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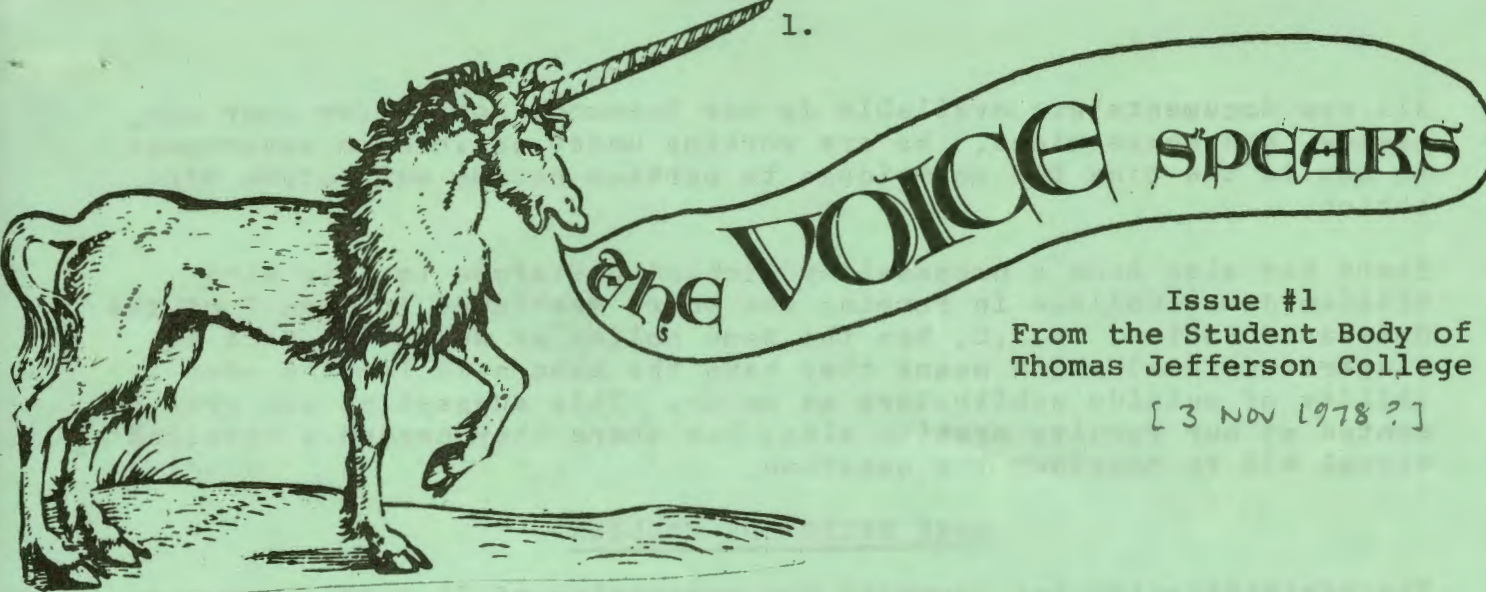


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The VOICE SPEAKS

Issue #1
From the Student Body of
Thomas Jefferson College

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The Voice is a new publication that is meant to: 1) Act as a line of communication between students, faculty, and the committees that run our school, 2) Act as an open forum for people to present their ideas, stories, poems, or whatever else they may want to share with our community, and 3) Keep us informed about all happenings that are a part of our environment. This paper is open to all for the enjoyment of all.

Our Public Relations Committee, comprised of interested T.J.C. students, together with the cooperation of Phyllis Thompson is largely responsible for getting this paper "off the ground". This is YOUR paper, it is here to meet YOUR needs, so please use it.

To those of us who have worked for this paper, it is very exciting to know that our feelings and ideas can reach the student body and have some effect on what we as a group share.

A PLACE FOR YOU!

Stop in the T.J.C. Resource Center and find out what is happening! Check out the daily word, and also please check to see if we have any mail for you. The T.J.C. Resource Center is a place to relax in, rap in, and get to know people. If you have any suggestions for improvement, or are interested in being involved, Let Us Know! We are open weekdays from 9:30 to 5:00.

