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Modern Conservatism

Conservatism today is positive. It challenges a philosophy that has dominated the American scene for three decades. This challenge criticizes a Liberal belief that "socialization" is imminent, and that individual enterprise has failed to meet society's mores. We do not, as some assert, deny social obligation and worship "rugged" individualism. Any Rugged Individualists on the right, for that matter, are far and away outnumbered by Socialists on the left.

Socio-Economic ills confronting America since about 1930 do need remedies, but the Liberal and Conservative differ as to the METHOD of cure. This, then, is the key difference between the two factions: Has private initiative failed?... Can centralized government alone nurture society's shortcomings? Our stand is clear, but that does not mean the old "least government..." axiom holds... government IS useful; GOOD government.

The causal relationship, we feel, is at the root of all socio-economic ills. Curing the causes of cancer will eradicate the curse of its effects; not the reverse. We contend that Liberalism has too long emphasized effects over root causes. Where did our present socio-economic "dilemma" begin?

The Great Depression, in my estimation. Government intervention "en masse" in economic affairs today, in reality, is the delayed and exaggerated outcome of World War I and the improper and fettering governmental interventions prevalent worldwide during the 1920s, that led to the Depression. Definitive studies of the CAUSES of this Depression corroborate this. We haven't denied a need for short-run aid in economic maladjustments, but the paradox of Liberal policies during the 1930s was that unemployment was, despite well-meaning policies, 16.7% in 1939 vs. 7.8% in 1930 and 16.3% in 1931. So the "effects" were remedied, but underlying causes remained.

Conservatives fear that the Liberal-sponsored idea of mass equality "ad infinitum" has produced a REAL MORAL dilemma. Armed Forces studies also corroborate this. The promise of the "Good Life" for the vote has been man's downfall in the past, and today's spiritual decay reemphasizes the fallacy of mass material "birthright." Until 1770 the masses of men never had material abundance; only the privileged elite lived well. Today's poor are incomparably better off than those of just 100 years ago, let alone in pre-industrial/capitalistic eras. And it has been exercise of private initiative which has produced the democratic capitalistic-type states whose cultures and civilizations flower... not socialistic states.

I could say much more, but "tempis fugit." In the search for truth, there must be opinion, opposition. At present, no one holds the WHOLE truth on socio-economic METHODOLOGY, so the growth of the Liberal-Conservative debate seems to me well-grounded and healthy for the Nation.
FIELD DAY

The officers of the Board met with Mr. Fields, Mrs. Clark, and interested students yesterday to discuss field day. They accepted the CARSON'S plan for setting up a Coordination Committee.

Dick Phillips, Iris Huysentruyt, Laura Fitzpatrick, Jan Brouillette, Pat Mowery and Charlie Robinson make up the Committee that will plan and direct field day activities.

We presume they will produce a credible plan; it's up to the Student Body to cooperate and keep field day a part of the College Curriculum. If it doesn't go over this year, it will be dropped.

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Application forms for admission to the Teacher Education Program or to student teaching may be obtained in Room 203 on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Students making application to the program are required to complete a Teacher Attitude Inventory at the time of application. Thus, students will be asked to complete the Inventory on Monday or Tuesday. (Average time is thirty minutes.)

All applications must be given to the appropriate persons by the end of March.

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A "BLOOD, THAT IS

On March 21, a little boy is to undergo a serious heart operation. He has A positive blood and needs five more pints for the operation. If anyone is interested, contact Sister Adelaide as soon as possible.

ATTENTION SOPHOMORES!

Don't forget the STEP tests to be given March 22 and 23. Check the bulletin board to make sure that your name is there. When I'm without an I.D.

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MARCH IS RUG CLEANING MONTH

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"WHO is the liberal with the BEETHOVEN SWEATSHIRT?

Baseball has begun at Marian. Last Tuesday in the gym, fifteen men began their spring training. All of you who still want to go out can, and are urged to. Mr. Fields is in dire need of several good pitchers. Don't delay.

The golf team also needs a couple low 80 or high 70 shooters, since Mike Noone is the only golfer as of now and his score we're not sure of.

"What 'Vet' is cut for baseball running off his middle age spread?"

Mike Leonard downed Harry Fekkes 4 games to 1 in yesterday's Ping-Pong Tourney Championship. We're sorry to see a Senior lose but very happy for our Freshman Champion.

The Maids beat Indiana Central 37-20. Charlotte Isaac, whose perfect hook shot averaged her 22 points a game this season, said, "The guards played great defensive ball, as usual, stopping the I.C. forwards. Jan Brouillette and Carol Roell played a superior game."

Ode to the Lounge Beautician

Hail to thee Beautician,
Thou of the flaming hair,
And thou the willing victim,
Truly an uncouth pair.

Yes, thy locks are lovely
Do style on. Suave Scrounge
Rat and comb, wave and spray,
But not in the mixed lounge.

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"ANOTHER "POEM"---

But boys are loved by girls like me," ESPECIALLY
The question of the week is this-- WHAT are we going to do with this little bit of space?

The answer-- Fill it up with nothing!