



PERSPECTIVES

Better to give (?)

Christmas approacheth. Whoopee diddle. Grab some gifts for the family, then grab a case of the brew and get crocked, I suppose. Get jolly. That seems to be what Christmas is all about for some. Act happy, preach love and fake it — get the case out — if you have to.

One can't help but wish we could all stop ignoring the one thing that makes sense at Christmas — the traditional "It's better to give..." sermon.

So few people seem to understand what that really means. Sure, we're capable of pulling it off when we apply the philosophy only during the month of December. We just haul out the wallet and try to give more than we receive, budget willing.

But to what extent do we ever try to apply the principle throughout the year — throughout our lives?

We all know what happens when we listen to a football coach who promises to give of himself. He'll talk about commitment and dedication and then head the other way when someone offers him something he'd rather get — something other than Pullman.

Some of us, perhaps, know what it's like to wangle our way into school, then fail to give it our best shot — gypping our parents, our loan officers or ourselves.

Most of us know what it's like to be the remaining half of a couple when someone finds something he'd rather get elsewhere. It's far too easy to discover that person has given very little and perhaps taken too much. We've probably done it ourselves.

Even the good old Daily Evergreen suffers from the problem, as does the ASWSU Assembly and any other group which depends on contributions of time and effort by individuals.

They've all come across the clod who might only be seeking a little glory or a simple entry on a resume. The type wants to get the job but not the title; the one who wants to get something but wants to give damn little.

Why are we all so poor at sacrificing a little of ourselves — in school, at our jobs or in our personal relationships?

Do we confuse GETTING with GETTING AHEAD? Do we really think we're capable of getting something for nothing?

It's probably not worth worrying about. Christmas just seems like an appropriate time to bring the subject up. That's supposedly how the holiday got started — Someone gave Something.

It was a good idea. Too bad it didn't catch on.
— john leenders

On politicians

"An honest politician is one who, when he is bought, will stay bought."

—Attorney Simon Cameron, Republican Boss of Pennsylvania (1860)

"Politics are but the cigar smoke of a man."

—Henry David Thoreau

"He brings disaster upon his nation who never sows a seed, or lays a brick, or weaves a garment, but makes politics his occupation."

—Kahlil Gibran

"Idealism is the noble toga that political gentlemen drape over their will to power."

—Aldous Huxley: New York Herald Tribune, Nov. 24, 1963

"Politics is the art of preventing people from busying themselves with what is their own business."

—Paul Valery

"In politics, what begins in fear usually ends in folly."

—Samuel Taylor Coleridge

To the editor Speaking in their own tongue

To all those who oppose funding of the GAC and are trying to get assembly members who voted for funding off the assembly, I will try to reason with you on your own level:

Nyah-nyah, nyah-nyah, nyahn-nyahn-nyah, nyah-nyah! I place my tongue between my lips and hold it there firmly while pushing great gusts of air out in your general direction.

I don't know what you guys have to complain about. If WSU had the guts to make the GAC an official ASWSU committee, there is no reason why they should be denied things other ASWSU committees have.

As long as they aren't out on the mall trying to convince me I

should drop my straight lifestyle and become gay, I see no objection to giving them the desired funding.

Indeed, their name, Gay Awareness Committee means that they only wish to inform an otherwise confused population about aspects of homosexuality. Not to force their beliefs down our throats.

If you want to live in this beautiful, God-Blessed country of America (my heart beats true for the red, white and blue), you'd better learn that this is a democracy, not a dictatorship.

Who do you think you are, beating your fists on the table demanding your own way, bound

and determined to throw out any agitators?

First WSU, then the world? What about the laws set up by our beloved forefathers, protecting, among other things, FREEDOM OF SPEECH?

Well listen, I may not agree with the gays' opinions, but I'll defend to the death their right to say 'em. So go away, Big Brother isn't due for six more years.

Now, now, junior, don't cry. The big bad college student said nasty things to you? Aww... just go upstairs, mommy will be up soon. I'll even read you some more of Richard Nixon's memoirs for your bed-time story...

— rhonda o'brien

Thanks for information about gay life

I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to both the (ASWSU) assembly and Joe Caruthers.

The assembly saw through the misguided suggestions of the vast majority of their constituents, and, whether they have been to Delphi recently or not, showed divine wisdom in voting to fund the GAC.

At first I was upset. I too, was a misguided college student that thought homosexuals were people who enjoyed in engaging in sexual activities with members of their own gender; and, that the GAC was trying to educate me towards accepting this as a viable solution to the problem of

not finding a date on Saturday night.

But this anger was transformed into gratitude: Joe Caruthers showed me the light outside my closet. I now realize that I am GAY (despite the fact of having a heterosexual date last Saturday), for I consider myself as having "the ability to develop a loving relationship with someone of my own sex." I even love my male father!

Mr. Caruthers is also right about gay myths. I don't walk around with a limp wrist, and I don't have a speech impediment.

I can see now the great educational problem facing the GAC

and hope this \$111.50 is only the beginning of a program that will help my fellow gays, and myself, teach others to love people despite their sex.

Let me once again thank Joe for helping me understand what it is to be gay and proud, and the assembly for supporting a worthy cause.

I only wonder if the young ladies on the assembly love their mothers. It took so long to get the funding. Oh well, we know where to start our educational process.

I am truly excited, and can hardly wait to tell my girlfriend.
— eric hanson

Pressure U.S. on Palestine

Today, December 6, as proclaimed by the United Nations' General Assembly is International Day for Solidarity with the Palestine People.

For Palestinians, the day marks 30 years of suffering, 30 years of living without dignity in sub-human conditions, and 30 years of exile. For 30 years, the Palestinians have been denied the basic right to live in the land of their birth, a land which has been theirs for the last 1,400 years; a land from which they were forcibly driven by arms, a land known to you as "Israel."

Perhaps the most significant outcome of this day of solidarity is that the plight of 3.5 million Palestinians has at long last been officially recognized by 105 countries.

One hundred five world powers recognize the PLO as the sole and legitimate representative of all Palestinians the world round. Significantly absent from these 105 nations is the United States.

I have often been asked by many Americans during my short stay here of three years what they as individuals can do

to lessen the suffering of my people.

I reply that perhaps the most effective way they can help the Palestinians realize their human dignity and rights is by pressuring the American government to officially recognize the role the PLO must play in any negotiated agreements which affect the lives and rights of the Palestinian people.

Such accords as those reached at Camp David can meet with nothing but failure. Camp David itself is an unabashed affront to our dignity and self-respect.

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