

The Revolution Redefined

This is the first generation I ever heard of in the history of mankind that won a revolution, toppled the government, overthrew the tyrant, and went to go drink beer and play frisbee. We need to redefine what being spiritual means, and what revolutionary means.

Revolutionary does not mean going out in the street and hassling some poor cop who's making six hundred dollars a month, and he isn't the one doing it to you anyway. What's really revolutionary is to grow your own food, taking the food out of the profit system. Deliver your own babies, instead of paying a thousand dollars a whack at a hospital every time you have a baby. Learn how to fix things instead of joining in the black box economy. The art of fixing things is almost lost in this country. You take something in to be fixed and they replace several parts including the one that was broken, at a high price, and they junk the rest of it.

Get outside that system. If you're in the kind of economy where you're holding a lot of paper, when it falls apart you're going to be stuck with this bunch of paper which is highly inedible. But if you're working at a level where what you're holding when it comes apart is beans, it doesn't matter if you can't sell them. You can always eat them. Spend your money on some used farm equipment and some land.

I look at this depression very optimistically. I think it's going to bring about reforms that could not have been brought about by any demonstrations. I think it's going to bring about the old ideals of sharing and cooperation which could never have been brought about by talking or by force, but which are going to be brought about the hard way: by the raw economy of the situation. The main thing is for us to be sure, while all this goes down, that everybody gets fed and nobody really gets hurt.

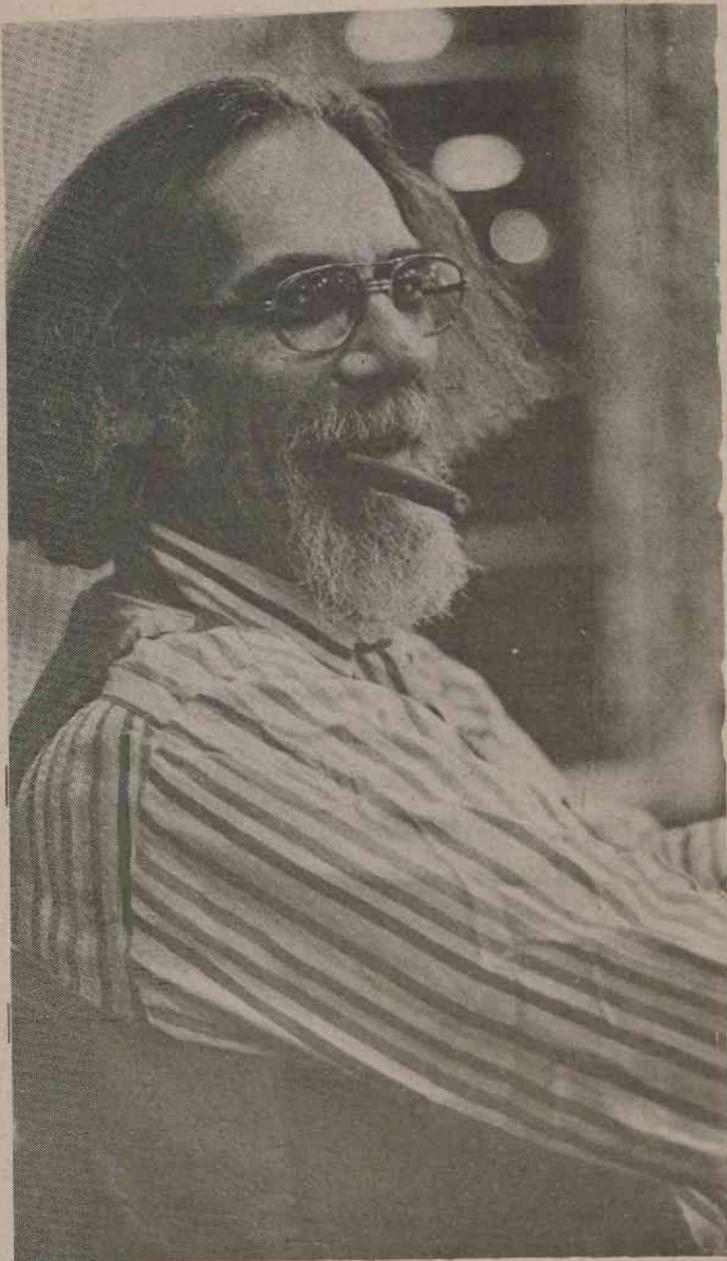
Don't spend a lot of money on minor junk. I think we should all give up drinking booze and smoking cigarettes. Not only is that stuff not good for you, but half the money you spend on it goes to the government to build more weapons and have more wars; and the other half goes to the support of the national breweries and tobacco corporations - which are not exactly the most revolutionary outfits. Did you ever hear of a really forward-looking, compassionate booze company?

