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# THE INK WELL

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## Dick Gregory Speaks At ASC

Dick Gregory was this year's Committee of Creating and Performing Arts first lecturer. He spoke on Thursday, October 1, and was greeted by a standing ovation from a near capacity crowd of Armstrong and Savannah State students in the new Student Center.

Gregory stated that the major problems confronting America today have been caused by man's violation of nature's universal laws. He illustrated this point by using several

analogies, one of which concerned a coffee pot and a group of people living in a one room kitchenette.

Several people wanted a cup of coffee and put the pot on to boil. In the back on the top bunk John Mitchell was playing penny poker. The whistling of the boiling water annoyed him, and he sent two federal marshals to plug up the hole. Gregory explained that the whistling was nature's

warning of a universal law. (Water will change from liquid to steam at a certain temperature no matter what man does.) When the coffee pot blew, everyone got burned.

This is similar to the situation in America today. Nature is warning us through a moral force (concerned young Americans) that know that too many of nature's universal laws have been violated.

Gregory stated that democracy as set down in the U.S. Constitution is the best form of government, but he believed that this is not the form of democracy that is here today. If democracy could be perfected as in the U.S.

Constitution, he felt that everyone would want to live by it; then there would be no need to use guns to ram it down people's throats.

On May 4, 1970, four students at Kent State University were killed by national guardsmen. Two hundred years before on Boston Commons four colonists were killed by British

soldiers. During this Boston Massacre the shot heard round the world was fired. From 1770 to 1776, there was a development in the concept of

democracy that the world had never seen. Gregory reasoned that perhaps 1970 to 1976 will show another radical change in democracy.

## New Political Science Course Offered

Political Science 400, a seminar entitled Religious Consciousness and Political Idealism: A Comparative Study of Selected Works of Emile Durkheim, Fustel de Coulanges, Herbert Marcuse and Michael Oakeshott, will be offered in the Winter Quarter of 1971.

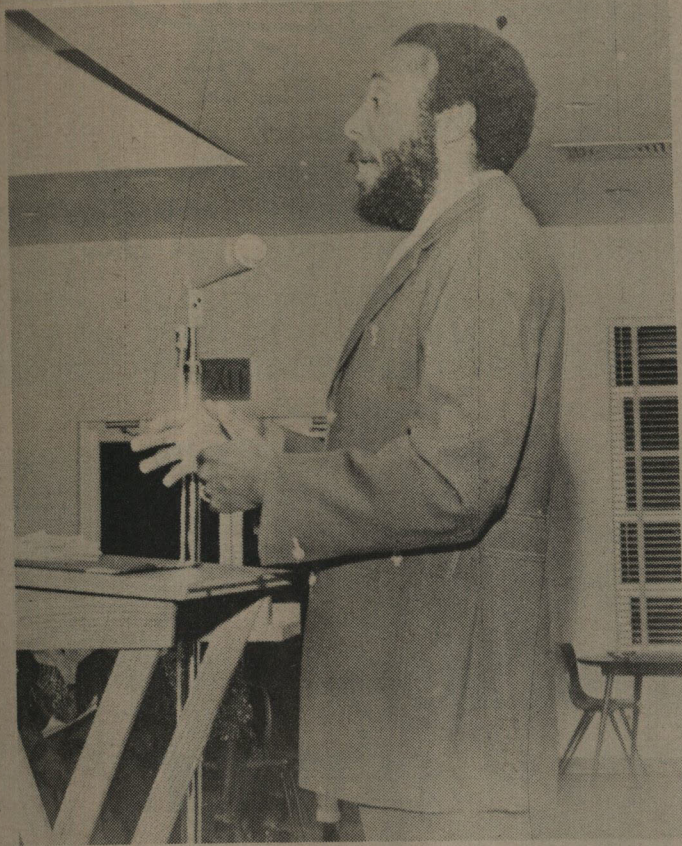
Dr. Ross Clark, the instructor, said that the prerequisites include: Senior standing, a B average or better, and permission of the instructor. A background that includes one or more courses in either philosophy, political theory, or sociology would be helpful but not actually requisite. Those who might be interested should contact Dr. Clark for an interview before October 20.