T.J.C. STUDENTS ACCEPT CHANGES

If you have read last weeks Lanthorn you have noticed that we as students have accepted a Basic Skills Policy and a Grievance Policy (with the exception of Step 7 which needs to be clarified). We have also accepted an Academic Policy. Our new Student Governance is basically accepted too, although the grammatical construction and the place of the student in policy decision is up in the air. You can expect to see it soon along with ballots in The Voice for student acceptance and comments. More will be said next issue about this.

All new documents are available in our Resource Center for your use, review, and suggestions. We are working under an interim government, so now is the time for your ideas to perhaps become our future direction.

There has also been a proposal by Richard Gustafson to join with William James College in forming the board mentioned in Step 7 of the Grievance Policy. W.J.C. has the same policy as we do (in fact we plagiarized them) which means they have the same need for the possibility of outside arbitrators as we do. This suggestion was presented at our faculty meeting also, but there they needed a detailed visual aid to consider the question. JRLG

MORE SKIIS FOR FOLLIES

The Administration has approved the purchasing of 20 more cross-country skis and equipment. We can now look forward to being able to more readily obtain equipment for our winter follies!

ATTENTION!

THE NEXT TOWN MEETING WILL BE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 AT 3:30 P.M.
SO MORE STUDENTS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO ATTEND!!!

INNOCENT MAN

I've seen blue before,
the sky, the wind, the breeze;
But your blue twinkles starlight,
surpassing all of these.

I've seen the night--
Like ink thrown far and wide,
But, I look at you
and brush it from your eyes.

I've heard of space,
but lately in your arms
I've felt a time
of being safe and warm.

Joan L. Derrick

Coming Events:

S.I.N.!!!

There will be a Brown Bag S.I.N. Committee meeting on Thursday, November 9, at noon in the T.J.C. Resource Center. The meeting will be to discuss money raising projects. PLEASE COME!! If you are unable to make it, leave a message for THERESA in the Resource Center.

T.J.C. SHOWCASES!

Thanks to the warm energetic efforts of Mary TePastte and Mike McKinley, T.J.C.'s Commons will have a Thursday afternoon SHOWCASE every week. It's free and open to all suggestions, ideas, and presentations of everyone. The times for these warm-hearted community events and sharings will be from 4:00 to 5:00 every Thursday. We will be looking forward to seeing you there!!!

The line-up of talented students for the T.J.C. Showcases are as follows:

Thursday, November 2, Doug Fast will play his guitar.

Thursday, November 9, Dave Mosher will play his guitar.

Thursday, November 11, Katie Finn and Deb Steinberger will present a guitar and dance improvisation.

Thursday, November 23, is THANKSGIVING!

Thursday, November 30, a Theater Presentation by Max Bush and his students.

If you have ANYTHING of interest to share with our Community, please contact Mary T., in the T.J.C. Office, upstairs L.H.H.

BIOFEEDBACK TRAINING AVAILABLE

Are you interested in Biofeedback? T.J.C. is sponsoring a Biofeedback workshop, basically intended to teach the use of the equipment. If you intend to do any biofeedback work while you are a student here, and intend to use the T.J.C. equipment, please attend. For more details, contact Kathy Bonilla, 227 L.H.H., Ext. 357.

"Light High"

I was sitting in the darkest hole
that you would ever want to see
Inside total darkness
for what seemed eternity
I've seen people wheel and deal
with big smiles
I've seen 'em steal
But nothing could make me cry
Till I seen the light
in the darkness so high
It winked at me
like the eye of God
I knew my flight was right
My spirits soared
from that day on
Now I walk with-in that light
No more darkness will I see
or have no more fright

Author is shy

A WORKSHOP IN NON-VIOLENCE IS COMING

N.O.M.A.D., a Traverse City Anti-Nuke group will be putting on a Non-violence and Grass Roots Organizations-Workshop in the Laurel Room at the Campus Center on November 18 and 19, between 10:00 and 4:00 both days.

N.O.M.A.D. is one of the many base groups for the Great Lakes Alliance and the CLAMSHELL coalition connection.

Consensus, an important part of how these groups interact, will be exemplified by N.O.M.A.D.'s presentation of how each of its' members have as much a voice in the decision making process as anyone else in their group. These people take pride in saying that all their decisions come from the "bottom-up".

