Trustful agnosticism

Moody affirms theology of trust and doubt

By J. Kieft

Wednesday's Convocation featured an introduction to Wooster's Theologian-in-Residence Howard Moody. While acting as pastor at Judson Memorial Church in New York City, Howard Moody has been actively involved with his congregation and the Greenwich Village community. He has labored as a pioneer in drug abuse and abortion counseling.

Moody's talk was entitled "An Opening Statement." The presentation was extremely frank and heartfelt, revealing the speaker's current beliefs and testimony.

Central to the presentation is the faith that all in the church have, and Moody's book on theology, he said. However, titles given people are not so important anyway. Concerning his beliefs, Moody said he thought "we need to come clean." "In seminary, we were taught in theological studies what we should believe, and for awhile most of us believed, taught and preached the things that we were supposed to believe. But time and life changed all that for me."

"There were times in my life when I talked a lot about God," stated Moody, "when age became more relevant and more silent about God, I found myself. I talked about God in ways which were really holy and sacred to me."

He explained that trust is something that can test a belief or its strength. "Trust is a way of living that outlives many beliefs." "I feel that what faith offers me is not some absolute certainty but a fighting certitude, and that certitude is that in my life and in your life that my life and your life is a great ultimate source, and for my life I am grateful and responsible to that mysterious giver of all existence."

Throughout his life Howard Moody has also exhibited a degree of radical sceptic, "I believe my life and the way I look at the world and its institutions, laws and myths is lived in the context of radical doubt." The Pastor claimed his motto to be "everything must be doubted." "Early Christians were called sch Куар, the first century because they doubted and questioned every pagan deity and every pantheon of the Greco-Roman world. I find myself becoming more and more doubtful about all the accepted beliefs of my nation, of my civilization, of my religion."

"How to doubt in this sense does not mean inability to arrive at decisions, rather it means I have to have a readiness for the critical questioning of all assumptions and all institutions that have become fixed in our contemporary world. By radical doubt we do not paralyse and negate, but we open up the future for new possibilities and options. I have found that in trying to grow and change my life that radical doubt helps me to change."

"Finally," stated Mr. Moody, "I nurtured and kept going by a tenuous and temporal hope, and continued on page four.

Murky motives in firing of union organizer?

By Richard Kielbowski

"Our timing was bad," Ted MacDonald conceded, referring to the firing of a Food Service employee, Bruce Arnold, while involved in union organizing activities. Both MacDonald, Director of Food Service, and William Snoddy, Treasurer of the College, maintain that Arnold's dismissal was not directly related to his organizing efforts.

Arnold was subsequently black-balled from holding any Food Service position. Snoddy gave two reasons for Arnold's removal and blackballing. First, "Arnold knowingly accepted a student position when not a student," Snoddy claims. He was employed as the after-hours janitor in Mom's Truck Stop.

Second, "he sought to convey to others that he was dismissed because of union activities," Snoddy denied that Arnold was fired for his organizing efforts.

At the time he was hired, September 27, 1973, Arnold was on leave of absence from the College. He still considered himself technically a student for various reasons -- he was still listed in the Directory and was able to register without reapplying for admission. Assuming that he was still a student, Arnold applied for a Food Service job. His non-student status was not raised as an issue by either Arnold or his employer at this time.

While employed, Arnold approached the Facilities Coordinator to schedule a room for a College Organizing Committee meeting, Hal Closson, Director of Lowry Center, gave permission for the use of a room, but said that the Treasurer, William Snoddy, would like to talk to him.

Snoddy said that sometime during the discussion with Closson he learned that Arnold was not enrolled in any classes Fall Quarter.

On Wednesday, October 10, Arnold received a letter from his supervisor, Richard Simonovitch, praising the quality of his work.

The next day, October 11, Arnold found a note on his time card asking him to contact Simonovitch. Arnold learned that he was dismissed when he talked to Simonovitch on October 15. Arnold was removed because he represented himself to Food Service, MacDonald said. A student is defined by Snoddy as anyone registered to take courses, paying fees to the College.

