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Thoughts on Adversary Press

by Kim C. Graves

Within the words “adversary press” one can see a Pandora’s box that stands before every reporter, editor, and citizen of a republic whenever they are exposed to the press.

The press has three responsibilities: one is to be objective; the others are to be free and adversarial. But this is impossible. Any reporter cannot possibly report the whole truth. The reporter does not make the news. He does not take part in the decision making, does not struggle with the ethical responsibilities. He only reports what he sees. He only asks the questions that are at the level of his understanding. He does not know truth or a lie, therefore he must deduce his truth analytically.

Most importantly, though, is that he receives his information from those he is reporting on. He depends upon them. He cannot report without the information given to him by whatever institution he is exploring. People do not tell the whole truth. They give the reporter information for a reason. Those reasons vary, but they are almost always...

The founding fathers must not have imagined the paradox within their “constitutional free press.” Thomas Jefferson once said, “We are left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without government.” He should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.” But he did not have a newspaper without a government to report on. A paradox!

All of this is only to say that in this respect the government or the institution to report on. Within the objectives of the press is a direct contradiction. There is no such thing as a press that is objective and, at the same time, free and adversarial.

This reality has been clearly modeled in recent past events with the OBSERVER. A reporter for us had written another lengthy article regarding possible improper intimations between a former law student and a law student...
Green Revolution

Undaunted by several typographical errors in her article, and having received his pre-established quota of one (1) favorable response, P. Green continues his column on the Green Revolution.

It has become clear to many of us in this country that many of our tools, customs, and habits have baricome slopping. Occasional life based on incessant consumption is not compatible with living on an increasingly crowded planet with marvellous but finite resources. Future life, indeed, requires a new system of living.

The aims of the civil rights movement and the women’s movement can be summed up in one word: money. But it is human culture that tells us how to do these things. Our culture is like a rat fearfully huddling on the laboratory tabletop. He is behind his groundings. Bibliological man performs necessary functions; cultural man lives life. Culture is human natural history, its autology. Stanley Diamond’s saying helped me see what a crucial part culture will play in the coming necessary changes in American life.

The present situation in America of people abandoning the culture, or culture-substitute, that has sustained them is a cultural oddity. It would not surprise me to learn that it is indeed unique. If I find myself in Kiana, Alaska (latitude 67° N), I am going to be like the laboratory rat. I have nothing to lose. I will have none of man’s culture, none of the medicine, none of the hospital, none of the food.

I am sure that if I went to Kiana, I would know how to help myself survive in that environment. They have no hospitals here, except in the north; their methods are proven. Alternative is what answers science can give me. To the U.S. Army, has through extensive scientific studies, developed cultures for the cold. They have also raved cadets, clothed themselves in this environment. They have no hospitals here, except in the north; their methods are proven. Alternative is what answers science can give me.

The science that has completed research for the culture of linen, that has been abandoned by the people of Kiana, is called Nature. The words “Nature” and “Natural” are not the same thing. The former is a name that is given to the group of things that are considered natural. The latter is a name that is given to the group of things that are considered natural.

The main point of this is that the way the vast majority of people have been thinking. During the cold spells of this frigid winter, I have been greatly amazed at the country’s shock that Science could not somehow control this deadly weather. The disappointment at the impotency of the weatherman (no medicine man, he was only partly allied by the Scientific “friends” to the Thankful, “friends” of the newspaper, and all the newspapers.

What is there to fill the cultural void left when a person, or a nation, rejects technology? What happens when I see that my way of thinking about something or doing something has been wrong? In the capitalist framework, the changes are more apt to be wrought financially. What happens when my way of doing (e.g. driving empty car, eating a meat-based diet) becomes too expensive to continue?

Eating and traveling are parts of culture. The word “culture” had been an oxymoron, a molecular biology class to the student of the Division of Social Science was a mistake.

In response to this encourage- ment Professor John Katz has done a series of experiments to create a molecular biology class to the student of the Division of Social Science. He has published his results in a book by the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Katz spent her field period drawing up the grant propos- al, finishing it a month before the deadline.

