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A.U. To Greet New President

Mr. Edward G. Coll Jr., has been appointed president of Alfred University. Mr. Coll was previously vice president of the University of Miami and will assume the presidency of Alfred some time in March.

Coll has been responsible at the University of Miami for coordinating all fund-raising activities for the Coral Gables main campus, School of Medicine in the nearby city of Miami, and Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences on the Virginia Key.

Out of a field of seventy candidates, he was selected for the Alfred Presidency. Coll also administers Alumni Association and offices of

Governmental and Public Relations. He has managed fund-raising drives at the Florida institution that have netted more than 250 million dollars.

As of 1979, the University of Miami ranked tenth in the nation among private universities in the amount of corporate support it received, and twenty-third in foundation support. In alumni support it ranked 38th, and in gifts by non-alumni it was twenty-first.

Coll has spent all of his professional career in education at the University of Miami. Prior to his appointment in 1973 as Vice President for development affairs,

he served variously as secretary of the university corporation, director of development and director of corporate and foundation relations.

Coll is a native of Pittsburgh and has a bachelor's degree from Duquesne University, where he studied philosophy and journalism.

Dr. S. Gene Odle, who has served at Alfred as interim president since last December, will continue as provost, or chief academic officer, after Coll takes office.

The Fiat will be contacting the new president when he arrives on Campus. Student and Faculty expectations will be among the things to be di-



Doctor Edward G. Coll, Jr.new Alfred University President.

Bergren Forum: Raising Awareness

By Nancy Cushing

Perhaps long time Bergren Forum goers remember another semester-opening talk by Tom Peterson, about "Rites of Passage" a few years back. If so, you'll agree that once again Tom has opened up a subject we thought we knew all about and made us think more deeply about it than we normally would have done.

In his opening statement concerning the Moral Majority, Peterson acknowledged the different possible points of view of those in the audience: creationists, antiabortionists, feminists, all waiting for their particular support or criticism of the Moral Majority to be aired. Peterson pointed out however that the debate is not only between religous and non-religous people, suggesting that the biggest objectors to the movement are Christians from a liberal tradition. Certain Evangelists also object strongly to Jerry Fallwell's followers. Peterson cited Billy Graham denouncing them as a "a tremendous threat to religous liberty and the separation of church and state."

The term Moral Majority refers to ultra-conservative evangelicals who claim that their reading of the Bible is the only correct interpretation, and that this interpretation should be used to guide not only Christian spirituality

but all of humanity. They control most Christian television broadcasts that Peterson states are viewed at least once a week by 30-40% of all Americans. The technology of this "electronic church boasts facilities that "rival the finest technology of major networks." To pay for it, Mr. Fallwell and others are pulling in over a million dollars a week.

fundamentalist, the M.M. differing from other "mainstream revivalists" in their interpretation of the millen-

The word "millennium, to help society receive the second coming. This became

known as "post-millennialism", and held that "Godly people could, through their endeavors, create a perfect society." They saw this being done in the 19th century, with the "purifiers" such as missionaries, temperance societies, and the anti-slavery movement. Southern preachers, said Peterson, even accepted their defeat in the Civil War as a "verdict by God."

The idea of creating a perfect society continued throughout the century, and the fundamentalists then, as the M.M.ers today, adhered to the principles of American Democracy, the American constitution and the system of captialism as methods of achieving it. By the end of the 19th century, however, these people began stressing the negative aspects of American living, and in doing so broke away from the post-millennial notion that "identified God with American society." They now denied that humans could in any way build the "Kingdom of God on Earth," abandoned the prior idea and "adonted a pre-millenial out. look." Pre-millennialist thinkers believed the only solution to be individual conversion attempts, thus fortify ing a "select group to hold the devil at bay," as Peterson put it. Here Christian thought became sharply divided between those who thought the continued on page 3



Former Alfred University President, Howard R. Neville.

Neville Remembered

Dr. Howard Neville, former Alfred University President died December 24, 1981 at the M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute in Houston, Texas, the victim of a brain tumor. He was 55 years old.

Neville was a native of Kankakee, Ill., and prior to coming to Alfred, served as President of the University of Maine in Orono, and as President of the Claremont Mens College in California.

President Neville served as the twelfth President of Alfred University from August 1979 until his resignation last May due to failing health.

His career in Education spanned three decades and was begun as a teacher of Economics. He also held top administrative posts at the

University of Nebraska and at Michigan State University, where he received his doctorate in 1956.

