

## HOW TO GET THERE

1. BUSES. Chartered buses will leave from Park Square, Boston, on Thursday morning, December 26. If you plan to take the bus, be sure to indicate this on your registration card. Persons planning to take the chartered bus must enclose ten dollars for round trip fare with their registration. Ten dollars is more than was charged for the bus in past years for Midwinter Conferences, but this is made necessary by the much greater distance from Boston to Plainfield, Vermont. The total cost of the conference has been reduced to help balance this out. Thus, this conference is no more expensive, on the whole, than it has been in the past. Furthermore, if enough people use the bus to cut our total per-person cost, we plan to refund up to \$2 of the round-trip fare.

2. DRIVING. Goddard College, the site of this year's Midwinter Conference, is just off US Route 2, a mile west of Plainfield, Vermont, ten miles northeast of Montpelier. The best automobile route from Boston is via the Everett Turnpike and Route 4A, White River Junction, and Barre.

## COST OF CONFERENCE

The total fee for those attending this conference will be \$20.00: a \$5.00 registration fee (to be mailed when you apply to register), and the \$15.00 balance to be paid upon arrival. Round trip fare on the chartered bus is not included in the \$20.00 fee. Be sure to send \$10.00 additional, when you apply to register, if you plan to take the bus.

Once you are accepted for the conference, the \$5.00 registration fee cannot be refunded. However, the \$10.00 bus fare will be refunded if you cannot attend the conference. (If you attend the conference, but decide not to take the bus, the \$10 cannot be refunded.)

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATIONS:  
DECEMBER 5

(December 14, if you do not plan to take the bus)

## NERC RULES

No person shall participate in unauthorized activities as defined by the conference committee.

No person shall leave the conference area as defined by the conference committee, without the permission of the conference chairman or host.

There shall be no smoking in any place on the conference site except when and where authorized by the conference committee.

No outsider will be permitted at any of the functions or activities of the conference (an outsider being one who has not registered for the conference).

Full attendance at all conference sessions is expected, except when excused by the conference chairman or host.

Any behavior unbecoming to the moral standards of NERC is strictly prohibited.

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Additional copies of this pamphlet, and of registration blanks, may be obtained from:

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# MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

*Presented by*

THE NEW ENGLAND  
REGIONAL COMMITTEE  
OF  
LIBERAL RELIGIOUS YOUTH

GODDARD COLLEGE  
PLAINFIELD, VERMONT

December 26 to 29, 1963

"We treat our silent, alienated, or apathetic youth as problems, as psychological or social aberrations from the normal course of adolescence. This evasion, however comforting, is unreal. It is the fully human adolescent—the adolescent who faces life with love and defiance—who has become aberrant. Real adolescents are vanishing."

—Edgar Z. Friedenberg  
*The Vanishing Adolescent*



# THE VANISHING ADOLESCENT

## WORKSHOPS

1. The Individual vs. the Mob
2. The Vanishing Adolescent
3. The Adolescent and Love
4. Is LRY Vanishing, Too?
5. Rebellion: a Reprisal
6. The Influence of the Church on Adolescents
7. A Creative Means of Escape
8. The Adolescent as an Intellectual
9. Cum Bones Cum Flesh Cum Angst (a study of the teenage creative process)  
Creativity:
  - a. Need to become?
  - b. Neurotic?
  - c. Need gratification?
  - d. Natural process?
10. Problems of the Female Adolescent (for girls only)
11. The Teenager's Philosophy of Life
12. Identity and History

These workshops will meet in two groups: Group I on Friday and Saturday morning; Group II on Friday and Saturday afternoon. Indicate on your application blank your first two choices for the morning session, and your first two choices for the afternoon session. You may not take the same workshop in the afternoon as in the morning.

## THEME TALKS

Theme talks will be given each day by members of the staff. Theme speakers will be Rev. Kenneth Patton, Mr. Friedenberg, and Rev. John M. Coffee. Following each theme talk there will be a question-and-answer period.

## MAIN ATTRACTIONS

Workshops (adult-led discussion groups), theme talks and questions periods, commissions (youth-led buzz sessions), yearbook, banquet and dance, talent show, ping pong tournaments, worship services followed by hot chocolate and song fests before fire, skiing, skating, good food served in a relaxed atmosphere... and many more.

## WHAT TO BRING

Abilities for talent show, musical instruments, warm clothes (dress-up for banquet), spending money (there will be a large snack bar), notebook and pen, and plenty of LRY spirit.

## SUGGESTED PREPARATION

In order to get the most out of this conference, you should read some of these books:

The Vanishing Adolescent  
by Edgar Z. Friedenberg

Growing Up Absurd  
by Paul Goodman

The Fires of Spring  
by James Michener

The Catcher in the Rye  
by J. D. Salinger

A Separate Peace  
by John Knowles

Patterns of Culture  
by Ruth Benedict

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## WHO CAN COME

Midwinter Conference is planned by young people for young people. All high school students who are in grades 9 through 12 are eligible to attend, and to spend three delightful days at Goddard College in beautiful northern Vermont.