

Editorials

What happened to UN Day?

It has come, and undoubtedly it will leave with little or no recognition. United Nations Day — today, October 24. Last year, U.N. Day did not even receive recognition in THE GRANTONIAN. At least National Newspaper Week got some publicity this year. Even last year, a small particle of space was reserved for National Newspaper Week.

U.N. DAY—its purpose is to stress relations between countries. In the past, language clubs have gotten together for some kind of celebration—last year the French and Russian Clubs had a joint party. This year, even they have all but forgotten U.N. Day.

It must be conceded, however, that a U.N. Day banner will be displayed in center hall. But, this banner is two-three years old, and has been hidden away in the activities office since the first time it was placed on display.

Why must U.N. Day be cast aside as if it was "Just another day that everyone seems to have forgotten?" Especially in these times, when peace talks, and moon walks are occurring.

It seems as if U.N. Day should be more fully stressed, not less recognized. In today's age, when peace for all mankind is so vitally needed, perhaps U.N. Day could be another "small step for man, but a giant leap for mankind."



'What's my next line?' Members of the Drama department rehearse for their upcoming presentation of "The Crucible." Matinee and evening performances will be given on November 17-18.



Cinema Scene

by Mary Ann Hutton

A three-hour rendition of the Hall-lujah Chorus goes to the makers of "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" for coming up with a western different enough to be enjoyed by western-haters.

ALTHOUGH BASED on the "Same Old Story" of two frivolous, fearless bandits the film is injected with the right amount of one-liners, comical situations and mutual sarcasm to be very laughable. Simultaneously, the fast action and plentiful suspense keeps the story moving.

Butch Cassidy (Paul Newman) assists the famous Sundance Kid (Robert Redford) in numerous bank and train robberies until the railroad company hires the best law enforcement officers and trackers in the country to gun them down.

AFTER AN exhausting flight in which Butch and Sundance narrowly escape with their lives, they decide to move to Bolivia ("Somewhere around South or Central America") along with their "mutual" friend Etta (Katherine Ross) who Sundance claims as his girl.

They find Bolivia made up mostly of Spanish pigs and chickens with enough banks to make life interesting.

THEIR THRIVING career is cut short, however, by the gang originally hired to liquidate them. To let their reputation cool a bit, they decide to go straight. The only job available to them is, of all things, parole guards. With the parole held up in spite of them, they find themselves once again camped out in the woods, where Etta decides she has endured all she can and returns to the United States.

To stay under cover Butch and the Kid pull only small jobs but are eventually identified anyway. What results is the final shoot-out between the fearless duo and what seems to be 80 percent of the South American armed forces.

It is a reservoir of action and suspense presented in a humorous manner—a real surprise to those who have not seen the renovations in modern new westerns.

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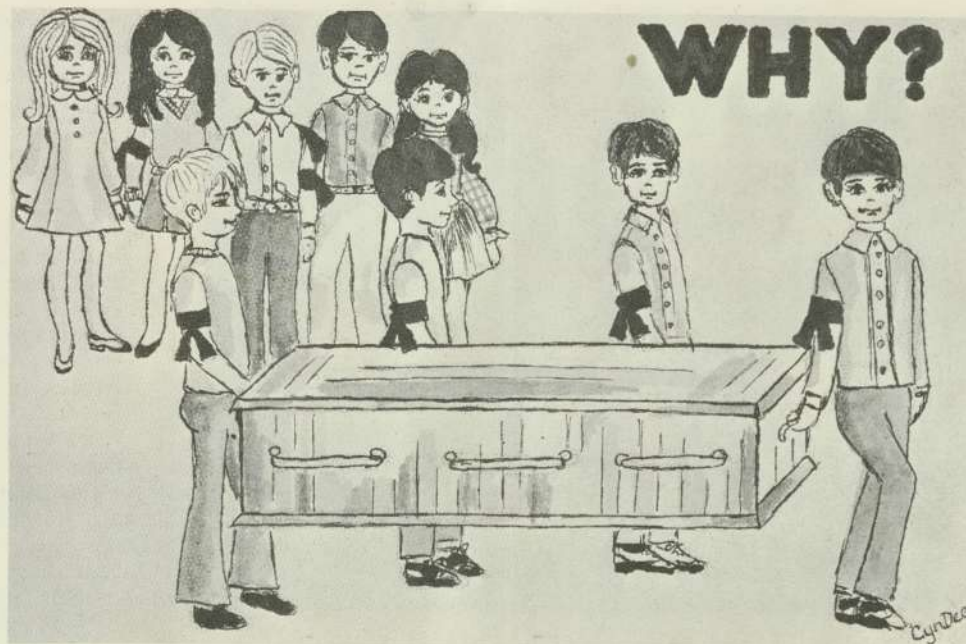
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Moratorium Day — useful or useless?



It is over now, but did it really accomplish anything? The Moratorium, that is. It was scheduled to go off October 15 and it did just that. Thousands of people from all over the United States joined in a nationwide protest against the Vietnam War. Over all, the Moratorium established one thing—it was a peaceful march. So far President Nixon has not responded to the protestors' demands. He commented that the march "would have no effect" on the action he takes in Viet Nam; maybe he was not kidding.

With the Moratorium over, the press has tried to explore five options on the way to get out of Vietnam. Should we just pack up and leave? If we do this we are denying the right of 40,000 boys who have already died in the war the right to live. Is this really fair? What makes us so much better than them? Packing up and leaving won't really accomplish anything, and it might let Communism spread.

The next option that was brought up was just to win the war. A group of hawks in the Senate believe military victory is only attainable if the United States would mine or bomb North Vietnam's leading port, flood the Red River Delta of North Vietnam, openly extend the war to Communist hideouts and staging areas in Cambodia and Laos, and resume selective but rigorous bombing of North Vietnam. Maybe these examples aren't such a bad idea, but we haven't won the war yet, so what makes anyone think we can do it now?

The next option explored was a standstill cease-fire route. It has been suggested that the U.S. propose, as part of a political-military package, a "standstill cease-fire" not a simple cease-fire which would mean both sides would lay down their arms, but a cease-fire that recognizes the political and military validity. If this occurs there is going to be at least one person on both sides that will refuse to lay his arms down and the war will still go on.

If you protested against the Vietnam war, did you stop to consider what it did to the fighting men in Vietnam? Do you think it boosted their morale, or upset them because they want to fight this war out and win? No one can really answer this except the boys that are over there now.

It is no wonder that nothing can be accomplished in the Paris Peace talks, because with us protesting to get out of the war, the North Vietnamese realize that if they can hang on a little longer the U.S. might pull out and the North Vietnamese will have what they wanted anyway—South Vietnam. Is it really worth it to pull out of the war now since we have gone this far? If we do we have lost everything, including South Vietnam, to North Vietnam.



'What number were we calling?' Jan Cumpston and Chris Scott use the new phone booth on 36th and Grant Place. The phone was installed as a result of General Council legislation last year.

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