What will constitute the subject matter of the course is the latent connection between

the logical structure of religious belief systems and political idealism. Political idealism, whether grounded in religious or secular beliefs, must be recognized today as one of the most explosive of forces—both for good and evil.

The course will attempt to analyze the shared logical framework of political idealism and organized religion. Thus a considerable amount of evidence would seem to suggest that completely secularized political idealism is logically homologous with the elemental structure of religious belief. This is to say, in effect, that certain secular idealistic belief systems can and do serve as surrogates for religion, e.g. communism. The course will attempt to throw these suspected logical homologies into clear relief.

KENNY ROGERS AND THE FIRST EDITION  
ALEE TEMPLE...OCTOBER 15...8 O'CLOCK



DICK GREGORY

## Students To Vote On Newspaper Title

The Inkwell is being changed greatly this year. Instead of the casual quarterlies of last year, the Inkwell will be a weekly paper distributed on Thursdays.

With a weekly paper students can read Armstrong news as it happens. In addition to dated news, there will be regular features such as Focus On and Transitions. Also, weekly sports news will appear concerning itself not only with the intercollegiate sports but intramurals as well.

Over the summer the Inkwell asked students for an opinion about its name. It seemed most

people disliked the name feeling that Inkwell reminded them of a little red school house rather than a college newspaper. If this is the case, the Editors will consider any suggestions for a new name. The FOCUS is one suggestion that is liked by some students. In the elections on October 14th and 15th, there will be a special ballot for voting for a name change.

Any student who wants to write or type for the paper is urged to come by the Inkwell office or leave his name with the secretary in the office of Student Activities.

## ASC Adds Academic Skills Laboratory

According to Dr. Mary Elizabeth Browning, Director of the new Academic Skills Laboratory, a student of ASC can now get the individual help he needs to increase his skills in math, English, or reading.

Located on the second floor of the New Student Center, the laboratory will soon be fully equipped with individual work-stalls, tables for small groups of students, programmed materials, and the very latest in teaching equipment. These materials and equipment will enable Dr. Browning, Mr. John Hansen, Mr. Hugh Brown, and Mr. Jack

Johns to work with each student individually.

Individual training, the sole purpose of the courses, enables each student to work on his programmed assignments at his own pace. Unlike other courses, tests will not be given. A student is able to see his own progress, and is graduated from the hour-a-day class with a mark of "satisfactory" or "unsatisfactory."

Any student wishing to enroll for Winter Quarter in any or all of these non-credit courses will find Dr. Browning's office on the second floor of the New Student Center.



Dr. Browning and Mr. Hansen Work With A Student



# editorials

One of the most amazing and frustrating aspects for a student getting into school each quarter is our Armstrong State Highschool Rookstore. What most of our students probably don't realize is that we are not the only ones getting the golden shaft. The faculty, the students, and even the bookstore itself are being exploited. How this fantastic disaster came into being is a complex question. More accurately no one to whom this editor has talked, including the manager of the bookstore and members of the Administration, can offer a pat answer for the results.

For those students who by some sheltered quirk are unaware of the condition, the following is a micro summary of a few events. German 101 has eighty students divided into three sections this quarter. This is a generous load of students for any language professor to teach, especially if thirty of these students do not have books. And there is the case of a Political Science 200 course with twenty-six students who are sharing nine books because none were ordered in time to reach Armstrong by the first week of classes. There is also a nasty rumor that Spanish 201 students did not have even a single book last week. Any student can vouchsafe that Armstrong offers no dawdling courses; even with a book readily available the material mounts quickly. The seriousness of not having a book available may not impress some, but to a student without one this can rapidly snowball into a major crisis. These troubles are compounded by long lines of students patiently (?) waiting to be served by inadequate deck out registers

In recent years student governments on college campuses have increased their responsibilities from just planning social functions to a body of students working with the faculty to write and carry out the policies of the school. This is true of what has happened at Armstrong.

In a recent Senate meeting two representatives of the Math Department came before the Senate to ask for money to start a math club. It was explained to the Senate that the math club was the first step in bringing a professional math fraternity on campus, and that honorary fraternities are not social clubs, but an academic organization for students in a certain field. Also the Honorary enhances the overall academic picture of Armstrong. Your ASC degree would be worth more if Armstrong had professional fraternities--because their presence always upgrades the

in the old student center and multiplied by paying exorbitant prices for new hard back books that may or may not be sold used next quarter.

