Rabbi At Convo

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The rabbi serves as a commissioner on the State Commission Against Discrimination; he is a member of the Governor's Committee on Religious Values; and the Mayor's Halloween Committee. He is a fellow of the Academy of Religion and Psychiatry, a board member of the Planned Parenthood; Interfaith Housing Committee; Anti-Defamation League; American Friends of the Hebrew University; American Jewish Committee; and the Jewish Community Centre. He was a delegate to the White House Conference on Children and Youth in 1960 and is presently serving as president of the Minnesota Rabbinical Association. The rabbi is also a member of the National Council of the Joint Distribution Committee.

He is a frequent contributor of articles to the Jewish Teacher; the National Jewish Monthly; the Congressional Record; the Journal of the Central Conference of American Rabbis; the Jewish Digest; and the Proceedings for Marital Counselling.

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The rabbi lectures on college campuses under the auspices of the Jewish Chautauqua Society, an organization which creates better understanding of Jews and Judaism through education.

CAPSULE NEWS

For President — Senator Edmund Muskie's backers are seeing stars for 1972. They are sure that he will gain the Democratic nomination and that his running mate will in all probability be Senator Harold Hughes of Iowa. Muskie is said to be more concerned with party funds than party factionalism.

The Moon — NASA is running into more complications than it thought it would with its moon program. Scientists are now complaining that they have too much information to digest from the first two moon flights. So now Apollo 13 has had its launch date pushed off for one month. Budget problems may force major cuts in our space program soon.

Middle East — The arms race in the Middle East is building up again. France recently sold Libya 50 Mirage jets. The US was not too happy with the deal. In addition to jeopardizing a deal whereby we would have sold Libya ten F-5 jet fighters, it added fuel to an already explosive situation.

Time — Are no things sacred? A few years ago scientists gave us the atomic clock. They said that it would be the most accurate clock we could ever hope for. It ain't. The two atomic clocks most widely used, one at Cape Fear, N.C. and the other at Washington, D.C., do not run at the same rate. Some days it doesn't pay to get out of bed.

CAPSULE NEWS

1970 — The year of the congressional elections is upon us. This means many more political promises will be made than could possibly be kept. Keep an eye on President Nixon and the troop pull out in Viet Nam. Playing politics will have all the troops out by the time the November elections roll by.

Biafra — The civil war is over in Biafra, at last. It lasted for 32 months and cost an estimated 2,000,000 lives. Food and medicine are being rushed to Biafra. With the bullet removed, starvation is their biggest enemy.

denny j rogahn

Relief Rock

Their eyes always look so pleading. Anyone with eyes of their own can't help but tense with frustration and rage when they look at the starvation swollen bellies of the people and babies of defeated Biafra.

Relief campaigns were nationwide and common, but probably the most unique was staged by our neighboring college, Macalester.

Under the unifying influence of a group called Freedom Unveiled, rock musicians from Twin City colleges and bands played tight, loose, or anywhere in between for seventy-two hours. Their expressed mission was to raise money for Biafran relief. A minor theme was to show people how other people (those on stage) could work together. They did it.

Beginning at 5 PM Thursday evening January 22, some one or group was on stage continuously until 5 PM Sunday afternoon January 25. It was mostly rock, a little jazz, dominantly contemporary. The musicians were given the use of the Mac chapel and it was well suited to the purpose. Hexagonal in shape, benches placed on three sides of an altar area let the observer view what is more or less a thrust stage.

They didn't raise a fortune. After paying the electric bill, the project must have had enough money to save at least one starving child. That alone justifies just about anything. It was more a pledge to help a peoples' plight than a fund raising scheme.

The people who organized and played during the marathon were involved in a mission. They could vent their frustrations. The music was usually loud. Both the performer and the audience could get really tired, happy, hungry, worried, but above all, a little closer to one another.

Sword staff member Gene Kuch, who played lead and some Bass guitar for a total of approximately nine hours (Sat. 12-5 AM & Sun. 5-9 AM) said, "A lot of people came and went, about 60 were around when I was playing 5 o'clock Sunday morning." — R.G.
The "We Want Wifall" Committee's recent confrontation with Pres. Poehler has uncovered some disturbing characteristics of the Administration's stand on the dismissal of Dr. Wifall. The Committee explained to Dr. Poehler that it was promoting a special meeting with the Board of Control to discuss the Committee's three objectives. The Committee stated that the student body was dissatisfied with the dismissal of Dr. Wifall and with the reasons or lack of reasons given for the dismissal, and that the student body and Dr. Wifall deserved the whole truth about the dismissal.

Pres. Poehler's reply to the Committee was that as far as he was concerned the students were satisfied. He cited his one-hour presentation before the Student Senate as having quelled any malcontent. He also added that a few of the students, including Darrell Golnitz, President of the Student Senate, met with the Board of Control. The two events, Pres. Poehler feels, have satisfied the student's need for information concerning the dismissal.

Unfortunately, Pres. Poehler's gross misconception about the satisfaction of the students only exemplifies his lack of communication with the student body. Three hundred fifty students have signed their support for the objectives of the Committee, among which are a number of the Student Senate, including Golnitz and Mike Kuseske, Vice-President. This does not constitute a satisfied student body. Pres. Poehler's inconsiderate and infallible attitude toward this matter only lends support to the belief that he has handled the whole matter wrong.

The Committee believes that the dismissal of Dr. Wifall has been injurious to the Christian foundation of this school. By playing politics with a man's life, the Administration has undercut the Christian attitudes it supposedly stands for. Evidently, the Committee is not alone on this issue. A few area ministers, including Revs. Wedel, Fuelling, Kretzmann and Schusler, have produced a petition to the Board of Control, asking that the reasons be made public behind the dismissal of Dr. Wifall. This petition has been circulated throughout Minnesota South District, and should now be on its way to the Board with several signatures.

