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## York-Hi

The York-Hi is really pretty good this year. At least it's a lot better than last year. Back then, though it denied it up and down, it was really the "voice of the administration." But this year this is not the case. In its editorials, the paper has taken significant stands against the administration and its policies. In the first issue, an editorial about the fate of Yorkshire Hall accurately pointed the folly of Mr. Stacy's plan to keep Yorkshire Hall empty and the cafeteria packed during lunch periods. In the homecoming issue, the editor said he was against the election of royalty at homecoming: pretty radical for the official student newspaper. Also this year, there has been a lot more space given to individual student opinion, something that was not encouraged and rarely done last year.

The overall impression of the York-Hi this year is a good one. However there are still a few problems. A lot of the articles are not so well written or a little boring. There is still a tendency to be over-objective resulting in inconclusive-

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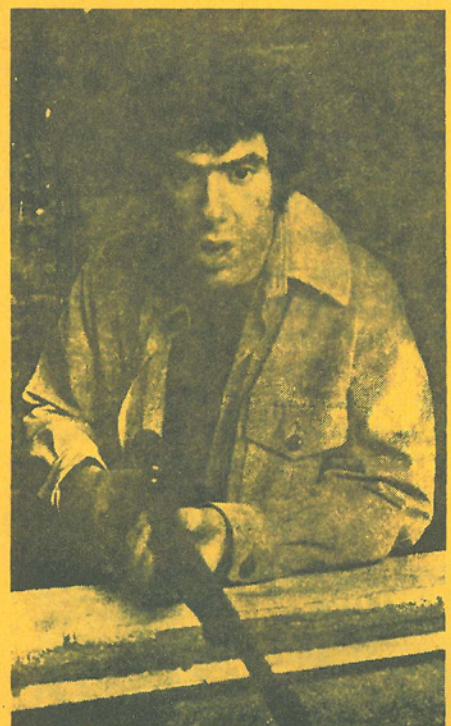
**P.E.**  
ISSUE

### *Puff or no Puff*

A student smoking lounge seems to be the hot topic around York these days. Many students have been crying for a place to smoke now for many months. At the present time, it seems to be the administration which is slowing down the achievement of this goal.

In an interview staged by the York-Hi, Mr. Stacy emphasized his opposition to a smoking area. Fine. But now he is employing the old trick of assigning a study commission to review the question. If by some freak chance this parent-student-faculty committee reaches a decision, it will be reviewed by Mr. Stacy for awhile and then sent to the Board of Education for more consideration (sort of reminds you of our US government, doesn't it?) There's a chance we might find out whether or not we'll receive a student smoking area by next June. But the worst part is that Mr. Stacy still has the final word over the matter and considering his shutting of the student lounge and the apathy displayed by the Student Council, it is unlikely we'll ever see little puffs of smoke rise within the walls of York.

At the present time, most smokers are in a predicament. They can sit on school but can't smoke. They can smoke off school but can't sit. Not only will you have a lot of grateful student smokers, but the loitering problem off school just might subside and the neighbors will like that.



"Return to gym? Never!"



# AIR PIRACY and the FBI

Does man (either individually or as a group) have the right to terminate another man's life either directly or indirectly?

This question arose again a few weeks ago during an airline hijacking. The circumstances of the hijacking were as follows: A pirated plane stopped to refuel in Jacksonville, Fla. J. Edgar's pawns however refused to allow fuel or any supplies to reach the plane. The motive of course to make it clear to the hijacker that it was impossible to continue with his plans. The FBI, however, failed to take into account the unpredictable behavior of humans. The pilot did realize it, and notified the tower that unless fuel was sent, he would be shot. The FBI still refused to issue the fuel. To make sure the plane wouldn't leave, the tires were shot out along with one of the engines by the FBI. As the pilot had said, he was shot.

Maybe foiling a hijacking in such a manner is good for the ego, but it does nothing for human rights. This isn't the first time a life was risked when the FBI decided to play Mr. Hero. A gunman who was holding a woman hostage was shot by an FBI agent last summer. Who's to say that the gunman couldn't have pulled the trigger as being fired upon?

