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Former FBI chief indicted

By LEE BYRD
WASHINGTON (AP) — Former FBI Director L. Patrick Gray III and two other former key FBI officials were indicted Monday in connection with bureau wiretappings and break-ins.

Attorney General Griffin B. Bell, announcing the indictments at a news conference, said the charges arose from FBI activities earlier in the decade when the agency was pursuing radical fugitives.

The federal grand jury in Washington indicted Gray, former Associate FBI Director W. Mark Felt and former Assistant Director Edward S. Miller on a single charge of conspiring to violate the rights of citizens.

The charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a fine of \$10,000.

At the same time, Bell said the justice Department has dropped its prosecution of John J. Kearney, a former FBI supervisor in New York, indicted a year ago in connection with the same activities.

Kearney was the first agent in FBI history to be charged with a felony involving official duties.

Bell told reporters that a thorough review of unlawful FBI activities during the agency's pursuit of members of the Weather Underground showed that responsibility lay at the top and that prosecution of Kearney could not be justified.

In addition to the indictments, Bell also announced that he is taking disciplinary action — presumably including the prospect of dismissal — against J. Wallace LaPrade, currently an assistant FBI director and head of the bureau's New York office "for his conduct in these matters."

Bell said 70 other persons will be subjected to disciplinary action ranging from censure to dismissal. Most were members of the New York unit which conducted the anti-radical activities under Kearney's supervision.

Bell issued a written statement declaring he had "determined that in this case the most severe sanction of criminal prosecution should be brought to bear at the highest levels of authority and responsibility at which the evidence will support prosecution."

Gray was appointed acting director of the FBI by then-President Richard M. Nixon in May 1972 following the death of J. Edgar Hoover. Gray's nomination as permanent

director was later withdrawn during the height of the Watergate scandal. It was later disclosed that Gray once destroyed Watergate documents for a White House aide.

Gray, through his lawyer, said he "never participated in or knowingly authorized any illegal conduct." Felt called the indictments "a tragic mistake" and Miller's attorney called the charges "unfortunate."

Felt, reached after Bell's announcement, said he, Gray and Miller had rejected a Justice Department offer last week to plead guilty to a misdemeanor charge. Miller's

attorney, Tom Kennelly, said his client "emphatically denies any wrongdoing and I think when the smoke clears he will emerge as a good man who at all times acted in the best interest of the United States."

In the past, Miller has publicly said he authorized break-ins after receiving approval from Felt, who, in turn, has said the go ahead came from Gray. Previously, Gray has denied through his attorney that he ever approved any illegal actions.

Bell said dropping the charges against Kearney, for whom various organizations had raised more than \$500,000 in defense funds, did not mean that carrying out orders represents an excuse to break the law. "And that will not be an excuse in the future, but I do not believe it will be just to prosecute him for activities which now are not likely to recur."

Kearney resigned from the FBI in 1972 after 25 years as a special agent and is now an executive with a private security firm. He lives in Simsbury, Conn.

Kearney had been charged with five counts in connection with FBI break-ins, mail openings and wiretappings between 1970 and the summer of 1972.

But Bell said that after the Kearney indictment, the Justice Department learned

of "a high former FBI official" who could testify that he personally communicated to Kearney the wishes of then-FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover that "any available means be utilized to catch Weathermen fugitives."

That official, not identified by Bell, is known to have been William Sullivan, who was killed in a hunting accident last year.



L. Patrick Gray III

"I will plead not guilty," — former FBI Director L. Patrick Gray III

attorney confirmed that.

Gray, who was in his law office in Groton, Conn., when the indictments were issued, declined comment. But his lawyer, Allan Baron, later issued a statement from Gray that said he had done nothing illegal and "I will plead not guilty."

Smydra gives students \$33 for confiscated keg

By JOY L. HAENLEIN
State News Staff Writer

A \$33 check from the University was received Friday by four Abbot Hall residents as reimbursement for a keg of beer that was illegally confiscated by a graduate adviser last term.

An accompanying letter, signed by MSU Trustee Michael J. Smydra, D-East Lansing explained that he had read about the students' "plight" in the March 29 State News and was "sorry for any inconvenience."

Smydra said funds to pay for the reimbursement came out of his University expense account, though he said he will attempt to charge the expense to the proper University department.

"I have the power and the authority to do this," he said in reference to his use of expense account funds, adding that the check was issued in response to "a simple human need. I felt this was the simplest and

most expedient way to get things done."

Smydra's action came in response to charges that Abbot Hall graduate adviser Cary Ford took an unregistered keg of beer from a student's room last term. Freshmen Mike Dennis and Mark Ferguson, sophomore Gary DeFauw and junior Bob Lezuch claim the beer spoiled following its removal from the room, and that Ford violated the men's University and Constitutional rights.

The Residence Hall Programs Office had also informed the students late last week that RHPO would reimburse them for the keg. After Smydra's check arrived, however, Area Director for Red Cedar Residence Hall Programs Kathy Stepanovich said RHPO would not send another check.

However, Stepanovich said RHPO may take action against some of the students involved if deemed necessary.

Both Stepanovich and Ford said they were surprised at Smydra's action and knew nothing about it before hand.

Lon O'Tremla, Legal Services counsel for the students, said he "commended Smydra on his responsibility" but added the matter will not be forgotten.

"There's a possibility we won't cash the check," he said, but would not explain why. Regardless, O'Tremla said he is still waiting for the Student-Faculty Judiciary to decide whether it will hear the students' case.

"We want to deal with the (MSU alcohol) policy itself," he said, "and we want to see the rule regarding seizure defined. We don't want to see this happen again."

If the students do cash the check, said Mike Dennis, one of the four Abbot students, the money will be distributed among all those who helped pay for the original keg.

"We'll probably have another keg," he said, adding that they will probably register it in compliance with the University alcohol policy.



AP Wirephoto

San Francisco broke cable car no. 60 out of mothballs to help celebrate 50th anniversary of the oldest operating cable car line—the California Street line. The cable car line has survived earthquakes and men who tried in vain to silence its clanging bells.

Miller satellites, weapons sales topics of upcoming arms talks

By BARRY SCHWEID

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taking a major step toward arms control, the Carter administration disclosed on Monday negotiations with the Soviet Union to ban satellites in space and to limit weapons throughout the world.

During the separate talks, Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance told the American Newspaper Editors that "arms control has been pursued in a deliberate and systematic way, which will contribute significantly to the prospect of war."

The administration's moves, which renewed drive for a U.S.-Soviet limit offensive nuclear weapons, followed a blistering attack by Soviet President Brezhnev, who suggested

President Carter was giving ground to hard-liners at home.

The negotiations to curb a possible arms race in space will be held next month at a still-to-be-selected location, U.S. officials said. At present, only the Russians possess the capability to seek out satellites in orbit and destroy them.

The Soviet satellite killer, known in the Pentagon as an ASAT, has been under development for almost a decade. The United States broached the idea of negotiations last month even while U.S. plans for development of a similar weapon were unsettled.

The arms sales talks announced by Vance will be held later this spring. They are a follow-up to unpublished preliminary ex-

changes last December known in the U.S. bureaucracy as the CAT talks, for conventional arms transfers. The focus was on limiting transfer of weapons to developing countries.

Carter, who campaigned for the White House charging the Ford administration with "fueling regional arms races," had proposed the negotiations to the Soviet Union shortly after coming into office.

So far, the Soviet Union has been reluctant to make any commitment to limit arms sales. According to U.S. intelligence, the Russians concluded \$2.45 billion in military agreements with less-developed countries in 1976 and actually delivered \$2.19 billion worth of military equipment.

The United States, meanwhile, delivered almost \$4 billion worth of arms to less-developed countries in the last year of the Gerald R. Ford administration.

Brezhnev last Friday accused Carter of stalling on a new strategic arms limitation agreement for "political reasons" and said the United States was showing "indecision and inconsistency" to thwart a new treaty on nuclear weapons.

Vance, in his speech, said any nuclear weapons agreement would be measured "against the yardstick of our national security" and that the United States would preserve essential options for modernizing its forces.

But he stressed the administration's determination to meet the challenge "of bringing military competition under sensible control."

Homeland cuts S. Africa ties

UMTATA, Transkei (AP) — The black tribal enclave of Transkei announced Monday that it was breaking diplomatic relations with South Africa, its creator, and would join the "liberatory movements" against that white ruled nation.

Transkei's independence is recognized only by South Africa, whose policy of racial separation calls for consigning its 19 million blacks to nine scattered homelands. Opponents of apartheid say the existence of Transkei helps perpetuate the dominance of South Africa by its 4.5 million whites.

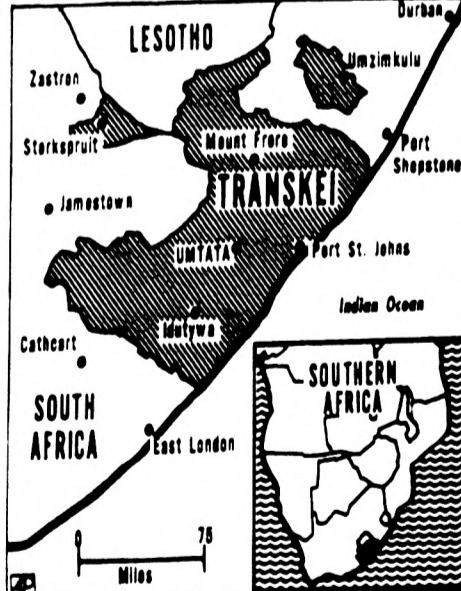
Transkei Prime Minister Kaiser D. Matanzima, announcing the rupture in a speech to parliament here, said his government "can no longer take it."

