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"In a sick country every act of truth is an insult to those who live in its sickness."

The Fixer - Bernard Malamud

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25 February 1970

WE DID IT

I'm happy. I'm hoarse and tired but I'm happy. We really did it. Madison College is starting to react, and that's very good. The past demonstration has caught us up in our first feeling of success. At last, we have the knowledge that the time for constructive action is finally here. FINALLY! We are tired of being ignored in the ridiculous hope that we'll all just vanish. We are not going to vanish now or ever. We are going to stay, and we are going to be heard.

We made noise--sure we did--but it was a special kind of noise. It was really saying something important; we have had it with an atmosphere that is afraid to educate because then we might understand what is actually happening to us and to our self-respect. Well, guess what? Because certain teachers--who, incidentally, won't be around much longer--showed us what education means, we do understand at last. And now, we refuse to put up with any more stifling restrictions or any more administration-type academic freedom. We want to be heard and understood as human beings who are involved and committed. If we have to shout, then that's what we're going to do.

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"There is a time when the operation of the machine becomes so odious, makes you so sick at heart that you can't take part; you can't even tacitly take part, and you've got to put your bodies upon the levers, upon all the apparatus, and you've got to make it stop. And you've got to indicate to the people who run it, to the people who own it, that unless you're free the machine will be prevented from working at all."

Mario Savio, 1964, Free Speech Movement, Berkeley campus

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OUR PURPOSE

To create freedom, where it does not exist, for ourselves and others.

"We enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought."
John F. Kennedy

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And our shouts of concern won't just die at Madison's gates. We are going to write letters to anyone who might be interested. We're involved, and other people need to realize that we are not just acting up. We know what should be, and we want what should be rather than what is, when we shout for justice, that's what we want, both for ourselves and for the three teachers who have helped us recognize the true meaning of justice.

This is the beginning, but it is only a beginning. The end result depends on you and me. We can achieve only as much as we are willing to work for. And I believe that we are willing to work long and hard.

Debbie Darr

"You see things and say why. But I dream of things that never were and I say why not."

George Bernard Shaw

It isn't just because his ideas are exciting and challenging or because he never puts anybody else's thoughts down. It isn't just because the reading he selects is actually meaningful or because the papers he assigns inspire his students to do some real and original thinking. It isn't just these things that make Mr. McClung a very special professor, but these things in combination with one thing more. He cares.

He cares about each student in his classroom but he also cares about all of you that he has never met and maybe never will. I don't know how he always finds the time or the inclination to be interested but he does.

I guess some people might say that his time would have been better spent doing all those bright, if not right, things that impress those in power. I'm sure that if he had spent a little more of it that way he'd be here next year. But I'll take two years of some pretty brilliant teaching and some pretty deep caring over a decade of mediocrity any day and you and I will still be the winners. Because you see, no one can fire or not rehire the growing and the maturing we've done in these past two years.

And so in this way we have won and even though a true educative experience might not be something you should have to battle for at college, our victory should not be scoffed at. It will be much more adult for having known Mr. McClung but also, obviously, much more dissatisfied, when you know somebody is good and right it's hard to watch him leave and then, acceptingly, turn back to a college and an academic life that is much less than you know it could be. It's too hard, in fact, and I don't want to do it. Instead I want to prove that, like him, I too care—about his freedom, my freedom and your freedom. "Ill you help me? Will you care?"

Mary Donohue
The right to peaceful assembly and demonstrating is one of the most cherished privileges we are accorded as US citizens. It is something that should be guarded with one's own life if necessary, and it should never be abused, no matter what the cause.

When Jim McClung finally chose to make public that he and two others equally active with students had not been re-appointed for next year, many students rightfully aligned themselves behind the "Madison 3". I am not ashamed to admit that I was among the early supporters.

While I still believe that the reasons for their dismissals were not as originally stated by the administration, I would here question the degree of professionalism exhibited by at least one of the &ldquo;3&rdquo; for through unconscionable actions, some who are truly supporters of academic freedom are being duped into a very selfish fiasco.

Surely those who are occupying the positions of student leaders in this movement don't think you can fool people for any longer than a short while by playing on their emotions. And certainly you can not expect these emotional actions to run true—it just doesn't happen that way.

Hesitancy on the part of the &ldquo;3&rdquo; in revealing their plight, owing partly to the fact that students still had to get through exams, is almost too typical of what this movement has fallen to at present. All these students are being &ldquo;exploited&rdquo; for very narrow aims: those of simply creating trouble for the administration, which, even though it could use some shaking now and then, will not yield to this amateurish pressure.

