

Dreams become realities at ACT weekend

There used to be a program called "People are Funny". The producers of the program were more profound than they probably realized. People certainly are funny. Today, more than ever, we humans (and I use that term loosely) are aware of the suffering of our co-inhabitants of this earth - our home - but at the same time we manage to remain quite indifferent to the raping of human dignity and justice in the world through poverty, war and injustice. Perhaps the sight of people in distress has become so commonplace through the mass media that we have become indifferent - even inhuman. We can not only turn off the TV set or radio but we can switch off, at least for a time, the very mechanism that makes us human - the ability to be compassionate, to care - to love others. And I don't mean just the power to love a wife, a family or friends. This is natural for us all - in fact it doesn't even distinguish us from the rest of the animal kingdom. All animals tend to exhibit a sense of caring for those of its own kind. Human love is on a higher

plane. It transcends the natural. It is not only a caring for people by people - but a loving of people by God through people - through all people.

Well, you say at a moment you haven't quite turned down the sensitivity of that mechanism which makes us human - that kind of love is possessed by very few and certainly not by me. I mean - that brand of self-giving is reserved for a select few - for people like Mother Teresa of Calcutta; Jean Vanier Ivan Illich. After all... these people are living saints and I'm about as far as you can get from being a saint.

Perhaps this is the very attitude that is responsible for the state of the world today. It is not that we do not want to go to others, reach out to them to give the gift of ourselves but we really don't believe we can do it. We really don't want to switch off our love and sensitivity but we are afraid to leave it in fear of a power failure.

Fortunately for mankind some people have come to the realization that they can give love unconditionally. And

they are not only ministers, priests and missionaries. They are people just like you and me.

People like Mother Teresa, Jean Vanier, Ivan Illich (and I only use the names of well-known persons to express a point) who have dedicated their lives to the service of mankind, to the loving of mankind, have movingly expressed time and again that this love they possess is shared by all - the resource just must be tapped.

In essence they have stated what it is to be a Christian - that we all have the greatest power on earth; the power of love and further, that we have the responsibility to put it to use.

These people are expressing something that is vital to the ultimate survival of mankind which is in the end the survival of the spirits of men - namely Christianity stimulates; it does not pacify. It makes people realize that they are important and loved in the eyes of God; that they are capable of giving and receiving love - and in doing so, can knock down the barriers of insecurity, depression and loneliness which holds men in bondage. Christianity is a call to action.

Don Helder Camara of Brazil recently stated:

"If two or three people have a dream or vision of changing something that is unjust or unloving it is very difficult

to change that situation. But if many people begin to experience a vision, a dream of love and justice for all, that dream no longer remains a dream but is translated in a new reality. This weekend I had an opportunity to attend an ACT Weekend. The group of people - University students like myself - who worked to put on the weekend shared in such a dream as expressed by Don Helder Camara - though perhaps they never thought about it in such an eloquent fashion. They share the vision of love and more specifically love expressed by reaching those people on campus who also want to discover what it means to be a Christian; what it means to live the life of a Christian, to those people on campus who share that dream of justice and love. Their efforts to make the weekend work motivated by the realization in some way, however small - that they can love and must love touched me deeply. I came a little closer to realizing my role as a person; my role as an adult person; my role as an adult Christian person - through sharing my beliefs; my laughter, my doubts - myself with other students who attended the weekend and hopefully came to share in the vision of love of Don Helder Camara and these students who put on the weekend.

A grateful participant
of ACT III

Ventriloquist to visit UPEI

Ventriloquist Steve Davidson and his delightful puppet "Clodi" will be paying a visit to the I.V.C.F. group and the day care center on campus this week. "Clodi", a darling little pup in her sequenced dress, is well-loved by everyone. Not only is she darling to watch but she sings a lovely soprano and is an excellent speaker. Steve is a new staff worker of the Atlantic region of Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship. Steve travels through the district, visiting various groups, introducing new ideas and plans, and delighting everyone with Clodi.

Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship invites everyone to join with us this week to meet our special guests. Coffee and donuts will be served and a sincere welcome awaits you.

Over the past few weeks we have attempted to conduct a variety of meetings often using local talent. Our usual meeting consists of a singing time, an opportunity in sharing of prayer and a speaker. The topics are diverse and we attempt to meet the requests and need of each individual as much as is possible.

We are a growing group with a considerable amount of enthusiasm for what can be accomplished and a genuine concern for what should be done. We would appreciate your support in attendance at any four Thursday evening meetings or Wednesday afternoon Bible Studies.

Our fall meetings have been planned up until Nov. 18 and we have some events we think you'll enjoy. On Oct. 14, for example, evangelist and soloist, Ken Scott will be our guest. Some of our own group will be leading in share times and devotionals in that period. Watch for our weekly posters to keep informed of the upcoming events. Our campus and I.V.C.F. needs and cares about you!

Remember our meetings:
Every Wednesday
3:15-4:30
Bible study with Ted MacDougall
Robertson Library R05
A series of studies in apologetics.
Every Thursday
6:00 p.m. Bernadine
1st floor TV Lounge
Regular weekly meetings.

You know

you've been to the Co-ed:

- when you're not talking to your boyfriend because he wouldn't steal a tinfoil star or a cardboard cloud for you!
- when one of the major expenses of the evening is dry cleaning your suit the next day!
- when you fall off your shoes and you're not even drunk!
- when you leave with more booze than you started out with which is very surprising considering what was drunk!
- when the girls looking for the "little girls' room" found the boys instead!
- when you find out the good looking broad in the long blue skirt is really a guy!
- when you discover the bottle you put in your purse was open!
- when you can't steal any toilet paper from the cans because your purse is too full of booze bottles, not to mention the fact that there wasn't any to steal!
- when you go wading at the beach at 2 a.m. with your stockings on and don't notice 'til the next morning!
- when you go home and get stoned on Neo Citron as a precautionary measure.
- when you get up the next day at noon and think it's early!
- when you find out you've still got a cold even after the Neo Citron High!

