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Debating The Issues

By DANIEL SCHNICK

On October 20th the Student Chautauqua Committee provided the Seventh District Congressional candidates with an excellent opportunity to explain the issues of the current campaign and to express their views on them. They succeeded in explaining their views but overlooked one minor detail; what's the issue?

Each candidate managed to attack the other on several meaningless points. Does it really matter whether Collins can get the Chamber of Commerce to go to Washington? Yet, by my watch, over five minutes were wasted in explanation and retaliation. When McDonald was questioned about certain entries into the Congressional record, his only defense was the nonsense other congressman have put in. After much explanation, the question had to be repeated. It was only on the question of amnesty for Viet Nam draft resisters and deserters that either candidate gave a direct answer. They both replied with an empathic "no" which eliminated any reasonable debate in that direction. Otherwise, each preferred not to answer the questions, but use the opportunity to sling mud at his opponent.

Amongst the mire two issues did surface. Collins accused McDonald of being an opportunist, claiming that he

associated with the Democratic Party simply to take advantage of the "coat-tail effect" that such an affiliation would provide. Collins cited McDonald's record of frequent voting against Democratic-oriented bills as proof of the charge. McDonald chose to call his actions, "voting independently."

McDonald charged Collins with creating issues where none exist, and distorting those that do exist. When McDonald requested that Rick Beane of the Marietta Daily Journal not be allowed to sit on the panel because of his known anti-McDonald sentiment, Collins accused McDonald of trying to inhibit the freedom of the press. McDonald explained that Mr. Beane was in no way barred from reporting on the debate, and that he was simply removed from a position where he could bias the proceedings to the disadvantage of either candidate.

So, what are the issues being debated in this campaign? McDonald's opposition to the Chattahoochee River Bill! Collins' inability to find people to visit McDonald in Washington! Maybe we need another candidate - someone who will face real issues. ONE VOTE FOR THE KJC OWL.

I walked into the debate between Congressional contenders Quincy Collins and Larry McDonald very "gung-ho" and anticipating some good give and take on the issues. I walked out disappointed, not only with the debaters, but also with the press members who made up the questioning panel. (I was tempted, just to prevent my attendance from being a total waste of time, to take off my shoes and let the mud from the stage goosh up between my toes.)

The big question marks in my mind, and I'm sure in everyone else's, were the what's, why's, and wherefore's of the Chattahoochee River bill, which neither candidate bothered to explain. Now perhaps I've missed something (and I sincerely solicit anyone with any information to pass it along to me) but I have yet to find out EXACTLY what the bill provided. Yes, I heard Collins accuse McDonald of furthering his own interests by voting it down, and I heard McDonald counter by saying it would not have been in the best interest of the area, and that the parks it would have created would have cost too much money. I always thought natural beauty was worth whatever it took to preserve it. But neither man backed up his argument by listing the provisions of the bill.

The "Great" Debate

By MIKE ROBERTS

Much of the debate, which was actually more of a glorified press conference, was set in theater of the absurd. From the start, Collins seemed determined to put his foot in his mouth and sling mud at McDonald at the same time. He made the mistake of beginning the mud; McDonald, with his greater experience in the mire of politics, was able to sling a lot more.

Collins' worst blunder came when he accused McDonald of being an opportunist, and pointed to Democrat McDonald's Republican views and votes. Saying he was telling the truth, Collins referred to an alleged telephone conversation he had had with McDonald, in which McDonald said he was a Democrat not by choice, but because it would have been impossible to be elected as a Republican. Not only was this tidbit a case of Collins' word against McDonald's, but it showed naïvete and bad taste, especially when the audience remembered another Republican who also swore he was telling the truth. McDonald countered humorously that when he heard a politician say he was telling the truth, he stuck his hands into his pockets and hung on to his money, though he did not deny the allegation.