"We have been compelled to join the liberatory movements and claim the whole of South Africa as belonging to blacks and whites, with blacks controlling the majority. . . . We are going to propagate majority rule in southern Africa. From now henceforth this will be the fundamental policy of our struggle for liberation."

Matanzima said he would recall Transkei's ambassador and consuls and eject the South African ambassador by April 30. There was no immediate reaction from the South African government.

The opposition leader in the South African parliament, Colin Eglin, said "It is ironic that the first homeland to get independence in terms of the ruling National Party's grand design

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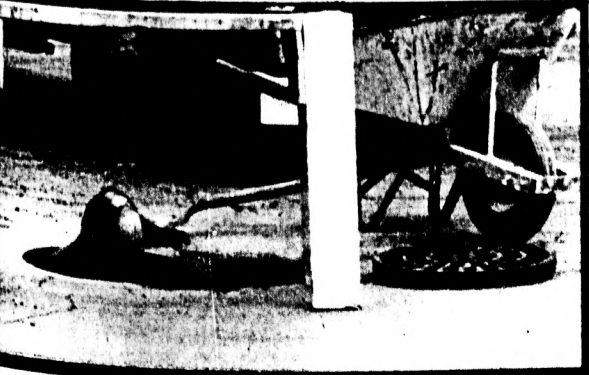
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Those babbling sounds you hear from the crib may mean more than you think. See page 12.

Hello Dan Jones, goodbye Kent Barry. See editorials on page 4.

weather

We'll have more rain this morning but the afternoon will bring us partly sunny skies with temperatures in the upper 50s.



House Republican leader not seeking re-election

By NUNZIO M. LUPO
State News Staff Writer

House Republican Leader Dennis O. Cawthorne announced Monday he was moving on in his career and not seeking a seventh term in the state Legislature.

The 37-year-old Muskegon lawmaker said he is not sure what his plans will be, but he is not running for the seat he has held since 1966.

In addition, who will replace him in the job he calls "chief strategist, tactician and spokesman" for House Republicans is uncertain.

Cawthorne's successor will be elected by the Republican caucus in November after the elections.

Cawthorne said both Rep. William R. Bryant, R-Grosse Point Farms, and Rep. Michael J. Busch, R-Saginaw, had expressed an interest in House leadership.

Busch, minority floor whip, said Monday he was considering seeking the leadership position and that he had been approached by caucus members about it.

Bryant, who is minority floor leader, was unavailable for comment Monday. House Republicans also said Rep. Melvin Larsen, R-Oxford, was a possible candidate

for the job.

But Larsen said Monday he may not seek re-election himself.

If he did seek re-election, he added, he would be content serving on the House Appropriations Committee and the joint House-Senate Capital Outlay Committee.

"I would do my caucus better by being on appropriations and capital outlay," Larsen said.

Cawthorne said he would probably not decide what his future will be until sometime late in the summer.

"Either directly or indirectly, however, I expect to continue to be involved in government and political process of this state," he said.

One option, he said, is the possibility of returning to law practice with a firm specializing in governmental relations.

Though he said he is not actively seeking a state appointment — if one was offered — he said he would not rule it out.

Cawthorne served as Republican floor leader during the 1973-74 session of the Legislature and was unanimously elected Republican leader in 1975 and again in 1977.



Quebec suffers power failure

MONTREAL (AP) — Most of Quebec's six million residents lost electricity for several hours Monday in the province's fifth major power failure in three years. The power failed at 9:49 a.m. EST and was being slowly restored by mid-afternoon. A spokesperson for Hydro-Quebec said the outage was likely caused by line instability or voltage fluctuations and not by a failure at any one power station, but

that the cause may not be known for days. All but the St. Maurice region north of Montreal and the Abitibi area in northwestern Quebec regions were hit by the blackout. Police in Montreal, which has three million residents, reported no extra calls and no more traffic accidents than usual, but described traffic as "inhibited" by the lack of traffic lights.

Newspapers receive statement from Moro

ROME (AP) — Three Italian newspapers Monday received a statement purportedly written by kidnapped former Premier Aldo Moro attacking the government's refusal to release political prisoners in exchange for his freedom. The photocopies of the eight-page handwritten statement were accompanied by a communique from Moro's Red Brigade terrorist kidnappers in which they ruled out any secret negotiations and declared, "Nothing must be hidden from the people." The three-page typewritten communi-

que said Moro's statement was extracted from him under questioning at his "people's trial," and experts said on the basis of a preliminary examination it appeared to be in Moro's handwriting. Anonymous telephone calls had directed newspapers in Rome, Milan and Turin to street trashcans where the messages were found, the same technique used by the terrorists in releasing four previous messages since the 61-year-old political leader was kidnapped in a Rome street ambush March 16.

Amin denounces police director

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — President Idi Amin of Uganda Monday denounced the man once known as his "chief executioner" and authorized his dismissal. The official Uganda radio, monitored here, said Amin also warned his finance minister to end his alleged corrupt practices and said he would shake up the Ugandan cabinet. The attack came at a meeting of cabinet ministers, Defense Council members, managers of nationalized companies and other government officials, the broadcast said.

It quoted Amin as saying he would not entertain Ali Towelli's "fight for power" in the Uganda police force. Towelli is director of police training and operations and achieved notoriety as head of Uganda's much-feared Public Safety Unit, blamed for many of the thousands of killings reported since Amin came to power seven years ago. Amin said he was authorizing the chief of police to dismiss Towelli "with disgrace without even consulting me or other authorities," the radio said.



Tuition tax credit bill extended

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill giving tax credits for tuition payments was extended Monday to cover tuition charged by public elementary and secondary schools. The amendment, approved 19-18 by the House Ways and Means Committee, was intended to shield the proposed tax credit from the constitutional challenge it might face if it applied only to private and parochial school tuition. Rep. Charles A. Vanik, D-Ohio, sponsor of both the bill and the amendment,

said the change would have only a minor effect because public schools charge tuition only in special circumstances, such as attendance by children from outside the school district or special programs for the handicapped or vocational students. But opponents contended the amendment would encourage public school districts, many hard pressed financially, to begin charging tuition. The tradition of free public education could be eroded, they said.

House members seek court aid on treaties

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of House members who contend both branches of Congress must approve the Panama Canal treaties asked the Supreme Court Monday to prohibit President Carter from signing treaties approved only by the Senate. Sponsors said the request for an injunction was filed to gain time for the appeal of a suit dismissed by the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last week. That suit contended that the House also must vote on the treaties since the pacts would dispose of U.S. property. "I am optimistic the Supreme Court will accept the case," said Rep. Mickey Edwards, R-Okla., one of 60 House

members who have joined in the suit. The latest legal move came as the Senate resumed debate on the canal issue and as treaty foes continued to try to exploit a controversy between the United States and Panama over language that the Senate added to the first treaty when that pact was approved last month. Carter administration officials, including Senate treaty proponents, are attempting to find a way to defuse Panamanian objections to the reservation. The provision says the United States can intervene militarily to counter any threat to the canal's operations after Panama takes control of the waterway.

Senate OKs emergency grain aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Monday narrowly approved emergency one-year aid for grain and cotton farmers despite President Carter's adamant objections. With extra security officers in the corridor, about 200 protesting farmers in the galleries and Vice President Walter F. Mondale presiding, the vote was 49 to 41. The administration hopes to kill the bill

when the House votes on the measure Thursday. Carter says the Republican-backed proposal, designed to aid grain and cotton growers, is inflationary and promises to veto it. Elsewhere in Congress, the House ethics committee was continuing its hearings on alleged South Korean influence-buying.

Kidnapped Belgian found dead

ANTWERP, Belgium (AP) — Searchers alerted by an anonymous telephone tip found the body of a kidnapped Belgian baron at a secluded garbage dump Monday. Authorities said the multimillionaire apparently died a month ago of injuries suffered trying to resist the kidnapping. An autopsy showed that Baron Charles-Victor Bracht, 63, died a few days after the March 7 abduction, Crown Prosecutor Julien van Hoeylandt told reporters. Blood stains and tufts of hair had been found at the site of the attack, an underground parking garage in this port city. Before the autopsy, authorities had considered the possibility that Bracht, a heart patient, died of natural causes.

The prosecutor said the wealthy entrepreneur's family never paid a ransom — it was believed the kidnappers demanded about \$2 million. Van Hoeylandt said someone speaking poor English telephoned Bracht's son, Theodore, on Sunday night, told him his father was dead and that a sketch could be found near a country bridge showing the location of the body. The rough map directed searchers to a pond side dump at the village of Oelegem, six miles from the Bracht chateau in an Antwerp suburb. Villagers and police using searchlights found the body hidden under a heap of garbage. The anonymous call came

after the younger Bracht made a radio and television appeal to the kidnappers Saturday, saying his father's health was fragile and asking for evidence he was still alive.

The Belgian noble was kidnapped the morning of March 7 as he parked his red Jaguar in an underground garage near his downtown Antwerp offices. There were no

witnesses. The family is known to have been in touch with kidnappers about two weeks after the abduction.

