

THE OLIVE BRANCH

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BLOG OF THE WEEK

HANNAH SHEETS

Social Media to some may be a passing fad to young people across the world. I take a slightly different take on it.

Social media has reshaped the way that information is shared. Yes, YouTube and other blog sites are venues for posting and viewing information, but it is via social media sites and apps that these pieces of information are publicized and shared.

While this is true, it may be up for debate whether this is a consistently good or bad thing.

The first article brings up the good point that while social media provides a platform for distributing information, it also fails to provide a platform for constructive, sophisticated debate and conversation regarding this topics.

Any day of the week you can scroll through Facebook and see scathing, mocking, completely uneducated comments about every (and any) topic. This will inevitably lead to further hot air that will be retaliated, and from

there the cycle will continue.

It is important when a person or cause is truly trying to make a substantial impact to remain inspiring and educational during the process of information sharing.

The article brings up the concept of 'slacktivism', and example of which is to simply click the "like" button on a cause and then go on with your life, never to revisit that cause again.

While this may not be quite on the level of scathingly calling all those who have an alternative viewpoint on the issue "morons" or "idiots", it really does nothing to benefit the cause. It is lacking in the area of inspiration.

Social media provides the world today an amazing platform to share causes and ways to benefit the world's peace efforts.

It is a shame to see that up to this point, it is only being utilized to make immature claims and mocking comments.

Such an opportunity for

information sharing should not be wasted so. Social media is not just a passing fad.

It may adapt and evolve through the years, but it is not going away. Why should we not use it in an influential and educational way?

For the efforts in peacemaking to be successful, it is essential for there to be a certain level of public awareness in the issue.

The more people know of it and the more people who care; the more likely it is that something will happen to improve and change the issue.

Change cannot happen without the people's influence and support.

Instead of spending our time on these social media sites commenting about our friend's hairstyles and outfits, or talking about the latest idiot who made us mad; let us speak out against the atrocities in the world so that we can rally the good people in the world together so we can make a change.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

THE BERRIGAN BROTHERS

EMILY HART

Philip Berrigan was an American peace activist and former Catholic priest; his brother, Daniel Berrigan, is currently a peace activist, poet and priest.

Both men spent their lives protesting social injustices such as war and racism, and gained especial notoriety when they became wanted by the FBI in 1968 for their involvement in movements against the Vietnam War.

The Berrigan brothers were born in the 1920s in a small working-class mining town in Minnesota. Their parents, Frieda and Tom, were deeply religious and instilled in their sons a sense of social justice.

Daniel joined the Jesuit religious order upon graduating high school, and was ordained a Catholic priest in 1952.

In the following decade, he became a professor of theology in Syracuse, New York, published his first book of poetry, and became known as a religious radical due to his aggressive work against urban poverty and his mission to create a more egalitarian relationship between ordained religious figures and laypersons.

Philip completed a semester of college in Toronto before being drafted into combat duty during World War II; this exposure to violence disturbed him immensely, as did his observance of racism the

boot camps of the Southern United States.

These experiences made him determined to work for positive peace.

After leaving the army, Philip completed college at a Jesuit university and joined the Society of St. Joseph, a religious order dedicated to serving African American individuals suffering from the effects of slavery and segregation in the United States.

In 1955, he became an ordained priest like his brother, and became extremely active in the movement against poverty and the Civil Rights Movement.

In the 1960s, the two brothers began an interfaith coalition against the Vietnam War with Trappist monk Thomas Merton.

The three wrote letters to major news sources pushing for an end to the conflict; however, as the war escalated, Daniel and Philip began pursuing more direct means of protest.

They became strongly involved with nonviolent demonstrations against the war and were arrested for the first time in 1962. While imprisoned, the two would often hold bible study classes for other inmates and offer them legal education.

In 1967, Philip Berrigan and three colleagues formed a protest group known as “The Baltimore

Four.”

The group held a nonviolent but graphic protest in which they occupied the Selective Service Board and poured their own blood over draft records.

Philip Berrigan stated that “this sacrificial and constructive act is meant to protest the pitiful waste of American and Vietnamese blood in Indochina.” The Four were arrested and jailed for their actions.