The press also won its Bozo Award when a member of the panel raised

the question of why another member of the press, who was markedly anti-McDonald, wasn't allowed to sit on the panel. If it were me on that stage, I don't believe I'd want biased barbs thrown at me.

Some good did come of the thing. The first ray of sunshine came when a panel member asked Collins what he stood for, since most of what the public has heard from his camp has been anti-McDonald and very little pro-Collins.

Some more blessed enlightenment came when Collins made what has to be the shortest answer I've ever heard from the mouth of a politician: "No", when asked would he consider amnesty for draft evaders.

Lastly, someone followed up the question as to why McDonald was a Democrat. McDonald said when he went to Washington, he did not give an oath of allegiance to a party, but to the Constitution, and that, to paraphrase, he didn't feel the need to be shackled by every whim of the party. I agree with him. A politician shouldn't be restricted by his party allegiance to vote one way or another. But still I'm bothered. McDonald's record shows he's for a strong defense. Republicans are for a strong national defense. He's for decentralized government. Republicans are for decentralized

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Election Defended

Dear Editors:

I'd like a chance to rebut the letter by Name Withheld By Request, printed in the October 18 issue, concerning "teeny bopper attitudes." Although I agree with the overall message that college is not high school, I have a bone to pick with him/her about the comments on the S.G.A. Senatorial elections, of which I was a part.

Name complains he/she did not know any of the candidates. My reply is two-fold: 1. Short of a leaflet-passing, lecturn-thumping, portfolio-on-the-front-page campaign, it would be well-nigh impossible for anyone running for S.G.A. office to become known throughout the student body. 2. Did Name make any personal attempt to get to know the candidates.

Name asks if the candidates were only after status. I hope no one entered the election with that in mind. If someone did, they are going to be disappointed, for there is no real status in student government (unless you happen to be the president, and then only if you make yourself very visible.) The status-seekers who do get in are very easy to recognize, though. They're the one's who, after finding no air pump for their ego, never go to meetings.

Name speaks of placing an "ominous check next to some obscure name." To my knowledge, there were no uniformed police forcing anybody to vote.

Finally my friend, you make some very good points, but allow me one last word: It is very easy to criticize a situation. It is harder to do something to correct it.

Mike Roberts

Editor's Note:

We feel that criticism and the exchange of ideas is the first step toward positive change. The initial letter and your rebuttal reinforce our belief. We appreciate your interest and opinions.

KJC Food Phobia

Dear Editors,

Some of us ole hands here (majoring in Junior College) held our breath in anticipation of the move from the old Student Center to the new knowing that the quality of food would improve with a new kitchen taking up fully 1/5 of the total floor space. WRONNNG! Most of us can live with the "non-profit" food prices but why does the food have to be so bad? The egg salad taste like they left out the eggs, the chicken salad taste like it was swept off the hend house floor, the hamburgers taste more and look more like "alpoburgers," one

must strain to find any meat in the sandwiches, etc. WHY?

Yours truly,

Tiny Woods Pete

Voters Of 7th District Rejoice!

A new candidate has entered the congressional race.

The National Birdbrain Party has announced, by unanimous decision, its 1976 candidate for Congress from the Seventh Congressional District of Georgia.

A candidate who will defend the environment.

A candidate with a reputation for wisdom.

A candidate with the ability to see the issues with a clear eye, even in the darkest hours of the campaign.

A candidate born and raised in the Seventh Duistrict. Vote For -- ELECT

THE KJC OWL

Authorized and paid for by the KJC Owl for Congress Committee.

Voters Cringe!

Voters of the 7th District beware of the KJC Owl. We have inside information that the owl holds lust in his heart for unsuspecting chickadees. Though the owl has a 98% attendance record at the Birchtree Society, it has come to our attention that the bird is hopelessly hooked on apricot pits and is unaware of his constituen's desires. We also

Ford Fumbles At Alma Mater

A presidential visit can put a strain on a university as they discovered at the U. of Michigan last month. Besides the disruptions of campus routine security and crowds caused, there was the touchy question of how to treat Gerald Ford - returning football hero alumnus for partisan politician opening a tough campaign?

