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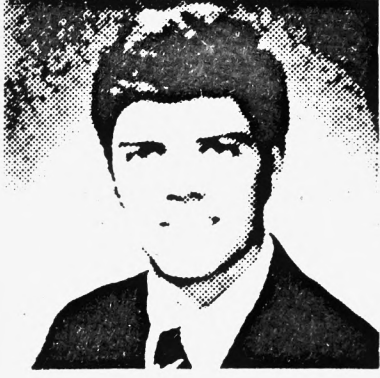
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ASG Officers Relate Duties



JIM VIDITO
ASG PRESIDENT

Student government offers many benefits to the student who wants to get busy with learning. It even offers many benefits to the uninvolved, for what happens in student government many times sets the mood and tone of the campus atmosphere.

Here on Olivet's campus there is much room for involvement. In fact, sometimes students find themselves majoring in the extra-curricular, and accomplishing very little in their college careers.

If you desire, you can involve yourself in Student Council, Class Council, President's Cabinet, intramurals, clubs, and many other organizations. The important thing to remember is that one person can only do so much. You can only spread yourself so far.

If it is status you are after, you might obtain it, but anyone who uses others as rungs in his social-climbing ladder will eventually be exposed as an opportunist. If you are seeking personal development, then you can find opportunities for further practical education through involvement. If you are the kind that wants to develop his talents and at the same time serve others, then you are the kind of person needed in

student government. We all know that the best way to live is to help and love those around us.

There are some catches in getting involved. You must learn what your limits of work are. You must learn to put the most important jobs first, then work to your full potential.

Please don't get the idea that once you get involved you become indispensable, for you will soon be disappointed. You may be the most qualified, but someone else can take your place. The best way to be effective is to work with confidence but not without humility.

Quality is the key to involvement. Do one project at a time or at least give the most important task of the moment your total attention.

The ultimate goal? Being a well-rounded person who is centered in Christ. The reward? Only the person who gives himself completely to a task knows the reward.

LIDONNA PETERSON
ASG SECRETARY

The position of Associated Student Government Secretary entails a number of different responsibilities. The main responsibility is performing any duty assigned by the ASG President. Typing correspondence and notices and filing received correspondence and all documents concerning Student Government are among the major tasks. Other significant jobs are keeping written accounts of all Student Council meetings and communicating the proceeds of these meetings to the student body. These minutes contain all business reports and motions of each meeting. Also, it is my duty to announce forthcoming meetings, and to type and distribute agendas containing the order of business. Hopefully, these posted agendas will interest students in Student Council meetings.

The office machines are available to all secretaries of clubs and organizations for typing and duplicating any materials. Any assistance in operating these machines will be given.

The fulfillment of these responsibilities is my chief aim. Any suggestions regarding possibilities of greater service to Student Government or increased efficiency are welcome.

Glimmerglass Tells Policy

The Glimmerglass is the official student publication of Olivet Nazarene College, and is meant to provide a journalistic voice for the Olivet student body. Any articles submitted to the paper must be logical, factual, and in good taste. The editor reserves the right to advise on articles submitted, and to reject material considered unsuitable. The opinions expressed in Glimmerglass are those of the writers and are not to be interpreted as opinions of the Administration or Associated Students of Olivet Nazarene College. Letters may be addressed to: Glimmerglass, box 24, Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill., 60901.

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now being accepted (a euphemism for desperately needed) by the editors of your school's newspaper. If you think you can help, inquire at the Glimmerglass office. If you're too chicken, or if no one's there, inquire by phone (5336), or by mail(box 24). We are not looking especially for talented people. We are searching for people with an insatiable appetite for work.

Seniors Must File Intent To Graduate

"Candidates for degrees are required to file their intentions to graduate on forms provided by the Registrar's office not later than the September preceding the graduation." This statement taken from Olivet's catalog, is a reminder for all seniors who intend to graduate in either December '71, May '72 or August '72. Seniors must fill out the forms from the Registrar's office to show that they will be able to fulfill graduation requirements by the time they expect to graduate.

