

Weak Economy Hurts Students In Summer

EDITOR:

President Nixon, in his plan to curtail America's rising inflation, has perhaps overlooked an extremely important development in the situation. A small but significant recession caused by interest increases and cutbacks in federal expenditures has naturally evolved, and both large and small businesses have reported quarterly losses. But, most important, unemployment has risen.

What of unemployment? At present, the unemployment rate has almost doubled to 4.8% of the working population. That is an increase of almost one million from last year.

Automotive, aviation, and light-production blue collar workers, and some white-collar personnel have felt the sting of joblessness. Some of these unfortunate have most likely experienced such financial crises before, but now more and more have joined their ranks.

It is no longer easy to say that jobs are in abundance, for they are not. Workers cannot feel confident that their positions will be restored once seasonal lags have passed, for these lags have elapsed into even greater ones.

Now where, may I ask, are the summer jobs going for the millions of individuals looking for or already holding the jobs that have been traditionally open to college students and high school youths.

Students who need \$1,000 to \$3,000 per year to put themselves through school are not going to find the opportunity to do so this summer. Can we foresee disappointment, a hint of resentment towards the Establishment, perhaps, a physical reaction from our unemployed students?

The first two counts are unmistakably present, the last hopefully avoidable. As matters stand right now, I personally am concerned about this summer's future, for this summer will perhaps be the longest tension-ridden season our country has yet to endure. Without security, without the assurance of "money in the pocket", our youth are going to be kindling the fires of our country's framework.

RONALD F. ZANG
Livonia

READERS' FORUM

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A Dedicated Hospital Staff

EDITOR:

The sign over the Garden City Osteopathic Hospital says, "Dedicated to Service." This certainly applies to the nurses on the second floor of this hospital.

I am writing this letter to say thanks to them for kindness and dedication towards my brother-in-law, Delbert Pyke. Delbert died in February and this thanks is very late.

Delbert entered the hospital in January for the last time; a cancer patient, 34 years old. He was well known in the hospital because his disability returned him quite often.

We were always thankful when he was admitted at Garden City. What a difference from the hospitals in the large city! I found a friendly atmosphere with sincerity and dedication and perhaps a knowledge from God about life and death. This kindness was shown not only from the doctors and nurses but from the aides as well.

On one occasion, one of the nurses on the afternoon shift worked with him, an hour or more of her own time, beyond the end of her shift. This certainly was the sign of a very dedicated person. She was working with a very precious being, a person's life, and apparently has dedicated herself to the service of mankind.

Another nurse would look after him, comb his hair, move his pillow and to the bed, fluff his pillow and a little extra things that mean so much.

Delbert, or Pyke as we called him, had a wonderful outlook on death, and met it very graciously. His attitude about death was a tremendous inspiration to several ministers and priests. I received similar inspiration about human kindness from the staff on the second floor at the hospital.

I would like to say thank you, a little late, but thank you very much.

GEORGE H. PETRENA JR.
Cement City, Mich

Raps Price Of Movies

EDITOR:

"I'll answer your letter and make you look like nothing."

This is the final statement I received from the manager of the Cinema 1 and Elvira Cinema. I had called to complain about the price of the movie "Puffnust".

I also told the manager I was writing the Observer Newspapers.

"Maybe he will make me look like nothing," I'll take my chances.

Here is my complaint. Movies may or may not be "better than ever," but one thing for sure, they certainly are overpriced. My children will have to miss "Puffnust," that "delight for the entire family," and catch it on TV in a year or so. This has happened often in the past.

When I asked why the price for children was raised from 75 cents to \$1, the answer was, "We have to charge that way for a first-run movie."

"Sleeping Beauty" is playing at all the times and prices so the people, especially fathers, can see how convenient and cheap they are. One thing doesn't seem to be the prices were set for you, Mr. Manager, do you?

There's only one way to bring prices down. Take the movie out of the library, on a picnic, to parks and recreation centers, the Y, anywhere, hit 'em where it hurts: the box office.

MRS. DONNA CARI
Livonia

Unequal Treatment

EDITOR:

A popular historical axiom says most great nations have been destroyed from within instead of from without. It is my opinion that the greatest threat to the United States also comes from within our borders.

I am not speaking of a monolithic conspiracy of either the right or left wing of political thought. The problems of a country are only as big as the problems of its individual citizens, and we as individuals are suffering from the loss of personal principle.

Dr. Thomas Kirkman has recently pointed out an interesting statement of the well-known historian Arnold Toynbee. Mr. Toynbee says that one of the signs of a dying culture is the failure of its faith, in that the individual no longer has absolutes by which to live.

We talk of things as new or old, expedient or inept, profitable or non-profitable. Should we not speak of right and wrong, good and bad, righteousness and sin?