Meanwhile, the College Workers Organizing Committee was chartered by Campus Council, President, Garber Drushal, however, vetoed their charter. He claimed that it was poorly written and that workers are not allowed to organize on an employer's property.

At the beginning of Winter, Arnold attempted to determine the motives for his discharge from Food Service.
Peace of mind comes with pessimism

by Stanley Perdue

This article is directed to optimists, who think that there is hope for the world, I challenge you to prove to me that the world situation will rectify itself and follow a so-called perfect path. I challenge you to prove to me that the religious answers to the problem have been overworked and perhaps you need to eliminate them first. Your biggest problem in answering this challenge will be to determine who the optimists and the pessimists are and the best for us all. Will it be better for all to live under a system of dictators, or a representative democracy? When at last we have found the ultimate government, who or what will perpetuate this utopian state? If we decide on a police state will there be a small minority who disagree? And if there is what do we do with them—you silence them? I implore you not to take these questions so lightly. Before you leave for college you will probably ask yourself these questions. Do I go out and perpetuate this capitalistic system or do I try to change it? If you try to change it what tools do you have? Your voice and your underground newspaper (which may be read by your roommates and not by congressmen and senators), before you attempt to change the system you have to have some idea of what the system is like after you have changed it. I would suggest that for most college students a main concern would be not to burn anyone in the process, but how is that avoided? We must sometimes realize that some individuals have more insight than others. This insight may be more important to us in the future. Then insight may necessitate some violence. Violence was ready for a little violence, for a little survival?

Unpredictability is the word in human analysis. If we could predict exactly what man was going to do then we could stop murders, rapes, theft, and more, but we can do neither. We continually make appeals to the human intellect to act with human decency. What is human decency anyway? Accepting frightens me and it should frighten you. I wonder, will I be forced to live under a system that someday may be the end of me. If that is the case, then I will fight back, that is an utopian state. Perhaps a new state shall arise which eliminates all the existing states in some compatible way. I seriously doubt that this new concept will be native, but it could happen.

The foregoing thoughts are the result of a, I believe, the assumption that we are plainly biological creatures and if we have any purpose in this world we are concerned with the give to biological creatures the power to rectify their situation. This evolutionary path is leading to war and destruction. One very mysterious thing is unaccounted for in my scheme of pessimism. What drives man to search for a utopia when he has never seen one. What makes him utilize his governments, his time, his money, his relatives to look for a never before-seen-man? The core of the science of man must see something that no one man can. The sense of the collective can see over the mountain if there indeed is a mountain to be seen over.

I think it is the proper function of concerned thinkers to relegate themselves to this misanthropic view of man. You are able to explain a lot more about our torrid political system, the uncomfortable world situation. Peace of mind seems to come with pessimism.

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Wild Tales’ establish Nash as lyricist

By Jim Becker

It seems that about once a month or so either Crosby, Stills, Nash or Young releases another album. This month it was Graham Nash’s turn and he carried on the tradition of quality music from this group. His latest release is entitled, WILD TALES and contains ten songs that again prove that he is not only a good writer but also an excellent lyricist. His songs could be termed protest, but they are not the accusatory type that Dylan sang early in his career. Nash gets his message across by being subtle in his criticism of things that irk him. “Chicago” and “Immigration Man” are the two best songs in this album and he has added a couple more in his latest album, Something.

Something should be said about the musician ship on the album. It’s excellent. Nash is superb on guitar, harmonica, piano, and his vocals are more than adequate to get his lyrics out in a credible manner. He is backed up by Johnny Barbata on drums and Tim Drummond on bass. David Crosby, Dave Mason, and Joni Mitchell also make appearances.

While most of the songs have the type of sound one comes to expect from Nash, he also displays on this album a couple of new styles, “You’ll Never Be Alone” and “The Sagittarius” both of which fit the mood perfectly. “Wild Tales” is more rock and roll than Nash usually plays, but he again is the master of the situation. The rest of the album is typically Graham Nash with the best song being “And So It Goes.”