URGE END TO DOUBLE-DIPPING

Military pay questioned

WASHINGTON (AP) — A presidential commission Monday urged an end to 20 year retirements and "double dipping" for the next generation of military personnel. President Carter received

the report saying he agrees that there are "serious defects" in the military retirement system. He said he would try to send a bill to Congress by January to correct them. The report by the President's

Commission on Military Compensation urged a phase-out of old age pensions. It also urged that the net effect would be projected retirement one-third, beginning end of the century.

Refugee repatriation to Lebanon to coincide with Israeli pullback

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The Lebanese government announced a mass repatriation of refugees to south Lebanon will begin today timed to coincide with the first stage of a partial pullback by the Israeli invaders.

The plan to send Lebanese refugees back is a "test of Israel's intentions on how serious the withdrawal will be," official Lebanese radio said Monday. About 220,000 Palestinians and Lebanese fled their homes after Israeli troops occupied 500 square miles of south Lebanon in their drive against Palestinian guerrilla positions that began March 15. An estimated 14,000 Lebanese and 40,000 Palestinian civilians have returned on their own, despite a lack of electricity and water. Refugees remaining in Beirut and the coastal town of Sidon are to be given a month's supply of food to encourage their return to the south. The Lebanese government regards their presence in those overcrowded cities as a potential source of serious unrest.

The broadcast said the first convoy of returning refugees would leave Sidon, 25 miles south of this capital, this morning in 20 buses and trucks each accompanied by an International Red Cross representative and a Lebanese civil defense worker.

The convoy will carry 14 families back to the port city of Tyre and five to the nearby village of Bour el Chemali, both policed by French troops of the U.N. peacekeeping force. A Lebanese government spokesperson reported that another convoy would set out from Beirut, possibly to the central sector of the invaded salient. He said the Lebanese had held no prior consultations with Israel on the resettlement.

Tyre, 50 miles south of Beirut and 12 miles north of the Israeli frontier, is the only enclave south of the Litani River held by guerrillas and their Lebanese Moslem allies. The river, which zigzags between 12 and 18 miles north of the Israeli-Lebanese border, marks the limit of the Israeli advance.

Israel has announced plans to withdraw its troops from almost one-fourth of the occupied zone in a two-stage operation, today and Friday. U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim reportedly told Prime Minister Menachem Begin over the weekend that the United Nations wanted more — a fast, full pullout.

U.N. sources in Beirut said all fronts were quiet Monday in south Lebanon, but intermittent gunfire broke out on the southeastern outskirts of Beirut for the second straight day. Reporters said leftist Moslem and right-wing Christian militia exchanged sniper fire between the poor residential quarters of

Chiyah and Ein Rummaneh. Police sources said two persons were killed.

The previous evening, fighting between rival militia in the same area reportedly killed five persons and wounded five. The clashes apparently arose from a dispute that led to a Christian youth's death.

The sectarian gun battle was reminiscent of the 1975-76 civil war. Syrian dominated Arab peacekeeping forces, who entered Lebanon to end the war, quelled Sunday's clashes and announced Monday that they would "shoot to kill" any armed person in the embattled neighborhoods.

In Cairo, meanwhile, Jordan submitted to Egypt a "working paper" to coordinate Arab political and military action.

The paper, intended to mend the intra Arab split over Egypt's direct negotiations with Israel, also calls for an Arab summit. Jordanian Foreign Minister Hassan Ibrahim said after presenting the document. He said copies of the plan are being sent to all Arab governments.

Betty Ford in naval hospital for 'problem with medication'

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Former first lady Betty Ford was admitted to the alcohol and drug rehabilitation center of Long Beach Naval Hospital Monday for treatment of what officials described as a "problem with medication."

Mrs. Ford, who has suffered for several years from arthritis, said in a prepared statement, "It's an insidious thing and I mean to rid myself of its damaging effects."

"She has developed a dependence steady to overcome," said Dr. James Zimble, commanding officer of the hospital. He said Mrs. Ford, 60, was in any way on drugs.

Zimble refused to say what medication involved or how long Mrs. Ford was hospitalized.

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ZIMBABWEAN CRITICIZES IAN SMITH

Guerrillas gain support

By TOM CIPOLLONE
A nationalist guerrillas successfully enough support in underdeveloped areas to challenge Ian Smith's white rule, according to a former man army officer.
It also urged some military allowances, but the net effect would be projected retirement of the third, beginning of the century.
Under the present system military draw a pay after their basic pay after service, beginning and continuing for flatation adjustment average, officers and enlisted persons.

said.
Speaking to an audience which included visiting students and faculty from Zambia, Uganda and other African nations, Wilkinson said initial insurgent operations into Zimbabwe (the black nationalists' preferred name for Rhodesia) "a dismal failure, at least from the nationalists' perspective."
Wilkinson said when the first attacks on the country's white outposts began in the mid 1960s "there was no local support, which is essential for a guerrilla campaign."
Inexperienced insurgents in large numbers tried to cross well-patrolled borders or operated in areas with sparse vegetation and little ground cover, he said.
Guerrillas also tried to move into communities where no intruders, black or white, were accepted, Wilkinson said.

In the late 1960s and early 1970s Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) guerrillas moved into neighboring Mozambique, where they were taught successful insurgency tactics by black nationalists there.

ZANU guerrillas then moved into more densely populated areas along the Mozambique-Rhodesia border, quickly finding political support in that impoverished rural area.

"From then on, the guerrillas altered their strategy, using smaller insurgent groups in a more widely distributed area," Wilkinson explained.

"Taking advantage of the mountainous terrain which was difficult for Rhodesian military units to cover, the guerrillas hit soft white targets — small farms and administrative centers — using hit and run attacks," he said.

Wilkinson said that increasing guerrilla warfare since that time has resulted in overall damage to the nation's economy.

The two remaining railroad lines out of the country are under constant threat of sabotage, he said. Two other railroads stopped operating when Mozambique closed its borders.

Tourism, which has supplied the country with most of its negotiable foreign currency, has also declined due to guerrilla attacks, Wilkinson said.

Along with tourism, the influx of foreign currency into the country has declined, he said.

Historically, Rhodesia had relied on foreign money to help with its balance of trade payments to other countries, Wilkinson explained.

The country has also become dependent on South Africa to help pay for the great increase in defense expenditures due to guerrilla operations, Wilkinson said.

He summed up the shift of power by saying, "Anglo-American concessions which once went to Smith and the whites in the 1960s are now being made where power in the area has slid toward South Africa and guerrilla insurgents."

Black publication may close doors

By REGINALD THOMAS
State News Staff Writer

People's Choice, the black student publication, announced the closing of its last term, a small group of students is working to begin publishing the news again next year.

In the last issue winter term, People's Choice editors reported they would discontinue publishing spring term due to apathy in the black student community.

Editors commented in an editorial that "apathy has won the battle within the black community at MSU."

Managing Editor Rodney James also attributed the publication's demise to the lack of there were too few adequately trained students able to fill key positions on the paper.

Students were willing to submit articles, but only a handful have wanted to take the responsibility of editing the publication, James said.

"The main reason we are folding is we have been unable to find people to assume the positions of editors. We have no base — just a group of people dropping off articles," James said.

James said a few People's Choice staffers are considering training people for all positions next fall. People's Choice will need seven to 10 people to resume publishing the paper fall term, he said.

Associate Editor Ronald Landfair said if they cannot get enough support, current staff will only direct workshops and training sessions to prepare students for next fall without actually assigning positions.

Landfair and James agreed that the lack of strong editorial structure has created problems for the paper which would need correction fall term.

In addition, several editors will be graduating this term and would not be able to assist in setting up the paper next year.

James said students should realize an alternative media for minority students is necessary. Students should also be aware that the positions are open for more than just black students, he added.

James would like journalism students to take over, but he realized that J-school students would be the ones to step in and save the paper," James said.

People's Choice has caused controversy at MSU since fall term, 1977, when editors were before the ASMSU Student Board to keep from losing their office space in the Student Services Building.

ASMSU Space and Personnel Committee had recommended that the news office not receive office space for the 1977-78 academic year because the editors did not have a University account and the publication was politically-oriented.

ASMSU and personnel guidelines state an organization receiving space in the Student Services Building must have a University account and cannot be politically-oriented.

Students sought for justice seats

Students interested in serving as justices on the All-University Student Judiciary should pick up applications in 155 Student Services Bldg. until 5 p.m. Friday.

AUSJ is seeking applicants to fill positions in all three branches of the judiciary.

Student spots are open on the Discrimination Judicial Board, which handles cases involving any kind of discrimination.

The Student Faculty Judiciary also has vacancies to be filled. Comprised of students and faculty members, the judiciary hears cases involving academic complaints between students and faculty, such as hearing allegations or charges of unfair grading procedures.

The terms of office for the anti-discrimination board and the Student Faculty Judiciary are two years for each. Applicants interested in either positions must be in junior class standing by fall term.

Eight of eleven seats on the AUSJ are currently vacant. AUSJ positions involve one-year terms and any student is eligible to apply. AUSJ hears all student cases not covered by the Residence Hall Association Judiciary.

High appeals of decisions of the RHAJ heard by AUSJ. The AUSJ handles such as ASMSU election invalidations and overpending hearings. Decision of the AUSJ can be appealed to the Student Faculty Judiciary.

