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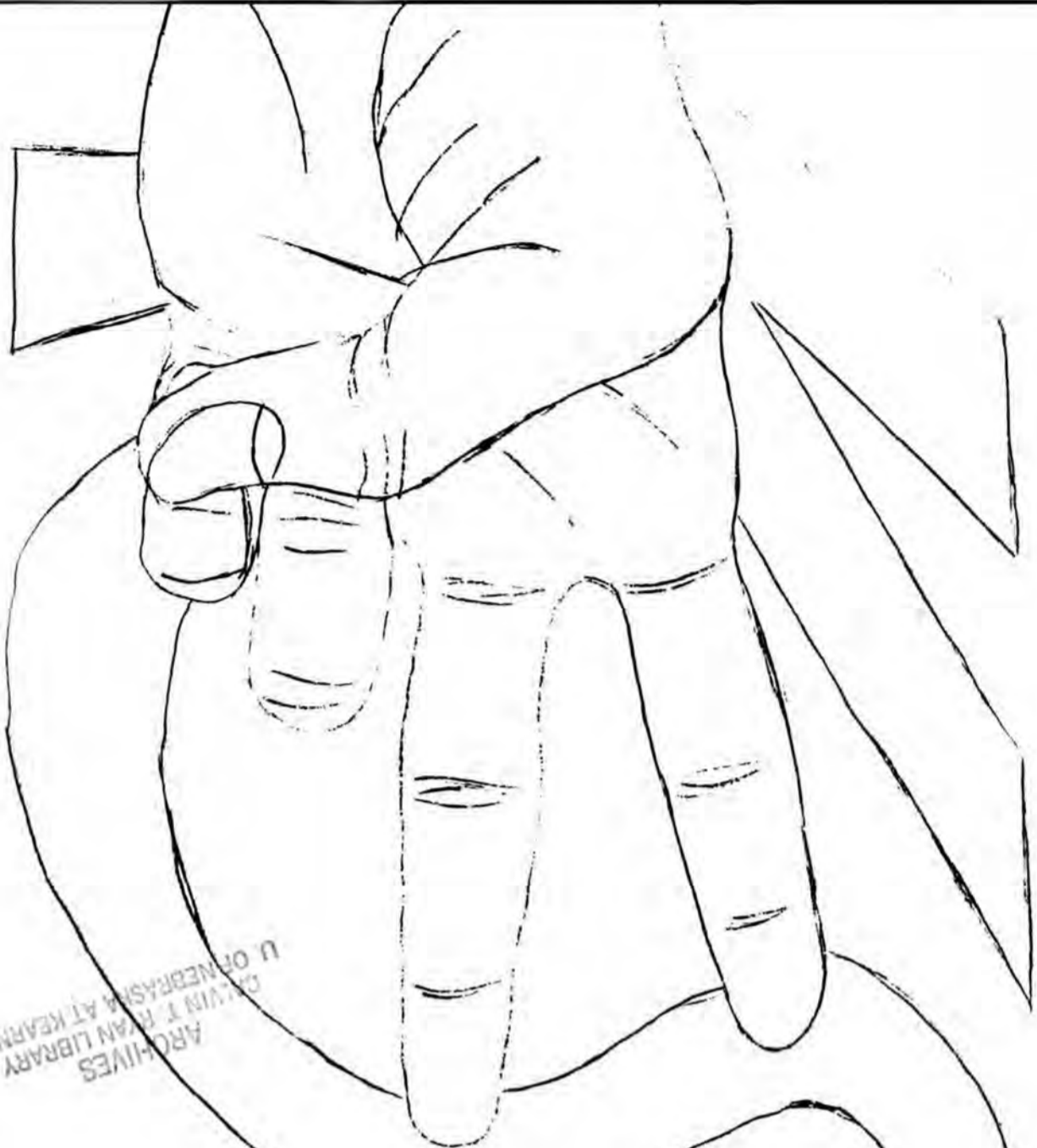
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