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TJC ORIENTATION

- There will be a TJC Orientation Session for all new students on Sunday, 5 January 1975, at 7:00 PM in the TJC Commons Room of Lake Huron Hall. *Dennis Winters*, our Assistant Dean, and *Mary TePastte*, Administrative Assistant, will be there to meet the students and acquaint them with the "nuts and bolts" operation of TJC -- the college structure, student voice in the government and decision-making, class forms, registration information, participation in the college community. This is an important meeting for all new students; please try to attend.

TJC REGISTRATION

- Registration for all students who have not yet registered is on Monday, 6 January 1975, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
- There are two steps students must follow in the registration process. Please be sure to complete both, in order to ensure that you are registered correctly!
- TJC Internal Registration: All students must register at TJC in Lake Huron Hall first.
 - Go first to Room 161 LHH: there you will decide on your schedule and fill out all the necessary forms (students will be there to help you determine what forms you need and how to fill them out properly).
 - Then go upstairs to the TJC Commons Room: there you will be able to get all the proper signatures on your forms. All faculty will be stationed in the TJC Commons Room. (Please do not try to find them until you have completed filling out your forms.)
 - Once your forms are completed and signed, go to the Registration Desk in the TJC Commons Room (just inside the entrance), hand in your forms, fill out an address form, and get registered.

- GVSC Tuition Payment: Once you have completed the TJC Internal Registration process, you must go to the Fieldhouse to complete tuition payment.
- Be sure to bring all forms and permits-to-register with you.
- If you are receiving Financial Aid, pick up your check at the Financial Aid Desk in the Fieldhouse first.
- Retain all receipts; you may need them for proof of payment.
- If you do not make tuition payment, you are not registered! If you do not complete internal registration, you are not registered! Please be sure you do both.

TJC WELCOME BACK PARTY

- There will be a "Welcome Back New Year's TJC Party/Townmeeting" on Friday, 10 January 1975, at 4:00 PM in the Student Center Multi-Purpose Room.
- Bring your own food creations to share with others.
- All donations for the beer must be made in advance (due to the state regulations concerning "selling" of liquor on campus). Please be generous if you want to drink. Make your donations to Mary TePastte in 165 Huron.
- Again, because of college regulations, we must know in advance who plans to attend. Please be sure to sign up on one of the guest lists that will be posted around the halls of Lake Huron Hall: this will ensure your entry.
- After eating, and the Townmeeting, we will have music and dancing. Let's celebrate ourselves!!

MIHA POGACNIK RETURNS

- *Miha Pogacnik*, Yugoslavian violin virtuoso, will be returning to TJC during the Winter Term for a special concert.
- Accompanying him on the piano will be *Kim Kobala*. Although he has just begun working with her, Miha already considers Kim the best accompanist he has ever had.
- The concert, which will be open to the public free of charge, is scheduled for Friday, 24 January 1975, at 8:15 PM in Louis Armstrong Theatre. Miha will be performing a Bach Partita, a Brahms Sonata, a Prokofieff Sonata, and a Bartok Rhapsody. The concert is an absolute must for all music lovers: Miha Pogacnik is an incredibly brilliant and versatile musician, and a sensitive performer, who has been acclaimed in both the United States and Europe.
- After completing a concert tour in Western Michigan during January and February, Miha and his wife, *Judy*, will be returning to Europe for awhile, where Miha has been offered a concert tour in Italy and Germany.

WINTER TERM POETRY WORKSHOPS

- *Lyn Lifshin*, who had planned to teach several classes in poetry at TJC during the winter term, has notified us that she will be unable to fulfill her commitment.

- Instead, *Cynthia Brouwer* has been chosen to replace her. She will teach two courses in poetry writing, and a third class in underground poets and publications. Cynthia is an accomplished poet herself, and her classes promise to be exciting and challenging

STUDENT GEOLOGIC RESEARCH CENTER

- TJC now has a Student Geologic Research Center! Five students (*JoAnne Sillman, Mike Mayfield, Mark Jordan, Jim Smith, and Tina Withrow*) are currently using the room for research projects on various aspects of fossils from the Alpena area.
- The Center is located in Room 208 of Lake Huron Hall. Come by for a guided tour (one at a time please; it's a small room).
- The Center is under the direction of *John Warren*, geologist and tutor at TJC.