The current members on the student faculty judiciary will select the new justices to fill vacancies. The justices then submit a list of recommended students to the ASMSU Student Board for final approval.



Sunny days, bright colors, fresh smells and flowers signal the emergence of spring each year and Dave Mather does his part to assure that East Lansing is well supplied with everything but good weather. For five years, Mather has been tending his flower wagon on Grand River Avenue across from Berkey Hall, from mid-March through November.

GRAD DOES FIVE-YEAR BUSINESS

Petal pusher pleases passers-by

By DONNA BAKUN
State News Staff Writer

On an average day, Dave Mather is surrounded by hordes of students, loud high schoolers, distinguished gentlemen, and shy couples madly in love.

Mather is a petal pusher, one of the dying breed of flower sellers who prefer the open air to plastic philodendron leaves and FTD.

Resting in the shady archway between Jacobson's and the Disc Shop, Mather's handmade yellow cart massed with daisies,

earnings, roses and daffodils would make Eliza Doolittle wish she were back in the business.

Each Tuesday through Saturday around 11 a.m. Mather pulls his cart and flowers to the same location, and at 6 p.m. he pulls the cart home.

On this particular afternoon the winds are whipping against the clear plastic that protects the flowers. Mather orders twice a week from growers in California and Colorado.

"How much are these daffodils?" The student dices around in his pockets.

"Five for a dollar or a quarter each." Mather doesn't mind that people don't read the hand-lettered price list atop the cart.

"That's excellent. I'll take five, and could you wrap those up to go?"

Mather carefully winds green floral paper around the watery stems. He has already run out of floral paper once and had to send a friend to his home — which doubles as a flower shop — for more. A dollar bill flies out of his pocket, the makeshift cash register he says keeps things running smoothly.

"People are always friendly when buying flowers," he said. "It's not like buying shoes."

Those friendly people still have to get over the notion that flowers are meant to be given to someone.

"Americans are the worst flower buyers in the world," the MSU economics graduate explained. "In the early '70s, people spent an average of \$1.25 a year buying flowers."

The idea that flowers are a luxury item and should only be bought for the prime flower-selling holidays of Christmas, Valentine's Day and Mother's Day doesn't bother Mather. His prices give local florists a run for their money and they haven't harassed Mather in the five years he's been in business.

Mather's profits aren't flowering, however. From mid-March to November, Mather usually makes \$4,000 to \$5,000 and supplements his income with carpentry jobs.

The 30-year-old Mather, who says the flowers keep him young, has dabbled in horticulture but has never seriously studied the subject.

He avoids giving advice to distraught customers who can't choose between red-tipped carnations and pink sweetheart roses. And occasionally between the usual "have a nice day" he gets customers who've had a bad day and try to unload their ills on him as if he were a bartender.

Petitioners must collect at least 15 signatures from voters eligible to vote in the University College election. Voters must meet the same eligibility requirements as candidates.

Petitions may be picked up and returned to 334 Student Services Bldg. between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Certified candidates will have a \$50 spending limit for their campaigns, as stipulated in the ASMSU elections code.

The special election for the University College seat became necessary after Ira Combs was refused certification by the All-University Elections Commission last term because he was not registered as a no-preference major.

Since Combs was the only person who ran for the University College seat, his invalidation postponed the election.

ASMSU approves election funds

By KIM SHANAHAN
State News Staff Writer

In a special Sunday night meeting, the ASMSU Student Board voted to allocate \$1,700 to the All-University Elections Commission for special elections to be held later this term.

If the elections commission wins its attempt to invalidate president-elect Dan Jones' candidacy, the elections may determine the next ASMSU Student Board President.

The elections will decide who will represent University College and the College of Business on the student board. Candidates for the College of Business seat will be the same students who were certified by the elections commission last term, with the possible addition of Kathy Lamb.

Lamb was refused certification as a College of Business candidate by the

elections commission because, though she has a major in economics, her academic records are located in James Madison College.

The board also voted, on a recommendation by Rick Lehrter, outgoing ASMSU comptroller, to establish the position of accounting assistant. The accounting assistant would be a paid position of ASMSU and would involve keeping an account of revenues and expenditures.

The bill passed by the board also stipulates that the Director of Student Activities, currently Louis Hekhuis, "shall work in concert" with the comptroller in selecting the person for the accounting position.

Lehrter explained that bringing the vice president's office into the selection process "would provide continuity and

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City plans new garbage system

By KAREN SHERIDAN
State News Staff Writer

The times they are a-changin' and that's one reason why East Lansing is dumping its old garbage pick-up system for a new one beginning next month.

"If you don't make changes you're going to get behind — and East Lansing is not that kind of town," city sanitation foreman Art Trelstred said.

Trelstred was talking about the phasing-out of the city's present fleet of 34-cubic-yard, three-person trucks in favor of new 25-cubic-yard, one-person vehicles, scheduled to begin operations May 1.

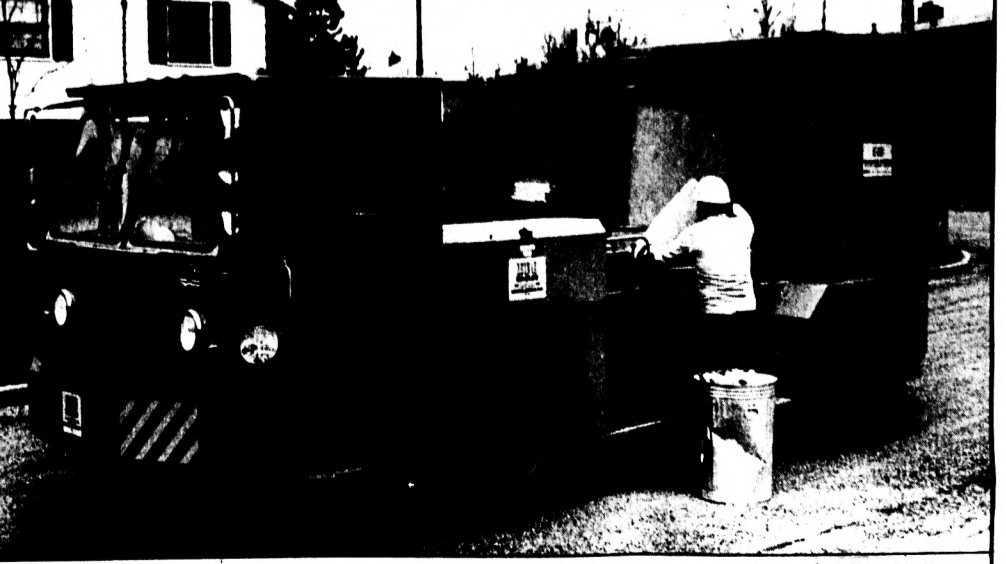
The new trucks will use less fuel, work faster, and save the city approximately \$90,000 the first year, according to Public Service Superintendent David Ronk.

The largest savings will result from only one worker being needed to operate

the vehicle, Ronk said. The old models required a driver and two "pickers" while the new trucks will utilize a driver who will pick up the garbage as well, he said.

"Because of the new system, we've been able to eliminate four people and that's a savings of \$30,000," Ronk said. He added however, that the decrease

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The new one-person garbage pick-up system in East Lansing is working with the help of the new garbage trucks.

State News: Kay McKeever

An open letter to Dan Jones, new president

You (Dan Jones) must at all costs avoid establishing a personality cult around yourself, or extending the impression that you, personally, embody student government. You don't. The student board does—or at least it should.



Dan Jones

Welcome, Dan Jones, to the ASMSU Student Board. And welcome, incoming board representatives.

May your stay as board president be a boon to students. Though we favor a restructuring of the board that would eliminate the position you now hold, we feel that, on balance, you are one of the most qualified, sensible and compassionate persons to be elected board president in many a year.

The priorities you set and the policies you pursue may well determine the course of student government at MSU for a long time to come. Presently the student board, and the concept of

campus democracy, is in shambles. The number of people who elected you — indeed, the vote total for all the presidential and board seat candidates, was so low as to be almost incidental. Had Jimmy Carter been elected with a plurality of less than 10 percent of all eligible voters, he would now be in a position analogous to your own.

It is obvious that few people — aside from the activists of both right and left and the self-seekers — have any real interest in student government. ASMSU must deal with many important issues affecting the student body, but we firmly believe the board can neither credibly nor effectively

address these concerns unless its structure is changed.

In general, we believe the position of board president should be abolished in favor of a chairperson who would be appointed each term. Overlapping representation should be scuttled, and representatives should be elected either from colleges or living units — not both.

Obviously, the specifics of such a plan are open to debate and revision. We strongly urge you, Dan Jones, to affix board restructuring at the top of your agenda, and open the floor to discussion by all concerned.

You must at all costs avoid establishing a personality cult around yourself, or extending the impression that you, personally, embody student government. You don't. The student board does — or at least it should. It doesn't now. We should not feel compelled to speak in terms of Kent Barry's regime, or the Dan Jones administration. Rather, we should feel justified in praising or condemning actions of the student board's legislative session.

Of course, you now face the threat of invalidation. It happens every year, and it is a circus. We will have more to say about that later. For now, welcome Dan. We wish all the best to you.