This grant is a matching funds grant. If Herb was granted the grant, the school would be expected to match whatever grants were awarded by N.S.F.

It was after the proposal was written that the Office of Program Development started to talk about whether or not they could raise restricted funds to meet the match. There had been no discussion previ- ous to the writing of the grant. Rick Tilden said, “I think we should have discussed in advance of the writing of the proposal what a realistic budget should be.”

They have been so misunderstanding regarding the whole grant submission process and how one goes about getting the matching funds. “Perhaps we should have discussed in advance of the writing of the proposal what a realistic budget should be.”

The Science Division feels that it is the job of the Program Development Office to find exist- ing monies; especially because they so encouraged the Division to apply for grants and, despite the efforts of the administrators, they have been uncertain about the success of the Program Development Office.

The proposal for BEOG will take for the first year from $1,000 to $1,600. Besides this increase, the program is expanding to include 3 million students whose family in- come is in the $13,000 to $17,000 income bracket. This expansion, however, will adversely affect students who are facing Social Security for school. This limitation is devised to make student aid programs more compatible with the costs of a Carnegie institution.” In the words of a Carnegie administration spokesman.

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Exchange of the Centaury

Oct. 23
Charlie has moved in with his girlfriend. He says that it is better to live in sin than in a stable.

Oct. 24
George has been fined $100 for destroying College property. It seems that he has been grazing on the president's front lawn. It consists of that it is only edible food on campus.

Oct. 31
George moderated yesterday. He presented a paper on “The Rites of the Bacchali”. Three major studios are bidding for the film rights.

Nov. 2
George has been asked to join the soccer team. He accepted, but is disappointed that there is no uniform that will fit him. The coach predicted that he would not easily be recognizable as a Bard student, and has been confused with the opposition.

Nov. 3
George has been asked to leave the team. He has been guilty of unnecessary roughness. He says it was an accident that those five students were trampled to death. The coach suggested that George take up yoga.

Nov. 17
For his film class, George has produced an avant-garde movie. It consists of eight hours of blank film. It is being hailed as a masterpiece. Three showings have been scheduled in Sottery.

Dec. 12
George has announced that for his senior project he will perform a miracle. His advisor left two hours later, presumably on sabbatical.

Dec 18
George’s senior project was scheduled for this morning. At 11:30 the boy running on Hopenman began to sprout bunches of grapes. The science department was upset. At 11:45 the water in all faucets and drinking fountains turned into wine. B&W was upset. At 12:00 certain members of the administration turned into dolphins and had to be placed in the Hudson. The students were not noticeably upset.

Press Release
Jan. 2, 2001
Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y.

Mr. George Aristophanes, a noted scholar, has been named the winner of the College Mr. Aristophanes, himself a Bard graduate, has been chosen as the one who will make substantial changes at his alma mater.

Robin Carroll

Hands Across the Sea

The usual reaction to Noel Coward’s plays is that they’re entertaining, funny, clever, and, well, you know "they’re Noel Coward dialogue." It’s curious that one is never quite sure whether they are attacking the English upper-crust snob mentality, or whether they are, in fact, providing a kind of elite humor for that mentality. Perhaps the problem I have with Coward is that because his theme is so tied up with superficiality, then his process (the characterization, the gag) becomes highly superficial also.

The Coward play that went up Saturday night, Hands Across the Sea, involved an English couple, Lady Gilpen and Commodore Gilpen, and their circle of gossiping, liquor-lapping friends. (And don’t forget the inevitable maid inadequately opening the play with the inevitable feather duster and the inevitable phone call.) As soon as Lady Gilpen walks on stage, it’s obvious that she is highly wrapped up in the art of being social. She is sometimes forgotten that a certain couple, the one she’s been talking to at Malya, is expected at any minute. In the five minute frenzy of telephone calls it takes to arrange for the proper activities for them (here getting them out of her way for the weekend), we realize that the art of being social means little more than a gesture of how things ought to be done. Rather than entertain these people, her immediate impulse is to throw them off on someone else.

