

INSIGHT

EXISTENCE IN

A VOID

a description by

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It was silence that caused me to wake. I looked out into the void that surrounded me. Everything seemed dark; or was it light? There was no sight or sound; I was alone in a strange world and I had no sensation.

I didn't breathe; I had no need or want of breath. I shouted but there was no noise not even an echo. There was simply nothing. But, I was there; I did exist; I could sense by body, by being, and my thought.

At first I probed into my world with my hand; but as far as I could reach there was nothing. Ah, I was in my room; I must be in my room; I fell asleep in my room. I must be dreaming, but I can't be. I dreamed before about death and I thought that I woke up. I am in my room; I must be in my room. I will sit up or what seems up and stick my foot out. What, still nothing? I shrank within myself and tried to reason. I sensed motion; It was if I were floating in nothing and supported by nothing. It seemed as if I were in a state of suspension. I felt if I had always been here but, still I seem to remember a previous life.

I exist, I am real! I seem to have a great sense of security, but there is nothing to be secure about. I slowly came to realize that was enough. Soon I would be born again into insecurity.

TEMPORARY

INSANITY

by Neil Savitch

(Part two of a 5 part selection)

From social smoking
To drug addiction
You prove the actions
As indications.

Make your joints
And take your capsules
Measure injections
With insanity's tools.

Measure them carefully
Make no mistakes
So you're not excluded
From a chance to escape

You want to share
Your road to escape
So you pass it to others
To follow their fate.

You turn on the world
With your self-made rules
To each take a trip
On the ship of fools.

Schizophrenic highs
Though temporary
Drug the mind
To blind infinity.

WHAT'S YOUR THING?

What's your "thing"? Want the world to know? Would you really like to "Sock it to them"? If so, let the Collegian do it for you.

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LET'S HAVE A COLLOQUY

University Park, Pa., — An ambitious student project placing the emphasis on dialogue and discussion rather than dissent and disruption is being planned for the campus of The Pennsylvania State University late next month.

Over 100 authorities covering a wide range of ideologies have been invited by a student committee to join in the mass discussion of current national issues the weekend of May 23-25.

In addition, Muhammad Ali, former world heavyweight boxing champion, and noted cartoonist Al Capp have been engaged to deliver keynote addresses capping off two days of steady dialogue on various questions of timely importance to the nation.

The 12-member student committee also is attempting to engage another personality of national note as the kick-off speaker for Colloquy.

"Thousands of people will engage in a total communicative experience," said Colloquy Chairman Larry Rubenstein, a sophomore political science major from Totowa, N. J.

"This student program is aimed at stimulating out-of-classroom learning. Our emphasis and purpose is to involve the academic community in an opportunity for a truly educational objective . . . the continual interaction of mind and ideas."

The project has been entitled by the student organizers as "Colloquy . . . The American Dream: Conflict '69."

Nineteen different topics have been listed for Colloquy, ranging from education to student unrest, religion to mysticism and national politics to the Middle East crisis."

The dialogue is to take the form of a series of panel discussions freely sprinkled with audience participation, to be concluded each day by relevant theatre productions, concerts or films and a keynote address.

The committee reported community response and cooperation for the project has been excellent. The faculty and administration of the University also are lending what support they can to prepare for the event.

Invited guests will be lodged at

the Sheraton Motor Inn in downtown State College for the three nights of Colloquy.

A reception for the participants will be held, weather permitting, on Saturday, May 24, on the lawn behind the Hetzel Union Building.

An office, appropriately labeled "Colloquy Central" will be open on a 24-hour basis at the HUB.

Here is a listing of those invited guests who have agreed thus far to serve as panelists.

Mr. William Woodside, legal and research counsel for the Republican majority of the State Senate; Mrs. Helen Wise, president of the Pennsylvania State Education Association; Mr. Bruce Martin, editorial editor, York Gazette & Daily; Mr. Donald Miller, All-American Conference to Combat Communism; Mr. John Hvasta, Congressional aide, U. S. Foreign Affairs Committee.

Dr. William Peterson, sociology professor, Ohio State University; Mr. Richard Tomsu, Department of English, Temple University; Mr. Edward Pitts, developer and originator of Colloquy at Bucknell University; Dr. Howard S. Becker, sociology professor and drug expert from Northwestern University; Mr. Fred Neufield, student strike activist from Columbia University.

Mr. Roger Fischer, Erie, Pa., attorney and district delegate to the Democratic National Convention; Mr. Robert G. Kennedy, liaison between Mayor of Erie and that city's Black community; Mrs. Kate Buczek, secretary of the Pennsylvania Chapter, National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People; Sen. Clarence Mitchell, state senator from Maryland and past chairman of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee; and Miss Sarah Atwinson, congressional staff aide.

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