Six months after The Baltimore Four protest, both Philip and Daniel, with seven other activists, concocted homemade napalm with the help of a high school physics teacher.

They then took 600 draft records from the Catonsville, Maryland draft board office and burnt them with the napalm in the lot outside the building.

The activists accused religious institutions in the United States of supporting racism and classism, and called for them to actively protest the Vietnam War.

Philip Berrigan was arrested by the FBI for this protest; the other activists were able to avoid jail time.

While Philip was in jail, Daniel travelled to Hanoi with Howard Zinn in order to take the first three released prisoners of war back to the United States.

Over the next decade, the brothers organized and (continued)

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THE BERRIGAN BROTHERS

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participated in tax protest pledges, protests against draft boards, and demonstrations against Dow Chemical Company and General Electric for their involvement in manufacturing war weapons.

Philip and Daniel Berrigan made sure their actions were strictly nonviolent and ensured that participants were willing to accept responsibility, including incarceration, for their protests.

They continued their activism even after the conclusion of the Vietnam War; in 1980, Philip and Daniel began "The Plowshares Movement," aimed at protesting nuclear weapons.

Their first demonstration was in the Pennsylvania General Electric Nuclear Missile Re-Entry Division, where they used hammers to dent the warhead nose cones manufactured there.

They also poured blood on the Division's documents while offering prayers for peace.

In 1990, the group created The Jonah House, a community center and headquarters for anti-war activists in Baltimore.

Philip Berrigan's last protest took place in 1999, when he and a group of Plowshares activists used

hammers to damage warplanes at the Warfield Air National Guard Base.

He was imprisoned until 2001; one year later, Philip passed away from liver and kidney cancer. One of his last statements was a protest against the U.S. invasion of Iraq:

**“BUSH AND HIS MINIONS
SLIP OUT OF CONTROL,
DETERMINED TO GO TO WAR,
DETERMINED TO GO IT ALONE,
DETERMINED TO ENDANGER THE
PALESTINIANS FURTHER,
DETERMINED TO CONTROL IRAQI OIL,
DETERMINED TO RAVAGE
FURTHER A SUFFERING PEOPLE
AND THEIR SHATTERED SOCIETY.**

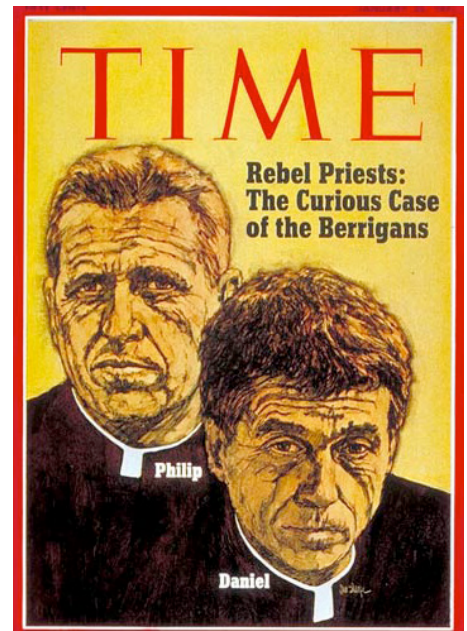
**THE AMERICAN PEOPLE CAN
STOP BUSH, CAN YANK HIS FEET
CLOSER TO THE FIRE,
CAN BANISH THE WAR MAKERS
FROM WASHINGTON D.C.,
CAN TURN THIS SOCIETY AROUND
AND RESTORE IT TO
FAITH AND SANITY.”**

Daniel Berrigan maintained his antiwar position throughout the Gulf War, the Kosovo War, and the U.S. invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan.

He is currently still involved in The Plowshares Movement against nuclear weapons and was a supporter of the Occupy Movement.

He now resides in New York City and teaches at Fordham University, in addition to serving as its poet in residence, and helps maintain The Jonah House center for anti-war activists.

Photos courtesy of DePaul University (top) and TIME magazine (bottom).



