

### Censorship Controversy

## Glasrud and English Department put Clamps on "Convivio" Magazine

by JEROME CLARK

"I'd call it censorship," one English instructor states flatly. "This is not a case of censorship," says another. "People think that any restraint is censorship. That's not true here."

The issue is CONVIVIO and the question is the right of a campus publication to print anything it chooses, even in the face of possible retribution from the outside community.

Since 1963 the yearly literary journal of the MSC English department, CONVIVIO has traditionally been unnoticed and unknown. Few students had ever heard of it and fewer still had ever read it.

But all that has changed this year. Now CONVIVIO stands in the center of a controversy that extends far beyond the confines of the campus and, according to some, into the halls of the Minnesota state legislature.

The Fargo FORUM exploded the story on the front page of its March 28 issue, reporting that the Knight Printing Company of Fargo had refused to publish CONVIVIO because it contained stories that are "moribund, warped and filled with four-letter words."

Steve Gorman, president of the printing company, called the FORUM and announced his decision after one of his employees objected to a story entitled "Cold Crucifix," by MSC freshman Tom McConn.

Dr. Clarence Glasrud, chairman of the English department, told the FORUM that freedom of expression was not the issue. "Now the students here have the bit in their teeth," he said. "They have revolution fever."

On April 11 Dr. Glasrud chaired an open meeting to discuss the fate of CONVIVIO. Explaining that he objected to only two stories (neither of which he named, but which were understood to be McConn's and CONVIVIO editor Larry Peterson's "American Scene"), Glasrud remarked, "The material as it stands cannot be published under the auspices of the English department. Technically the college is responsible for CONVIVIO, but I would prefer that the censoring be done by the department."

Glasrud characterized one story as "probably libelous" and as "morally wrong." He cited the possibility that the state legislature could cut off college funds if confronted with another "dirty word" controversy.

In a strongly-worded reply editor Peterson said, "CONVIVIO should be published for three reasons. The first is quite simply artistic and intellectual integrity, unless it is desirable that CONVIVIO come out yearly like the telephone directory, while catering to the tastes of the state legislators and local printers. Secondly, if we, the editorial board, who are, in the words of Dr. Glasrud, 'bright English majors,' cannot be trusted to make literary judgments, can the hundreds of other English majors be trusted to teach your children, or can the English faculty who, after all, have given us most of our standards, trust their own literary judgment?"

"Finally, events in the last quarter have clearly demonstrated. . . that student rights or even the rights of students as human beings are a farce at this college."

(Peterson's full statement appears on the editorial page of this issue.)

William Woolwine read a statement by Dr. Bernard Heringman, CONVIVIO advisor, who was unable to attend the meeting. Heringman called the hearing "shameful." "It seems to me," he said, "the burden is on the censors, not on the censored." He urged the department to back Peterson along with Michael Moos and Richard Callender of the CONVIVIO Editorial Board.

In the sometimes heated debate that followed, Glasrud defended himself against critical questions from students and some faculty members. "I have to live with myself," he said. "What you think of me and my actions at this point matters little to me. I've seen thousands of students and instructors and I'll see thousands more, and long after you're gone, I'll be here."

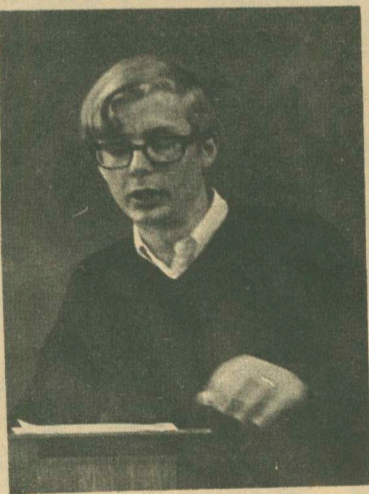
Dr. Frank Kendrick said he would feel "extremely threatened by this precedent," but Allan Hanna insisted, "In any civilized society, including a democratic one, freedom of expression is not absolutely unqualified." He pointed to laws concerning libel and sedition as examples.

Kim Giddings, Student Senate Vice President, noted, in reference to the question of legislative pressure, "A good administration says no to the community," and related how colleges and universities across the nation had fought the late Sen. Joe McCarthy. He added that he "doubted highly" that the legislature would be particularly concerned about what appears in CONVIVIO.

Glasrud announced that the English department would meet to vote on the issue, and not too long afterward the meeting adjourned, Glasrud's mind unchanged.

The next morning, after meeting with Moos and Callender, Peterson resigned as editor. "It is humanly impossible for me to pretend to edit a magazine which has been censored," he concluded. "I cannot so readily turn my back on the principles of academic freedom and artistic inte-

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Larry Peterson



Dr. Glasrud

## Senate Debates Budget

The important Budget Committee Report was the main business taken up by the Student Senate at their April 14 meeting.

The Budget Committee Report recommends the amount of money to be allocated by the Student Senate to the different departments of the college. Dr. Eugene Phillipps, chairman of the Budget Committee, reported that the requests for all the budgets was 40% greater than the amount of money available. Dr. Phillipps also said that \$100,000.00 had to be cut from the different budget requests before the budget could be introduced in the Student Senate. These cuts in the budget caused considerable debate in some of the departments because they thought that they were being undercut in their requests.

The first major debate came over the \$33,750.00 net alloca-

tion given to the Athletic Department. Physical Education Senator Ron Long stated that the Athletic Department has the second lowest budget for athletics in the state college system. Mr. Long also stated that most of the increase over last year's budget would go for traveling expenses. Some of these expenses were food, lodging and transportation. Mr. Long also said that the different coaches decide how they divide this money amongst the numerous sports.

Arguments against the proposed Athletic budget were based upon the fact that there is very poor attendance at many of the sports events held on campus. Another argument against this budget was that it reaches to few students and that the Athletic Department has no academic

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Southwood Drive, South Fargo

## Students Fight F-M Flood Waters

by LEO R. LANCTOT

The river was running deep, fast and wide. The crest was expected at 38 feet. Students from Fargo-Moorhead schools filled and placed thousands of

sandbags to keep water away from homes and businesses.

Friday, April 11, an informed source at Moorhead State College's administration building said the spirit seemed to be catching on. More and more students were volunteering to sandbag homes in the Fargo-Moorhead area. Many girls were among the volunteers.

