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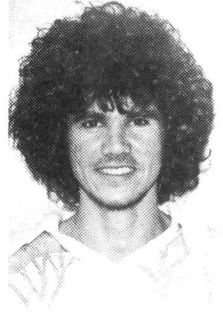
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## Rep. Rodino Examines Justice System Flaws

Beverly Osborne

Congressman Peter J. Rodino, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Dean of the New Jersey Delegation, spoke on the criminal justice system and its constitutional impact in an address given October 12.

Mr. Rodino opened his presentation with the more obvious results of the flaws in the criminal justice system, i.e., societal distrust as demonstrated by increased security measures, stringent search and seizure policies, and the constant fear of crime and violence. Mr. Rodino attempted to explain the growing national distrust as the final effect when "the law abiding citizen can no longer trust public officials with the authority which they have seen abused."

However, Congressman Rodino optimistically stated, "I cannot believe that the only way to ensure public safety is through the creation of a police state."

There appears to be a lack of a unified direction for reform. As the crime rate mounts, the debate among people concerned with rehabilitation and those demanding punishment becomes intensified. The general lack of direction perpetuates the fragmentation within the system, resulting in social and political alienation.

Recognizing the complexity of the problem, Mr. Rodino explained, "Seldom has reform been so urgent, and yet never have we been so uncertain as to the shape it should take."

The prison system does not seem to provide any solutions either, because the prisons "dehumanize those within them,

and they emerge more hardened and more hostile." Mr. Rodino pointed out that over eighty percent of all crimes committed are by those persons with at least one previous conviction.

If crime is a bleak reality, then what improvements can be made in the criminal justice system to help minimize it?

Congressman Rodino had three suggestions which he felt may aid in achieving the much needed reform:

1.) The need exists to adequately define the role of the criminal justice system in our society; it is necessary to first decide what it is we want the system to do. Mr. Rodino feels that the Federal Parole Reorganization Rights are "a small step in the right direction." These Rights should help alleviate the current problem of indiscriminate sentencing and provide guidelines for Federal judges, taking into consideration the previous number of offenses.

2.) In addition, the public must desire more legislative action for reform. The Law Enforcement Administration Act (LEAA) was the stepping stone upon which to build.

3.) The final measure must be achieved at the state levels, since the Federal government is limited on its intervention into the state legal codes. The most important premise to any reform measure, however, is the consent of the people, and it is necessary for the people themselves to establish guidelines, both legal and social.

Congressman Rodino concluded his address stating, "Although we may not have the solutions tonight, I hope that we can find them tomorrow."

## Students Elect Osborne As V.P.

Clint Danbury

By a margin of ten votes Beverly Osborne defeated Jae Emery for the office of Vice-President of the Student Government Association. Ms. Osborne received 167 of 324 votes cast, only 4 more than needed to win.

Beverly Osborne is the former chairperson of the Committee for the Promotion of Social Action.

More students voted in the Vice-Presidential election than any other race.

The second most contested race was that of the Senator at large, with 323 students voting. The undeclared category drew 99 voters and the career category had only 78 students voting.

New Senators elected include Carol Reeves, Shane Bruce, and Wally Biles from the undeclared category. From the at large category Pam Roberts, Cindy Glozier, and Jimmy Ellis were elected.

The career category was peculiar in its results. Seven candidates were running; however, there were no winners for the three available seats. This is because of the 78 votes cast, 40 were needed to win, and no one received this number of votes.

The elections for senators from the business category are to be rescheduled.

According to Rob Taylor, director of student activities,

"Due to a clerical error on the ballots in this category, the results were invalidated. The election will be held again on November 10-11 with the same candidates on the ballot."

The three unfilled seats from the at-large category along with the three from the career category will all be declared at-large and contested on Nov. 10-11.

According to Debra Peterson, chairperson of the Elections Committee, "Candidates who have already filed petitions will not need to file another petition. They may re-activate their petitions for Senator-at-large by sending a request to myself or Rob Taylor."

## Trend In Congress Counter-Environmental -Sen. Bayh

Beverly Osborne

Senator Birch Bayh, a member of the Judiciary and Appropriations Committee, addressed Clayton students in a sequence from the Lyceum lecture series concerning "Man and His Environment" on October 18 in G-132.

