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Meaning For Life Can Be In Struggle

I share fully in the personal anxiety that inevitably accompanies this moment in history with its political action and reaction, existential dilemmas, and radical spiritual questioning. These are simply a few guidelines to my present philosophy of life.

I want to be an organic part of social responsibility and community building. Yet I also want to nurture my individuality--even at the risk of being considered eccentric.

On a midwestern campus recently a white male student told me: "I have no sense at all of who I really am. What is my identity? Blacks are together. Now women are defining their reality. But I feel lost?"

Nina Simone sang "To Be Young, Gifted, and Black" to black students in Atlanta. The moment burst with exuberance, creative energy and hope. I wonder what can be sung, said, or exemplified to many other students who are trapped in frustration or even despair. "We Are Ourselves, Gifted, and Human" might be a start.

I want to weigh myself in the scales of liberation movements--Black, Native American, Women, Gay, Chicano, and others--and hopefully come up with human identity. Yet I do not want to live in a melting pot that denies deep and honest differences between people.

I want to be sufficiently sober and serious about the overwhelming questions of this day, this age: poverty, emptiness, ecology, identity, racism, loneliness in a mass, war. Yet I do not want to lose my sense of humor, capacity for sheer abandon and fun, and awareness of the absurd as a quality of life.

I want to nurture protest and lend fire to dissent. Without them a democracy perishes. Yet I want to avoid slipping into paranoia, destruction for its own sake, and the morbid malaise of hopelessness.

I want to build an intellectual spirit interlaced by commitment and capable of passion. Yet I do not want to succumb to the arrogance of mere fashion by denigrating authentic tradition, academic discipline and the goal of objectivity.

I want to respond to ideas instead of charismatic personalities whose programmed chic (for whatever cause) is the product of exploitation.

I want to believe sincerely in the aspects of faith that undergird my life, yet also want to resist narrow chauvinism and self-righteous fanaticism that claims mine is the "only" faith or ideology, life-style or system. I want to fight the conviction that "we" (people who share my views and I) are "good guys" versus "bad guys" (people who hold different views.)

I want to be a loyal and dependable (therefore always critical) member of movements and organizations to which I belong, yet do not want to forget that moral ambiguities mark all movements and institutions (including mine).

I want to participate in community with persons who share my views, yet do not want to lose the capacity for listening to totally different views and engaging in communication with people who hold them.

I want to be outspoken against the maladies and sins of my society, nation and institutions, yet do not want to become merely a shrill crier of doom who offers no alternatives, decent hope for change, or positive approaches to hard and complex tasks.

It is therefore obvious that I choose to live in creative tension. I do not want to shut other people out of my life, avoid shattering human experiences and relationships, or reject the growth processes of becoming fully human. The alternative is, I believe, dehumanization. Success and failure are meaningless terms to me. The meaning of life I find in its struggle.

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Who...
or what...
are you?!WE ARE
BEINGS
FROM A
PLANET
BEYOND
THE
STARS.What
do
you
want?IT IS OUR
TASK TO
RETURN TO
OUR HOME
WITH
ONE SYMBOL
FROM EACH
INHABITED
PLANET!

Symbol?

YES! ONE OBJECT
OF VITAL BELIEF
THAT BEST
REPRESENTS YOUR
CIVILIZATION.
PERHAPS A PEACE
SYMBOL?... OR A
RELIGIOUS
SYMBOL?

WELL?

It'd either
be a club...
or a
Coke
bottle.

Kitten Bust In Albemarle Had Campus-wide Response

LETTER

Dear Editor--

Wednesday night at about 11:30 in Albemarle Dorm, Suite Two was raided--for the possession of newborn (five day old) kitty-cats. The presence of these kittens were reported to the authorities by a member of Albemarle Dorm, not in Suite Two. This person felt that she was saving our campus from infectious diseases. We, the infected members of Suite Two, thank you.