Registrar S. David Beeman states that seniors must make sure that first of all they have declared their major (a procedure that should have been taken care of in their junior year). Then, in the first few weeks of school this year, candidates for degrees should come in to file their intention to graduate. This procedure is to insure that no senior comes up to graduation time without having fulfilled all of the graduation requirements.

RONDA RICE VICE PRESIDENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS

What can Olivet's social activities do for you? Actually the answers to this question are rather obvious since the circle of friends and circumstances you operate within during college so definitely guide the development of your future, and yet I would like you to consider specifically how your social life can be the most meaningful in your growth as a college student.

This sounds terribly serious I realize to be concerned with "fun" times, and yet, don't we enjoy most what we feel to be the most worthwhile? What I'm getting at is that if social activities are worth having, they are worth working for. Usually, we receive back just about as much as we put into something, so to enjoy activities the most, you will need to contribute a portion of your time and talent. I think you'll find that this can be a real opportunity of service to other people, and the adage of giving being more blessed

than receiving has never applied more than on our campus today.

It is social committee's responsibility to provide worthwhile activities, and to make these most relevant to each of you, we need your participation. We are now finalizing our plans for the semester, and we solicit your suggestions, ideas, and requests. For the freshmen these can be voiced to the five freshmen social committee members whom you will elect next week, but you are invited to air your views in the social committee office at anytime. We also request your presence at any all-school committee meetings, which will be each Monday at 6:15 p.m. in the faculty lounge, or class meetings every other Tuesday at 6:30.

Whether you run for a position on the freshman committee and give of yourself in the planning of our social events, or provide your support as an enthusiastic participant at the activity, the success of our social life in '71-'72 can only be as great as your involvement makes it.

Spiritual Outreach Assists People In Need of Help

by Ron Moore

Spiritual Outreach has one primary goal—to involve students in extracurricular spiritual activities. These activities usually involve travelling to churches and other institutions—hospitals, jails, rest homes, orphanages. All these areas of need for spiritual help are given various degrees of emphasis by the different programs in Spiritual Outreach, and their method of operations also involve differences.

S.C.O.P.E. means Students concerned over people everywhere—involves week night participations. It is intended to provide an avenue of extra service for those students who have their own church for Sunday morning, but wish to help others during the week. Scope, remembering always the injunction to service implicit in Jesus' statement "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these," perform a variety of useful services to people who need help; they assist in feeding hospital patients, tutor deprived children, and provide a pal for the juvenile at the Illinois Youth Commission, and always spread the spirit of God's service. Evangelists take their opportunity for service on Sunday afternoons. They find expression for their belief principally in preaching and

teaching the Word of God.

Another Spiritual Outreach Program that emphasizes close-to-campus ministry is SOC—Servants of Christ. The members of this program find an opportunity for service in helping the home mission churches and small churches within approximately fifty miles of the campus. Since many of these churches can number only their pastor as a true worker, SOC helps fill the gap by providing singers, song leaders, ushers, and Sunday School teachers.

A program emphasizing travelling teams is Gospel Crusaders. The Crusaders hold every service on a weekend in their assigned church. The Crusaders do not generally serve as assistants to the pastor, but take the main responsibility for the revival-atmosphere services, providing preachers, singers, teachers, etc.

Lay Witness is a program for those Christian students who feel out of place trying to help in a church service, but more at home helping a pastor in his calling program. The usual weekend of service is composed of a Saturday calling and canvassing campaign, then providing Sunday assistance in the form of teaching Sunday (cont'd. on page 3)

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Editorial

What Makes Olivet So Special?

Welcome, freshmen and transfer students. Welcome back, veterans.

As the newcomers are no doubt already realizing, Olivet is not an ordinary institution of higher learning. As a small college, it cannot be considered too outstanding academically; it has a good faculty-student ratio, good depth in most of its departments, a very good science building, and now a better nursing program. There are perhaps other schools of similar size which have more extensive curricula, larger faculties, better facilities, less crowded dorms, more recreational possibilities, etc. On the more personal level, some other schools of similar size offer fewer restrictions on dress and behavior, and more freedom of personal conduct.