Inevitably, Ford posed for pictures with the UM football team and coaches and there were a lot of corny references to athletics. For his major address to a crowd of 13,000, a football sportscaster served as the president's introducer.

There was plenty of heckling though not as much as during Ford's last visit to his alma mater, a 1974 commencement address at the height of Watergate.

The President of the Michigan Student Association was put on the spot by a White House request that he select 20 students to meet with the President for a question and answer session. The student president, no Ford supporter, came up with a list including several student officers, student newspaper representatives, the president of the U. activities center, representatives of religious, academic, and minority organizations, and the campus Ford for President chairman. The group met for about 45 minutes with the President in a closed meeting that included some hard questioning of Ford on subjects that included "full, unconditional amnesty such as the one you gave President Nixon," the economy, gay peoples' rights, tuition, and Ford's membership in a UM campus organization that the student questioner called "sexist and illegal under Title IX. (Answer: "I think there can be some very ridiculous decisions made under Title IX.")

have information that the KJC Owl is really a covert friend of the Bald Eagle. The Owl has even been known to telephone the eagle; one can only guess at what distorted facts have been exchanged between the two. Eagle, by the way, was a former captive of the Northern Vultures during the Twenty Years Vulture War.

Perhaps the voters of the 7th districts should move to some uncharted Himalayan country. The voters would probably find a more conducive atmosphere for concerned representation there, and since we already know that the relocation would improve one's health, it would seem that the voters would have everything to gain and nothing to lose. Something definitely smells like a fish hawk in the 7th District. Unfortunately, it looks like the smell will continue for a couple of years. As for this committee, we're catching the next flight out.

Paid for by the Committee To Stop The Owl And Excuse The Eagle.

Vote?

With the campaign on its final day of political fervor, it's time for us to tune out the noise, and listen only to ourselves when considering how we will cast our votes on Election Day. The responsibility and pressure placed on us appears overwhelming. For almost two years the media has demanded our attention concerning America's political system, in general, and the electoral process in particular, in this year of our Bicentennial. We are told that we must listen, and above all, we must vote. The future of America depends on us.

Are we responsible for the future of our country? All indications point to the fact that, no, we are not. The wealthy decide, the powerful decide, and it often appears that our vote and our choices are swept aside when big business or influential interest groups demand their way. We begin to believe that all office-holders are bought. How else, we ask, can a person be elected? It requires many dollars to bring off a winning campaign. Obviously the candidates must have large financial backing. (S)he must be independently wealthy, or someone else is paying the bill. We feel we can no longer place any trust in our representatives. Every office-holder or seeker has lost credibility by virtue of their title. We remain torn between the responsibility felt to utilize our vote, and the frustration felt when we question its worth.

What attitude should we adopt? I believe it should be neither radical cynicism, nor blind loyalty. Both extremes tend to close off that portion of the brain labeled "reason". If we lose our ability to see things as they are, and no longer deduce our conclusions from dispassionate observation, we are truly in danger of becoming a manipulated nation. As long as we are free to choose our leaders, it remains our responsibility to choose thoughtfully and carefully.

Your vote will not change the course of this country. It may, however, help to provide innovative leadership, and the influx of new ideas. Change is a desperately slow process. Legislation is always three steps behind public sentiment. We must remind ourselves of that when we begin to feel angry and frustrated. If we let our emotions force us into cynical apathy, or passionate acts, we will find ourselves with the rights that we do have taken away.

Tonight, sit quietly while considering your choices of candidates. Vote tomorrow - it surely won't hurt, and perhaps your choices will prove to be beneficial ones.

C. Cash

Positions On Sentinel

There are staff positions still open on the Sentinel. These positions include reporters as well as writers. Especially needed are people interested in music, theatre, and books for reviewing purposes. Also, there is a need for a Sports Editor.