With what will surely be another hit album, the question is, is Graham Nash happy? “On The Line” talks about his relationship with Crosby, Nash and Young. He seems pretty happy about it and says that he knows they were hanging around is holding me down.

The best right now is Crosby, Nash and Young. I’m taking the calls and playing the halls.

Crosby, Nash, Young. Ted, that’s what I’m doing Nad."
'Wine and wine' - to be taken literally?

Bassette to headline first people's concert

By Bill Henley

"Good-time folk rock" singer John Bassette will be appearing in concert in the J.C. Ballroom Friday, January 25, at 8 p.m. The concert is the first of a projected series of entertainment events to be sponsored by the Wooster People's Party in an attempt to provide a supplement, or perhaps an alternative, to the regular Lowry Center entertainment program.

Bassette's music is a relatively simple folk-rock sound with some political and counter-cultural elements to the lyrics. His best known song is "Wine and Wine," heard frequently on area progressive-rock stations.

Like several more prominent rock artists and groups, Bassette professes to be dissatisfied with the mercurial "product orientation of the major commercial record producers and has formed his own record company to put out his work. Unlike them, he not only produces his own records but distributes them, intending to eliminate the "middlemen" entirely and hold prices of the records down. So far his company, Ticktock Music, has published WINE AND WINE, a "mini-album" containing the title song and three other numbers, and THIS TIME AROUND, a full-size album. The Astounding Ticktock distribution operation has not managed national distribution for the records, but they are available in northeast Ohio as well as in Chicago and Denver where Bassette formerly lived. The Wooster Community Store (record co-op), which is co-sponsoring the concert, has the records and is promoting them in conjunction with concert publicity.

The concert will feature two 40-minute sets of Bassette music, plus a rather unusual Felix the Cat cartoon wherefor according to concert promoters, "Felix organizes the cats and mice into a common front to smash the capitalist pigs." Price at the door will be 50¢; there will be no advance ticket sales.

The Wooster's Party is not taking any profit from the event, according to party member Frank Rieser and Bob Newman, but sees the concert as a good way to introduce the group's activities to people through entertainment."Better to tempt them first and give them a book to read," the party also sees the concert, as an experiment in hopes to put on, as a positive service in itself to the C.O.W., student community. According to Claito and Newman, it hopes to start a regular entertainment program to be run along different lines and supposedly better, lines than that of the Lowry Center Board— which the party organizers believe is concentrating too much on "big-name" entertainment and not enough on "middle-range" performers (one or two known popularly, but not extremely expensive) or on performers such as Bassette who are good but relatively unknown and need a start.

Of the College's hopes for a really "big Name;" act, the party promoters say they have asked what plans, if any, they had to deal with such a problem and for that information if it develops, Claito said it was expected that Wooster people might attend the event stoned, but that the same possibility belonged to virtually any event designed to appeal to a large part of the student body, "We won't have a bong of stoned outsiders—but if you're thinking in terms of the Wooster student body you've automatically got a lot of people who use pot. We wouldn't want anybody who wouldn't attract some stoned people, except maybe Lawrence Welk." He also suggested that for the most part the C.O.W.,'s heads and quasi-heads are still a little too paranoid" to actually use the periscopic weed at a public concert in the Ballroom.

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Rev. Bates to revisit COW for Westminster centennial

Westminster Church will welcome an old friend January 20 when Dr. C. John Bates makes a return visit to preside over a Forum. Dr. Bates will be the first former pastor to return for the Church's centennial year.

The Reverend C. John Bates was born in Karasawa, Japan. His parents had gone from their native Canada to the Methodist Church mission field in Japan, where they served for thirty-eight years. His father was president of West Japan University at the time World War II forced his return to Canada.

