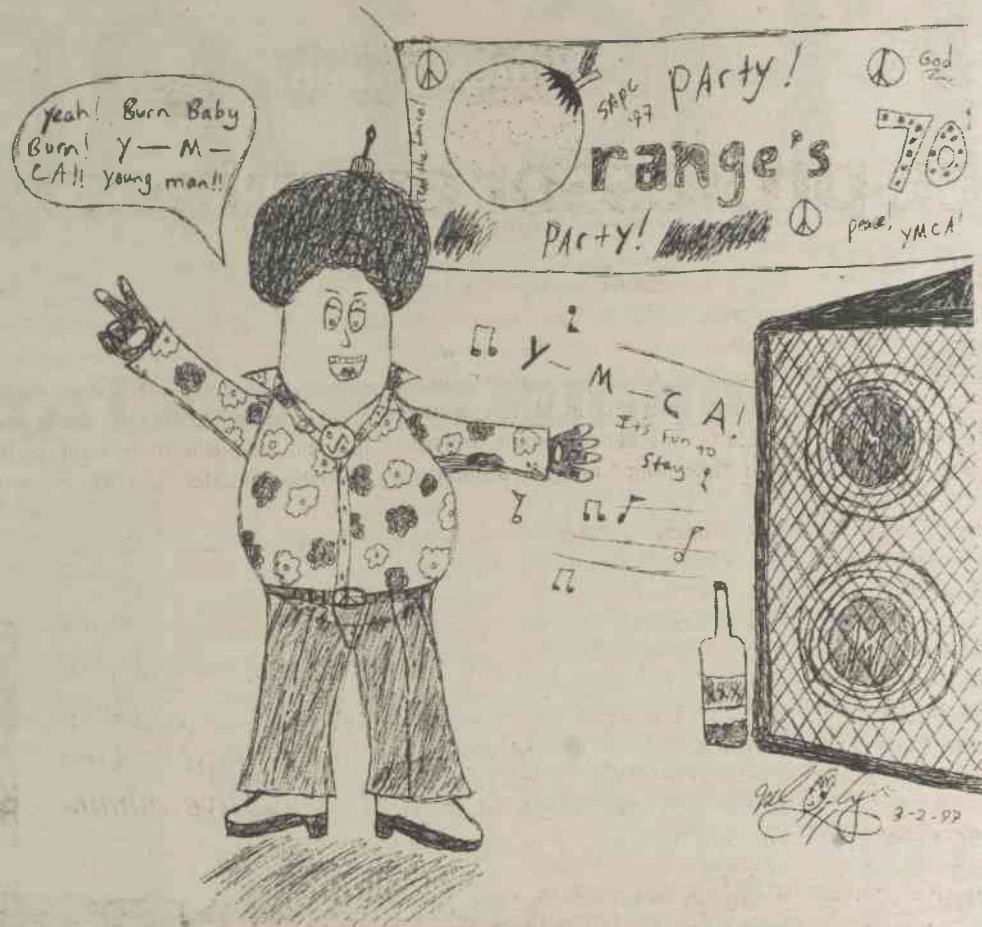


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Troy's impact

I did not know Troy Burton very well. Still, when I heard he was hospitalized, I prayed for him and his family and friends. When I heard of his passing, my heart went out to everyone who felt the loss. For even though he was just a casual acquaintance, he had a impact on my life.

I met Troy at one of the first rugby practices I attended. He was there as a special addition to the coaches, trying to explain the intricacies of the game to several lost rookies. I remember Troy correcting my tackling method so that I wouldn't get hurt. At the time, it frustrated me, but I realize that it was Troy's way of looking out for his team. As Troy's friends and teammates know, such acts of protective kindness were typical of Troy.

My other contacts with Troy were also casual and passing. I remember him stopping by the Academic Affairs office, where I am a work-study, a couple of times. I don't remember why he was there, but I do remember Troy being polite and quiet. It was a cheerful type of quiet, a dignified, yet shy reserve that made me feel comfortable in his presence. He seemed like a very unassuming, easygoing person.

Troy's death had made me think. The realization of the frailty of life has come into my head several times over the last few days. The fact that Troy was so full of life makes the the idea even scarier. It's sad that it takes the death of someone my age for me to really come to terms with my own mortality.

Even though I only knew him from rugby practice and seeing him around, Troy was always ready with a cheerful greeting and a helping hand. His impact on the lives of everyone on this campus was made apparent at his memorial service. Troy's presence will be missed by all who knew him, even if they didn't know him very well.

-Melissa Collins
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