If you are interested in any of the above positions, or want more information, leave your name and how you can be contacted in the Sentinel mailbox which is located next to the Information Booth on the second floor of the Student Center.

Apology

The editors would like to correct a mistake printed in the October 18th issue. The front page article "Apathy, Apathy" quoted Patrick Miller as saying students in the 1960-70 decade "were very apathetic because they saw no effective means of achieving results."

Mr. Miller's actual words are as follows: "the student apathy we are witnessing in the 1970's is a result of frustration felt by student activists of the 1960's who saw no positive results for their efforts."

We apologize to Patrick Miller, and our readers, for the mistake.



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Lullaby

Dear Editor:

I have heard that the reason rock music is not being played in the Student Center anymore is because the rock music kept students from being able to study. The "Easy Listening" music being played now also keeps the students from studying because the music is literally putting us to sleep! There is nothing more distracting than sitting around and carrying on a conversation with someone who falls asleep in the middle of a sentence. I am also finding myself slipping into unconsciousness while studying to those "easy" tunes.

In my opinion, rock music, or something a bit more lively, would be a great asset to our social life and studying performance in the Student Center.

Can't we have a change?? PLEASE!!

Signed,
Sleepy, Dopey,
Drowsy and Grumpy

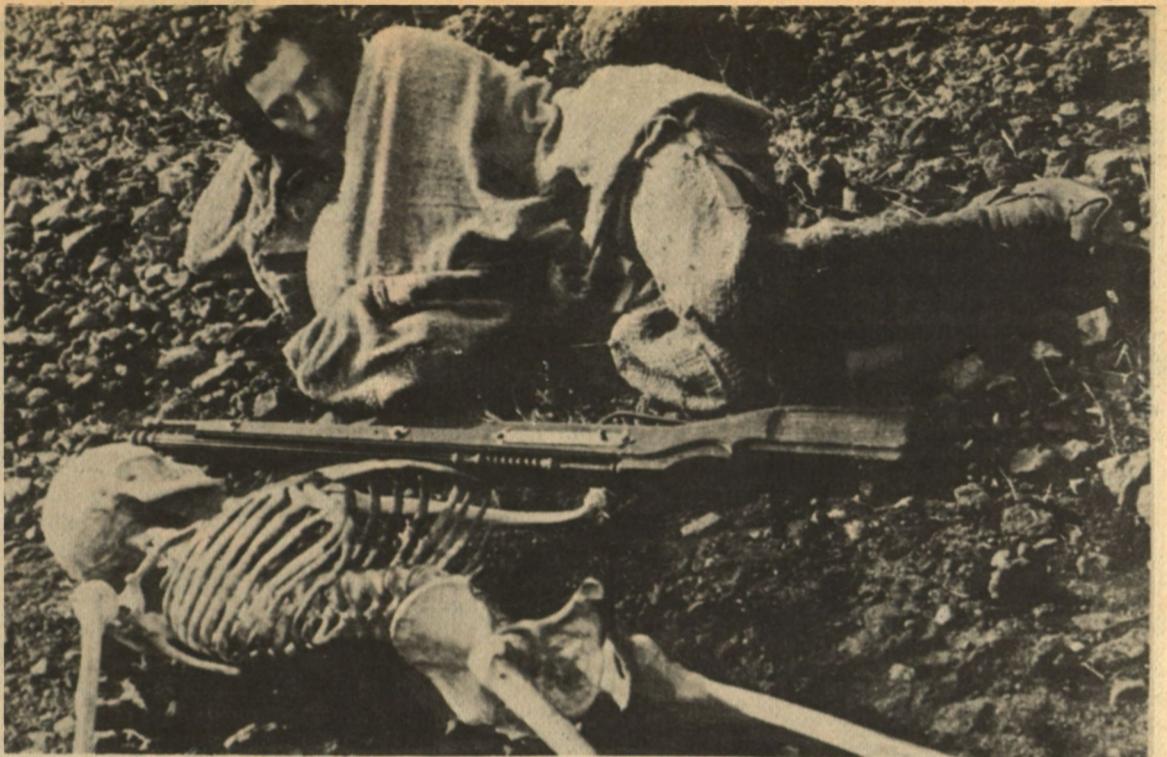
Editor's Reply: You have our sympathy little dwarves. Helpful Hint: Attend the Student Affairs Council meeting on Nov. 8 and ask Mr. Frank Wilson the reason for such foolishness.



