden the waves for five years now. It just makes me sick to think that the actions of the past few years have been systematically planned as part of E.B.’s profit maximization. The whole situation is ridiculous.”

Another expressed his own state of mind as follows: “How can I come to work with any piece of confidence? My life has no meaning. I have to change...for a while at least. The situation is corrupt, the management is a safety hazard to myself and others. The boys on the hill should work without water or coffee breaks to see just what it is like.”

Our coffee break has been cut, our water fountains shut down. A thirsty man isn’t work. A tired man is a safety hazard to himself and others. The boys on the hill should work without water or coffee breaks to see just what it is like.”

Unfortunately, Electric Boat does not consider the problem of efficient production schedules or hiring and firing policies until it becomes obvious that deadlines will not be met. Cost overruns are systematically implemented as policy designed to prolong government contracts and result in further profits at Electric Boat. Mass cutbacks in manpower is not a new phenomenon in the Industrio-Military complex. Sadly enough, it has become an accepted fact of life in our defense oriented economy. While profits are soaring, and the market for submarines is hardly competitive, it appears that Electric Boat could have avoided its actions without adverse affects to its economic standing. To justify their request for additional money from the Navy, E.B. should have an efficiency criteria as its defense. Instead 3,000 workers were laid off as E.B. attempted to display a newly discovered conception of maximum efficiency. In this instance the workers were the pawns of the dispute between Management and the U.S. Navy. Of course they always have been. However, they will continue to be the pawns in future disputes.

The need for an investigation of the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics is unquestionable. As taxpayers we deserve to know how our tax dollars are spent. To avoid further cutbacks in manpower, we must discover where money is misspent in all areas of operation. Cost trimming does not have to reduce employment. If Defense contacts truly represent “low cost bidding” there should be no reason for such reductions in employment as a policy for cost efficiency.

Those interviewed asked that their names not be printed to avoid offering the management of Electric Boat an excuse for further cutbacks of personnel.

The unemployment problem facing the New London community is not a serious problem. But, some of the figures have been inflated and some of the hysteria has been overdone. In actuality, 1600 persons have been fired from Electric Boat in Groton (900 at the Rhode Island plant). The 1200 workers at the Millstone III site are being fired in “drugs and drab” according to Mr. Phil Jorgensen of the State Labor Department. He adds that these workers do not really effect the area labor problem because they are unionized and not local. Further, Mr. Jorgensen has no reason at all to believe that the EB plant will shut down as the local papers and others have rumored.

Yet, we should not underestimate the problem. This unemployment is a severe economic blow to the area at a particularly bad time before the holidays and cold weather set in. Equally important is the understanding that these recently unemployed individuals are suffering emotionally as well as financially. Many of the laid off Electric Boat workers were white-collar workers entrenched in a lifestyle that will have to change.,for a while at least. The devastation brought to individuals upon their unwarned release, who have worked at EB for 10 or 20 years, is something that the community must be aware of. Regardless of socioeconomic standing, the unemployment lines are very humbling and frequently depressing for all those fired.

Unfortunately, some people in our College Community do not feel that they need concern themselves with the “locals”
Food and the economics of it

By SELDEN PRENTICE

During the past two weeks, members of Survival put out a questionnaire concerning food to all students on campus. 82 students responded. Although the questionnaire did not contain a broad variety of questions about food, the responses gave the committee an idea of how some students feel about the lack of meatless alternatives and natural foods.

58 of these students said that they were vegetarians, and 107 non-vegetarians as well made specific comments at the bottom of the questionnaire requesting more natural foods, meatless alternatives, whole grain foods, and vegetable casseroles. 425 students said that they would like natural peanut butter and 408 stated that they would like deserts made with honey. Many students requested sugarless yogurt and a brand without gelatin.

Whether or not these requests are practical, they do indicate that a number of students would like less processed and more natural foods. Although some students requested soda, more and better meat, butter, and some considered the questionnaire biased and propaganda, the majority of the respondents were receptive to more natural foods. In general the most common requests were for better quality food, a greater variety, less overcooked vegetables, more fresh fruit, less grease, and buttered food and less starch.

Last Friday I spoke with Ms. Eleanor Voorhees, Director of Residence, about the results of the questionnaire, "I agree that we should eat less meat and less sugar," she said, but due to economics the College cannot afford such a great variety of food. She did explain that she feels that the money spent on soda in Harris last year could be better spent on prepared and more nutritious foods. With regard to butter and margarine, the kitchens do use butter for some cooking, but it is more expensive than margarine and therefore margarine is put out for the students.

I asked Ms. Voorhees her feeling about boycotting tuna, because so many purpose are called during the catching. She answered that she had offered salmon at one point instead of tuna, but that it had been unpopular. She also said that she would have to know more about the purpose situation if she were to stop buying tuna.