There is a prevailing viewpoint that says it's okay for one person to be richer than a small country while a third of the people in the world starve to death. "Just because this is the prevailing viewpoint doesn't prevent it from being bizarre."

It is not revolutionary to hang out on welfare. Did you know that eighty per cent of the money collected in taxes comes from the wage-earners, since rich folks and big businessmen have such good lawyers that they don't have to pay taxes. So when you're running on welfare, you're running on the energy of truck drivers, taxi drivers, ditch diggers, and folks like that.

A revolution is not about hurting people. A revolution is about making changes. The question is, do you want to fight, or do you want to make changes. And if you can change it without fighting, "how groovy." It really beats fighting.

-Stephen Gaskin
1976 The Farm News Service



Joel Oppenheimer

EDITORIAL

Thanks, Joel

"The Lance" thanks Joel Oppenheimer for coming here and sharing himself with us during Winter Term. We hope the college will continue to support the January Writer-In-Residence position for the opportunity it offers student writers to exchange ideas with a full-time professional writer, and for the enjoyment and insights that the entire community gains from their readings, workshops, and everyday impromptu discussions.

We wish Joel a speedy healing of his thumb, which he broke in a recent ice skating fall, and hope that he, Nathaniel, and Lemuel will come back and visit us often. Thanks to "The Cairn" and the Assemblies and Public Events Committee for making their visit here possible.

We Goofed!

The LANCE apologizes for the stupid error in last week's issue regarding our new Assistant Dean of Residential Life Robert Dame. His last name is Dame, not Dane as we incorrectly put. Also, Curtis Wall's name should have appeared in place of Cyril Spann's in the list of cross country players who finished in the top five in the Dixie Conference meet. In that same article Jack Hoge's name should have read Jacob Hogue.

LETTERS

To the Editor:

Though I grant that student's should be made aware of the Senate's actions and further grant that the Dean of Students was directly involved in the Senate's recent reorganization of the Judicial Board, I somehow bristle at Dean Santa Maria's haste to publicize the decision herself. The Senate itself should inform us of its actions; failure to do so demonstrates an important abdication of responsibility. But the Dean has also acted irresponsibly; when the administration sees fit to usurp even the least consequential of student functions, something has obviously gone wrong.

Admittedly, the matter is a minor one, but the precedent it could establish disturbs me. In the future, I hope to see the Senate speak for itself.

Stuart Swain

(Editor's note: Perhaps some of the blame lies with me. Senate Vice-President Donald McKenzie gave me the memorandum written by Dean Santa-Maria concerning the judicial reorganization, and said I may want to pass the news on to the student body in any form I wished to. I decided to simply run the entire memorandum in the form of a letter, instead of excerpting the news of the reorganization as a separate article. The memorandum was written by Dean Santa-Maria "To All Students" and had been posted on the bulletin board outside the cafeteria for some time. But Donald, by passing the memorandum on to me, was trying to inform the students of the news.)

Students!

See your CUB Dorm Rep. and let him/her know what kind of music you want for Bacchanalia and the Launching - April 22 and 23.

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