"DAZZLING, DISTURBING ENTERTAINMENT!"
—McKegney, Village Voice

PIER PAOLO PASOLINI'S PIGPEN
(PORCILE) ITALIAN WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES IN COLOR FROM NEW LINE CINEMA

STARRING **PIERRE CLEMENTI · JEAN PIERRE LEAUD**
A FILM DELL'ORSO · IDICM · INDIEFF PRODUCTION



Pierre Clementi contemplates the results of cannibalism in a scene from Pasolini's "PIG PEN."

PIG PEN: Directed by Pierre Paolo Pasolini, starring Jean Pierre Leaud, Pierre Clementi and Anna Wiazemsky. Color. 120 minutes. Will be shown Friday, November 5, 1976 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Activities Room of the KJC Student Center.

Pig Pen is a contemporary horror story of post-war Germany allegorically contrasted with a medieval cult of cannibals. The strangest film by the man who made "Medea."

"... dazzling color imagery guaranteed to spill beyond the bounds of the widest theatre screen... a grotesque vision of the 'new renaissance' in

modern Germany..."
—Village Voice

"... the masters of the new Germany whom Pasolini indicts are neither obedient nor disobedient, neither aggressive nor benign: they are slobs... Such gentry will ultimately be devoured by pigs - which is what happens to a nearly catatonic youth... Compared to him, Pasolini finds the hungry medieval savage who murders and eats the flesh of his victims something like a mystically heroic figure. The majestic background in excellent color gives the picture an epic quality."

—Clurman, The Nation

Raffle Winners

The winners of the free CHICAGO tickets, raffled at the Blood Drive on Oct. 18th, were John White and Bill Clay. The SGA extends its congratulations and hopes the tickets provided you an enjoyable evening.

Personal-Want Ads

Students may place ads in the Sentinel for absolutely no charge. Please put your typed ads in the Sentinel mailbox located on the second floor of the student center.



Carter's Kirbo Speaks

Charles Kirbo, Special Advisor to Jimmy Carter, gave the second lecture in the Fall Chautauqua on October 27 in the KJC gymnasium. The title of the Fall series of lectures is "Politics '76". Mr. Kirbo's topic was "Inside the Carter Campaign."

Mr. Kirbo outlined the stages through which Jimmy Carter progressed in his campaign for the Presidency, from the decision to run for President, to the detailed plan for the campaign. He said that Hamilton Jordan was the prime architect of the campaign through the primary elections; it was he who prepared the campaign book, which included detailed analysis, state-by-state, of Carter's anticipated strengths and weaknesses, along with suggestions for strengthening the campaign.

In the conclusion to his lecture, Mr. Kirbo gave a ringing testimonial to Jimmy Carter, whom he described as an extremely hard working, totally honest and incorruptible man who could overcome the weaknesses in his campaign and could become a President for the entire country.