The weekend session will include the theories of people like Martin Luther King, Thoreau, Emerson, and Ghandi. Here civil disobedience will be discussed and recognized as a historically effective political tool.

The weekend will include the added attractions of a Vegetarian potluck, chanting, singing, and a comaraderie that should be generated by, and in keeping with, the Spirit of N.O.M.A.D.

JRLG

NO NUKE CHANT!

NO NUKES!!!

NO NUKES!!!

NO NUKES!!!

Don't destroy our earth
with such a mistake as
Nuclear waste!

Don't destroy our earth
with such a mistake as
Nuclear waste!

NO NUKES!!!

NO NUKES!!!

NO NUKES!!!

Don't build these things
all over the place,
Because each power plant
holds mans' fate
Don't build these things
all over the place,
Because each power plant
holds mans' fate

NO NUKES!!!

NO NUKES!!!

NO NUKES!!!



Chris Mullane

In trying to remain calm
through the chaos of confusion
My thoughts rip apart
between delusion and illusion-
Ideals and beliefs
once held high in esteem
Tear at
my heart and tug at my seams...
Calmness-
Sweet Calmness

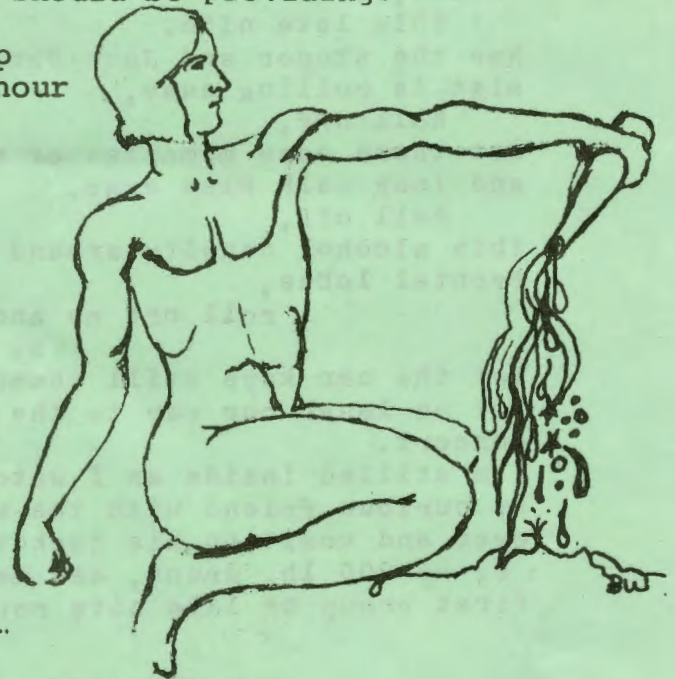
why are you hiding?
where is the refuge
you should be providing?

What intense power
has given you the slip
from my need in this hour
on this inward trip?

Calmness
Sweet Calmness
please come back to me
and grant a release
from this calamity

I know you're there-somewhere
though subtle and unseen
but, if only I could find you
we'd make quite a team!

So Calmness
Sweet Calmness
Come from out of your cave
for it is your power alone
that I longingly crave ...



SUNDAY BRUNCH'S WASTED EPITAPH

Church bells chime,
Scolding the thankless
(Butter knife-
your dullness cramps the drama,
your purpose only being to slide mundanely
over listless bread. Your harsh hints of
sensibility dare to mock Juliet's
Honorable Discharge.)
Hand-painte demitasse,
your exterior rigidity can't fool me,
your facade stripped hopelessly,
Delicately chipped, hides in the
Dark Fortified buffet.
Warning bells pleading,
Not against the tragedy of Death, NO!
They only suggest coldly
The weakness of waste overpowering me,
They urge me, so slightly,
To break the cup and
Bury the knife.

Mary-Louise Globokar

A late nite drunk,
a friend and me

Now who is this man?
this curious looking fellow with
the face of a wise owl.
Those large round glasses hide
his face, but it's late tonight.
He keeps talking to the drunk,
the 200 lb. drunk.
It's quite sobering actually.
His energy is very smooth
and flowing
I'll watch with an admiring eye
tonite,
this late nite.
Now the stupor and Jack Daniels
mist is rolling away,
Roll off,
let those easy memories of marajuana
and long walk Play away.
Roll off,
this alcohol density around my
frontal lobes,
roll off me and my friend,
my 200 lb. drunk
let the car keys still themselves
let us laugh our way to the late nite
concert.
I'm stilled inside as I watch
my curious friend with the wise-owl
eyes and vomit on his jacket, leave
me, my 200 lb. drunk, and melt into the
first group of late nite rowdies.