Behind all of this chaos there are some interesting facts. First of all, text books for courses are not requisitioned by the book store. The number of books ordered by the store manager is determined by the individual department head and the teacher of the course. Projections for the number of students to be in a course are arrived at by some mystical hocus-pocus that is not yet understood by the Administration. In defense of hocus-pocus it must be said that the department head does not receive from the Registrar any projections of the number of students that may take a particular course. On top of these interesting insights is the fact that one of the few defined Administrative policies on the book store operation seems to be ignored by all involved. Text books adopted for class use must be retained for two years. Any change of text not in use for two years requires written permission from the Dean of the College. Dean Propst states that only two such authorizations have been made during his stay here.

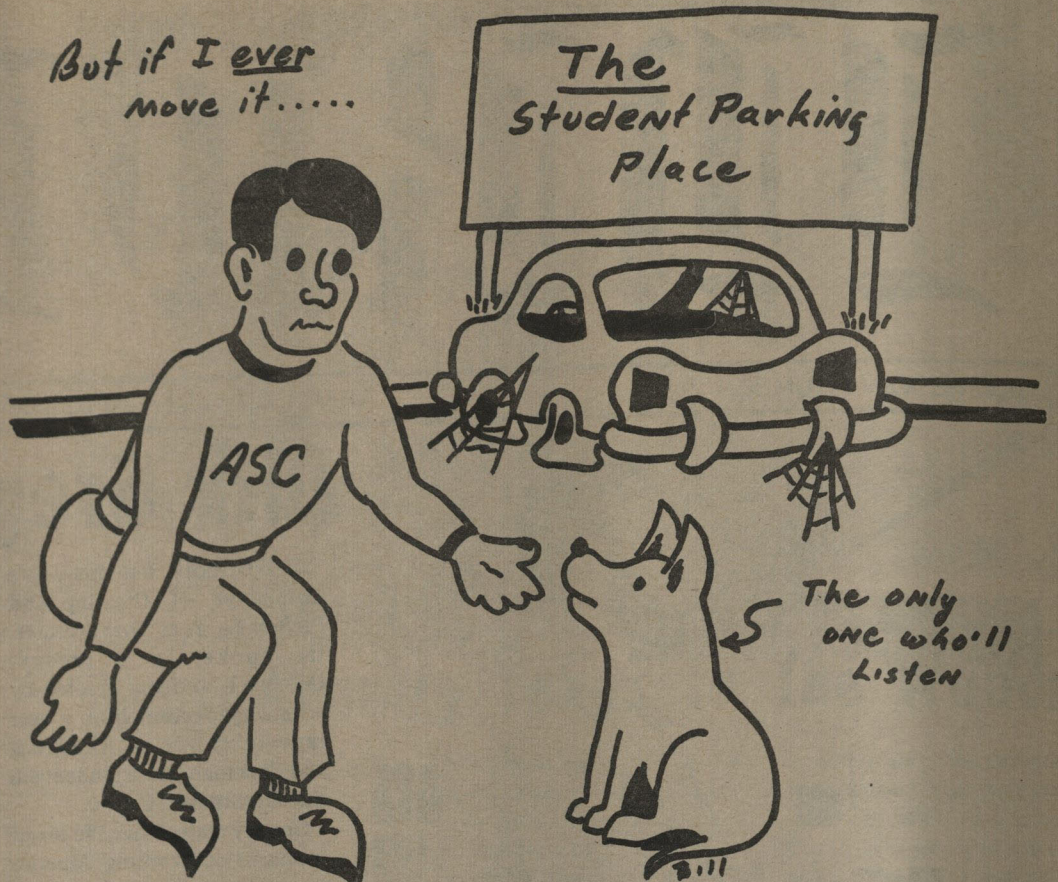
The most amazing aspects of this whole disaster area is that no one individual can be held responsible for the tremendous responsibility of seeing students can get an education, by having a book. But the final responsibility for the present condition of this student service lies not only with the Administration, faculty, and bookstore, but the students themselves who have put up with this poor service for so long without trying to encourage improvement.

standards of their particular department.

