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Reporter

TEN CANDIDATES REGISTER

C C DANCE

The College Council will sponsor a dance May 1st, at the Willow Hill Community Room from 9 to 12.

It will be a "dress-up" dance with Milberg supplying the records. Students and guests are invited to attend. No admission will be charged.

TENNIS POSSIBLY POST PORED

The recent attempt to form a tennis team here at N M. C has been put off until next year because of lack of funds and a tennis coach.

Prof. Nick Rajkovich, Athletic Director, states recently that although 8 students turned out for the team, it will be necessary to postpone it until next year.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FOR APRIL 23, 1953

Bright: Opened meeting-asked for business. Hobland: Distribution of money and requirements for election. Graham: No one be allowed on Ballot with out a C average. Election moved to April 29 instead of April 27. Discussed change in election. Election Committee no objection. Voting will be on the Proportional Representation system. All faculty members' names placed on ballot. 14 Signatures required on a petition to place a student
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Rajkovich, Hancock, Cook Elections Commission

Election Commission's Joanne Cook Eldon Hancock, and Nick Rajkovich have certified the following as candidates for tomorrow's College Council election.

Barbara Boomer, Janet Earl, Kathy Grielick, Tom Henretty, Louis Hoegy, Wayne Lawton, Marge Mattingly, Bill Miller, Don Shea, Dee Tousley.

The polls will be open from 8A.M. to 4P.M. Balloting will be according to the Buklin method of Proportional Representation. Under this method the voter indicates the order of his choice, "1st", "2nd," "3rd," etc. opposite the name of each candidate.

The voter may indicate only a first choice, or he may indicate his order of preference for any number of names on the list. Second-year students are warned that this differs from the system used last year.

Tomorrows ballot should be filled out according to order of choice.

Points are not to be indicated as was the practice last year.

FRENCH CLUB SPONSORS MOVIE

On May 19-21, the French Club will to Elk Rapids, the "Beauty and the Beast." According to prof. Sherman the French film is in black and white, suspense, with color sequence. Tickets for the picture will sell by the Club for \$.50. It is the first commercial showing in Michigan.

EDITOR.....Dick Graham
 ASSOC. EDITORS.....Carol Poyner
 Marge Mattingly
 STAFF: Alex Galligan, Joanne Roman,
 Joanne Cook, Betty Low Larson, Betty
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 nie, Carole Case, Marianne Knoth, Mary
 Westbrook, Barbara Boomer, Bette Suman,
 FACULTY ADVISOR.....Ellis Wunsch

AN OPEN LETTER TO H.R. "DICK" GRAHAM

Remarkable, Dick, Really remarkable. Willaim Randolph Hearst would glow, Lait and Mortimer will no doubt approach you with a junior partnership. Your burlesqued expose reflects what they stand for, the ultimate in cheap, sensationalistic journalism. It is the pathetic attempt of a "nouveau literateur" to destroy symbolically a situation that frustrates him. A less articulate person would have gone out behind the boathouse and kicked over the garbage can, but you are above this. You have attained the verbal level, although obviously it is the nethermost level.

ELECT ON PRINCIPLE

There appears on page one a list of College Council candidates. It is there so that you, as voters, will be able to select with forethought and contemplation. In the interests of good government, the Reporter staff believes that the qualifications of each candidate should be carefully considered. The choice should depend not on popularity, but on such factors as the candidate's willingness to attend Council meetings, to be active in college affairs, and his ability and intelligence.

The staff feels it is important to consider ISSUES in selecting candidates, for good government is based on principles, not personalities.

It shocked me that you would reject decency, ethics, and a willingness to abide by majority rule to pamper your wounded ego. Your crude, vulgar, and libelous attack on Mr. Bright, your innuendoes regarding members of the faculty, and your extreme lack of discretion in the use of an official publication to project your own petty insinuations denotes a flagrant abuse of responsibility.

In reading this letter you may have gotten the mistaken idea that I think the foundations of your editorial were sunk in a compost heap. This is an honest mistake and I am glad that you made

Respectfully,
 Signed: Dave Vermetten

Reply to the readers of the Reporter.

The editorial in the Reporter yesterday was the work of the person who signed it, and does not necessarily reflect the views of the rest of the Staff.

The Reporter's prestige should not accompany a signed article if the writer wishes to express views not in total agreement with policy. In this case the editorial writer did not intend that his article be construed as official.

Unfortunately, some of the readers took it as such.

The term "press" allegedly slipped by the 1:00 A.M. copy-reading session. Likewise, the half-paragraph beginning "Incidentally, etc..."