Doctor S. Gene Odle, Alfred University Provost, served as interim president during Neville's illness, and described Neville as someone who had demonstrated a "concern for the betterment of society" by his numerous contributions to higher education. Odle went on to say that "in the very short time he was at Alfred he made a commitment to this institution and came to love it as dearly as if he had spent years here".

Neville is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Charlotte Crowe and Mrs. Harriet Limper, with whom he made his home, both of Houston,

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Many people think the Moral Majority movement just "sprang up out of nowhere." As Peterson documented for us, this type of group is nothing new. The movement can be traced back to the 19th century, when the evangelical tradition dominated religious thought. Towards the end of the century and reaching into the first few decades of our present one, the fundamentalist movement arose. It's here that the Moral Majority draws their line of thinking. Anyone sympathetic to the movement could be called a

literally meaning a 1,000 year period, refers to the return of Jesus Christ to rule on earth. These early fundamentalists believed it had already begun and saw it their responsibility

Editorial We're Not Smiling

By Neil L. Gleit

The Key Bank of Western New York has a new slogan "Smile, our service is getting better". Service is getting better, if you happen to be Key Bank. But if you are a student in Alfred this is not the case.

In a January 18th statement, Key Bank's Alfred Office Manager C. Frazita said that the following changes have been made in the Bank's service. These regulations apply only to Alfred University and Alfred State College students. In simpler words than the bank used, some new rules are:

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The bank will not cash personal checks to students, if the check is from out of town, unless it is from parents. Checks from parents the bank will cash up to \$50.00. Exceptions can only be made with the approval of a bank officer.

On savings accounts, no interest is paid on a balance lower than \$50.00. In addition there is a charge of \$.50

per month on balances less than \$50.00.

A student who cashes a check will be responsible for payment if the check bounces. Furthermore, his check cashing privileges can be suspended until he pays.

The drive-up window is now only available for those with accounts at Key Bank.
Students who do not have an account may not use the window.

Free checking is available only to students who keep a \$200.00 minimum balance in the account. No interest is paid on the \$200.00.

Two-party checks from students will not be cashed. In a letter to Alfred students, Frazita said that the new check cashing guidelines were "to improve banking services at the Alfred office". We don't know what improvements are being made. Only new restrictions on students are included in the new policies.

We don't see service getting better and we are not smiling. We see our local bank discriminating against students. We see Key Bank greedily taking advantage of their monopoly.

Neville

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Texas, and also one brother, Donald.

The renovation of Alumni Hall, a nineteenth century Greek revival theatre and auditorium, had been a major goal of Neville's presidency. Campus officials have established a Howard R. Neville Memorial Fund for the Restoration of Alumni Hall.

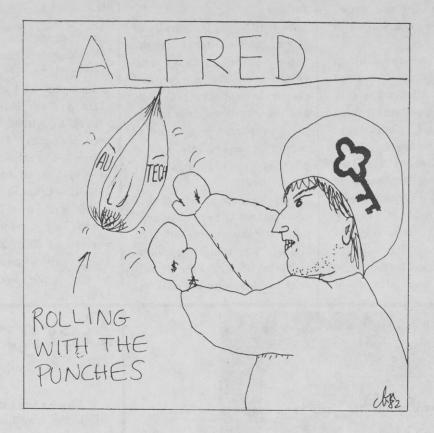
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Moral Majority

last days of the world were upon us and those who identified with the poor and downtrodden, adopting a "theology of liberation" as that generated by Martin Luther King and other Civil Rights activists.

The entire Moral Majority movement is characterized by dualistic thinking: God v.s. Satan, the true Christian v.s. the unbeliever, etc., points out Peterson. Pat Robertson, a M.M. leader says, "The final battle between God and Satan has begun." For Robertson, the fact that, in accordance with the scriptures, the Jews have returned to Israel is evidence that the Armageddon is on the A frequently heard M.M. cant is that of the "Christian family", which they consider to be the "last bastion of Godliness". They claim that the media, the supreme court, homosexuals, abortionists and feminists are attacking this traditional stronghold, and protest the use of their school taxes to "undermine children's faith in the Bible by teaching the survival of the fittest and natural selection." "This evolutionary dogma", according to people like Robertson, "removes the divine purpose from creation." Fallwell himself states that this country is "morally sick" and the only solution is "fighting a holy war," and returning to "the moral stance that made America great.", quotes Peterson.