The Math Department's request of the Student Senate was fifty dollars for a combination organizational meeting and get-together to attract members for the math club. The Senate turned this proposal down because they felt that Student funds shouldn't be used to provide refreshments at a "closed" social gathering. We believe that the Senate's action was appropriate--after all, the fifty-dollar fee could be charged to the people that are invited to the meeting. However, it is very important that the Senate's action is not misconstrued. The Senate is interested in a math club--which will hopefully lead to a professional fraternity.

We feel that the Senate would give the support it could to the actual "organizing" process of the math club. There is, however, one thing

But if I ever  
move it.....



## Send a letter to North Vietnam.

Right now hundreds of Americans are being held captive in North Vietnam.

A few prisoners have made it back. They talk about bamboo cages. Vicious beatings. Malnutrition. Humiliation.

But the North Vietnamese will tell us nothing. And it's this silence that makes our appeal more urgent.

For the families at home, there is no word on who's alive. Who's dead. Or even who's being held. There is nothing. Except the anguish of not knowing.

Maybe you can change this. By writing to the one man who can change it: The President of North Vietnam.

Ask him to release the names of prisoners, allow them to write to their families, and let the Red Cross inspect the prisons to

insure proper medical treatment and living conditions.

Remind him that he is bound by the 1949 Geneva Convention which his country signed. And by the Istanbul resolution.

North Vietnamese leaders do care about American public opinion. And if they think they can gain something by bowing to it, they will.

But one letter won't do it. Or a thousand. Maybe it will take millions. So we've got to write now. All of us. And often.

Write a letter tonight. And send it to: Office of the President, Democratic Republic of Vietnam, Hanoi, North Vietnam.

It'll cost you a quarter. But it might save a life.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS +

## Maybe they'll open it.

### Letters To The Editor

Editors: Inkwell

If you are planning to see a counselor to help you decide on your major don't wait til the end of the quarter.

I would like to tell you of a personal experience I had

which the Senate should clarify. One of the Senators was heard to remark, "If we approve money for this proposal, then every other department on campus would also demand money"... and support from the Senate. We think that the Senate should try to support all conscientious, well planned efforts by any or all of the departments to obtain professional fraternities.

Once again, we hope that the Senate's action is not misconstrued and that this is not the death of a professional fraternity at ASC before it is born.

which I hope will never happen to you.

Last fall quarter I was a third quarter Sophomore and had not chosen my major. I knew that I had to have a major in order to return winter quarter as a Junior. So I decided to solicit help from the Administration building. Then I made two phone calls which were both failures as far as getting me an appointment to see an advisor. (I was told no one was in.) Later I drove out to the campus and carried on a delightful conversation with a lady in the booth of the Registrar's Office. It went something like this:

Me: Could you tell me where I go to make an appointment with an advisor to help me choose my major?

Lady: You don't get an advisor until you choose your major.

Me: But that's exactly why I

want an advisor: to help me decide my major.

Lady: What is your classification?

Me: I am going to be a Junior next quarter.

Lady: You've got to hurry and decide your major!

Me: I KNOW. That's why I want to see an advisor!

Lady: You can't have an advisor until you pick a major. Why don't you put anything down. Then we can give you an advisor.

Needless to say, I was a bit discouraged. But not being a person who gives up easily, I decided to go to Student Affairs Office to get an appointment with a counselor. You're not going to believe this, but it took me seven (7) weeks, going at least once, sometimes two and three times a week, before I ever stepped into Miss Benson's office. I would go after Mr. Satterfield's class which ended at 10:30 and

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# First Panhellenic Rush At ASC

By Martha Tison

College was a new experience for most involved. It was the first Panhellenic Rush. Approximately forty girls went through rush which ran from September 25-27.

A tour of the sorority rooms was on tap Friday night, followed by a Panhellenic Tea. Phi Mu's attractive washboard band, Alpha Gamma Delta's poetic skit, and Sigma Kappa's theme of "Oliver" were on the program Saturday night.

Sunday marked the day of the Preferential Tea. Rushees were to choose only two parties to attend, even though they may have received invitations from all three sororities. On Monday, September 28, rushees received their bids and responded by six o'clock that evening.

Alpha Gamma Delta ribboned Theresa Brown, Diane Carlton, Mildred Deal, Madeline Porter, Pam Smith, Rosemary Thompson, and Pam Williams. These girls were

pledged October 1st.