Farewell Kent Barry

Slightly less than a year ago Kent Barry was seated as the fourth ASMSU Student Board president amidst the traditional panoply and promises of more and better student services. Tonight, as Barry passes on the coveted chair, a look at his record is warranted.

Assessing the performance of the student board president lends itself to arbitrary judgment, simply because the structure of the office places almost inhuman demands upon its holder. However, it can be safely observed that the position requires sound judgment and careful rationing of energy. Barry can be commended for some of his judgments, particularly those which provided new services to the student body.

But his tendency to act autonomously, with poor judgment, and without the board's approval, largely overshadows these accomplishments.

Though it seems minor in the face of larger issues, Barry's actions to return the graffiti-covered rock to its place on the East Circle Drive courtyard in September was an example of what he was elected to do. Discounting the significance of the rock or the writing on it, the action stood for a student right. Barry acted swiftly to defend — and in the end prevent — abrogation of that right.

A similar service was performed when he worked to secure pay for those students who were unable to get to work during the crippling snow storm in January. Again, Barry acted in the best interests of the University community when he arranged bus

trips to Capital City Airport to meet the basketball team for a triumphant homecoming move to televise the games on cablevision for student viewing in dormitories — while in the spirited vein — is less commendable because it was done without board knowledge and consent.

But there is the other side of the coin. The office of student board president does confer upon any individual the moral right to authorize sweeping expenditures such as approved for the three executive trips to Washington, D.C., or to make major policy statements. Barry did in his testimony in favor of tuition credit legislation. It is, perhaps, almost understandable that the demands of the office tend to the holder act independently. Nevertheless, it is the president's responsibility to work closely with voting board members who represent constituencies more closely than the popularly elected president can. This Barry has not done.

Barry was elected with 1,831 votes out of a possible 35,000. Thus he cannot claim to represent the student body ideologically. His involvement in the move to strip Gay Council of its funding and space in ASMSU is indicative of this. While not responsible for the discriminatory move, Barry, not as fairness would dictate, work against narrow-mindedness. Instead, he furthered it.

Another illustration of a highly unrepresentative maneuver on Barry's part was his staunch support of attorney Ken Smith for the new Legal Services program. Barry pushed Smith's appointment through an ambivalent board despite the attorney's statement that he would not, if appointed to the full-time position, give up his own full-time position. Such a move could not benefit students.

In reviewing Barry's presidency it appears the major fault was in acting autonomously bestowed upon cabinets and newly-appointed presidents the power that should rightly lie with elected board members. His failure to attain board approval for expensive trips to Washington to lobby in favor of a bill the board had not taken a position was a direct affront to these representatives — to the students who elected them. Further, Barry and his associates added salt to the wound by not until they had returned from the trip to estimate what the cost should be and then expecting price spending less than their estimate.

It is inadvisable to attempt to grade Barry's performance as student board president, but it is hard pressed to justify the redecoration of his name as a viable student concern. The Autonomous President may be a product of a faulty system those choosing to work within that system must expect to strive for a balance of power contrary to providing optimum student services. In all, Kent Barry has failed — abysmally.



Kent Barry

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Both blacks, gays can change

I was surprised to see Ira Combs upholding the outmoded notion that blacks and gays cannot be equated as minorities due to "choice."

For over a century skin-bleaching and hair-straightening compounds have been available to blacks. Early concoctions may not have been effective, but today's technology affords greater opportunities to be white. Expense, discomfort or agony should not deter blacks from doing everything in their power to correct their condition. Aversion therapy is opening new areas in changing speech and cultural patterns as well.

There should be no sympathy for anyone not willing to at least try to eradicate their psychological base or skin pigmentation in the interests of making this a white, straight, comfortable world.

Kris Alfredson
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Christian love

I would like to commend Ira Combs, Jr. for taking action in accord with his sense of morality, even at the risk of offending many people. Such acts of conscience are always heartening, given the ubiquitous "herd" mentality.

However, as a Christian, I want to stop what I believe is a distortion of the gospel message. Christ's teaching clearly does condemn homosexual acts. It also condemns hatred, divorce, greed, drunkenness, pride, self-righteousness and slander among other things.

The essential message of Christ is that all people are weak and prone to sin. A change of heart and a turning to God is necessary. That change is manifested in a new attitude of pure love. The greatest commandment is to love God and to love one's neighbors. St. Paul's testament to love leaves no doubt

about its character as the preeminent Christian virtue (1 Cor. 13). Concurrent with this love and as essential preconditions for the forgiveness of our sins, come forgiveness of others and the recognition of our unworthiness to judge others. This love is also manifested in reaching out to others who experience weakness. This is how Christ most offended the self-righteous religious leaders of his time — by eating with prostitutes and tax collectors.

These types of issues are seldom resolved, but I would like to say that I and many of my fellow Christians feel unworthy to judge others, and rather seek to spread Christian love where we can. Refusing to associate with one type of sinner is arbitrary and unloving, and refusal to associate with any sinners would be refusal to associate with all people including ourselves.

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On discrimination

I'm not sure exactly how to lambaste Ira Combs. First he says he's leaving ASMSU because Dan Jones is gay, then because his Pan-Hellenic duties are too pressing. Combs says his "Christian" views are not speaking for Pan-Hell, then says he's acting on his constituents' recommendations.

So in lieu of anything else, I'll light on his contention that there is no discrimination against the "man," only the sexual act.

I could be celibate forever (I have been for a couple years) without changing my nature. My feelings are lesbian, and I will not disown them or say they are wrong. For this I can be officially denied government and military positions, thrown out of certain churches, ostracized on all levels of employment and society.

On the other hand, married and unmarried heterosexuals can and do engage in illegal and unprocreative sex, secure that it is a private matter within their public relationship.

Jan Kirsten
Address withheld by request

Mideast editorial shows bias

Your editorial of last Thursday entitled "Mideast: shuffling a stacked deck?" was obviously biased against Israel's Menachem Begin and oblivious to the present situation in the Middle East. Contrary to your belief, Begin has continuously stated that Israel will negotiate every obstacle to peace. Begin has already shown flexibility on his long-held position concerning the West Bank and Gaza Strip by calling for local Arab autonomy over these regions. In

addition, Begin has expressed Israel's willingness to withdraw its military forces from the Sinai Peninsula in conjunction with a demilitarization of the area. These are two major, tangible concessions from a country, the size of New Jersey, that has had to defend its very existence in four major wars over the past 30 years.

In contrast to these tangible concessions, Egypt's President Anwar Sadat has not modified any of the Arab demands except Egypt's willingness to "allow" Israel to exist as a sovereign Jewish state. Israel is not asking for permission to exist, it is an unchangeable fact. Meanwhile Syria, Libya, Algeria and other radical Arab states are at this very moment still dedicated to the

destruction of Israel. Jordan is unwilling to negotiate and Lebanon is unable to due to internal disorder. This leaves Israel in the same predicament it has encountered since its inception 30 years ago.

So, according to your logic, Begin should allow Israel to relinquish all territory acquired through wars of survival and trust the goodwill of non-democratic, unstable Arab governments who create persuasive propaganda arguments, but present no tangible evidence of a will to compromise. President Sadat has termed his trip to Jerusalem a psychological breakthrough that has broken the vicious cycle of war and eliminated 70 percent of the total Arab-Israeli conflict. All peace loving people,

especially the Israelis, are grateful. President Sadat's peace initiative will succeed. But pure rhetoric accomplish nothing substantial.

You contend that "Israel wrestled to the bargaining table and through concessions of its own negotiations are a two-way process objective look at the present circumstances clearly shows who needs to be at the bargaining table."

Israel has been waiting at the negotiating table for 30 years. That's long enough.

Name and address withheld by request

VIEWPOINT: CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Lion lists faults but no solutions

By WILLIAM E. MAKI

I would be very interested in knowing how Ed Lion ("Lion Says..." March 30) arrived at the "two-pronged" duty of the criminal justice system. I would also like to know his interpretation of the words deviant, criminal, and reform (as in reforming a criminal). There is controversy regarding the meanings of these words, and I would be grateful if he would enlighten me as to their true definition.

Lion states that prisons aren't working. He bases this claim on the somewhat deceptive statistic that "in 1973 nearly 40 percent of the prisoners entering federal institutions had seen the insides of prisons before." This statistic is not as clear-cut as it may seem. Does this figure include those persons returned to federal prisons due to parole violations? If so, should we (the public) be alarmed? No, I think not. Violation of parole does not mean a new crime was committed. Therefore, if the 40 percent figure includes parole violations, we cannot necessarily assume there was a 40 percent increase in crime. Lion's statistic is therefore inconclusive.

What exactly is a prison's job? To punish? isolate? rehabilitate? What is the prison to do? If the job of the prison is to punish, would you Mr. Lion, argue that prisons don't? Some of our prisons have been cited as places of cruel and unusual punishment. Clearly, then,

"treat" person X to the point where person X will no longer commit sex offenses? If so, what if, upon his/her release, person X later commits a robbery? Would you say the prison had failed in its task of reforming the sex offender?

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prisons do affect punishment. Are prisons to isolate the offender? If you say yes, would you say prisons are doing a poor job in this regard? I don't see how you could.