More liberal Christians criticize these fundamentalists principally for failing to get at the true causes of, for example, increased sex and violence on television, drug addiction, and the number of

teenage murderers. The Moral Majority movement ignores, say the liberal Christians, such realities as the aggressive nature of the economic system and high unemployment.

Peterson pointed out that there are two completely different world views being expressed here: That of the fundamentalists, who see all things the Book of Revelation says would happen taking place, and who "enter the political arena to find defenses against the hostile world," and that of the liberals, who see the world's problems as "human challenges to be overcome."

In the conclusion of his talk, as in the ensuing question and answer period, Peterson dealt with a widely shared concern: Just how powerful is the M.M.? Although they have appparently strong political alliances, Peterson sees some serious tensions inherent in these same alliances, and said they are bound to fall apart. Firstly, he feels the support given the M.M. by Catholics is dubious because, while they join in the antiabortion fight, they don't realize that they are being openly attacked by M.M. spokesmen on other grounds. Another big contradiction is that the Moral Majority on one hand supports the establishment of the state of Israel but on the other generates a strong current of anti-semitism in America. "Even Capitalism, said Peterson, "isn't so strongly supported, since it allows people to sell their products through the display of sex and violence." They criticize materialism while insisting that progress is "a part of God's plan for America." Lastly, this perhaps being the strongest inherent tension, there exists the spilt "among conserva-

tive evangelicals themselves, due to the issue of the separation of church and state, a constant throughtout American history. Many Christians are attacking the Moral Majority on this issue, for trying to impose their morality on American society Peterson concluded by predicting a "waning of the M.M.'s political influence, saying they would most likely "retreat to a separatist stance and wait for the coming of Christ to solve social ills of the day."

In the question and answer period, Peterson stressd that the idea of the millennium was an American Evengelical tradition, this country having been identified as the place where God's Kingdom on earth would take place. However, he admitted, ideologically a comparison could be made with the present situation in Iran, in the "fundamental attitude" towards the scriptures and the idea of fighting a holy war.

In response to a question concerning the kind of people caught up in the M.M. movement, Peterson brought up the idea of "social dislocation." He said this occured when people from rural areas moved to cities, and felt overwhelmed by urban life.

As far as possible political gains of the movement, Peterson feels they stand a good chance of winning on the abortion issue, reminding us of the tight organization of the anti-abortion coalition. The media has stated that the conservative groups backing the M.M. have more money being injected into political campaigns than singly either the democratic or republican party has. Other issues mentioned were the Moral Majority's stance on censorship and the outcome of a possible world conflict.

Legal Counseling Offered

In order to provide legal counselling to Alfred University students, the Alfred University Student Senate has negotiated a retainer agreement with Professor Robert G. Hutter, Associate Professor of Business Administration and an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of New York. The retainer agreement is to cover a limited number of problem areas, primarily those in which a student has encountered a criminal, traffic or landlord/ tenant problem. Under the agreement, Professor Hutter will meet with students incurring one of the above problems during prescheduled time blocks in order to discuss the particular problem, asses the potential outcomes and determine if the specific services of an attorney are

needed by the student. During the Spring semester the time blocks for legal counselling will be 1-2 p.m. on Mondays and 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. All consultations will take place at Professor Hutter's office in 113E Myers Hall. Appointments will be on a first come-first served basis and all consultations will be held strictly confidential.

The retainer agreement includes no provision for trial practice on the part of Professor Hutter and in the event it is determined that the further services of an attorney are necessary, the student at his or her personal expense will select an attorney of his or her individual choosing. Upon request, Professor Hutter will supply the student with a list of area attorneys

competent to handle cases in the student's particular problem area. Other services which are not included within the retainer agreement are drafting of legal documents, commercial legal work for students, problems of a family or domestic relations nature, advising for friends of Alfred University students, "hypothetical" legal situations, problems incurred by students which are not related to campus life and student versus student type incidents.

Professor Hutter holds a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from Virginia Tech., an M.B.A. from St. Bonaventure and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Maryland School of Law. He has been a member of the Alfred University faculty since 1974.



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Senate Report

By Tom Reid

At the last meeting of the student Senate, February 2nd Provost Gene Odle; Vice President of Business and Fin ance, Bob Haywood; University Relations director Marty Moore; and Dean of Student Affairs, Don King were present to discuss room, board. and tuition cost increases with the Senate and interested students. The four inflationary factors discussed which most affected the approximately 13 million dollar school budget were admissions, financial aid, energy, and salaries. Room and board is expected to increase about 8-10% and tuition from 12-15 percent.