The writer is disturbed that an

alleged "insinuation of intrigue" involved an innocent party, Nich Rajkovich. He was present in the capacity of election commissioner.

The readers of the recent editorial construed it to be an attack on an individual and not on a principle.

The principle is that a councilman should be first a councilman and secondly a member of other college organizations.

I sincerely admit that in the heat of the moment I too closely associated the actions of Bill Bright with the violation of what I believe a sound principle.

My commentary was unwarrantedly personal.

by D.G.

"The new Editor"
By A Disgusted Student

What a lousy rat that character is for writing and printing such rubbish in yesterday's paper. (I can't stand to look at his name) He had no right to say anything about anyone, let alone Bill Bright. If I had been Bill I would have punched his nose for that dirty stunt. We can't have fools around this college like he is. He ought to be kicked out. But not until he is impeached from the student council. Jerks like him are no-goods. He should have his position on the Reporter taken away. He never did do a good job anyway. I know Marge Mattingly could do better than he does. She would get some sports in. The way he was disrespectful to the teachers was awful. I'd club him with a bat if he said those things about me. Somebody told me he had a scholarship but after today they should take it away from him.

The editors of the Reporter feel that only signed letters and identified editorials should be published. Unidentified editorials may be published only if they generally represent the views of the Reporter staff.

The above letter is an exception to this rule. The editors, however, feel that any and all opinion must be aired until a more definite policy is set and is generally understood by the Reporter's reading public.

The editors hope that an open meeting of the College Council, the publications staffs, and the college public will be scheduled within the next few weeks. This would be an opportunity to discuss, clarify, and, if necessary, legislate a definite policy covering the role of the Reporter.

his judgement and his Defeat. This latter point in the editorial was, I believe, irrelevant and disgraceful.

Mr. Editor, above all I question the right of the editor to call his opinions and his personal feelings the opinions and feelings of "this press." If we are looking
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Editor:

I ask you today about Democracy, the Democracy and all its freedoms that I believe is instilled in the hearts and minds of every student and faculty member at N. M. C. And in particular I feel compelled to ask you about one of the main freedoms of a democratic system, that freedom being freedom of the press. Dear Mr. Editor, just what does this freedom mean? What rights does it entail? I can only answer my own question by relating the things that I believe about this precious freedom. Perhaps I am alone in my opinions, but alone or not, I feel compelled to tell you of them.

I guess there's no getting around it I have written this to question the right of the N. M. C. Reporter, and in particular its editor to print the editorial of last issue that has caused a great deal of comment around this campus. I realize that the purpose of an editorial is to provide an outlet for personal opinion, but I definitely question the right for such an article, so slanted and so opinionated to be printed.

In a place as small and close as our N. M. C., it is only natural that the students will know a great deal about each other and if they feel personal dislike toward each other, the unfriendliness will definitely be noticed and felt by the other students. I believe that opinionated editorials have their place, N.M.C. not being one of them. In a larger newspaper, widely read, these editorials often benefit the public, but I think an article such as this can only bring harm to a small student body and its "Student Publication."

Mr. Editor, I believe in freedom of the press, but I say freedom of the press should be limited when it can slander, ruin and denounce a person's reputation. I also believe in facts, but I do not recognize the right of slanted, opinionated and destructive "facts" to be printed in a paper such as ours. I can only feel contempt for an editorial that can take a person, relatively defenseless, who is not quite as widely heard as a powerful paper, and trounce on his morals, his
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for democracy in our nation and our school and in particular, free and wise elections. I again question your right to print this slanderous propoganda.

If we want to preserve this precious freedom of speech and press Mr. Editor, we better clear up the matter of its rights and privileges and clean up the news in our own paper.

Perhaps we had better see that "All the news that's fit to print" truly is. -----

Signed: Bette Suman

What Happened?

As I walked into school today, after a pleasant weekend of trout fishing, I was hit in the face with a blast of statements which were coated with mud and slander. I staggered back into the corner and kept my ears open to what was going on. I was cold on the subject; and everything seemed a little out of proportion, and bordering on the ridiculous.

Will someone please tell me just what is going on? Did the Reds drop a bomb or something?

Seriously, why doesn't someone print the minutes of the C.C. meeting? Let's get this thing out in the open where everyone can see the facts and the facts alone. It's alright to have the opinions of the individual printed for the rest to read, but let's not mix the facts up. I don't know about the rest of the student body, but this here kid is sort'a gullible, and when facts are mixed with half-truths and inferences, somehow the whole thing seems to come out as a statement of the truth. As I say, I don't know about the rest of the students, but I have a sneaking suspicion the most of us are just about the same in that respect.

