

Non-violence, peace best tributes

Many fine tributes have been paid to the late Dr. Martin Luther King. Pledges of money, closing of schools, a special day commemorating him, memorial services and peace marches in his honor have been held a spontaneous Memorial assembly introduced by the Executive Council occurred.

Dr. King, non-violence leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Council, and his ideas have produced a deep impact on the people of this country. His death has made an even greater one.

If the late Dr. King meant so much to so many, why have so many let his idea of peaceful demonstrations die with him?

Agreed his assassination was a violent, barbaric act and it was ironic that this peace advocate should die in such a violent manner.

Nevertheless, his death should not be used as a front for more violence and death. The killings and destruction in our cities across the country are inexcusable, as are some of the violent demonstrations being exhibited even in our schools.

The best tribute of all to be paid to Dr. King is to continue his policy of non-violence. The Negro has a definite right to seek equal rights, if it is his feeling that they are not available to him now. But this should mean peaceful demonstrations (marches and sit-ins are fine as long as they are non-destructive and non-violent).

To this date Grant high school has done an excellent job of handling things peacefully; however, it must be noted that minor incidents have occurred. The creation of a means for dialogue, the sitting down and talking about it, hearing what both sides have to say is the first step in creating a peaceful solution to any problem.

Peaceful, non-violent demonstrations pay tribute to Dr. King. The current looting, killings, destruction of city areas, and fighting destroy all that he lived for.

Community delivers litter ultimatum

A threat has been issued — the threat of a closed campus during lunch. The litter problem has become so intolerable to members of the community that they have started a petition to make the campus closed during the lunch hour.

Our problem with litter has followed the same pattern as most disciplinary measures. It starts out as gentle reminders and turns into out-and-out threats.

The Grantonian has published articles and editorials on litter almost

Keys, buttons talk in students' essays

How would you like to be a steering wheel, a table or a book? What gripes would you have if you were a piece of silverware instead of a person?

These were questions that had to be answered by Gerald Merryman's senior English classes recently.

As an exercise in writing a humorous essay, Mr. Merryman wrote down the names of various objects on cards. After passing the cards out, he instructed the students to write an essay expressing the gripes of the object, or a "day in the life" journal or a letter from the object to another object just like it, or from the object to a human being.

"I was a key complaining about crowded keychains, sweaty hands, and general disrespect from key owners," commented Roger Pierson, class member.

"Days in the Life of a Button" was the subject of Steph Daly's essay. "I composed my essay in journal form, relating my activities from the day I was purchased, and ending with my so-called death, when I popped off of a tight fitting cocktail dress at a party," commented Steph.

"It was a really weird assignment," commented Bonnie Brown. "But to do it, you really had to be imaginative and creative. Writing from the viewpoint of a book was a real challenge."

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since the paper first came out but to no avail.

Clean-up campaigns, service squad, added garbage cans, everything has been done to make cleaning up after one's self easier, yet the mess remains.

One teacher's solution was to have the janitors not clean up at all. "Let them have to eat and walk in their own mess and they'll soon learn where the garbage can is," he commented.

Another educator suggested that the answer may be in assigned seats in the cafeteria with every person responsible for his area.

None of the present "No, no children" methods seem to have worked, so now as a last resort the community has delivered an ultimatum, "Either clean up or stay in your own building, your own grounds."

In the face of this threat perhaps the answer is to be found. Students must use the garbage cans now and stop littering and gathering on other people's property or they will no longer have a chance to be near this property during lunch.

The question is whether we, the student body, care enough about our freedoms to take on a little responsibility—the responsibility of picking up after ourselves.

Ageing seems slow to youth; anticipation of future greatens

by Cecile O'Rourke

Ageing is a slow process to teenagers, but a far too fast one for their elders. Perhaps the reason it seems slower to younger people is because they anxiously anticipate the things they can do as they grow older.

At fifteen the first really tangible opportunity is available. A fifteen-year-old may obtain his driver's instruction permit. A sixteen-year-old can get his driver's license and also may work through obtaining his worker's permit.

When a person is eighteen in Oregon, he may purchase and carry cigarettes. His curfew is extended to 2:00 a.m. He can get into the "adult only" movies. A girl is of legal age at eighteen and may get married without the consent of her parents. A boy must register for the draft.

Twenty-one is the magical age for many young adults. At this age a person may vote and purchase and carry liquor legally. A twenty-one year old male is of legal age and may get married without the consent of his parents. After the age of twenty-one the pace slows down and the ageing process speeds up (so it seems).

At twenty-five a person may be a member of the House of Representatives. At thirty he is eligible for the Senate.

The US Presidential and Vice-presidential positions are open to persons thirty-five or over.

