CONTEMPORARY CRIMINOLOGY COURSE

As of this quarter CSP has a three credit window on the world. The Crime and Delinquency course now offered by our Sociology Department puts an exciting emphasis on personal observation and experiences. At one time during the quarter, for instance, each student will spend the night with a policeman as he cruises his beat in a squad car.

With a prerequisite of basic sociology (A-221) the structure of the course is kept flexible. With few lectures scheduled by Prof. Dannehl, a majority of the class material will be covered through discussion.

In a practical series of MTW meetings, the class is seated around a very large table suited to the discussion emphasis. Along with the students, Prof. Dannehl remains seated throughout the sessions. Guest speakers will be frequent contributors to the class. The talk may fluctuate from outside readings to commentary on the planned field trips.

Within the duration of the quarter the class will be visiting: Stillwater State Prison, St. Cloud correction center and the Women's Reformatory at Sauk Center, Minn. Other outside activities include spending the hours between twelve and four a.m. on Minneapolis' Hennepin Avenue sometime during the quarter.

In conclusion, almost everything about this course is innovative in nature. The class will certainly give students insight into the criminal mind and an increased ability to communicate the Christian message to all of God's children. The study of Crime and Delinquency is a big step in advanced educational techniques at CSP. — R.G.

Forum Story

The Social Forum, one of the newer student organizations on campus, has been attempting to meet the much-needed discussion of relevant social issues on this campus, to air some of the common misconceptions, to offer insight into many of our human "hang-ups," and ultimately to help students formulate some definite opinions on the subjects being confronted.

The M-TEPS program was considered at the first formal meeting some weeks ago, and Professor Britts graciously consented to act as historian and information source for much of the discussion. It might interest the whole campus community to know that our professors are showing an interest in the students as was evidenced in the several who were in attendance. (The Forum is open to all students and faculty.)

November 19th the Forum presented Dr. Franzmeier, Dean of Chapel, in an open discussion of the American draft system, centering specifically on possible avenues which the Christian may follow in taking a stand on the issue. It is hoped that more Concordians will show their concern for social issues by discussing and taking advantage of the opportunities offered by the Forum. — D.M.
An Open Letter

Dear students, faculty members, and administrators of CSP,

Recently a member of CSP's faculty, one Dr. Wifall, was informed that his contract to teach at CSP will not be renewed for the next academic year. The administration has decided of its own will, or has capitulated under pressure, that Dr. Wifall will no longer be allowed to employ his method of teaching on this campus, and that students of CSP are not to be exposed to his methods. The issue at the core of this development is academic freedom. This infringement of academic freedom should be a matter of concern to every student, faculty member, and administrator of CSP.

But, more specifically, just what is Dr. Wifall's method of teaching? He presents the most recent developments in Biblical scholarship to the students in order to make them think about their faith instead of passively accepting that which they have been taught in the past. He believes that the truth will appear only if all sides of a question are considered. Dr. Wifall does not try to force his opinions upon anyone. In merely urging students to think, he performs a valuable service not often rendered on this campus.

Unfortunately, because Dr. Wifall will no longer be teaching on this campus, added strength is given to the feeling that this campus is not being operated for the benefit of all its students, but only according to the conservative bent of the LC-MS and, in particular, the traditionalist section of the Minnesota South District.

I urge every student, faculty member, and administrator of CSP to express his opinions on this issue. I also thank God that I was able to attend Dr. Wifall's class before the forces of reaction terminated his efforts on this campus.

Darrell Velle

Project Faith

Fellow students of the United States:

We have begun a movement to help this nation know that millions of college students are loyal, concerned, positive Americans who with dignity and courage commit themselves to our country: "We, as American citizens, are aware of the need for reaffirmation of faith in our country. We accept the challenge to seek solutions to problems and urge others to reject the negativism that divides and destroys. While we recognize the right of dissent, we also recognize the need for our nation to have in time of crisis one national voice. In response to the call of the President for a "voice" from the Silent Majority, we express the following: (1) We endorse the principles of our government which have made this country the greatest in the world. (2) We have faith in the ability of the American people to recognize problems and to seek solutions in a positive manner. (3) We do earnestly feel that we must exercise an intelligent degree of faith and trust in our National Leader in time of this and other national crises."