When the couple arrive, Lady Gilpen’s predictions as to how they would mix with her own social circle are obviously correct: they don’t know what to say, their conventional and sober clothing is a ridiculous contrast to the flaming red of Lady G’s gown, and, once surmounted by the confusion of the Gilpen’s clattering, gussling friends, the poor couple edge deeper into their seats. Somehow amidst the inanities of social conversation, the Snyderian aromatics of the boyant Clare Widderburn, and the incessant telephone calls that after awhile become almost indistinguishable from the disjointed dialogue, Lady Gilpen manages to acre up their name out of her memory just as they’re leaving, but name or no name, those two just are going to drop back out of her memory also.

Coward creates a deluge of carefully chosen words that play out the play: a good deal of the comic effect depends on them. I think perhaps the performance I saw of the play was somewhat off to reflect the impact of Coward’s use of density and energy in those dialogues. It seemed to happen all at once, and then the “deucedness” was brought on too quickly also.

A good dozen other plays play out the play depends on characterization of types, and the actors did a good job at getting that immediate kind of humor across. Unfortunately, however, that tightly constructed character is its impact after a few minutes into a scene because what you’re watching is an actor doing a routine of a set “shrick,” in order to spell out the laugh. That is, the play was short; it didn’t go on long enough to get tired. But it’s that kind of superficiality within the process of the play that makes me question what it’s aiming at with its humor.

Inherent in totalitarianism, however, is the concept that members of the advanced nation club must aid the third world in a structured pattern of development rather than block their efforts at advancement. Thus there is a wide gap between what many observers see as the reason of the same nation’s totalitarianism and the proclamations of third world development. All the facts are not in yet, but the recent move by Saudi Arabia and Iran to moderate the OPEC announcement of a 13% increase in OPEC oil prices is to the effectiveness of the counter pressure of the petroleum consuming nations.

3) Cognizance of the continued drift toward dictatorial and totalitarian regimes in the developing states. Economics aside, the nations of the first world are the South of western liberalism and those representative constitutional government. The doctrine of constitutional liberalism, once it is a seasonally effective force in the modern world, can be used as effective rhetoric to challenge the authoritarian political structures of both the developing states and the second world immigrants. The Soviet Union and her eastern European satellites hold the particular attention of Polish-born national Security Advisor Wieslaw, who was Chairman of the Tripartite Commission in 1973, Brezhnev has his high political adviser in the Warsaw Block as an indication of the integrated system. By supporting the force for liberalization within the Soviet state, Carter and Brezhnev hope to mold a communist second world better able to co-exist with the West.

It just might work. So far, Carter’s call for the pre-eminence of human rights in the game of nations has met with favorable response from nations as diverse as Chile and Australia. One can hope that the secular cynicism which marked the thinking of Henry Kissinger is behind us. One can hope that the perspectives of common interest and structured international trade will replace those of limited national interest and military might.

We must however retain a good deal of skepticism. International relations seldom follow the dictates of theory, no matter how well planned. More important to their value is the idea of policy than the intentions of totalitarianism: the men whom he is at the center of power. 

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In 1973, Brezhnev has his high political adviser in the Warsaw Block as an indication of the integrated system. By supporting the force for liberalization within the Soviet state, Carter and Brezhnev hope to mold a communist second world better able to co-exist with the West.
When Mayor Richard Daley died I was shocked to learn that many students did not know that Mayor Daley was, much less what he stood for.

I am even more concerned that students know little or nothing about Lil Ami or the atrocities going on in Uganda. One man, lil Ami, has been responsible for the systematic murderizing of thousands of persons. Estimates vary from 25,000 all the way to 250,000. It is shocking to know that many persons can die without anyone knowing that they are being picked up in the streets and their mutilated bodies found later in rivers, car trunks and beside roads. Earlier last week, President Amin ordered the two military units in Uganda of Americans that were in Uganda to meet with him. Only through strong State Department pressure, along with the military presence of the U.S. Carrier Enterprise, was a potentially ugly situation averted. But much more needs to be known or nothing at all will be going on. People did not know that the United States has no rights of war. This is outrageous! If students are to be responsible and educated individuals, they must read the newspapers. They must read the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, the Daily News and the other newspapers in our city, along with the Morning and Daily News and the Chicago Sun-Times.