What of the demonstrators themselves? Dean Fox acted prudently when he waived the time limit in allowing the first demonstration. And the students rewarded his foresight with going completely out of the bounds they had requested for the second demonstration. Sure, he made a hasty, unclear statement after the first march that directly affected future marches. But

I choose to answer certain "charges" made by Frank Humphreys since he has chosen to single me out by name. I find certain of his allegations difficult to answer because of vagueness and incoherence in many of his statements. Why I should be accused of making "public" the fact that three Madison faculty members were not reappointed for next year, I do not know. Certain of my friends and colleagues knew this fact, but the information was made public by Leer Wiesener, not by me.

I can hardly answer the charge of "degree of professionalism exhibited by at least one of the &ldquo;3&rdquo;" since I do not know which one of us he refers to. If I were the culprit, I should be interested to hear the specifics of this charge.

"For through unconscionable actions" and "a very selfish fiasco" are allegations impossible to answer since I do not know who is unscrupulous or who is selfish in this matter. Since I probably have nothing of benefit to gain from the publicity of this case, and perhaps something to lose, I fail to see the pertinence of a charge of selfishness. I can only assume that my interest here at Madison in student rights and in the improvement of the college is selfish; in this respect, I only wish that more students were selfish.

Paragraph #4 I hardly know how to answer since I don't understand it. What is meant by &quot;And certainly; you can't expect these emotional reactions to run true..."? The &quot;hesitancy&quot; on the part of the three of us who were not reappointed was certainly not a publicity stunt; all three of us made appropriate private investigations of the matter. It became a matter of public and student concern only after we had encountered the frustrating dead ends of private appeal. And since you also believe &quot;the reasons for their dismissals were not as originally stated by the administration,&quot; I am sure you can appreciate the sense of frustration we felt in trying to get to the real reasons. I am also not positive whom you are accusing of &quot;exploiting&quot; students for the purpose of &quot;simply creating trouble.&quot; If students are &quot;biasly making trouble,&quot; as you say later, then I do not think anyone is being &quot;exploited&quot; here; furthermore, whether you wish to call it &quot;creating trouble," &quot;shaking now and then," or &quot;tartish pressure&quot; (some subjective wordplay!), how I or a group of

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he promptly met with student leaders to clear up any uncertainty that might have existed.

When someone is either placed in or places himself in a position of leadership, he should become aware of the responsibilities that are incumbent on such a position. It's readily apparent that none of the leaders of this demonstration in support of the "3" have even come close to realizing this.

Students are basically smart, and it is not too long before they become aware of the fact that they are being taken. If those leading the fight for academic freedom truly believed in what they are preaching, they would be conducting themselves in a much more respectful and reputable manner. Then perhaps the cries of "What-do-you-want?-Freedom!-When-do-you-want-it?-Now!" might be heard and even heeded.

Frank Humphreys

It seems strange to me that a noisy crowd of 1300 (estimate given by Daily News Record) moving from Wilson Auditorium to cover virtually the entire dormitory area of Madison College in its march failed to attract enough attention for news coverage on the famed "Pulse of the News" on VSWA-TV. For a program that boasts complete area-wide news coverage of events of interest to the viewing community, it seems to me that an orderly, peaceful demonstration within that community would be at least a bit of minor but reportable news. Do activities necessarily have to involve police confrontation, destruction of property, personal injury and violence to merit local news coverage? It has been alleged that people of this community, according to the college, are supposedly more important to Madison than the student body and yet they don't even get TV coverage (the next day) of an event occurring within their own back yard! It just seems too illogical that such a news black-out could occur without some means of pressure being applied to cause it. Are we being censored?

Gilbert Gray, Jr.

POLLUTING THE POLLUTER'S POOL
by The Guardian

SAN FRANCISCO (LNS)—Some five gallons of motor oil was dumped into the pool of the Standard Oil company building's fountain in downtown San Francisco. A sign was left which read, "Santa Barbara Strikes Back." The act marked the first anniversary of the pollution of Santa Barbara's beaches which was caused by a massive offshore oil leak.

Jim McGung
A nation at war with Vietnam. It is also true that the majority of Americans are compassionate and peace-loving. The fact that both these conditions exist in the same democratic state is an appalling scene, but the greatest scandal of all is the "prayer for victory" over North Vietnam, evoked by this nation of "good" Christians.