This sounds pretty negative. Considering these facts, what makes Olivet so special? What is the extraordinary value of attending Olivet Nazarene College?

Primarily, one thing. However sketchily followed and unevenly pursued, the college is built on the ideal of "Education with a Christian Purpose."

Okay, I know that turns a lot of people off. But consider the difference such a motto makes, and look at the ramifications of the question objectively.

If Christianity is based on the truth—the question is not what the world thinks about it, or what your opinion of the church is, or how often you've known people who called themselves Christians who would do things you'd never do, or any other of the myriad excuses and rationalizations people use to disguise the hard objective question—if Christianity is true, then is there anything more vitally important to humanity in the entire world? No. If the Christian belief is true—and I am firmly convinced that it is—then we have here the most seriously important thing in the world. For in spite of the hypocrisy of some believers, the weak spirit on the part of some churches, the dogmatism and rigidity of some pastors, Christianity remains true. Truth does not become less real because some people misuse it or misunderstand it. And the truth of Christianity is that men no longer need be their old selves, the lost, blind, hate-filled selves with which they have been cursed since their birth. They can become, through the real life possible in God, clear-sighted, understanding loving people with a goal and a guide.

Does all this affect you? It should. In spite of all the uproar and emphasis on external problems, the most relentless enemy to mankind's happiness, and the real cause of all the more openly threatening dangers, is his fallen, lost self. We may become indignant about the world situation, carry a placard in a demonstration for racial equality, join the Peace Corps—but why is so much emphasis placed and energy expended on remedying the external, while almost nothing is done to attack the source of the problem?

Mankind cannot better itself through its own efforts. It takes the greater strength, wisdom, and help of an infinitely wise, strong, and eternal God to give aid to a wandering, stricken humanity. And His method is not concerned with external improvements only, but really makes man better from the inside.

This is Olivet's primary purpose and greatest service to the student. Many other institutions offer merely education. Olivet offers education within the context of Christianity. If some students accept only the opportunity of an education and neglect all else that Olivet has to offer, is it any wonder they feel cheated? GT

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CFC Goal: Christian Maturity

by Dave Wine

What is Collegians for Christ? CFC is a student-centered fellowship designed to help you reach your highest goal: Christian maturity. CFC is a folk-sing in the quad, a Bible study, a discussion, meditation, conversational prayer, or an old-fashioned bull session. It meets from 6:07 to 6:37 p.m. in Reed Lecture Hall on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. While we learn to live and grow, we learn to turn to the Bible for the answers to our problems. Collegians learn to depend on Jesus Christ as the source of help and hope and guidance.

What is CFC like? Sophomore Nanci Anthony says, "At Collegians for Christ last year I felt a spirit like I never felt before. Being a new Christian, I wanted desperately to find some friends who were really enthused for Christ. That's exactly what I found at CFC—college students really excited and who believed that Jesus Christ could change a life and give it meaning. I wasn't able to attend CFC every night, but every night I did attend, I was never sorry. There was always something new and different because the spirit of God was in each meeting. CFC showed me that Jesus Christ is the WAY, the TRUTH, and the source of real LIFE here on earth.

"To me," says Dorcas Ross,

"CFC was the highlight of my day. Many times after a hard day I found refreshment for my soul. The programs seemed to fit my needs and I never failed to receive some new understanding or new encouragement."

According to Bob Bray, a senior, "Collegians for Christ possessed an atmosphere of Christian love in which my faith was both encouraged and challenged."

The last edition of the Student Handbook states that Collegians for Christ "is probably one of the most important organizations on campus." It is, in fact, the oldest student organization of Olivet Nazarene College excluding the Student Council.