The time is ripe for student pressure on the Administration. Ten members of the faculty have committed themselves to our cause completely, and many have supported one or two of our objectives. "We Want Wifall" Week will offer all students the chance to actively support Dr. Wifall.

To the Editor:

On our campus we have nine "professors," one of whom is Pope Poehler, President of the "college." That leaves us with eight instructing professors, some of whom do not deserve that title. Concordia has a definite problem: a great drought of teaching talent. A few more professors like Dr. Wifall would improve Concordia's standards immensely. However, we all know that a prof who encourages the student to think his own mind and raise questions won't last long at Concordia, don't we? Sometimes it just makes you wonder what Concordia is trying to hide. It seems as though the all-powerful administration doesn't allow the student to be free-thinking, individualistic, and intellectual. When a prof comes along who encourages these, the end result is his termination. Too bad for us; it looks like we remain in the Dark Ages a little longer.

Besides Dr. Wifall, we have a few other instructors worth mentioning: profs Wenger, Pavel, Nuyhuis, Bartling, and Rudnick; who give college-level lectures and add a wry humor.

On the other hand, we have some teachers that don't even belong here. They're the ones who give an assignment: Say what you have to say and leave it at that. It comes back with an "F" also. It's not long enough. What do you do? I don't know about you, but I quit.

There are those who lecture directly from the book. I wish they'd vary it a little or add some humor to it like Dr. Rudnick. It would at least save wear and tear on the student's jaws. He wouldn't yawn so much. Besides, he might even try to catch up on his sleep in someone else's class.

I don't like the idea of a teacher degrading a student in class. Why not talk to him after class? Why does he have to cut him down in class?

Another one of my pet peeves concerning this school is that the outstanding instructors won't fail a student if his views and the student's don't agree. On this campus, if you write a paper expressing your own views, you're bound to fail. Unless you have a teacher like Dr. Wifall who's open minded and wants you to be the same.

Julie Sarfolean

It doesn't matter who you love, or how you love, but that you love — — Rod McKuen-

Paper — We need articles for the Sword. Will you help? Here are my articles for the week: a, an, the. Thax.
Dear Fellow Students,

I wonder how many of us realize and appreciate the value of having a newspaper on our campus? It is essential in assisting the affairs of campus to run smoothly. Just think of what would happen if there was no means by which you could be informed of vital news and activities on or off campus that require your attention and participation for your benefit! Just imagine what it would be like if you were not given an opportunity to voice problems that may be a threat to all, of which no one is aware. The problem would remain unknown and unsolved until it was too late! Fortunately, we are not deprived of these necessities.

However, what is it like not having the opportunity to express yourself creatively without being bound to regurgitated facts and established reasoning? ... the opportunity to admire the beauty of nature, to depict the value of a virtue or perhaps paint a verbal portrait of an emotion? Yes, what is it like to forfeit the chance to be yourself? The results of such an opportunity, put into use, could be immeasurable. Perhaps your creative venture could lead to the creation of new and vital ideas that will benefit those who read and enjoy them. Your creativity or self expression could lead to a deeper understanding and appreciation of life. These results, in turn could have far-reaching, unsuspected effects!

I personally feel there is a neglected "creativity" or "literary" element that should become a vital part of the CSP Sword, in addition to the other entries. This feeling was shared by other members of the CSP Sword staff at the last meeting when I proposed to add a literary section. I was appointed as your literary editor. I count this privilege but realize I cannot build this new section alone! I need your creative assistance!

If you would like to express yourself in a poem, short story or other literary form and have the talent to do so, I anxiously await your artistic response! Try it! You may have a talent you didn't think you had! Creativity is a gift of God. How dare we neglect it!

There are no restrictions as to topic or style, moderate length would be much in order. Be yourself! You may wish to see me personally with your contribution or if you wish, mail it to me. I am willing to assist you in any way I can. The deadline is each Friday at 4 P.M., in order that your selection may be ready for the following Monday and appear in that week's issue. My campus address is Wollaeger 323 or P. O. Box 469. Let's hear from you!

Lloyd A. Kupka

After the Lakehead games, Coaches Barnes and Hendrickson were found in the lab room of the Science Building where they were working on a new stimulant called anti-mechanical error and turnover pills. However, they did not have them ready for the Pillsbury game. As a result, the Comets were still plagued by the same old disease and it was getting worse. The errors went up from 17 to 20 during the span between games.

This was a unique game. Neither team won to the referees were confident in breaking every rationality of their art. You've got to admit though, it was wild. The first half was anti-climatic. Neither team did much except for 3 individuals, Clausen, Mason, and Henschen. Mason, who can easily dunk with both hands, found lay-ups very difficult. Henschen, the Pillsbury center, did not trip over the mid-court line once and became so estatic that he managed to block several of Coburn’s slow-motion hooks. Mason, gaining more confidence with each game, was hitting and one could sense good things from him in the second half.

The second half was wild. Bad passes, great shooting, and bad reffing abounded. Regulation time ended with the score tied. The overtime was shoddy and I felt we'd go into another when Golnitz stole the ball off a dribble and went in for the lay-up. Seconds later a free throw was made by Darrell and the Comets had a victory. All the players worked hard; no one can ever accuse the Comets of not hustling. But Ralph Mason saved the game. The big frosh forward hit for 33 and kept the Comets in the game during the second half, especially when no one else could hit. Schleicher picked up later in the game from long range and just in time because Mason fouled out at this point. But, what the heck, if you can't make 'em exciting, why play at all? Right Comets?

The Sports Division of the Sword (Rengstorff and Kusserow) sends its congratulations to Ralph on the new family addition. Too bad it was a girl, the Comets need another shooter. T.K.