Dr. Bates' education began in Japan at the Chisholm Academy, which was continued at the University of Toronto, from which he was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree. His theological degree was received at Emmanuel College, and he was ordained a minister of the United Church of Canada. After two years in a national missions church in Horsenay, Ontario, he studied at Union Theological Seminary in New York and received his Master of Sacred Theology degree. From there he went to Harvard Presbyterian Seminary in Philadelphia, and was received into the Presbyterian ministry. His pastorate in the Presbyterian Church was at Saltzberg, Pennsylvania. From there he went to Wooster, Ohio, 1945-1953 as pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Bates also received a Doctor of Divinity degree from The College of Wooster. After six years he was called to the First Presbyterian Church of Greensville, Connecticut, where he served for fourteen years, until coming to Missionary, in 1956. He served there until 1972 when he worked for Minsapo mission for a year. He now lives in Florida.

Dr. Bates was married in 1936 to Miss Jean Hardie Welford and they have three grown children.

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CPS offers test for NEW intern program

The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare has released guidelines for the Management Intern Program. This guide covers the 9-month job assignments, supplemented by formal training courses. The program is designed to provide training in four different fields: administrative management, financial management, and program administration. Each field is divided into two degree areas are invited to apply. To be eligible for the program you must have completed the Federal Service Entrance Examination (FSEE). The test will be conducted in three phases, February 9, at 930. There is no charge for the test, but you must register in the CPS office by Friday, January 15. Further details on this program can be obtained in the CPS office.

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The VOICE would like to warn its readers about a possible source in connection with the advertisement concerning dictionaries in last week's issue of the VOICE (January 11, 1974).

Wronged by a student here, Doug Oatman of Ontario, Ont., is the editor of the Ontario Text Editions. He is a teacher and printer. Doug's address is 106 Church St. in Canton was contacted.

With numerous reports of non-quality and poor business practices, the BBB advised us to discourage the usage of this firm. We would like to apologize for any inconvenience, and a refund of the VOICE will be returned. Thank you for your cooperation.

Petie Glidden, Advertising Manager

The Rev. John L. Bates is Sunday's guest preacher.
Kenarden lounges closed by theft

By Cortune Rudman

The Kenarden Environmental Board voted to lock the lounges until the furniture was returned. (They reopened on January 13.) The EJB also placed signs throughout the building stating that furniture may be returned without penalty but that any that is discovered will subject the student responsible to appearance before the Hall Council. Hopefully these measures will prevent further "borrowings," which are in direct contradiction to the SCOTT KEY which says, "Furniture may not be stored within the public rooms or out of the student rooms, or out of the hall without permission of the Residence Hall Director."

More On: Trusting agnostic Moody

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tingent on the future coming out right." "One certainty about my life," said the speaker, "is that I'll change by the interaction of the events and people that I come up against in my life." Moody will also be speaking to various classes and conducting a four-session "mini-course" on "victimless crimes." He will be available for hours with students and evening sessions in dormitories. Dr. Nancy Lukens, chairman of the host committee, will be scheduling Rev. Moody's appearances.

A 1951 graduate from Yale Divinity School, Howard Moody is senior pastor of Judson Memorial Church in Greenwich Village, New York City. Under this leadership Judson Church has become the subject of magazine articles and national radio and television programs. This unique church has a very diverse ministry relative to the cultural life of the Village, The Judson Players' Theater has received several "Obie" awards for off-Broadway plays, and the Judson Dance Theater has won a great deal of acclaim as one of the outstanding avant-garde dance groups in the city. In addition the church has operated Judson House, a residential facility for runaway children and a mobile medical unit for servicing adolescent medical needs in the East-side Village area.

Mr. Moody has been active in civic and community affairs, He has been deeply involved in the reform movement of the Democratic Party in New York City, having served in 1969 as the President of the Village Independent Democrats, an unusual political club in Greenwich Village, in the fight to unseat the host of Tammany Hall. In 1967 Mr. Moody served as co-chairman of Democrats for Lindsay in a successful mayoral campaign. In 1969 he was elected as a delegate (McCarthists) to the National Democratic Convention in Chicago.