But now we come to the area of rehabilitation, or reform as you call it. This is the second of your "two-pronged duty" theory. You claim prisons are there to rehabilitate. Rehabilitation is an abstract term, but what do you mean by it? Do you mean that if person X is found guilty of committing sex offenses, that the prison should

Now, if you argue that the prison is to "reform" the individual from committing any offense, how do you suggest this be carried out? As far as I know there is no sure fire method of reading minds, or of predicting criminality. How do you suggest we do this? How can you, then, say prisons have a high rate of failure?

Then Mr. Lion tries to impress us with the allegedly low crime rates in Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. Are you, sir, saying those countries are comparable to the United States? You then

give us an account of "justice" in the two countries: the public floggings, amputation of limbs, etc. But in the very same article you say "true criminals would not be deterred by severe punishments." Why bring it up? To dissuade the borderline crook? Don't count on it if you can't implement the same harsh — perhaps savage — punishments.

Finally, Mr. Lion, concerning your claim that to combat crime the "only" successful approach is through "raising educational and other living standards" and that "by helping the underprivileged, crime can be undercut." How do you arrive at this panacea? What evidence do you have that supports your conviction?

As one can see, Mr. Lion's article was an emotional outcry of contradiction and conjecture, no matter how well intentioned. All of us know there are problems in the criminal justice system in this country. What we need are articles that will offer a constructive advancement to a better way, not a list of faults.

Maki is a senior majoring in criminal justice at MSU

Combs, who 'will not sit' with gay, lambasted, praised

Ira Combs Jr., in your letter of April 10, you stated that your religious beliefs prevented you from sitting on a board chaired by a homosexual. Does anyone also think you are not going to sit in the United States government because many of the senators are homosexuals? Does it mean that you are not going to attend religious services because of homosexual clergymen?

discriminated against. To whom do an oppressed people turn for understanding, if not to others who are also oppressed? I do not feel it is necessary to define why a person is discriminated against. The act of discriminations knows no barriers or boundaries. Should not also our repugnance over man's inhumanity to man be the same? Latisha A. Smith 569 E. McDonell Hall

Combs merits praise, not attack

It is unfortunate to see that the editorial staff of the State News is not changing from tradition. Whenever a letter appears in the newspaper which goes contrary to the News' left-winged opinions, and which has sufficient force to cause attention to the article, the newspaper's staff retaliates with a bombastic attack on the author of the article. I specifically refer to Monday's seraphic editorial "The Gospel According to Ira Combs."

Mr. Combs had made a decision based on his personal concepts of morality and acted on the decision. The State News attacked his knowledge of his moral standard, the Bible. The editorial claims that as the New Testament teaches that "drunkenness, gluttony, pre-marital sex, adultery and a host of other 'sins' are wrong and that these are not particularly fingered out as repugnant by society, homosexuality should also be acceptable.

By its modern-day free-thinking, the State News has forgotten that all of these are equally repugnant and deserving of personal disapprobation. The paper has attacked the standards of all good people by claiming that the Bible teaches acceptance of these personally degrading practices. The editors have made a liberal interpretation of an ancient book which is probably too conservative for them to read completely.

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NPCH proves its conservatism

Ira Combs has resigned as the National Pan Hellenic Council head because he refuses "to sit on any board chaired by a homosexual." There is much for us to learn by this resignation and a lot that we should probably do because of it.

NPHC obtained a voting seat on the ASMSU Student Board after a six to one student approval margin in a referendum last term. Approval came from Greeks who liked the idea of having yet another Greek representative deciding ASMSU policy. Approval also came from student liberals who equated being black with being liberal on most issues and thus liked the idea of getting another liberal on the board. The non-Greek moderates and conservatives didn't bother to vote.

What the liberals learned from Ira Combs is that not all blacks are liberal and that the NPHC representative fit more with the reactionary block than with the pitifully small liberal group. This revelation is probably a shock to a lot of decent people.

Combs felt morally bound to adhere to the prejudices of the Bible to suppress the rights of gays to seek and hold public office. The Bible is the same document used to keep women and blacks chattel for centuries. This is the same document used to propel the Crusades. This is the same

document used by our friend in the Middle East to kill and subjugate his Moslem neighbors. This is the same document used to justify a million instances of social and political injustice.

It is a contradiction of interests for a black, so long enslaved in Christian civilization, to rely on such an oppressive document as the basis of morality.

It is useful to note that Combs believes that gays cannot be classified with himself as being a "minority." He states, "a person is a homosexual because he wants to be one." So much bull. Studies have found that sexual preference is largely determined before people enter elementary school. Equating gayness with being voluntary would be like labeling handicapper status the same. The only "choice" open to homosexuals is whether to publicly admit their preferences and thus face the full fury of social, legal and political discrimination, or to disguise their preferences and face psychological mayhem.

Getting back to ASMSU, instead of making the board more supportive of civil liberties and social justice, it is obvious that granting the NPHC a voting seat has made the board more conservative. This mistake can be remedied by replacing the NPHC seat with a collectively selected representative from all minority councils recognized by the board. Thus, instead of having a seat representing only Greek blacks, the seat would represent all blacks as well as the Women's Council, the Gay Council, the Handicapper Council, the Chicano Council and the North American Indian Council.

Name withheld by request

Audits to Jones

by Dan Jones: Congratulations to ASMSU Student Board for a somewhat surprising victory over someone from the gay community who captured this position here at College. The resignation of Ira Combs was probably the beginning of a set of events surrounding Dan as president. Hang in there, Dan! I bet others will insist on wiping his name behind you and maintaining a stance. You have my support and the support of many others whose business is not trapped between the lines of a book.

Take care of 'the beam in your eye' first, Ira

No doubt some people will respond to Ira Combs' letter by citing psychiatric opinion that homosexuality is determined by the age of six, that homosexuals "cannot help ourselves," and so on. While I respect anyone's genuine feeling that they loved people of their own sex from a very young age, I also wonder why we are forced, over and over again, to excuse ourselves to ignorant and prejudiced people by implying that we are helpless victims of a fate nobody would want.

How does one say it simply and clearly enough? Lesbians and gay men do not have some secret ingredient that makes them weird and abnormal. Women love women, and men I assume love men, not out of a self-consciousness or perversity but because they do not feel unnatural or immoral about loving, respecting and committing their energy to someone of their own sex.

Some people realize this practically from birth, whether they understand it consciously in sexual terms or not; others grow to love their own sex as they grow to love and respect themselves. There should be nothing sinister or threatening about any of this, and it does not really even hinge on what people do in bed. Combs' horror at "the act of homosexuality" — detached from all emotional and social context — is ludicrous.

What earthly difference does it make to him if people of the same sex make love? Homosexuality is not an act — it is the

whole state of feeling one's deepest love for people of one's own sex.

Ira Combs seems to feel that blind prejudice against lesbians and gay men is somehow more defensible than blind prejudice against racial groups. Apparently he believes that discrimination on the basis of religious beliefs or lack thereof is perfectly alright. However, we are under no moral obligation to accept his view (widely shared among Christians) that sex is a pollutant. It seems to me that our strongest

moral obligation is to reject his self-righteous intimidation and affirm our commitment to those we love — to say, "Whether or not we originally chose to be gay, we choose it now, and we believe in our choice." Ira, no doubt, will remember the chapter and verse, but I suggest he take care of the beam in his own eye before trying to identify the mote in anyone else's.

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Combs wrong, but departure sad

I am considerably saddened by the refusal of Ira Combs to sit on the ASMSU Student Board on the grounds that Dan Jones is gay.

This means that ASMSU will be losing a talented administrator. However, I trust Ira acted on principle as he stated and this should be respected.

What good does it do? Government and religion are supposed to be separate in this country. This action by Ira Combs, no matter how highly principled, serves only to further divide, hurt, and diminish the effectiveness of the ASMSU board.

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FRED VAN HARTESVELDT

A multiple choice life

return to the analogy of the foreman chosen in my Thursday column. With selection of the new foreman it is, and with it the political paradox of reasoning. For while the foreman chooses his successor, the voters choose a successor in a democratic elite. The

The fallacy of the political paradox lies exposed: the security of elitism is not fattered by greed, but by the masses through a necessary representative democracy. Greed, not elitism, is inherent. Democracy fosters corruption only in that the masses foster elitism.

unreasonable masses? Again, the fault lies with the masses.

Decisioning is a difficult art to teach even one person. Reasoning also requires intelligence. Given 200 million people, most of whom are only questionably intelligent, an educational system which teaches reasoning becomes more than difficult. It becomes impossible.

What happens? The masses doom themselves to a multiple choice life. With luck, they learn discipline and existing information. With volition, they go on to reason, to formulate new information. They become part of the intellectual elite.

Left behind are the masses. Responsible for their own ignorance merely because of their great number, they unthinkingly scavenge spoon fed facts in a civic education.

Intellectual vagabonds, their norm is confusion and ignorance. A reported scandal. An occasional spasm of lucid thought screaming through their minds. Catching them with their brains unzipped.

