

It's Up To You

The goal of each person should be to grow within himself — to develop a deeper understanding of himself and those around him. Your college years are an aid in this process. One encounters people, more challenges and more ideas.

In life one finds need to discuss his own feelings. To grow, these feelings need to be genuine. They should not be molded and expressed as one thinks others so desire. They should not be hidden for fear of making the wrong impressions. If they are truly your beliefs then you should not be ashamed of them or embarrassed. The key word of life is honesty.

Honesty to oneself builds honesty towards others. Honesty in any relationship breeds understanding. Honesty of our feelings introduces us to ourselves — introduces our true selves to the world.

Honesty is not always an easy thing. One fears rejection and pain. But honesty dissolves deception thus harvesting trust. What is more fulfilling than the feeling of complete trust in your fellow man?

A discussion of differences always seems confusing but you cannot expect your ideas to coincide with everyone else's. It is doubtful that you could ever find one person who completely shares your ideas. It is through these differences that we also learn and grow.

But before you can develop honest relationships, before you can have the confidence to express your feelings, you have to be honest with yourself. Question yourself. Travel the paths of your mind. Pray for the answers.

Honesty is God. Honesty is love. Honesty is understanding. Honesty can not be practiced, it must be found.

Mary Kay McKown

Small Cars and Milk Bottles

By BRIGGS PETWAY

If there is an overused word in the English language, it's "ecology." The word has an unattractive ring to it, quite similar to "garbage" and "filth". But there is no use ignoring it, 'cause we're rapidly wasting the little bit of earth we have left.

The biology professors can lecture all night about phosphate poisoning and biodegradable enzymes and limiting factors. But, if people don't attack the problem of waste, the teachers will be speaking to corpses. Too many people want the advantages of a clean world without the inconvenience.

Probably the most ironic thing I've ever seen is an ecology symbol on an automobile. Another phase of irony is shown by these people driving cars with huge engines, who complain about poor gas mileage and the cost of fuel. A small car is half the price, half the expense and much easier on the atmosphere.

A bicycle is better yet. No gas, little up keep, no parking problem and low initial expense. What is a hundred compared to four thousand? Walking won't kill a person, and who can do without the exercise? This old world looks pretty good if one has the chance to see it a little at a time.

I toured the grocery store (long ago when I could afford hamburger). I was shocked at the over-packaging I saw. Drinks in non-returnable cans and bottles, paper liners inside of boxes. Check this: it takes 32 years for a plastic milk carton to decompose. Thirty-two years of unsightly trash. That is why I don't ask for a bag when I can avoid it. I wish others did the same.

There are many ways to conserve energy and save the world from waste. Cut off lights; walk, instead of drive; don't throw anything away that still can be used; use bottles, not cans; use white paper, the dye is not bio-degradable; simply do not waste anything. The world can be a beautiful place again, but it will require effort.



Commentary By Carroll Aidridge

The second editorial. Please do not expect me to tell you what you should think about Watergate. By now, I am sure that the vast majority of the intelligentsia in our country have detected that the actual tragedy of our nation's executive leadership, is not really Watergate, which is only a mirrored reflection of a most lame excuse error, but its lack of faith and trust in individual liberty and in the freedom of expression.

Last week's paper hinted at an air of optimism on the campus. Quite possibly, this is true, but optimism alone is not enough. For optimism to bring about practical results, it must be viewed within the realm of reality. Hopefully this year will be better than the last. Also, last week's paper suggested that many problems on this campus were caused by the students, themselves. Again, in some areas this is true, but this is by far not the whole truth.

We here at ACC really do not give a hoot about the Puritan code of behavior. Students here are not nearly so notoriously straight-laced and decorous as some people think. Maybe one day the Wenger Administration will realize this. As I have stated before, in this age of higher learning and rapid social change, there seems to be little room for a college administration that places its "public image" before the needs of the students and its traditional past before a "now" ethic. The students and the faculty are what make up the spirit of the college. The administrative personnel should be merely in a subordinate, or subservient place on this campus. Unfortunately, especially for the students this is not the case.

