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TJC



newsletter

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A NOTE ON THE TJC ADVANCE

Dear TJC Friends:

This last weekend I visited Maplehurst, the scene of our Fall Advance. The 7-to-17 year old boys and girls had left the day before, leaving crayon drawings, worn spots on the baseball diamond, and a hard-working staff cleaning up their echoes.

The place is beautiful. One can see three lakes and Traverse Bay from the main lodge; Maplehurst Lake with sail boats, canoes, and fishing rafts; cherry, apple, and pear trees; a horse corral; and lush vegetation. Beyond the pastoral, the facilities are great! A large main building with "caucus rooms," an auditorium with a small stage, cabins old and new, tennis and basketball courts, ping-pong tables, lofts, and more. Then there is the best part: the Cohen family. Tom, Lilly, Lawrence, Andrea (a TJC graduate), and Suzy -- warm, intelligent, and *very* interested in the Advance. Where do you find a resort management who is *personally* interested in the results of a renter's activities?

Besides all that, I could already hear the pre-echoes of the TJC community deeply involved in making a connection between our ideals and the reality of our educational possibilities.

Additional news: the alumni are going to show up and make themselves heard -- telling us what they've found out about the "real world" and the nature of the preparation they got at TJC.

Next time I see Maplehurst, it will be with you. I know the scene is right; I hope the result is as beautiful.

P.S. I'm leaving for vacation in Montana until August 15th -- fishing, reading, and just being -- 100 miles from the nearest form with lines to be filled in!

See you then...

-- Dennis Winters, Associate Dean

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All students who have not yet registered for the Fall Term will have one final chance to do so on *Wednesday, 24 September 1975*, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, and from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, in the GVSC Fieldhouse. You *must* complete TJC Internal Registration before attempting GVSC Registration.

Late Registration can be accomplished on the following dates: Thursday, 25 September; Friday, 26 September; and Monday, 29 September. Late Registration is handled at the GVSC Records Office, Lake Huron Hall, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on those days only. All students attempting Late Registration will be required to pay a \$20 late fee.

Drops and Adds are handled according to the following schedules:

Drops: A student may drop a course from his schedule at any time during the term, up to and including the last day of classes.

In order to receive a 100% refund on tuition, it is necessary to drop your classes by Wednesday, 24 September 1975.

In order to receive a 75% refund on tuition, it is necessary to drop your classes by Wednesday, 8 October 1975.

Any drops handled by the Records Office after the 8th of October will not return any refund on tuition payments.

Adds: A student may add a course to his schedule on the following dates only: Thursday, 25 September; Friday, 26 September; Monday, 29 September; Tuesday, 30 September; and Wednesday, 1 October. No additions to your schedule will be made after Wednesday, 1 October.

If you wish to make a *change* in your schedule (dropping a course and adding another one), you must do so during the Add Period.

If you have any questions about Registration, Late Registration, or Drops and Adds, please don't wait to find out: ask immediately. We want to help; and we want to make sure everything is right for you when you begin classes.

Also, please note: Many TJC courses are closed or nearly-closed. It is to your advantage to finalize your schedule as quickly as possible in order to guarantee yourself a place in the classes you want.

FACULTY NOTES

Barbara Gibson and Paul Corneil, teachers working under the auspices of the NAUTE Faculty Exchange Program, have decided to stay where they are for another term... Barbara, a TJC faculty member, is currently teaching at Johnston College in California; Paul, a Johnston College faculty member, is currently teaching at TJC. If you wish to take a course with Paul, try to do so this Fall Term -- he may not be at TJC after that.

Carol Berge, renowned poet and novelist, will be teaching at TJC for the 1975/1976 academic year. She will be teaching two courses per term, on subjects ranging from creative writing to avant-garde literature. Carol is the author of several books; among them are *Acts of Love*, her most recent novel; *A Couple Called Moebius*, a book of stories; and *From a Soft Angle: Poems About Women*. Carol participated in the National Poetry Festival at GVSC this summer. She has taught and held guest lectureships at numerous colleges. Although she has written poetry in the past and is highly qualified to teach it, she admits that at this point in her life she prefers to write prose and "prose poetry." Carol is not only an excellent writer but also a good teacher. Taking a class from her should be both exhilarating and a strong learning experience.

Marge Piercy, renowned poet and novelist, is also an ardent feminist and political activist. She will be teaching at TJC for the Fall Term only, but will be offering courses in both writing and literature. Of particular interest to women is her course entitled "Toward the Evolution of a Women's Culture." Among the list of Marge's writings are the following: *Small Changes*, a political novel about women; *Going Down Fast*, a novel of politics in Chicago in the 1960's; *Breaking Camp*, *Hard Loving*, and *To Be of Use*, all volumes of poetry. If you're interested in literature, writing, or women's studies, take a course from Marge. It's a one-time experience you won't regret.