We as Christians have no right to ask God to give us victory over our political enemies. This is not a religious war (if any war can ever be justified by religion). It is strictly political and strictly pagan, opposing completely the doctrine of Christ. The only prayer a Christian can possibly justify concerning this war is a prayer for peace and not peace through victory but peace through the immediate cessation of all fighting.

If someone still wishes to petition God for a victory in Vietnam he should at least be honest with himself about exactly what he is asking God to do.

Here is an honest prayer for victory in North Vietnam:

Dear God,

Please give our troops victory in Vietnam. Keep our young men safe from harm and make them better and more efficient killers.

Help them to pray for and reconcile the young men of our enemy. Help them destroy the towns and villages of the old men, women and children that are left after our planes have dropped bombs and napalm on them. Make every North Vietnamese and Viet Cong, here and in the thousands of dead we will give them, use their lives a "hell on earth."

And then God, after we have defeated them, make those mangled few who are left grateful to the "merciful and peace-loving nation" that has liberated them from the horrible monster Communism. Do this we pray in the name of THE FATHER, THE SON AND THE HOLY GHOST AREN.

Sarah E. Schaffner

RECRUITER DRIVEN OUT

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (LNS) -- Ann Arbor Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), RYM 11, and 100 radicals supporters forced a Chase Manhattan recruiter to flee from the Student Activities Building's Placement Service Office at the University of Michigan.

The radicals conducted a Carnival of Life festival in the third floor corridor on a successful attempt to obstruct the usual flow of business in the Placement Service Office.

City officials were notified when repeated efforts to read an eviction notice to the demonstrators failed; a paddywagon bearing 35 cops in riot gear was dispatched to protect the recruiter from the protesters.

The radicals filed the building when word leaked out about the possible bust, and chased and heckled the recruiter off the campus. This was the first time radicals have forced a recruiter off this campus. More have called interview a single student. It was also the first incident during which police were called onto Michigan's campus.

TROOPS SURROUND VENEZUELA UNIVERSITY--Liberation News Service

CARACAS, (LNS) Army troops surrounded the spacious ultramodern campus of the University of Caracas last month. They came to end a student sit-in at the School of En-Ingenieria. The students demanded the resignation of the dean, accusing him of cooperating with military intervention in the school and of approving violations of university autonomy.

The political scene at the university has been heavy for months. Classes re-opened in January after three months of "forced recess" and military occupation, fresh Latina reported.

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Sarah E. Schaffner
"I place a great deal of emphasis on people really listening to each other, to what the person has to say, because one seldom encounters a person capable of taking either you or themselves seriously."

Eldridge Cleaver, Soul on Ice

Dear God—how come you have only ten rules and Madison has a million?

The Following is a copy of the memo released by Dr. J. Fox.

Madison College
Harrisonburg, Virginia
February 17, 1970

TO: Head Residents
FROM: Dean of Student Services

Dear Residents,

The rights and responsibilities of students who wish to demonstrate peacefully are outlined in the Student Handbook, pp. 50–52. This statement which stresses respect for the rights of all members of the campus community has not been denied by the recent decision not to authorize a projected series of demonstrations planned to force the college administrators to alter a decision. This decision rather is intended to insure free expression without threat of coercion will continue to exist on this campus.

Specifically, demonstrations regarding the matter of the dismissal of faculty members or any other subject of concern will be registered as many times as necessary as long as their intent is the free expression of the point of view of the individuals involved rather than a determined effort to coerce others into given action.

James W. Fox
Students of Madison are presenting a Drug Information Program on Wed., Feb. 25th at 5:30. The two best films in the country, one on 'Marijuana and LSD', will be shown, along with a segment on LSD's effect on persons. The films will be shown at 5:30 in Wilson.

Three guest speakers will be included in the program. They are experts in their fields and will present non-biased views on drugs. Dr. John Buckman, Dept. of Psychiatry, Dr. Charles Holland, Clinical Psychologist, Collins College; and Dave Simpson, a young attorney from Lancaster who served as Chairman of the 1969 committee on drug abuse, will be the speakers.

