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## Sunday's B.B.Q.



This past Sunday, as at those that ran before, saw another S.G.A. Bar-B-Que that was soundly put together to the tune of success. Some controversy had arose in the past over amounts and selection of food but not so this time. It appears the SGA has once again, "put it all together" as over 1,000 people showed up and none went away hungry. For those that came, 1700 hamburgers were served and 18 kegs of beer downed. That's a pretty productive Bar-B-Que from anyone's standpoint. Frankie Burke and his Individuals added to the afternoon with some music right from the clubs at the beach.

Jim Owen, the SGA Social Functions chairman also used the afternoon to collect donations for the Dollars for Scholars Fund. Over \$45 was collected with the big contribution of the day coming from Dean Mansfield.

By 4:30 the action had about broken up but may we take this time to remind you, the SGA Social Calendar for the fall has only started, be aware and take part.

The Social Functions Committee would like to thank Alpha Rho Omega for serving the guests. As at other Bar-B-Ques, the Frats in general have helped beyond measure.

## E.R.A.U. 500

How would you like to spend a weekend home sometime soon, for free? You have a chance to do just that if you participate in the ERAU 500 Blood Drive. The Embry-Riddle Parent's Association has donated a round trip weekend excursion ticket on Eastern Air Lines to any of the following cities: Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Hartford, Boston, Chicago, or St. Louis.

Other prizes include a round trip ticket on Shawnee Airlines to any point on their schedule, including the Bahamas, one hour of dual in the Mooney at the ERAU Flight Line, and much more. All you have to do to be eligible is sign up at the Blood Drive.

The Blood Drive will be held on October 7 & 8 from 9 AM to 3 PM in room 306 of the old Engineering Building. We have a very ambitious goal of 500 pints of blood this time. This blood is badly needed in the Halifax area. What better way to get known in the community.

Every attempt is being made to schedule donors to avoid the long lines this time. Use the blanks in the Avion to help us get an idea of when we can expect you. In addition, for you students lacking transportation, we are trying to arrange bus service back and forth to the drive. We have the bus but need drivers 25 or over with a chauffeur's license. If you fill these requirements, please contact Rick Spicer, Box 4315.

With over 1800 students we should have no problem getting 500 pints. Most everyone is eligible. For all you Air Science students, a local FAA examiner stated that it is up to the individuals response whether you fly or not. If you feel weak, don't fly that day; if you feel ok he sees no reason why you shouldn't be able to fly.

If you'd like a free spaghetti dinner, a chance to win a trip home for a weekend and the satisfaction of helping the community please take the time and help make this drive a success. It is a worthy cause and a fine opportunity to show the community that we aren't just the little flying school on the airport.

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# Speaking Out

The AVION reserves the right to edit letters as we see fit in accordance with good journalistic practice. All letters must be signed, although names will be withheld upon request from the writer.

Hi  
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## Presidents Corner



Because I have had numerous complaints about my literary talents with respect to the "President's Corner", I have taken 50¢ out of your SGA fee and have hired a writing consultant. For those mathematically minded this comes to about \$800—but do not worry—I have been assured I'll receive \$800 worth of work from her.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable time at the B-B-Q this past weekend. If you didn't let us know and we'll attempt to improve them in the future. Thanks to Alpha Rho Omega for working too,

Coming up on the 7 & 8th of October is the "ERAU 500"—our blood drive. From the conversation I've had with the chairman of the drive we'll have some really nice prizes for the donors—so get out and bleed. Also on October 8th at 8:00PM in room 108 is another of Riddle's Friday Nite Movies— "W.C. Fields" and "Topaz".

If you remember last weeks AVION there was an article on the Engineering Council for Professional Development (ECPO) and our lack of accreditation in the B.S.A.E. degree. I had a talk with President Hunt and he expressed his desire to meet with interested persons—so anyone interested should get your thoughts together and let's pick a date to have a meeting— but come prepared.

My congratulations to all the newly elected senators. Remember we have a meeting next Tuesday, October 5th and it is mandatory. Please read your new constitution even though the administration may throw it out next week. It will keep your mind busy while eating at the Complex's snack bar.

Remember use Box # 183 for question, comments, and gripes.

