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“fall offensive”

To the Editor:

I have been active in student activities for one year now. There have been concerts to set up, dormatory functions to organize and programs to work on that effect us locally as a student body. If an activity falls through, everyone points the finger at everyone also saying the planning was inefficient or the students were apathetic.

I've returned to college this fall with my eyes wider. My sight now goes beyond that which effects us directly concerning social matters. My activity is now consumed in that which will effect us directly in the future or indirectly, should one feel any human responsibility for other's lives. We have a lot of latent energy. We have latent enthusiasm which is catalyzed by activity concerning that which effects us deeply. Our enthusiasm will be expressed only if we can direct it toward something which has meaning to us. These are where our committments lie.

Physical committment soon dies when it soesn't nourish us within. Moral committment is something which cannot be tarnished by time or disintegrated by age. The times are a changing. I visited Rutgers University this weekend for a state wide anti-war conference that focused specifically upon the Moratorium or National Students Strike on college campuses scheduled for October 15. I met representatives from student bodies all over this state plus workshop leaders who have piloted national anti-war activities. These national leaders worked on the McCarthy and Kennedy Campaigns at the national level last year.

There is a national movement called the "Fall Offensive" for October and November. It is a coalition of any body or group of bodies from peace organizations to the left and the right. Nationally they have made a coalition on working collectively toward a single goal "End the War in Vietnam."

This is not a political group with any ideology or philosophy other than common interests and objectives concerning one point. This point concerns an immoral war that depletes money for domestic programs for a nebulous end.

If you, the student body, professors, or administration in any way identify with me enotionally or rationally; if you are committed in making your means your ends-peace; and if you feel you want to involve yourself in activity perhaps more meaningful to you now than academic work then give me some of your enthusiasm. As much as you can offer. And in the long run get more out of it than you put into it.

I want to discuss my plans with you on Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the Outlook office at the Student Union Annex. Bring a friend.

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