A few students suggested that we go on a meal plan. Ms. Voorhees said that a meal plan would require a tighter operation, with, for example, centralized dining.

She stated that a number of factors prevent the dining service from offering vegetarian and natural foods to students who prefer this. First, food prices are going up, and according to Ms. Voorhees, many natural foods are expensive. This also prevents her from offering fresh fruit more often, which is a great number of students requested. Sometimes there is difficulty getting the foods that have been ordered from wholesalers.

Another situation preventing any kind of dramatic change in the food ordered here, is that the existing staff is trained for a particular kind of cooking and could not easily adapt to something new. If both traditional and natural foods were to be served here, additional staff would have to be hired.

Keeping the use of small dining rooms is an expensive operation and also prevents the addition of natural and vegetarian foods to the menu.

Ms. Voorhees also explained that she feels handicapped to change greatly, "try harder" to please the tastes of as many students as possible. Although they agree with many of the requests of the students, they reiterated "the problem is basically economic..."

I made some suggestions of some menu items that might please the students with a preference for natural foods, such as brown rice, that would not be as expensive. Ms. Voorhees and Ms. Wilmot, Head Dietitian, said that they would "try harder" to please the tastes of as many students as possible. Although they agree with many of the requests of the students, they feel handicapped to change greatly within the present system.

Survival members are planning, therefore, to investigate how other college dining services are run, and to have a look at wholesale price lists of natural foods.
SUPER BOWL ACTION

Larrabee and Harkness-on and off the field

By JOHN L. MOORE III

I have been requested to write a preview of the upcoming Connecticut College Flag Football championship game: the Superbowl. Although this event is the culmination of a sport which many observers find pointless and Insane, I feel that dorm football is a damn good outlet for some of the quieter gentleness on this campus, permitting the release of their otherwise pent-up academic frustrations. An example in defense of this hypothesis would be to review the life of Gerard Francis Morris. How many of you know Gerry? Not many, eh? Well, Gerry is a junior from Basking Ridge, New Jersey, majoring in speech and judgement.

New Jersey, majoring in speech (I'm Hungarian) Deedy. Tom is a football player for Harkness? His name is Bertrando. While Harkness players are mild off the field and wild on it, the 'Bee' / is the housefellow here. Ever heard that before? You will if you come to the Superbowl on Saturday. That's Paul Sanford, the splendid housefellow of Harkness, keeping the morale going for the otherwise backluster, dispirited Harkness football team. Then there is Jack Sudomomaschki, a slight, frail 3'6" offensive lineman. Nobody knows where this little guy came from, but he is a big offensive threat, especially when they throw him for a pass instead of the ball. Harkness also has a resident preppy on their football team. His name is Bert. It's Paul McCarthy is a fine young clean, well-kept young man, dressed in a dazzling white uniform, excited, posing as this fine young center from Hyannis, Mass., if that isn't enough to make the wax fall out of your ears, then look at some guy they call Miami, who lives in Danbury, Conn. What a dumb name for a responsible housefellow to have. Don't worry! Miami is just there to move the chains for his team. Nice guy, but what a sucker. Larrabee is lucky to have Sociable "On Vacation" Davia, a linebacker from Alabama on their offensive line. Bill is a big, exciting player who does well at blocking his opponents, after the whistle has blown. The linebacker is Bert, a rather noisy, bald-headed, outspoken sophomore. Bert plays his position quietly on the field, but suffers from verbal diarrhoea once there is someone to listen to him. Luckily, he plays both ways. The Bee has a split end who is as slow as John Moore and drops the ball if it is thrown at his hands. These attributes make the Gator (Likes to be called Lawrence Michael Wiegus) one of the least valued members of the team. All you thirteen year old girls come cheer for him and make him happy. Peter Gale runs the backfield, even if he isn't a very good runner! Peter is a tall, handsome, blond archetype of a WASP. He likes the pre-game atmosphere of drunken tail-gate parties with fast women in abundance. In fact, if he had his choice he would be running from tail-gate to tail-gate instead of up and down the field.

Little Tommy Kadis is the Quarterback for the Larrabee Socialities. He is also distant, I mean Commissioner of the Flag Football League I think someone mentioned that is why the Bee might be attending The Game on Saturday. Anyway, Tommy is a hypotension, highly extroverted, unsodium fellow with a flair for the morose. The other running backs are interesting fellows. One a greasy frog from the south of France named Yahoo, who likes to get out of the way when he should be pass-blocking. The other back is Tom Bell. Tom is a funny fellow, who does all the running, very little blocking and appears to be one of the louder elements in the dorm. Well, that about wraps up the omnipotent offenses and personalities of the Harkness Angels and the Larrabee Socialities. However, there are two other players which deserve some notice. They are Don (H.P.) Capello and David (Big Daddy or Baby Huey) Pettinari. H.P. plays defensive end on the field and wields a big stick on the Judiciary Board. Big Daddy or Baby Huey plays for the Larrabee Socialities, or he thinks! Actually the Bee's boys bring David down to the field, put him in Bert's car, turn on a wide-screen movie of flag football, shake the van and often congratulate Big Daddy on his fine play during the game. One other Socialite deserves special mention:
Harkness hangs out