*R. S. Smock*  
SGA PRESIDENT

While going through the enrollment process for the Fall term I happened to overhear Dean Mansfield telling some of his soccer players that he was in the process of convincing the Administration that soccer players warranted \$100 per trimester to be applied toward tuition.

Sports have their place on every college campus. Soccer, along with other sports, is a welcome addition to ERAU. Athletic events are one of the few areas that can unite the student body. But is it, as an extra circular activity, worth \$100 per tri.?

A study, to be published in the October issue of "Psychology Today", conducted by two psychologists, draws the conclusion that athletics are not, as strongly believed, character building. After interviewing over 15,000 athletes in all sporting events, led to the conclusion that athletes play today for the sake of playing and not to win.

Riddle is still a small school. Growth plans indicate a maximum student body of 6,500. There are, at present, no major plans for an Athletic Department. It hardly seems feasible to begin an Athletic Scholarship program now.

When the Administration begins to pay every student who participates in an extra circular activity \$100 per tri., then they can pay soccer player for their activity.

by Hank Cothran

Dear Lucky Coed's in the Dorm 2 Front Window:

Turn on you lights, raise your shades, for I have been parking under the overhang for a month, so no more stumbling in the dark and no sore toes.

You see, I've seen in those windows and what I have seen didn't turn me on.

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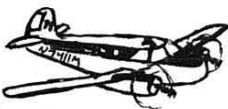
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## NEW PROFS ON CAMPUS



In exploring the offices and classrooms over at the Academic Complex, a few strange new faces fall under the category of faculty. Another of these is Mr. John Urish in the Management Dept.

Mr. Urish comes to us by way of General Electric where he spent two and a half years in their financial Management Program. He was located in Daytona Beach at the Apollo Park plant.

Mr. Urish is a Navy Vet having divided his college studies between a four and a half year tour of duty with time spent in the Pacific as an Airborne Combat Information Center Officer and at Pensacola, Fla. as an NAOC Instructor in Meteorology and Air Intelligence.

Prior to the Navy, our new instructor earned his B.S. at Penn State where he majored in Economics and Lacrosse, the great American game. After his

tour in the service it was off to Florida State for his M.B.A. in Management.

Mr. Urish met his wife in the Navy and has settled down on the beachside. Presently carrying 15 hrs. of Business Data Processing, Marketing, & Psychology of Management, he will prove to be a valuable asset here - Peace.

## VETS ASSOC.



by Doug MacKay

The meeting room just about filled up with Vets last Friday night at the Boars' Head Lounge. Tentative plans for the upcoming beach B.B.Q. and Christmas party were discussed. The magic tranquility that sets in while watching a campfire burning in the dunes at night has always insured a good turnout for the B.B.Q.'s. If you haven't made one yet, make sure to attend this one; it's really worth it; remember to bring your membership card. The Christmas party will be at Marco Polo Park this year. Check your mailboxes for more complete information. We think it will be the best one yet.

A fertile faced Vet, Stan "The Steamer" Steenbock, has volunteered to represent us in the

Rumplestiltskin contest this year. So make sure to keep your beard watered Stan, we're rootin' for you!

The welcome mat is out for six new members that joined us Friday night. They are Jerry Erickson, John Haszard, Ken Summers, Robert Buresi, Lyle Mahon. Thanks for joining us, we know you will enjoy the many functions of the Vets Club.

If you don't have a current discount sheet, you may pick one up in the Vets Book Store. There are more than twenty-five merchants in town that give discounts to members.

That's all the news for now. Remember, we need books in the book store, so check your shelves and help us help you. Drive careful, and we'll see you next week!



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#### TUESDAY

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Roast Pork Chop Suey

#### WEDNESDAY

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Char Shue Ding  
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## Alpha Eta Rho

This past week has really been one of the longest for Brothers of Rho. A quiet weekend only brought forth the impending gloom which fell on Sunday. The Stalwart Rho football team, riddled by injuries, lost to Sigma Phi Delta, 6-0. The fanfare and spirit was definitely at a peak though as Rho brought out its cheerleaders, mascot, and fan club. A thank you is in order to the Mainland Cheerleading Corps which brought some excitement to Sundays game. The loss though, over shadows all and its back to the practice fields we go.

AHP is once again making plans for its girl auction. The tentative date is set for the weekend of Oct 16 so watch this space for more news.