Mary Lynn Whitcomb
Paul Hendrichsen
PROJECT FAITH
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Questions

To the Editor:

We of the Industrial Areas Foundation ask students:

What happens now?
Do we just keep marching on Washington?
Do we repeat the mistakes of the civil rights movement? How do we move deeper than rallies and marches, develop purposeful actions between rallies and marches?

How do we get at the real structures of military-industrial-academic power that moved us into Viet Nam, that eats up 66 cents of every tax dollar, that benefits from over-

Oedipus and Friends

The Center Opera Company of Minneapolis opened its seventh season Saturday (Nov. 29) with an 8:30 p.m. world premiere performance of "Oedipus and the Sphinx" at the Cedar Village Theatre.

The opera, written especially for Center Opera by H. Wesley Balk and Yale Marshall, utilizes a variety of unique musical and dramatic effects -- the first a tragedy, and the second a comedy.

The opera features Paul Boesing and Frederick Hess as the old and young versions of Oedipus.

The opera company, performing for the first time on the stage of the Cedar Village Theatre, utilized a tilted disc stage and a full-width screen to the rear of the stage for visual projections.

John Ludwig, Center Opera manager, explained that in the opening segment -- the tragic Oedipus -- all music was and will be improvised and electronically manipulated. The music will be under the direction of Yale Marshall, but there will be no score.
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kill, that twists the White House and Congress into insane decisions on ABM, MIRV, CBW?

We suggest that protest against Nixon, and working in electoral politics, makes sense only as part of a deeper organizing drive that moves masses of people, many of them already into the Moratorium, against specific corporations.

We think that a major organizing focus of the 70’s should be the corporations who pollute, who cheat customers and workers, who profit off overkill, who payroll congressmen and senators.

How do we move against specific corporations with real results?

Here is one idea.

Think about the Moratorium constituency: mostly white and middle class, with corporation stocks in its families, in its church portfolios, university portfolios, pension fund portfolios.

In the past some have asked individuals, churches, universities to sell their stock in corporations such as Dow or Chase Manhattan. That isn’t enough: we should be USING that stock in new ways, outside the experience of corporation executives, to bring massive numbers of students, parents, and workers into corporate annual meetings to demand policy changes on pollution, on consumer fraud, on overkill contracts, on racial and labor policies.

The special December session at the Institute is on specifics: which should be target corporations? How are universities, churches, pension funds and families tied into them? What should be the organizer’s first steps? How do you personalize corporate targets? When do you polarize? When do you have an issue and when don’t you? What does it mean that the action is in the reaction? How do we move on-campus and off-campus groups together against corporations? How do we move white middle class and lower middle class people into action?

Squawk Talk

by Kusserow

One basketball team: "When you’ve seen one basketball team," says Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, "you’ve seen them all." Oh, dirty, rotten, student, subversive, Hanoi-loving impudent snob that I am, I must dissent, our basketball team is different.

It is different in a variety of ways. First of all it wins. Last year it won the conference and CIT championships, beating a River Forrest team, which at the time was 19-1, in the process. It was one of those classics one hears about but never sees. The little, good-guy underdog beats the terrible hot dog power from far away. The buzzer sounds, the game is over, the heroes are swarmed around by adoring fans and the center gets a big kiss from his sweetheart. But that was last year.

We return 4 or 5 starters to this year’s team. Those being Colburn, Clausen, Schleicher, and Golnitz. We also have 2 fine reserves, Cloeter and Zabel, from the Cinderella team of one year ago, plus freshmen Ralph Mason and Mark Manceil who should see extended action.

In other words, our Comet team is loaded with talent and it will win many basketball games this season. But beware.

Last season every guy on the team, from Parkway Rog to team manager Paulzine, wore a white hat. None of them smoked or drank. They all went to chapel, twice a day. They wrote home once a week and believed in our cause in Viet Nam. They stood at attention during the Star Spangled Banner and a tear of pride dribbled from their eye to their mouth.

Then they went out and with a team effort and valiant play, won games and were everyone’s heroes. You see people, they were the winning, good-guy, Underdog Cinderella’s who everyone backed because they weren’t supposed to win. Concordia St. Paul never wins anything and Seward and St. Louis knew it. They backed the Comets. But that was last year.