The food service committee has reported improvements in food service such as the new deli line, unlimited seconds at special meals, and the hiring of a new vegetarian cook. Increases in food service costs have been attribut-

ed to the more than \$22,000 worth of china and silverware stolen from the Dining Halls. See Joe Sullivan and watch for the announced meetings if you would like to see some improvements with the food service.

The Elections Committee is working on nominations for Senate officer positions for the election this March. If you are interested in this or would like to help with the election contact Jeff Alexander.

The Riding Club's financial proposal for 1981 is presently under consideration by the financial committee and a \$470 proposal by the Karate Club has been approved by the Senate.

The next meeting of the Student Senate will be Tuesday, February 14, at 7:00 pm in the Senate office of the campus center all students are invited to attend (especially senators).

Cole Chair Awarded

Dr. Robert C. Williams, a specialist in statistics at Alfred University has been named to the institution's first fully endowed academic chair. An academic chair is a professorship that is completely paid for by a gift (endowment) to the institution. An Alfred faculty member since 1972, Dr. Williams was appointed Cole Professor of Applied Mathematics under terms of a gift from Dr. Sanford S. Cole and Frances Halderman Cole of Heightstown, N.J.

The Coles provided support for the new chair as part of a \$1 million gift made to the University last May. Sanford S. Cole is a 1923 engineering graduate of the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University. He is a consulting engineer, and director of conferences for the Engineering Foundation of New York City.

Williams will occupy the Cole chair for three years, effective September 1. He will be involved with mathematical subjects directly applicable to scientific and industrial problems. One of his tasks will be to expand and improve instruction in statistics at the University.

Dr. John R. Foxen, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, said he would immediately seek a replacement for the faculty post. Williams is vacating to accept the endowed professorship. "The net effect of the Cole gift will be to expand course offerings throughout our division of mathematics, as well as to establish a new program in applied mathematics," Foxen said.

Williams spent the 1980-81 academic year on leave from Alfred as a statistical analyst engaged in energy-related research at the Battelle Pacific Northwest Laboratories in Richland, Washington. He is a graduate of Holy Cross College, and has a doctorate in mathematics from the University of Illinois.

Businesswoman's Association

By Linda Goodman

The Alfred University Businesswomen's Association has nade a conscious effort to prepare students for their areers in the professional world. Throughout the fall semester they have had speakers on campus and took one plant trip to Fisher-Price in Buffalo. They have already planned activities for the spring semester to further this effort.

Trudy Butera, a professor at Alfred Ag. and Tech., spoke at a meeting of the BWA early this fall. She talked about the possibility of instituting a course on women in management. A survey was taken by 26 members of the BWA on the favorability of such a course. The response was overwhelmingly positive. The curriculum committee approved the course entitled Career Symposium for Women and it is offered this spring.

In October the BWA sponsored a luncheon with Debra Mailman from Eastman Kodak in Rochester. Ms. Mailman spoke on the "unique aspect of women in business." She discussed conduct, dress, and appearance of the professional world Ms. Mailman graduated from Miami University in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business with a concentration in Finance. She is presently a staff assistant to the general Credit Manager.

On November 5, twenty members of the BWA took a trip to the Fisher Price Plant in Buffalo. They were given a tour of the plant's assembly line and later had a discussion session with Jody Morphy, a personnel representative.

Also in November, Mrs. Jean Valvo spoke at a reception in the Commons on women in management. She pointed out some of the positive and negative aspects involved with managerial positions. Mrs. Valvo is an executive director of the Girl Scouts of America in this area.

There are a number of programs already planned for the spring semester. On February 4 and February 10 Bob Kazin of the Alfred University Career Counseling Office will be conducting an assertiveness training workshop. Daniel Sharp, International Affairs Officer for Xerox Corporation, will be



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speaking to the BWA Monday February 15.

The first trip of the semester is tentatively planned for February 19th. The BWA will be traveling to Syracuse, NY to hear two speakers. The first is Carol Oot, branch manager of Dey Brothers Department Stores, a subsidiery of Allied Stores. The second speaker is Robert Picciott, Vice President of Finance, Carrier Inter-There are also plans for a trip to Gannette New in Rochester and a

second to Ingersol-Rand in Painted-Post.

Sally Martines, formerly Vice President of F.J. Wilkes and Bayly, Martin, Fay Inc., insurance companies in New York City, will speak at a luncheon March 26. The end the spring semester the BWA is planning a panel discussion with 4 or 5 women from the Alfred area to discuss different career alternatives.