Phi Mu also ribboned Monday night. Those ribboned were Debbie Brewer, Kathy Jeffers, Susan Murray, Salli Norris, Brenda Price, Joanne Shuman, Gail Simmons, Barbara Smith and Jane Rockwell. Phi Mu will pledge these girls on October 6.

Sigma Kappa pledged their new members on Monday night. Those pledged were Paula Adams, Grace Burke, Julia Dyer, C.C. McDowell, Nadine Mairholtz, Elisa Millan, Lucy Owens, and Julie Rossiter.

Also involved in ASC's first Panhellenic Rush were representatives of the various national sororities and alumni.

Miss Marie Brooker, representative from National Council and Miss June Scanlon, National Membership and Rushing Committee, represented Alpha Gamma Delta.

Sigma Kappa was represented by Mrs. E.O. Taggard, National Secretary-Treasurer.



Alpha Gams Greet Rushees



Sigma Kappas Sing With Rushees

## LETTERS

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before Dr. Clark's class which began at 11:30.

It became a game. After a while it was so discouraging it was almost funny. I decided to see how long it would take to

see a counselor and was astounded when I finally walked into her office after seven long weeks of waiting.

Immediately Miss Benson set up dates for me to take tests. She was an excellent counselor. So, who's to blame? First of all

she is our only counselor. Secondly, everyone should have an advisor from the time he steps onto this campus.

I know this must sound to some of you like a made-up story but to contradict your beliefs I am pledging this letter as a member of the Armstrong student body.

Pledged  
Linda Wise

## Random Thoughts From SGA

The Student Government is currently involved in planning class elections for October 13 and 14. Petitions for freshman senators, class officers, and publications board are due by October 8th.

This year's plans include having each class responsible for our special events. This means that the success of Homecoming, Miss Geechee, and Pioneer Days will depend on the participation by each class. Lack of support by class officers this year could lead to their abolishment.

This year's Student Government Association is interested in participation at all levels. We are interested in helping provide more programs for the students. A major interest is for night students. Students attending at night sometimes miss the benefits of this campus. As in any area of campus life, I solicit ideas and opinions from the campus on how students can improve our

programs for night students. Any opinions should be addressed to Carol Hunsberger, Secretary of Evening Students or to me.

The first program of the Student Government's Creating and Performing Arts series was held October 1. Dick Gregory provided a very interesting program for our campus. This new student committee, headed by Jan Jankowski, is doing an excellent job in providing a better lecture-concert series than in the past.

The Student Government leaders attended a luncheon given by Dr. Ashmore on Thursday, October 1. We discussed some of the problems facing us this year.

The meeting day for the Student Senate has been changed to Thursday. These meetings are open to the students, and we invite you to attend.



Rushees Entering Phi Mu Room



Focus on... Barbara Whitt. Barbara is a freshman at Armstrong majoring in Social Welfare. Since she lives on the water, Barbara's interests include swimming and water skiing.





Miss Donna Cabbage, a sophomore at Armstrong was awarded a \$200 scholarship from the Savannah Business and Professional Club. Donna is a secretarial major and also

works in the Registrar's Office. Mrs. Nall recommended her for the scholarship, and it was approved by the Business and Professional Club.

## To Grandmother's House We Go

The ASC cross country team started its second year in intercollegiate competition finished its first meet of the season at Georgia Southern College Saturday. The Georgia Southern race was run over a 3.5 mile track which went up two steep hills, passed a girls dorm, through a woody area, down the main gate road of the campus and back through golf greens to the finish line.

Although beaten by the Georgia Southern Eagles, Coach Stratton was proud of ASC's showing. According to Coach Stratton, Georgia Southern is one of the toughest contenders ASC will meet. Stratton observed that every

man on the ASC team was a minute faster this year as compared to last year. The team was also showing "packing" with every man finishing within a minute of each other.

With improved overall capabilities the team has been working on distance by increasing milage at practices to prepare for Saturdays return match with Georgia Southern at ASC. Saturday afternoon Armstrong will also host Georgia State to make it a three way meet.

Everyone is invited Saturday October 10, to watch Armstrong vs. Georgia Southern and Georgia State.

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