Maybe the FBI can't stand to let a criminal get away, but do they have the right to risk a life just to stop a crime? Is it a just government action to say it's all right to risk a pilot's life? How much respect would you have for our government if you had been that pilot trying to tell an earless tower that you might be killed? An airline company would probably much rather let a hijacking progress than risk the life of one of its pilots or passengers.

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ness, though not near as much as before. Another problem is the length of each issue. Several issues have been only four pages minus ads. Although easy to understand how difficult it may be to get an issue together, with a staff of 43 people, surely the York-Hi can do better than four pages.

The problems of this year's York-Hi are really insignificant considering the miraculous improvement over last year's paper. These problems are not unconquerable and the current staff of the York-Hi can probably handle them.

### WANTED

Guy wanted to hike and camp with soph. girl. Must be able to carry heavy backpack and have a real interest in hiking. No sex maniacs, rah-rahs, or other like perverts. If you wish to contact me, leave an envelope with your name and phone number inside a box marked Hiking in the Student Council office. If you must see me personally, I am in the SC office 6th period.  
THIS AD IS NOT A JOKE!!

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## Coroner's Inquest 10th issue

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# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

It's that time of day again. Time for a stimulating class of P.E.

Gas masks are issued at the door. After climbing over the bodies of the last period, you reach your locker. Opening it, you expect to find a hook-up to a giant Right Guard can. Once you have unglued your suit from the locker and unravelled it from itself, you may begin to dress. Oh, it feels so good to put on a gym suit still gooey from the day before! You can begin to see your street shirt shrivel as you put it in the locker. A whistle is blown, the lights dim (how romantic) and everyone rises and leaves like trained apes. (Even L.A. smog would seem sweet after leaving that locker room!) The gym teachers put on their hate masks and the abusing begins. Only the Joe-athletes escape their wrath. Now the teacher has his fun because he can play general. At the whistle, everyone lines up at attention. Oh what a regiment. Smile general smile. "You get a zero; your socks have purple pin stripes." "You get a zero; your shirt is not tucked in." "You get a zero; you're not looking straight ahead with your hands at your side!" Then comes cal. Oh what fun! During this time, the teachers give their monologue: "What the hell you show up for you meathead?" "Hey man, glad to see you could drop in today for coffee." "Quit jaggng around over there or you'll lose your chops." "Now get lost. Go bury yourself."\* Not only can they recite their monologue but they can play "King"! All the little peasants stand there doing the bend and reach exercise, bowing to their master. Smile King smile. Then comes the lesson of the day, something which will benefit and help you all your life, like pinning your friend on a wrestling mat, high jumping, dribbling around a bunch of chairs, or straddling a horizontal bar: just any old everyday maneuver. Near the end of the period, the class heads back toward the locker room. Putty knives are issued at the door to peel off the uniform, anti-freeze before entering the shower, and after the shower, each student gets a "clean" towel washed and scented at Joe Skunk's Laundry. Each student then rushes to his locker to retrieve his shirt before it decays.

\*direct quotes from York's confirmed sadists

There is nothing wrong with physical education. That is, there is nothing wrong with the idea of PE. Physical fitness is very important and since almost everybody has given up walking and other forms of exercise, the school is about the only place left for a program of physical fitness. There is nothing wrong with spending some time running, playing sports or just exercising. However, the PE system currently used is very wrong and worthless.

One of the basic problems with gym is its preoccupation with competition. In track, you are running not for the exercise but against somebody or something, like a clock. In things like basketball, mastering the basic fundamentals of the game are put aside to get to the real important things like having big tournaments. This over-emphasis has some bad effects. For one, it puts those who are especially talented in the most important spots in the class, and the less good are left behind. In the example of basketball, those who are really good take and keep control of the ball and the others don't really get a chance to play. Probably the worst effect that gym class competition has is that it often sours the people who aren't very good in gym on the whole idea of exercise. They just get tired of trying when they keep getting beaten and feel the whole thing is worthless. And because of this, they hate all other forms of physical activity like walking, bicycling, or just shooting baskets.

