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THE NATURE OF MAN

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Last year's Southern Micon Camp delved into the nature of society. This year's camp explored the major component of that society; the individual man. A series of lectures given by ministers and staff explored the various concepts that merge to form the nature of man. To begin the search into human mature staff member Pete Lehman presented basic characteristics of all men. Basic to man is his finitude. He has a lack of basic control and a fear of death. It is because of these qualities that he tries desperately to transcend life and abtain immortality. The topic of emotions always arises in discussions of haman nature. A dependency on another being is also hasic in man; i.e. holding someone. basic in man; i.e. holding someone.

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The need to relate to something outside of your self is gundamental in man. He has a built in fear of loneliness. It is because of this need for relationship and connection that man has an absession to make order out of chaos. Dignity is one of the mast important of man's characteristics. The American Negro was used as an example of how necessary a sense of dignity is. Home is human. Home is not just a place to go where they have to take you in; it is a place that offers worth and being to the individual. Dorenzes territorial instinct ties in here. Last, self awareness and selfishness are basic. Man places himself in the center of his world, for it is himself that is most important; demonstrated by natural self-defense and welfare. and welfare.

Now this brings us down to the question of man's goodness.

man good ar evil? To support the view of good, you meed only to read Emerson

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and the romantic writers, and yet look at the evidence of evil in man in the world today. The only side left is that of (con't on page 3.)

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Dan Ackron, Lance Gurel and Gregg Swygert, of Viet-nam Summer, talked all about alternatives to the draft.

Their personal feelings are anti-draft, anti-Vietnam.
Six basic paths are open American boys 18 to 26.

(1) Enlist (2) Cooperate
(5e drafted) (3) Get a student deferrment (4) Become a non-military conscientious objector (6) Become a non-cooperator and face 5 years (con't on pg. 3

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All throughout the week, Micon campers have heard arguments for amid against U.S. participation in the undeclared war in Vietmam. The discussion was started early in the week when Gregg Swygert of Vietnam Summer discussed his views against the war and distributed a questionaire.

All the participants in the arguments admitted that mistakes have been made in Vietnam but the hawks maintained that we are in it now and can't "cop out" while the doves insisted that we dan.

China seemed to be a focal point in the confrontation. In a debate between hawks Fred Morris and Pete Lehman and doves Dan Ackron and Gregg Swygert, the hawks claimed that Chima was years ahead of time. She is developing rapidly but while we contain her we help her progress (con't on pg. 3) Twice this same thing has happened to me. Why?
God, what a dumb question.
I can't ask why because there is no answer.
I guess it's just me.

Today, after that morning program I thought I had all the answers to why I was lonely.

But I don't.

so....I'm lonely.
Isn't everyone?
I'll bet half the girls in this camp
Are also lonely
For the same reason.

We really want to hate, At least, I do.
And I can't.
I value my own self-respect too much.

But why twice? Why, in the same way? Why, yet not the same people?

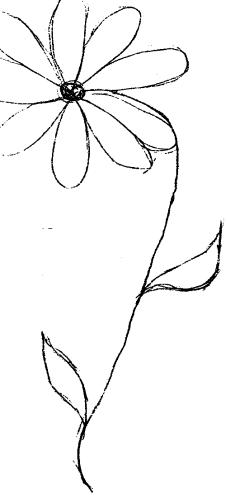
Oh, God, he just walked in. Speak to me, please.

He just walked by.

What about her?
The other half of what
I once longed to be.
I know she's my friend.
I can't hate her.

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She kept on walking After him.



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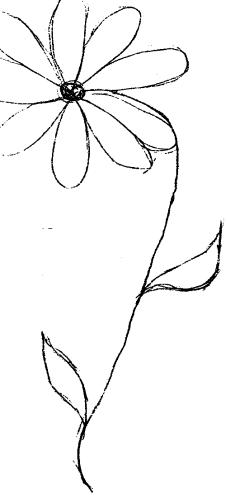
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neutrality; that man is capable of both good and evil.
Politics incorporates many of the basic characteristics of man. Man is a political being. His life is one of endless conflicts and competition. To bring this aspect into the weel's theme, "Attorney" at "Law" James Kelley explained the fundamentals of politics and man's personal relationship to it. Man's first reaction when left without a society would be to organize and make rules. Until there are laws human nature would cause man to be at each other's throats. Leaders then arise, based on various ideas of popularity; sex appeal, athletic ability, rhetoric ability, etc. It is from here that politics matures into the complicated rathrace that it

into the complicated rat-race that it is.

