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Raskin -- "The Magic Is Gone: The Social Contact Is Dead"

by Chris Dudbridge

Governmental forces in contemporary America have become illegitimate sources of authority. Rather than protect its citizens, the American government threatens their existence by his own threat of violence. This was the conclusion reached by Movement theoretician and author Marcus Raskin Tuesday in conversation.

The conversation marked the end of the traditional social-contract theory. According to the political science school, a contract is made between the government and the citizens of a nation whereby the government guarantees that it will provide protection to the citizens. With the Cuban crisis it became apparent that the government of the nation was not fulfilling its part of the contract: five or six men were prepared to engage the U.S. in nuclear war with the Soviet Union over the missile-quotations.

Raskin, an Antioch College trustee and member of the Documents editorial committee along with Coffin, Ferber, Goodman and a special group of subscribers, discussed the theory and the crisis in legitimacy, American government, and the combination of the two (even so-called "limited wars") is no longer considered to be a legitimate source of authority because it endangers the entire population of the nation (and the world as well). The mystique which once surrounded the American government—political and military leaders has vanished; the old "magic" is gone. People no longer assume that simply because a man is in an important position, he must know everything. Soon, he stated, we should witness groups of people engaging in political activities in larger forms of resistance to the arbitrary power of the states. This resistance will take the form of tax-resistance, increased draft resistance and the establishment of a National Liberation Committee.

If people work against the power of the government, they come into contact with what Raskin termed the "interlocutors" in America: the colony of violence, the boarding group, the non-colonial colony (the school system), the plantation colony (the economic system), and the dream colony (the mass media).

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Motor Mouth by Lynn Wagner

Located on the outskirts of our campus (and on the outskirts of many of our minds), are two buildings which house the Speech Department of the College of Wooster. Wishart Hall and Scott Auditorium are the places where you spend your time if you plan to get academic credit for communicating.

Contrary to popular rumor, however, the Speech Department is not a place where mouthmarch to find emotional outlet for their excess verbiage. And it is not really any way of turning a mute into professional ones.

Unpredictable as they may be, exciting things are happening in the Speech Department, including everything from speech therapy and debate to broadcasting and theatre. And an after-school workshop has been set up which can be taken for part of a credit, if you don't want to go out at all.

Focusing on theater: Theater Workshop is a two-year after-school session which consists of acting exercises, theater games, and improvisation. An afterhour of the workshop is a reading of a story written by the Group. The Group's membership varies from quarter to quarter, with workshop enrollment. This quarter they are doing, among other things, a combination re-read of the theater/drama rendition of a liberty are sacred and that property which violates human dignity or freedom has no right to exist. In explaining that he intended to facilitate his future to destroy Selective Service, he said "I believed that the war machine had rolled on, burning, pillaging, raping, and checked by fear for peace. He said that he had gone out of the way he professed his beliefs to be, "I was in danger of verbalizing my moral substance out of existence."

French was sentenced to six years in prison and Daniel to three years. Daniel, after sentencing, evaded capture for several months while attempting to build an underground of peace-oriented individuals who would aid and abet resistance. After Daniel's capture in August, 1970, a well-known poet and a lawyer were indicted by the government for harboring a federal fugitive.

By the time the Bergrens were imprisoned, the spirit they expressed at Catonsville had spread to other cities, and the non-violent destruction of federal property, usually draft records, in Boston, New York, Milwaukwee, and other places.

The "East Coast Conspiracy to Save Lives" was a group consisting of clergymen, students, and individuals in the Chicago area who publicly accepted responsibility for the destruction of draft files in Philadelphia, Pa., in Feb., 1970. Their only relationship to the Bergrens was their spirit of comradeship and mutual purpose which Catonsville had inspired in them.

After Hoover's charges some members of the "East Coast conspiracy" held a press conference in Washington, D.C. where they explained that the East Coast Conspiracy was a diverse group of people with different orientations who met to accept responsibility for the destruction of draft files in February, 1970, and which had since dissolved. They denied categorically that any of the Bergrens were members of the group and that they had ever contemplated any of the type of actions which Hoover had charged. Fr. Joe Wentrath, the third member of the East Coast Conspiracy who was indicted last year, was not in attendance at Hoover's Senate testimony. "Our philosophy and our trials would not allow it," he said. Actually at the time Hoover made his charges, the East Coast Conspiracy was no longer in existence and Philip, who had never been charged, was not in the United States. After Hoover's Senate testimony, the Bergrens, through their attorney, William Kunstler, strongly denied the charges and said they were prepared to support his accusations with an indictment.