In the afternoon I talked with James Grondahl, Clay County civil defense director. He said the students were coming out in increasing numbers and were doing a terrific job. Grondahl had been out for three days assisting at flood control. Now, more than likely it's been all week.

The Moorhead Country Club in north Moorhead had over 40 students sandbagging around the clubhouse's south wall. Many students had been working three days, said club manager Milan Clemens.

The wall had about five feet of fill and about four feet of sandbags. When completed, the dike was to be good for a crest of 38 feet. I watched students come in and eat a dinner of french fries and chicken.

Place, Route 2, Moorhead: the Roel addition. Roger Carpenter was putting plastic on his home's west side, facing the river. He hoped this would keep the water out of his basement.

There was a shed about 100 yards away. The night before he could walk to the shed, said Carpenter, now it's under about two feet of water.

Ernest Saylor, business instructor at Moorhead Technical School, had some students building a sandbag wall on the river side of his home. "The boys are doing a good job," he said. He was building the wall for a crest of 38 feet.

A reporter, covering a flood with a motor vehicle, should have a jeep. While on a muddy country road, south of Moorhead, my car slid onto the soft shoulder.

About an hour later, after walking, calling and waiting, Ralph Melbye, from Holiday Pure, came in his four-wheel drive pick-up. I was freed and five dollars wiser.

At South Brookdale housing area, east of interstate 94, MSC's Sig Taus were helping sandbag homes along River Shore Drive.

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## Tuition Up?

by SARA JOHNSON

A report from the Higher Education Co-ordinating Commission, read by President Dille to the March 30 meeting of the Student Senate, stated the need for the increase in tuition and fees. Normally, these funds provide one-third of the cost of running a State College. Next year they will meet only 22%. Since the State Legislature won't support a tax increase due to the upcoming election, the apparent solution is a raise of tuition. The proposed increase for the in-state student is from \$5 to \$6.50 per credit, for the out-of-state student from \$8 to \$14.

A proposed increase in activity fees is also being considered, as well as an increase of room and board costs by \$45 a year.

Twenty-one per cent of the students at Moorhead State are out-of-state residents; many of these are from North Dakota. The raise of tuition for these students is a raise of seventy-five per cent. The State College Board, in addition to these suggested price increases, is now authorized to charge health fees for students, at \$20 per quarter.

The Board had passed a resolution stating that administra-

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## Arrested

Brian Coyle, former MSC humanities instructor, was arrested Tuesday morning as a result of his December 13th induction refusal. Mr. Coyle was taken to Minneapolis and released the same day on his personal recognizance. As this goes to press, he is returning to Moorhead. Watch the Mistic for a complete story later this month.

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# Action on Women's Dorm Hours Stalled

by SARA JOHNSON  
(from an interview with Student Senator Rod Halvorson)

On Monday, Jan. 28, 1969, Senator Carole Johnson moved WHEREAS: A double standard exists at MSC,

WHEREAS: This double standard is undemocratic, unamerican, and unjustified,

BE IT RESOLVED: That women's dorm hours be abolished at MSC, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That interested student senators meet with respective dorm councils immediately to discuss this matter.

On Friday, this meeting was held, and it was decided to meet again in two weeks, during which time the dorm counselors would discuss the issue with the students on their respective floors. The proposed meeting did not materialize, but Dean Hume called a secret meeting that contributed some confusion by bringing up different possibilities for wording the proposition -- namely, which students should have hours, which need parental consent, etc. The counselors were told to go back and talk some more to the students.

Three weeks after the initial meeting, there was another, also made up of dorm council members and interested senators. The proposal generally agreed upon was as follows: hours for the first quarter freshmen, no hours for second and third quarter freshmen with parental consent, and no hours for sophomores, juniors and seniors. At the end of Winter Quarter, the Inter-dorm Council of dorm presidents and vice-presidents met. Three members out of eight put in their appearance. They agreed on the proposal (as stated above) and presumed that the Personnel Office would act on this and that it would be into effect Spring Quarter. No action was taken.

When students returned to an unchanged situation, a petition protesting this lack of action was circulated. It was signed by 300 dorm women -- mainly fresh-

men -- and brought to Dean Hume, who said that she had received plans for alteration of hours from Dahl Hall only and needed plans submitted from the other dorms before she would consider acting on the measure, because there appeared to be "confusion among the dorm councils." She had already received approval of the one plan from the dorm council meeting with Student Senators present, last quarter. Again, students took the initiative; Grantham, Snarr and Nelson Halls submitted their plans.

Dean Hume began working on the following proposal -- no hours for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors with parental consent; not the plan proposed by the dorm councils and senators. In a letter also signed by Dean McCloud and addressed to President Dille, she recommended that this change in hours go into effect early this quarter. Dille threw the proposal back into the channels, refusing to sign it until the Council of Student Affairs and the Faculty Senate had acted first. Some senators estimated that this would take at least five weeks.

The CSA decided to give up on the proposal's going into effect this quarter and moved to begin work during the summer session -- on the originally approved proposal. No one felt there was much chance for a change in hours this quarter.

The last of the exhausted proper channels still considering action is the Faculty Senate. On April 13, the Student Senate resolved to ask the Faculty Senate for action on any hour change that could be put into effect this quarter. The Faculty Senate agreed to



Minnesota Symphony

The internationally renowned Minnesota Symphony Orchestra will be performing at 8:15 p.m., Thursday, April 24 in the Alex Nemzek Fieldhouse.

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Student tickets are available for \$1 with an activity ticket at the Studies for the Performing Arts office located in the Center for the Arts.

## Forensics Rate Excellent

MSC Forensics were rated "excellent" along with the top 30 per cent of the delegates who attended the national Pi Kappa Delta convention held at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz., April 1, 2, 3, and 4.

There were 178 schools attending from 38 different states. The MSC students who attended and the events in which they participated were: Pam Cooper, Peli-

can Rapids, Oratory and Discussion; Steven Leth, Clitherall, Oratory; Darby Arntson, Moorhead, Discussion; Colleen Akers, Barnesville, Oral Interpretation; and Dave Jeska, Fosston, Extemporaneous Speaking. In a switch-sides debate, the MSC participants were Pam Cooper, Bill Zubke, Glenwood, Darby Arntson, Dave Jeska, Steve Leth, and Nira Elers, Wheaton.

