



When liberty destroys order,  
the hunger for order will  
destroy liberty

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### EDITORIAL

#### MAKING PEOPLE MORAL BY LAW

The Fitzgerald House Council has once again decided to delve into the realm of political issues. By a unanimous vote, the House Council voted to draft a letter in support of the proposed open housing bill now before the state legislature. The House Council action and the enactment of such legislation is opposed by this newspaper.

Open Housing, unlike the banning of recruiters from campus, has no direct effect on the residents of Fitz. It is an issue of purely political nature and should not be acted upon by the elected council of this dormitory. We would have no objection to the members of the House Council signing a letter of support as individuals. But the use of their elected position to comment on a purely political action is worthy of censure.

On the subject of open housing Fitz Bitz firmly feels that every American should be allowed to live freely in any area of his choice. We believe that only through an understanding achieved through living and working together can harmony be accomplished. However Fitz Bitz doubts both the desirability and legality of such a law.

Since federal, state, or local tax money is not involved and a private dwelling is not a public place, we question the right of the government to interfere in any manner in the sale or rental of private property.

We also believe that among the civil rights all Americans should enjoy is the right to personal prejudice; the right not to like or sell your private property to Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Negroes, Communists, Nazis, or men with red hair. The right to reveal your ignorance and bigotry.

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#### FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

It has come to the attention of this newspaper that our House Council is at least unofficially pursuing a policy of decimating the house treasury by the end of the semester. The unofficial goal is apparently to leave the treasury with five dollars at the end of the semester. Word has it that one idea being given more than passing consideration is using house funds to take the House Council out to dinner.

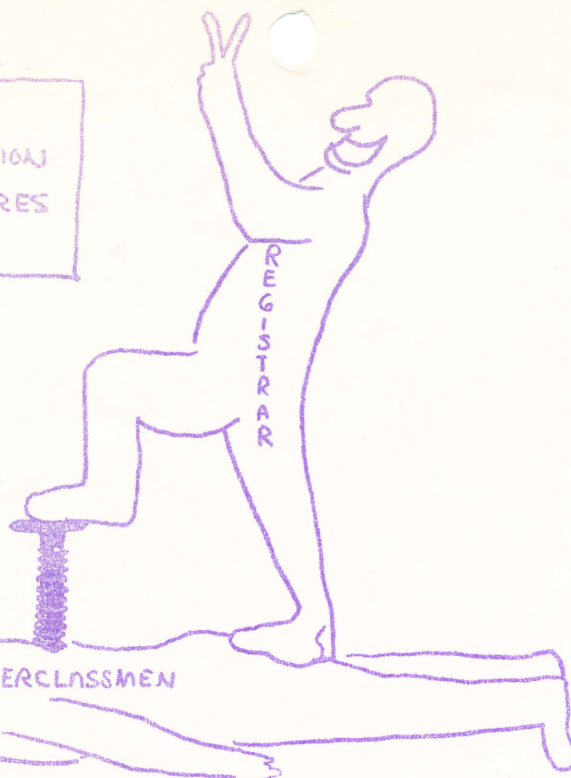
Going into this semester, by careful expenditures, a large surplus was built up. Fitzgerald was probably the most financially solvent dorm on campus. The current administration has with its policy of free spending ~~drastically~~ significantly reduced the surplus. Many of the expenditures have been worth while. Others have been of dubious value. However the idea of spending the money just to see it spent is pure fiscal irresponsibility. Unlike the gov't our appropriation will not increase because all the money has been expended nor will it decrease if it has not.

It is time the current administration cut back on its spending program. A dinner for the House council is certainly a wasteful expenditure and should not be considered. Moves should be made to save money wherever possible not spend it. Frills and fancies should be cut out. When funds are needed for a major project nothing will be available. It is long past time to eliminate fiscal irresponsibility from House Council policy.

NOTE: the editors of Fitz Bitz declined the invitation to the Hse Council dinner in the interest saving some ~~money~~ money for the treasury.



WINTER  
REGISTRATION  
PROCEDURES



## UPPERCLASSMEN

You have been here two long and worked too hard to lose out on courses you need or want simply because the registrar<sup>was</sup> is too lazy or too stupid to set up a schedule by classes. By sheer chance of alphabet you may miss out on the courses you want while some freshman or sophomore gets in.