Our Comets are now established winners. Seward, St. Louis, and St. Paul fans won’t know how to react. Soon those terrible, jealous, green-with-envy words will spread around. “Hot Dog,” “He was out till 2,” “He was down at Rosie,” “He flunked the last Econ test.” “Just because they won last year . . .” That’s right, just because they won last year.

Were they tainted by winning? Nobody in these United States loves a winner. It is the nation of the underdog, the land of the boot straps. Winning is evil, it’s dangerous.

So, V.P. Agnew, I must be an impudent snob. I like winners, I like the Comets. I’m behind them 100%, and off in the distant future, after many fine victories, I see the start of the St. Paul-St. Louis game for the CIT championship, evil will prevail.

Editorial Policy

The Sword welcomes all letters to the editor. Any letters should be short, approximately 300 words or less, and typewritten, if possible.

Contributors should state their name to be published, however, in certain cases names will be withheld upon request. The Sword reserves the right to edit letters received when necessary, for style and length.

The Sword also welcomes contributions to the editorial page. This includes commentary on political, social, ethical, and campus related issues; informal expressions of opinions; humorous and satirical sketches; and editorial cartoons.

Letters and other contributions may be brought to the Sword office in the Wollaeger basement or mailed via campus mail. Box
POETRY SELECTIONS FOR CSP SWORD
By: Lloyd A. Kupka

Sensations of a Beautiful Day
(Canadian Fall Scene)
Murkey Mist from her chilled night bed,
Stretches her fuzzy limbs at the sun's warm
lips;
The River, grey blue, shimmers to the
sun's warm caresses,
Never stopping her east-bound pilgrimage;
The fading grass forces a smile to ray-
bright greeting-
Tall, lanky giants stand erect, stone still,
Stripped of soft raiment, adorned in their
gray-night bonnet,
Pondering the becoming of sullen slumber;
A balmy breeze stealthily stalks to and fro;
Tingling excitement around and over, be-
tween each bend -
Upon the horizon-blue freeway, streak fluffy
phantoms,
Licking up the chilled grey air in the sun's
golden hair!

FRIENDS
The pleasant smile,
that warms the sullen chambers of a heart;
The firm hand upon the shoulder,
breaks the gloomy night,
assuring all is well;
The frown or warning nudge,
Anchors the tide of a storm;
The sincerest words,
keep the straying soul in tune;
The flame of sacrifice,
Heaps coals of real warmth-
These little gems make friends!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT
The bounty of the Lord!
Breathes upon my soul,
Like a cooling breeze
Upon the choking heat
Moulding my little clay-
Into a sturdy vessel
Bearing fruit sufficient In Him
That all value cannot surpass!

HELP HELP HELP HELP HELP
"Fire & Police protection are
already 13% below full force,
if this thing doesn't go... services
will be cut back again." Dr. M. Rudnick for
SUPPORT OF ST. PAUL TAX REFORM
Help Canvas, Distribute Lit.
Cars leaving from in front of
chapel, 9:00 & 1:00 Dec. 6
Show your concern by showing.

Dance - Dec. 12
LMC 8:45 - 11:45
To The Casinouas
productions-

THE STAFF
ron gustafson
kathy engel
gene kuch
bob gaiser
john scott
tom kusserow

Advisor-Prof. Bartling

Philosophers’ Corner
"A man is born naked, wet, and starved,
and then it gets worse. J. W. Raper."

"A crowd finds it easier to cheer than
to think. J. W. Raper."

The Twin Cities chapter of the Young
Socialist Alliance (YSA) will host the or-
ganization’s ninth annual national convention,
to be held Dec. 27-30 at the University of
Minnesota.

“We expect activists from all over the
country--in the anti-war movement, black
community, colleges, high schools, trade
unions and the armed forces--to attend the
convention,” Bill Scheer, YSA Twin Cities
organizer, said today. “We will assess this
year’s work and make plans for 1970.”

Scheer, who describes the group as the
socialist wing of the radical youth movement,
said that 800 people attended last year’s
convention at the University of Chicago and
that since then the number of members has
increased substantially.

Discussions and panels will include topics
on international youth radicalization, the
movement to end the war in Vietnam, black
and third-world movements and women’s-
rights movements.

Scheer said that world leaders in these
movements will address the convention. —UNS