"consider it in the near future." It may be on the agenda of the Wednesday, April 23 meeting at Ingleside, second floor MacLean.

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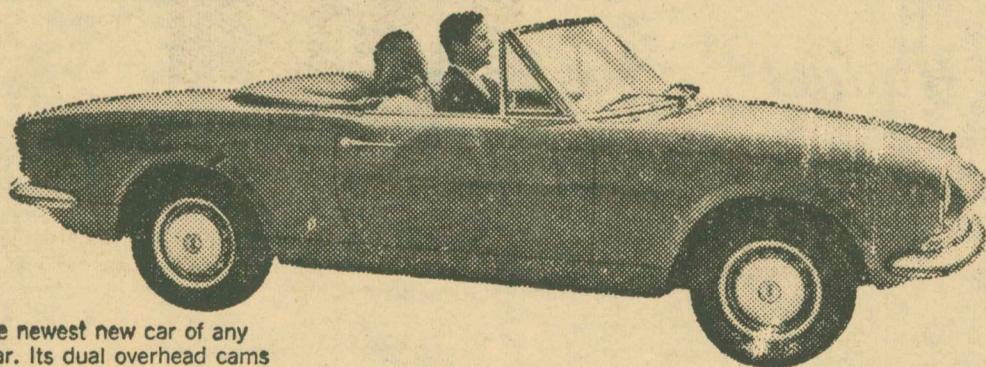
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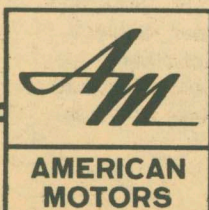
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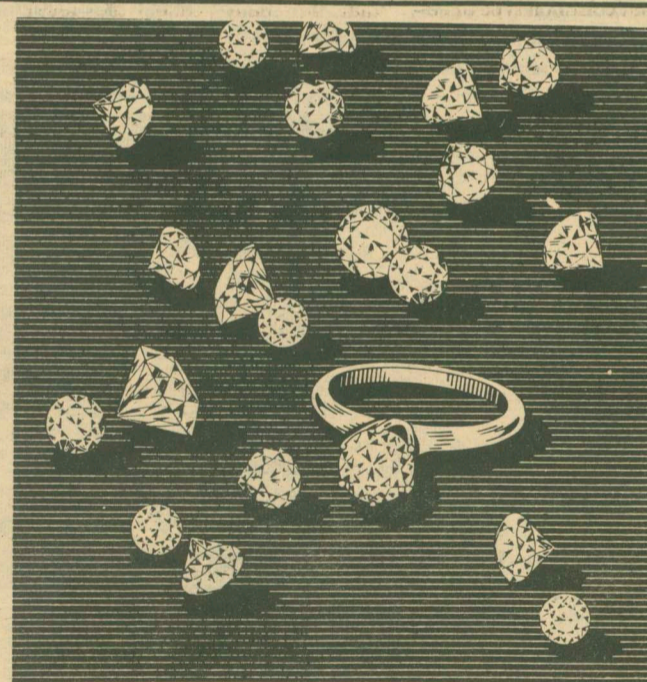
Dr. Clarence Glasrud will be the featured speaker at Open House at the Moorhead Library April 20, first Sunday of National Library Week. The topic will be the novel "Huckleberry Finn."

This novel has been controversial ever since it was written in 1885. It was banned from various libraries in this country as profane trash suitable only for the slums. The author's wife censored several passages of the book after his death. Today it is considered the most powerful argument in literature against racism, yet is banned in several places because of references to "Niggers".

Dr. Glasrud will explain by discussion and by reading passages, why he believes this is a great novel. This promises to be an amusing program as well as a stimulating one, for Dr. Glasrud is well known for his readings of HUCK.

Also featured during National Library Week will be an art exhibit of work done by high school students in Moorhead. Various types of work will be displayed.

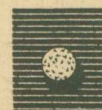
Hours of the Open House, which is sponsored by Moorhead "Friends-of-the-Library," are from 1:30 - 5 p.m. with Dr. Glasrud's talk at 2 p.m. Tea will be served by the 'Friends.'



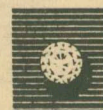
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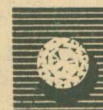
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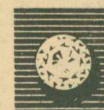
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# Conduct Committee Answers its Critics

"The thing about the Student Conduct Committee is, man, it's pers...I like to think that I'm helping students....If you really think that the committee should be changed, find me a student we have wronged." This is the opinion expressed by Mr. Ted Larson of the committee for which he is chairman.

The Student Conduct Committee hears cases of students who break college rules. Larson pointed out that the committee is the only group on campus that can make decisions concerning student conduct. The dormitory judicial boards, before whom most dorm students first appear, can either drop the case or send their recommendations on to the committee. Only after the case has been brought before the committee by Dean Leo Salters, the ex officio member, and the committee has interviewed the student can a definite course of action be decided upon.

Larson listed six different types of action which can be taken by the committee:

1. The case may be dismissed.
2. The committee may issue an unofficial verbal warning, in which the committee points out that the action taken if the offense is repeated must be more strict.
3. The committee may issue an official warning which is written and included in the student's file. An additional copy may be sent to the student's parents.
4. The most common type of reprimand is disciplinary proba-

tion, which generally includes the recommendation of counseling. Larson pointed out that this type of action is most common because offenses for which less severe action would be in order generally don't come before the committee.

5. The student may be suspended from the college for a set period of time, generally one quarter.

6. The student may be expelled from the college, in which case the student will not be allowed to return. Neither of the last two punishments has been used since Larson has been chairman.

The committee has been the subject of a great deal of criticism for its structure and procedure. According to the information provided by Larson, there seems to be a gap between the actions that the committee may take and what it actually does.

One of the criticisms leveled against the committee, for example, has been that a student who has been tried and punished off-campus may face punishment by the committee for the same offense. Larson admitted that this accusation is "probably right," but that it is "not the duty of the committee to determine its function." Its job, according to Larson, is outlined by the Student Senate and the Administration, and it is not the responsibility of the committee to determine whether that job is right or wrong.

Larson pointed out, however, that in many cases the local authorities turn a student over

to the Conduct Committee rather than prosecuting him, and that the committee often fails to report offenses to the off-campus authority once they have dealt with it.

Another criticism of the committee is that the student stands alone when accused with no defense council. Larson denied this, saying that any student may request a faculty member or counselor to speak for him.

