To the people of the United States:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have addressed this letter to all of you so that I may explain the reasons for my action today. I have reported, as ordered, to the Army induction center for induction into the Armed Forces of the United States. I will submit to processing but will refuse to take the necessary step forward into the Army.

I have tried every available legal means possible to avoid this act but now I have no other choice, I must follow the dictates of my conscience. For the past three years I have devoted my life towards making democracy work in this country. I have worked mainly with the poor and unemployed of Appalachia.

My religious training has taught me that love and understanding are the key to a happy and full life. I never really understood the meaning of this until I tried to apply it in real life situations and saw first-hand how this ideal is constantly abused by forces within our society.

I am appalled at the poverty I have worked to end and at the predominance of greed and avarice among the leaders of men. I am sickened at the senseless deaths of the Vietnamese people and the young men like you and I. I question why should there be any wars and why can't men learn to live in harmony, peace and love in this small world.

I am frustrated, like you all are, and I have no easy solution. Perhaps there are none at this point. But I have not despaired. My wife, Karen, and I are young and still optimistic. Perhaps, if enough of us work at it, the violent march of history can be reversed and freedom and love can be known throughout the world.

It is because I love my country and the people in it that I say NO to the army and all it represents. I'm willing to face jail and ostracism. It is a small cost and of little consequence for we are only two among many. But our hope is that out of this you, the people of this land, may begin to think, to question and to rediscover some of the lost values and ideals that

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THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

BY

Jeff Burkart

As a former school teacher with somewhat of an education, I can't help but wonder about the future of our cause. I think of our future as I crouch behind this tree waiting for the enemy to come along so we can shoot a few of their men and then run back into the hills. Here we sit, holding outdated weapons, our uniforms having nothing in common except that they are dark in color to protect us on night raids. I look over at the men sitting behind trees on either side of me and I see that they're not men at all, but rather young boys of fourteen and fifteen years old. Our cause I feel is a good one, the government that rules us now is corrupt and definitely not working for the common people but instead for the few rich landowners. So we decided to form our own government with some help. We don't know if it will work but we feel the chance to try should be ours. And what about the enemy we're waiting for now? Not the local government troops, oh no, they brought in well trained, well equipped troops in mass from across the sea. Maybe we won't win militarily but we've got almost the entire population on our side so at least they can't win either. Maybe they'll get tired of loosing sons in a hopeless, stalemate war and go home. Well here they come walking down the road hoping to draw us out into the open, which seldom happens. Oh well, it's time to start shouting and shooting, "Hey G.I., You die Yankee dog."

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"When the press is free, and all men are able to read, all is safe." —Thomas Jefferson

SEN. HATFIELD TO COME TO M.S.U.

Sen. Mark O. Hatfield (Rep. Ore.) will deliver the Morehead State University commencement address on May 27 at 10 a.m., it was announced by Dr. Adron Doran, president.

Hatfield was a Navy officer in the Pacific during World War II and the Republican governor of Oregon for eight years before elected to the U.S. Senate in 1966. He was also the author of an article titled The Draft Should Be Abolished.

NON-VIOLENCE

BY

Michael Embry

On Monday, February 26, 1968, I had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Mullins of Centre College at a Non-violence Seminar at the University of Kentucky. The topic of the evening was "Personal Relationships in an Impersonal Age."

Early in his lecture he said that violence was ingrained in a person's personality. The infant, he said, encounters the violent way of life from such things as war toys which are manufactured by toy companies. He said that parental control contributed to the instilling of violence in children by their physical violence and often their withdrawal of love.

In the adult life the violent way of life occurs in social roles which people find difficult to fill.

Before non-violence is a meaningful way of life he stated, "The person must develop internally consistent ideals to be able to resist the pressures of society." The changes that need to be made so that non-violence can become a reality were: 1) de-urbanization; 2) de-materialization; 3) redefinition of work; and 4) a broader view of education.

One statement which I thought was very meaningful was his quoting of Dr. Wendell Berry's statement: "We can't make peace with the world until we are at peace with ourselves."