Harkness was the 'Bee' QB unfortunate incident ended
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Harkness offense (above)
and defense (below)
SPORTS

Volleyball highlights

By DAVID FIDERER

The Connecticut College women’s volleyball team, under the direction of Coach Sheryl Yeary and assistant Connie Clabby, has thus far won 8 out of 14 matches. The players and coaches have worked long and hard since early September, putting in as much as 10 to 12 hours per week.

Beth Offenhartz

The ten woman squad has five freshman members: Emily Bloch, Kim Carlson, Margot Moser, Beth Offenhartz, and Debbie Warner. These girls have played well and earned the praise of coach Yeary, who is “very pleased with the contribution of the freshmen.””

Seniors Marina Basleitner, Carol Riley, and co-captain Roxby Khalili have performed admirably and have given needed guidance to the younger players. Other contributing players are sophomore Laura Zane and junior co-captain Lisa Schwartz, who is the team’s premier server. Co-captains Khalili and Schwartz, according to coach Yeary, “have demonstrated good leadership qualities”, in helping to sustain the team’s morale.

Highlights of this season include an upset win over the University of Connecticut, a school with many scholarship players. The Volleyball Camels were one of eight teams invited to participate in the Small College State Tournament. The Connecticut College squad performed surprisingly well before falling to the University of New Haven by scores of 15-4, 14-6. They ended the season third among small colleges in the state of Connecticut.

Coaches Yeary and Clabby have the team playing a basic game including a standard 4-2 offense. Coaches are looking for more advanced volleyball concepts on the horizon for next year, according to Coach Yeary. The College program enables the girls to play competitive volleyball without having to worry about a “Win or else” attitude from the athletic department. Although the College offers no volleyball scholarships to women, the Connecticut team has remained competitive with bigger schools through dedication and hard work.

For this reason, the players and coaches should be commended on their fine season.

You have one last chance to see the team play when the Camel meet St. Joseph’s of Hartford on Monday November 21 at 7 pm.

William L. Churchill

Assistant to the President and Secretary of the College, will be leaving Conn on December 1. Churchill came here in August 1974 from Wesleyan University where he was Director of Public Information and Publications. His new job will take him to Trinity College where he will be Director of College Relations.

The College is hiring two administrators to replace Churchill. Mrs. Jane Breeden, currently Associate Director of Admissions, will assume his title and some of his responsibilities, including Trustee liaison. Another administrator, not yet appointed, will take over the remainder of Churchill’s duties.

Mr. Churchill has been one of the most accessible and helpful administrators the VOICE has dealt with. We are very sorry to see him leave, but wish him the best of luck in the future. We also wish Mrs. Breeden luck in her new position.

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COVER STORY

Alarming increase of campus vandalism

By MICHAEL SITTENFELD

One of the greatest difficulties at Conn College is vandalism. Far from diminishing, vandalism is escalating at an alarming rate. As the amount of vandalism grows, more and more students' lives are in peril.

Perhaps the most disturbing element of vandalism is the widespread destruction of fire safety equipment. Mr. Richard Ingersoll, Director of Physical Plant, manages the repair of vandalized materials. "What is scary is the damage done to fire safety code equipment. I don't think that students realize the extent of the damage... It's dangerous," commented Mr. Ingersoll.

Almost every dorm has been affected by vandals who empty fire extinguishers, break the brackets which hold fire extinguishers to the walls, or mangie lighted exit signs. In addition, some exit signs have been fired at with B.B. guns. While others were turned 180 degrees, an occurrence which could cause occupants to become disoriented in the event of a fire or black-out. Door closer systems in many hallways have been damaged so that the doors will not close automatically. A Connecticut State statute prohibits tampering with fire safety equipment; a violator of the law, if prosecuted, can be fined up to $200 and-or jailed for up to four months. "Any money that can be replaced when they are scheduled for replacement in the next two and a half years," said Mr. Ingersoll, "is more important than the time in the first four weeks at a cost of more than $400. Although by no definition vandalism, there was an attempted sexual assault by two individuals on south campus. The suspect was apprehended, tried, and now awaits sentencing. There have been approximately five false fire alarms since September. One student's wooden door in Morrison had 17 holes punched in it. A table was broken and a television set was kicked in at Lambdas. Most of the contents of a trunk in storage were stolen; the cost of the missing personal property was estimated at over $100.