R.A.'s have also been criticized for taking unjust liberties with master keys in looking for evidence for the committees - over half of whose cases deal with drinking or possession of liquor in the dorm rooms. Larsons pointed out that once again that this is not a policy-setting group, and thus they have no real standards for determining what an R.A. should or should not do in policing his students. Larson also noted two examples in which

R.A.'s have been "reprimanded" for their "approach" in gathering evidence.

Confronted with the possible hypocrisy of punishing a few students who are unfortunate enough to get caught drinking when the problem is so widespread, Larson pointed out that there simply aren't enough police to catch everyone, and that these reprimands are "part of the student's educational experience."

Larson stated that if the students weren't happy with the make-up of the group, they should attempt to change it. Yet the committee has not been able to act on the senate's resolution to change the committee to an all-student group because it is not within the student's power. In response to another Student Senate resolution requesting an end to "double jeopardy," Larson stated that the question hasn't come up this year.

## Parents Day Scheduled

If your parents have not as yet had the opportunity to get a look at our campus, Friday, May 9, is the date for them to pay a visit. The college is preparing an interesting program for them, complete with tours and entertainment. Some of your parents have never seen the campus up close, and others, who may have gone here to college themselves, will find the campus quite changed. So this is indeed the time for them to visit.

The Parents' Day Program will be as follows:

- 9:00-12:00--Registration-Coffee, Comstock Memorial Union
- 9:30-11:00--Honors Convocation, Center for the Arts Auditorium
- 9:30-12:00--Tours and Displays, Comstock Memorial Union
- 11:30-12:20-- Student Panel, Center for the Arts Auditorium

- 12:30 - 1:45 -- Lunch - Entertainment, Kise Commons
- 2:00-3:15--Parent's Convocation, Center for the Arts Auditorium
- 3:15 -- Coffee Hour, Center for the Arts-Green Room
- 8:15--Opera Production: Mozart's Cosi Fan Tutti, Center for the Arts Auditorium

Your parents are recommended to park in the Nemzek Lot on Sixth Avenue South between 16th and 17th streets. Guides will be available to direct them to Comstock Memorial Union and the Center for the Arts.

All in all, a fine day is planned, so be sure to let your parents in on the activities. The college is doing a considerable amount of planning and it is almost certain they will enjoy it. Once again, Parents' Day is Friday, May 9. Be sure to let them know.

## Holy Rock

The Comstock Memorial Union Ballroom was the scene of a Rock-Communion Worship Service Sunday, April 13. About 40 persons attended the service, which was sponsored by the United Campus Ministry under the direction of Richard Kretzschmar.

This "...unabashed, but new way of looking at Christian Worship" was the beginning of a non-denominational program calling for more experimentation in contemporary worship. Using the form of a conventional church service as a starting point, Sunday's service took off on its own to bring a new approach to Christian fellowship.

Folk music, featuring guitarist Eric Peltoniemi of Wadena, provided the format for hymns, and the entire service called for involvement on the part of those assembled for worship. The service was led by Jerry Haas, president of the United Campus Ministry, with the Witness being given by Barb Greener. Kretzschmar, director of UM, performed the rites of Communion.

It is hoped that through a favorable response this program of experimentation may be continued, with its aim of a more personal worship service fulfilled. The UCM welcomes any comments, inquiries and suggestions for its program.

"The world would accept an infinity of betrayals." --McConn

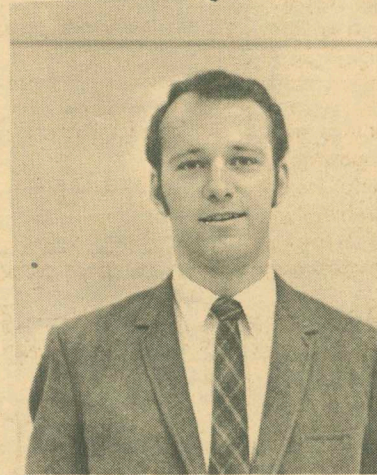
"They are all a lost generation." --Gertrude Stein

"We are whores...there is not a one among us who is not a whore." --Paul Anton

# CollegeMaster is Number One



Wayne McFarland



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CollegeMaster, the number one life insurance plan for college men, the college division of Fidelity Union Life Insurance Co. is pleased to announce the appointment of Wayne McFarland and Alan Nelson as career agents to serve Moorhead State College. Both of these men have

recently completed the company professional training program in Dallas, Texas, and are back to continue serving the MSC campus. We also wish to take time to say best wishes to those people from MSC who are already CollegeMaster owners.

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Editorials...

## Unity and Action

The number of people in the Fargo-Moorhead area who have seen the need for civil action to correct the problems in our society and in our government has been increasing over the past year in various areas of the community.

On the campus, students and faculty and even some administration officials have become at least "disenchanted" with the war in Vietnam, with campus involvement in militarism, with racism and with economic injustices. Also peculiar to the campus community is a growing critique of the "factory" qualities of the college; its producing products for industry rather than well educated individuals capable of independent actions and decisions.

Outside the campus, several groups of citizens have achieved various insights into the misdirection of our society. This has been demonstrated by the flood of phone calls from housewives to the Draft Information Center concerning resistance, the increased attendance of business men at political symposiums and other gatherings once considered "subversive", the large number of speaking invitations sent to militant Blacks, and the frequency of public expressions of concern broadcast over radio call-in shows.

Perhaps one of the most progressive of the new elements in the F-M area is the coalition of clergymen. These men have started to expand their moral convictions to political awareness and have started, a little too meekly, to display their conviction to some of their congregations.

With college faculty, housewives, businessmen, and clergy expounding opinions formerly associated with the radical left only, a new degree of "respectability" is attributed to leftist prospectives by former doubters, especially as a result of the strong authority orientation in the predominately Lutheran culture of the F-M area.

The great tragedy in all of this is that most newly aroused citizens are afraid to surface, to come out publicly in the community and express their new awarenesses openly in spite of the fear of strong criticism from their more hind-sighted neighbors. Clergymen and even some faculty are afraid to align themselves with student leftists because they are afraid of losing their "respectable" image. They seem to forget that it was "those long-haired kids" who sent them the calling card to action, reminding them of the inconsistency between America's moral platitudes and her actions.

The "respectable" elements of the left seem to think it is appropriate to be more subtle about their beliefs. They rationalize that it is better to spoonfeed their neighbors than it is to take determined stands.