Senator Bayh has been active in other areas of legislation as well as that of the environment. Bayh, as chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments, authored the 25th amendment which enabled the 18-year-old to vote. The Equal Rights Amendment is also attributed to Bayh's subcommittee. In addition, he authored the first Federal Disaster Relief Act and proposed legislation which would abolish the Electoral College and provide for the direct election of the president.

Senator Bayh's lecture, entitled "The Environment: Its Political and Environmental Aspects", was a superficial discussion of the major ecological legislation currently being conducted in the Congress. The fundamental concern apparently seems to be focused on two

contradictory demands -- the need for environmental protection and maintaining the standard of living to which Americans have become accustomed.

Senator Bayh pointed out that the current trend in the Congress is counter-environmental. He feels this attitude is a reaction to the environmental legislation of the late 60's and early 70's, when these bills were given the "Good Housekeeping seal of approval with no real understanding of the consequences." Bayh proposes that the government consider the diverse ramifications of any legislation both on the environment and the economy.

In addition to the political alienating factors involved in legislating the environment, there is a widespread fear concerning the cost of such legislation. Senator Bayh noted that in 1974 the total cost per capita was approximately \$47.00. It is estimated that in order to meet the necessary measures to protect the environment, over 25% of the annual income per person must be channeled into this area. Senator Bayh states, "It will cost us to meet the environmental pressures

but this is the only planet we have."

The fear of job loss is a prominent concern among the work force who feel that ecological legislation will place stringent restraints on industry, causing numerous closures of factories and costing much needed employment. The clean air and clean water legislation now before the Senate, if passed, would result in the closure of 75 industrial plants and the job loss totaling to 15,710. Senator Bayh feels this is a minimal consequence, considering that these bills will create a total of 1.1 million jobs. He maintains that environmental legislation can be an "economic stimulator, providing more jobs than one loses."

However, the Senator is unwilling to accept the implementation of environmental protection measures on a double standard - one for big business and one for small business. It is necessary to enforce this legislation without regard to political pressures.

Senator Bayh moved from generalized environmental

protection issues to specific health problems this nation is currently facing. Addressing himself first to cancer, Senator Bayh pointed out that 60% of the cancer causing agents are found in or around the work area; therefore, the work force is constantly exposed to these agents. Bayh suggested the clean air and clean water bills may aid in alleviating the cancer situation by forcing industry to install protective equipment.

A controversy now raging in all segments of the society is the effect of fluorocarbons, as used in household propellants, on that strata of atmosphere known as the Ozone. Bayh admitted that no one can be certain of the impact of fluorocarbons on the Ozone because it takes about 10 years for these substances to reach that portion of the atmosphere. However, it has been estimated that a decrease in the Ozone by 10% would result in an increase in the incidence of the skin cancer by 20%. Bayh does not feel we can afford to gamble, and is calling for appropriate legislation - "we must come to grips with

these problems and do so right away."

The American people became acutely aware of another serious environmental issue shortly after the Arab oil embargo, that of energy. Bayh suggests that the United States develop new sources of energy and use the sources now available more economically. He maintains that a shift is needed from petroleum to the more abundant natural resource of coal. He states, "I am distressed because we have not developed our technology in the use of coal." Coal, however, can not be the sole solution, ecologists have projected that the coal supply will last approximately 200 years. The development of natural energy resources, such as the sun, wind, and tides, must be expedient and efficient in order to maintain replenishable energy sources.

Bayh concluded his address with a plea for action, "The ability to reconcile clean air and water with a healthy economy is up to you, the people. You must make sure legislators don't back down just because the political pressures get too great."

# NOW ON CAMPUS



## Major Barbara In Production

Major Barbara by George Bernard Shaw will be the fall production of Clayton Junior College Drama Workshop. Performances are scheduled for November 17, 18, and 19 in Room G-132 on the CJC campus and are open to the public free of charge.