A question-answer session of about fifteen minutes followed the lecture. One questioner asked about Jimmy Carter's apparent fuzziness or inconsistency on the issues. Mr. Kirbo responded that the

fuzziness is only apparent; he said Jimmy Carter is totally honest in his statements to the American people, but that some people insist on trying to see him as a Southern small town conservative, which he is not. To a question asking for clarification of Jimmy Carter's statement that he would expand government programs without raising taxes, Mr. Kirbo said that Jimmy Carter is a practical businessman and that all his projected programs are predicated on prevailing economic conditions. As more people get jobs under improved economic conditions the taxes they would pay would increase government revenues. The revenues would then be used to pay for increased government programs which would enrich the lives of the poor and raise the standard of living for all. If the expected economic recovery does not materialize, he said, the government programs would be scaled down accordingly. In response to a question which asked for clarification of a remark which Jimmy Carter made about not sending U.S. troops into Yugoslavia, Mr. Kirbo said that remarks made by a President of the United States are considered to be of greater significance than are remarks made by a candidate, and that if Mr. Carter were President he would probably not have made that comment.

DA's Push Death Penalty

JOINT STATEMENT OF:

George W. Darden, Chairman
Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia

[District Attorney,
Cobb Judicial Circuit]

F. Larry Salmon, President
District Attorneys Association of Georgia

[District Attorney,
Rome Judicial Circuit]

We are making the following statement in our official capacities on behalf of our respective memberships, which include all District Attorneys and other prosecuting attorneys in this State.

The Georgia Legislature in 1973 enacted a constitutional death penalty law. The Supreme Court of Georgia upheld the constitutionality of that law in March of 1974. Since that time more than 50 persons have been sentenced to death for various capital offenses throughout this state. The United States Supreme Court recently upheld the Georgia death penalty law. That Court has denied any further appeals or reconsideration of the issue.

The District Attorneys of this State are therefore insisting that the law as enacted by our elected representatives be enforced. Let us emphasize that in each case in which the death penalty has been imposed a jury of twelve persons has unanimously agreed that death

was an appropriate punishment. As required by law, every person on death row has had the benefit of an appeal. Enough has been said about mercy. It is now time for justice to be done and to put an end to this controversy.

In the opinion of the District Attorneys, it seems that no one is concerned with the plight of the families of those victims who have been brutally murdered, raped or kidnapped. Our system of justice often appears to consider only the rights of the criminal and to ignore the rights of the victims and their families. The only way that society can be protected from certain habitual and violent criminals is by the imposition of the supreme penalty of the law.

It is a well known fact that any person who receives a sentence of life imprisonment for any crime or crimes is eligible for parole in the State of Georgia at the end of seven years. It should also be noted that the date of parole eligibility cannot be postponed by any increased number of life sentences, either concurrent or consecutive.

The District Attorneys of this State are committed to upholding the capital punishment laws as the only way to prevent the commission of heinous crimes.

We would further urge all citizens to vote for Amendment No. 25, which provides that a person sentenced to death whose sentence is commuted to life imprisonment by executive clemency,

shall not be paroled until the expiration of 25 years.

In recent days various vocal minorities have demanded that Governor George Busbee pledge that no one be executed during his term of office. Such proponents of this proposition include Atlanta's Mayor Maynard Jackson; Gene Guerrero, Executive Director of the Georgia branch of the American Civil Liberties Union; Jondell Johnson, Executive Director of the Atlanta branch of the NAACP State Rep. David Scott; and State Rep. Douglas Dean. This group further had announced a rally on Saturday to discourage the enforcement of a scheduled execution of a convicted murderer, whose appeals have been exhausted through both State and Federal Courts, including the United States Supreme Court. The District Attorneys of Georgia deplore this means to prevent the enforcement of the law. The people through their elected representatives have spoken. Any discontent with the law must be addressed to the General Assembly, which alone has the authority to change the law. If the people of Georgia were opposed to capital punishment, the Legislature would not have imposed a stronger law as recently as 1973.

We hope all Georgians will join us in commending Governor Busbee in his conscientious approach to the problem, and will assure him of their support in rejecting the coalition's blanket demand not to allow future executions.



Great Debate

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government. He wants to hold down federal spending. Republicans want to hold down federal spending. On these stands he is opposed to the

essence of the Democratic party, which is pro-spending, pro-big-government, and more or less pro-disarmament. I always thought one joined a political party because one believed in the things the party believed in.