The Editors of the Student Poll are glad to announce that we have been invited to the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association meeting April 6 at Louisville, Kentucky.
THE DEATH
OF
FREE SPEECH
AT MOREHEAD

WHEREAS, certain citizens of Morehead have taken upon themselves to be judges, jurors, and executioners of certain M.S.U. professors, citizens and taxpayers of Rowan County, trying them on the front page of THE MOREHEAD NEWS and condemning them without a hearing and without a trial; and

WHEREAS, certain threats of physical violence from certain residents of Morehead, together with hints of violence published in the same March 7 issue of THE MOREHEAD NEWS, led to the cancellation of a discussion of academic freedom in the Rowan County Courthouse, Morehead, Kentucky, on March 7, and

WHEREAS, the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth of Kentucky had clearly stated that any citizens of Rowan County had the clear right to request said courthouse for a public meeting, as long as public order was maintained,

WHEREAS, the Morehead radio station broadcast on March 7 the same slanderous and defamatory material as was published on the same date in THE MOREHEAD NEWS with the intent to injure the character, reputation, and good name of said M.S.U. professors,

WE HEREBY DECLARE that March the seventh marks the death of whatever free speech still remained in Morehead, and that henceforth in perpetuum (Latin, not Italian) March the seventh shall be at Morehead a day of mourning and shall be known as THE DEATH OF FREE SPEECH DAY.

UK NEWSPAPER WINS TOP AWARD

The Kentucky Kernel, student daily newspaper at the University of Kentucky, was cited yesterday by Sigma Delta Chi, professional society, as a winner in its annual college press competition.

The Kernel was given a first-place award in newspaper news competition, one of 14 categories of newspaper, broadcast, photo and magazine journalism.

The award was based on stories appearing in the 1966-1967 editions of the newspaper. The publication's editor-in-chief then was Walter M. Grant, of Winchester. Grant is now editor-in-chief of a Washington-based news service for college newspapers.

The award will be presented during Sigma Delta Chi's annual convention in Minneapolis-St. Paul Nov. 15-18.

(Lexington Herald Leader, Oct. 29, 1967)
LET'S CLEAR THE AIR AT MSU. WHO IS AGAINST R.O.T.C. AND WHO JUST DOES NOT GIVE A DAMN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.

Bruce Dostick is against compulsory R.O.T.C. at Morehead. Mr. Arens and other faculty members including the "New Sons Of Liberty" could care less whether or not we have R.O.T.C. at Morehead. They are using this issue as a means of striking our at the administration and President Doran. I think it is time for the two groups to separate.

If you take only those people who are really against compulsory R.O.T.C. at MSU you would find that they are a small minority. These people have a right to protest and petition whether they are right or wrong.

The wrong lies with those faculty members who haven't got the backbone to stand up on their own feet and voice their true motives. They are using the students as a front in order to belittle the administration without suffering the consequences. True, many have been eliminated but how many more are hiding behind underground newspapers, etc.

It is time for everyone to realize that there are two issues not one. Let the students fight their own battles and let the faculty solve their own problems-ON THEIR OWN*** I am for R.O.T.C. at Morehead and I am behind our president all the way. It is every student's duty to stand up and be counted for his beliefs without being persecuted.********

REPLY

The letter of Mr. David F. Quinn contains a false statement. I do care about R.O.T.C. As early as November of last year I prepared a letter to President Doran asking him to remove the compulsory element in the program. I did not send the letter because I knew that a letter of mine would be quietly filed away and perhaps used at a latter time as "evidence against me." You probably know that at a recent faculty meeting President Doran, without asking my permission, read all of my private correspondence to him aloud before the three hundred people assembled there. I am just as opposed to compulsory R.O.T.C. now as I ever was, because I believe that the "creeping" or, should I say "galloping", militarism is one of the forces in our country that is leading to a Third World War and the atomic graveyard of mankind.

Robert L. Arens

SERMON

No mind is great Not of whole heart, Thought without weight Of love, its heat.

Great minds speak clear As water, air; The heartthrob hear, To speak love fair.

The thinking mind, The thinking heart, Is great, and kind Its speaking, Art.

(From the Catholic Worker, Vol. XXXIV No. 2, February, 1968. Poem by John Fandel)

To the Editors of the STUDENT POLL:

I have been issued an ultimatum by an Editor of THE TRAIL Blazer, Dan Hopwood, concerning my working for two campus publications; Mr. Hopwood has said I may work on one or the other, or none, but not both. Therefore, with the added incentive of the fact that you have refused, according to my set of values, to raise your standards of journalism; I must continue on in my capacity of Entertainment Editor of the Trail Blazer staff.

Sincerely,

Rex A. Probus

(Editor's Note: Rex A. Probus informed us that he wanted editorial powers over the Student Poll on significant matters.)
PEACE?