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Letters

To: President Bostocks,

After reading your letter concerning the need for increased tuition and fees for next year, I was appalled at your glib comparison of the yearly cost of Liberal Arts Education to the average cost of a medium-sized Ford automobile.

So, you are trying to figure out what your students will be able to do with the $500 they have been allocated. It is like saying to a child, "You have $500 to spend on a car."

I believe you may be disregarding the nuances of your decision. You mention Bard’s "superior scholarship program" with understandable pride, yet I believe two consequences would develop if the increase in the rate of tuition continues over an extended period of time. First, Bard could become a concentration of financially elite; composed of students whose families are located in the 70% tax bracket and thus, therefore, able to educate proportion of the middle class. The other alternative seems equally appalling. The first because it destroys the myth of equal opportunity for advanced education to all, which has been so carefully cultivated since the New Deal. The second because it would force the school in a tempestuous financial situation. Large scale aid programs require a nice, tidy bundle in endowments, something which Bard persistently lacks. In both cases the school might be cutting off its nose to spite its face. Clearly, something has to give. Preferably, through an extensive campaign to enlarge the endowment, which would allow the cost increases, Bard could change "something" to someone and maintain its status as "one of the very few."

Mark D. Collier, ’78

A Reply to Pierre...

I have already thanked you privately and now I wish to thank you publicly for your article, "Green Revolution." I too feel that a revolution is upon us and although it is often clouded with doubts, I am optimistic that environmental attitudes are changing. I have begun to read the newspaper with new attentiveness seeking out news about the environment. There is clearly no shortage of news. It’s not just in the New York Times, but in the Hudson Register Star, the Poughkeepsie Journal and even the Red Hook A&amp;T. We need to make a headline or it may be tucked away in a corner. It can be found in an editorial or in a letter to the editor. Sometimes it’s good news, sometimes it’s not.

California Called Costly for Drivers;" *Shell Oil in Polluted Waters Gets Tumors*; "Reserve Mining Is Backed by Minnesota’s Judges on the Dunning of Iron Ore Waste, We Land*; "Seabrook Has May Day; Protests End of Nuclear Power; "Bill Would Allow State to Seize Firms That Pollute* "Even though some people are quite skeptical, the very fact that the articles are there is an indication that there is a genuine movement in making news. Issues are being presented to the public, with the money generated by our administration. It seems to be moving along in positive directions, environmentally, as President Carter begins to carry through on his campaign promises. To many people, his request that we lower our thermostats seemed little more than a symbolic gesture. I would like to believe that it is more than symbolic. This is a gesture is indicative of a new attitude on the part of our government toward the conservation of our remaining resources and the safeguarding of our physical environment. I would like to believe that this administration will seek sensible interim and long range solutions to our problem rather than the shortsighted ones that have been characteristic of the past. But in the end, the positive effect of action by the government can be drastically dilated by a lack of support on behalf of the general public. The government, however, has been rated easily. Laws mean little without the public endorsement and acceptance. Who hasn’t heard of a company that is willing to pay a nominal fine in order to continue polluting the water, air or land? An oversimplification, perhaps? I think not. What is needed more than anything is a change in people’s attitudes and this is not easy.

Most Americans live very comfortably. We must remember that one of the major reasons we can live this way is that we have resources which we use to live comfortably. We have drawn upon our country’s resources and we use them in a way that no longer fits with the necessities of life, and after that, with the many extra things that allow us to live so comfortably. Common sense would dictate that to live in reality is not only the duty but the future, we must use our resources wisely and treat our environment accordingly.

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FINANCIAL AID STUDENTS

Due to recent delays in getting information to you, the deadline for submission of applications is being moved to March 25th.

You will be able to submit an application for aid after the 25th. Such aid will be granted to students on a first-come-first-served basis with no guarantees of full packaging.

