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McCraith Leaves- Assumes New Job At Seattle

The Dean of Student Affairs of Spring Arbor College has announced his resignation from that office. Dean McCraith will assume the position of Student Dean at Seattle Pacific College, Seattle, Washington.

In a moving speech to the student body on April 10, Dean McCraith explained his regrets for leaving but added that his decision was made, in part, as an attempt to place the Christian principle of his life into a genuine urban setting. His remarks to the students included praise for the sense of community that is present at SAC. He encouraged the institution to cherish and nurture this spirit as it has meant so much to him.

Plans for obtaining a new dean are underway at this time with both students and faculty working with the administration.

AAES To Hold Convention Here- Mack In Charge

The first Evangelical Student Congress is to be held at Spring Arbor College from April 29 until May 2. The Congress will be the first nationally representative forum for Evangelical college students.

Sponsored jointly by the American Association of Evangelical Students and an independent governing board of student body leaders, the Congress is a completely student effort. Temporary chairman of the event is Stephen Honett president of the AAES and a senior at Taylor University.

Jerry Mack, a senior at Spring Arbor College and National Convention Chairman for AAES is the host chairman. Assisting Mr. Mack are Kay Oldham, Midwest AAES Regional Chairman, and Erma Rutgers, Congress Secretary.

The Congress will provide a forum in which a representative group of Christian college student bodies can decide, deliberate, and act.

A CAPELLA TOURS SOUTH- "BEST TOUR IN SA HISTORY"

Largo, Fla.—A large group of college students filed in along the side aisles of the Largo Free Methodist Church. At the signal of one man there came the most beautiful sound of youthful voices blending in the strains of "Holy, Holy, Holy" as it has never been heard before. This was the beginning of an Easter Sunday concert that was a part of Spring Arbor College's A Cappella tour.

Regarded by many as the best choir from Spring Arbor in several years, the 1969-70 A Cappella under the direction of Professor N. Hubert Wash undertook a strenuous schedule of concerts taking them to southern Florida. An innovative aspect of the choir was the incorporation of a small orchestra which ac-

companied the group. This especially enhanced the Bach chorale and the Patriotic segment of the concert.

Highlighting the trip was a healing service for one of its members. Miss Sherrie Hudberg, Miss Hudberg, a blind student in her junior year has reported a gradual regaining of sight. The service, conducted at the request of the choir by Bishop W. Dale Cryderman, was characteristic of the unity of the group. On several occasions and in a personal interview Professor Wash commented on the unified spirit of the choir and orchestra. "In all my years with choirs I have never seen anything like this group," said Mr. Wash in obvious admiration for the group of young people.



At Largo, Florida, on Easter Sunday, Professor Wash sings along in "King of Glory."

CRUDERMAN'S CORNER

There seems to be a growing amount of concern about the amount of freedom we, as students, are given in the area of our socio-personal activities. Indeed, it is about time our latent criticism came out in the open, for no change has ever been brought about by "grumbling" among certain individuals. Before I begin my comments on the subject let me first caution those who feel strong enough to voice their opinions publicly: the current atmosphere of this institution is to place great respect on the "silent majority" (with much emphasis on the word "silent") while placing in scorn those who dare voice opinions opposing the status quo. In fact, one prof nearly lost his job because of personal ideas he possessed. But, if you are truly committed to an idea, belief, or concept, let nothing stand in your way as you attempt to live up to the values that your belief implicitly requires!

And now to the subject of freedom on our campus. We have recently experienced a "revival" that appealed to us on adult terms. As mature, responsible adults we were asked to commit ourselves to Christ. Many responded. Later on, we were the subjects of an evangelistic crusade which again depended on our being responsible enough to make lasting, personal decisions. Aside from the spiritual situations, there are several practical situations where we are expected to respond as adults. When we come to the last station in the registration line and the cash register opens, we are expected to assume the role of the adult and pay our bill. And later, when the water in Muffitt turns cold and remains in that state for a solid week, the girls are expected to accept the difficulty as superior adults with understanding characters. When it is discovered that the college is several thousand dollars in debt, various student organizations are approached and asked to help, as adults, in the soliciting of funds. In fact, whenever it is convenient or expedient we are treated as adults. However, when the expression of our maturity may mean staying out of our dorms later than someone thinks we should, responding to music in a manner that someone thinks we shouldn't, responding to class and chapel attendance in a way that someone thinks is harmful, etc., the resulting reaction cleverly refuses to recognize how adult we were when we paid our bill, dedicated our lives, or helped solicit funds.

