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To the Editor:

There are a few of us on campus who from time to time feel the urge to protest the apparent death of and apathy toward intellectual activity that is so unbecoming of an institution of higher learning. There exist a few disenchanted souls who believe that the present philosophy of education excludes the proper atmosphere conducive to a true learning process. By a true learning process we do not mean that children should be taken into the woods and left there to run about any chasing butterflies, nor should they be forced into a highly structured, specialized, and compartmentalized system. The first tends to lead to an intolerance of man's acquired knowledge, and the second dehumanizes man to such an extent that the ultimate goal of education, to better man, is largely lost. Could this also explain why men are so displeased and bored with their lives? Some of us believe that a true learning process is that promulgated by the Renaissance philosophers who professed that the acquisition of knowledge should encompass the entire realm of man's intelligent achievement.

The Euphradian Society states in its goals a dedication to the acquisition of knowledge and the development of communication skills. As members of this society, we feel that our effort is sorely needed at this time to restore to the university a dedication to these goals so that the individual will receive a broad, liberal rather than a specialized, limited education. This latter type creates a person who is graduated with the limited knowledge and perception of one or two narrow fields, and is basically unprepared to conquer the important task of educating future generations.

In a proselytic effort to redirect the educational aims of the university to Euphradian Society declares war on the process of stagnation, specialization and dehumanization of left student population. We feel that the best strategy for defeating this nemesis of Real education is to renew liberal education with the widest focus of educational disciplines. Pursuant to this strategy, the Euphradian Society is sponsoring a four-week Speak-In with the goal of presenting a wide range of philosophical, scientific, political and educational ideas.

This Speak-In begins the eighth of February and continues on the three following Thursdays. The scheduled topics deal with genetic engineering (Future Shock) and its ramifications on man's social structures in the immediate future; the Humanistic concept of a liberal education and its potential for defeating the Marxian condition; the necessary involvement of the student in his socio-political system; and the effects of recent court rulings and potential constitutional amendments pertaining to civil rights and liberties. If you share our concern about being denied a true education in the American education system, we invite you to enlist with us to fight to renew the intellectual activity on this campus. We feel that this improved atmosphere is of necessity an integral part of the educational system.

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BARBITURATES—Secobarbital Sodium (Seconals, “reds,” Lily F-40’s), and the others—Turbolux, Nembutal, etc., constitute probably the most serious single drug problem we are now facing. If it’s not apparent to you yet, it will be very soon. Heroin is still there, and so is speed, bigger than life. But count the number of barb OD’s, accidental combination deaths when mixed with alcohol, and deaths caused by sudden withdrawal, and you will shudder. This is a community immune from the scourge of barbiturates. Cities are hit first, then rural areas. All are suffering from lack of adequate factual education, apathy and pre-conditioning through mass media to accept all pills.

Fact: At least one out of three family medicine cabinets contain some sort of barbiturate or addicting tranquilizer. Kids start as young as early grade school to find out what is in those interesting bottles.

Fact: The drug industry is drastically over-producing for normal demand in case of barbiturates. In many areas users order downers by name, i.e., Lily F-40’s. Often these will be obtained in original jars of 1000, it quite a markup over usual wholesale price. The profits feed the hard dope industry, just like profits of junk, perpetuating and strengthening this well-organized big business.

Fact: If you’re one of those people who is wondering, “why do they do it?”, remember that getting stoned on barbiturates is fun. It’s something like a super-alcohol high, with the inconvenience of getting sick practically gone. No muss, no fuss, no tell-tale breath. It’s an easy temporary escape from everyday problems like school and work and other hassles. Like we said, a temporary way out, which you pay back very shortly.

Fact: Most barbiturate over-doses are non-intentional, and happen not only to steady users but to business men, housewives, etc. a lot of these are due to alcohol being used in addition to the barbiturate, in which case the two substances potentiate each other, creating an over-dose.

If you’d like more information on barbiturates, there are lots of good sources, such as the Physicians Desk Reference, any American Pharmaceutical Association literature, and even good N.I.M.H. pamphlets. Unlike some other drugs today, everything bad you hear about downers, regardless of the source is probably true.

Barbiturates are probably most serious drug problem

GENETIC ENGINEERING

THE DEATH OF SEX
or
A New Dimension In Love?

By Dr. Wallace Dawson
7P.M. February 8, The Euphradian Hall, 3rd Floor, Harper College