Don't let this happen to you! Show up at 9 a.m. on January 2 and demand to go through and hold up the line until they let you through. Unless the registrar changes the schedule we recommend this action to secure your rights. The editors of Fitz Bitz will be there to lead the way. Since the registrar is going to try and gore your ox see if you can gore his first.

## FITZ BITZ SURVEY

"the gallop poll of fitzgerald"

### 72.7% APPROVE OF COLTON ADMINISTRATION

The latest figures released by the Fitz Bitz survey today show Ken Colton of Fitzgerald house council fame gaining approval of almost three quarters of the residents of Fitz. The figures projected on the basis of the Fitz Bitz survey sent out to approx  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the house. Chancellor Varner failed to score as high with Fitz men gaining approval of only 68.3%

Q - How do you feel about the way Ken Colton is running the House C.?

Q - How do you feel about the way Chancellor Varner is running the Univ.?

	<u>VARNER</u>	<u>COLTON</u>
APPROVE	35%	36.35%
MILDLY APPROVE	33.3%	36.35%
" DISAPPROVE	15%	18.1%
DISAPPROVE	8.5%	9.2%
NO OPINION	8.5%	0

IF YOU CAN'T SOLVE A PROBLEM  
APPOINT A GROUP TO STUDY IT  
Commandment #1 for university  
bureaucrats

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The question of open housing is a moral one. The government is not in business to legislate morals and morality. We wouldn't want it to even if it could. Real change comes through growth not through legislation. Only through voluntary acceptance of the principle of open housing can progress be made. We urge all Americans to make that decision to ~~stop~~ end discrimination. But it is a moral decision for the individual property owner to make and not the job of the state to make people moral by law.

ON SALE SOON !!!!!

FITZGERALD SWEATSHIRTS AND  
BEER STEINS

SWEATSHIRTS - \$ 2.42  
BEER STEINS - \$ 2.50  
BOTH - \$ 4.00

WITH FITZGERALD FAMILY CREST



DEAR SEYLESS:

IT IS VERY EMBARRASSING FOR ME TO RELATE MY PROBLEM TO YOU, BUT I HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE ITS ABOUT MY BOYFRIEND. WHENEVER WE GO OUT ON A DATE, I END UP PLAYING THE ROLE OF A HUMAN WRENCH. HE SEEMS TO HAVE THE TYPICAL MANHOOD DISEASE DIARRHEA OF THE HANDS. HOW CAN I TELL HIM TO COOL HIS JETS WITHOUT HURTING HIS FEELINGS.

THE WRENCH, ANIBAL

Dear Wrench: I think you are being a little to cool to your chap. An old philosopher once said "Idle hands are the devils workshop" (some of those old philosophers were pretty sharp). If you still want to play polarbear perhaps you could get him a yo-yo to keep his hands busy.

DEAR SEYMOUR:

WOULD YOU PLEASE COMMENT ON AND EXPLAIN YOUR RATIONALE AND LOGIC USED IN SOLVING THESE COMPLICATED PROBLEMS WHICH YOU HANDLE SO MASTERFULLY.

R.T. PHILOSOPHY DEPT.

Simplified to the utmost, my philosophy is the art of never quite getting to the heart of the matter, as facts have a tendency to rather obscure the actual problem and I much prefer rather to confuse, or obtusify, the issue and save a certain concrete obstacle which might tend, or seem to tend, to overcomplicate a subject about which too little has already been said, often erroneously. I hope that clears it up.

DEAR SEYMOUR:

YOU AND YOUR ALL KNOWING ANSWERS. WHAT MAKES YOU SO DIFFERENT? WHAT SETS YOU APART FROM THE PEOPLE WHO WRITE IN TO YOU?

I can eat just one potato chip

DEAR SEYMOUR:

WHY ARE MOST ADVICE COLUMNISTS LADIES?