Another pledge was taken into the fold this week. Ex-Army man Bill Green will assume pledge duties toward a professional associate standing.

On a final note, Delta Chi, the old arch-rival of gridiron meetings past, is the doe this week. Game time is 1:00, so let's be there to cheer Rho on. Goodbye from Pinocchio and his masters!

## Delta Chi

By Ed Fusco

Congratulations are in order all around this week. Firstly to Dr. Eberle and Mr. Roberts for they are our two newest faculty advisors. Together with Mr. Garrett and Mr. Brown they comprise our newly formed Alumni Board of Trustees.

Gamma Pledge class was started last Wednesday as 10 men were invited to the house to be initiated as pledges. They are under the direction of Pledge Counselor Mike Shanholtz who is doing an admirable job. So congratulations to pledges Skip Fletcher,

Bruce Beev, Tom Thompson, Robert Champion, Frank Tomg, Ray Nordquist, Robert Cramer, Charles Stough, Tom Essig, and Ron Richards.

Chi Delphia, our little sister organization wasn't idle either. They initiated five girls as Chi Delphia pledges. Their number is now up to 17 active members and we owe them a lot for helping us get our house into order and the great art work on some of the posters. With out them.... things just wouldn't be the same!!

Our football team started off to another excellent season by defeating Sigma Chi. We're trying to duplicate last years undefeated season.

Lastly, welcome back to alumnus Spence Price, who just returned from a three week vacation in Europe.

I think that about wraps it up!! See ya next Friday, have a good week.

## Sigma Chi

Thanks to the enthusiasm that you all expressed. Our Rush Weekend was quite a success. There was a good turn out for the Bar-B-Q, with fine men, accompanied by their wives and dates. There was plenty of food and beer to be had by all, and the water was great!! It is good to have the pool back. The activities continued through Sunday. We are proud to say that this has been our best Rush yet, thanks to Bussy Allsup and Steve Avery, who did a fine job of planning and setting up the program. We are looking forward to our new pledge class, and thank you all again for the interest that you showed. And for those of you that are still interested in Sigma Chi, but were not eligible to pledge as you have not attended ERAU for one trimester yet- hang in there. Keep in touch with us and come back to us in January for our Spring Rush.

## Alpha Rho Omega

Last Sundays barbeque was very meaningful to Alpha Rho Omega. The Brothers worked dilligently and thus gained the recognition of all those that never knew such a fraternity existed. The Brothers donated their time and would like to do it again at the next barbeque.

Thanks go out to all that participated and to Skip Dawson and Jim Di Engenio for their effort in obtaining shirts with the Greek letters; Alpha Rho Omega, on them.

Bob Barresi was elected Secretary last Wednesday. He is an AMM student worthy of recognition for his many ideas and suggestions. His ideas are usually so good that he ends up turning them into reality. Sorry, Bob, you've done it again!

The fall Blood Drive is next week. The days are Thursday and Friday, the fraternity to pledge your blood to is Alpha Rho Omega.

Gentlemen, I now conclude the column designated to Alpha Rho Omega in the most professional way I know.

Sigma Phi Delta was out to lunch. May be they will be back by next week.

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## MODEL U.S. SENATE

by Gary Rosmini

The Stetson University political Science Department will sponsor the Model United States Senate on November 11, 12, 13, and 14, at Stetson University. For the four days, Thursday through Sunday, 100 students from across the nation will drop their own identity and become U.S. Senators.

In an effort to duplicate the legislative atmosphere of the U.S. Senate the program will be divided among party caucuses, committee hearings, and general senate sessions in which the delegates will play the roles of the senators they represent. Students attending this program will be expected to be aware of the character of the Senate and state they are portraying, and the actions should be in accordance with that role.

Some nationally-known political figures such as

Senator Robert Bryd (D., W.Va.), the Majority Whip; Senator Lawton Ciles (D., Fla.) and former Senator Spessard Holland (D., Fla.) will be guest speakers at the four-day program.

A group of judges will observe the proceedings and award the senators and groups on the following categories: best party, best committee chairman, most effective committee, most effective senator, and best characterization of senatorial role.

