Local and National Plans Formulated Against War

by Carol Knox

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editors:

Today I received another in the series of letters from the Parents Association, whose members are obviously trying to pass off the policy of not communicating with the administration and the parents—but between the parents and the students. The initial questionnaire sent to all parents who "share our concern" was couched in "collective views" whether college administrators (and the students) are dealing with all matters of a similar nature, both of general rules and philosophical differences. We were asked if we were aware that present parental rules for freshmen were "only" 24 hours, "even to the extent of men staying overnight with girls in their rooms overnight." And under the caption of administrative feasibility we believe that these rules should be endorsed as a serious concern for the dormitory.

Our first reaction was that it was really rather mean of the college administration to confront the parents of their current beliefs and the behavioral patterns that their children choose or the moral judgments that they depict upon them. Even if we disregard the fact that parents—and not the college administration—have the legal custodianship to have to admit, in our school, a young person if we develop ethical judgments under our guidance. If we therefore disregard the unprecedented parental vote (at the time of the parents strike), we will find nobody voted that every student must have a boy friend on campus. The property of the judgment then is strictly between parents and student. If we think under the Connecticut College community was subject to social pressures, then the parental group could join the strike, we find this question redundant. The fact is that we are saying that on all important issues we are facing with these pressures, whether it be to achieve the same level of conscience or commitment, began long before the college experience.

Subjectively as parents, we would be very disappointed, if at that period in time and circumstances, every student and faculty sat by and didn't react. We felt that the Connecticut College administration’s response was eminently constructive and avoided the public shaming of so many other campuses. As for the questions whether the "faculty should have discontinued holding classes during the strike", we answer from us is that "demos must be seen clearly that the act of communication open—since we sometimes do—then maybe it is because we are talking. The fact that we can’t share our frustrations onto college administrators because it is the administration’s concern for them and the faculty. It is to our mutual interest that we find common ground and cooperatively constructively. Today’s Parents Association to Satyagraha is the static rather than the antenna in communication about the responsibility of the Administration. Since we aren't sure of our individual responsibility and difficult to define the responsibilities of the administration, we have developed a competent and matured to cope with the needs of relevant institutions. The dialogue becomes more meaningful and available to all young people seeking education.

Sincerely,
Jules and Frieda Herxhev Skidmore, Conn.

To the Editors:

If your Board of Trustees will make a mistake if you regard the self-appointed "parental guardian" as representative of Connecticut College parents or even the majority of parents.

Like many of those present, I was ashamed and embarrassed when a college president (via his secretary) said to your 1970 parents weekend into a political debate. These persons judge their political self-importance, the fact that your actions (including this parents weekend program) halfway through the strike provide students strike without any of the actions we saw on other campuses. Subsequently, these individuals examine the actions questions themselves clearly showed that these parents were painfully out of touch with affairs at Connecticut and other colleges, if not in fact with their own children. It seemed to reflect a healthy, as we sometimes do—then maybe it is because we are talking. The fact that we can’t share our frustrations onto college administrators because it is the administration’s concern for them and the faculty. It is to our mutual interest that we find common ground and cooperate constructively. Today’s Parents Association to Satyagraha is the static rather than the antenna in communication about the responsibility of the Administration. Since we aren’t sure of our individual responsibility and difficult to define the responsibilities of the administration, we have developed a competent and matured to cope with the needs of relevant institutions. The dialogue becomes more meaningful and available to all young people seeking education.

Sincerely,
Robert W. Belcher New Canaan, Conn.

Snackers and Gourmets Alkpe
Welcome to the Survivor's Club's Bake Sale
Benefit: Nader's Conn. Earth Action Group
Wednesday, April 21st all day in the Co-op lobby and outside (weather permitting) in front of the P.E. building

The following students are members of the Connecticut College Action Group for the National Priorities Day. Please contact them if you have any questions or comments.

Dave Clark
Jane Davis
Wendy Dooliver
Debbie Ephriam
Val Gary
Meg Genson
Mona Knopfler
Anne Ginsberg
Mike Graves
Grace Grimm
Charles Kernay
Nancy Kurtz
John Schwartz
Margi Williams

Speakers for candidates for class offices will take place at 6:30. The class of 1972 will meet in Farm Hall at 10:00 am. The meeting in Thanes 114, and will meet in the main lounge upstairs in Co-op. Voting for the class of 1972 will be held on Thursday at 10:00 am. The voting will be held on Thursday at 10:00 am.

Tress and plants will soon be green again, but they could use a little help; that’s as much as we need from them. Sincerely,
Michael Ridgway '74

To the Editors:

The Connecticut Earth Action Group has been organized to improve the quality of life in the town of Ralip Nader, a staff of lawyers, scientists, and local officials, has established a Hartford office to work in the interests of the Connecticut Earth Action Group. The efforts of existing environmental agencies will be coordinated by these offices. The Connecticut Earth Action Group will be eminently equipped to define our state’s special needs and to find answers for it.

