The 70’s in review: our “good old days”

Several days ago, I was suddenly struck with the realization that in approximately three weeks, we will be folded with the end of the seventies. I shudder to think! New Wave rock sounds strange to half of us, and the American System has been stretched to breaking points.

The times have been turbulent. If the generation of the sixties was the Love Generation, then we must be the Bust-Off Generation. Faith in the American System has been strained to the breaking point. The Vietnam War has been threatened by inflation, recession, and an energy crisis. Yet, this is our time — these are our years. We will look back with amazement and laugh at some of our foibles.

You may laugh your heart out, but we will. This should not be surprising. The same has been true for every generation.

We all need our roots. This has not been the “worst of all possible worlds.” Every time it has problems. The thirties brought the depression, the forties, the Second World War; McCarthyism dominated the fifties; and the memory of Vietnam and the Civil Rights struggle still burn in our past. Yet, everyone looks back to his time, his place, the evil and pure fads, leaving a warm memory of the familiar. When times change, tastes differ, and customs shift, people will turn to what is familiar. This is the way of life.

Frankly, I am apprehensive. I contemplate the massive changes I have seen in the world in my lifetime. I can only imagine what will come in the eighties. I shudder to think! New Wave rock sounds strange to my ear. Not necessarily had, just strange. I am afraid of becoming set in my ways. I cannot accept change without fighting it. I will follow the influence looking back and telling our children that they will understand.

Saul Alinsky wrote, “The roots of today’s society are the same as those of the 1960’s. The roots of tomorrow will be the same as today’s.” I am apprehensive.

I must embrace the Seventies for it is part of me and it is. I shall pass into the west and remain myself.

Erik Sherman

Rep raps General Assembly

To the Editor:

On November 1, of this year, the Undergraduate Association (UA) General Assembly (GA) held an emergency meeting at which the representatives of the student groups voted to accept the working group’s report and to remove the Second New House reps from their positions. The GA voted, by an overwhelming majority, that the Second New House reps, should they be removed, should make a speech before the GA and address the body of student representatives.

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