Clean living

CONFIDENTIAL TO 47585746: Sorry about that I guess you should have asked an accountant about your income tax instead of this particular columnist. Jokes on me ha ha but we all make mistakes

CONFIDENTIAL TO THE GOLDEN TOE: don't

Send your problems to Seymour, he certainly can't handle his own

With two names you would think that somebody would recognize one of them. Oh the same joker put in his usual guess that they were the double play combination of the 1938 Chicago Cubs. Which is incorrect. Moses Garson was Emma Goldman's first employer in the United States and tried to seduce her in his office, at least thats what her autobiography says. Emma was deported in 1921 as a dangerous anarchist. Ted Hecht even we can't remember who he is. Oh well the prize list now reads

A SILVER KEYCHAIN, A BOX OF PRODUCTS FROM THE BEECHNUT LIFE\* SAVER COMPANY, A CAN OF SAURKRAUT AN INSPIRATIONAL BOOK ENTITLED THE SWITCHBLADE AND THE CROSS. AND this weeks added prize: a package of pipe tobacco. The list also includes about 15 boxes of High Gear. This weeks name is one you should all remember. The first correct entry wins. Submit all entries to room 107: This weeks Morrison Swift famous name is:

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst

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Once again this year the annual gridiron dinner in Washington has come up with some new songs sure to make the hit parade. First the song of Michigans own Gorgeous George Romney.

Did you ever get a brainwashing?  
Well I did.

With the plunger and the Duz  
sloshing? Well I did.

Did you ever get your foot caught  
In your mouth just like me,  
And gulping hard find you've  
choked on your knee.

Did you ever feel your mind ~~spin~~  
spinning?

Well I did.

Did you ever see a chance of  
winning?

Well, I thought I did.

Did the White House light stop  
beckoning bright,

Fading right out of your view?

Well, the thoughts that have  
wandered,



in accordance with previous policy of making available to the residents of  
Ritz outstanding pieces of journalism from other newspapers, we this week bring  
to you a column by William F. Buckley Jr.

### A MACABRE WEEKEND IN FUN CITY by William F. Buckley Jr.

It was a fun weekend in New York City. One 22 yr. old student, strolling along the West side, was accosted by three Negro youths, did he have a cigarette? Sorry, he didn't; so they stabbed him to death. A 78 yr old man was beaten up in his apartment on the East side, just in case anyone believes that crime in Fun City is asymmetrical. And in the Bronx a husband was tied down while a visitor sodomized his wife, then burglarized the apartment, and left, whistling no doubt. The husband, his bonds untied, rushed out with a shotgun and bagged the assailant, subsequently discovered by police who followed the trail of blood. A cabdriver, age 22, was killed by three young men. And then a plainclothesman spotted early in the morning a 60 yr-old man, running hard after an Amazonian lady, wearing only his shorts. She had broken into his apartment, all 175 lbs of her, rifled his wallet of \$8, threatened him with a knife, and he was now running after her. The policeman took charge, arrested the lady, and then escorted the gentleman home. On reaching his apartment building, some loitering young men made cracks about his semi-nudity, and the plainclothesman explained who he was, and why the gentleman was wearing only shorts. The youths fell upon the policeman and beat him up. But they did not kill him. The quality of mercy is not absent from Fun City, indeed there are those who maintain it is more fun to maim than to kill.

Not everyone takes that position - New York is very diverse, one of its charms. I have a friend who has always kept his seven year old automobile in a garage just west of 9th avenue, in midtown Manhattan. He will not return his car to the garage nowadays because to do so means he is exposed to a  $\frac{1}{2}$  block walk on 9th avenue where he must stand and hail a taxi. It is necessary for non New Yorkers to understand that it isn't safe to walk a halfblock in search of a taxi on the west side of N.Y.C. My friend who is unprepared to die, has heard a most bizarre report which might have been the inventive work of Robert Louis Stevenson or Conan Doyle, only in this case its provenance is the police. It appears that there is an extremely exclusive club of young Negroes in N.Y.C. whose membership is limited to those who have killed a white man. The signiture of the club killing is said to be the preliminary question: "Do you have a cigarette?"

And the rules are that if the passerby is carrying cigarettes and makes them available, he is spared. If the passerby happens to be a non smoker:- well you can't win them all. The FBI turns the whole thing into statistics. In the first 6 months of this year, compared to the same period during 1966, murder is up 26%, rape 14%, robbery 92%, aggravated assault 32%, burglary 49%, larceny 15%, auto theft, 23%. And all this to use the figure of a local commentator: "despite a police force outnumbering a WW II army division".

The weekend news also brings a rundown of the prosecutions that followed the rioting last summer. Here and there the prosecution has been vigorous, e.g. in Atlanta, Cambridge, and Toledo. In Detroit during the riots, 7,231 persons were arrested. Of that number exactly 40 adults are now in jail, and most of them on account of previous crimes. A thousand or so will be tried sometime next spring, around maypole time perhaps.