The cost for each senator will be approximately \$40.00, which includes motel room, food, and registration fee. For further information, contact the chairman of ERAU's History Department, or write to: The Model US Senate, Box 1424 Stetson University Deland, Florida 32720 or call 904-734-4121 Ext. 234.

REMINDER- the deadline for all articles to be printed in the AVION is 4:00 Mon.

## safety tips

by Curtis J. Poree, Jr.

Footgear can be an important item of flying equipment when piloting aircraft. Ideally, the best footgear to wear while flying is one that gives good ankle support, has flexibility, is not easily removed by shock, but can be removed quickly in water, has no objects that will catch onto the flight controls, has a thick sole to absorb shock, is fire retardant, heat resistant and liquid repellent.

The degree of protection that is offered by a type of footgear ranges from the worst which is shower shoes to the best which is leather sky diving boots with front zippers, with intermediates such as sandals, tennis shoes, street shoes, flight boots of various types, and military combat boots. Socks should be worn with

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Bruce Terrell

PRO PILOT  
Richmond 2 votes  
Alvin Smith 1 vote  
Rene Gonolaz 1 vote  
S. Louis 1 vote  
P. Astell 1 vote  
P. Payne 1 vote

Editorial Opinion on Pro Pilot Election

It becomes ever more alarming that the groups on campus who scream the loudest about minority equivilancy go out of their way to show their real disinterest and apathy. Once again the Student Gov't. Assoc. held elections of senators. The Pro-Pilot faction presently enrolled on campus did not nominate one representative, three were needed. The elections came and left this past Monday

and the confusion instituted by this group still has the S.G.A. undecided as to who will be the new Pro-Pilot senators. One received two votes and his first name is still in doubt. Of the other five, two do not appear to be in school. It has been another fine election Pro-Pilots however, next time you complain about non-representation, just look at your past performance.

## ALUMNI

Edwin Johnson has been commissioned as a second-lieutenant in the US Air Force after graduating from Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas. He graduated from Air Science in 1970.

Peter Lonngren has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the US Air Force after graduating from officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas. He graduated from Air Science this year.

## safety tips

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all types of footgear. These should range from cotton to wool cushion soles. Synthetic fabrics should not be used since they tend to melt at high temperatures and are not heat resistant.

It is not our intent to tell you what footgear to wear at all times but there are varying circumstances which may dictate the wearing of different types of footgear. Professionals will always select what is best for a given situation, but the professionals are sometimes judged by how safety conscious they can be toward there personal well being, which in turn determines how safety conscious they will be toward the well being of their passengers.



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# SPORTS

## SOCCER

Last Friday's soccer game was attended by approximately 150 spectators. This is the best representation since the sport has started at ERAU 7 years ago. Unfortunately the game ended in a loss for the Eagles to a smoothly operating Miami-Dade Jr. College. Of course, the Eagles were not helped by the loss of their number 1 and number 2 defense men within 10 minutes of the opening of the game. Oscar Ramsingh, a returning letter man, will require surgery after the one play that put him out of action last Friday. The Miami-Dade Falcons presented a well coordinated operation, chiefly Spanish speaking, and were able to make up a 2-1 half time lead and go ahead 4 minutes before the end of the game. The Falcons seemed to be in better physical condition and the Eagles did not attempt as many shots at the goal as is their victory last week over St. Leo. Both of the Embry-Riddle goalies displayed real excellence in the saves under trying conditions (when it rains that hard the ball is hard to handle especially

a new one with glaze) There were spectacular dives and punches that kept the Falcons from a higher score. The best commentary about the game probably could be that the United Nations could not come to any agreement at this session.

It is time that the individual numbers of the players be publicized so that spectators at home games might be able to know who is performing.

Ordinarily those playing on the forward line are numbered as follows:

G. Haupt	39
T. Akabogu	3
Z. Fagbemi	10
A. Shivji	4
C. Smith	9
G. Dozier	20
W. Dunning	6

Those performing in the middle on the half back line are:

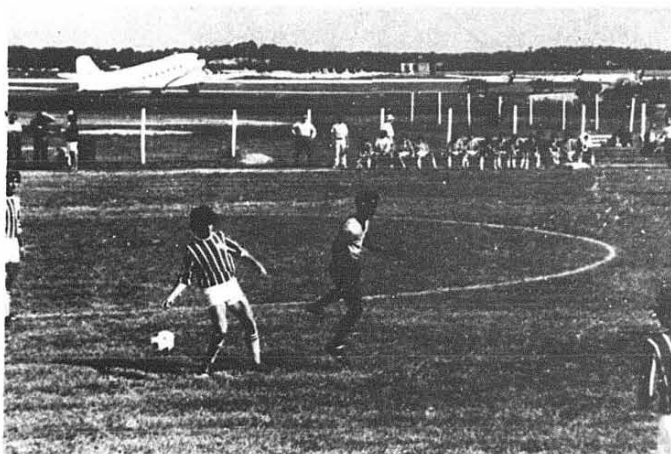
T. Movassaghi	15
R. Sabella	7
C. Okwudibonye	40
B. Maharaj	8
J. Medina	17

Those on the fullback line are:

R. Powell	2
R. Kuliavas	5
S. Pflanzner	37
C. Rungsand	21

Rex Rungsang has been playing on the forward line but is on the injured list and does not have a number yet. We have three goalies: O. Palmer, E. Forst, and A. Bracius.

This week's game with Morehead State has been cancelled.



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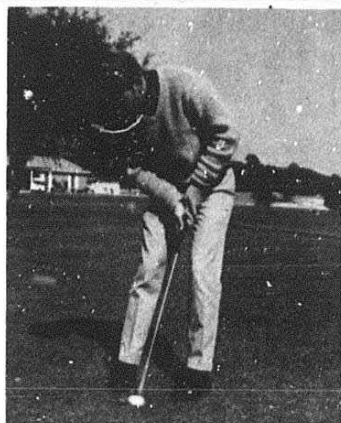
If you have experience but cannot attend the meeting, please make contact with Mr. C.A. Brown, office 226, Bldg A, phone 35.

man team, the four best scores were made by Dick Doregan, Miles Day, Jcn Haig and Paul Loughery.

The scores on this match are good for a first-match situation and are indicative of the best talent ER has fielded thus far in Intercollegiate competition.

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## GOLF



FORE, FIVE, SIX AND I'M STILL NOT OFF THE TEE

The Embry-Riddle golfers had their first practice match Tuesday afternoon at the Daytona Beach Golf and Country Club, and came off with a win against St. John's Junior College.

It was a close win, with Embry-Riddle's four low-scorers turning in a total of 328 strokes versus 334 for St. John's. Of the 6

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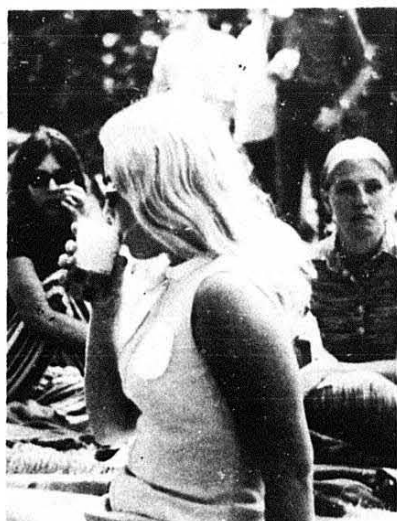
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# DRUGS

FROM DEAN SPEARS

During the closing weeks of the Spring '71 trimester the University experienced its most serious apidemic to date of illegal drug involvement in violation of University regulations. (A total of eight students were subjected to sudden and "un-programmed" departures; some with accompanying police records). As a consequence, in efforts to further educate and inform all members of our student body of the serious view which this University does and must take toward such matters, a thorough publicity campaign was launched throughout the campus.

Only three weeks later, on 16 May, two students were arrested by the local Narcotics Task Force and charged with violation of State Statutes governing illegal drugs. Both students were suspended immediately following their arrest.

Student #1 was a senior in Aeronautical Science with a 2.95 Honor Point Average programmed for graduation in April, 1972. He currently faces trial in Felony Court as a "pusher", has withdrawn from the University "In lieu of disciplinary action", and is reportedly undergoing psychiatric treatment.