Bob Willey

THE RIVER STANDS

Amid colored leaves whispering,
on their perennial base
the skeletal tree,

The River Stands.

River's flow strolls along with time,

It's source, the Lake
slowly empties her bowels.

The Aspen, now bare,
sees currents and patterns repeated
where the water is never the same.

Ken Everingham

COMMITTEE NOTES:

This area is the responsibility of the Committee Chairpersons to keep us informed of what they are doing for our education.

This space is to facilitate communication about/and for your educational environment. At the moment information here is at a bare minimum as student input has been hindered lately. In the future we look forward to more information to help us understand what is going on around us. The issues seem endless, while the input has been limited. We will be looking forward to your future reports and your support of this paper as a line of communication.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

I am Ken Everingham and together with Ron Potter-Efron we are the T.J.C. Academic Affairs Committee. We will meet once a week to take care of the following details as they come up: First, 1.) we will approve specializations (usually 45 credits) and finalize them. It is also our job to 2.) approve graduation logs. Third, 3.) we approve student teachers of student taught classes which the curriculum committee clears. Fourth, 4.) we may grant waivers, for instance, to the requirement that 60 or 75% of all credits must be taken at T.J.C.

If you have questions, please come see us.

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

There are three people on the Admissions Committee; Dan Andersen, Jim Nelson, and I. We meet every Friday at 9:00 in Mr. Nelson's office in the Seidman House. We go over applications of students wishing admission to TJC. Many are internal transfers. We decide if they are accepted or not, or if they should be held for more information. The requirement of an essay can be waived in certain cases. The admissions standards are getting more selective, to insure that TJC gets desirable students.

Jean Olimski

STUDENT SENATE

T.J.C. is represented in the All College Student Senate by Margaret Burns, a Senior and Chairperson of the Allocations Committee, Rich Gustafson, a Junior and Chairperson of the Appointments Committee, and Steve Oliver, also a Senior and member of the Programming Committee. As representatives of T.J.C., they are committed to letting the student body know what is happening on the All College level. They are also a part of the Coordinating Committee, along with Barb Glesner who is our representative on the All College ECS Committee, and the designated people who are chairpeople of the various committee's within the internal governance body of T.J.C. This is to insure open communication between the student body on all levels of activities, and the people who are participating in these activities.

On October 25, 1978, President Arend Lubbers gave a speech to the Student Senate regarding the "State of the College." Along with ex-

pressing his desire for Grand Valley to attain "University Status", he also had some very interesting things to say about T.J.C.! The way he lead into his discussion of T.J.C. was quite interesting also. He began by talking about the necessity of keeping all the programs we now have in the Federation of Colleges on the Grand Valley Campus. However, this becomes a problem when an educational idea "goes out-of-style" such as at T.J.C.. In our heyday, we had over 700 students, but this number has drastically dropped to about 300! Thus, we had an excess of faculty and programs that were costing the Colleges a lot of money! He stated that he believes that 300 is a good number for T.J.C., and that this number would assure stability in our school. It will also help to regulate the new admits so that the standards of our school will remain high. As for the rumors of closing down T.J.C., this is what he said, "We should close down any school that has become academically irresponsible. Even through the chaos of last year, T.J.C. has never been irresponsible academically. I am committed to T.J.C. as long as it works, and we have to give it a real chance!" Among the other things I found this most intriguing.

However, he expressed his views on many other things. He said he agrees with the new representation of the Student Senate. Before, the Student Govern ent was not representative, and it was hard to take just a few people seriously. This year he "believes we will be taken seriously" He also addressed the issues of the Dome, a new track and stadium, the drop of enrollment, the changing over to the Semester system in the Fall of 1980, and the importance of student input on College affairs.

MCSB

Curriculum:

Budget:

Recruiting:

Hiring:

Sabbatical Review:

Academic Standing:

Grievance:

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