



# Letters to the editor

## Chompers .....

making people aware of one particular, obnoxious, discourteous habit... GUM CHEWING!

Gum chewing is bad when people chew it like a cow chews its cud. They get so entranced in their gum that they don't realize how loud it is. And then, in the middle of class, you find yourself also preoccupied with their gum chewing...of course, only until a professor asks you a question!

I'm sure people are aware that gum is not good for them (and don't care either) but it isn't fair to subject others to that incessant swishing, chomping, elastic gum-sound or that infernal popping, snapping, cracking of this rubbery substance. It is annoying and inconsiderate.

I know I can't ask gum chewers to quit their habit, but I beg that they have a little more consideration and keep it

out of the classroom. ...it is hard enough to concentrate as it is. Don't let this habit overpower you as it seems to.

Besides...did you know that this habit is bad for your jaws? It provokes arthritis of the jaws in later years.

Preoccupied and Annoyed

## John A. Bell .....

out anew in whatever direction seems plausible, to leave our contemporary biases behind, and utilize any part of the existing system that may be applied to our current problems. Glenn Tinder's concept of humane uncertainty exemplifies the process I see as essential to our continued growth and therefore well-being.

To recapitulate what I have said, real community is an important, even essential ideal that we must work diligently to actualize. The quality of others' lives is intrinsically tied to our own lives. This is a fact of Twentieth century life that we can no longer afford to ignore

on our shrinking planet. The problem of the lack of community is not only dangerous in our small setting but even more so in the larger society, and paramount on the international scale. This lack of community goes hand-in-hand with estrangement. I would be a simpleton if I thought I could explain why we are estranged (that is the, emotional detachment one from another). But nonetheless it is with us and we must face it with courage and vision. The "do your own thing" philosophy has now become a hinderance of a community rather than a help as it was originally intended. So what does all this have to do with the Administrative Board's hearing?

The problem they focused upon was alcohol and its effect on the community. I contend that alcohol is not so much a cause of estrangement and lack of community but rather a symptom. I personally drink to excess because it is a way I have found to bridge the barriers of human interaction and therefore lessen the degree of alienation that seems omnipresent. It does

however have the potential of doing just the opposite, and therein lies its destructive capacity. Alcohol is not the problem as I see it but it does play a significant role in the larger issue of estrangement. I think each individual must question his/her own motivations for drinking, understand as much as possible about its effects on them and they company and consider the overall consequences. Now what of the underlying problem of estrangement?

It is my hope that this article will induce a small amount of dialogue, if only for one Tuesday's meal. Perhaps the dialogue will encourage independent thinking and reflection on these issues and others. It is not the final product that I am seeking but the process along the way. It is my belief that by reflecting we will find it unacceptable to sit back, disengaged from our social relations and therefore be inspired to become actively involved in some sphere of our community. Involvement, whether pro or con is of the essence!

P.S. I'm open to your reactions.

Keep the faith,  
John A. Bell

## Chemistry Auction

Monday April 26, 10-1:30 there will be an auction of old glassware and equipment from the chemistry laboratories. We will use an open bid system where you write your name and bid down and at 1:30 the highest bidder gets the item. You can rebid as often as necessary. Proceeds from the auction will be used to beautify King Hall.

**WARNING** - This stuff is two years of trash destined for the junk pile unless you buy it. No bid is too low.

A lifeguard will be at the lake next week (4/20-4/25) for the following hours:

- Tues. 11-1
- Wed. 11-3
- Thurs. 11-1
- Fri. 11-1
- Sat. 3-5
- Sun. 1-3

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Goodbye, Pat.

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