

could pay him to do field work in this doomed society before it disappears.

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Genuine Yucca Flats

Yucca Flats, Nevada, was one of the early test sites for the American nuclear weapons research program. Hence, during the peace movements of the sixties and later, it became popular to satirically (some say satirically) commemorate these earth-shaking tests with earth-shaking "Yucca Flats" parties, fuelled by "Yucca Flats" cocktails and booming dance music. The cocktail recipe attempted to duplicate the effects of a nuclear test (one had an immediate fiery blast followed by a long afterglow) as well as to pay tribute to the geographical area of the testing. Therefore, the basis is vast quantities of tequila (made from the desert cactus) with added ice and/or frozen strawberries (to cool the heat), a lot of sliced citrus fruits (for that healthy glow) and NOTHING ELSE. The fruit is often "marinated" in the tequila for several hours before adding the ice. Party hosts without scruples have been known to encourage guests of the opposite sex to "just eat the fruit" if they cannot stand the fire of the Yucca Flats cocktail, with the insidious intent of making the earth move once the marinade has weakened any conventional defence forces.

Those of us who are cognizant of the history and etymology of Yucca Flats parties are particularly distressed at the ignorance displayed by current party-goers. The famous Yucca Flats parties of the past have become distorted and degraded into such things as "yukkaflux" or worse, with drinks that often defy description or ingestion. The reasons for this degeneration are open to speculation; perhaps it was started by partiers who arrived already drunk and had trouble remembering

Where they were, never mind what they were drinking. This might well apply to any of the partiers on the following morning. The "yuk" makes a certain amount of sense to those who liked the tequila too much. True Yucca Flats connoisseurs do not fall into any of these categories of unfortunates and misfits. Another popular theory of Yucca Flats degeneration is that the noise levels at these parties precluded any reliable verbal communication: evidence for this is in the remarkable frequency of incorrect names and telephone numbers obtained at such parties.

Regardless of the reasons, the propagation of such degeneration is inexcusable. As Vice-president (Crusades) of Barflies Against Repugnant Flux, I call upon all poster artists, newspaper advertisers and partiers to mend their ways. Furthermore, I entreat the editors and staff of the Gateway to raise the true "Yucca Flats" banner and vigorously pursue personal research into this matter. Lastly, I hope that this short account will set the record straight, and I pray that we no longer will sway from the path to Truth, Beauty, and Genuine Yucca Flats.

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Condoms: band-aid approach

The AIDS virus and other sexually transmitted diseases are threatening our society with increasing intensity. Sexual free-lancing is the major activity that facilitates the spread of these diseases. To combat the spread, campaigns promoting safer "sex" (the emittance of human intimacy) have been initiated by various interest groups throughout our society. In these campaigns, the use of protective measures, such as condoms, are suggested as being a major means of reducing the risks in random sexual activity. Though such measures may decrease the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, my concern is that these campaigns rarely address the underlying

ing issues (i.e. consequences and responsibilities) that accompany sexual permissiveness. Rather, it appears that the interest groups indirectly condone the permissive behaviour. If so, this will likely foster an increase in the behaviour.

Is not moral health equally important as physical health? Broken homes, unwanted pregnancies, physical abuse and sexual diseases are closely related to sexual promiscuity. Greater emphasis must be placed upon the in-depth development of human relationships through trust, honesty, commitment and benevolence rather than upon sexual gratification as implied through the condom campaigns. The condom is a band-aid approach, as far as long-term health and happiness are concerned.

Curtis Hancock

Fly on the Wall

I am sitting at a carrel on the third floor in the Humanities building. I like studying here because you can eat and talk, if you see someone you know, whereas in the library you can do neither. In the library, people stare if you cough too many times or sneeze. And if you eat in a library someone from the library staff always takes away your lunch. And if you talk in a library, people always stare and tell you to "shhh!" or "shut up!" and someone from the library staff always comes up and tells you to be quiet. So I go to the third floor in Humanities.

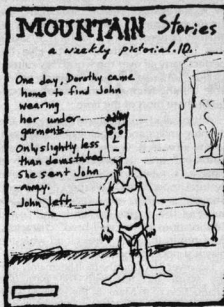
I was on the fourth floor a few days ago, carrels are up there as well, but I decided to move back to the third when the girl next to me, and I do not know how she did this, began boiling water in a kettle for tea or coffee.

So I am on the third floor now and a student has just sat down in the carrel behind me. She has a great big book bag. I saw her walking up to the carrel, and she is rummaging through it, looking for something. I hear her crackling her lunch bag and thumping books down on the table and shuffling papers and pens around, she has just flipped an empty pack of cigarettes off the rim of the garbage can and on to the floor; a crumpled kleenex just landed to the right of the can, maybe she's just cleaning out her bag.

Now she's sleeping. Her head is lying on top of her curled up sweater. If she was cleaning out her bag, she is finished. And if she was looking for something, she has either found it or has given up.

Her book bag is awfully big. She could have had anything in there. I wonder if she lost her kettle!

J. Dylan



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