What is the history of Collegians for Christ? When Olivet first moved its campus to Kankakee in 1940 the Bear Brand Club was spontaneously formed. Its members worked evenings at the Bear Brand Hosiery factory in Kankakee. The factory was the primary employing firm of ONC students during the early 1940's. They met in an impromptu fashion at 11:15 p.m. in the Burke Administration Building since they could not attend the regular Wednesday night prayer services at College Church. The first sponsor of the group was Dr. J. F. Leist. At the close of World War II the Bear Brand Club changed

its time to 6:00 p.m. and its name to Prayer Band. In 1951 the Kelley Prayer Chapel was named after the former President of the College, Seldon D. Kelley, who died while in office in 1949. The Student Prayer Band continued to provide a spiritual impact on our campus under the leadership of Professor R. L. Lunsford. The name, Collegians for Christ, was adopted only last year under the leadership of Dave Wine and the CFC Council.

This year Dave Wine is returning as president. The Executive Council is composed of Music Director Reid Krom, Vice President Daryl Johnson, Treasurer John Shaum, and Publicity Manager Jim Myers.

The uniqueness of CFC lies in the fellowship of sharing and learning of our Christ. "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin." (I John 1:7) Dr. E. Stanley Jones says, "Christian maturity is based on fellowship—fellowship with God, fellowship with 'one another,' and fellowship with one's self. It is based on fellowship."

Collegians for Christ is a "come as you are" kind of group. There are no entrance requirements, no tests to pass. If you are a student at Olivet, you're IN.

My Letter To the World

'Let's Get Outside Ourselves'

Dear World,

The name for this column is from a poem by Emily Dickinson that oddly enough starts like this: "this is my letter to the world/ that never wrote to me..."

This column is an attempt at answering a letter never received. Throughout the year this column will take on many different faces. It may be a commentary on campus happenings, national events, or anything else that comes to my mind when I sit down to write.

Perhaps you will agree with me, or maybe you won't, but I would ask that you make some judgement on what I say rather than being apathetic. Ideally, I want this column to be like the singing and writing of Bob Dylan: you either like it or hate it—but a neutral response is very seldom given.

A popular concept today is that we live in a very cold and unfeeling world, and that the other guy is cold and cruel (but not me). The other guy is insensitive to the needs of people (but not me). The other guy is sheltered and narrow-minded (but not me). The other guy is a lousy bigot (but not me). I know that I called that black man a "nigger" and that Mexican a "spic" but everyone knows I was only kidding. Sound familiar? It does to me. It is attitudes such as

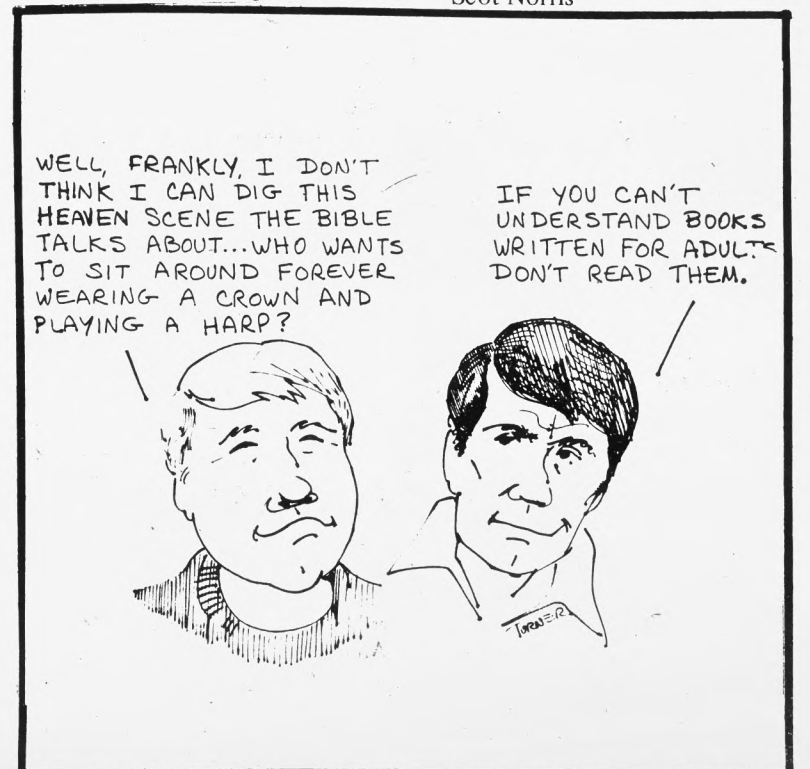
these that make this world cold and unfeeling. Our selfish actions do nothing to help solve the problem. They only add to it. This cold unfeeling world won't change unless you and I change. Until we start to really care and put actions to our feelings, things are going to go on as they have.

