

Loneliness at UPEI - a word from ACT

And is there anyone at all?
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I am knocking at the oaken door
And will it open
Never now no more?
I am calling, calling to you
Don't you hear?
And is there anyone
Near?
And does this empty silence
have to be
And is there no one there at all?
To answer me?

Author unknown. Author
lonely, lonely. Even
honest-to-God atheist will
agree with the statement
from Genesis that it is
not good for man to be alone.
For sure, it is NOT good for
man to be alone if by "alone"
is meant feeling friendless

and cut off from others.
Yet loneliness in one form
or another is experienced by
all of us. It can come
down like an enveloping
cloud all of a sudden or it
can steal up on us gradually
be we out Pigging and
whistling, crowding into the
Barn or sitting in on a
noisy party.

It would be wrong, how-
ever, to say that all
loneliness -- better,
"aleness" is bad. A
certain kind of aleness or
incommunicability of our-
selves is inevitable. We
all have different thumb
prints. Each of us is
unique. And sometimes that
part of me which is the
most me-est of me I find

hard to communicate
even with someone I love
very much. If I find it,
betimes, difficult to
comprehend this, me how far
more difficult to express
myself comprehensibly to
another!

This kind of loneliness
is not destructive. Ac-
cepted, lived with and let
be, it can bring to a
deeper understanding of our-
selves. It can be creative.
It can bring us into the
presence of God.

There is another kind of
loneliness sometimes called
loneliness anxiety--
actually, fear of loneliness.
This is the killer. No
learned dissertation here
as to its causes or
origins. The psychologists
and the sociologists
can tell you all about
it. Suffice it to say
that it is real. We
all experience it from
time to time. An empty
silence, a feeling of
being cut off from
others, of being cut
off from our own real
self. And it hurts.
Believers have it that
this kind of loneliness
is the essence of hell--
the utter absence of God,
the utter absence of love.

Isn't all this just a
bit heavy for someone who
is lonely now only be-
cause it is really the
first time away from
home or because the
boy-friend/girl-friend
chose to go to another
university? Perhaps.
But loneliness (the
nasty kind) is a form
of pollution and we do well
to consider it so as to
know how to fight against
it. Fighting against it
for others will be a help
to ourselves. So the
word is: 'BECOME MORE
SENSITIVE TO THE LONE-
LINESS OF OTHERS. Not
in the sense that you
sport your Brownie badge

and go around pushing your
way into other people's
lives. "Ho, you poor
slob. I preceive you to
be lonely and alienated.
Tell me about it." That
just might not work!

Be sensitive to the
need of building a sense
of community on your
floor, at your end of the
corridor, in your boarding
house -- maybe in your
own family. Sensitive
to the awkward shyness of
someone who can be help-
ed by something as un-
complicated as a smile.
Even a crooked grin might
do it.

Ickish? Perhaps.
but hear it out. Smiling
and making with a a
friendly "hello" on
campus is more effective
than fourteen residence
parties in the "Stamp
Out the Pollution of
Loneliness" campaign.
The smiler (genuine smiler)
says without saying, "I
see you. I notice you
over there. You are a
fellow human being -- be
greeted!" And the smilee,
the receiver of the hello
and the smile, says to
himself even if he cannot
muster more than an
acknowledging grunt,
"Lo, a fellow human being
has looked this way. He
seems to be friendly.
Maybe next time he will
talk. Things are look-
ing up around here!"

Dangerous? Of course.
You run the risk of being
accused of being a hustler..
or a hustleress. But charity
your neighbourhood Guru
will tell you, is not
always an easy virtue
to practise. So don't
you mind. Take yourself.
Because all of us can be
lonely, once in a while.

And is there anyone
at all?

Yes...there's YOU.

Shakespeare defended for series

So you don't like
Shakespeare? If your
dislike of Shakespeare
is based on your high
school experiences with
Julius Caesar, etc.--
which meant sitting
quietly at a hard desk,
reading lines from a
heavy textbook, and mem-
orizing archaic words--
then you are in for a
big, pleasant surprise
if you attend the Shakes-
peare Film Series!

The first film, The
Taming of the Shrew, will
be shown Sunday evening
at 7:30 at the Confederation
Centre Lecture Theatre.
The film, starring Eliz-
abeth Taylor as "the shrew"
man who can "tame" her,
and Michael York, is a
comedy--a rowdy, lively,
bawdy, slapstick affair
that is just what Shakes-
peare wanted for his own
audience.

Seeing a film based
on a Shakespeare play is
like seeing any other
good film: The charac-
ters are well developed;

the language is understand-
able to a modern person,
and the acting, costuming,
and staging are excellent.
And seeing a film based
on a Shakespeare comedy
is even better than see-
ing most other films,
because it is consistantly
funny, from beginning
to end.

Tickets for Taming
of the Shrew are \$1.50
at the door the night of
the film (October 3).
Season tickets for all
eight films in the series
cost \$10 and are available
at the UPEI Bookstore,
at the Student Union
Office, from Rebecca
Smith (Main 405, phone
local 355), at the
Confederation Centre Box
Office, and at the door
on Sunday night. The
series is co-sponsered
by The Department of
English and the Depart-
ment of Extension at UPEI.
The series is non-profit
and is being offered as
a service to students,
movie buffs, and all the
general public.

Salesmen needed for loan fund photographs

The U.P.E.I. Student Union
has taken the initiative to
create a fund for students who
are in financial need. During
the summer a student was employ-
ed to take and process pictures
which are to be sold to stu-
dents, faculty, alumni and
business men in the local
community. It is the feeling of
the Student Union the commun-
ity should be given an oppor-
tunity to support their uni-
versity. The pictures are being

sold for the price of \$5.00
They are being sold on campus
by Charles DeRoche. We are in
need of further salesmen, so
anybody interested in helping
out please contact the Student
Union office in the basement
of Memorial or call Charlie
DeRoche at 2-6708. It is
solely by the interest of the
students that any results will
come of this campaign. So
lets get out and make this a
worthwhile endeavour.

I Wasn't Going On The
A.C.T. Weekend But:
How could I turn down the
opportunity to develop new
friendships, to re-examine
my Christian views, and
to experience a week-
end of worthwhile thought,
discussion and fun.
I guess I'll go fill in
my application form.
At:
MarleneGallant's-Rm 202 Bern-
adine
Dave Nicholson's-Rm 115 Blan-
chard
Eileen Donahue's-Rm 304
Marion
SEE YOU THERE!!