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PYRE

"VOICE OF THE ASHES"

SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF M.A.C. WHO HELPED MAKE THIS PAPER POSSIBLE

PHILLIP PAUL GILLIAM - EDITOR
STEVE CHRISTIANSON - A CONSERVATIVE VIEWPOINT
WAYNE BOND - SCIENCE WRITER
MARION MARSHALL - STAFF WRITER
PAUL WALKER - POLITICAL WRITER
RICHARD ROBERTS - HUMORIST ?
PAMELA SUE HAMILTON - MEMBER OF M.A.C.
SHARON BROWN - MEMBER OF M.A.C.

Because the Pyre is concerned with representing everyone's constructive opinion, regardless of race, creed, religion, ideology, theology, ad nauseum, it intends to print any article submitted to it as long as it does not implicate the paper legally or involve profanity. It must be noted, however, that all of the articles printed in the paper do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the paper or its writers. The Pyre reserves the right to comment on any article.

—The Editor—

The Purpose of M.A.C.
Phillip Paul Gilliam-editor

Because many students are concerned with what seems to be the prevalent opinion of the older generation toward the younger generation, several of them have decided to try to improve the situation. Also, because the present news media tends to over emphasize the bad aspects of our present generation (i.e. hippies, yuppies, drug addicts etc.), rather than strive to find the good in them, this group of students who call themselves M.A.C. (Moving Ahead Constructively) have decided to do everything in their power to alter this prevalent feeling.

M.A.C. is extremely concerned with the attitudes of many of our peers, which seem to be to tear down, and to be "anti" anything and everything. The members of M.A.C. realize that if our society is going to benefit, then the society must be willing to realize that there is much of vice and wrong in the country and school, but that people must strive to emphasize and construct the good. M.A.C. realizes that if we try to find, cultivate, and emphasize the things that are right with the school rather than the things that are wrong, then possibly the school will advance to the point where the wrong will be erased in a more intelligent manner than sit-ins, demonstrations and sarcastic bitterness. We want to make it clear that we are not going to "stick our heads in the sand", and not recognize the evident problems of the school. Quite the contrary, we acknowledge the difficulties, and then strive for a uniting of minds and bodies, directed toward constructively building a school, and for that matter a country, that is concerned about the people's rights, freedoms, and individual interests.

Most of the students of Wright State University have reached a point in their education which is a very critical one. We are forming ideologies, philosophies and habits that will govern us the rest of our lives. It is the opinion of M.A.C. that our culture will benefit much more if we strive to instill into ourselves and our peers a pride and determination for the betterment of our fellowmen, and a constructive drive and attitude toward respect, freedom and dignity for all people.

The Purpose of Pyre
Steve Christensen

Pyre, is sponsored by M.A.C.; an organization which promotes Moving Ahead Constructively. It seems to me that there is a definite need for a paper that is not run by a bias organization. This first issue of Pyre was cohesively and independently produced by liberals, moderates, and conservatives, all working together to present the voice of the majority of the silent W.S.U. students.

I, like many others on campus, believe that it is about time some people quit trying to abort W.S.U. before she has had a chance to see life as it is and to promote the ideals and beliefs which are commonly known as the "American Dream". Why is it so necessary to fight the authority which has brought us so far in achieving our goals. What is so wrong with law and order and the security it promotes? What is so wrong with contributing to instead of detracting from our society? Why don't those people who scream "peace now" start by contributing to it?

Pyre symbolizes the destruction of the revolutionary forces in our society, and the resurrection from the ashes of a truly unified and peaceful "America".

Anyone who wishes to contribute articles to the paper, please feel free to contact Phillip Gilliam, Marion Marshall, Wayne Bond, Richard Roberts or any other member of M.A.C.