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Literacy Example of the Week

In response to a little red fist that has been sitting across the street from the laundry since Feb. 7, (the fist in the box letter here not by the sender of the letter—not the typist)

Mr. J. C. Arland Lahey
2035 Broadway

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S. M. A. M. W

Rosy's Outlook for the 70's

H.W.H. (H.W.H.) Homeless magazine, Cuba's popular illiterate, recently published an article detailing what the magazine considered the 13 major events of the sixties. They were:

The war in Vietnam, Algerian independence, internal struggle in the U.S., the black movement, the anti-war movement, the war in the Middle East, the Kennedy assassination, the Viet Cong in Vietnam, the assassination of Martin Luther King, the first 4 years in space, the first group of people reaching the moon, and the first flight into space. In 1968, the first flight into space was completed.

Very Truly Yours,

3. S. Tong
Broadway Police

Hooray for the Broadway Police Department!
DEAR 4-EYED CONNIE FRUIT

Local Citizen Drops Hotdogs Over Peace Quakers

Dear connie fruit,

I never thought I’d be writing a letter but I’m compelled to do it. Last Thursday evening (Jan. 15) I got off of work at Shamrock Poultry and Processing Plant and I came down to eat at Jesse’s Quick Lunch. I ordered up two chilly dogs and a Pepsi and was about to bite into one of them when I looked down the street and saw a bunch of hippies. Well, right away I jumped up and ran out and threw them all. Well, I reckon the good Lord was with me because they both hit this one blue-eyed hippy right square on his head. I packed both of them up and ran out and threw them on the floor. I tossed both of them out and ran out and threw them on the floor. I tossed both of them out and ran out and threw them in the sewer. I couldn’t tell if it was a boy or a girl cause they all looked alike! Mirrors and Jesus look and talk alike to you know. By God, that’s the way it is with them, you Consortium, you Nazis and you fellow hippies. They’re just like the little folk in this country! I say we drop the bomb on you. God or else send out for us men with all those rubber and camouflage suits. Just one more thing by God. I got 8 brothers and we got 9 shot guns that says ain’t no hippies better be comin’ messin’ around on my cornfield. Stream of consciousness?

LAW ABIDIN AMERICAN

Dear Law Abidin,

I agree 100%. This type of outrage must cease! I am now drafting a letter to Jesse’s Quick Lunch demanding that he install wider counter tops. Also, I think I’ll drop a note to president Miller at the college demanding that all those protesters be shot by police chief Honor (former FBI man) and that should incure law and order by God.

CONCERNED MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF THE THIRD AFTERNOON OF THE OLD TIME SAINT GEORGE

Dear Concerned,

Thank you for your inspiring letter. It is indeed a great pleasure and a job to read such profound words of truth especially in these days of hate, racial strife, the bomb, hippies, Nazis, fascists rooks, and war. Like you folks, I firmly believe in equality for all mankind — that is double for people of an inferior race. I am having your letter reprinted on 30" x 35" -loosed paper in old English lettering to be sent to each and every congregation, senator and hippy in the world.

DID leave the room with our own particular occupational bullshit. Did I leave the room with our own particular occupational bullshit (notably a profusion of cigarette butts). It has been brought to our attention that Dr. Ohlsson was quite justifiably disturbed about this situation. Therefore, we can think of no other appropriate action but to offer our sincere apologies to Dr. Ohlsson, and to assure him that we will be more careful in the future. Sorry!

THE CHURCH OF THE THIRD TIME SAINT GEORGE

DEAR 4-EYED CONNIE FRUIT

Local Citizen Drops Hotdogs Over Peace Quakers

Dear connie fruit,

"May the Lord cut off all flattering lips, Do thou O Lord protect us, guard us ever from this generation." Psalms 12: 3, 7. Take heed!!! All ye communists, hippy sinners lest ye be consumed by my almighty avenger with the furious wrath of thirty score hungry mule does. Speak not in foul utterances like shit and hell and hotdamn doest thou wish the final curse of the Lord? Jesse O Joe become to ye of little faith! For ye shall be burned by the vilest devil of all — the communist devil! May all the "freaks" from this generation (note above) be stroped into the sewer of life and the Lord grant eternal peace to ye. Amen. Lord Bless you and all — you too connie fruit.

Law Abidin American

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We owe Dr. Ohlsson an apology. The meeting of the paper’s staff last Thursday, held in the choral room, was attended by many more people than we had expected or could cope with. Consequently, we DID leave the room with our own particular occupational bullshit (notably a profusion of cigarette butts).

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Grassroots Solution

Several months ago, Virginia college student was given the astounding sentence of twenty years in prison for possession of marijuana. Even such a sedate establishment soul as Governor Godwin felt compelled to take extreme action to remedy the situation. Under the circumstances, one wonders why the archaic, farcical marijuana laws are not abolished in order to obviate the necessity for an executive pardon every time such an outrageous judgement is meted out.