Student #2 was a senior in Aeronautical Science programmed for graduation in December, 1971. He was initially charged with "possession" but due to a backlog of felony cases and consequent plea bargaining between the State's Attorney and Defense Attorney, was allowed to plead guilty to "misconduct". This student chose to face the University Conduct Committee, requesting that he be allowed to resume his education at Embry-Riddle. The Conduct Committee voted unanimously infinding that Student #2 had violated University Regulations "governing involvement with narcotics, hallucinogenic chemicals, or similar agents", and recommended that he be dismissed. The Findings and Recommendations of the Conduct Committee have been upheld.

And what did this stupid act cost? Plenty! You might think about some of these before getting yourself involved:

Disgrace to family.

A police record that will have to be explained every time he applies for a significant job for the rest of his life.

Fours years of time and effort wasted.

Destroyed aspirations and ambitions for a professional career in aviation, either civilian or military.

MANY, MANY thousands of dollars in wasted tuition, flight, and living expenses, plus the cost of one of the most expensive attorney's in Daytona Beach. WORTH IT?

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Marihuana Reconsidered  
by Lester Grinspoon, MD  
from *The Oracle of Victory*

Pot use "leads to violence and crime... opens the mind and enhances creativity... smoking is the first step in the use of such drugs as cocaine, morphine and heroin... is an aphrodisiac... has a causal relationship to psychosis... is an extremely safe drug when compared to secobarbital and alcohol."

Each of these partial quotations from Lester Grinspoon's recent book "Marihuana Reconsidered" can become the departure point for an evening-long discussion with one's friends, reaffirming for the cognoscenti the suspicion that demonologists are in our midst. Having tilted on numerous occasions with those whose minds have been captured

by the "demonology" of marijuana I am particularly sensitive to how deeply we as a society have been committed to a position that is based on superstition and undocumented hearsay. For three generations misinformation about this drug has been embedded into our literature, our minds, our ethos and, increasingly, our laws.

How well this misinformation has been planted and carefully nurtured is attested to by our continued inability to use the available scientific evidence to modify Federal statutes which are not only unrealistic but Draconian in nature. This societal "blindspot" has created a dilemma. One facet of the dilemma is the Alice-in-Wonderland relationship we have fashioned between marijuana and alcohol.

On the one hand we find that possession of alcohol, a central nervous system depressant which has produced physical dependence in an estimated 6,000,000 Americans and psychological dependence in perhaps five times that number, is not only free of penalty but its use is even encouraged by our society to such a degree that nonusers of the drug are regarded by most as being somewhat peculiar. On the other hand mere possession of marijuana, a mild "hallucinogen" incapable of producing physical dependence and whose ability to create psychological dependence is judged to be less than that of alcohol and tobacco, is considered a heinous crime punishable upon conviction by im-

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Grinspoon, a Harvard Medical School psychiatrist, analyzes this and other aspects of the marijuana problem and concludes that, "we must consider the enormous harm, both obvious and subtle, short range and long-term, inflicted on the people, particularly the young, who constitute or will soon constitute the formative- and critical members of our society by the present punitive, repressive approach to the use of marijuana. And we must consider the damage inflicted on legal and other institutions when young people react to what they see as a confirmation of their view that those institutions are hypocritical and inequitable. Indeed the greatest potential for social harm lies in the scarring of so many young people and the reactive, institutional damages that are direct products of present marijuana laws. If we are to avoid having this harm reach the proportion of a national disaster within the next decade, we must move to make the social use of marijuana legal."

Before reaching this conclusion Grinspoon covers, in an unusually well documented fashion, the biology, chemistry, pharmacology and toxicity of marijuana; the potential medical uses which merit further study; the psychological effects of using the drug; and the social and legal implications of usage both with regard to the individual and society.

I can only express my admiration for the manner in which Grinspoon has extracted, analyzed and synthesized the most relevant literature to present the reader with a coherent, logical case. He inevitably leads to the conclusion that, as a society, we were systematically coerced into making the same mistake in 1937 with marijuana that was made earlier with alcohol by the passage of the Volstead Act.

One group opposing the passage of the 1937 Act outlawing marijuana was the American Medical Association. The opposition was based on concern that the act would not accomplish its objectives, would be unnecessarily ex-

pensive for the physicians to comply with and that the drug should continue to be available for re-study by modern means-such studies they believed could show "other advantages to be obtained from its medicinal use." Their concern with the ineffectiveness of the Act has proven to be well founded. Less well appreciated is the fact that research was for all practical purposes completely stifled for over 30 years. Fortunately that situation has now been remedied, and we are now well into the efforts to derive therapeutically useful substances from the complex constituents which make up the marijuana plant.