The "Security Guard" who came to our aid was heard to declare "I'm going to shoot every cat on campus." The lives of all the cats on campus are now in jeopardy. Now, we will have rats. Oh, boy!

In the future it would be more expedient for anyone with personal grievances to go directly to the object of their complaint to avoid undue panic on the entire campus. If that person would have come directly to me, and asked or told me to rid my suite of that pestilence it would have saved our fearless, armed, police force from having to escort seven unopen-

Snack Bar Plans

Plans are now in the making for a remodeling of the bookstore and snack bar, according to Dean Decker. Suggestions by students and faculty that the bookstore be enlarged and the snack bar remodeled to give it "personality" have long been voiced. Dean Decker proposed last year to the Student Life Committee that the two operations swap locations. His proposal was approved by Student Life and also by the Campus Planning and Space Utilization Committee. Plans for remodeling are currently scheduled for the Christmas holidays. To complement the snack bar's new "personality," it is expected that the menu will be enlarged and the hours extended. The latest format for the change is posted in the Student Center. If you have any ideas or suggestions, take them to Bob Chaiken or Chip French.

eyed kittens out of my suite, in doing so risking the well-being of the campus at large. That is to say, things should be dealt with in their proper priority.

--Trisha Terry and other infected members of Suite Two

RESPONSE

Heart pounding, dry-throated, I fumbled for the call-box buttons. Doubt crossed my mind--maybe the report was a rumor. Then--wonder if I can get in trouble for doing this? But quickly--if you're that paranoid you're really a fink.

"Look, ah ah, well, this may be just a rumor, but I just got a call that there's a bust in Albemarle. I don't think anyone went with Reville, so it's not a sweep; it couldn't be with just one guy. But I thought I'd better tell you. As far as I know just one person's been

busted, and there's no word that he's going to any other dorm."

Flick off buttons and turn to the approaching mob. Out of every suite, lead by the heads and suite leaders, they come. Then others, on bikes from elsewhere "what's happening?"

Clusters around the courtyard, murmuring indignation, helpless but bold, the underground bourgeoisie.

A cycle roars and beams on to the Winston-Salem pavement. Must be a cop! "Pigs, Pigs, Pigs" a surprising loud and large group chants. Defiant, but unheard, for there were no more cops.

A smiling long-hair pops into the lounge. "Did you hear it was really just cats he was looking for. Nobody got busted."

Back to the box.

Senate Discusses Items Of Interest

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assignments for maintenance workers. A new system for maintenance requests has been instituted; a three-part dated work order is to be filled out with one copy going to the person who reported the fault, one to maintenance, and one to Dean McNair--this is to provide a check system to see that the work gets done. Students are requested not to telephone in complaints, but to register them in writing with the residence director or dorm manager.

Ken Watkins gave a report of a health services committee meeting two weeks ago. Their committee discussed grievances about the present college doctors, and the feasibility of getting new doctors; Mr. Urie and Dr. Hart are checking into the feasibility of a system of rotation of community doctors.

Charlie Gottenkieny, chairman of the food committee sent

a report that the committee had met once this fall to discuss complaints, and requested for Mr. Hewitt that complaints be made to him directly at the time that the fault is noticed, and that action should be taken immediately on most matters. The Senate then appointed Mike De Sherblin to the vacancy on the committee, and passed a resolution requiring the food committee to meet every other week and that the time and location be posted in advance.

Mark Perkins, a student member of the Summer School Study committee, sent a request that students contribute ideas for courses for next year's summer school.

Last Notice: If you want student insurance contact the Business Office before Tuesday, October 12.

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Reg. 83c

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80 Tablets

Timed Release

BAYER ASPIRIN

82c

Reg. 98c
30 Tablets

Economy Size

Lavoris Mouth Wash

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Reg. 1.98

Economy Size

BAYER ASPIRIN

\$1.75

Reg. 2.19
300 Tablets

