The Learning Across the Board (LAB) Quote
LAB is a college committee that chooses and advances a theme for Three Rivers on a two-year cycle. The themes are designed to unify learning throughout the institution and to help provide a framework for knowledge for our students. LAB quotes are selected by the committee with the intent that they stimulate thinking, discourse, and engagement throughout all levels of the institution.

Theme: Myths and Legends
The Myths and Legends periodic quotes generally reflect the positions of artists, scientists, authors, politicians, or other well-known people. Depending on your own position, the positions could be regarded as mythological or legendary. See the definitions on the next page for more information.

Current Quote:

"I would like to believe in the myth that we grow wiser with age. In a sense my disbelief is wisdom. Those of a middle generation, if charitable or sentimental, subscribe to the wisdom myth, while the callous see us as dispensable objects, like broken furniture or dead flowers. For the young we scarcely exist unless we are unavoidable members of the same family, farting, slobbering, perpetually mislaying teeth and bifocals."

Patrick White, Australian author, 1912-1990, from Three Uneasy Pieces
Myth
- Any invented story, idea or concept
- An unproved or false collective belief that is used to justify a social institution.
- A story about superhuman beings of an earlier age taken by preliterate society to be a true account, usually of how natural phenomena, social customs, etc., came into existence
- A person or thing whose existence is fictional or unproven
- A theme or character type embodying an idea
- An allegory or parable
(http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/myth)

Legend
- A traditional tale handed down from earlier times and believed to have a historical or factual basis.

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