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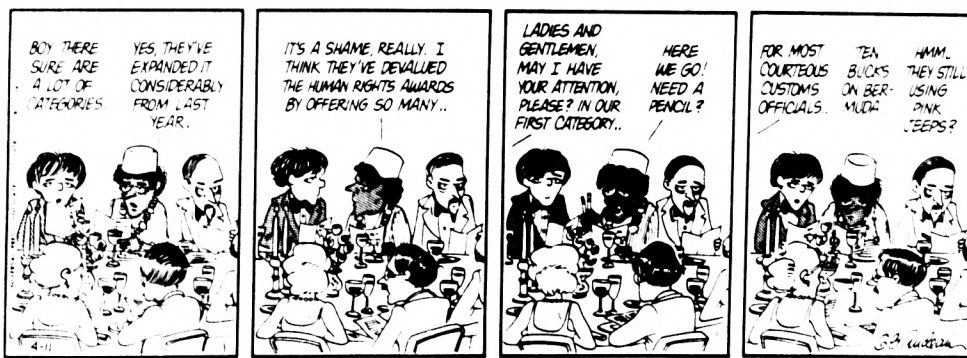
man is a dictator. For the analogy to hold, the workers, not the foreman, choose the next foreman.

This dampens, then, the notion that the masses aren't taught to reason due to the presence of an elite. Sure, the elite may not wish to kill its own status. And certainly its members are corrupt, some of them. But even if the masses were all taught to reason as well as the best Supreme Court justice, they would still have to depend on others — namely, the mass media — for the raw facts from which to reason. And most corruption goes undiscovered by anyone, much less reported by the mass media.

So where lies the fault for America's

DOONESBURY

by Garry Trudeau



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Michigan tough foe for young netmen

By GAYLE JACOBSON
State News Sports Writer

Despite weekend losses to Iowa and Minnesota, MSU men's tennis coach Stan Drobac prefers to remain optimistic about the Spartan netters' chances in today's afternoon matches with Michigan in Ann Arbor.

"We've played some good tennis," Drobac said. "The freshmen are playing good tennis. They look as though they've matured and I think that they realize now what league they're in."

Actually, unless a small miracle should occur for the Spartans today, it looks as though the netters' two-game maturity won't be quite enough to stop the mighty Wolverines and their rackets cold.

Michigan, defending Big Ten champions for the tenth straight year, has already managed to compile a 5-0 record for the season and are 2-0 against Big Ten teams after having defeated both Minnesota and Iowa over the weekend.

Michigan also possesses a top-flight player in junior Jeff Etterbeck. Etterbeck remains undefeated this season in singles competition, and, along with freshman Matt Horwath, Etterbeck has provided Michigan with a seemingly unbeatable doubles combination.

In MSU's 8-1 loss to Iowa on Friday, Spartan sophomore Steve Carter and freshman Frank Willard racked up the netters' only point for the nine matches in their doubles victory over Iowa's Eric Pepping and Tim Jacobson. Carter and Willard took both sets from Iowa 6-3, 6-3.

Saturday's 7-2 loss to Minnesota was a heart-breaker, and much closer than the final score indicates, as all but two of the singles matches went the full three sets and two of the doubles matches also went the distance.

Both of the Spartan points occurred in the singles competition.

Willard came from behind to beat his Minnesota opponent Tom Nelson in three sets by scores of 2-6, 6-2 and 6-3.

MSU freshman Matthew Sandler also went the distance and defeated the Gophers' Greg Wickland in three sets 4-6, 6-1, 7-6.

"I was pleased with our three freshmen," Drobac stated. "I thought the guys looked much better (Saturday) than they did Friday. I hoped that they've learned that it's going to take one tremendous effort to win some matches this year. The (Big Ten) teams have all improved."



State News Deborah J. Borin

MSU senior Tighe Keating returns a shot in Saturday's loss to Minnesota on the varsity tennis courts. Keating and Kevin McNulty are experienced seniors, but coach Stan Drobac has a young team that plays three freshmen. MSU, 0-2, meets Big Ten defending champion Michigan today at Ann Arbor.

Garety leading golfers

By JOE CENTERS
State News Sports Writer

Joan Garety, senior co-captain of the MSU women's golf team, seems to be falling into a rut. But it's a rut that she probably won't want to get out of.

Garety led the Spartans again for the second time in as many tournaments with a sixth-place finish at the Buckeye Invitational Tournament held Saturday and Sunday in Columbus, Ohio.

MSU finished third in the 15-team tournament with a total score of 653, five shots behind both Georgia and host Ohio State. Georgia captured first place by winning the sudden death playoff in the first round.

Two other Big Ten teams finished in the top five. Minnesota placed fourth while Indiana came in fifth.

According to coach Mary Fossum, it was the back nine holes of the course that gave the Spartans all of their troubles.

"We made the turn the first day in good shape, but then lost

12 shots to par on the next three holes (the 10th, 11th and 12th)," Fossum said.

MSU finished the first day eight shots behind Georgia and four shots behind OSU. Sunday, the Spartans picked up all four shots on OSU and five shots on Georgia on the front nine, but it was the back nine that again hurt MSU.

"We ran into double-bogey problems on the last couple of holes and just couldn't catch up," Fossum said.

Rain and cold weather hampered the golfers but according to Fossum, the course was in excellent condition.

"It was the first good grass we've played on all year," Fossum said. "It was really a

fun course to play on."

Garety turned in rounds of 80 and 81 for a 161 score, six shots behind Myra Norsworthy, the tournament's medalist from Kentucky.

Kentucky, which would have finished high in the tournament according to Fossum, was forced to pull out after two of the Wildcats got sick and were unable to continue.

Sue Ertl finished seventh in the tournament with rounds of 83 and 79 for a 162 total. Sheila Tansey shot 82-84 for 166. Karen Escott carded an 82 and an 85 for a 167 total. Sue Conlin shot 87-82 for 169, and Peg Bearden, who played as an independent, turned in rounds of 94-84, for a 178 score.

HITTERS' HOME OPENER

Spartans host Albion

Weather permitting, the MSU baseball team will play its first home games of the season at 2 p.m. today against Albion.

The Spartans, 10-7, are fresh from a two game sweep of Eastern Michigan at Ypsilanti last Saturday. And head coach Danny Litwhiler is very optimistic at this point of the season.

"Everything went real well in the doubleheader," Litwhiler said. "They were two good wins, and it showed we can win the close games."

Senior Larry Pashnick (1-2) and junior Brian Wolcott (3-1) will start the two games today for

the Spartans. Pashnick was very good against EMU pitching four shutout innings.

MSU will also host Aquinas Wednesday on Kobs Field before starting the Big Ten next weekend. MSU will travel to Minnesota Saturday and Wisconsin on Sunday.

"It's important for us to win these games ready for the Big Ten season," Litwhiler said.

MSUINGS: After a series of rainouts a doubleheader split with Michigan, MSU baseball team will see its next action Thursday 2 p.m. on Kobs Field.

Softball squad opens at home

Barring flashfloods or a freak snowstorm, MSU's women's softball team will once again attempt to open up their three-game home schedule. The contest with the Michigan Wolverines will begin at 3 p.m. today on Old College Field behind Jenison Fieldhouse.

The Spartans are 1-1 on their season following a weekend win over Ball State and loss to Ohio State. MSU faces a tough, first year Michigan team.

In the Wolverines' debut performances over the weekend they were victorious in two easy wins. U.M. defeated the Northwestern Wildcats 7-2 and Chicago State 11-2 for a perfect 2-0 record.

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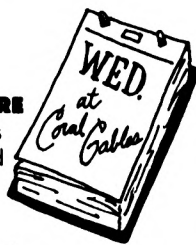
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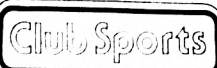
Award for gymnastics

MSU's first and only men's gymnastics coach received an award for his outstanding coaching record from his fellow coaches Thursday at the NCAA meet.

George Szyplula has been at MSU 31 years and his teams have a dual meet record of 171-116-5. His 1958 team shared the NCAA title with Illinois and his 1968 team tied for the Big Ten title.

100 point total tallied

Detroit Piston guard Al Skinner scored 27 points in Sunday's game when Denver Nugget David Thompson tallied 73 points. Thompson's and Skinner's total was the first time two NBA players totaled 100 points in the history of the NBA other than Wilt Chamberlain's 100 point night.



The MSU billiards team won the Big Ten championship this weekend.

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Evans: subtle style

By DAVE DIMARTINO
State news Reviewer

Bill Evans brought his new trio to Dooley's Sunday night, giving two performances that again confirmed the fact that the pianist clearly has few peers at the keyboard.

The new trio is a marked change of pace for Evans, who last brought with him bassist Eddie Gomez and drummer Elliot Zigmund in a Showcase Jazz appearance here two years ago. Evans' introspective keyboard style then was fully complemented by the even more withdrawn accompaniment of those two musicians. With Evans, they produced a music filled with a dreamy lyricism so perfect it was fully capable of lulling the inattentive listener to sleep.

Yet Evans' new partners, bassist Michael Moore and renowned drummer Philly Joe Jones, induce anything but lethargy with their playing. In fact, Jones' powerful but restrained drumming and Moore's less subtle playing style seem to have propelled Evans to new, more energetic heights. As a result, Evans' playing carries with it a new, welcome freshness that was fully displayed in the performance Sunday night.

Evans' tendency to perform show tunes and other familiar melodies — such as the "Theme from M.A.S.H." Sunday night — makes his music much easier to appreciate than if he only performed original material. Evans, of course, is mainly an interpreter, not a writer, and his art lies in his interpretation. His most recent LP, *Alone (Again)*, features an extensive version of "People" from *Funny Girl* — in which he plays the melody 10 or more times with an appreciably different approach each verse — and, conceptually, he has rarely varied from that format. Evans' true craft lies in his ability to work within a familiar song structure and totally rework it on all levels. Every version he produces is

unique and uniformly excellent; the mini-arrangements he improvises are all the more incredible when this variation is taken into account.