As important as caring is, however, there is more. It is not enough to feel sorry for the foreign student who is having trouble with English. A positive step is needed to see that he gets the help

he needs. Until we get out of our petty little worlds and try to help others, this harsh, selfish world will never change. As St. Francis of Assisi said, "It is in giving that we receive..." Until we reach the point that we are willing to give so that others may prosper, we will be of very little good to anyone but ourselves.

So until I again answer another unwritten letter, let's get outside ourselves and do something for somebody.

For what it's worth,
Scot Norris



THE QUESTION OF GOD

by Dena Sayes

When you consider
this world
with all its beauty.

Then you think
of all the hate,
And wonder
does God exist?
How could He let men die?
How could He let men kill?
How could He send His Son
to this old world

To spread a little love,
to say God cares?
How could He let him die
for people
such as us?

Was it really God's fault?
Did we listen when he said,

"Love your neighbor as yourself"
We must work together
with God
with mankind
To make our dirty, dull old world
better.

ONC Tourists Find England Experience 'Rewarding,' 'Fun'

by Debbie Tharp

Tea five times a day. Double-decker buses. Unattended prams lining the streets. Nazarene ministers in clerical collars. Westminster Abbey. Waitresses that say "Thank you" as they serve you. Running for trains. Lovely people. T.V.cameras waiting for the appearance of the monster at Loch Ness. Beautiful hymns. Fish and chips served in a newspaper for nine pence. Warm cokes. Clean rivers. Rose gardens in every yard. Sound interesting? These are only a few impressions of the Nazarene "Study in Britain" tour.

John F. Kennedy airport, New York City, was the setting for an excited group this past summer. Nineteen Nazarene College students and two professors gathered there on June 22 to catch the 7:30 BOAC flight to Scotland. The group numbered eight students from Olivet, six from Mount Vernon, two from Pasadena, two from Trevecca, and one from Mid-America. Olivet's Mrs. Jorden was one of the travelling professors, along with Rev. John Nielsen from Mount Vernon.

It was a thrill to fly at night for seven hours. The sunset was beautiful. We realized more deeply then that "The world is charged with the grandeur of God." This quote from the English priest-poet Gerard Manley Hopkins became even more meaningful in the following five weeks of tour.

The group landed early the morning of June 23 at Prestwick Airport, Scotland. Here, we immediately changed our dollars and cents to pounds and pence. We were promptly greeted by our coachman, Walter, who escorted us to a blue tourist bus with huge windows. We learned that Walter was to be our guide for five days in Scotland. We soon became

very fond of this warm, loyal Scot who shared with us a wealth of knowledge of his country. Every day was a combined lesson on Scottish history, literature, and geography. Walter's grand tour of Scotland included Burns country, Sir Walter Scott's country, Edinburgh castle, St. Giles Cathedral, the home of John Knox, the famous Scottish Highlands, Loch Ness, the Trossachs, Loch Lomond, and Glasgow.

We arrived at British Isles Nazarene College on June 28. This was our home for four weeks. The College is small, but very lovely and quaint. It was formerly the house of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes. The College staff was marvelous to us. We learned to appreciate Dr. Ford, the President, Miss Roberts, the typical English cook, and the new Deans, Bill and Lois Roland.

Mrs. Jorden's literature class came alive with new interest after we had visited the places we were studying. Literature class was followed by Prof. Nielson's Wesleyan Class, and both classes were

greatly enhanced by the English setting.