To assist you in completing the sometimes complex and seemingly repetitive forms, I will be available Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the next two weeks (March 10 - 17) in Hegeman 2B. The sessions will cover:

PCS/FAF
BEOG
TAP & OTHER STATE GRANTS
BARD APPLICATION
STATE LOANS

Information packets and application materials for the 1977-78 year will be available in the Biltmore Gatehouse. You are encouraged to stop by at your earliest possible convenience between the hours of 9 and 5 week days.

Bob Reese
Financial Aid Director

MINOR TROUBLE

The manager of the Annandale Hotel has compiled a list of minors at Bard. The OBSERVER has seen that list and it is both accurate and complete. Minors are now systematically being identified and removed from Adolph's. The manager told us that the State Police are on his back and that in order to protect his business he will prosecute any student who comes back after being thrown out or who tries to pass bad papers. We suggest strongly that under-age students go "down the road." The list is complete and the manager is serious.

We can only offer the poor alternative of the coffee shop. They do not check ID's.

"NIGHTCLUB CANTATA"

Former Bard student David Schecter and Senior Mark Zageski are performing in:

"NIGHTCLUB CANTATA"

Conceived, composed, and directed by Elizabeth Boden
At: "The Top of the Gate"
Bleecker & Thompson Sts.
New York City

The American College and University Service Bureau announces a service to aid students in obtaining funds from foundations.

The Bureau's Director says, "There are hundreds of foundations with millions of dollars in funds earmarked to aid students in meeting the cost of higher education. It is an untapped resource. Why? Students do not know of the foundations or how to go about obtaining these foundations."

The Bureau offers its services to deserving students by supplying names of foundations and guidance as to how to go about obtaining funds from same.

For more details on this service interested students may write:
American College and University Service Bureau
Dept. S
1729-050 Poplar Ave.
Memphis, TN
38157

EDWIN: A Continued Excerpt From
"An Exercise For Its Own Sake"

A sudden footfall fractured Edwin's concentration. His spiritual tie with the victimized pigeons was snapped in an instant and he oriented himself to his physical situation. Unlike his train of thought, the discarded locked wheels had not significantly slowed its intolerable pace. The deafening noise gripped his throat; Edwin became aware of an arm shaking him powerfully and a voice shouting over the squeal of the train's air brakes. The arm and the voice belonged to the crucial footfall that had broken his reverie, and he hoped may well have saved his life.

Edwin reacted to his savior's urgings with a frenzied attempt to open his door. It was locked and, in his panic, the obvious means to release it eluded him. The uniformed man who had valiantly initiated his unlikely rescue was running away, his hands pressed tightly over his ears. Thuds abandoned, Edwin suddenly knew that it was too late, (the train was only ten yards away). His body shook violently in terror.

His life passed before his eyes. He saw his first tricycle, its bright pink radiating vibrantly in sharp contrast to the coal-black dismal basement where he was playing. The first series of operations, designed to approximate the human form on his elaborately scrolled and filigreed frame. His first appearance in society without the shroud and mask. The sympathy uit ate uforas L. "The poor thing!" Is he in pain?" they asked his mother and the squemishness of.

"Are you sure that stuff doesn't fight?" they commented sourly on the mucus covering most of his face. His many tutors, each resigning after the first affectionate nibble. The research exobiologists from Stanford, with their electrodes and cameras. The specialist from Vienna, whose scalpel had worked wonders. The brief demeaning career in special effects and monster movies. The daily therapy sessions, using biofeedback methods to help him learn to operate his prosthetic limbs with the same muscles that once coordinated his over-producible antennae.

The conviction on ob- scenity charges in Cincinnati, based solely and entirely on his physical appearance, brought to mind the job he held during his unhappy stay there — working for a collect- ing agency while the worst of his many scars healed. Then, while in prison, he had saved a good deal of money by selling skin grafts to the Harvard Botany Labs, and buying Federal Savings Bonds.

