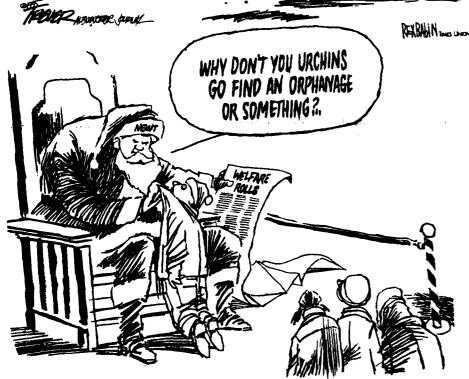
## Op/Ed

## "IF YOU GIVE 'EM HANDOUTS THEY'LL NEVER DEVELOP A WORK ETHIC"





## Nocturnal unrest

I've been not sleeping well as of late. For some reason, I go to bed and a recurring question keeps me awake. "What have I done today to help better my future and the future of those around me?" I ponder this question for hours at a time.

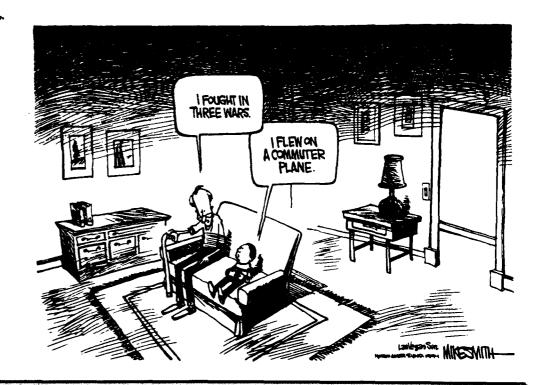
The reasons for this maybe that the "authority figures" around me tell me that the future does not hold much in store for me. Another reason is that I'm concerned with wasting time. I want to be sure that everyday I'm bettering myself, not waiting until the new year to make resolutions, but to improve myself on a daily basis. Finally, I think I read too much.

I'm really concerned when I see members of our generation falling into ruts of apathy. Generally, the reason they do fall is because they become victims of the reasons I listed. The "authority" tells them there's nothing ahead, so why should they even bother moving forwards. Time to them becomes altered in a world of drugs or more commonly self-satisfaction.

I think what these "lost members" of our generation need to do is see themselves as a whole. We are all a part of this country and of this world. We need to work together so that our future has a purpose and not lost under the mistakes of the generation that preceded us. I may be rambling in ideals, but I'm scared. Do your best to tell me not to worry? It won't help. This fear motivates me. It involves me in the world that surrounds me, whether it be one person or 2400. Senator Robert F. Kennedy said, "Few will have the greatness to bend history itself. But each can do some small act, and in the sum of these event will be written in the history of our generation." Ideally, if we win the battles, we'll win the war.

I would like to urge you, fellow students, to rise above the beliefs of failure. We will survive if we believe we will not fail, but we must care to overcome. Ask yourself, as I do, "What have you done today?"

--R. Carl Campbell III News Editor



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