In addition to his political activity, Mr. Moody has been active in many social and community activities, He has been active in the fight for more humane treatment of drug addicts. He was a delegate to the 1963 White House Conference on Drug Abuse and was founder of the Village Aid and Service Center, a facility for after care and rehabilitation of the drug addict in Greenwich Village. Presently he is helping to organize a program for reeducation of the public concerning the drug problem. By liberalizing attitudes, Moody believes drug laws may be changed so as to enable us to treat drug dependence as a medical problem rather than a criminal and immoral act. He has been involved with the problem of a more liberal abortion law and was one of the founders in 1967 of the New York Clergy Coordinating Committee on Abortion, a group of ministers and rabbis offering counseling to women with "problem pregnancies." He now coordinates the National Clergy Consultation Service on Abortion which has 2500 clergy counselors in 30 states across the country.

Organizations for which Mr. Moody has recently provided leadership are: Board of Directors, New York Civil Liberties Union, President, New York Baptist City Society; Member, New York City Abortion Coalition.

Rev. Moody arrived Tuesday, January 15, to spend three weeks of campus talking to students about removing criminal sanctions from such "victimless crimes" as gambling, adultery, homosexuality, prostitution, drug addiction, and abortion. Moody can also speak with authority on a variety of topics ranging from reform politics to theater and dance in the church.
Dave Sellers

Scotties open season next Thursday

by Glenn Forbes

For the College of Wooster's women's varsity basketball teams, the opening of the season is less than a week away. They face their first test at Central State next Thursday.

The varsity squad is made up of senior Anne Baird, juniors Alpha Ayers, Andie Castell, Brenda Steene, Cindy Sprag, and Cheryl Conway, sophomores Susan Hughes and Jackie Lewis and freshmen Evelyn Campbell and Sue Rohrer.

On the JV squad there's Liz England, Carol Freshater, Lynne Hall, Lisa Holbrook, Meg Moen, Sue Monahan, Laurie Priest, Addie Sapp, Andy Steinberg, Jo Tillbury, Pat Vittum, and Nancy Wiesman.

Although the rules for girls' basketball are similar to the guys' there are some significant differences. For example, there is no over and back rule, all fouls except double fouls are shot and during the last two minutes of the game all fouls are two-shot fouls.

Another difference is that the girls' team is not a member of a conference like the guys' but rather a statewide association, the Ohio Association for Intercollegiate Sports for Women. This association holds an end-of-season tournament which this year will be held here at Wooster during the first week of March.

Coach Nan Nichols is stressing a patterned offense with goodball movement and a tight zone defense with the girls this year. The Scotties have a fine season last year and both Coach Nichols and this reporter think they are capable of having an even better one this year.

The big performer coming off the bench was junior Barry Stephens of Lima. The 6-6 center came into the game with only two points to his credit for the year and hit eight points on two field goals and four foul shots.

"Stephens did a great job," Van Wie commented. "The guy couldn't be happier."

Freshman Dave Sellers led the team in scoring for the fourth game in a row as he netted 16, Schindewolf added 14 while sophomore Tim Shetler hit 12.

The coach concluded his remarks by stating, "I think we could be coming. A lot of people gave a big effort tonight."

The statistics were fairly even, as the Scotts outshot the Student Princes from the field 30-49, 61%, to 24-58, 44%. From the foul line Wooster hit 16-27 for 70% and Heidelberg netted 19-26 for 73%.

The Fighting Scots outrebounded Heidelberg 26-33 and turnovers were all even at 13-13.

Bowlies lose to Ohio Northern and Toledo

Wooster's bowlers dropped two matches at Scott Lanes last Saturday.

In morning action, the Scott bowlers, after losing the first two games, rallied to win the third from Ohio Northern 922-794. Gary Boggs and Bill Kozane led the team with a 199 and 181 respectively. Boggs also had high Wooster series in the morning with a 506.

The afternoon session was all Toledo. Wosser Bowlers dropping all three games, Boggs again had high Wooster series with a 463.
Fighting Scots clobber Ohio Wesleyan 83-47; Calloway and Dorko star

By Ned Loughridge

The Fighting Scots made it two in a row in the Ohio Conference Wednesday night in Timken Gymnasium with a big 83-47 win over hapless Ohio Wesleyan. Completely dominating every part of the game, the Scots stormed to a 44-25 lead at the half and then coasted to the win. Every Scot player appeared in the contest with all but one hitting the scoring column.