Going back to a previous point, that of the basiz need for dignity, Reverend Dave Sammons from the St. John Unitarian Church in Cincinnati came to speak of race rioting, its causes and complications. The idea of the negro males lack of self respect and dignity plays a large role in the recent "disobediences."

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by urging our allies to trade with her. The doves also said that China is imature but feel that the war will only aggravate her toward

The Vietnam Summer troup composed of Gregg, Dan and Lance insist that a Korea-type compromise is out of the question. "We had that situation in 1954," they quickly pointed out, "and we sold them down the river," "We told them the entire country that they could have elections, but when it looked like Ho would certainly win, we told Diem, "Look, you're going to lose so we'll help you take twer South Vietnam," We finked out on them." The days claim they simply can't see how a cemocracy-loving people like ours can systematically support military despots and crush revolutions that are much like our own.

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of jail and/or \$10.000 fine or go to Canada Forever.

The first two possibilities were not widely discussed. The other

three were fully explored. Many young men, including a good number of Unitatians have become non-combattant C.C.'s This means they have desk jobs or the langerous job of being a medic. (Medics have 75%-80% casualties.) Non-military C.O.'s take hospital or government

"dirty jobs"

The last category is a digficult road that is followed by a few truly conscientifusly anti-Vietnamits who often do every theng in their power to slow down the system. Since they face 5 years inprisonment and/or \$10,000 fine, many of them flee to Canada. Onse there however, they can never return to the United States without being arrested. The Unitarian- Universalist Service Fund helps there refugees find jobs in Canada.

There is one way of beating the system but it requires money and perfect timing and still required you to flee the country. This is to flee to Canada before you receive your induction notice and obtain Canadian Citizenship before you are inducted. Since there is a 5 year resident requirement to obtain Canadian citizenship, most peaple seem to have a problem. These people don't have to move to Carada when they're 13 however. They can go at, say, 18, get a student defferment and go to school in Canada. After this proceeding they can safely visit America at any time. safely visit America at any time.

There are certain disadvantages to beating the dragt, however. Any hopes of a political eareer are crushed. It is aften difficult to find a job. Since some peaple feel that they can do more for peace by obtaining a position political power, draft-avoiding would be out o of the question for them.

Above all the draft is a personal matter. What he does about the draft is one of the most important things in an American boy's life. He should find the answer that is right for him.

Reverend Dean Starr, from Beacon Street, spoke Tuesday morning on the Unitarian ministry. Rev. Starr has veen making the rounds of LRY camps giving his "pitch" as he calls it and answering questions about the church hierarchy.

According to Starr; the minister is not going to remain the only trained leader in Unitarian Churches. Already many churches have trained R.E. directors, musicians and other paid personnel. In the future, there will be places for inner city workers, youth leaders and peaple with various other skills.

Rev. Starr stressed the role of LPY'ers on the congregations of their churches. The maintains that the young people who don't like the way their churches are run should thy to change the church instead of

"copping out." when they leave for college.

The noble and "non-materialistics LRY'ers soon got to the nitty-gritty and the question of salaries was raised. The new minister, fresh out of the meminary, averages \$8,000-\$9,000 a year, but pay ranges from that all the way up to \$50,000 a year in one church.

Like most other professions the ministry is requiring more and

more education; the present requirement isthree tears at almost any seminary.and four years of undergraduate college. Dean Starr predicts that four years and an undergraduate degree in sociology or psychology will be needed by the ti me any of the present LEY'ers graduate from colloge.

As it stands now, the number of ministers is about iqual to the number of positions but there is a constant coming and going, of as Dean Starr puts it"theadoor of minist rs swings in and out again." Though a great mumber of our ministers come from other faiths, the ones who planned early to become Unitarian ministers more often to remain Unitarian. So---if any LRY'ers are interested in the ministry nowis the time to start making plans.

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We are happy to announce the results of the 1968 Micon Planning Committee. Good luck to them all and they'd better make next years camp just as good as this year's!

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