Drummer Jones was, of course, as fine a partner for Evans as could be desired. His appearance with Harold Land, Kenny Burrell and Ray Brown on a recent Evans LP signaled the pianist's new revitalization; their continued association since that LP's release has, as Sunday's show revealed, been fruitful. Rather than dressing up Evans' playing — as several of Evans' past drummers have been known to do — Jones contributes a positive pulse, an impetus that Evans' playing incorporates and builds around.

Moore's bass playing isn't quite up to predecessor Eddie Gomez's — but that isn't necessarily bad. Moore isn't the "busy" player that Gomez was and would probably be a less satisfactory duet partner for Evans than was Gomez. Yet in the trio format, Moore's less intrusive playing style is extremely compatible with the Evans/Jones pairing, much more than Gomez might be, signifying an interesting reversal of instrument importance for the trio.

Evans drew material from several of his albums, and was warmly received. His closing encore was particularly fine, an Ellington composition that Evans announced is to be on a new LP due next month on Warner Bros. records. Evans holds the distinction of being currently signed to two record labels, at least figuratively, since a new LP is due on Fantasy records later this year. That session, recorded in March of 1977, is to feature Evans with drummer Elliot Zigmund and the spectacular pairing of Lee Konitz and Warne Marsh.

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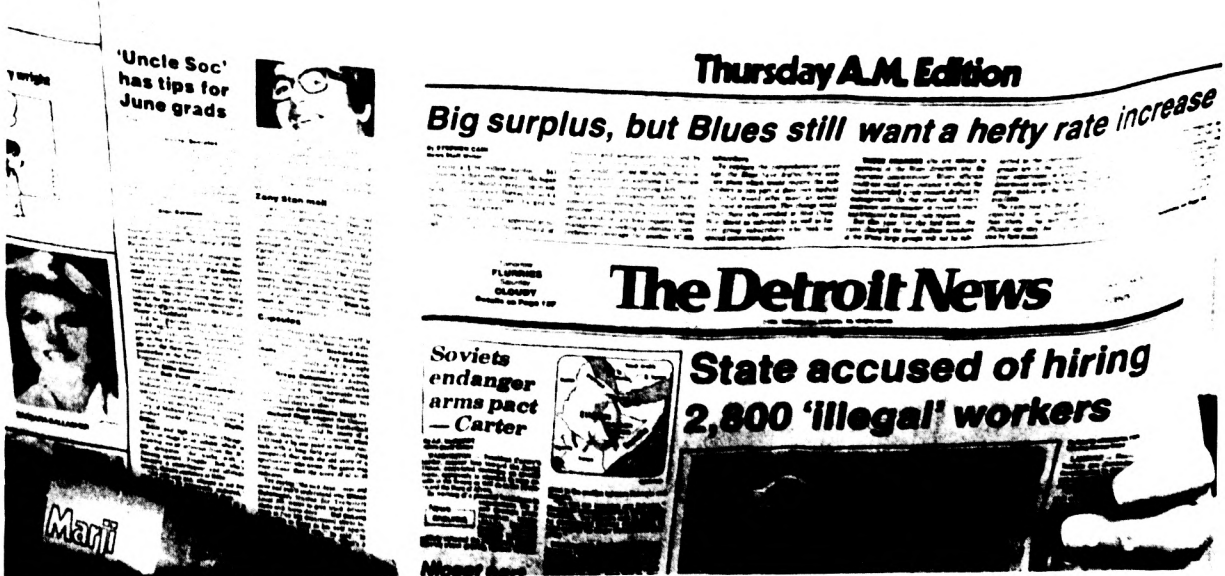
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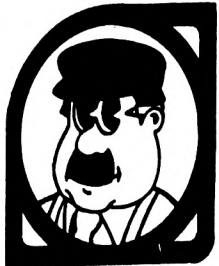
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By SUSAN TOMPOR
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The dinner was the 23rd annual MSU Les Gourmets Dinner Dance, organized and prepared by about 250 Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management students.
Held at Long's Banquet Center in Lansing, the menu featured foods with a Mardi Gras theme, such as shrimp creole and Jefferson Davis cheese pie.
The entree of the six-course meal was entitled Tournedos Henry IV Sauce Bearnaise. — a

beef tenderloin between a slice of eggplant and a stuffed artichoke heart.
Designed entirely by students, the dinner was intended to furnish students with job experience and demonstrate their capabilities to the University and area restaurateurs.
Preparation for the dinner begins early in the fall with the selection of its 15 chairpersons, said Donald Bell, MSU hotel and restaurant management instructor and faculty advisor for the dinner.
Chairpersons discuss the cost and feasibility of preparing a

variety of menus for an average of 650 persons before making any choices, Bell said. By the end of fall term, the theme and its complimenting menu are chosen, he said.
During winter term, members of the HRI 435 class prepare a test dinner of the chosen menu. Chairpersons and selected MSU faculty then evaluate the food.
Early in spring term, volunteers are sought to wait on tables and cook, Angelosante said.
A week before the dinner, students begin preparations in

Kellogg Center's food lab, Bell said.
Students do such things as washing and dicing the vegetables and searing the meat at Kellogg, Bell said. On the Saturday before the dinner, the food is transported to Long's in a refrigerated truck. On Sunday, students begin arriving at Long's at noon and begin final preparations for the 6 p.m. dinner.
As one East Lansing restaurateur put it, the students were "more professional" than some professionals.

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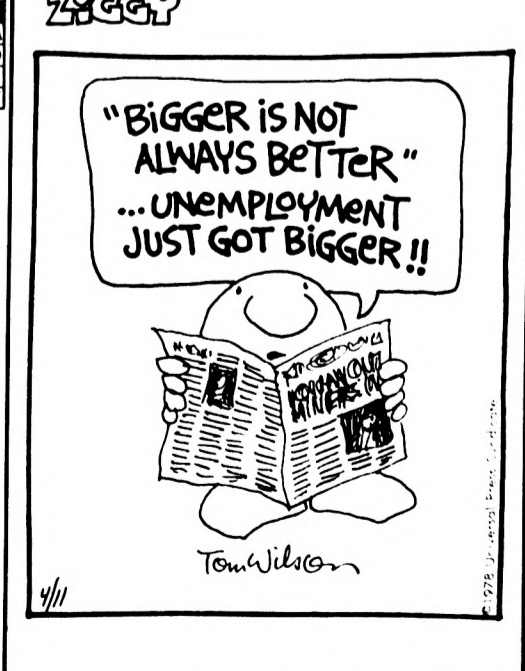
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STUDENT EXPLORES INFANT INTELLIGENCE

Baby communication non-verbal

By DeLINDA KARLE
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Babies are smarter than most people think, according to a MSU researcher in developmental psychology.

Catherine Best, a Phi Beta Kappa doctoral candidate, said in an interview that babies know how to affect their parents' behavior and use the knowledge to get certain results.

"If a baby likes something its parents do, it may make more sounds and even wave its arms and legs in excitement to make

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— Catherine Best,
psychology doctoral candidate.

"As long as the baby is interested it will continue the eye contact with the other person in the conversation. But when the baby is no longer interested, it will look aside — like adults do, but not using words."

Babies also form hypotheses, Best said. For example, when a baby accidentally touches something which makes a reaction, such as a mobile, it will form a hypothesis and repeat the action.

"It may be that the baby likes the patterns which the moving mobile makes, but it is also learning that it can control the mobile," she said.

In her own research, Best has found that babies as young as three months old can distinguish between different types of sounds. She also found that babies are usually alert to their surroundings.

"If you change the stimulus just a little they really pay attention," she said. "They find simple changes more interesting than adults."

Best said research has shown that very young babies show differences in temperament, from which individual personalities later grow.

"Some are passive and some are active," she said. "You can see the difference in a newborn nursery in a hospital."

Best believes that her research and similar studies show the importance of talking to babies.

"If people are more aware of what babies think it will lead them to have more interaction with babies, who will learn language and social skills and have more confidence about their abilities."

Best has taught several classes in the MSU psychology department and is conducting an evening college course this term about the first year of infancy. She said the evening course will be aimed at practical aspects of infant development. It will meet Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. beginning April 13.

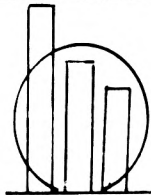
them continue," she said.

Research has shown that babies communicate long before they learn to talk, Best said.

"They hold non-verbal conversations," she explained. "If you watch babies and adults interact and shut out the fact that there are no real words involved, you can see the essentials of a conversation."

She said babies use eye contact to establish, continue and end conversations, along with "babbling" sounds and body movement.

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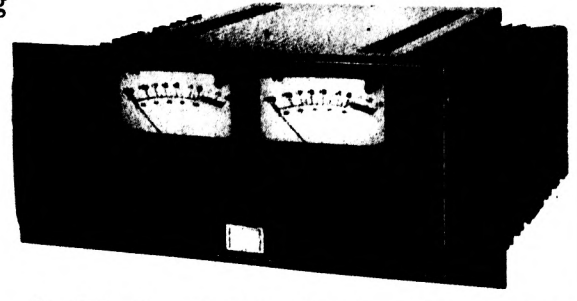
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