

This Is The Way It Is.

During the past several weeks there have been articles dealing with situations on campus throughout our daily university Community life. Tempers have flared, backs have been bitten and rotten eggs have been thrown back and forth. At least, this is the impression so many have received. If this is the gain you have made from those articles may I suggest you re-read them.

Actually, the situations described issues which are more important than residences, fees, residents, administration/student conflicts. Yes, much more important. To spell it out, they dealt with issues with which each and every individual must grapple as an individual: **RESPONSIBILITY** and **AUTHORITY**.

Do we recognize ourselves as responsible individuals? Do we accept the responsibility which goes along with being simply alive? Do we realize that we live among others who have needs which only we can fill? Do we acknowledge reciprocal dependency? Do we want to have meaning in our lives with purpose?

Only the individual can answer these questions for himself. None can answer for the other. None can implement these things in the other.

Each of us is here at the University with a hopeful eye cast to the future. If there is no hope for a worthwhile "tomorrow", do we ask: "Why?" Is it not our own responsibility to answer this? As individuals, we will always be

students. Yes, we are students in living. Whether we be in the role of a University Student, or in the role of a Professor, or in the role of an Administrator or in any other role whatsoever, we are students of each other. Do we accept the responsibility of being both giver AND taker? Or, are we still insisting on taking the one-sided role of being either all-giver OR all-taker?

Christ tells us that we must love our neighbour as we love ourselves. Just how much love do we have for ourselves? The degree of love, regard, respect, honesty or recognition which is given to others is proportionate to that which we have for ourselves. If we have none or very little for ourselves, it is virtually impossible to express these to others. How can we give of that which we do not have?

None of us are perfect. None of us are Saints. But, it is our obligation to ourselves to strive for

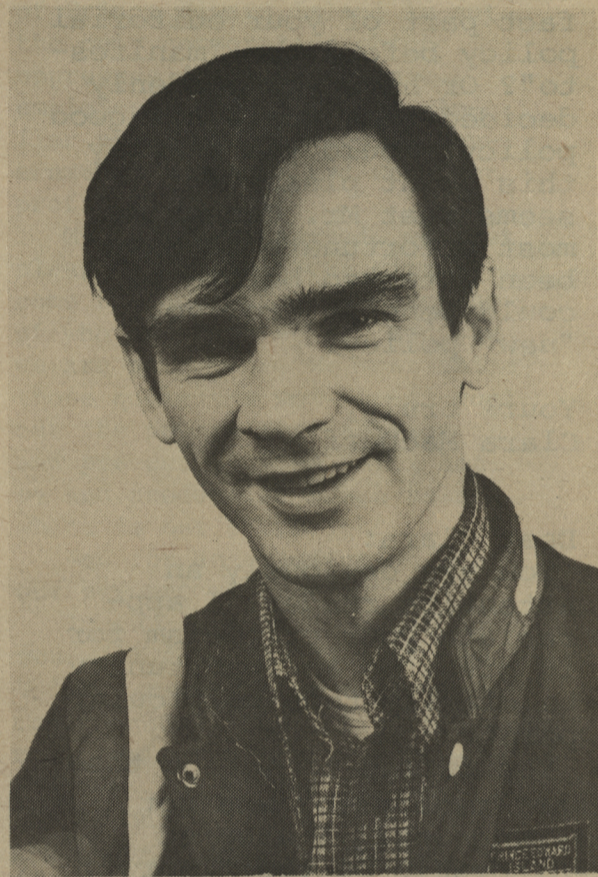
We have been given by God the freedom to choose. He has left us on our own with choices available on every side, every hour of every day. Do we assume this freedom or, do we try to deny it? Whichever choice we make, it still remains that we are free individuals and with this freedom goes the responsibility for ourselves to others.

This burden will remain with us until the day we are dead. There is no escape from it. Our final breath will be one of either victory or defeat. As exemplified by

Christ on his walk to Calvary, it is not an easy path of decisions. We may find times when we are knocked to the ground; we may not always win popularity contests; we may find many moments of pain, suffering, anguish; we will find that we cannot do it without the encouraging hand of others. But, in the pursuit of a self-determined life we find peace, joy and happiness each step of the way. We will discover that we become victor in life by choosing to be.

Let each of us ask: "What have I chosen? What do I choose?"

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IN DEFENCE OF THE 'GOOD'

Karl Marx was, beyond all doubt, a dangerous man. He saw capitalistic society for what it was and threatened its very existence-and continues to do so. Since Marx no man could acquire great wealth at the expense of his fellow man. No longer could he treat his employees as mere means to an end-as a commodity.

Marx must be despoiled with! Burn his books! Destroy every vestige of his memory! Then, let us get on with the task at hand. Leave us to pursue one great and noble aim-progress, wealth, "things"

These are, after all, the proper pursuits for a young and promising man. Money is to be made-let us get on with it!

Men are not equal. Some are more gifted than others- why then should a young, aggressive, intelligent businessman not strive for those very things our society holds dear? If he can make the money then let him.

Enough of this bourgeois proletarian nonsense. Things are the way they are and we can't do anything about it. Besides, who supports this so-called poor man? It's the guy who works hard to make the money-the guy who keeps this society going. People are just never satisfied-the more they get, the more they want. And, who are doing all the complaining? The guy we feed, that's who! Whoever speaks up for the guy who was smart enough to "get ahead"? No one! All they can do is complain. As far as we are concerned it's the sick man who sustains this society-what would happen if you didn't have us? Think about that!

Sure, some people get hurt, but that's the name of the game. If they'd shut up and be satisfied everything would be o.k.

But, there will always be the ungrateful, the dissatisfied, etc. -those who don't know how to appreciate what we do for them.

If they were just good Christians! But they don't even know the meaning of that any more. For example, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you" doesn't mean anything to them. Look what we do for them. What do they do for us? Nothing! They just complain. What is the world coming to? Another thing. These same people shoot off their mouths about money being the "root of all evil". Let me ask you: How do you get your food? With money.

How do you get your car? With money. Your home? money.

If you want to go somewhere, what makes that possible? money. What the hell then are they mouthing-off about. As you can see, money is the root of all good!

See how they can twist things around?

We must stand against these people so as to preserve those things of real importance!

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