In the end, I suppose, the votes will go to the lesser of the evils. Unfortunately. Unfortunately because there ought to be a candidate, both in Congressional and Presidential races, who is obviously the better man.

SGA MINUTES

October 19, 1976

Called to Order: 5:05 PM in the SGA Office

Members Present: P. Ashcraft, H. Swain, S. Carson, P. Parker, L. Freeman, C. McKeon, J. Pedicino, C. Pedicino, L. Garner, S. Carusos, D. Carter, T. Tucker, K. Dubuc, J. White.

Visitors Present: F. Wilson, B. Davis

Unfinished Business

1. L. Garner moved that the minutes of October 12, 1976, be accepted. Following a second by J. Pedicino, the motion passed.
2. Leadership Conference - Invitations for the conference have been sent out. Plans have been made to leave from the school Friday, Nov. 5, at 9:00 AM. Fred Newton will conduct a series of leadership seminars. We expect to return to the school Sunday evening around 6:00.
3. Chautauqua Committee - B. Davis talked about the coming events scheduled for KJC. He also emphasized the importance of student participation to keep this informative and educational organization operating at its best. Brochures for the Fall Quarter were handed to all members present.
4. J. Pedicino addressed the subject of a Health Food Program. The purpose is to make students aware of proper and nutritious foods and possibly eliminating wasted food in our cafeteria.

New Business

1. F. Wilson expressed a concern for the Entertainment Committee regarding paid positions. He would like to discuss this matter further as at the present, no specifics were given.
2. A discussion concerning the SGA meeting time was brought up. Several opinions were exchanged. Suggestions included having the meeting at 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, and 5:00 PM. The discussion will be followed up at the next meeting.
3. P. Parker moved to adjourn. The motion passed following a second by S. Carson. Meeting adjourned 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Carson, Secretary SGA



Tropical Madness

On October 29, at 8:30 p.m., Open City Theatre will begin their second year as Atlanta's most interesting new theatre company with "Tropical Madness," by Stanislaw Witkiewicz, author of "The Madman and the Nun." "Tropical Madness" is an exotic comedy about incest and infidelity which takes place in far off Rangoon, where love and fantasy conquer the Great Gum and Cocoa Trust. Ron Lampkin, who last year introduced Atlanta to the uniquely talented Polish playwright with his acclaimed production of "Madman and the Nun," once again directs.

Director Lampkin says that Witkiewicz "was born in 1885 and wrote his first play at the age of eight. He painted portraits for a living, took drugs as a hobby and wrote plays that were thirty years ahead

of their time."

The cast of eleven includes actors familiar from previous Open City productions, as well as new faces. The principal roles are played by Marian Bolton, Robert Burgess, Michael Kresge, and Alan Williamson. The set is being designed by Steve Montgomery, who designed the sets for "Madman and the Nun" and Ron Lampkin's "The Liars."

"Tropical Madness," by Stanislaw Witkiewicz, opens on October 29 at 8:30 p.m., and runs Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 8:30 through November 28. For reservations, call Open City Theatre, 1062 St. Charles Avenue, NE at 876-3880. Admission is \$2.00. (with the joint support of the Georgia Council for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts)

Leadership Conference

The 8th Annual KJC Leadership Conference is scheduled for Nov. 5-7 at Epworth by the Sea, St. Simon's Island. Approximately fifty students were invited to attend based on their involvement in school activities or from responses on the Student Activities Questionnaire. Frank Wilson, Coordinator of Student Activities, says that more students plan to attend this conference than in any previous year.

Consultants this year are from the University of Georgia, and headed by Mr. Fred Newton.

The main objective of the conference is to furnish students an opportunity to develop leadership potential with the hopes of everyone becoming more vital and active members of the campus community.

It looks as if KJC's Eighth Annual Conference will be the best yet.