Shaw's play is the story of the conflict which arises in a Victorian family headed by a munitions factory owner. Comedy erupts when the millionaire bombmaker tries to convert his daughter Barbara, a major in the Salvation Army, to the belief that "money and gunpowder," not God, make the world go 'round. In his play, Shaw is commenting upon the hypocrisy evident in the 'pillars' of society who praise the humility and patience of the poor, yet strive to acquire money and position. The factory owner, Undershaft, freely admits his desire to attain as much power and wealth as he can, in any way possible, for unless one is wealthy, it is impossible to do anything else. The conclusion of Major Barbara shows the conversion of one of these two main characters. The question is: Will "money and gunpowder" or the Salvation Army triumph?

Major Barbara is produced by students in the Drama Workshop at CJC. Cast members and production crew are: Shane Bruce, Margaret Connolly, Eva Craig, Bill Douglas, Jae Emery, Cindy Glozier, Susan Green, Tom Grindle, Julie Hinton, Tricia McDonough, Mary Manza, James Montjoy, Lisa Nicholas, Terry Reagin, Carol Reeves, and Mike Steinmetz. The play is directed by Kristen Allen, Instructor of Speech and Drama, and is sponsored by the CJC Lyceum program.

Performances will be presented at Noon on Wednesday, November 17, at 6:10 pm on Thursday, November 18, and at 7:30 pm on Friday, November 19. For further information, contact Kristen Allen at 363-7570.

## Library Host Art Exhibition

Georgia artist Karen Hennessee will be exhibiting several works from her private collection, entitled "Fantasy," at CJC, beginning Monday, November 1. The show, which will continue through Wednesday, November 10, will be on display in the CJC Library, and the public will be invited without cost. Ms. Hennessee has returned to Atlanta after studying in New York City at Parson's School of Design and at the Art Students League of New York City. The Georgia native received her degree in art from Georgia Southern College and has displayed works

at South Georgia College, the Savannah Art Association, Callonwalde Art Center and the Atlanta High Museum art shop. "Fantasy" is a culmination of ideas and insights expressed through artistic works according to Ms. Hennessee. The collection includes paintings, drawings, and sculptured pottery. When questioned about the collection the Georgia-born artist says that it's merely "a result of freedom in imaginative color and form." For additional information the show contact the Office of the Dean of Students at CJC (363-7556).

## Two Exposures To Poet Hollander

Jean McClure  
On October 14, and 15 poet, John Hollander, delighted many with his "saying" of some of his poetry; some taken from his published works and some from manuscript. Beginning both the Thursday evening readings and the Friday morning lecture periods with "Lady's Maid Song" he captured the interest of his audience quickly. This is a charming "ditty" based on the use and abuse of "Adam's Rib". Some of his other productive efforts were Eyes, The Game, The Dream, and The Other Route. From The Old Guitar came this line in explanation of what his playing the guitar might sound like - "like the running water of a midnight river running deep inside a closed book."  
Notable quotes from his lectures include:  
"Paranoia is a necessary part of life."  
"Naming, in a sense, is the essence of poetry."  
"Work, half murmuring - left humming, would be as serious as play."  
"The world is an image of our imagination - our imaginations not an image of the world."  
"If poems are to be available at all they have to be able to be mistaken in some way."  
"All the time I find myself not having understood something that I had read many years before."  
Modern poetry has a very basic function - it is a teaching thing."  
The only kind of education that is real (any good at all) leads you to keep going: poetry produces a walking example of education that does go on."  
American poets started wandering through American landscape saying, "What does it mean?" (Emerson is a good example), and poet Hollander gave this warning: "If you leave certain voices and things out of your poems, a lot of those you do not want to be there will creep in."

Eric Quincy Tate

Live In Concert

8 p.m. Friday Nov. 5

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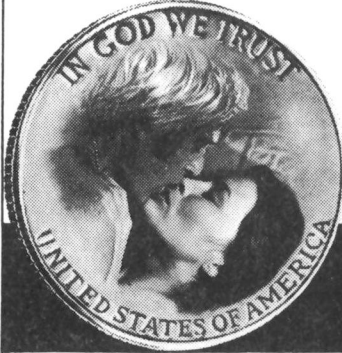
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A meeting of the Young Democrats of Clayton County will take place on November 20 at Morrow City Hall; it will be open to the public and participation is encouraged.

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On Tuesday, November 9, Ms. Mary Ann Neville will be speaking on "Man and His Environment" in Room G-132 at 7:00 p.m.


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