We traveled much on the British Rail. Before leaving the States we purchased a pass that entitled the bearer to 15 days of unlimited travel for \$35.00. We used over \$100.00 worth of travel. Our first trip was to Stratford where we visited Shakespeare historical spots and saw "Much Ado About Nothing" that evening. The trip to London was a highlight. We spent two nights in English Nazarene homes. The families were cordial in every way. The pastor of the church there was our guide through London. In Canterbury we visited the Cathedral where Beckett was martyred. Other interesting trips were to the Lake Country, Oxford, Stoke-On-Trent, York, Bristol and Epworth.

The trip was very rewarding. It was a great learning experience, mingled with fun and five hours credit. Around Spring time I'm sure many of us will share Robert Browning's sentiments when he said, "Oh to be in England now that April's there".

SP. OUTREACH (Cont'd)

School classes, singing, etc. The principal aim of Lay Witness is to help the young church gain a foothold in its community.

MIT is the acronym for Missionary Involvement Teams. This program of Spiritual Outreach has a threefold purpose: to acquaint the church with missionary work, to emphasize teen commitment to Christian service, and to help each individual gain experience in church work. Usually the team captain is a veteran of Student Mission Corps or the son or daughter of a missionary, but the team members need not necessarily be future mis-

sionaries. MIT needs people who can speak, do field work (calling), sing, or do any useful service to the church.

In the entire Spiritual Outreach program, there are no restrictions on programs concerning age of participants. All are invited to select that area of outreach which appeals to them most. To quote Ron Moore, Vice President in charge of the Spiritual Outreach, "People that love the Lord and express that love through service to others."

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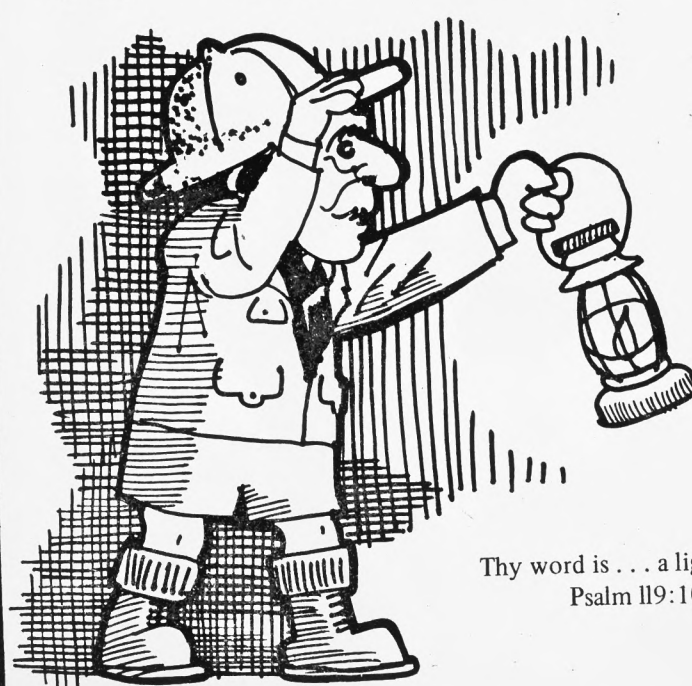
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ONC: Love It And Help Improve It

by Scot Norris

Have you ever seen one of those bumper stickers that say, "America, Love It or Leave It"? They really bother me. I feel that it is more important to work toward improving conditions through involvement, than to adopt such a rigid attitude toward dissenters. Similarly, to those who criticize Olivet's "inferior social life, irrelevant chapel services and the do-nothing student council" I would not say "Olivet, Love It or Leave It" but would instead urge them to work on these problems. It is difficult to criticize a party that you helped plan or a newspaper that you have helped send to press.

If you are unsure how to go about getting into things, here are some suggestions. Social Committee, under the direction of Ronda Rice, is looking forward to a good year but it is in need of help. All freshmen interested in helping plan the social calendar for the upcoming year should contact Ronda in her office. Upperclassmen are also urged to offer their help. I can assure you that you will not be turned away.