ARTICLE

EYES WIDE OPEN

KATE GIGLIO

Since 2001, the nation has lost thousands of U.S. service members in Iraq and Afghanistan, and spent nearly \$1 trillion in operational costs for the wars combined (vpan.org).

Estimated hundreds of thousands of civilians have lost their lives the United States' militarily activity in these two countries.

Throughout the United States there are many exhibits memorializing the victims of the wars in both countries.

In May 2007, the National Eyes Wide Open exhibit was displayed in its entirety in Chicago's Grant Park for the final time.

Since then, the American Friends Service Committee has split the exhibit into individual state exhibits to feature the boots of the soldier's from that specific state.

The displays include combat boots representing soldiers from individual states who have died, shoes symbolizing civilian casualties,

and signs with additional information about the costs of the war.

"The display is designed to promote reflection and dialogue about the human and economic cost of war to the Commonwealth" (rpec.org).

Since March 2008, the Eyes Wide Open exhibit has been displayed at Indianapolis' Monument Circle, Indiana University, Purdue University and several other high schools, public parks and war memorials throughout the state (afsc.org).

There are 204 pairs of boots to represent the Hoosiers who have lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan. Along with the boots, 150 pairs of shoes are displayed to represent the Afghan and Iraqi civilian casualties.

John Eichaker, chair of the conference's social issues and concerns committee, said that "there's recognition that the boots represent people from the midst of our lives in Indiana.

War is not the answer to the problems we have as humans. Wars create the environment for the wars that follow."

Larry Miller, a Vietnam veteran active with the local Indiana chapter of Veterans for Peace said that peace should always be the first alternative to a conflict, rather than war.

"All the major religions in the world are based on peace," he said. "Why do we have so much conflict and war?" (afcs.org).

Veterans for Peace and American Friends Service Committee have worked closely on a number of projects in Indiana, including the Eyes Wide Open exhibit.

The Eyes Wide Open exhibit portrays the human cost of the two wars and reminds us that the cost is not as distant as it is portrayed.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
INDIANA'S EYES WIDE OPEN EXHIBIT
CONTACT AFSC'S PEACE WORK
DIRECTOR AT EPOLLEY@AFSC.ORG**



EYES WIDE OPEN
THE HUMAN COSTS OF THE IRAQ WAR

A project of AFSC

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER

COUNSELING CENTER GROUP THERAPY SESSIONS

Require appointment @ Counseling Center

CHOICES:

Group for students who are exploring changes in their relationship with substances.

JOURNEY TO WHOLENESS:

Safe, supportive place for survivors of sexual trauma to explore the meaning of their experiences and to explore effective ways of coping.

UNDERSTANDING SELF AND OTHERS:

Group members explore patterns of relating to self & others through understanding and acceptance, as well as discover common bonds through emotional experiences.

WEIGHT NOT, WANT NOT:

Support group for women with eating disorders or body image struggles who want to explore ways to cope.

SAFE HAVEN:

This therapy group provides a safe place for GLBQ students to explore and discuss patterns of relating to self and others.

MINDFULNESS GROUP:

Assists students in alleviating uncomfortable feelings, such as anxiety, stress, anger, and sadness. The group will practice and discuss relaxation and mindfulness techniques.

INTERNATIONAL CONVERSATION HOUR Tuesdays from 6:00-7:30 pm L.A. Pittenger Student Center Room 310

This program is designed to help international students practice English, learn studying skills and classroom culture, and make American friends.

We hope through students' participation, domestic students will learn about different cultures without studying abroad and international students will increase their sense of belonging to BSU.

OUTREACH GROUPS Multicultural Center Library

ETHNIC/RACIAL MINORITY SUPPORT GROUP:

Safe, supportive place for ethnic/racial minority students to explore and discuss navigating 2+ cultures.

KNOWING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT STORIES:

This is designed to provide support for international students by coming together and sharing cross-cultural stories.

Through sharing our stories, participants will find similarities and differences as well support from each other.

For more information, please:
visit the Counseling Center or call (765) 285-1736

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

FRIDAY APRIL 25

**NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH
WRAP-UP PARTY
Begins at 7:00 p.m.
The Cup**

Come to The Cup (in the Village) to hear music, poetry, and published stories from survivors.