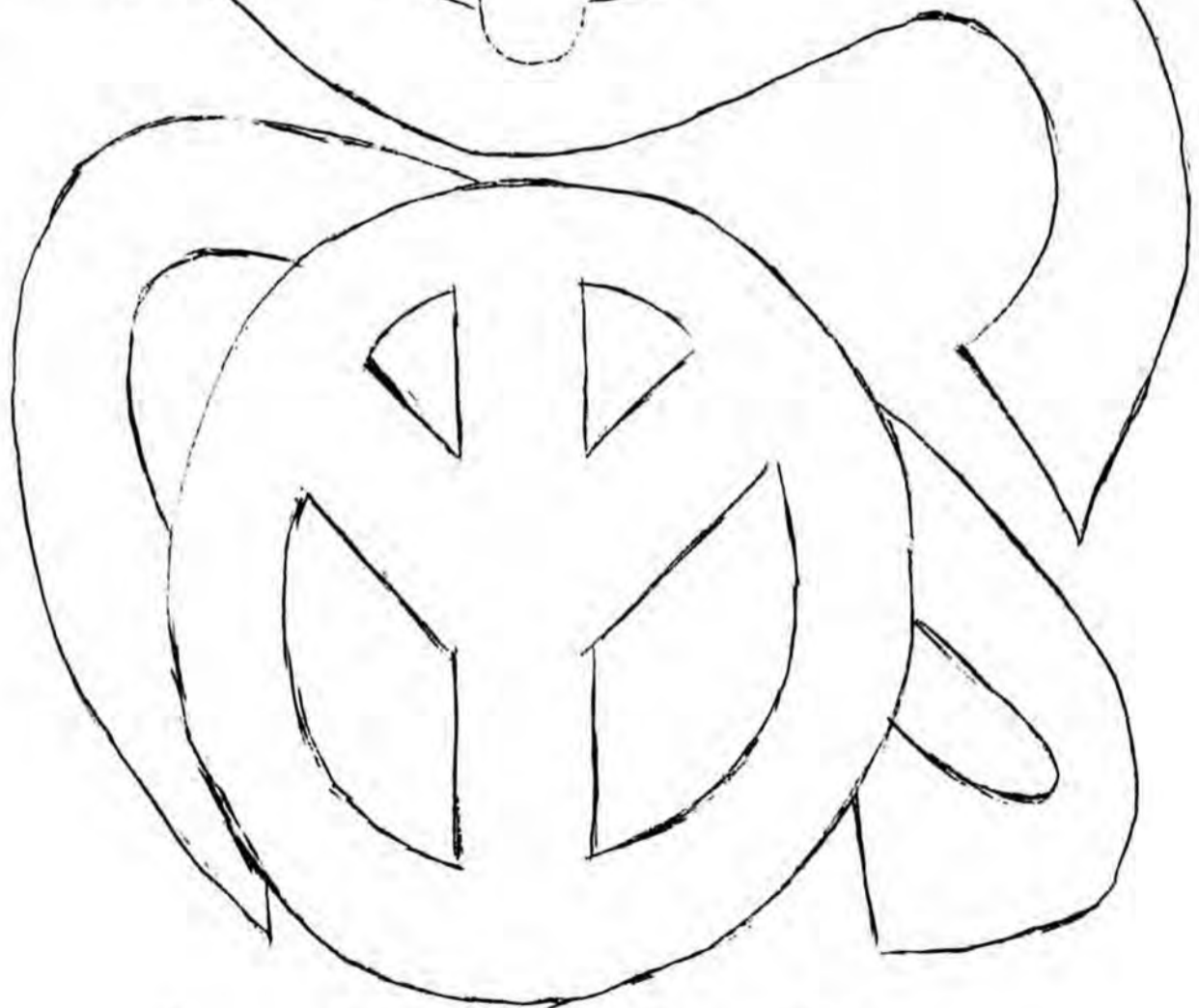
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THE EVOLUTION OF YOU