Gym teachers are also a basic problem with the gym program. Maybe they do this subconsciously but nevertheless gym teachers ignore those who aren't all-star athletes and if they don't ignore them, make fun of them. All too often people who aren't real talented and sure of themselves are afraid to try because the rest of the class, led by the teacher, will laugh at them.

There is probably no hope for gym class for the time being because almost everybody in high school or near it hates PE. The only things that might help would be first to make it a pass/fail course. This would take some emphasis off grades and competition. Another thing that might help would be for everyone to



## Where do you stand?

(The following is a brochure issued by Illinois Citizens for Smith (Ralph Tyler) which would hopefully, according to this group, attract you to Smith.)

ARE YOU REALLY THE LIBERAL OR CONSERVATIVE YOU THINK YOU ARE? READ THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS AND CHECK THE STATEMENT WHICH COMES CLOSEST TO YOUR POINT OF VIEW.

I think President Nixon was right in sending US troops into Cambodia, because the Communists use Cambodia as a base for attacking US troops in South Vietnam. By destroying those bases, many American lives will be saved and the war will be ended sooner.

The President was wrong in sending US troops into Cambodia--- regardless of his reasons.



If students want their schools closed, they have a right to close them.

I believe it is wrong to let students force our colleges and universities to close.

I oppose the bussing of children from one school district to another to achieve racial balance in the schools.

Bussing is a healthy thing, for black and white children alike.

The Federal government should increase spending on welfare and related programs.

I think the Federal government is spending too much money on welfare programs.

I think the defendants in the recent Chicago 7 conspiracy trial were treated fairly by Judge Hoffman.

The trial was a mess. Judge Hoffman did not give the defendants a fair chance.

I am for stronger laws to curb the sale and distribution of pornographic material.

We should not restrict the freedom of publishers or movie producers to produce or sell any material they choose.

We should end the war immediately at any cost---even if it means surrendering South Vietnam to the Communists.

I oppose surrendering South Vietnam to the Communists.

I think the Black Panthers are a dangerous organization.

The Black Panthers are being jailed simply because the "establishment" does not agree with them.

I believe we should continue to work for a negotiated peace in Southeast Asia while continuing our program of troop withdrawal.

If the Communists refuse to negotiate with us, we should withdraw all of our troops immediately.

Law enforcement officials are too hard on protesters.

I am in favor of taking a stronger stand against protesters who engage in violence on the campus and in our communities.

I think it is better to fight the Communists in Southeast Asia today, than to fight them on American soil tomorrow.

We should not fight the Communists unless they attack the United States directly.

The police and other officials are really to blame for much of the trouble we've had with demonstrators and protesters.

I believe that most of the trouble is caused by demonstrators and protesters who deliberately try to provoke the authorities.

I believe Judge Hoffman was right in sentencing the defendants and their lawyers for contempt of court.

In my opinion, Judge Hoffman was wrong.

People have the right to protest in any manner because it is the only way they can get the "establishment" to listen to them.

I believe there is too much permissiveness in our society today. People must have respect for law and order.



## Ready to Kill

Written in 1916 by CARL SANDBURG

Ten minutes now I have been looking at this.  
I have gone by here before and wondered about it.  
This is a bronze memorial of a famous general  
Riding horseback with a flag and a sword and a  
revolver on him.

I want to smash the whole thing into a pile of  
junk to be hauled away to the scrap yard.

I put it straight to you,  
After the farmer, the miner, the shop man, the  
factory hand, the fireman and the teamster,  
Have all been remembered with bronze memorials,  
Shaping them on the job of getting all of us  
Something to eat and something to wear,  
When they stack a few silhouettes

Against the sky  
Here in the park,

And show the real huskies that are doing the work of  
the world, and feeding people instead of  
butchering them,

Then maybe I will stand here

And look easy at this general of the army holding a  
flag in the air,

And riding like hell on horseback

Ready to kill anybody that gets in his way,

Ready to run the red blood and slush the bowels  
of men

all over the sweet new grass of the prairie.