Bring your buttons from the previous events and
be entered to win 1 of 2 gift certificates to The Cup worth \$25 (1 entry per button).

SATURDAY APRIL 26

**CHRISTY WOODS GREENHOUSE SALE
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Christy Woods South Service Building**

This fundraising event will support Christy Woods greenhouse supplies.

Staff is clearing out extra and duplicate planting, including succulents, hanging ferns, violets, orchids, outdoor landscaping perennials, and many others. All will have a suggested donation amount.

Parking is available in the G13 lot south of Christy Woods via University Avenue
near the Marilyn Glick Center for Glass.

For more information regarding the sale, donations or volunteering, please contact:
Cheryl LeBlanc at 285-8839

EVENTS

OFF CAMPUS

FRIDAY APRIL 25

ANTI-WARFARE WEEKLY VIGIL

4:30-5:30 pm

Federal Building

Indianapolis, IN

Join the vigil to protest warfare, sponsored by the Indianapolis Peace & Justice Center.

Bring an appropriate sign or have one provided.

For more information, please contact:

Gilbert Kuhn at (765) 926-3068 or Ron Haldeman at ronjane@igc.org

WORLD MALARIA DAY ANYWHERE & EVERYWHERE

Imagine No Malaria is encouraging supporters to #CoverTheNet to raise awareness on Facebook and Twitter about a killer disease that claims the life of a child every 60 seconds.

Let the world know you're one of a world of people unified in the fight against a needless killer.

To learn more, please:

follow Imagine No Malaria on Facebook

or join the conversation online using the hashtag #CoverTheNet

SATURDAY APRIL 26

CARDINAL GREENWAYS 5K RUN/WALK & KIDS FUN RUN

7:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Muncie, IN

Meet at 700 E. Wysor St. for the yearly event that celebrates the Cardinal Greenways!

The 5k Run and 5k Walk are competitive events and overall winners (male & female) and age group winners are awarded in each race.

Additionally, the Kids Fun Run is a great event for children!

New this year, for the Kids Fun Run participants there will be an Easter Egg Hunt.

EVENTS OFF CAMPUS

SATURDAY APRIL 26

CITIZEN UNITED FOR REHABILITATION OF ERRANTS MEETING

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

North United Methodist Church

Indianapolis, IN

C.U.R.E. will hold its monthly meeting at North United Methodist Church, W. 38 & Meridian.

For more information, please contact:

Marilyn Reed at 352-0358 or Lela Ewers at 831-0765

AUTISM WALK

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Heartland Building and Memorial Building

Muncie, IN

The Autism Awareness Walk will take place at the Delaware County Fairgrounds.

MOMS DEMAND ACTION PROTEST

Begins at 10:30 a.m.

War Memorial

Indianapolis, IN

M.D.A. is holding a stroller jam focused on gun violence at the War Memorial, Michigan at Meridian.

For more information, please:

email Steve Dunlop at sdunlop395@aol.com

ARBORFEST

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Cooley Park

Muncie, IN

We will be giving away from t-shirts, food and tree seeding while supplies last.

Many groups were to participate including: Ball State Natural Resources and Voluntary Services, Indianan Dept. of Natural Resources, The Muncie Mayor's Office, Delaware County Master Gardeners, etc.

For more information, please: call 765-747-4858

EVENTS OFF CAMPUS

SATURDAY APRIL 26

“WAR IS NOT THE ANSWER!” PEACE VIGIL

6:00 p.m.

**Brown County Courthouse
Nashville, IN**

This vigil is sponsored by Brown County’s branch of Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom.

For more information, please contact: Tom Hougham at 878-4210 or annntom@hotmail.com

MONDAY APRIL 28

MEDITATION

6:00-6:20 pm

**Unity of Indianapolis
Indianapolis, IN**

Join us for our weekly meditation with Michael Wright to hold the vision of the inevitable occurrence of world peace. Please enter the building from the parking lot behind building.