Arguments are fun, so lets let everybody have his say.....after the facts have been printed. You know, maybe I'm way off base, but don't you think it's a good idea to just know what we're chewin' the rag about, before we go and get all hot and bothered.

Signed: Dean John

To the N.M.C. Student Body:

As a member of the College Council, I feel it my duty to reveal Dick Graham's records of what he has done for the college.

In the past two years, no student has done more for the college in terms of hours donated for other activities as well as the council.

When a student was asked to speak at a meeting or dinner, naturally, Dick went because no one else would. Jobs that no one else wanted or felt they could handle were taken over by him.

I am fully aware that Mr. Graham's actions on the current issue in the College Council can stand much criticism. All the facts were not reported.

Too, I don't think persons should be slandered and I'm sure you will agree that two wrongs do not make a right, so let's be fair in judging Mr. Graham and not forget the achievements and progress he has made pertaining to matters that no one else cared to even help him with.

We as voters must overlook one mistake against a total record that is good. If we do not, we will only have mice instead of men representing us, men afraid to act at all times for fear of making one slip.

Before lynching, impeaching, or recall, let's stop and think and remember what Mr. Graham has done for the good of N.M.C.

Respectfully yours,

Signed: Joe Mariage

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on the ballot. Another qualification--return next year.

All qualifications ok'd.

Holland: Money problem.

1. In Treasury now: \$100

Home Show. 400

\$500 Total

2. Social Events: \$150

Publications 150

\$200

\$300 Tot. Bal:

\$200 to dispose of

Mariage: Divide the money among

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the basketball, French Club, Spanish Club and Council.

Council is not going to sponsor anything more than is already on the calander.

Graham: If any money is left over, put it into a fund for Union Building.

Argument-Comden: Council should not get share of \$200.

\$50 had been set as the minimum amount that the basketball players were to receive.

Bright: Will accept any amount the Council would give to the French Club.

Mariage: Proposal \$50 to each club and 70 to the Basketball players. Keep \$30 for emergency in the College Council fund.

Graham: Seconded.

Holland: \$20 in kitty could be used if necessary-Possible Mr. Gaunt has \$25 more.

Comden: Requested \$100 for the basketball players. Gave report of hours players worked at home show, on the request of Bright.

Mariage: Hours are not related to discussion.

Understanding of council that basketball players were to be nucleus with students around it.

Holland: Counter-proposal \$55 to each club (French and Spanish) and \$90 to the basketball players.

Halliday: Seconded.

Graham: Close discussion.

Mariage: Seconded.

Holland's proposal voted on. 3 in favor and 2 against.

Proposal carried.

No need to vote on last proposal.

Mariage: Discussion on Sweat Shirts Fahler not here.

Holland: No money for that purpose.

Bright: Post list and order only for the students who order them.

Holland: Will find out differently how much money we have-will post budget on bulletin board.

Graham: Asked that meeting be adjourned.

Halliday: Seconded.

he should not be punished in the other. As we think it over rationally, intelligently, how long can we shout, "Crucify him!!" Hancock

CRUCIFY HIM

The smell of blood is sharp in their nostrils as the hungry pack of dogs pursue their victim. Snapping, snarling and tearing at his throat they cry, "Down, Down, drag him down. The pack is a conglomeration of all the evils. The one whose fangs are sunk deepest and in a vital spot is called jealousy. Others are greed, pride, revenge, and thirst for blood. The dogs who deserve the most recognition are not the leaders, but are the weak willed followers who are easily swayed by loud barking and a crusade that looks like it might win...

What was the victim's crime? Did he follow a path he thought was right or could it have been a mistake he made--perhaps a wrong decision? Maybe he made a stand on what he thought was the right ground. Maybe he was trying to help some who could not or would not help themselves.

If these or part of them are true, if he has made mistakes or wrong decisions or if he has been misunderstood it is very likely he is a human being.

Let us assume he is human and also let us ask these questions about him. 1. Is he honest? 2. Is he afraid to say what he thinks? 3. Is he easily influenced by others? 4. Does he try his best to do what he thinks is right? 5. Does he stand alone or go with the mob?

If he has any one or all of these qualities, I would not be in his shoes for any price. For as we all know there will always be a pack of dogs at his heels. The malcontents, the misfits, the instigators, the radicals, they'll always be there.

Before we slay him let us first judge.

Again we repeat, what was his crime? We ask ourselves, if he has committed a crime, how shall we punish him? Of course we know that the punishment must be in the same order as the crime. If he has eaten an apple, we should not make him pay for an orange. If he has two jobs and has not pleased us in one