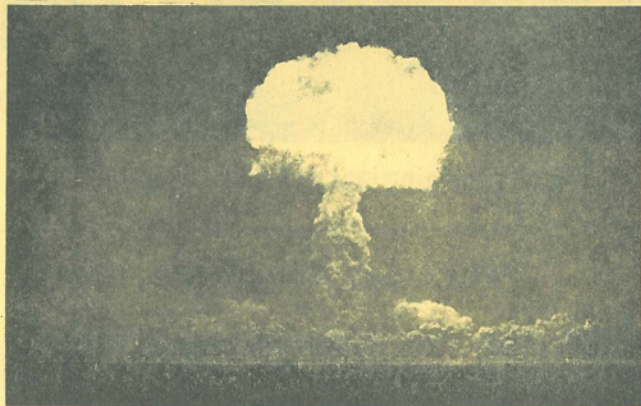
## I Love My Flag

from the INDUSTRIAL WORKER

April 14, 1917

I love my flag, I do, I do,  
Which floats upon the breeze  
I also love my arms and legs,  
And neck and nose and knees.  
One little shell might spoil them all  
Or give them such a twist  
They would be of no use to me  
I guess I won't enlist.

I love my country, yes, I do,  
I hope her folks do well.  
Without our arms and legs and things,  
I think we'd look like hell.  
Young men with faces half shot off  
Are unfit to be kissed,  
I've read in books it spoils their looks;  
I guess I won't enlist.



## War Prayer

MARK TWAIN--1905



Lord our Father, our young patriots, idols of our hearts,  
go forth to battle---be thou near them! With them---in spir-  
it---we also go forth from the sweet peace of our beloved  
firesides to smit the foe. O Lord, Our God, help us tear  
their soldiers to bloody shreds with our shells; help us to  
cover their smiling fields with the pale forms of their  
patriot dead; help us to drown the thunder of their guns with the  
shrieks of their wounded, writhing in pain; help us to lay waste their  
humble homes with a hurricane of fire; help us to wring the hearts of  
their unoffending widows with unavailing grief; help us to turn them  
out roofless with their little children to wander unfriended the wastes  
of the desolated land in rags and hunger and thirst...



# BIG C.I. CONTEST

## WIN PRIZES!

### "Coroner's Inquest" Essay Contest

In their never ending quest for public opinion, the "Coroner's Inquest" has decided to sponsor a big, gala contest in which anyone and everyone can express their opinion about the most hated institution of York High School, gym class. This is an essay contest, so in 25 words more or less write what you like or dislike about gym. Winners will be picked on originality, humor, seriousness, or unusual nature. The five best entries will be awarded one free subscription to "Coroner's Inquest" (wow) and one free candy bar of our choice. Sorry, no more than five entries can win because anymore would cost us entirely too much money and we are pretty chintzy. Winning entries will be printed in the following issue of CI and all will be dumped in the PE office. Let the students be heard.



"Twenty jumping jacks! Ready...Begin!"

### Where do you stand? con't

Count the number of statements you have checked which begin with the word "I." If you checked 7 or more statements which begin with the word "I," you have a definite "conservative" viewpoint, as the majority of people do in Illinois. Your spokesman is US Senator Ralph Tyler Smith, Through him, the majority speaks! If you checked more than 7 statements that do not begin with the word "I," your outlook is "liberal." Chief spokesman for Illinois liberals is Adlai E. Stevenson III.  
(Peto-Bismal is available in the cafe)

### Physical Education con't

elect the gym classes they wanted to take so people who didn't like wrestling or any other sport would not have to take it. Although the state requires four years of gym, the best solution to the current problem would be to make gym mandatory for 4 semesters that could be fulfilled at anytime in four years of high school and provide elective courses that covered the more difficult skills in each sport. This would allow those interested in a specific sport to concentrate on becoming more proficient at that and not be distracted by things that don't interest them.

Gym class could be good. It is good and right for each person to use his body and exercise. But gym class should not be a daily torture that everyone suffers as it is now.



The streets of our country are in turmoil. The universities are filled with students rebelling and rioting. Communists are seeking to destroy our country...The republic is in danger from within and without. We need law and order or our nation cannot survive.

Adolf Hitler 1932