We will never alleviate the racism in our society until we conquer the hatred in our own hearts. We will not purge the atmosphere of pollution until we purify the stygian stables of our minds. We will eliminate greed and power unless we do something about our own immoderate spirit.

Let us begin the task of curing the ills of our country by starting within ourselves and setting an example for others to follow.

HENRY W. HOOT
Farmington

15 Receive Degrees At Dearborn

Fifteen Observerland residents received degrees from the University of Michigan's Dearborn campus at a commencement ceremony.

Garden City-Mavon J. Hartwig Jr., 3330 Florence, BS in mathematics, and Catherine M. McCarthy, 312 Deering, BA.

Livonia-Billie C. Hoobler, 3328 Allen, BA in education; Sandra Jinks, 14001 Elm, BA in economics; Jean E. Person, 2624 Joy, BA; Ellen W. Rumble, 2958 Bobrich, BA in education; Jacqueline R. White, 2558 Leon, BA in education; Jonnie B. Smith, 15595 Woodside, BA; Viva M. Steiber, 14140 Hubbard Rd., BA in education; and Jacqueline R. White, 2558 Leon, BA in education.

Plymouth-Patrick A. Ruelle, 35500 Warren, BS in mechanical engineering.

Westland-Sandra L. Davies, 34024 Fountain Blvd., BA in English; Agnes H. Koonas, 33819 Florence, BA; Wayne Rutynski, 34328 Hively, bachelor's of business administration; and Margaret A. Shea, 2720 Mackenzie, BA in social studies.

Forced Diet

In 1336, King Edward II of England ruled that certain servants, merchants and artisans could eat only one meal of meat or fish a day. In 1443, in Scotland, pigs and hogs were not to be eaten only by a baron or higher ranking nobleman.

ALMA ROSSON, Funeral services for Mrs. Rossen of Dearborn were held in the Northrup Funeral Home, Dearborn, with Rev. Carl Schultz officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

Mrs. Rossen, a former Plymouth resident, died June 13. She is survived by her husband, Harry, and a son, Gerald W. (Lard).



ROSINA RAYMOND, wife of Livonia Councilman Jerry Raymond, is greeted by Sen. Ted Kennedy and wife, Joan, at a Southfield gala for Sen. Philip Hart. Kennedy was the star attraction at the fund-raiser for his fellow Democratic senator. (Observer photo)

5 Parties On Fall Ballot

Voters will be able to choose between three parties in Michigan's primary election Aug. 4 and five parties in the Nov. 3 general election. Secretary of State James M. Hare has disclosed.

The five party choices in November are two less than in 1968 when an all-time high of seven parties were on the ballot.

Besides the Republican and Democrat, the other parties qualifying for a spot in November are the Socialist Workers, and Socialist Labor. Two parties which qualified in 1968 - New Politics and Prohibition - did not qualify this year.

MINORITY parties must gain at least 1% of the votes cast for the successful election of the state to automatically qualify for a spot on the general election ballot.

Cycle Classes Slated

Instruction in basic skills of motorcycle operation will be offered beginning July 5 as a joint venture of the Pontiac School District and the Traffic Improvement Association of Oakland County (TIA).

The course will be conducted at Pontiac Northern High School and will consist of 12 hours of instruction, including six hours practice on an off-street range and six hours classroom instruction in special operating techniques.

Motorcycles and helmets will be provided by Anderson Sales and Service as a public service.

A TIA spokesman stated that there are two basic reasons for inaugurating this training. First, accident statistics show that a high percentage of injuries occur to novices during the first few weeks of their operating experience.

Second, as of June 1 of this year, a new state law requires a special endorsement on a license of a driver who operates a motorcycle on the public streets and highways of Michigan.

A registration fee of \$15 will be charged for the instruction. Persons interested in enrolling for the course should call Pontiac Northern High School, 338-4505, extension 36.

Coho Rules Liberalized

Hook and line fishing rules for taking salmon were liberalized last week by Michigan's Natural Resources Commission in a move to maximize the take-home catch of coho and chinook from the state's waters.

The commission lifted last year's weight restrictions on salmon hook and line fishing, which made it virtually impossible to catch coho and chinook in fast-flowing streams.

The liberalized rules approved by the commission also raise the legal size of salmon fishing hooks for inland waters to 4 inch, that measuring between the point of the hook and shank. That larger hook size, increased from last year's 3 inch limit, is considered better for taking big fish, notably chinook, some of which are expected to hit 50 pounds or more this season.



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AREA DEATHS AND FUNERALS

STELLA MAE STAMPER, 68, of Hartland Township, died June 20 in the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Hartland. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

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