"It was a good victory for us," stated Coach Van Wie, "in that it was hard to prepare for a team like that because, you don't know who is going to start and it is hard to get the guys up. The key to the game was the boards, tonight we dominated the boards."

The Scots stayed in the game for the first 14:30 minutes, on two fouls shots by the Bishop Deans Davis Ohio Wesleyan trailed 26-21. The rest of the half proved to be fatal for Wesleyan, however, as the Scots rattled off 18 points to only 4 for the Bishops. Leading the Wooster charge during that stretch was outstanding forward John Dorko, who hit three field goals.

The second half saw the Dutchman empty his bench and the Scots outscored Wesleyan 29-21. Junior Gene Schindewolf dominated the boards and junior Calloway complemented this effort with a team that after a 50-43 win over Ohio Wesleyan owns a 7-4 mark for the season. The loss was to Kent State Stark branch, and the freshman Scots will be out to avenge that loss tomorrow night in Timken Gymnasium as the Cohran triple.

States Coach Van Wie, "we have one of the best freshman teams around."

leading the team in the second half, Shindewolf ended the game with 14 rebounds and Calloway, 16 points, both high for the game.

Van Wie complimented both Calloway and Dorko for their performances, "I thought Calloway was the outstanding player on the floor. He came off the bench and really gave us a spark. John has been playing good ball and is getting better all the time."

The Scots played a good defense, limiting the Bishops to 47 points. This had been a concern of the Dutchman's in the last few games. We started out the season twenty calls close enough to be called from the press-box and each resulted in a delay of 30 seconds, that would add up to a grand total of 2 minutes delay in a three-hour game. It seems that with the amount of money and prestige riding on professional football games the delay could be suffered for the sake of good ball.

Yet the disturbing thing is not the bad calls, it is that Pete Rozelle has the arrogance to give such a flimsy excuse and expect the fans to buy it. This arrogance is no twofold phenomenon. In fact, there's a guy living on Penn-Navy's Avenue who has been manifesting that kind of arrogance regularly.

I don't think we can tolerate this anywhere, especially not in sports. When what is important to followers of sports is no longer important to sports institutions, we've got trouble.

Grapplers defeat Oberlin 39-11 in home meet

The Fighting Scot wrestlers handed Oberlin a 39-11 defeat at Timken gymnasium last Saturday. Wooster's men were aided by four forfeits from Oberlin in the 114, 120, 126 and 197 pound classes. In other classes, Chuck Snyder pinned Tom Evans in the 142 pound class; Dick Herbert (346) and Jim Rastetter (142) won decisions.

The team then returns home Tuesday night to meet the Yellow Jackets of Baldwin-Wallace. Deserving particular mention is the Fighting Scot freshman

Sport and society

by Glenn Forbes

As I was watching the Sunday afternoon massacre (otherwise known as Super Bowl VIII), I noticed for the first time, something not in any book I had read or mortar program. I noticed that the press box was being treated like it should be every minute of the game. What had happened was that the media had stopped being the 'tired press' and was now becoming a reality.

The idea of having an official in the press-box is not new and it is not new, it has been suggested by many sportswriters and fans but the League has not even experimented with it. Why? Maybe because it's too simple, I don't know; but, as a fan I think I have a right to know.

The National Football League, like many other institutions, seems to have a real capacity to resist change called for by its supporters (in this case, the fans). The League hierarchy seems to have an attitude something like this: "Those fans! Who do they think they are, anyway?"

Which is what it took to get the blackout law changed so that fans could see their home team play even if they weren't rich enough or influential enough to hold the Instant replay. This seems to me to be a reasonable argument, and yet the League should have a good reason for choosing to keep officials out of the press-box.

Enter Pete Rozelle, czar of professional football; his reason: It would delay the game too much, That's weak. Suppose there were