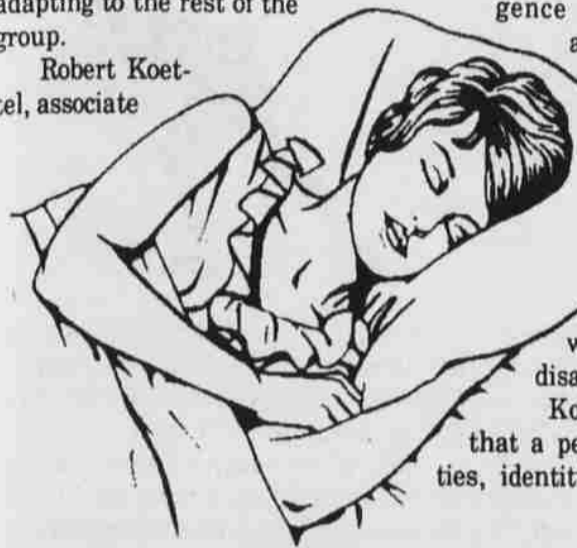


There's no person like an unconscious person

by William Holt

A person's intelligence is usually thought to be his ability to do well on a mathematics exam. The concept of his personality or his identity is usually separated from his abilities and considered merely as his individual means of adapting to the rest of the group.

Robert Koettel, associate



professor of psychology, would like to think of intelligence as a more encompassing concept than what an IQ test could ever measure.

"Our use of the word intelligence is misleading," Koettel said. "I like to think of intelligence as one's adaptability and creativity. This definition is, of course, idiosyncratic and will meet with much disagreement."

Koettel said that a person's abilities, identities, ways of

appreciating and creating beauty, behaviors and soon are all projections of a person's unconscious awareness.

This idea is based on a theory used in the field of psychology called the Jungian Perspective. It holds that the psyche of an individual has a collective component in which we are all connected by the unconscious. Before there is an individual personality, there is a "we."

The unconscious is our source of wisdom and pervades our being. In the Jungian model, the conscious personality is built on the uncon-

scious. The aspects of humanity are projections from our inner life or collective unconsciousness.

Greek mythology is a good example. Such myths as Aries, a god of War, and Artemis, a goddess of the Moon, are motifs that occur in all societies based on the unconscious projections that we all have.

Koettel said that Jungians see the dream as the language of the personal unconscious. He said that people who record their dreams increase their daily memory of their dreams. They begin to find recurring themes in each dream they have which helps a person to find his identity.

Koettel said that when a person can reflect on an activity that took place in his unconscious mind, he can bring the memory to his "outer life" and use it to solve problems creatively.

"People go wrong when they try to make a division between the conscious and the unconscious, because there really is no division. A person is never fully conscious," Koettel said. "Much of what goes on comes from the inner life."

Psychology doesn't claim to know everything. Koettel said that no one really knows where the unconscious mind can be located nor in what way the collective body of our society is unconsciously connected.



Inter Varsity Rebel Christian Fellowship offers much to students

by Dennis Monokroussos

Walking through the Student Union, one might have noticed a "new" group, Inter Varsity Rebel Christian Fellowship (RCF). This group, formerly called Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship, has actually been on campus for eleven years. It is student run and not affiliated with the Metropolitan Church of Christ (a cult group exposed by *The Yellin' Rebel* last semester). Meetings take place every Friday in Room 203 of the Student Union.

The purpose of the group is essentially two-fold, according to Larry Thiel, one of three staff leaders who help oversee the group. First, to challenge students to make intelligent, informed decisions for or against Christ; and second, for Christians to grow more deeply. To do this, RCF holds Bible studies, conferences (including several on Catalina Island), debates and weekly meetings.

According to Thiel, who is a graduate student in history, most people haven't learned to think critically about what they hear or see. Thiel believes that students should investigate the historical documents concerning Jesus—the New Testament. He is persuaded that those who do "will get intoxicated by Jesus—a taboo breaker who broke religious boxes. Jesus is an exciting person worthy of students' trust."

Thiel said he thinks RCF is ideal

for individuals to examine the claims of Christ, since it is a more neutral setting than church, and is geared toward creating a community environment for students.

The groups also hold social activities, such as parties, movie nights, sports socials and so on.

Another way in which RCF is geared to students, whether Christians or not, is that the topics at the weekly meetings are pertinent to students' lives. Topics this upcoming semester include dysfunctional families, relationships, and three open sessions.

The first one, which will be held Friday, is "Would a good God send a good person to hell?" Later in the semester, Frank Beckwith will speak on the Resurrection of Jesus, and the third discussion will be on sex. These three sessions are particularly designed for those who are curious about Christ, and are open to all relevant questions after a brief opening talk by the main speaker.

"I want to challenge students not to be ignorant, but to investigate Jesus with us. All questions are fair game, and no one's going to be ridiculed," Thiel said.

Interested students are encouraged to come to Room 203, in the MSU. For further information on this meeting, Bible studies, or conferences, call Larry or Nina Thiel at 736-8648, or RCF Student President Patty Avila at 656-7225.

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