Meanwhile, after four years of "war protests" across the country, pictures of charred bodies and agonized faces still flow in daily from Vietnam, appearing in our newspapers and flashing across our television sets. The war is as constant and cruel a reality today as it was a year ago, even though some consider it an old issue. "Everyone is against the war," we hear some new leftists say, but the number of deaths increase daily. Similarly, the draft is still forcing our young men to fight, our country still pursues an imperialist foreign policy in South America, and our military buildup continues to sap our economy.

What are you "respectable" new leftists waiting for? If the time to stand is not now, when is it? Come out of your dark corners and closed doors and surface. Say as strongly as you believe at the war must stop now, that poverty is violence, that racism is a white man's problem, that the draft is tyrannical involuntary servitude, and that it is imperative that good citizens destroy these evils before they destroy us.

The need for unified action on the part of the left is obvious; it would accelerate the growing concern of many people in the community towards action. The term once used by an MSC professor was "Commeradre"; we must join in our unity of purpose to initiate a unity of action rather than remain separate in our individual, ineffective efforts.

Let this be our direction then: solidarity and action. D. Brawthen

## Convivio Action Shameful

The CONVIVIO affair represents nothing less than a disgrace to the integrity of Moorhead State College and a betrayal of the right of free student expression.

Whatever the arguments advanced to justify the exclusion of Tom McConn's "Cold Crucifix" and Larry Peterson's "American Scene" from the pages of CONVIVIO, the entire matter comes down simply to a case of suppression, and the conduct of certain members of the English department is puzzlingly inconsistent with that of individuals who profess belief in literary and artistic freedom.

To the argument that one story is "probably libelous," one can only retort, as did one person I interviewed, "What utter nonsense!" Peterson's "Scene," which satirically ridicules Lyndon Johnson and Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, is scarcely different from -- in fact, rather milder than -- material that has appeared in a number of national publications. Barbara Garson's play MACBIRD! goes so far as to implicate former President Johnson in the assassination of John Kennedy, but aside from questions of taste, the issue of libel was not a consideration in the discussions that followed. Moreover, recent decisions by the United States Supreme Court have made it virtually impossible to libel a public official.

Dr. Glasrud finds Peterson's story "morally wrong" -- a curious objection, since "Scene" attacks activities that its author regards as grossly immoral.

Even if the threat of legislative reprisal were a real one -- which is at best somewhat doubtful -- no libertarian would willingly submit to this kind of blackmail, not when basic rights are at stake. The struggle for human freedom is often costly, but it is infinitely more expensive in the end to surrender to tyranny.

J. Clark

## Resigned Convivio Editor's Statement

The reason I am here today is not because the 'Convivio' editorial board requested a meeting of its own free will as Dr. Glasrud implied in his memo to the English faculty. Rather, I am here because the administration has forced me to come by eliminating almost all other alternatives through cutting off funds for 'Convivio.' While I do not find this inconsistent with this administration, I do find it inconsistent with the concepts of an academic community and intellectual freedom, if these concepts are to have any meaning at all.

Speaking as editor of 'Convivio,' but also, I feel, as a representative of the new sensibility or new idealism of my generation, I am quite appalled by the America I see. It is a country in which expediency and "getting ahead" come before the values of the Western tradition which we always celebrate but seldom act upon. It is a country in which the threat of force, such as punitive legislation, and force itself, such as a billyclub, are used by those in power to intimidate and suppress those seeking greater freedom--whether it be intellectual or economic.

I am not talking just about national politics and some place else. I am talking about Moorhead State College and 'Convivio.' If you believe that this college is an ivory tower and not a microcosm of a sick society, I think you are deluding yourself. We, too, have our Lyndon Johnsons and Richard Nixons.

From my point of view, 'Convivio' should be published for three reasons. The first is quite simply artistic and intellectual integrity, unless it is desirable that 'Convivio' come out yearly like the telephone directory, while catering to the tastes of the state legislators and local printers. Secondly, if we, the editorial board, who are, in the words of Dr. Glasrud, "bright English majors," cannot be trusted to make literary judgments, can the hundreds of other English majors be trusted to teach your children, or can the English faculty who, after all, have given us most of our standards, trust their own literary judgment?

Finally, events in the last quarter have clearly demonstrated what many of us have contended all along, that student rights or even the rights of students as human beings are a farce at this college. Certainly we have rights, but they extend only so far as the President allows. His frequent rejection of Student Senate and committee appointments confirms the charge that at this college "the student is a nigger" and that we had better act, talk and apparently even think like the Man wants us to. This phenomenon is obviously not restricted to just this college.

What I am saying amounts to this-- the people of this country, on all levels, have got to take their country back from the Establishment. The McCarthy campaign was an attempt, but it failed. One of the reasons I think it did was that we lost too many little battles, like 'Convivio,' to win a big one.

Do we only fight the big battles after we have anesthetized our conscience by ignoring the little ones, like college literary magazines, in the interests of practicality and expediency? Where do you draw the line at which you will fight for human dignity against repression? Will you only draw it when more faculty members are fired, or to use that beautiful euphemism, "not rehired," for unpopular opinions? Or will you only draw it when one of your friends or maybe only when you yourself are called before the latest government committee to eliminate intellectual heresy? Or won't it be too late by then?

Larry R. Peterson

## Senate Elects New Members

The dead-lock between Peter Kinkade and Dick Ormseth was finally broken on the 21st ballot of the April 13th Student Senate session after much political maneuvering on the part of all senators involved. Peter Kinkade took his position as the new Social Science Senator after defeating his opponent by a 10-5 vote. In the same session Dan Boeckermann defeated Robert Kinkade for Senator-at-Large on the third ballot by a 12-4 vote.

Tom Clark, a member of the Student Bill of Rights Committee, submitted a report on the Grounds for Appeal of Tests and Final Grades. Students affected by this report may contact Senator Clark for the details in the Student Senate office.

The Executive Committee took immediate action on Dr. Mur-

ray's attractive proposal concerning a joint senate. Senators George Schatz, Rod Halvorson, and President Phil Norrgard were appointed to investigate the feasibility of such an action, while Kim Giddings will write letters to Columbia University and the University of Minnesota to check on their proposals.