Membership is open any time to students in all majors. The meetings are every Wednesday night from 5:00 to 5:30 pm, Myers 229. more information call 3176 or 3246.

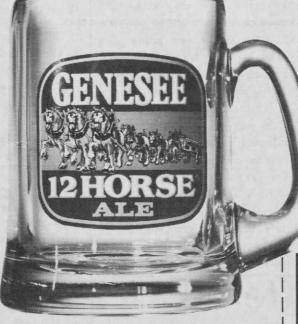
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Reagan Cuts Aid

The U.S. Department of Education is proposing massive cuts in several student aid programs for the 1982-83 ool year. These cuts will affect the majority of Alfred

The Reagan administration's budget cuts have been steep and wide ranging. The administration is proposing the following cutback: eliminating graduate and professional students from the guaranteed student loan program. The administration also plans to increase the interest rates on GSL from the current 9½ level to 18½.

The Department of Education is considering elimination of SEOG loans and National Direct Student Loans. Campus work-study

program funding will be cut from \$550,000,000 to \$400,000.000.

Students who depend on financial aid could have difficulty finding funds for college. According to the Washington Post, "Some critics of the budget process think the administration is deliberately proposing large cuts in these popular aid programs so that Congress will be grateful when it ultimately settles for less."

Students who receive financial aid cannot afford to have these planned budget cuts implemented. Voice your dissatisfaction by signing the form letter on this page and mailing it to our representatives in Congress.

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Honorable..... United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator.....

As a student enrolled at an independent institution of New York, I have been adversely affected by the cutbacks in student aid caused by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981. At a time when college tuition is on the rise, it becomes increasingly difficult to meet the cost of education. I am urging you not to support any further cuts that may be proposed in the Fiscal 1982 or 1983 budget in student aid programs. While I understand the need for fiscal restraint, the future of this country lies with an educated youth. If a college education becomes unattainable because of budget cuts, we will have lost a precious resource in America – as well as a diverse system of quality higher education.

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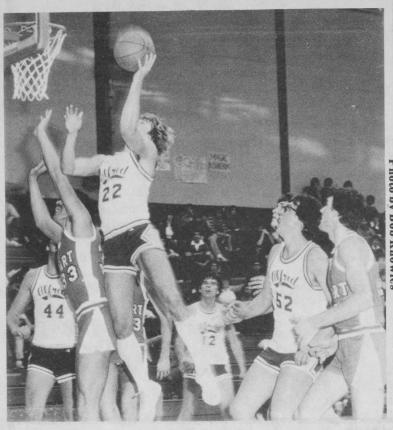


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The men's swim team is currently undefeated and looking stronger every meet. The men are 5-0 with 7 remaining meets. The 400 medley relay consisting of Tim Schaeberle, Howie Seidman, Skip Hyde, and Mark Henline, is currently ranked fourth in the nation. In each of the 5 meets the A.U. men have won at least 9 out of the 12 events.

The Lady Saxons swimmers are back from ten days training in Florida, and the outlook is promising for the rest of the season. Already three swimmers have qualified for the State Championship meet: Mo Farwell, Mary Homkey, and Fiat sports editor, Ann Morton.

Mary Homkey swims butterfly, freestyle and I.M. events, Mo swims backstroke and freestyle. Ann, who swims the sprint and freestyle events, is hoping to qualify for the nationals despite a season shortened by shoulder surgery.

A.U.R.F. Awarded With Grant

By Andy Weisman

On January 4, 1982, the Alfred University Research Foundation was awarded its largest research grant in the school's history. Slurrytech, Inc., of Miami, Florida, awarded a \$485,000 one-year contract with Alfred Univer-

Slurrytech will conduct studies of raw materials making up a fuel-oil substitute developed by Alfred scientist and professor James E. Funk. The Miami Marketing Corporation will underwrite costs of identifying world-wide strains of bituminous coal that can be processed effectively as a liquid fuel and burned with a minimum residue of ash.

Under a licensing agreement with Alfred, the Florida firm has exclusive marketing rights to a mixture of water and pulverized coal that can be pumped through a pipeline and burned as a new form of fossil energy in power plant boilers.

Last year, Slurrytech paid Alfred University \$350,000 as the first installment on sales of the William B. Crandall, managing director of the University's research agency, anticipates that the contract with Slurrytech would generate "at least a million dollars a year" in revenue for Alfred University within the next five years.

