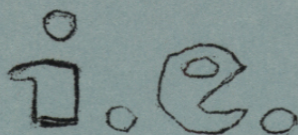


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Welcome, numerous students. Another epic year begins. Fortitude - the first few days are always the hardest. Don't worry if you're confused or lost; very few remain that way for any length of time. The distinction between new students and old students fades very quickly, and the walk up the hill becomes easier each day.

I.E. is the Windsor newspaper. We print a wondrous assortment of material, including; news, editorials, sports, poetry, short stories, book reviews, criticism, counter-criticism, opinion, counter-opinion, counter-counter-opinion, etcetera.

We will have regular staff meetings throughout the year. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings, and all material submitted for publication will be gratefully and warmly accepted. All articles, questions, or complaints should be given to Heinz, a very nice, very patient man.

For both old and new students and teachers, this year promises to be quite different from the last. The campus is larger; the school has grown. Mr. Gillette is a memory of the past. Rooms are no longer locked; trust has changed from a vision to a reality. Those with a poetic sense might like to consider the decor of the outside rec-room as a token of new things to come.

So, some things have changed since last year, as they do every year, which seems a sensible way to do things. On the other hand, many things remain the same, which also seems sensible. With our feet planted so firmly on the ground, how can we but fail to reach the stars?

A good year -

Emily Slate  
( the editor)



## Something Rotten in Lenox Dept.

According to Dr. Paul Ehrlich, nuclear war may not end our civilization before environmental deterioration has done the job. In an article appearing in the September issue of Ramparts, "Eco-Catastrophe," he predicts that the oceans of the world may well be dead bodies of water by 1979, through various commercial exploitations and pollutants. The resultant famine in countries dependent on the sea, like Japan and China, could kick the world into wars for food.

Everyone but the Pope knows about the population explosion, and the massive famine now projected for the 1970's. It took the world several million years to reach a total of two billion people in 1930. Ehrlich points out that "a second two billion will have been added by 1975." We should not only bring the birth and rates into line, but cut down the number of people in the world. Right now it appears that a major war, precipitated by any of the minor skirmishes now in progress, would do just that. In my more pessimistic moods, I sometimes think a nuclear war would be merciful. At least the Everglades and the Mineral King Valley would be saved from our arrogance.

We must quickly examine our pretensions concerning the natural order of life. Our technology has grown so fast that the life expectancy, up to several years ago, was continually being extended. But now, according to Dr. Ehrlich, "Americans born since 1946 (when DDT usage began)...(have) a life expectancy of only 49 years..." Pollution has become so great that there is a noticeable increase in the death rate due to hypertension, cirrhosis of the liver, liver cancer and other diseases traceable to chlorinated hydrocarbons, present in our food from insecticides.

Ehrlich is no freak, but an eminent and respected biologist from Stanford University. He may be an alarmist, but his research is revealing alarming things.

While we cannot hope to affect cosmic pollution, there are some local varieties that could use some protest. For instance, the Town of Lenox is proposing to use a large section of the Pleasant Valley Sanctuary for a reservoir. How can this "progress" be retarded? Also, what about the cleaning of the Housatonic, so heralded several years ago? Been to Lee lately? It's a bum trip. What action can we take? Petition until the bulldozers come, and then vandalize? Watch the schedule for meetings to discuss these issues and how we can deal with them.

We have only 49 years.

All power to the chipmunks! -

Steve Crafts



Many of us have wondered what made some of today's students so different, so much more difficult, so much more suspicious and so much harder to reach than previous generations. I have jotted down some thoughts that I think the students have now and how they view the adult world. I thought that perhaps this might make it easier for some of you to understand them and deal with them.

There can be no doubt that the adolescent's view of the adult world in general and of authority and general discipline has changed tremendously in the last three or four years. Drug use had a great deal to do with it. The fear that made many adolescents follow rules and parents' orders began to disappear when it became clear that laws, specifically drug laws, could be easily, often and continuously defied. They also found out that the structure of our society was built to a great extent on fear and threats. When it became clear in the last few years these threats could not be enforced, it was the beginning of the chaos which now makes it difficult to run a university, or a school or a city.