Why do students demonstrate?
Why do I believe all students will demonstrate against the establishment some day?

I shall attempt answers for these questions based on personal observations of fellow students and on personal feelings.

It all begins with a sense of humor. At an early age we learn to laugh at the simple mistakes and incongruities of others. It is funny to see someone err unwittingly in a harmless fashion. We all err now and then and we all know how it feels. So we laugh; it is good to see others fail occasionally too.

Then our humor graduates to satire. Maybe the errors of others aren't so funny any more. Maybe they aren't so harmless, so we poke a type of fun at these people that is intended to ridicule with the hopes of reform in mind.

After we see that satire has failed to achieve the desired change, we become more serious about the errors of others because we feel injustices being allowed where there could be justice. We become aroused that such events continue and our satire turns to sarcasm. We place ourselves in opposition to those who are committing what we feel are injustices, and we no longer laugh at their actions. We take actions for change such as talking, writing, and petitioning for the desired change.

But when no change is forthcoming bitterness replaces our sarcasm. If the efforts at reform fail, there is an intense feeling of one's self and one's ideas not really counting in the ordered events of life.

Closely following bitterness is disillusionment. If one does not count where can one turn to find meaning in living? All expended efforts seem for nothing. Previous goals and ideals appear as shams. Why go on with it all?

But disillusionment does not last forever. Sooner or later a more intensified desire to change the damned abomination that persists in allowing injustices to flourish grows until one wants to strike out heavily against this system. . . status quo. . . establishment. Bring it down! Now! However you can--but destroy it!

I say sooner or later all students will demonstrate in some degree if the injustices particular to their lives are not rectified, but I must qualify this statement. This evolutionary process requires the facing of the truth--the situation as it really exists. And some students are just happy to float along in their comfy, anesthetic worlds. They are unconcerned about others. Three meals a day, a few friends like them, a beer on weekends, a job tomorrow, and a blue sky for their 4th of July picnic is all that is required to satisfy them.

They will never demonstrate, for who has ever heard of injustice demonstrating against injustice?

James McCarty

HYDE PARK

[Hyde Park originated in London England where a section of a park was set aside to be used as a place where people could gather to express views openly.] It proved to be very popular with people who cared about the world around them, who cared about exchanging ideas in hopes of forming that world into a better place in which to live. The idea caught on in other places around the world. Nebraska University holds a Hyde Park session every week as do many of the more progressive colleges and universities of the nation and world. In such places no sooner will a speaker reach his five minute limit than there is another speaker up on the stand voicing his opinions. In other words there is enthusiasm.

The Hyde Park event at KSC was originally planned by the Mantor Hall activities committee to take place behind the dorm. The weather was cold and windy that day so the meeting place was moved into the Mantor lounge. However, Slater's food seemed to provide too much competition as everyone passed by indicating that they would rather feed the body than feed the mind. It was quickly decided that if the student population wouldn't come to us, we would go to them. We moved our equipment to the lounge area of the Nebraskan where everyone was standing in line for dinner. Carefully explaining the event, its beginnings, and its purposes, we urged any and all to participate. None did.

A few of my associates and I tried to get the ball rolling by speaking on various controversial subjects. Still no response. I realize the students do have some thing to say as indicated by their many complaints in day to day conversations and I knew that it was only their apprehension that prevented their approaching the platform.

I decided to step on a few toes, knowing it might not make me any friends but hoping it might at least generate some interest. I hate to insult the intelligence of the Greek population by having to literally spell out my true intentions. But it seems I must. My rude behavior was merely a bait trying to get a rise out of someone. If I was to get a rise from anyone, I thought I could get one from a fraternity man. It doesn't seem so. After arguing for five minutes with a (not too bright) fraternity lad, literally pleading with him to come in front of the microphone and take a stand, finally I was able to provoke him into doing so. He did not say much, but it was a start. I applauded him for that. A few others

ventured forward, and Hyde Park was on its way. The crowd seemed enthusiastic about continuing this activity, and that is just what we intend to do.

I hope everyone turns out in force for the future sessions, especially our beloved Greeks. Come and defend the honor of your organization. But I hope you will also have something to say on other topics as well, since now you know my insults were only meant to entice you, to provoke you, to get Hyde Park established at Kearney State.

Now that the second Hyde Park session has taken place, I'm bitter and discouraged. Two people came out of the crowd to voice an opinion. Not one fraternity man came to defend the benefits of the Greek system after all the nasty things I said last week. That surprised me!

Trying to get something good started here seems as futile as whipping a dead horse. KSC is sick. We might try it again using a different approach. I realize things like this (especially in a college like KSC) take time to become initiated. But the response we've gotten so far is ridiculous, literally ridiculous. I dare anyone to voice an opinion publically. And its not really as difficult as you may thin.

Jamie Lewis

THE PRESIDENTIAL SNUB

As many of you may have noticed last Tuesday at the plenary session of the World Affairs Conference, Greg Cawley, your Student Senate President, was conspicuously absent from the dias. In the past, it has been the practice for President Hassel to invite the Student Senate President to represent the students in extending a greeting to the foreign delegates.

Why did President Hassel fail to continue this practice this year in particular?