But, of course, marijuana is ostensibly a great evil. The advocacy of its legalization is tantamount to social heresy. Why, that is so evil about marijuana?

Years ago, the government (which will defend even a BAD law to the death) simply told us that marijuana was bad for us and that was quite enough. We believed them. But now, many people are beginning to ask for specific medical answers about marijuana. The government's reply is that not enough research has been conducted.

The truth is that marijuana has been researched into the ground, and there is still no medical evidence to prove that it is deleterious. Supporters of the anti-marijuana position have recked the bottom of the proverbial barrel and are screeching frantically. Dr. Milton Cramer of the American Medical Association is suffering the consequences (as quoted in That Other Paper) even as he goes so far as to claim that marijuana poses a threat of cancer! I would grant that marijuana may have some carcinogenic properties as cigarettes, in which case it would be ill-advised to smoke over a pack of grass a day. But cigarettes are fairly well established to be of a carcinogenic nature, and it is still perfectly legal to smoke TEN packs a day (take note).

If marijuana were legalized, what would happen? Marijuana would no longer be sold by the same people who sell heroin and amphetamines, thereby precluding the possibility that marijuana smokers might have to deal with those unsavory elements. The government would collect excise taxes from the sale of marijuana, removing some small degree of governmental worries. And, most importantly, the stigma of criminality would be removed from many citizens of the nation.

This is the real issue involved: The US government has no right to treat people as criminals because they exercise their constitutional right to the pursuit of happiness. I have never smoked marijuana, nor have I ever contemplated doing so, because that is my personal choice. It SHOULD be EVERYBODY'S choice, even if they should choose to smoke. After all, without an alternative, there is no choice. And without choice, there is no freedom.

Lewis H. Sword

MEDICAL H.Y.P. FL.SH. FAUX. R.L.A.
Infantry: It has been rumored from offices of the Madison College Infirmary that our dearly beloved G. Tyler Miller is suffering from a rare disease called COLON RECTITIS. According to college medical personnel and the American Medical Dictionary, symptoms occur when the muscles of the eye become crossed with the muscles of the rectum and the victim develops a shitty outlook on life. It looks as if the only sure cure for G. Tyler and the whole Madison College campus is for G. Tyler to retire and get plenty of rest. On second thought all he needs is to retire, he gets plenty of rest now. He doesn't do anything constructive any way — does he?

Have asked to be with held

De to Three Teachers

I've Just been marching.
It was for freedom.
My freedom, as well as yours.
On the way, I heard others.
Like me, shouting -
JUSTICE NOW!
It was beautiful.
I believe.
I will fight!
JOIN ME!

Rose Oglesby
I've lived with fear forever. Fear is a monster that lurks behind the harsh words of Don Conner and Pat Ferguson.

Light trickles down the wall as his nose is flooded with tears. Water drips through my tears. Those who cannot understand are Carl Bailey and Judy Reed. The blue and white are most pretty. As the sounds shatter the darkness, he reaches from my lips. All I do he reaches from my lips. Speaking to my eyes are the memories. Again the drab sound comes. Fear is a monster that lurks behind the memories. All I do he reaches from my lips.

Those who cannot understand speak to my eyes. The blue and white are most pretty. Those who cannot understand sense with their hands the terror. Those who cannot understand think without intent. He sees without looking, but my eyes record all. "...with a little help from our friends..."

Some of the workers on The Fixer are Carl Bailey, Judy Reed, Dean Brown, Martha Cassidy, Debbie Darr, Mary Donohue, Dee Dee Erikson, Les Hammond, Bruce "Vince" Dave, and others. The blue and white are most pretty. Those who cannot understand sense with their hands the terror. Fear is a monster that lurks behind the memories. Those who cannot understand think without intent. He sees without looking, but my eyes record all. "...with a little help from our friends..."

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The Fixer will now accept classified ads. The cost will be 15 a column line, no minimum or maximum required. If you have anything you want to get rid of we will take your ad. Send ads to: Madison College Press (Free), Box 35, Broadway, Virginia 22815.

"Anation can't begin to do what is right until it stops doing what is wrong." — Colman McCarthy

Carol Good

"The sins of the fathers are visited upon the heads of the children—but only if the children continue in the evil deeds of the fathers." — Eldridge Cleaver, Soul on Ice