The indictment followed, at which time everything seemed to clear up in the United States, and complete fabrications. In a statement Kunstler read for the Bergrens, they compared the charges to the Nazi burning the books. They condemned "this Communist.

It would be naive to ignore the political implications of a case such as this. A conviction could lead to more imprisonments... of Philip Bergren. Fr. Bergren is a very important symbol... highly respected not only among his friends and acquaintances, but also in the society at large as well. A conviction would not just mean a conviction later."

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Thoughts on a Daily Bull Session

by Bob Tymbor

"Long hair bugs the heck out of me," confessed coach Bob Nye last Monday at the COW Athletic Committee meeting concerning long hair on athletes. This particular problem is based on the basis of the conflict between coaches and athletes. Our athletes claim the authority to arbitrarily regulate the appearance of athletes, even the most valid styles. One faculty member responded, "I've seen some hair bugs the heck out of me."

The crux of the problem is the relationship between personal prejudice and the individual identity of the athletes. Should coaches be allowed to set standards-including upon life-style? This is not a rather timeworn concept of a stereotype, but a real case. It has inspired the theory of consistency for consistency's sake—and another associated being as a human being with short hair. In essence the coaches generally expressed the opinion that athletes should reflect the established values of the society. To reach this end, they are working to enact measures that may militarize education. This attitude seems inconsistent with COW's stated policy of maintaining a community of diverse individual. The major rationalization for the policy was the "learn concept."

Coches felt that individual desires were perceived to be dysfunctional to the concept of the plow. Also, the realization that one by one student was individualism does not preclude PLASTIC PLOW neither accepts nor respect and others in the community.

In the view of many observers, the meeting was a disheartening occasion. The best athletes can hope for is a compromise. Unless long hair is as long as coach hold the authority to regular appearance, the consequences of cutting would miss the outcome of any medi-
Looking Glass

Woo Honey Hearts?

by Jon Harwood

February 17 is National Honey Day. I decided to celebrate the occasion by adding a touch of sweetness to my life. I bought a jar of honey and started spreading it on my toast. As I enjoyed the honey's flavor, I couldn't help but feel grateful for the natural sweetness it brought to my day.

I then decided to explore the history of honey in different cultures. I discovered that honey has been used in various ways throughout history, from sacred rituals to simple sweet treats.

I also learned about the health benefits of honey, such as its potential to boost immunity and promote wound healing. It's amazing how something as simple as honey can bring so much joy and health to our lives.

In the end, I realized that celebrating National Honey Day was a great reminder to embrace the simple pleasures in life and to be grateful for the natural sweetness that surrounds us.

Endnotes:


Scots"By Tom Hill VOICE Sports Editor
Today and tomorrow the College of Wooster Physical Education Center is the site of the Women's State Volleyball Championship. It is the second consecutive year that the Wooster Scots have hosted this prestigious Ohio women's event.

The competition will begin this afternoon and will meet Mt. Union at 7:30 tonight. Today's action is in the form of a Round Robin tournament with each of the 16 teams divided into four divisions. The four teams within each division will meet each other by the end of the day. Then tomorrow, the top two teams of each of the four divisions will meet in a single elimination tournament, starting with the quarter-finals at 9:00 and 10:30. The semi-finals are scheduled to start at 1:30, while the championship game will be played at 3:00.

Tourney favorites include last year's champion, Mount St. Joseph, coached by Bob Vanderwerf; Ohio Northern, 8-0; Ashland, 9-1; and our own Scots, 8-2. The Wooster women dropped their first match of the season to the Ashland squad and lost weekend yet to the women from ONU. Last week, however, the Scotties ripped through teams from Ohio Wesleyan and Otterbein to finish their regular season at 8-2.

Our women seldom get as much ink as most men's varsity sports, so I thought it was about time they received a little. For those of you who are not familiar with the Scotties, I interviewed their coach, Miss Ginny Hunt, about the team.

The women play with two primary spikers. Juniors Janet Nordstrom and Denise Massa set the lead for these responsibilities. In addition to her spiking ability, Nordstrom also is an excellent server which has won her the first server position. Against Capital, she served a perfect 15-0, a rarity in volleyball.

In playing a typical 4-2 offense, the Scotties use two setters, positions held by junior Julie Vanderwerf and sophomore Nancy Brewer. Vanderwerf also serves as the team captain.