In these times, as in bygone days. There is a price each nation must pay. With the blood of its very own sons Fighting a battle that will never be won.

No doubt permanent peace is the goal of today. Each moment for peace we plead and pray. Not heard are our prayers and our pleas.

Permanent peace was never meant to be, So our navies are built up, our country to protect. Using power to replace the lack of human respect. All efforts and attempts at peace will fail.

There is no peace in a world where fear and hate prevail. The idea of peace forever will not go far. As long as there are people, there will always be war.

Cathy Neal
(Submitted by Cathy Neal February, 1966 to Mrs. O. Burton. Published by the American Poetry Press in their annual anthology and in "Sermons in Poetry." American Poetry Press 3210 Selby Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90034)

PEACE

Thich Nhat Hanh
Director of the School of Youth for Social Service of the Buddhist University in Saigon

ACADEMIC FREEDOM
BY
Michael Embry

Well, I just finished my second talk with Dean Crager in which we discussed academic freedom on MSU's campus. If what Dean Crager told me was true, and I seriously doubt if he would lie, the students here at Morehead have academic freedom if they would exercise this freedom. Dean Crager said that the facilities on campus are for the use of the students if they use them in a responsible way. By responsible way, Dean Crager meant that if the facilities were used in a manner which education was the basis for the meeting whether it be the Vietnamese War, drugs, campus issues, sex, or whatever.

The only I see for this issue of academic freedom is for the students and faculty to use campus facilities and discuss what topics they care to discuss. Dean Crager did agree with me that a university is a place where students should learn both sides of the picture in order to make rational decisions in adult life.

My meeting with Dean Crager proved very beneficial to me in that he informed me in which way to bring bona fide speakers on campus and the procedures students need to use in getting a room for such a meeting.

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Again I must say, if Dean Crager was sincerely honest with me which I think he was, I urge all "subversives" and concerned students to exercise your rights in academic freedom. Also, get involved in student affairs so that you may become a more-rounded person and MSU become not a good university but a prestigious and great university.

I must add one thing which I entirely disagree with. Before a speaker can come on campus, a recognized campus has to sponsor him and he must be approved by the MSU administration. This is totally ridiculous to me because those who don't belong to a campus group can't have any voice as to who comes on campus. Besides, MSU is a state-owned institution paid by the taxpayers of Kentucky therefore no prohibitions should be made unless the Kentucky legislature steps in to prohibit it.

Is MSU afraid of controversial speakers? Do they think college students are too naive to see both sides of the picture?

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

BY

David P. Quinn

The administration of Morehead State University shall be congratulated for getting R.O.T.C. at our university. This is a big step for Morehead as a new and growing state university.

It wasn't an easy task getting the approval for an R.O.T.C. program here. Morehead made an application to the army for a R.O.T.C. detachment over nineteen years ago. Out of the 92 applications filed last year only 15 were approved, so I would say that we were extremely lucky to get such a detachment at Morehead.

If you look at the advantages of R.O.T.C., you will find it hard to be against it. Even Dean Wilson, who was initially against the program, is whole-heartedly for the program after hearing all the facts about it. If you want facts about the program ask Colonel Harris, not someone in the grill.

In order to facilitate all the students here at the university there will be two programs of R.O.T.C. offered. One will be a four year program consisting of a two year basic course and a two year advanced course, and the other will be an elective and highly selective two year advanced program. Both programs can lead to a commission in any of the fourteen branches of the army or even a possible commission in the marine corps.

I am all for R.O.T.C. because I have had three years of high school R.O.T.C. and I know the advantages. Don't take my word for it though, ask Colonel Harris for the facts and then make your own decision. Remember;

GRILL RATS DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN STUDENT AFFAIRS

BY

Michael Embry

Recently, Art Dayton and I discussed the lack of power within the Student Council. To be honest with you, it was me who said there was a lack of power and Art Dayton then explained to me that the lack of power was caused by the students themselves. He said the power was dependent on whether or not the students themselves wanted reforms on campus. The Student Council, he said, is presently being run by members of the social clubs because the non-Greeks didn't seem to care about making MSU a more intellectual and progressive university.

I sympathize with Mr. Dayton on these problems which face the Student Council and I hereby ask both the non-Greeks and Greeks to actively involve themselves with the Student Council in endeavoring to make MSU a more desirable place to live and learn.