NATIONAL POETRY FESTIVAL

- TJC, in cooperation with GVSC, is sponsoring the third bi-annual National Poetry Festival from 9 July to 19 July 1975. Poets from all over the country are being invited to this event to give readings; direct and contribute to workshops and discussions; and create and take part in poetry events, multi-media events, exhibits, and so on. Several poets of international prominence will attend, as well as about half a dozen younger published writers who are well-known in the United States and Canada. In the past our guest poets have included such well-known literary figures as *Robert Bly, Robert Creeley, Gregory Corso, Allen Ginsberg, Diane Wakoski, Robert Duncan, and Kenneth Rexroth*. The festival also hopes to attract between 150 and 200 students, teachers, and editors who would attend and take part in the Festival activities.
- We look upon the Festival not so much as a spectator-oriented performance situation, in which an "audience" sits passively at lectures, seminars, or presentations, but as a place in which for nine days the human, aesthetic, and technical resources are presented for a sustained experience of the art of poetry and engagement with the artistic personality.
- Once again, TJC will be offering academic credit for students attending the Festival: two credits for the ten-day event or five credits for the five-week course which will involve critical study of the invited poets' works, mounting the exhibits to be shown, participation in the theatre piece or other arts performances planned, and assistance in the mechanics of a successful celebration of poetry and its related arts.
- Co-chairpersons of this year's Festival will be *Judy Alms*, as Festival Director, and *Jeffrey Brown*, Student Activities Programming Assistant at GVSC. Both Jeffrey and Judy are former TJC students.

BOTANY TRIP

- Approximately half of the members of the "Elements of Botany" class travelled to the University of Michigan Botanical Gardens

on Tuesday, 26 November 1974, and took the place by storm. The tour guide, Sue Nelson, was heard to say, "They ask so many questions! Most college groups just stand around saying nothing and looking stupid!" She was so impressed that she spent an extra 45 minutes with the group. The feeling was mutual, and the students were still floating the following day. The instructor of the seminar, John Warren, was seen to swell with pride.

CRITICAL WORKS SURVEY

- At the beginning of the Fall Term *Cameron Wilson* sent out a questionnaire to all TJC faculty and staff, asking each individual to list several "critical works" in his/her life -- books, music, people, paintings, movies -- that (a) have been, or are, important to them, and (b) they'd be willing to talk with someone about, even if only to say where they'd gone from there. Cam also thought it might be possible for students to set up a "collage" special study of some of the works listed.
- We thought the survey was interesting, and decided to give you the responses of two or three faculty members in each of the next few issues of the Newsletter. Here are the first two:
 - *Dan Andersen*
 - Teacher in America, by Jacques Barzun
 - The Dark Side of the Marketplace, by Senator Warren Magnuson
 - Exploring the Universe, by Louise Young
 - The Metaphysical Foundations of Modern Physical Science, by Burt
 - The Bible as History, by Keller
 - *Gloria Arano*
 - Books haven't made a critical difference; people and the differences they have made are so tremendous that they are private and precious to me. I couldn't put it in a few sentences, and maybe not even in a whole book -- because my life has changed.

[MARY'S CORNER]

TJC STUDENTS, GRADUATES, ALUMNI

- *Steve Friedman*, a TJC graduate, is now living in Shaker Heights, Ohio, and working as an apprentice for a professional photographer. Below is an excerpt from his last letter to TJC:
 - "It's been sometime now since I've been able to visit and longer since I've written, so I thought I'd better drop a line. I'm still in Cleveland after a truly hectic summer. I'm living with me folks now after a series of tremendous hassles, bummers, and outright tragedies which I will describe in detail later in this letter. Occupation-wise I'm doing remarkably well. I have finally entered the world of professional photography. As you know, last year I was working as a color printer at Merrill-David Photographic Lab. I was also attending one class in professional photography

at Cooper School of Art. I have since left the lab and have finished at Cooper. To anyone with serious vocations in commercial photography I recommend the course whole-heartedly. Through the course and the lab I found out about a job as an assistant to one of the better photographers in Cleveland. I got the job and am now working as an assistant photographer for Bill Pappas Studios. He does primarily high fashion work and annual reports. The work is extremely interesting even though I'm still at pretty much the apprentice stage. I still cannot get over the incredibly fast pace of professional photography. One day you're shooting in some factory and the next day in studio working on fashion ads for the local department stores. One thing I have discovered is that everybody wants things yesterday and they'll tell you what it is they want tomorrow."

Steve's address right now is 17405 S. Woodland, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120. Anyone interested in writing to him is welcome to do so.