The question now is not freedom or lack of it but just what criteria is being used in deciding when we are adult and when we are not. It seems the answer rests in some ridiculous theory of "locational maturity." We are mature while we are in church, the business office, or our own homes (very few girls had to be in by 10:30 at home). As we move from the church to the dormitory we undergo some organic "de-maturization" process, only to be reborn into adulthood when we enter the administration building to pay our bills.

It has always been peculiar to me that Christian institutions have stringent rules while secular institutions do not. Isn't the Christian capable of knowing what is right and wrong? Is freedom of choice such a commodity that we "use it all up" the day we choose to become Christians? Immediately you rant and rave and say, "You're being too idealistic! Don't you know it's too unrealistic to think that all Christians will do that?" Yes, I know it's an ideal. But if ideals are so detrimental in shaping one's life then quit preaching to me the ideal of being Christ-like. I, for one, believe that the ideal of believing one another and trusting one another as a body of Christians is an ideal that is to be realized, just as the ideal of attempting to be like Christ. When ideals such as this are to be abandoned because of their seeming impossibility there remains little hope for Christianity.

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Community Issue-

Whenever issues of importance are raised, the most asked question is "What can we do about it?" Too often this is used as an excuse for inaction. We, as students of Spring Arbor College and members of the Spring Arbor community feel that there is an area in which we can work to help solve the racial problems in Jackson. This may be a small thing, but it is a beginning.

One of the steps in solving the crisis of the inner city is to create an open society in which the residents of the ghetto are free to choose the type of community in which they wish to live. Bussing children to integrated schools is not an honest method of building toward integration; adults should not push their responsibilities off onto their children, but should have the courage to face them themselves.

The Spring Arbor Community could play a small part in resolving this major problem of our society. Thus as students we suggest that the students, faculty, administration, and local church unitedly endorse this statement and have it publicised in the Jackson Citizen Patriot and the Jackson Blazer (a black newspaper).

Spring Arbor College and Spring Arbor Free Methodist Church wish to openly declare their support of integrated housing in the Spring Arbor Community. Our forefathers were active in the fight against slavery, but we have been negligent in the modern fight against discrimination. We now wish to assume our Christian duty and become positively involved in solving some of the racial problems in our country.

We are living in a multi-racial society. We and our children need daily contact with other racial and ethnic peoples in order to learn to appreciate such peoples as fellow human beings.

We are willing to utilize the present limited housing in Spring Arbor to promote an integrated community. If persons of minority groups will let us know of their desire to live in Spring Arbor, we will endeavor to locate available housing. Also, we hope to encourage the construction of additional housing, some of which will be low cost.

The college pledges an open door to any of your children who are qualified and wish to attend. The church pledges an open door to all who wish to worship with us. Both pledge full support in case any opposition to your presence should develop.

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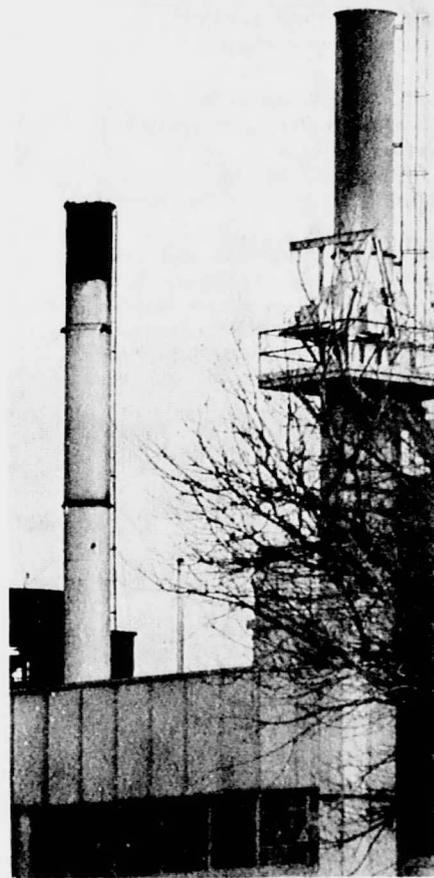
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Seminar '70 Tries To Find Where It's At

Seminar 70 came and went at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania where over 300 Evangelical Christian Leaders and youth gathered to listen to the many sounds and voices that weigh heavily on evangelical ears. Some youth and some theologians declared that "this is the post-Christian era." Missionaries from overseas questioned the statement giving first hand accounts of burgeoning Christian movements on other continents. Dr. Francis Schaeffer, whose life is dedicated to opposing the existential approach to life, was one of the primary resource persons.