The Connecticut Earth Action Group evolved in order to prove that the voice of the people can be heard in the land, and that it must be listened to. Since the success of CEA will surely lend to similar state-wide efforts throughout the country, “As long as our people will continue to be nation we might very well become the slogan for the 50’s.” And now CEAG depends on the support that Connecticut is willing to provide for it. $25000 is needed to finance a staff of twenty in the Hartford public interest center for one year, or $10, a contribution to CEAG that can be achieved in the mark Earth Action Week, April 19-25. I hope you will show your concern for Connecticut and for its environment by donating your support at this time. On behalf of CEAG, I urge you to support our efforts through constructive action.

Sincerely yours,
Walter A. Niering
C.E.A.G.
Post Office Box 772
New London, Conn.

To the Editors:

I have just received a copy of SATYAGRAHA which I relate to congratulate the new editors and the new staff for returning to the college's old name. What I have just received is known as "College Humor" and which I have found sadly lacking in the last few years. Good luck to you all in your new endeavor. Personality I thought Connecticut College had am working title for the publication—except that it was not mentioned in the new student body. If you can reflect the opinions of the majority of the students, it will have to change the name. After all, you buried SATYAGRAHA!

I remain on campus.

Lydia Chatham-Sudder 27

To the Editors:

I'm confused! Could someone (the student housing rep.) please explain to me what I have just received? I understand it, next year Freeman will be housing approximately 40 boys and 50 girls living in Freeman this year be given the option of staying or will a "closet" of those students who meet the criteria. The situation is the same all around the college. The most that one can look at, and it just gets worse. It seems to me that parents and teachers else might want to give up and pick it up. Only a tax that the kids have to be cleared. Whitman wrote to his and the statement that "every year shall you bloom again, out from where you retired you shall emerge again."
Joint Treaty of Peace Between the U.S. And Vietnamese Peoples

In the past two years, those who predicted (and by this time it took little persistance to do so) that the rhetoric of withdrawal would be no less deadly than the rhetoric of escalation in the past; that it would involve as here a pseudo-event and a staged optical illusion—these people have been vindicated. In the Nixon era, escalation has been the order of the day—although less arrogantly implemented than before; the total firepower used to "cleanse" the Indochina peninsula has steadily increased, and the war has spread like a Khaki malignancy to two neutral countries, Laos and Cambodia. Now a point in the conflict has been reached where the non-nuclear options available to Washington—short of the actual withdrawal that has never been a serious option—are perilously limited. And meanwhile on the home front the class gain—rising inflation and unemployment, open assaults on civil rights and other gains of the previous decades, and a growing wave of political violence and repression from above making it clear, as King and others had prophesied, that the destinies of Vietnam and America are inextricably linked.

It is in this context that an initiative has been taken by American students to sign a peace treaty with the Vietnamese and mount a domestic campaign to compel an end to the war. The Joint Treaty of Peace Between the U.S. and Vietnamese Peoples was signed in Harris by North and South Vietnamese students and a delegation led by David Ifshin, president of the National Student Association. Already the treaty has been ratified by 131 organizations and collectives of the National Coalition Against War, Racism and Repression and by 2000 delegates of the Student and Youth Conference on a People's Peace which met in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on February 5-7, and which also endorsed a major anti-war action in Washington for May 1. The treaty is here reprinted to gain wider circulation.

The movement for a separate peace comes at a time when, according to a recent Harris poll, 77 per cent of the people in this country favor a withdrawal of American troops, when the consequent of the widening war has been more damaging. Never before has the time been riper nor the necessity as clear as for a mass declaration of independence from the war in Indochina and from the whole system of corporate and military empire which stares like a death's head in the face of our future.

This treaty will not allow us to shut out the images of genocide that will stain American history forever, but it will tell the Vietnamese that it is not the American people who consider them enemies, and it could be the beginning of a mass movement that will finally get the U.S. out of Southeast Asia.

Sign the treaty and return it to People's Peace Treaty, P.O. Box 203, Old Chelsea Station, New York, N.Y. 10011.

—THE EDITORS

Feldman

Irving Feldman will be featured in the final 1970-71 poetry reading sponsored by The Club, an undergraduate literary organization of Connecticut College. Mr. Feldman will read in the auditorium of the Lyman Allyn Museum at 8 pm, Sunday, April 25.

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Mrs. Brown estimates that the 1971 summer program will enroll about 62 eleventh and twelfth graders and college-bound high school graduates. The students will be in residence on the college campus during the seven weeks from June 29 to August 14.

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WOULD THE PERSON who stole/borrowed my letters to Donbury Jail and Father Daniel Berrigan from Harkness Chapel Notice Board please return them before they EXPLODE. J. Barrie Shepard, box 1556, 442-1391 Ext. 358.

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