

# A Guest Editorial

## "The World Is Your Home Too"

I am always amazed at the real power college students have at their command, and how much of it goes unused....wasted.

That is a shame. Because student power could provide that critical margin, that extra measure of push needed to channel our national policies, our energies, and our consciousness into new ways of meeting the very pressing needs of the people of this world.

No, I am not talking about the street demonstrations and the sit-ins that were part of another decade. I am talking about the power you have collectively as citizens, voters, and shapers of opinion, and about the power you have as individuals to make things happen on your own.

I am told that the current generation of college students is more concerned with their own welfare than with making this planet a better place to live. I am told that. But I don't believe it. I suspect that today's college students are simply not aware of what is going on in the world.

Take the issue of world hunger. Think of the thousands of people who will not live until tomorrow morning because they can't get enough to eat. Now what can you do?

I think it is really simple for a campus hunger committee to establish a voter registration booth where students pay their tuition and begin to talk about the problem....raise political consciousness. The problem with young people, and I've learned this from my own family, is that they all register to vote back home and then all forget until the last minute to write home for absentee ballots. You've got to get people to register on their campuses. I think this would revolutionize American politics.

If you have, for example, 55 thousand students on a campus like Ohio State, or 45 thousand at Michigan State, and they are registered, every candidate coming to those states would come through the campuses because there are so many votes there. And at that point you get to ask the candidate what he or she is going to do about world hunger. Then the candidate goes to another campus and gets the same question. That starts people in public life thinking, coming up with policies to change things, to get action.

Let me talk for a moment about the other kind of power, the power students have as individuals. You have a decision to make: whether to use the knowledge and experience you are gaining to help only yourself or to share the fruits of your education with people who desperately need what you have to give.

You don't even have to re-invent the wheel. It's already been done. It's called the Peace Corps. Some 80 thousand people, many of them fresh out of school, have served as Peace Corps volunteers helping people in the developing world help themselves to a better life. The Peace Corps is celebrating its 20th Anniversary. It is still going strong, still attracting bright people who want to enrich their lives by helping others.

It is an option worth considering. So is service in this country as a VISTA volunteer. VISTA, which stands for Volunteers in Service to America, has just celebrated its 15th Anniversary.

The nice thing about VISTA and Peace Corps is that work. They get results. As an individual volunteer, you may even change world history, and you will certainly change the lives of the people you come in contact with. When you add up all the lives touched by all the volunteers, think of the difference it makes.

The problems of this world are not going to go away overnight. A better world is built like a house, brick-by-brick, piece by piece.

Yes, college students do have power, collectively and individually. How well they use that power will make a difference in how well, we, as a world community, meet the challenges of this decade.

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Mr. Young is a former United States ambassador to the United Nations.

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We can't afford  
to waste it.**

# Sinning In The Name Of Morality

by Carl J. Rowan

WASHINGTON-- What crimes against man and God we see being committed these days in the name of morality.

It was just plain disgusting to watch the Rev. Jerry Falwell, the television evangelist, on "Meet the Press" last Sunday, trying to weasel away from a revelation that he broke one of God's commandments and lied about President Carter.

Speaking at a so-called "I Love America" rally in Alaska last March, Falwell told of an alleged breakfast conversation in which Carter had told him why he kept "known practicing homosexuals" on the senior White House staff.

Falwell admitted on "Meet the Press" that no such conversation with President Carter ever took place, but he insisted that he had not lied to that audience in Alaska. He said he was just speaking in "parables."

Every angel in heaven must have winced as this self-styled dispenser of the gospel likened a malice-aforethought lie to a Biblical parable, and then, in almost the same breath, described his remarks as "a reckless statement" for which he apologized to President Carter on network TV.

I learned years ago not to doze off or leave my wallet lying around in the presence of people who tell me that they are more moral than others. This brings to mind the bucks preacher, who has the

arrogance to call his group "Moral Majority," and to say that Vice President Walter Mondale is part of the "amoral minority," reinforced my skepticism when he uncovered a special streak of hypocrisy.

Falwell, who used phony quotes to try to make President Carter look like a defender of homosexuals, was asked if he would call for the resignation of Rep. Robert E. Bauman (R-Md.), the ultra-conservative who recently was accused of soliciting sex from a 16-year-old boy and who then made a tear-jerker public statement about how his troubles with alcohol combined with what Bauman calls his "homosexual tendencies" to get the congressman into trouble.

"Moral Majority" is alleged to be the brainchild of Bauman--still the Maryland chapter of the group disavowed its support of Bauman. But not Falwell. He offered "forgiveness and prayer" on the grounds that since he didn't call for the resignation of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy after the Chappaquiddick incident, it would be inconsistent for him to ask for Bauman's resignation.

Falwell thus proves that he is not God's messenger of greater moralism; he is just another right-wing political polemicist.

My instincts always have been to show some compassion to those afflicted with alcoholism or sexual problems. My com-

passion runs thinner than watered scotch in a ghetto joint now that every congressman caught taking a bribe otherwise violating the law cries, "I was drunk!"

I have absolutely no sympathy for Bauman. His personal physician has said that a congressman is "in no shape, or form an alcoholic leading me to believe that Demon Rum had nothing to do with Bauman's search for power in the world of homosexuals."

What really destroys Bauman's claim to your or my sympathy is the mean hypocrisy of the man. A year ago he voted to block House consideration of a \$221 million alcohol abuse program. He voted to deny federally financed assistance to homosexuals.

He has consistently fought efforts to extend federal civil rights protection to gay people. He has been the super-moral advocate of a "family protection act," and has become a darling of the anti-abortion forces.

While Bauman was ranting about the "right to life" of fetuses, he didn't tell us that 16-year-old boys have the right to a life secure from his homosexual blandishments.

Whether you're 16 or 60, if you see a Falwell and a Bauman approaching you with a banner proclaiming their super morality, you had better run like hell away from them.



### POTENTIAL DONKEY'S?

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