Students of inner city problems such as Dr. David McKenna, President of Seattle Pacific College, and Rev. Tom Skinner, black evangelist, warned of certain revolution if the inner city tensions are not relaxed. The speakers pointed to a lack of concern in the inner city on the part of evangelical Christians.

Seminar 70 was conceived in the minds of youth workers who wanted to bring together informed leaders and students for an incisive look at youth, the church and the world of the seventies.

Students did their musical and dramatic "thing", socially relevant films tangled with the issues, panels reacted to the speakers and the 300 participants divided into small groups to discuss the issues raised by the speakers and the musicians.

The Seminars concluded on April 4 with the admonition that we let Christ love and live through us.

SA Students To Go Abroad For VISA Program

Spring Arbor College is participating in this summer's VISA program. Thirty-five young people will be crusading in Southern Africa and on Indian reservations in Canada during the summer months. Of this number, Spring Arbor will be represented by six of her students.

Working alongside missionaries in the Africa crusade from July 24 to August 23 will be: Donelda Johnston, Wilbur Sebree, Sally Tuthill, and Gregory Whiteman.

Judy Nicloy and Carol Ross will be participating in the Canadian Indian crusades in Alberta and Saskatchewan from July 1-21.

Crusader Spotlight



The Crusader staff takes this opportunity to place Rev. Verdon Dunckel in the spotlight for the work he has done in the area of counselling students. Few institutions of higher learning can boast a service such as SA's counselling service, let alone the type of man to carry out the responsibilities this position requires. The dynamic person of Rev. Dunckel has been especially helpful in organizing the Tom Skinner Crusade which, perhaps, was the most significant Spiritual Emphasis Week in SAC history.

Rev. Dunckel has spent many long hours simply rapping with students about particular hangups they may have. Students have found him to effectively take the place of parents, home church pastors, and home town buddies while they are away from home.

The Crusader staff salutes you, Uncle Dunk, for adding so much to the community spirit of SAC.

Caterpillar Comments

The recent faculty survey seen in this column was so successful that we began to delve further into the private lives of our distinguished faculty. Here's what was uncovered!

PROFESSOR GARN was recently seen in a pair of pajamas at a downtown delicatessen trying to buy Kosher dills and vanilla ice cream. The next day a group of students reported that they saw him practicing the art of running from his house, sliding into the front seat, and starting it. Weird.

At a press conference PROF. ROY ANKER said that he would not get a haircut until PROF. SORENSON learned how to shave with a real blade.

HARRY HUTT'S early childhood was filled with many parent-child conflicts. His parents constantly pushed him into athletics but Harry really wanted to be a ballet dancer.

Philosophy professor DAREL MOORE received early encouragement from his parents in the area of his present field. He was introduced to it by his mother: "All boys who steal cookies get spanked. Darrel stole a cookie. Therefore, Darrel gets spanked!"

PROFESSOR BRUCE McKEOWN definitely is subversive. Rumor has it that he was seen driving a German VW to a Chinese restaurant after which he took in an Italian movie followed by a visit to a black couples' apartment where he was reported to have been sipping Latin American coffee sweetened with Cuban sugar. Dis-graceful!

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Thompkins Sets Records- Team Follows Suit



"Look-out now, Bobby's got the ball!" This was the usual reaction of both spectator and opponent each time Spring Arbor College basketball star got his hands on the ball. The 6 foot 2-inch center, playing in his final year of his college career, led the Cougars to great heights while literally re-writing the record book himself. Now that the smoke has cleared from the pen of the scorer, a look at Bobby's achievements is awe-inspiring.

For just a quick look at the records Thompkins set, check these out: most points per game, 44; most points per season, 805; highest season point average, 27.7; best field goal percentage per season, .586; and most games to score 30 points or over, 13. In addition, Bobby set the records for: highest career scoring average, 25.8; most field goals per game, 18; most field goals per season, 296; best career field goal percentage, 573; most free throws attempted per game, 19; most free throws made in a game, 18; most free throws attempted and made per season, 213 out of 271 attempts; and best career free throw percentage, .800. On paper it looks awesome. On the court it ventures into the impossible as time after time Thompkins outplayed opposing centers who were several inches taller and several pounds heavier. It is little wonder that he was named to the NAIA All-State first team, the first SAC cager to receive such an honor.