From that, his mind jumped to the night by the fountain in Central Park, when he had won the undying friendship of "Boss" Tweed, the goat, and Skeets, the cabbages, by saving them from a group of giant muggers. This triggered a vision of the scene in Times Square, during the Natural Childhood Society's National Rally, where he had met Kathy. She had performed the new-improved methods on the stage, and, thoroughly impressed, he had gone backstage to get her autograph. Once she had gotten used to his grotesque physique, "Boss" Tweed nay disposed. Skeets' prickly friends, and Edwin's bizarre intentions, she had been eager to move in. Besides, she was broke at the time, and had no where else to stay.

The miniruiz of this segment of his life flashed like neon signs in his brain. Arranging to have Kathy water Skeets in the desired摧oching stance. Teaching them all monopo- poly, so that they'd have something to do while he was attending classes at N.Y.U., since "Boss" had a tendency to be over-assertive in inti- mate dealings when Edwin wasn't around to moderate. Finding out that a B.A. in Parapsychology could not even get him a job with the National Enquirer. Learning to speak Armenian in order to com- pletely master backgammon. His first psychic experience: a memory transfer with a bored ham. The TV talk show hosts, biding for his ap- pearance on their shows first. The disappearance with the he had won the undying friendship of "Boss" Tweed, the goat, and Skeets, the cabbages, by saving them from a group of giant muggers. This triggered a vision of the scene in Times Square, during

THE TRAIN MADE

Impact, smashing Edwin's car into bits of smoldering debris, and abro- using his increasingly mundane memories with a death blow to his being. The ambulance headed little to cart away. No one on the train was hurt. Only Officer Freenow was ser- iously affected. His glimpse of Ed- win's face, comforted beyond human semblance by fear, had assumed a dormant instinctive fear pict,... Of What? He couldn't put his finger on it, but it was to change his entire life. He only knew that something should be done, and quickly, before it was too late.

A week after the incident, he was released from Bellevue, as an out-patient reporting to the mental health clinic where Edwin used to work. He had convinced the doctors of the ridiculousness of his convictions, but he had not convinced himself.

Andy Abbatepaulo

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I find such borrowing from foreign cultures to be very exciting. The very act of borrowing from distant parts of the globe could not be possible without some technology. (Technology is, for better or for worse, there to stay—it is not all written down on some scrolls that can be burned at sea.) I must admit that the recent fascination for, and adoption of, customs of the Orient used to strike me, inveigle cynical that I am, as contorted. There is no denying that there is a great deal of capitalistic debasement of culture-borrowing. One needs very intimate knowledge of the culture (you will find that I love lampooning popular magazines) to see the marketing of the week and the six hundred dollar “Chinese cook.” But it is equally undeniable that many peoples are seriously changing their way of living by adopting from other cultures. And the serious adoption of the most integral part of culture, its religion and philosophy, is taking place without any capitalistic corruption. I would like to briefly illustrate what I have been saying here with a popular example. There can be no question whatsoever that the American consumer (consume as in devour) of meat will have to decrease if the Third World of Asia, Africa, and South America is to reduce its ranks of hungry... even if its populations were to stabilize tomorrow. The peoples of these continents do not eat mutton meat. This is not due to any inherent distaste for meat, but is simply because ten to twenty times more people can be supported on an acre of land if that land is devoted to growing grains and legumes to be directly eaten by people than if that land is devoted to grains and legumes to be eaten by cattle which are to be eaten by people. That extra link in the food chain (the cattle) introduces at least a 90% reduction of calories and protein for human food. Consequently, meat was eliminated as a staple from the diets of these peoples. Alternatives were amply developed through the peoples’ own knowledge of growing food. For instance, the people of the Orient have, from the time I have been made otherwise wise, been an enormous array of foods—soy beans... to tofu to soy bean custard to tamari to soy mills, etc. Many Americans are adopting this cultural backbone for financial, moral, health, and aesthetic reasons. American ingenuity (popular science) has even added some variations of its own such as soy flour and, believe it or not, many soybean-based plastics and other synthetic products. This borrowing from Oriental culture now is more efficient and much more convenient than trying to develop from scratch our own way of handling meatlessness.