Grinspoon's evaluation is that new products may be developed from either naturally occurring marijuana or one of the synthetic forms which have: (1) analgesic properties in combination with mood elevation abilities; (2) the effect of lowering blood pressure through different

mechanisms than today's drugs; and (3) have anti-depressant and anti-anxiety effects again different in their mechanism of action than today's drugs. Emergence of a new drug in any one of these three classes would be a substantial contribution, particularly if the drug possessed greater margins of safety or fewer side effects than drugs presently being used.

As for myself, I would favor legalization only if I were confident that a control system could be devised to preclude widespread usage by aboleseents. They are not well equipped to handle a drug which provides a pleasant escape from reality, promotes inattention and would distract them from their main task-growing up. But hopefully many Americans will read Lester Grinspoon's "Marihuana Reconsidered" and utilize the information so will presented in reaching their own decision on "pot", to legalize or not.

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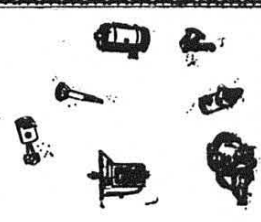
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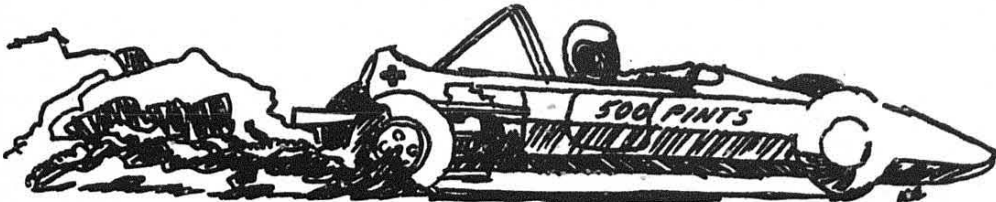
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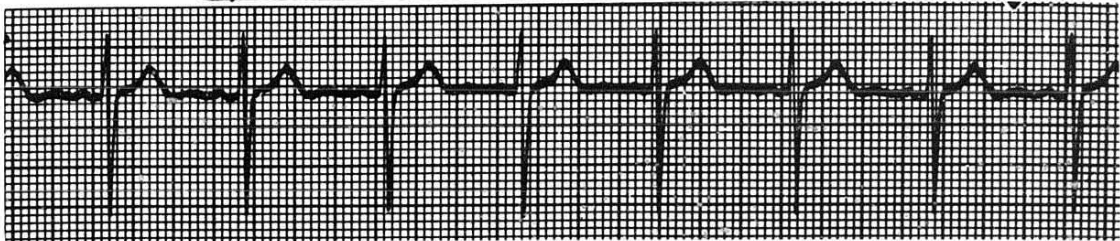
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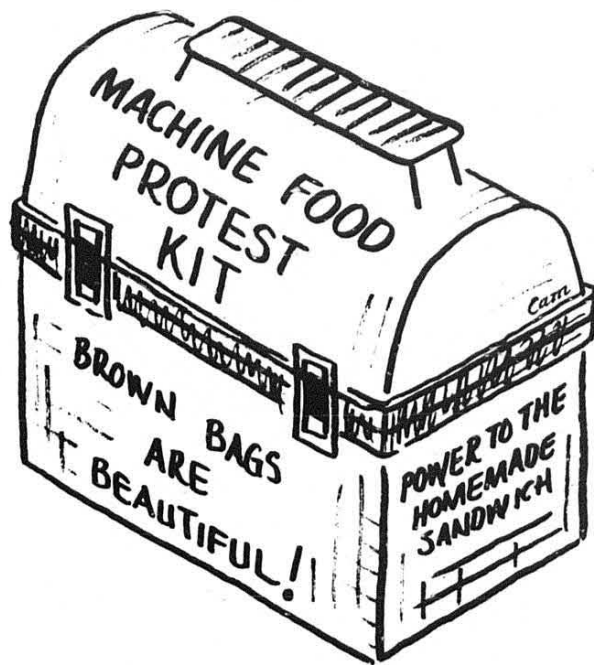
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