Steve Hillestad then moved that the Bookstore Scholarship Fund be abolished and that said funds be added to the College Activities Fund. Arguments for the motion were based upon the contention that since the profits earned by the MSC Bookstore came from the general body of students, then the money should be allocated to the general body of students instead of a select group. Opposing arguments contended that the students who received these scholarships contributed both scho-

lastically and in extra-curricular activities. The motion passed.

Paul Meyers moved that the State College Board be requested to hold in-state and out-state tuition and fee increases to no more than a 50 per cent increase over last year. Rod Halvorson seconded, and all members present except Steve Hillestad voted in affirmation of the resolution.

George Schatz brought attention to the dorm hours situation when he moved that the Student Senate recommend to Dr. James Murray, President of the Faculty Senate, to call a special meeting of the Faculty Senate to discuss the much delayed dorm hour's issue. All members voted in affirmation of the motion with the exception of Senator Paul Meyers.

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| HALVORSON | SPEAK  |

The Minnesota State College Student Association up until the beginning of this year was a young, somewhat ineffective, and unheard of student group. However, during our first meeting this year on Jan. 19, in St. Cloud, we decided to sit down and work as hard as we could to help the Minnesota students.

Carole Johnson, David Brawthen, and myself were new to this group, and didn't know exactly what was going on. However, we started clicking after the election of new officers when we broke up into committees and told about the problems we had at each state college.

We worked all afternoon on Saturday, and adjourned until the next day. On Sunday we met in St. Paul and worked all day and night until we had an eight-page report of about sixty or more different recommendations.

Under the Communication Committee we recommended the basic rights of student newspapers to exist with no prior censorship, and the basic idea that students should control student newspapers. The Judicial Committee made many recommendations that would help protect the student's rights when he is on trial on a local campus. The Parking Committee said that there isn't enough parking spaces on the campuses, and they proposed that we do as much as possible to alleviate our parking problem. The Curriculum Committee recommended that we improve the way students are educated, and that students should be involved in making these changes. They also were in favor of a drop in required credits to graduate from 192 to 180 credits.

The Housing Committee suggested that women's hours be

abolished, and we were also in favor of more co-ed dormitories. We also recommended that students have some say in the selection of R.A.'s, and hoped a four year guaranteed price could come about, so we wouldn't be affected so much by rising costs. The Bookstore Committee told us how badly run most of the bookstores are and suggested ways to improve them.

Finally, we made General Recommendations: to raise faculty pay, so we can get better teachers; to lobby the legislators to throw out the old law which prohibits any student from drinking no matter what age; to have representation on the State College Board; and to help provide contraceptives and contraceptive information to students; and to work for the 18 year old vote.

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Letters to the Editor...

# Convivio Expurgated

April 14, 1969

Since Larry Peterson has resigned as editor of CONVIVIO, further action concerning the printing of the magazine rests with the editorial board. The English Department has decided that two sketches, Larry's "An American Scene" and Tom McConn's "Cold Crucifix," must be censored; this, of course, strips us of our prerogative as editors. But since we feel it is one of the best issues of the magazine ever produced on this campus, we wish to print the remainder of the work with this note attached.

As a state college, subject to the pressures of the legislature and the community, we understand that public opinion must be considered somewhat; unfortunately, this can result in the public having a genuinely onerous influence if it decides to exert that pressure. This year the controversy that ultimately stopped publication began with the whim of a single printer. We are asked to create cautiously, with one eye out for public disapproval, and a literary magazine such as CONVIVIO cannot exist under such conditions; therefore, it is an impractical idea.

From our position, this expurgated issue will be the last CONVIVIO. We want nothing further to do with the magazine.

Michael Moos  
Richard Callender  
CONVIVIO EDITORIAL BOARD

## ABM Facts

To the Editor:

The article "ABM Stirs F-M Area" in the April 11th, Mistic deals exclusively with the ABM as a national question and not with activity in regard to that issue in the F-M area as the headline indicated.

Actually, there has been a good deal of activity on the ABM issue in the F-M area in the past three weeks. A group opposing deployment of the Anti-Ballistic Missile System - North Dakota Citizens Against The ABM - was formed in Fargo on March 23rd. Since that time chapters have been formed in Valley City, Bismarck-Mandan, Dickinson, Minot, and Grand Forks. Groups are being formed this week in Jamestown and Williston, leaving just three cities above 3000 in population without chapters of NDCA-ABM.

NDCA-ABM has three basic objectives: to inform people in this area and throughout North Dakota about the scientific, economic, political, and moral objections to deployment of the ABM system; to make North Dakota's Congressional Delegation responsive to their constituents; and to make the nation aware of the opposition to the ABM system in the F-M area and in North Dakota.

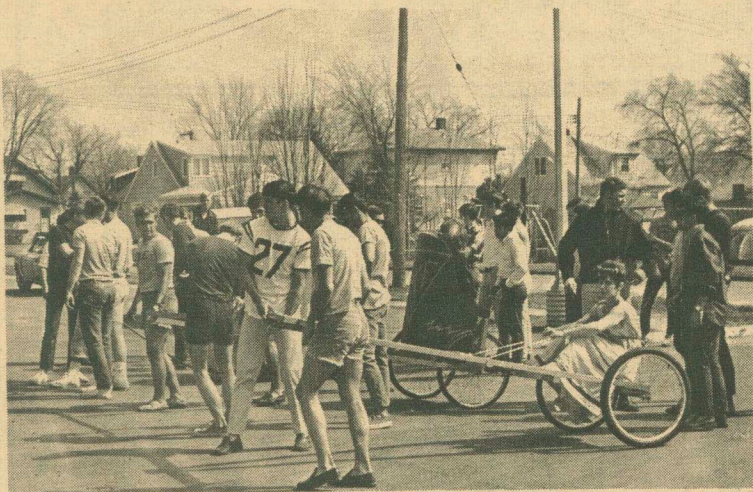
Town meetings on the ABM issue are being arranged in all major cities in the state. The Congressional Delegation and scientists with a background in weapons development or nuclear physics will be invited to participate. The first Town Meeting was held in Fargo on April 10th. Two nuclear high energy physicists from the University of Minnesota spoke on the technological problems of the ABM.

Fargo has been approximately half covered by a door to door leaflet campaign and plans call for leafleting Moorhead shortly. NDCA-ABM will also assist Concordia and Moorhead State in holding teach-ins on the ABM.