The Wenger Administration, of course, will always have the upper hand. The reason is simply that the students have been brainwashed into thinking that they can not fight back at the Wenger Administration.

It was just a few decades ago

For Dreams

She sings for dreams,
if you'll pay them,
and she sleeps
For morning stars.
If you wake early
you can see her
in the sunrise
and she'll sing
to you all day long.
Smile for her,
and wink your wishes,
she'll send back
a warming glow.
At night
find the moon,
it's in her eyes.
Pay her a dream
for a song.
Kim Taylor

that the student government was orn. But the student government never really grew up. Instead, it became a vogue, a device to make the students feel a part of things. This is, of course, exactly what the college administrator wanted. The administration made sure that relatively little power went with the S.G.A. In reality, the S.G.A. was never really alive, it was born dead, without any potential for growth. The same stands today, the student government is dead. It does not have an issue. But then even if it did have one, it could not get anything done.

The only way the student government could ever hope to exist, would be if it had a hell of a lot of money, of its own, because, on this campus, that is all that matters. More money is always

My God

Without sounding like a member of God Squad, trying to save the whole world from going to Hell with a Bible, a whip and a chain — let me say I have deep religious convictions.

I just wanted to say that. They are not the kind of beliefs one has to spend hours in the deep, dark confines of old, lofty, scary cathedrals to find. Instead, I'm impressed with God when I'm out in the country. The trees, the rocks, the animals all tell me my God is near. The sky is particularly uplifting. Even if it is cloudy, the sky reminds me that heaven is not really far away.

I'm not knocking church by any means. Some of the fondest memories I have occurred in a church. Everyone needs to worship with people of the same hopes. I am saying that God can be found anywhere, one only needs to look.

God is not the strict disciplinarian who kicks the poor sinner for every mistake. He is the kind, benevolent creator who supplies every need. Sure, God will someday judge, but that is not the worry of a faithful Christian.

How can a person be so blind as not to see God in everything? It is simple to see that no mortal could have created a world.

Some people I know have spent and will spend their whole life trying to make another dollar. They are too busy working to see what God is offering. If one would just ask the will of God, he could have a life of peace and satisfaction, with ever need provided.

I have felt the need to say something to people about "religion". I doubt I'll ever find the words to fully describe my feelings about God, but in a nutshell this is today's sermon. If I'm not persecuted by the Supreme Court, I'll live to tell more people about my beliefs.

needed — more contributions, more endowments, money, dollars, growth, power and still more funds. The most important person in the Wenger Administration's eyes, is the person who brings in the most money. Myself, I am just a single student, I am nothing to this administration. Compared to Mr. Thomas Hackney, I do not exist. For he is almost a god himself, if there is a god, that is. The students here have been displaced by the administration. They are only interested in the students for what can be gotten from them. During the parent's weekend and freshman orientation, the administration does its best to "snow" the student's parents on what a lovely school this is. Notice how good the food is in the cafeteria on these "special days." But isn't that the nature of our college administration these days.

In a recent issue of The Center Magazine, the role of the college administrators was seriously questioned:

"The American university, like everything else in America, has fallen into the hands of the fixers, or administrators. Their low statutory function in the university is to minister to the professional needs of their professional betters, but this is not what they do. In the private schools they answer only to the tradesmen who constitute the board, in the public schools to the tradesmen who constitute the legislature. Both sets of tradesmen reprobate education as a profession and — observing the clamor of the professors — see it as a racket like their own whose practitioners are often as big a buck as they can get for making as little a bang as the law requires."

The society we live in today is a revolutionary one. There is nothing stable to cling to in our fast moving, flux-filled environment. And yet, the Wenger Administration still resides in their isolated concrete and glass cubical, preferring their illusion of what our society should be to the excitement and changes of the reality of our times today. The ultra-conservatism of the Wenger Administration is many times beyond belief.

Students here want more academic freedom. The women are tired of having to abide by silly curfews and signing in and out at night. I am sure they do not sign in and out at their own homes. Why do the men on campus have unlimited hours and the women do not? Is our college administration being run by male chauvinist pigs? The Wenger Administration should not inhibit the students as they do. They have no moral rights. It is irrational that the Wenger Administration denies us our

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