ATTENTION

The members of M.A.C. compliment the C.C.D.E. organization for their idea of music orientated to the tastes of cafeteria users. We feel however, that rather than have an entire day of one type of music, that the tapes should contain many different kinds of music. M.A.C. has recorded a tape which we will play in the cafeteria which includes such artists as, the London Festival Orchestra, Tijuana Brass, Chad and Jeremy, the San Sebastian Strings, the 5th. Dimensions, Dave Brubeck, We Five, Simon and Garfunkel, Sergio Mendes and Brasil '66, Ernest Gold and the Association. We plan to tape future tapes, including even some African chants, so please bring your records. We hope you enjoy the tapes. If you have any criticism please let us know.

"Free String" -- "give a man enough rope and he will hang himself."

The Student Convict

J. Paul Novikov

It is the opinion of a group of W.S.U. students that they, as students, are being treated in a fashion similar to that of a "convict" — a victim of "distrust" and "rigidity".

Another group of students also uphold the "convict" charge; however their interpretation of the word "convict" differs somewhat and parallels that of the dictionary, (i.e. "one found guilty of a crime").

The previous experimental years of "minimum regulatory approach" at Wright State University have more than proved some, although a minority of W.S.U. students incapable of conducting themselves in a responsible manner — and have therefore forfeited their privileges for this area of "academic freedom".

The charge against these students deals largely with the element of disrespect. They have made evident their clear lack of appreciation for the many educational facilities here at W.S.U., as well as the incivility to their fellow students.

Yes, as Mr. Nagler of the Phoenix expressed, Wright State is indeed Wright High in many ways. For example, has anyone noticed how the once attractive lounge furniture (both in the library and various lounges) have become mared by the vain scribbling of the high school era?

Or, of a lower element yet, the lewd filth inscribed upon the walls of our once sparkling restrooms?

Then there are always irresponsible, "let-George-do-it" people who feel too good or above everyone else to carry their trays back and straighten their tables before leaving the cafeteria.

Is there any further contest as to the reason for restriction?

Even the attitude toward campus staff and administration is one of defiance and rebellion. "authority" is a title well earned by those fully competent, thoroughly trained people whose sole purpose is in the assistance of students!

As for the I.D. cards, the advantages far surpass any disadvantages one might encounter. As an example, campus I.D.'s allow students to obtain special discounts more readily. In fact, the only disadvantage connected with I.D. cards are for people who either don't belong on campus, or who plan to initiate activities contrary to the benefit of the university.

It is indeed a shame that a responsible majority of mature students must suffer the restrictions set for such an irresponsible few. Nevertheless, this minority does exist and without any check, their actions impede and threaten not only the rights and properties of others but the spirit of progressive education itself!

Gray opinion

Marion Marshall

As I read an article in the Phoenix entitled "Black Opinion", I found myself with mixed emotions. The article was submitted by a member of CAME, Miss Williams, who presented some enlightening information on the role of the Negro student at W.S.U.

She began with comments on the Wright Start Program which was instituted last spring. She seemed to feel that this program which was instituted, was a definite improvement for incoming freshmen. I got the impression that this program was for all students. However, it is now my understanding that the only persons informed of this program were Negro. If I am wrong at this point, I would appreciate being informed of this fact.

I believe that CAME had an excellent idea which it failed to follow through to completion. This organization instituted the course on Negro history. I feel that this was a needed course in the History department. However, I feel that they should have started a course on white history as well. I do not feel that the Negro is ignored in our original history series any more than any other minority groups. If we were to initiate both of these courses, many ignorant citizens might see the sun rise over a new and united nation. Most of us have heard the quote, "United we stand, divided we fall."

In conclusion I would like to state the premise under which I wrote this article. I feel that our country was founded by many minority groups and we have grown by advancing all of them, not just one! I respect Miss Williams' opinion even though I do not agree with some of it. I sincerely hope that Miss Williams will read my article and give it some thought as I did hers after I read it.

I would like to thank the editor of the Pyre for allowing me to express my opinions, and thank the students who take the time to read it.

The University As a Means For Change and Expression. Paul Walker

In what other institution in our society is there a better opportunity for free expression of ideas and ideals than in the university? Where else can the individual express himself as openly and freely. Where else can one's views be recognized as readily and as equally as anyone else's?