The answer seems obvious. Greg Cawley doesn't conform to what President Hassel defines as a "good" student, President of the Student Senate or not. You see, Greg Cawley's hair is too long; his shoes are the wrong brand; and his ties are much too loud.

It seems that anything alien to President Hassel is inherently wrong to start with. This man has let it be known that he will personally run this institution, and this latest act is one further exemplification of his intensions.

This attitude of President Hassel's must not be allowed to continue, for it is in direct opposition to the theory of education. Our educational system cannot afford dictators. In addition, President Hassel's attitude threatens to remove all power of the Student Senate to take effective action in student affairs. This, in turn, means you students will have a diminished voice concerning campus affairs.

I believe an apology from President Hassel to the Student Senate in general and to Greg Cawley in particular is in order.

Allen X

"What would do if I sang out of tune?"
-The Beatles

It sounds like an innocent question, doesn't it? And yet, as usual, there is more to the line from this song by the Beatles than meets the eye.

What would hapoon if I, or anyone for that matter, were to speak (sing) words and phrases that are not within the accepted thought patterns (out of tune) of society?

For a localized example one need only look as far as the confines of this campus. Consider the action taken against one of the principle speakers at the Hyde Park Forum. The four young fraternity members (name of organization politely omitted; I realize it is not fair to judge an entire frat by the actions of four members) who corned me alone are excellent examples of society's response to anything which is contrary to its system, repression.

Let the record read, however, that these young men are not really to blame for their actions. They were merely responding in a way they observe government officials, big businessmen, and so many others act every day. It is a tragedy that, in a country that prides itself on protecting the rights of the individual, that those who voice a different opinion or philosophy are ostracized and/or silenced.

Rather than dwell on this matter, let's resolve it to history and excuse the incident. I don't intend to publically embarrass those persons who confronted me (or their fraternity) that night, unless a re-occurrence of the incident happens. What I really wish to do here is raise a plea for openmindedness. You don't have to accept every idea you hear--God forbid! But at least be broad-minded enough to listen to the views of others and consider them. If nothing else show enough respect for yourself, and others, not to physically abuse or hassle someone just because they voice an opinion you may not agree with.

Concerning the Hyde Park Forum, there is much that must be cleared up in this area. Ideally the program on this campus would be modeled after the one currently on campuses across the nation (including the University of Nebraska). Under such a forum, the object is to have individuals who wish to discuss something do so to an audience of their peers. Sometimes, as happened at the first forum, people are either shy or reluctant to approach the microphone. At times such as this it is up to the moderators to provoke discussion by bringing up controversial topics. An attempt at this was made, but unfortunately, the "crowd-baiting" got out of hand. In trying to arouse the crowd and create some discussion I found myself talking and, at the same time,

planning what I was going to say next. It was in this manner that a very regrettable statement escaped my lips. Although I have publically apologized for this, I really don't believe I said anything that hasn't previously been heard (or said) by anyone on campus. However, since it was definitely in bad taste, I apologized.

Hopefully, the Hyde Park Forum will not be terminated because of a few problems that occurred in the first session. If enough interest can be generated, they will continue on a regular basis. Above all else however, let's not add to the hatred of the world--there's enough of that already.

It is my belief that a program such as the Hyde Park Forum, if properly conducted, can and will stimulate the intellectual development of the student body. Isn't that why we're all here for in the first place?

Doug Livingston

NO CREDIT FOR KILLING

Kearney State College finally has a ROTC program after waiting fifteen years to get one, says President Hassel. President Hassel is very proud that KSC will be offering this program next fall with credit hours given for its courses and instructor status for the officers in charge.

But I believe giving class credit for such a program and instructor status to ROTC officers is not in conjunction with the goals of education.

A college education should provide a student with the ability to reason from available data the most practical course to follow in a given situation. Thinking independently in order to adapt to changing situations is really what education is all about. No two situations that one may face in life are ever identical in every detail, so the best way to deal with changing situations is also different, to some degree, in each case.

At present, credit hours are given in various fields of study to students who demonstrate their abilities to think rationally in these fields.

But a ROTC program is not an educating experience for those taking part in it. In actuality, it is a conditioned response experience where enrollees learn that page and paragraph to quote when

reading war. The ROTC candidates are taught independent thinking is dangerous in the military because it may not agree with the commanding officer's thinking, and the commanding officer is always correct--as far as those under his command are to be concerned. Only one line of thinking can be tolerated in the military.