I do see the adoption of Oriental soybean wizardry as a great change. Why did I say such a change is absolutely necessary? And what are these vague allusions to morality and spirituality about? As I said before, science can sometimes give us impetus for change. It has established the soybean as the unequivocally finest protein recorder for the swayed globe (thereby confirming Culture). Astonishingly, the United States is the world’s largest producer of soybeans. In fact, two out of three of the world’s soybeans are grown in this country. But no one here in America knew this until a few years ago, right? Thirteen percent of our non-exported soybeans are fed to farm animals thereby incurring a large waste as described before. Almost all of the rest of our non-exported production of this excellent protein source is practically useless. Incredible, but true. One year’s worth of American soybeans could, right now, with all the present agricultural ineptitude, provide every person of this planet with at least 25% of his or her protein need. I find it rather amusing or naive to assert that we are keeping food from the hungry peoples of the world. This is the kind of moral imputation for which I was speaking.

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As to the National Direct Student Loan program, the administration believes that no further capital contributions are needed for NSDL. Student payments of $275 million from previous student borrowers. These payments were gathered back into the program and will be used to cover loan cancellations. This move has been greatly appreciated, especially by financial aid officers, who believe that the NSDL program is the only reliable source of loan dollars to students unable to qualify for Guaranteed Federally Insured Loan Programs because of various lenders’ requirements. His recommendation of 0 extra funds for future NSDL loans will eliminate $355,000 loans which might have been made otherwise.

All other programs have been furnished with the money needed. The cuts of these funds, which were urged by former President Ford’s administration, have been restored by the Carter administration.

Connie Fowler

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If we continue to misuse our resources, in the interest of the progress we Americans see to view as inevitable, we will paradoxically mean that our life will deteriorate and our lives won’t be quite so comfortable anymore. Whatever progress we achieve will be at a traumatically high cost. In the philosophical underpinnings of our society lies a utilitarian approach which calls for the greatest good for the greatest number. Our abundant resources have allowed us to transcend this idea into something of a reality. Conservation, rather than unchecked exploitation of our resources, can help secure the continuing fulfillment of this ideal. In short, conservation makes sense—common sense.

This, however, poses many serious questions, not the least of which is how much is the average American willing to sacrifice in the name of common sense? Many proponents of conservation claim that there is little sacrifice involved, but this is not necessarily a common view. Shortly after President Carter’s plea to his fellow country men and women to turn down their thermostats, I had the opportunity to hear how some of the public felt. I flew on a break from a class at Dutchess Community College. In the lobby, I had just left a classroom that was so overheated we were forced to open the windows after it became apparent that the radiators and thermostat had no access to outside air. Upon entering the lobby, we were met with a blast of cold air that sent several of us scrambling for our coats and generated a discussion about Carter’s appeal. One fellow was bemoaning the increase in our oil use due to the severe weather.

Thank you.

Connie Fowler

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TODAY’S HELPFUL HINT deals with a bit of culture-borrowing that is widespread in the Bard community. Many of us here have adopted East Asian religious practices for our own practices, like meditation, yoga, and zazen. The other day, I was walking around campus, thinking about these arts, even for the pure joy they give us as physical culture. It was important to me to experience these arts with other people. There is much more to it.

I think the Bard administration should administer to the demonstrated interest students have for these disciplines. This college prides itself on introducing the student to new modes of thought and expression. The Bard is the great innovator, the one who tries to point out to the world that a full life is possible in the world. The world is changing, and as I have tried to point out, there are great further spiritual changes as well. I think the Bard administration has not addressed itself to these imminent changes as it is obligated to. The removal of excommunication and discipline based on non-Western values is definitely in keeping with these revolutionary changes and is certainly worthy of official encouragement.

What do you think?
Whenever I find myself growing grim about the mouth,

I see it at my馒, silently,

and I never can amount at every mileage to meet;

and especially whenever my hypos

get such an upper hand of me, that it requires a strong moral principlo to prevent

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