Thompkins' individual efforts, the efforts of the entire team, plus the fact that the Cougars set 35 new team and individual records may have had a lot to do with their overall season record of 20-9, the first SAC team of any sort to advance into the celebrated ranks of 20 game winners.

Florida Trip Prepares Team

The Spring Arbor College baseball team enjoyed their Spring vacation in sunny Florida and came away with a 3-4 record. Five of the seven games were against local teams who have been playing for quite some time. Pitching-wise the Cougars were up and down. Duane Church and Larry Heuman pitched 30 of the 42 innings, and were 3 and 2 between them. Steve Morrow pitched 9 innings and lost his only decision. Jerry Neigh was particularly ineffective walking nine in only 3 1-2 innings. These four should handle most, if not all, of the mound work this year.

The big move on the infield is the conversion of Gary Zimpher to a first baseman. "Z" responded offensively with four hits in eleven times at bat, including one triple and four RBI's. Dan Smith and Steve Morrow should handle second and third base respectively, but the shortstop spot is still open. Cliff Duncan seems to have the best shot at it, after going 7-19 on the tour including two doubles, a home run, and 4 RBI's. Other infield prospects include Neil Braly, John Thomas, and Mike Martin.

The outfield is pretty much set with Paul Hancock, Terry Robe, and Phil Andrews. Phil had six singles and a double down South, including four RBI's. Other outfield prospects include John Sessions, Braly, Martin, and Thomas. Chuck Stringham, a freshman from Lansing Everett, should handle most of the catching. His backup man should be Sam Riggelman.

The 22 game schedule includes early road contests with the University of Detroit, University of Toledo, and Kalamazoo College. The home opener is April 18 against Hope.

After a 21-4 season in '68 and another fine season last year, Coach Burbridge should have little trouble in racking up his 7th consecutive winning season. However, the pitching staff will have to come through in a mighty big way if anything comparable to '68 is expected.

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BASEBALL-

Season Opens . . . slowly!

In Spring Arbor's first baseball action of the regular season the Cougars were dealt a double defeat at the hands of the strong University of Detroit baseball team. On April 11 the Cougars traveled to Detroit only to return with a 3-0 loss in the first game, and a 11-1 setback in the second.

Larry Heuman had a fair game on the mound in the opener but received no offensive support. In the second game Steve Morall took the loss as again the Cougar bats were silent. For the entire day the Cougars only accounted for five hits.

On April 14 the Cougars travelled to Kalamazoo where they split a double-header with Kalamazoo College. In the opener, Larry Heuman took the loss as the Cougars lost an extra-inning heart-breaker, 3-2. Steve Morall and Terry Robe each hammered two hits while Phil Andrews got one. Morall and Andrews scored the Cougar runs.

In the second game Ron Church hurled a two-hit, 4-1 victory. Paul Hancock and Terry Robe combined to bring SA their first regular season victory. Hancock slammed a triple and scored two runs while Robe got a double and also scored two runs. The Cougar record now stands at 1-3.



The 1970 Cougar Tennis Team. L to R bottom row: Doug Hawkins, Ken Galbreath, Dave White. Standing: Coan Charles Carey, Greg Cooper, Steve Johnson, Bill Cooper. Not pictured: Don Smith. See next issue for feature story.

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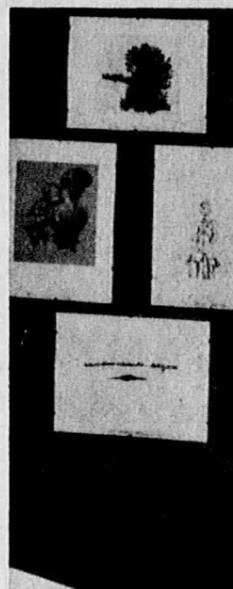
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New Science Construction

The automobiles in parking lot will soon be replaced by bulldozers as the and much-needed science building begins to take form. Work will begin within a few weeks that as much as possible be done before bad weather. The building is scheduled to be completed in time to house the second semester of the school year.

The building will be a combination of the two "styles" of limestone and red brick. The condition is being serious, making possible a summer school.

The new science building will have many facilities in the present classroom building. Two large lecture rooms are needed: one seating one hundred and the other seating two hundred and twenty-five. The building will have three floors devoted to a different department. The ground floor will house the math and physics departments. The first floor will house the chemistry department. Each floor

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