In most cases, the university provides an atmosphere for deep and serious thought of all phases of our lives and society. It is one of our greatest responsibilities to make the most of these opportunities, for most of us will never be in a similar situation again.

If we are going to exercise this freedom, we must recognize and accept the most important responsibility; respectability.

We must not get "hung up" on trivia and irrelevance; for trivia can easily destroy respectability and cloud our minds concerning more significant and important issues. On the other hand we must be open minded enough to listen to, and consider all views and ideas regardless of source. Also we must be most mindful and aware of criticism directed toward us just as we hope our ideas and criticisms will be so recognized.

It is most evident that there must be changes in our society's institutions. As with all change, there will be conflict, decent and disagreement, but these forces need not destroy the society to renovate or rebuild it. If we are to have hope in the future, if there is to be a future, our hope lies in constructiveness and progressiveness

Convicts?

Wayne Bond

Hoax yes. Truth no. Many people find Mr. Nagler's remarks concerning I.D. cards to be absurd and distasteful. Mr. Nagler suggests that I.D. cards are by their very nature, restraining to Wright State students.

In answer to Mr. Nagler's comment "the security of Wright State is at stake", we find that certain rules and regulations are necessary for some semblance of order in any institution. We find that I.D. cards do not represent any type of rigidity prohibitive regulations (i.e. "dog tags" - if the shoe fits wear it.) We realize that change within a society is necessary and correct, but procedure is the guiding factor which determines whether or not the change is for the better or worse.

M.A.C. severely reprimands the statement of Mr. Nagler concerning the use of the phrase "campus cop". These men are university police. They are not "protecting the factory" nor are they at "every gate". Their purpose is to secure order on campus and volunteer aid for a more cohesive university.

The Unconstructive Descenters

Phil Chatwood

The unconstructive descenters are the people who have the boldness to tell us what is wrong with our University, but not the courage nor the sense of responsibility to work through the student organizations to solve these problems. They expect the faculty and administration of Wright State to solve, in five years, the problems other universities could not solve in one hundred years, while they take no part to find solutions to the situation and problems.

They have their right to speak and to write, but they also have the responsibility not to misrepresent the facts. I also have the right to speak, and I say that their unconstructive and super-critical descentive voices are not likely to produce anything except hot air.

I believe that Wright State is a good University even though it faces problems. It is because it has established means of solving these problems without useless emotional appeals that it can become even better.

Wright High?

Wayne Bond

We would like to applaud Mr. Nagler's stand on Wright State University's smoking regulation. We too feel that this regulation is outdated and broken by nearly everyone. As evidence, observe that many professors themselves make the decision to allow smoking during their classes, despite the fact that Wright State rules say no.

Now let us consider Mr. Nagler's argument that Wright State is, in reality, Wright State High, due to regulations concerning class attendance. We find that very few, if any, instructors take attendance. It is left to the student as his or her own responsibility to attend classes, and after all, this is primarily why we are here! LONG LIVE WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY!!!!

"On Student Power"

Phillip Paul Gilliam

Why does it seem these days that everyone is concerned with being in power? What happened to the old idea of concern for your fellowman and interest in his welfare? I realize that this is an historical position, but traditional ideas are not always antiquated.

It is my personal opinion that if we are interested in bettering our school, we should not try to further divide the student body and the "establishment". I am of the persuasion that if people will quit concerning themselves with being "in power", and dedicate themselves to the unity of our fellowman, our culture and society would definitely benefit. Furthermore, I urge the student body to throw off all bigoted ideas of who's "right", and strive to create a society which treats everyone "right". The premise of democracy is that all men have the inherent freedom to believe in any theology, ideology, or philosophy he so desires. Our desire should be to make that goal possible, instead of to put any one particular group of people in power. History shows us what happens in any society when a person or group comes to power. The rights of the people are abused and fighting, rioting and murder result. The only power we should worry about is the power of a completely united people moving ahead in a democratic method for the good of their fellowmen!

So my cry is constructive determination and FREEDOM POWER!

THERE IS MORE
WRIGHT STATE
THAN WRONG