The only senior on the first team is Donna Beck, while Laurie Sprague and Denise Massa are on the second team.5. Hauk put the starting six into Sprague's role as an excellent server and defensive back row player.

Regardless of the Scotties' outcome this weekend, they have been invited to the annual Christmas Tournament which will be held in Dallas, Texas, in late December. They are the first Wooster Scotties team ever to be invited to the prestigious event.

Coach Hunt was quick to point out that in last Saturday's match at Ohio Northern, over 400 spectators turned out to cheer the Purple Raiders on its victory. Considering this is THE most prestigious women's volleyball event in the state and it is HERE at Wooster, why not show our support for our own Scotties? I'll be there, will you?

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The Fighting Scot grapplers will try to keep a good thing going tomorrow when they hit the road. With a 2-0 record, the Scots will face stiff competition in Marietta, Mt. Union, and Denison airports on its way to Duncansville and State College.

Saturday the matmen squelched by Denison 137-27, for the first time since the '62 campaign. The Scots also whalloped Oberlin, 32-2, and host of the triangular meet.

Three freshmen looked extraordinarily strong, winning five of six matches. Jim Rastetter, 134, captured a 7-2 decision against Denison, and then walked away with a lopsided 19-1 victory against Oberlin.

Woos Dumas, 150, shutout his Big Red opponent, 10-5, and also easily defeated his Ohio foe, 8-2, while Larry Sprague, 156, concluded a tough Denison competition, 5-1. He dropped his second match to a Yeoman, 5-2.

Other Scott victors included sophomore Tom Lee, 118, forfeits from both teams; senior Dave Oberholtzer, 120, a 4-0 decision against Ohio; senior Tom LaMenza, 60-0 shutout over Ohio; junior Bob Yohnnen, 167, a forfeit from Denison and a pin at 1-40 over Ohio; senior John Martin, 177, an 8-4 decision against Ohio; and sophomore Keith Turner, 190, a pin at 5:44 over Ohio.

IM VOLLEYBALL
The volleyball showdown of the season between 7AA and 3AA is scheduled for Sunday night. Third AA knocked off previously unbeaten 2AA lastweek to remain deadlock with 7AA at 9-0. Second AA, 8-1, and the Residents, 7-2, both remain within striking distance of first place.

Intramural basketball will preview next week, while IM bowling will premiere in the near future.

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Once they are onstage without a book. Or do they seem to be able to plug the beginnings of a character into a many-faceted and deeply studied personality.

On the other hand, a poor reader may be able to really get into a role, and truly blossom in performance. Dr. Schutz indicated that you “can’t generalize” about who will make good performers on the basis of the original try-out; but “at that time I guess right,” he admitted.

While it seems to me that many audiences might easily forget even his own name when confronted with the heaving bodies and faces of audience faces of opening night, Dr. Schutz explained actors seldom forget their lines on the night of the performance. Major catastrophes are rare—it’s just the little things that go wrong.

If you attend Wooster’s Night of the Living and notice a man tearing his hair out down near the stage, it’s just the director trying to convince himself that he is watching merely a glorified dress rehearsal.

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Daniel in prison for the rest of their lives; it would also discredit them and their supporters by associating them with the kidnappings in Latin America and Canada.

There seems no doubt that Attorney General Mitchell wants very much to establish precedent in court for conspiracy convictions. Former conspiracy trials by his Skokie (Spock, Caf- fin, et al) and the Chicago II have for the most part failed to estab- lish the conspiracy concept. If the Justice Department can make the conspiracy charge stick to a na- tionally known figure such as Phil Berrigan, they will have acquired one more powerful tool to squelch domestic dissent.

Recognizing the importance of this case, the Movement is rallying a defense. A successful conspiracy conviction in the government will only drive the Movement under- ground.

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Religion. Other members include Mrs. Werner Blanchard, Mrs. Ray- mond Dix and Dr. J. Arthur Baird of the Trustees’ Religious Committee; Dr. Richard Bell and Dr. Myron Peyston of the faculty; Bob Brashear, Kathy Allen, Wally Hill, and Elaine Vautrie representing students and Ms. Dyer of the community. They report that they are presently moving forth to implement the plans previously described and welcome any and all suggestions. It is hoped that a complete program will be outlined in a month’s time.

This conference could be exhilarating for all of us from the purest skeptic to the very religious. Give it a chance, it will be worth the effort.

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