Alfred is one of the growing number of schools seeking closer ties to industry as a means of developing new sources of income.

Different "Landscape...

On February 19, 20, and 21, students of Alfred University will present "Landscape of the Body", a play written by John Guare. The play will be directed by Lori Lee Coleman. Ms. Coleman is a senior in Alfred's Division of Art and Design.

The play was first performed in July 1977 at the American Festival Theatre in

Illinois. It was then presented by Joseph Papp at the Public Theatre in New York City.

"Landscape of the Body" is an interesting portrayal of human sensitivity and its reluctant battle with the "evil" forces in society. The play uncovers some key issues confronting the individual in the face of failing

values and human weaknesses. However, in the light of the absurdist mode of playwrighting, there remains some underlying need for a re-evealuation and a new awareness toward the direction our lives have taken.

"Landscape" promises to be a unique experience, so don't miss it! Remember, February 19, 20, and 21. Seats are limited.

Airing

WALF will soon return to the Alfred airwaves. Implementation of the 200 watt stereo power imcrease has been delayed due to late shipping arrivals. The staff has decided to renew 10 watt broadcast in the interim. This semester WALF welcomes James Chapman and Robert Viggiano to the staff as faculty advisors and for the past few weeks students

have been very busy building the new WALF studios and record library. The staff would like to thank the A.U. physical and heating plants for their invaluable assistance in this operation.

The Ag-Tech radio station WETD has also been off the air recently due in part to Upon equipment delays. their return WETD will broadcast at 90.9 mhz.a move that

will improve reception of WXXI public radio from Rochester at 91.5 FM.

This semester WALF will offer announcement and suggestion blanks at the Campus Center desk. These blanks may be filled out and left in the WALF mailbox behind the main desk. Interviews for new station members will begin in a few weeks so stay tuned for more details.

Grace For Whom?

By Neil L. Gleit

President Reagan has announced that he is granting an extension, or "grace period" to those who have still not registered for the draft. It has been over a year since 19 and 20 year old men were first ordered to register for selective service. The penalty for not registering is a \$10,000 fine or a jail sentence, if you get caught, that is. It is estimated that 800,000 young men have neglected to register for the draft. For them, Mr. Reagan has granted a "grace period" in which they can register without penalty. After this time the government will supposedly seek out and prosecute the delinquents

A grace period. What an ungracefull move the President has made. To whom is this abundant "grace" extended?

Certainly not to the 800,000, or however many non-registered males there really are. Reagan himself admitts that most men who do not register object on "moral grounds". Morality being a thing that is

slow to reverse itself. I don't think very many men will have a change of heart brought about by this failing

Then there are those who don't register for the draft for the same reason people never register to vote. They simply never got around to it. What makes Mr. Reagan think that his grace period will rouse the country's lazy youth? Consider that his whole thing was publicied in a handfull of tiny articles in newspapers most 19 and 20 year olds don't read. Most people that Reagan has extended his grace to are unaware of it, the rest don't care.

Fines and jail sentences surely should threaten our timid youths into registering. About 90 have registered as it is. But those who were not scared the first time won't be scared now. Especially since they were never prosecuted before the coming of grace. In fact, no-one has paid any fines or gone to jail for failing to register. So why then would any rebellious unregistered man be intimidated?

Those who were determined not to register won't, grace or no grace. Those who simply never got around to it (or never knew they were supposed to register) won't. And Reagan's last minute plan to salvage the floundering draft registration system, won't. The grace period is merely an addition to, not an improvement on the already nonsensical and utterly failed attempt at draft registration.

Draft registration is unnecessary. It causes problems where none existed, and solves none. But the worst part of it is that were a military draft to become necessary, the existing registration system would be useless.

Begun in ignorance by Carter, and carried on in ignorance by Reagan, the draft registration system we have now is the child of ignorance, and is already fathering new ignorance. The latest installment of ignorance is the grace period. Grace for whom?

Sigma Singes

A small fire was reported last Thursday night at Sigma Chi Nu Sorority House, a Sigma source told the Fiat. An Alfred Fire Department spokesman said that a truck was sent to the house. The fire was restricted to "one clock radio and one towel" the Fire Department said, but there was smoke in the house, and "no room damage as such".

The fire was caused by a candle left unattended. the candle burned down and ignited a towel. "Many fires have been caused by candles in Alfred University and the State College dorms in past years", the Fire Department spokesman said.

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