For more information, please: call Michael at 627-3225, or email Dorothy Mack at mackda@att.net

SATURDAY MAY 3

FARMERS MARKET OUTDOOR SEASON BEGINS

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Minnetrista Cultural Center
Muncie, IN**

Beyond the flowers of May, the spring season takes Farmers Market outdoors! Experience good company and remarkable finds every Saturday this month. Join friends and families in exploring the market-fresh finds and homemade treats brought to you by the local community.

FELLOWSHIPS

ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIPS

If you are looking to make an impact by promoting cooperation and tolerance than this may be for you!

Rotary Foundation provides fellowships to fund master's degree or professional development certificate study at one of the six Rotary Peace Centers. Recipients of this fellowship promote peace, cooperation, and successful conflict resolution on both the national and international levels.

There are two types of peace fellowships available.

The deadline for submitting applications is July 1, 2014.

For more information, please visit:
<https://www.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowships>

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP

The International Affairs Fellowship is a distinguished program offered by the Council on Foreign Relations to assist scholars and professionals in advancing their analytic capabilities and broadening their foreign policy experience. The program aims to strengthen career development by helping outstanding individuals acquire and apply foreign policy skills beyond the scope of their professional and scholarly achievements. Interested candidates who meet the program's eligibility requirements can apply online between July 1 and October 31 on an annual basis.

For more information, please visit:
<http://www.cfr.org/thinktank/fellowships/iaf.html>

CONFERENCES

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RACE AND ETHNICITY IN AMERICAN HIGHER EDUCATION

Indianapolis, IN

May 27- July 1

The NCORE conference series constitutes the leading and most comprehensive national forum on issues of race and ethnicity in American higher education. The conference focuses on the complex task of creating and sustaining comprehensive institutional change designed to improve racial and ethnic relations on campus and to expand opportunities for educational access and success by culturally diverse, traditionally underrepresented populations.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.ncore.ou.edu/>

THE PEACE AND JUSTICE STUDIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE: "COURAGEOUS PRESENCE: SHIFTING STORIES & PRACTICES OF PEACE"

October

San Diego, CA

The conference will be held on the beautiful campus of the University of San Diego on a mesa overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Proposal submission deadline is April 1, 2014.

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON'S 10TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

Oct. 31 - Nov. 1

Boston, MA

The conference will be focused on conflict studies and the new generation of ideas.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.umb.edu/academics/mgs/crhsgg/conferences>

ORGANIZATIONS

THE ALIVE CAMPAIGN

Wednesdays at 9:00 pm
Student Center Pineshelf Room

The Alive Campaign is a student-run organization at Ball State that is dedicated to raising awareness towards suicide prevention and awareness by representing ourselves as a “life appreciation group”. In the United States, suicide rates currently exceed 38,000 per year. We believe something can be done. We believe students across the nation should step up and let their voice be heard. We believe that if we stood together and gave people a reason to believe in life, a reason to be ALIVE, we can make a difference.

BALL STATE INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION

Every other Tuesday at 6:00 pm
L.A. Pittenger Student Center
Room 301 (though location may vary)

Ball State IJM is a group of students who are passionate about ending slavery and human trafficking around the world. We believe that through Christ we can create tangible change in the lives of slaves through prayer, educating ourselves and others, changing our behavior, and volunteering as we are able.

For more information, please email ballstateijm@gmail.com

BALL STATE ‘TOMS’ CLUB

Wednesdays at 9:00 pm
Bracken Library Room 201

TOMS Campus Club promotes the awareness, reality, and consequences of children living without shoes, and aids in charitable giving to this cause through programming and activities in accordance with the TOMS Shoes company.

GO FOSSIL FREE BALL STATE

Mondays at 5:00 pm
Bracken Library Room 201

Go Fossil Free Ball State is part of an international movement to get universities, communities, churches, and businesses to divest from the fossil fuel industry and reinvest in green technology. Through various sorts of events we inform the public and the Ball State Foundation on why it is critical to divest if we want to be seen as a sustainable campus.

For more information, please email Kourtney Dillavou at kmdillavou@bsu.edu.

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Friendship Family Program

Become a host family for Ball State's Friendship Family Program!

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- There is no financial obligation
- The student does not live with you
- We ask you to commit to at least one activity a month!

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