Jim Vidito, president of the Associated Students, has the responsibility of filling vacancies in several standing committees. If you are interested in the possibility of working on one of these committees fill out one of the questionnaires now available in the Associated Students office. It will enable the Student Council to fulfill their plans for greater involvement in student government. If you don't like committee work, talk to an ASG officer—there are many other opportunities for service.

If your interest lie primarily

WRA Libbers Plan Party

As Women's Lib storms our country, ONC's own women, through W.R.A., are marching forward for an exciting new year. Plans are underway for unique fall activities including the "Big-Li'l Sis" party to be held Friday, September 10, at 8:00 p.m. in Ludwig Center. The theme for the evening centers around the English setting of "Oliver" and "My Fair Lady." All women residents, especially freshmen, are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to "consider yourself part of the family..."

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along the spiritual line, Olivet provides a wide range of programs that will satisfy your need to help others. Spiritual Outreach is a good example of this. It is an opportunity to project yourself—to come out of yourself and make contact with those in need of spiritual strength. Ron Moore, vice president of Spiritual Outreach, has planned a recruiting day in the near future for anyone who is interested. Another program with spiritual emphasis, Collegians for Christ, offers a day-to-day help for Christian living. It meets weekday evenings and is open to everyone.

Photographers, lay-out people, and copywriters are needed to work on the Aurora. Previous experience is preferred but not required.

Garnest Turner is the editor of the school newspaper, the Glimmerglass. Writers, typists, cartoonists, proofreaders and photographers are needed. If you have any of these abilities, contact Garnest in the Glimmerglass office.

The only way to have a good school year is to become involved.

It's easy to remain critical and uninvolved. It's cowardly to stay aloof and snipe at others' attempts. It's much more rewarding to find a place where you can help, to devote some time, planning, and effort to a group project to experience that great feeling of a team achievement.

by Garn Turner

One of the dominant concerns of Americans today is the rapidly deteriorating quality of their environment due to careless industry inefficient automobiles, and unthinking expenditure of irreplaceable natural resources. I believe it is the responsibility of every sensible person to take some part in the campaign to clean up the environment and also to clear up the poor thinking and uncaring attitudes which are responsible for the present multiple crises. One does not need to bomb industrial polluters, assassinate the President of General Motors, or wire dynamite to the ignition of cars with heavy exhaust. But there are a few things an individual can do which don't take much time—or incur much risk—but may have some effect on people's attitudes and actions. Basic to this concept of individual involvement is the belief that all people interested in preserving the environment must be cognizant of the false information being circulated. For example, advertising for lead-free gasoline, various industrial clean-up campaigns, and also for some of the new "ecology" non-phosphate laundry products is sometimes not only misleading, but patently false. To compound the problem, there are plans now quietly in the works that could cause further deterioration of the country's environment. Did you

Ecology Corner

know:

Henry Reuss, representative from Wisconsin, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. He has recently introduced a measure intended to remove funds for the channelization program from the USDA appropriations.

Industrial grapevine reports indicate Mitsubishi, one of Japan's The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service has been working at a program of "stream channelization." This channelization is accomplished by clearing all vegetation from the banks back 100 feet and trenching the stream bottoms. Ostensibly for the purpose of flood control, these broad channels may make downstream flooding worse. Silting and erosion of the bare banks is also a serious problem—not to mention the fact that by this process many naturally beautiful streams are transformed into wide

ugly ditches. More information on this problem can probably be obtained upon request from Rep. leading manufacturers, is nearly ready to market an internal combustion engine which burns hydrogen. Its principal—perhaps only—emission will be water vapor. A similar engine, designed by an American inventor, was turned down completely by Detroit auto companies, despite the fact that it would make production of a cheaper, cleaner car possible.

If you want to sponsor a can clean-up program to clear the landscape of thrown-away aluminum cans, you can show a profit. Write to Aluminum Association, 750 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y., 10017, for a nationwide directory of aluminum recycling centers, plus a listing of prices paid for cans, and other useful information.