The subject dealt with by a ROTC program, war, is also alien to education. Education gives one the ability to use the intellect in reasoning with a foe of one's philosophy and thus avoid the physical force with which the military is taught to respond to an opponent's differing views.

War is illogical. War is a waste of time, of money, and most importantly, of lives. But at times, war seems to be almost inescapable. Never-the-less, we must not give sanction to the art of conducting premeditated killing by giving credit hours to courses under the new ROTC program.

Many college administrations are now realizing this fact, Harvard being the latest one, and they are removing credit hours for ROTC as well as the instructor status for ROTC officers.

A ROTC program is not an education but an indoctrination and, therefore, has no place in the academic community.

James McCarty

SECURITY SCANDAL

We can all rest easy in our beds tonight because Kearney State's security police are keeping a constant watch over us. Why just two weekends ago, during the Nebraska Student Government Association's convention in Kearney, they exhibited a perfect example of their capabilities.

Two student delegates who happened to be from Africa were driving around the campus on the Friday evening looking for the car of a friend of theirs. Now you can imagine how swiftly our campus security officers took note of such a suspicious activity. The student delegates were quickly stopped, and with one officer on each side of the car, the delegates were questioned sharply concerning "just what they thought they were doing." With composure and courtesies in tact, even under those Gestapo-like tactics, the delegates simply informed the officers of their mission of search. But our alert security officers were not to be tricked by such obvious deception. They effectively countered the unexpected subterfuge by telling the student delegates, in explicit terms, to "do their searching somewhere else."

After considering the efficiency with which our security force here at Kearney State operates, it is not difficult to see why they are second to none. . . second to none in stupidity, in offrontery, and in just plain bad manners.

J. Brown

RE-EVALUATION OF THOUGHT

"Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the Children of God." Matthew 5:9 --And you thought they were called traitors and draft dodgers and sent to prison.

-Rev. Myrton Rymph
Omaha

POTPOURRI

- RUMOR HAS IT THE entire Scorpion staff is on the Dean's list.
- RUMOR HAS IT the Student Senate passed a resolution Tuesday condemning whatever force was responsible for keeping Lonnie Webb from their last meeting.
- RUMOR HAS IT dead week arose from the dead in President Hassel's waste basket and ascended into practice last week.
- RUMOR HAS IT the Thoughts of Milton J. Hassel will be published in time for the 1969 KSC graduates.
- RUMOR HAS IT that the Antelope doesn't.
- RUMOR HAS IT Professor Langford ghost writes all of President Hassel's speeches.
- RUMOR HAS IT President Hassel would like to help the Scorpion . . . out.
- RUMOR HAS IT the reason food poisoning could not definitely be proven at Slaters a couple of weeks ago is that the food examiner died before he could make his findings known.
- RUMOR HAS IT the campus security is KSC's last great White Hope.
- RUMOR HAS IT KSC is an alibi in disguise
- RUMOR HAS IT academic freedom at KSC is an academic question.
- RUMOR HAS IT fraternities are dying or dead at most progressive colleges.
- RUMOR HAS IT fraternities will be at KSC for some time to come.
- RUMOR HAS IT a new sport will be initiated next fall at KSC in connection with the ROTC program. . . . killing. Practice will be from 3 to 5 p.m.
- RUMOR HAS IT Colonel Boe, head of the ROTC program next fall, wants to change KSC's symbol from an Antelope to a Hawk.
- RUMOR HAS IT SDS is alive and well on the campus of Kearney State College.
- RUMOR HAS IT President Hassel was seen speeding by two KSC students at 85 mph on the interstate last Friday. Sounds like his foot might be as heavy as his hand.
- RUMOR HAS IT the American Medical Association has recommended the atmosphere around Kearney State be labeled unfit for radicals.
- This week's Flying Fickle Finger of Fate Award goes to KSC's administration for setting aside \$250,000 to divert the canal and fill in the ditch just west of Cushing Colesium. This money could well be used elsewhere such as hard-surfacing the parking lots. The Scorpion suggests diverting all the B.S that the administration pours onto students from day to day and filling the ditch with the same ES. A lot of money could be saved this way.
- RUMOR HAS IT S.A.C. will sponsor a decency rally this Saturday night.
- RUMOR HAS IT that the decency rally has been cancelled because the guest speaker, President Hassel, will not be able to attend. He will be previewing I Am Curious, Yellow in Omaha.
- RUMOR HAS IT SDS's architect has proclaimed Kearney State's administration building structurally sound.
- RUMOR HAS IT the fences around the administration building are to keep the faculty in.
- RUMOR HAS IT KSC is going to pot.
- RUMOR HAS IT the Scorpion staff will be taking over the Antelope next fall.
- RUMOR HAS IT the Bike Bowl didn't affect Kearney State's final top ten rating.
- RUMOR HAS IT Mrs. Fling took home street eliminator honors with her new Buick at the drags last Sunday.
- RUMOR HAS IT advisers are being assigned to all freshmen this week. This will be the first chance for many students to see an instructor close up and vice vdrsa.
- RUMOR HAS IT the Boy Scouts have taken over the new ROTC program. Dean Sissler will serve as Den Mother.
- RUMOR HAS IT human beings are thought to inhabit the administration building.

