

The View From Here

by Mike Ferguson

This last article was to be about the Hatfield-McGovern anti-war petition. I thought I would tell you of the vital importance of this proposal, that you should read and study it carefully, that you should act upon it. Essentially, these last words were to try and convince you that this petition is one you should do something about.

But I can't write about that. Nor can I say anything about the necessity of voting for your SCA president. I'm tired of writing about responsibility and concern. If you haven't realized by now the significance of these things well, chances are you never will. Like the man says, you're either hip to it or you ain't.

I've been letting my ego spill out all over these pages for almost a year now. I've attempted to tell you what was on my mind, things that were affecting me, trying to find some rapport

level of rapport, looking for some small thing we might share together. I hope that the words have occasionally meant something, that some of what has been written has reached you. That's really all I can ever hope and ask for.

In retrospect, I think the *Essay* has been valuable. We haven't always accomplished what we wanted, and we haven't always been 'right'. But we gave you something that tried to be honest, that tried to care, something that, despite all the criticism, deserved and otherwise, that came our way, you might be able to trust. I know there are a few of us in this office who never stopped trying and caring.

In an effort to create some interest, I devoted a lot of space to rock and roll. Sometimes it was interesting, possibly even vital to some of you. To others, I'm sure it was a constant bore. For me, it was fun and good discipline. Rock was largely a vehicle for me - I 'used' it to get to you in hopes that we might get together. It didn't happen often, but when it did all the hassles involved were outweighed.

I've reached the point (as I always knew I would) that it is no longer necessary for me to write about rock. There are other things to do and it's simply time to move on. The music is still beautiful and meaningful; it's just no longer important to write about it. We've all

grown a little this year.

I don't know where any of this is going. We've shared much this year - not always as much as I wanted, sometimes more than I expected. Perhaps I wouldn't feel quite this way had I been here longer, but it's been a long year and yet seems to be ending a bit prematurely. It won't ever be quite the same again.

The view from here has been sometimes very real and very beautiful, sometimes uncertain, and now, strangely perhaps, a trifle sad.

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INDIFFERENT PROPOSAL

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'Why?' you may ask in some fleeting moment of zealous interest. Well we don't have a certain unit called a student body for a student government to represent! I have been here for four years and have seen two instances where there was a semblance of student unity. The first was after the death of the school's first President, Dr. Giannini and the second was after the death of the four Kent State students. The parallel and conclusion are obvious. That's quite a record isn't it? If I am killed myself would you care? If I killed you would you notice?

In the face of overwhelming odds, I propose that unless there is more support, every form of student voice and self-government be abolished. I exhort every student to live by his little yellow (for happiness, right?) handbook to force the Administration to make decisions concerning every aspect of student life to accept those decisions, to the letter, with a passive humility and above all, to hold his ground and remain static, insensible and of course, apathetic! We should turn out some fine artists, not to mention concerned human beings that way.

WHAT'S COMING NEXT YEAR

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Meanwhile, those of us here at home will be looking after the summer session and getting things ready for opening in the Fall.

By the time you read this, let's hope that you have all come through examinations with flying colors. After that, I hope wherever you are, you have a lively and productive summer and that you get a bit of relaxation before returning to new and better things in the Fall.

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