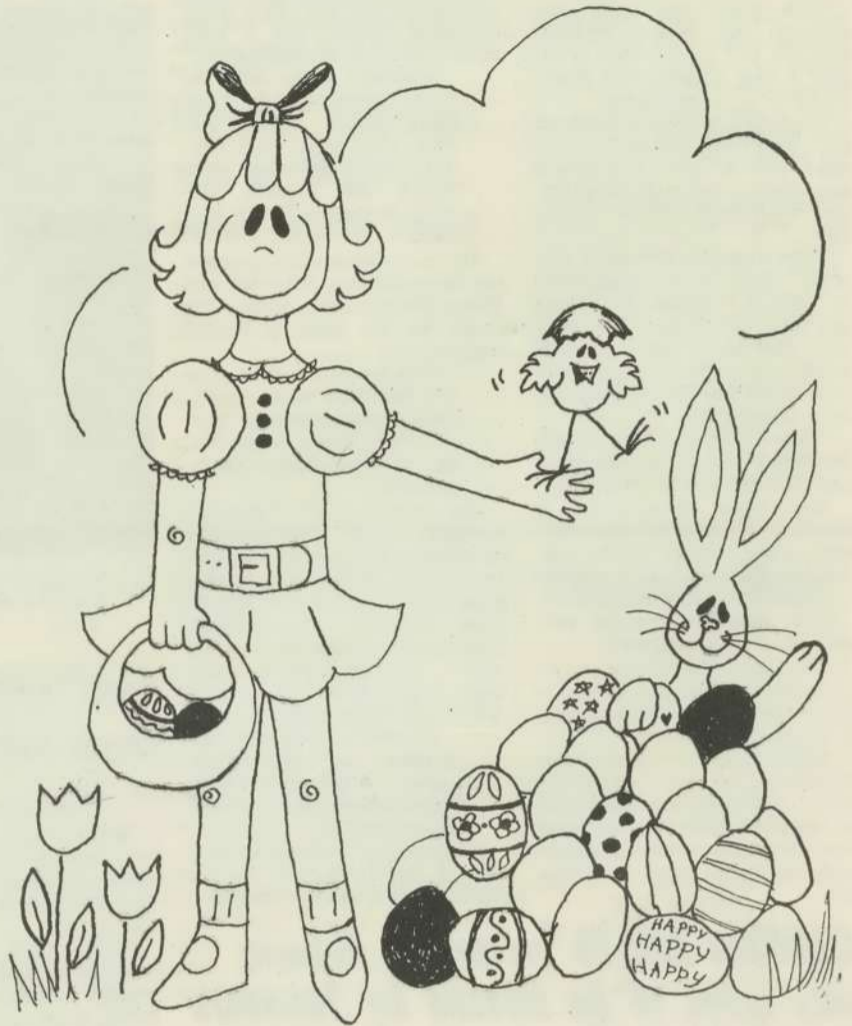
When a person reaches his sixties, he may retire and receive social security and medicare benefits.

All right, so the ageing process gives citizens certain rights they haven't had before, but these rights ensue more responsibility too.

A driver's permit or license is putting a weapon in the driver's hands. He must accept responsibility. Likewise the freedom to smoke and drink is putting responsibility in a person's hands, because he is responsible not only for the decision to do these things, but also for any reactions that occur because of his decision.

Wanting to be older is all fine and dandy, if a person accepts the responsibility that goes along with it. Perhaps this is why the ageing process is so painfully slow to teenagers (who know mainly of the rewards and little of the responsibility) and all too fast for the adults (who have begun to accept responsibility more readily).

Easter celebration meaningful for all; rabbits, lilies, eggs become symbolic



by Cecile O'Rourke

Rabbits, lilies and colored eggs—these are what Easter is made of. Although of special significance to those of the Christian faiths, Easter is a holiday that can be celebrated by others too.

Easter commemorates the coming of spring. The name "Easter" comes from Scandinavian "Ostra" and the Teutonic "Ostern" who were both goddesses signifying the coming of spring.

Symbolic of nature in our customs today, the Easter egg has become an important part of the Easter celebration.

All elemental matter is oval-shaped; the egg pays tribute to life's outgrowth.

As a symbol of new life, the idea of the Easter egg came to us from Egypt and Persia. An old legend says that the eggs are laid by the Easter rabbit on Easter eve.

Symbolizing fertility to the Europeans, the Easter rabbit is very closely associated with the moon in the Orient. The Japanese draw the rabbit across the moon's disc and the Chinese represent the moon as a rabbit pounding rice in a mortar.

Our belief is that on Easter Sunday a rabbit, after sleeping all winter, lays brightly colored eggs in the green grass. The practice of searching for eggs hidden by the rabbit is an old German custom.

The cross on Easter is a symbol of the many different creeds and reminds the Christian of the religious meaning of the holiday.

Why do people dress up on Easter Sunday? The act of people wearing new clothes on Easter is supposed to reflect the new coat of greenery that the earth wears at this time. In addition there was a superstition that one had to wear an article of clothing never worn before to insure good fortune for the rest of the year.

The traditional Easter parade observed especially in this country goes back several centuries to the time when Constantine commanded his council to dress in very elegant robes to observe the day honoring Christ's resurrection.

In America the Easter parade also demonstrates the shedding of heavy winter clothes and the donning of fresh, new spring outfits. The Easter parade in New York City is world famous and many people enjoy watching it, because several celebrities take part in the ceremony.

Because it was a common belief that on Easter morning the sun danced in honor of the resurrection, sunrise services have played a definite role in our celebration. Long ago the people got up early to watch the stupendous feat; now they get up to attend church.

As symbols of purity and light, white lilies often deck churches around Easter-time.