"Students have reported the presence of suspicious-looking individuals on campus more frequently this year than in the past." mentioned Mr. Eaton. "Female students, in particular, must lock their rooms at night. According to Mr. Eaton, the threat of sexual assaults or robberies may be lessened by locked doors.

For Mr. Eaton, the solution of cutting down vandalism lies partly in cooperation between students and the Campus Safety Office. "In general, we have had a very good response from students. We have good housekeepers working with us this year," remarked Mr. Eaton, who pointed out that students have reported the presence of suspicious-looking individuals on campus more frequently this year than in the past.

One way in which the relationship between the Campus Safety Office and student has been improved is through the use of the 24 member student patrol. Mr. Eaton observed that the student patrol "helps out a lot" and provides a direct link between students and his office in handling safety problems. Campus safety patrolmen are not armed with sidearms, but do have night sticks and mace at their disposal.

Vandalism is on the rise at all colleges and universities. It has increased here in the last couple of years," said Mr. Eaton, who has been at the College since 1969. When asked to explain the causes of vandalism among students, both Mr. Ingersoll and Mr. Eaton commented that they do not know or understand what motivates students to endanger themselves and each other.

Illustration by JONATHAN GOLDMAN
Carter and Urban Poverty

By NOAH SORKIN

Once again the federal government has issued a statement on America's "poverty" situation. The Carter Administration is said to be considering a "national urban strategy. This is a program aimed at increasing the now pitiful amount of federal money used for slum clearance.

More than likely, nothing will ever come of it. Why this pessimistic attitude? Because poverty is basically an urban problem, and this country is geared to a rural mentality; a mode of thought which has come to hate all that America's major cities stand for: minorities, pornography, liberalism, change.

Nixon and Ford did nothing. Who can ever forget that candid headline which the DAILY NEWS ran a few years back-"Ford to New York: Drop Dead"?

The Carter people are really not so different. True, Carter probably means well-he even got around to strolling through the South Bronx, the most depressed area in the Northeast. But will Carter want to keep the pressure on the Congress long enough to produce any cash? Probably not.

For the poor people who read of benevolent government intentions, of forthcoming aid, relief and housing grants, the President's words are useless. What they really need instead of all the talk is some solid assistance.

By ANA LOPEZ

On November 19, at 9 pm, we'll hear the sounds of "Salsa" in the Crozier Williams Main Lounge. The tunes will be courtesy of "Conjunto Maquina," a band from El Barrio, New York City. Everyone is welcome to partake in the Celebration.
Complex characters with unspoken fears

By EMILY SIMS

Harold Pinter's The Birthday Party marks the first student-directed theatrical production to be presented on Palmer stage this semester. The show is being directed by Richard Termine, a guest director with an M.E.A. from the University of Connecticut. The cast consists of six Connecticut College students: Mary Conklin '79, Jeff Garrett, '79, Bill Lattanzii, '78, William Penninston, '81, Karen Mitchell students: Mary Conklin '79, Bill Lattanzii, '78, William Penninston, '81, Karen

Termine has also introduced the actors to some different acting techniques. Termine's approach to the play has been largely based on the recent environmentalist teaching of Grotowski and Schechner. The environmentalist techniques are designed to develop the actor and his body in his sole instrument. This approach has in involved much exploration of the levels of both the play and the characters through group improvisation and theater games. One hour of each rehearsal has been devoted to such work. Much emphasis has been placed on an ensemble feeling within the group.

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The King's new album

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B.B. King is fifty years old, but he shows no signs of slowing down. Since the release of his hit album "The Same Love That Made Me Laugh" in 1947, he has been a significant influence on contemporary music. He has taken the blues and infused it with elements of jazz, soul, and gospel, creating a new style that has been widely acclaimed. His music has been influential to many artists, including Eric Clapton, Stevie Ray Vaughan, and many others.

B.B. King's "The Same Love That Made Me Laugh" album was released in 1947, marking his debut. The album featured a mix of blues, R&B, and gospel influences, with songs like "The Things That I Used to Do," "3 O'Clock Blues," and "Every Night of the Week." The album was a commercial success, reaching number 17 on the Billboard R&B chart and staying on the chart for 19 weeks. It also featured the hit single "3 O'Clock Blues," which became one of King's signature songs.

The album has been noted for its inclusion of the song "Every Night of the Week," which has become one of King's most recognizable songs. The album also features other notable tracks like "I'm So Blue," "I'm in the Mood," and "The Things That I Used to Do." The album's influence has extended beyond its immediate success, impacting later generations of musicians and influencing the development of the blues genre.

B.B. King's music has been widely celebrated for its soulful and passionate delivery, which combined elements of blues, jazz, and gospel. His distinctive voice and guitar playing have shown a remarkable ability to catch and hold an audience's attention, making his performances unforgettable. Throughout his career, B.B. King has contributed significantly to the blues music genre, and his influence can still be heard in contemporary music.
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