- *Kathy Fox*, also a TJC graduate, is now working on the graduate level at Michigan State University. At the moment she is doing a study of innovations and changes within educational systems (and would like to include TJC in her study), in the Department of Communications at MSU. You can write to Kathy at 2314 Knob Hill Drive, Apt #5, Okemos, Michigan 48864.
- *Melissa Ames* has been on a sailing trip down the Mississippi, through the Gulf of Mexico, and in to Florida. She's written to me a couple of times, describing this incredible trip. Despite the cold, and the seven-foot waves in the gulf, she's enjoying herself and the trip; she's met many people, experienced good weather and bad, seen some beautiful sights, and should now be relaxing for awhile in Florida. Melissa will be back at TJC in the Winter Term, and I know she'd be glad to tell you about her experiences. They sound exhilarating!
- *Wendy O'Neill* has been working at the University of Michigan Biological Station in Pellston for the last few months. She's extremely interested in Environmental Sciences, and is applying for entry into the College of Environmental Sciences at Green Bay, Wisconsin now. In fact, for the next few weeks, Wendy will be in Green Bay, checking out the school, and taking a short vacation. I'm sure Wendy would do well there: she loves the subject and she's a hard-working, conscientious student. Wendy would like to say hello to all her friends at TJC, and says that she'll be back to visit us in April. We're looking forward to her visit.
- *David Dawson* just returned from Venezuela, where he did his student teaching at San Tome (an oil camp for Gulf Oil). Now that he's returned, he hopes to get into photography here.
- *Bobbie Rosencranz*, another TJC graduate, is now a partner in a Consultant Firm, working with schools and government agencies on race relations and curriculum developments.
- *Mary Jean Robinson*, who just graduated from TJC in the Fall Term, hopes to continue her education and get her teaching certificate and then get a job at Ottawa Hills High School in Grand Rapids.
- *Gina Coughlin* graduated from TJC last spring and immediately headed to Mexico, where she is now studying at the graduate level at the University of Mexico. She'd love to hear from students and faculty at TJC; you can write to her at Oriente 164 #225, Col. Moctezuma, Mexico 9, D.F.

- *Frank Bodenmiller* is now working as Treatment Supervisor of the Behavior Program at St. John's Home for Emotionally Disturbed Children in Grand Rapids. If you'd like to write him or visit him, his address is 264 College SE, Grand Rapids 49503.
- After spending several months biking through Europe and then studying guitar in Spain, *Kris Olsen* has now returned to the United States. And just a few weeks ago I received an invitation to her wedding on 21 December. Kris is marrying a young man named *Paul Hackel* who is a woodworker and teacher from Batavia, Illinois. I wish you much happiness, Kris, in your new life with Paul.
- *Pammy and Bau Graves*, both former TJC students -- and best known around here for their folk music duo -- have been touring Texas with their music for several weeks, and are now hiking in the Smokies between tours. Although they find it amazing (I don't), they are getting to be celebrities with the kids. After they complete their hike through the mountains, Pammy and Bau will be going on to Illinois for another concert tour.
- Although he has not found a job yet, *Mark Pearson* (a TJC summer graduate) says that he's happy in his new home in Vienna, Austria. You can write to him at Fluchtgasse 6/5, A-1094 Vienna, Austria.
- Two former students of TJC -- *Brad Fay* and *Barry Keefe* -- attended the fifth annual Midwestern College Radio Conference, sponsored by Loyola University of Chicago, the weekend of October 31st. Brad, former general manager of WSRX-FM at GVSC, appeared on a panel at the event, discussing the legal processes by which interested college stations obtain education FM licenses. Formerly of Cascade, Brad was a primary figure in the development of GVSC's new station which went "over the air" in October 1974. Barry, current student manager of the station, reported that WSRX met in Chicago with representatives of Michigan college stations interested in setting up a similar conference for high school and junior college students planning to go on in broadcasting. The conference will be held at Western Michigan University in the future.

FACULTY AUTOBIOGRAPHY: DENMAN MARONEY

- I am a composer-pianist. I received my M.F.A. from the California Institute of the Arts, and served as a teacher's assistant at Bennington College. I spent the summer of 1974 as a composer-in-residence at the Yale Summer School of Music and Art. I've written numerous chamber works, as well as music for dance, film and theatre. I've also played piano in several improvisational ensembles, one of which -- "The Negative Band" -- recorded an album.

STATISTICS

- *Andy Gold* says that, according to the information he's compiled, 81.3 percent of TJC admittees over the last five years have enrolled in the college.