There will be a state-wide meeting on NDCA-ABM in Fargo on Sunday, April 27th, featuring a prominent political speaker and a scientist from Argonne National Laboratory in Chicago. An executive committee and state officers will be chosen.

Any student or faculty member interested in participating in planned programs of NDCA-ABM should call 237-3676.

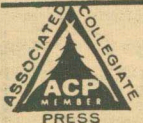
-Ken Stevenson



Area fraternities and sororities met at NDSU last Saturday in what may have been the first running of an annual Chariot Race for F-M Greeks.

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# S.S. Reveals Results of Opinion Poll

by Richard Ormseth

The results of a recent "Student Opinion Questionnaire" prepared by Student Senator Linda Omelianchuk reveals that most students hold traditional views on such questions as the role of a student newspaper, birth control on campus and the proportion of student faculty members on committees. Most of those polled, however, agree that women's hours should be abolished.

To the first question: "Do you feel that the MISTIC is a fair representation of this college as far as the relevance of their articles to the student bodies ideas and the quality of their issues?" Eighty-six per cent of the people voting indicated that they felt the MISTIC did not represent them, and offered a variety of comments, among them: "It smacks too much of communism." "The MISTIC makes us all sound like Hippies." However, not all the comments were against the paper: "Irrelevant question. A paper doesn't exist to mirror view but rather to inform and cause intellectual stimulation. I could not stomach reading about this student body's ideas." Another asked: "Does the student body have any ideas?"

The second question read "are you in favor of providing contraceptives for all students at cost in the health center?" The 65 per cent of the students who answered no justified their votes with such comments as "college is not responsible for a girl getting pregnant." "Ridiculous -- I don't think any college should condone promiscuity." and "Let's not demoralize the school anymore than it is already!" The other 35 per cent had their opinions also "It would seem a logical part of the Health Service." "Why not? Safety first."

The third question of particular importance now since the faculty senate is soon to consider the Council on Student Affairs' dorm hour proposal asked "Should all dorms hours for women be abolished?" The yes vote composed 60 per cent of the total. "Only hours for those women over the legal age. Save our boys from statutory rape."

To the question "Do you feel recruiters should be allowed on campus?" Eighty-five per cent of the students answered yes.

A sixth question asked "Do you think the student conduct committee should be completely made up of undergraduates instead of the half student and half faculty ratio it now includes?" Sixty-one per cent of the students agreed with the student who made this comment: "Students are not fully responsible yet and need adult experienced supervision."

The poll was criticized by a number of people for the lack of knowledge of statistics. There was no attempt to show that the students who voted really represented an accurate cross-section of the total student body. It was also charged that the questions were asked in such a way that it became obvious that a particular answer was being sought. Most students, however, feel that the poll was a fairly good indication of student opinion on the issues.

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tors should take the proposed tuition increases to student representative bodies, and explore the student hardships that may be caused.

When asked what students could do, President Dille suggested that, if it was our sentiment, we send a "strong" resolution stating that MSC would have special difficulties if out-of-state tuition were raised too high.

Floods - from p. 1

Rick Kemmer, MSC Jr., said the river had risen about six feet since April 10.

At other homes along Lake Shore Drive, students from NDSU were helping to build dikes and to build sandbag walls.

Dale Sheirs, owner of Moorhead Construction Co., Inc., had three weeks before built a sandbag wall for a crest of 38 feet. He used 7,000 bags and an estimated 350 yards of sand.

Next to the Sheirs' home, Dr. Joseph Thorman, assistant professor of education at MSC, was having a dike built around his home.

All was busy, along Moorhead's Red River, 11 April, 1969.

Sunday, 13 April 1969: This morning Dwayne Bisek, Jr. was at Dr. Thorman's home reinforcing the dike with sandbags. Bisek said there were about 15 to 20 students helping at Thorman's residence.

Sunday afternoon I revisited Dr. Thorman's home. Flood wa-

### Quotable Quote

"What is obscenity to one, in the laughter of genius to another."  
--D.H. Lawrence

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## On The Spot

by DAVE BJORNSTAD  
and  
JOE JORLAND

To begin this happy quarter, we intend to comment briefly on a few matters which touch the lives of American individuals everywhere, even those in the Fargo-Moorhead basin. Because of past criticism of biased reporting in this weekly, the initial portion of this offering shall contain no value judgements, but rather raw data which shall be left for the interpretation of the reader. The source of said data is The Economic Report of the President and The Annual Report of the Council of Economic Advisors.

Let's examine the state of unemployment. Last year the number of individuals counted as unemployed declined by 160,000. During this same period 100,000 additional persons were added to the armed forces. In other words, 60,000 people, or .03% of the population previously unemployed are today gainfully employed. Unemployment in December, 1968, dropped to 3.3% of the working force, however, approximately 12.5% of the families in the United States still enjoy incomes of less than three thousand dollars.

Personal incomes in the U.S.A. last year amounted to \$680 billion. Out of this figure \$84.4 billion was extracted in the form of income taxes. In other terms, 12.3% of this figure was paid in taxes. During this period the median income for families was about \$8,000, this figure accounted for approximately 93% of the population. The authors estimate conservatively the average rate of income tax presently charged to an income of \$8,000 to be in excess of 18%. This is a bias of about 30%.

Let us assume for a moment that the personal income of the country were equally divided. (\$680 billion divided by 200 million persons.) This would suggest that each individual (man, woman and child) would receive \$3,430. To find ones' income for his family multiply the number of persons in the family by \$3430. Of this figure 12.3% would be taken for personal income taxes.

The following passages may contain certain implied opinions of the authors, be so warned.

To those people in the community who have been assisted by the young sandbaggers, we offer the suggestion that some sort of recognition be extended to these valiant young people. Perhaps erection of a statue portraying a young sandbag would be appropriate.

As the flood waters recede, residents of the state of North Dakota should concern themselves with replenishment of the economic loss incurred during that flood. It is our suggestion that residents approach their eminent Legislator, Milton Young, and charge him with the responsibility of securing Federal projects to replace this loss. It is suggested that the North Dakota liquor dealers would benefit most greatly from the construction of additional underground storage facilities which could eventually be converted into reservoirs to prevent future flooding. Many such facilities already surround the greater Grand Forks area. This would of course add to our desirability as prime target areas, but would add to the security of the more populated areas of the country.