In Boston after three days of rioting in the Roxbury district, 35 persons were arrested. The total result: five persons fined \$500 each, and three three-month jail sentences. Really, it is riskier by far to walk a dozen blocks in New York minding your own business, than to participate in a riot, burning stealing and killing.

And finally from Atlanta, we have a report discussing the plans of the Reverend Martin Luther King to organize coast-to-coast civil disobedience, this spring and summer, which King describes as "a method of dislocating the functioning of a city without destroying life and property". For instance, there will be "camp-ins" at the Capitol. Permanent camp-ins. "We intend to go there and stay" said King. I am convinced that King belongs behind bars, along with

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everybody else who conspires to break the law.  
It is easy to nag at those who believe that the way to "cure" crime is to get tough. The answer is of course that crime is not cured by punishment, but that crime is curbed by the sequestration of criminals, who ought to be strolling the corridors of Sing Sing rather than the sidewalks of New York. The other point is that neither is crime cured by asserting the apostolic right of Martin Luther King to decide which laws are congenial to him, and which it is the duty of all of us to disobey. Surely there are others who see the nexus.

#### Rev Mr Simonson's Athletic briefs

##### FIRE ROBINSON, WE WANT FROG!

This column has heard reports of a tremendous sentiment stemming from Fitz House, calling for the downfall of basketball coach Dick Robinson and his replacement by Thomas "Frog" Addis. This column noting the outstanding knowledge of the game displayed in 3 man basketball, wholeheartedly supports this effort. After all we do have a losing record this year. It remains for president Colton to honcho this effort in this area. Addis president of the Wazdo corporation has strong executive authority and will be able to get the most out of his men. Friday is hereby proclaimed Hang Coach Robinson in Effigy night. We want a winner. We want frog.

Moreover Frog has assured us that he will do the job for nothing. Thus this money could be applied to some academic area of the university. Better yet of course would be to do away with basketball altogether and use all the money for the academic interests which is why the university and the students should be heard in the first place.

##### FITZ BITZ OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT AND CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY AWARD

To the two Swedish scientists who found the worlds longest worm, 21 ft. It was found on a road between Alice and King Williamtown Cape Province South Africa.

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Fitz Bitz wishes to extend its thanks to the Fitzgeralds for the gift of the color TV for the lounge and to Chancellor Varner for the antenna. There should be an instructional booklet to aid you in its use.

# THANKS

#### GRIDIRON SONGS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

And the brain that gets laundered,  
They can make it pretty tough on you.

It seems that William Fulbright had an ancestor in the American revolution who wrote a song:

Stay away from Lexington,  
Don't set Boston free.  
Take good care of yourself-  
Let the redcoats be.

Beware of Valley Forge, Oh Oh  
Brandywine, Oh Oh  
Bunker Hill, Oh Oh  
Try to get along with Lord Cornwallis.

Don't you cross that Delaware  
When the wind blows free  
Take Good care of yourself-  
Let the Red Coats be.

Another Romney verse went like this:

Doom over Miami; Romney is not our cup  
His hazy mind, is worse I find,  
When he makes it up.

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I have never murdered anyone but I have  
often read the obituaries with a  
sense of satisfaction

Clarrence Darrow

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### Notice to our readers:

We wish to apologize for the lateness of this issue. We had planned publication on last Friday. However when we went to run off the paper on the Oakland Center ditto machine we were informed that that machine has now been designated an "administration machine" and that we as students could no longer use it. Fitz Ritz has been run off on the Oakland Center machine since its first issue over three years ago. We were informed that because we were students we must use the rather ancient hand crank machine whose copies are vastly inferior to those produced on the electric machine we have been using.

Indeed we have but another example of the absurd self centered banality of the Oakland Administration. Why don't we carry this trend to its logical conclusion. Why not set aside certain of the johns as "administration johns". Then we can close off the halls at certain times to grant the administrators free access to and from their offices without having to subject them to crowding by students whom they seem to forget are their meal ticket. Perhaps they would be happier without students altogether. They could then spend their time administrating among themselves.

Perhaps some other department has a machine that would still be available for students to use. Anything is better than the contraption in the student activities center. Then we could let the O.C. play their absurd little games on someone else.