The STUDENT POLL sends out special thanks to the following people and publications:

Jeff Burkart
David P. Quinn
Cathy Neal
CATHOLIC Worker
KENTUCKY KERNEL

Thank you,

The Editors
THE NEW GENESIS

In the year A.D. nineteen hundred and fifty-four, the Lord spake unto A.D., saying, "Go thou and carve a college out of these mountains. And what thou doest, do quickly."

And A.D. did even as the Lord commanded and carved a college out of these mountains.

Then the Lord spake unto A.D., saying, "Go thou and carve thy name upon these buildings, and the name of thy wife, and the names of thy governors and the names of thy lieutenant-governors." And A.D. did even as the Lord had commanded.

And the Lord spake unto A.D., saying, "Go thou, and carve an obelisk of marble, which shall be to all generations a symbol of fertility in the land." And A.D. did even as the Lord had commanded.

And the Lord spake unto A.D., saying, "Go thou, and carve out of the living stone a generation of teachers and of students, and rule thou over them." So A.D. did even as the Lord had commanded, and carved a generation of teachers and of students with faces of stone and with hearts of stone, and he did rule over them.

And the Lord looked upon his work and blessed it with might increase of students of stone.

But there arose in the land a new High Commissioner, even one called Nonesuch. And beheld there came into the land foreigners from the land of Fredonia, even outsiders and lesser breeds without the Law. And they did rise in revolt against the commands and injunctions of A.D. And A.D. spoke in his wrath, "I did chastise thee with whips, now I will chastise thee with scorpions." And the stone foundation did tremble and the veil of secrecy was rent and civil war did prevail in the land.

And A.D. went before the High Commissioner and the Great High Tribunal and spake, "Set thou a tax upon this land and upon this headstrong and rebellious people. And what thou doest, do quickly." And the Great High Tribunal did even as they had been commanded to do.

And A.D. went to the people of Doranvilia and spake unto them, "Arise thou and cast out of the land these outsiders, yea, even with threats of violence." And they arose, even with ropes and with halters, to cast out of the land all those who had challenged the commands and injunctions of A.D.

And A.D. called upon Omega Son-of-the-Hut, Vice President of the Bank of Doranvilia, to call down fire and brimstone upon the heads of the outsiders who were also insiders. And Omega Son-of-the-Hut did even as he was commanded and did breathe out fire and judgment.

And A.D. did call upon the stone people to hold a meeting, a grand inquisition and witch-hunt, so that the outsider-insiders might be cast into outer darkness. And behold, it was done even as their lord had commanded.

And Doranvilia hardened once again into the stone from whence it had been carved.

our country was founded upon.

I conscientiously am opposed to war in any form and will continue to promote love and understanding between men. Join me.

Sincerely,

Joe Mulloy

If you want to stand with Joe please write his draft board to express agreement with his position.
The address is:

Selective Service
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Louisville, Ky.

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The views expressed in this paper are not necessarily those of the editors

ADMINISTRATION RULES AT MOREHEAD

Morehead State University has come a long way physically and academically since it was founded as a normal school 46 years ago.

But it has become all too clear in recent weeks that the school’s administration is trying to govern a major state university as if it were a small rural high school.

Tensions now seem to be subsiding after a "free speech controversy" that involved students, faculty, and administrative statements sometimes made more in anger than in reason.

It is unfortunate that the furor of the discussion spilled over into the community and that the local chamber of commerce and some downtown business took it upon themselves to become involved.

Universities, by their very nature, must have their strictest rules designed to protect every form of free speech and comment.

The Morehead administration, while publicly reciting its beliefs in freedom, has too often moved as if freedom were something to be exercised by the few in ruling the many.

The recent controversy is a case in point.

Tensions began to grow when the MSU administration announced that it was beginning a Reserve Officers Training Corps program on the campus in the fall and that all freshmen and sophomore males would be required to participate.

Most students and some faculty felt this decision—which was made without consultation with either group—was an intrusion on their rights. Students, for the most part, did not question the value of having an ROTC program offered. They did question the value of a program which students were required to participate in to receive a degree from the school.

Even though the present controversy seems to be dying down, President Doran is in for more troubled days unless he moves now to give both students and faculty a voice in the affairs of the school.

Only after the administration moves to improve the climate on its campus will Morehead be ready to say it has made the full transition to university status.

(Reprinted from the March 12, 1968 edition of the Lexington Leader.)

The Student Poll would like to congratulate the 4-man varsity Debate team for their 3rd place finish in the state debate tournament at WKU.