The current efficacy of such a missile program is in considerable doubt since one of the authors has in his possession a pipe lighter that burns considerably brighter than any previous missiles yet tested in North Dakota. Bearing this in mind, we feel that the taxpayer should think long and hard before approving, through means of silence, the going ahead with such a system as the proposed ABM. We feel it is appropriate to quote here a short poem by John H. Wheelock titled "EARTH."

"A planet does not explode of itself," said drily  
The Martian astronomer, gazing off into the air--  
"That they were able to do it is proof that highly  
Intelligent beings must have been living there."

In closing, we must say that we are grateful to the President of this institution for providing us, at loooooong last, with an editor for this weekly wipe, through means of which we channel these messages.

# Our Feature

# Editorial

## Huelga! The Story of the Grape Strike

by JOAN PRIMEAU

Huelga has become part of the vocabulary of the sixties. It means "strike" in Spanish, but it also connotes a movement of growing strength among the farmworkers of the United States, a movement which faces a history of oppression and poverty but whose momentum is being felt from the halls of the U.S. Congress to the grape fields of California.

The present average income of farm labor is about one-fifth that of workers in the automobile and steel industries, even though their work is certainly as difficult and its end product indisputably more important to society than that of any other group of laborers. Why have wages been consistently so low? One reason: the agricultural industry has historically depended upon alien or deprived groups to furnish its work force.

In California, where agriculture has always been a big business, requiring a large work force, laborers went from native Indians, to Chinese in the 1850's and 1860's who had been brought to the U.S. to build the railroads, to Japanese after the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act. When Japanese laborers began forming themselves into associations, growers looked to Mexican peasants, many of whom entered this country illegally and proved to be more tractable and, partly because of their illegal status, less apt to form themselves into unions than other alien groups.

Subsequent sources of cheap labor have been Filipinos when they were U.S. citizens, dispossessed farmers during the 1930's, and Mexicans again when World War II depleted the labor force.

Organizing attempts have understandably been thwarted in the past by the constantly changing make-up of the farm labor force. When organizing became fruitful, growers turned to new races for their workers, and there was always a minority group depressed enough to accept the marginal living of the fields.

But in the past four years a growing number of farm workers have refused to accept their own exploitation, and are orga-

nizing themselves and their brothers into a viable labor union. In 1965 two independent unions, one largely Filipino, the other a Chicago group struck over 30 growers in California's San Joaquin Valley. They asked for a wage increase to \$1.40 an hour from the usual \$.90 of \$1.20 per hour. A relatively modest demand, but not a modest undertaking, by any means.

Growers in California do not for the most part operate small family farms. One of the strike's prime targets, Robert Di Giorgio, not only owns 4,600 acres of land, but is also on the board of directors of Southern Pacific Railway, Union Oil Company, the Bank of America, and Safeway Food Stores. A man like Di Giorgio can let his fields lie fallow for years without feeling undue financial pressure. And most large growers would rather see their crops rot than their workers organize.

Farm workers face an extra-added obstacle in that they are not covered by the National Labor Relations Act. Therefore, even if a majority of the workers at a ranch wish to be represented by a union, their employer is not legally bound to hold an election to decide which union, if any, will represent them, as would normally be done. Farm workers are also not covered by the minimum wage law.

So the five or six ranches that the farm worker's union, The United Farm Workers Organizing Committee, has organized are victories disproportionate to their actual financial gain. For they are victories made over two centuries of oppression which is even now continuing. They are hard fought victories, using the only tactics at the laborers' dis-

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## Five million Americans

by CARL H. GRIFFIN  
News Editor

Today with more than five million of them in the United States--80 per cent in California and Texas--Mexican Americans are the second largest minority group in the United States and the largest Spanish speaking Americans.

A great percentage of them are migrants who make their living moving about the country as farmhands. Many come to the Red River Valley to labor during the sugar beet season.

A recent study by the National Advisory Committee on Mexican Education reported that millions of Mexican Americans suffer from poverty, discrimination and cultural isolation.

In our own Red River Valley one finds a number of the problems cited by various government agencies--inadequate housing, polluted drinking water and grossly inadequate wages.

It is not uncommon to find a family of ten or more living in a poorly ventilated one-room dwelling with no toilet facilities and too little space to move about freely.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This feature supplement to the MISTIC was prepared by a special staff of students along with members of the MISTIC staff itself. The purpose of this special feature is to give our own student body a chance to examine a problem that is right here in our own immediate area. It is this editor's feeling that unless we students do become aware of some of the problems that this nation is facing, this society will perish because it refused to correct the conditions some of its people were forced to live in. The opinions expressed in this special supplement are not necessarily those of all members of the MISTIC staff, the college or the student body.

## Rats in Cisterns Does anyone care

by RUDOLFO PALOMO

Many have probably seen the commercial on TV: where there is a rocking chair in an unkept room, a rat makes his entrance and noses around the room, and a child's voice says, "Here kitty kitty, here kitty kitty". Then there is a pause, and a voice says -- "Has your child ever mistaken a rat for a cat?"

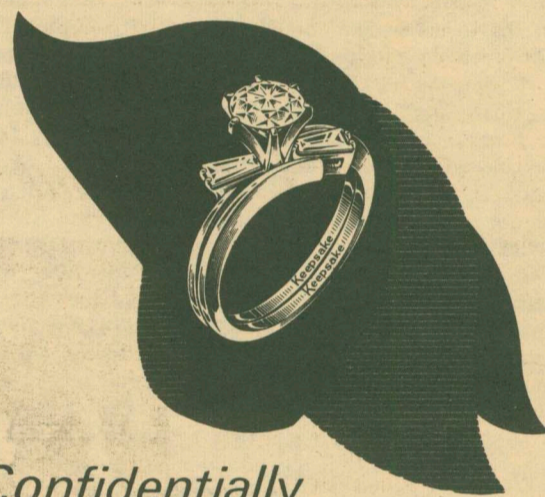
A Migrant mother would understand how it feels to have her child make that mistake, for this is a common everyday scene in the houses provided for the Mexi-

can-American families that hoe beets in the Red River Valley.

My mother used to buy poison and rat traps to get rid of the rats. On a good night I would hear the traps snap 5 to 10 times. I often have thought that there should be a bounty on rats. If there was, I would probably be rich by now.

Rats get into the cisterns that provide the drinking water. It is an easy task for them, for the cisterns are usually made of wood,

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