Contrary to a popular rumor, the Scorpion is not monetarily supported by Communists. In fact, the Scorpion is mostly supported by the Scorpion staff although a few people have made contributions that were sincerely appreciated. If you are one who has enjoyed the Scorpion and would like to see it continue, your contribution will greatly aid its continuance. Contributions may be sent to:

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THE FATE

Hurray! Hurray! They say
A lot of the neemy is dead today.
What are they to us anyway?

Go West young man!
Help the ~~Viets~~ make a stand.
They need free ~~men~~ ~~men~~.

Here, while the turkey ~~is~~
We can't help marveling
That those in India are ~~starving~~

East! East! Go East!
There we will have a great feast
And starving will have ceased!

But wait! Stop. Look. Listen.
While on faces, tears glisten--
We know somethin's missin'.

Where have all the young men gone?
Hunger and war must be won--
They've been sent to other countries,
every one.

What of hunger, pain, and misery we
see every day?
How can these even hope to convey
The message--"Please, stay."

Our very foundations crumble and decay
Yet to help others we go far away.
Can we go on helping this way?

How do we let the sunshine in?
We live among corruption, misery, and sin.
Is this the plight of all men?

Why do we look at others and criticize
Yet we deceive our own eyes
And close our ears to our own cries?

One day, human patience will wear;
Countries will look at each other
and swear
And at each others' throats tear.

When it comes to this time
There will occur the greatest crime--
Just a cloud of dirt and grime.

Can we stop before it's too late?
Or do we just sit back and wait?
Is this our ultimate fate?

Gloria Moody

NOTES FROM THE SPRING OFFENSIVE

Black militants took over a faculty building on the Colgate University campus last Friday and dared officials to try to take them out.

Radical students threatened to disrupt the annual dress parade of the ROTC at Princeton if steps were not taken to remove ROTC as a course credit.

Faculty resentment is building at Cornell University because all the demands of the SDS were met as drawn up by the black students occupying the Resident Union.

At City College of New York, closed by its president during negotiations with black and Puerto Rican students demanding a revised admissions policy, angry engineering school professors went ahead with classes in defiance of the shut-down edict.

Several hundred students picketed against the ROTC on the campus at St. John's University in Jamaica, Queens, N.Y.

Hundreds of students canned for a second day in the administration building of Hampton Institute and the predominantly black college in Hampton Va. was closed.

Some 150 blacks staged a chanting, singing demonstration at Ohio University while O.U. President Vernon Alden promised a delegation that a black studies institute and more black administrative and academic positions would be established.

New York City officials made new legal efforts to oust sitters-in who have been ensconced in a Queensborough Community College Building for five days.

More than 20 members of the Black Students Association picketed the Whitworth College administration building near Spokane, Wash.

Police confiscated an American flag from the Grinnell College campus Thursday after students flew it upside in protest of the Viet Nam war.

The Rev. John F. Raynor, Marquette president, said their ROTC program would continue unless a current study committee recommends otherwise.

The students of Kearney State College, Kearney, Nebraska, again contemplated their navals this past week hoping the rain that had been forecast would indeed fall thus insuring another fine start for the wheat crop this year.

Silent as the shadows--
swift as the wind,
our lives slip by us--
as the leaves fall and grass turns to sickly brown.

Surely someone somewhere knows
the answers.

Why is all lost when time has passed?

But that someone who holds all answers,
is silent as the oak in the forest,
watching and learning evermore,
but yielding nothing in return.

Thus it must be said,
in days of now and then,
the pleasantries of yesterday live
only in the hearts of men.

Doug Livingston