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Student Accepts Challenge To Help Overseas Churches

by Mary Schramm

As a student at Olivet, I have had several unique opportunities. The most enriching among these varied experiences was my past summer spent in the home of a German family in Frankfurt-am-Main, West Germany.

In a sense, I was a volunteer as I traveled to Frankfurt, with the intention of helping in the Church of the Nazarene there. Although the arrangements for this trip were made on a personal level, the motivating force behind my decision to go was the challenge I had heard while on campus.

It was during my Junior year that I attended an N.Y.P.S. program at College Church entitled "Mission Opportunities in Europe." Miss Hilka Malaska presented an idea which I took personally, and began to investigate.

Encouraged by Prof. Lilienthal, and having considered my preparation in the German language, I wrote a letter to Pastor Zanner, District Superintendent of West Germany. After receiving his reply, I wrote several other letters to three pastors on his district. Rev. Quiram, the pastor in Frankfurt, responded with an invitation from a German family to come and stay with them for the summer.

Having taken this initial "leap of faith," I prayed and made further preparations, including the arrangements for a passport and flight ticket. At the end of May, I boarded an Icelandic jet which took me to Luxembourg. While riding the bus from Luxembourg to Frankfurt, I realized that I didn't know exactly what the next two months would bring. The taxi ride from the city of Frankfurt to the suburb of Bonames was a bit traumatic. I was all alone with a German taxi-cab driver, going to a place I had never seen before, to live with people I didn't even know! My fears were unnecessary, however, for God had prepared the way, and Frau Grasberger demonstrated an immediate warmth and friendliness.

Arriving on this rainy evening, I began two of the most interesting months of my life. The experiences I had while in Germany were varied in nature. My primary concern was how to be useful in the Church. In reality, I did a little bit of everything, from singing to cleaning. One unique experience occurred on the 4th of July when I spoke in German to the congregation about the revival we had at ONC. God really assisted that evening!

As a part of the Grasberger

family, I was confronted daily with the German culture and language. Since the family spoke no English, my vocabulary and fluency increased every day. Submerged in the culture, I ate German food, slept in a typical German feather bed and watched German T.V. (usually a translated American program—even Tarzan!).

In addition to seeing several famous places—Heidelberg, the Lorelei, and the Cathedral in Strasbourg, France, I experienced situations which most tourists would not have had the opportunity to enjoy. On one occasion I attended classes at the University of Frankfurt accompanied by two girls who were studying medicine.

More important to me than new places, however, were the many new people whom I met and talked with. The bonds of Christian love drew me into close fellowship with the young and old alike. It was difficult to say "Aufwiedersehen". Individually, some of the people gave me small gifts, hoping that I wouldn't forget them. They needn't have worried, for the time I spent in Germany will never be forgotten. The lives I met there have become a part of my life, and in return, a part of my life remains with them.

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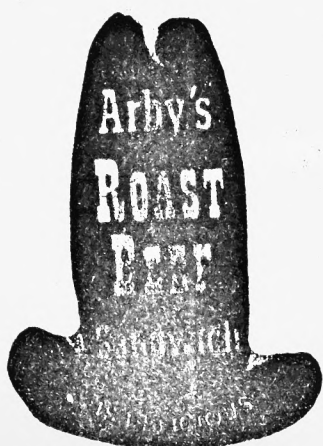
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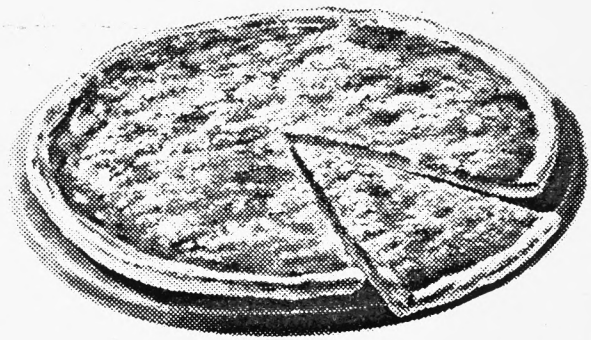
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