The threats, when untested were the last restraint for young people who had become disgusted with the war in Vietnam, with racial injustice and with what they considered the hypocrisy of the whole adult world. When the threats were finally tested and found unenforceable, the present situation developed. Many adolescents feel that their parents and the world's objection to their use of drugs is sheer hypocrisy. Many feel that they must revolt in some way to show their anger and independence. Again an age-old phenomenon has become unmanageable because of these circumstances.

One of the prime reasons for the unhappiness and dissatisfaction of the young with their elders is the fact that many of the most rebellious, most intelligent youngsters are looking for goodness, honesty, justice and morality and they have not been able to find it in themselves, their parents, or their country, or even in the ideology of a foreign country. When my generation was young we still had hopes for socialism, for labor unions, for the war against fascism, we still believed in our parents and in the possibility of morality and decency in politics and in the treatment of people. We had giants to admire or hate, but there are no Roosevelts, Stalins, Hitlers, Churchills, Trotskys or even Eisenhowers around today. To the young all rulers appear cynical, hypocritical and untruthful, and they have assumed this attitude toward all authority. And to be honest there is not much morality or absolute justice left for the kids to admire. There are no heroes, and even people like Che Guavera, Malcolm X, or Eldridge Cleaver are only half-heartedly glorified, for their weaknesses are too obvious. So we have a generation in search of truth and decency and that is not really bad if we can re-establish communication with them. I have found that adolescents really want to talk to adults as they always did, for love, for understanding, and for reassurance, but the adults they want to talk to and trust must be in their eyes, free of hypocrisy, honest, moral and committed. However, these adults cannot be imitators of youth. The long-haired, pot-smoking adults who admire Rock and Roll, the adults who use the dress and speech of the young and are full of envy and admiration for the young, these are not the people the adolescents really trust, and that goes for parents as well as teachers.

The cult of youth, the idea that young people are really having fun, the envy and jealousy with which many people regard the young does not open up the way to understanding. Despite all appearances these kids are not the sophisticated, self-assured and secure people they appear to be. They are as they have always been, frightened, unsure, full of bravado and showoff, looking for absolutes and help. The adults they will trust and communicate with are those who have their own standards, their own strength and abilities, but who at the same time are willing to grant that the young have a right to their likes and dislikes and that it is possible to understand and have respect for each other's point of view. This is only a superficial discussion of the problem and we will talk about it more during the year.



## It's Even Better the Forth Time Around

I really think that school's going to be better the forth time around. I remember people used to ask me, "Do you really think you can last at Windsor for four years?" Sure I do - why not? I have been through three, and they were each a wonderful experience. Each an experience living in a community, being responsible for my own actions, and trying to help everyone else. Learning to make my own decisions, and forming my own ideas. But mainly, to see them listened to, and respected.

During the year, you will come to know many very different people here. You will develop a lot of ideas and philosophies very different from any you have had before. You will live among people very similar and very different from yourself. I think of Windsor as a small scale world, only we get along much better here than people do in the rest of the world.

We have many new students and teachers coming to Windsor this year. About 100 new students - I wonder what they will be like? I'll bet they're wondering the same thing about us.

Here's a toast to the coming year, and to all of us spending this year together. Being together within ourselves as a community - being a together community.

Peace -

Beverly Poitier

## The Year Ahead

As the new school term dawns upon us, we must look forward to the new year ahead.

As things in the "outside world" rapidly change, we must accomplish changes here at Windsor also. For instance, the dress rule, "students are requested to be neat and clean at all times," or the rule against going barefooted in the dining room. These two "minor" rules will affect us all greatly. The latter is one of common courtesy and consideration for those around us. The former is a simple request.

In the year ahead, we will often hear words like, "there are no dress or haircut rules," or, "freedoms at Windsor are unlimited."

For the most part these cliches are true. This is why the minor and more "petty" rules, such as no barefeet allowed in the dining room, must be given as much attention and as closely followed as the more important ones.

The year ahead can and will be a very good one, if we start from the beginning and work our way up.

Like stepping stones, if we can be neat and clean at all times and wear shoes in the dining room, then we can tackle the more important problems.

It is up to us all, faculty and student body alike, to join forces to make the year ahead all that it is cut out to be, by starting from scratch in a united effort.

Caril Powell