Andrea Verier, new dance instructor at TJC, received her M.A. in dance from the University of Michigan. During her initial interview at TJC, Andrea captivated all with her beauty, grace, and charm. Her professional dance experience is varied; and she is qualified to teach folk dance, African dance, jazz dance, and, of course, Modern Dance. In addition to doing considerable dance composition and improvisation, Andrea has choreographed several major pieces. Her other interests include Women's Studies and photography. Andrea should add considerable zest to TJC.

And once again some more entries from Cam Wilson's "Critical Works Survey"...

Shane Mage: *The History of the Russian Revolution*, Leon Trotsky (age 17)
Das Kapital, Karl Marx (age 27)
Phenomenology of the Mind and Science of Logic, Hegel (age 28)
Das Ring des Nibelungen, Wagner (age 31)
The Psychedelic Experience, Leary/Alpert/Metzner (age 32)
Beelzebub's Tales to His Grandson, Gurdjieff (age 34)
Parmenides/Timaeus/Theaetetus, Plato (age 34)

Merrill Rodin: *Divine Comedy*, Dante (age 30)
Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man, Joyce (age 17)
Apology and Phaedo, Plato (age 18)
General Introduction to Psychoanalysis, Freud (age 18)
Civilization and Its Discontents, Freud
Paul Goodman's works (age 21)

STAFF NOTES

Brenda Laban, clerical assistant at TJC, is no longer with us we're sorry to report. But she is doing what she wants, which is to attend this college as a full-time student. She'll still be around, but no longer working in the office. She is being replaced by Michael Herman.

Says *Michael Herman*: "Because of my countless and unexcellable secretarial skills, some people call me 'The Bearded Lady.' I'm 21, married to a super lady, and like to do most everything exciting. My hobbies are guitar, camping, fishing, hunting, and all etc.'s. Stop in anytime!" Mike worked in the GVSC Records Office before coming to TJC. He is now in charge of all student records at TJC. See him if you have questions or problems your advisor cannot handle.

Also new to TJC is *Shirley Suttles (Chinow)*, our receptionist. She comes to us as a worker in the C.E.T.A. program. Chinow worked as a nurse for several years, has been married, and has two beautiful children -- Marcellus (Marshall) and Hope (Hopathow). Chinow lives in the country on several acres of wooded land and is an ardent gardener. Mary recently received letters from her two children which we would like to include here. Marshall (age 13) writes the following: "I'm 13 years old, and I'm a football, basketball, and baseball and track star! And maybe someday when you're not so busy you may come and see me play. And maybe one day you can write about me in the TJC Newsletter. Mother lets us read it. Hope and I both love to read. I plan on being a doctor, so try and stay well and take care of yourself and your cold. I might suggest rest and forcing fluids. Thanks again. Mom has hid our gum; should she? Love from the Future Doctor of Medicine, Marcellus. And Hope (age 10) writes as follows: "Mother told us to make the letter short, but we like to write and read. Mommy says she likes her job, but we sure miss her here at home. She says you remind her a lot of our Grandmama. I love sports -- I'm good at them. I plan on being in the Olympics. I also want to be a nurse, and a famous ballet and toe dancer, and a good mommie, like ours. Your little friend, Hopathow."

TJC MAILBAG

The following letter is from *Joel Vanowitz*, a TJC student currently travelling in Europe:

I'm sitting on some rocks overlooking the Adriatic Sea in Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia. This is a beautiful country, both inland in the mountains and all along the coast. I'm enjoying travelling so much, in fact, that I've decided not to come back to school Fall Term but hope to be back for Winter Term. That is the official purpose of this letter; now on to pleasure...I landed in Luxembourg about three weeks ago and hitched down through France, Switzerland, Italy, and Yugoslavia. The hitching was great till we hit Yugoslavia; it took us four days to go 200 miles. I am travelling with *Lisa Teifer*, another TJC student. Yugoslavia is a fascinating country. We joined up with the GVSC Summer School in Sarajevo, and sat in on their classes in Economics, History, and Serbo-Croatian Language for one and a half weeks. Tomorrow we leave by boat for Bari, Italy. From there we hitch up the coast and head for France to visit Rapaille's institute. Plans beyond these include Scandinavia, Spain, North Africa, and Greece. Hope everything is well and you are all enjoying your summer heat. Warm regards to all; see you in a few months.

The next letter is from *Pammy and Bau Graves*, also former TJC students, now working as professional musicians around the country:

Looking through the TJC Newsletter which Bau and I received the other day spurred me to sit down and write a letter to you.

At the moment, Bau and I are temporarily in Grosse Pointe. We will be going on tour again this year, starting the 22nd of September and continuing until about the 1st of April. For any that are interested the Grosse Pointe address (see Mary) is a permanent mailing address for us until we get a place of our own next spring.

We tour the midwest exclusively this year. And we are glad about that. We played Texas last fall and almost melted. Not to mention the fact that the northern crowds like us and our music MUCH better than do the southern. But are slowly gearing ourselves up for another year on the road, travelling hard, and living out of suitcases and motels. Believe me, Mary, being a musician is NOT the glamorous life that one pictures it to be...it is grueling. We will not tour anymore after this year's commitment is fulfilled.

We always enjoy the crowds, or almost always. And the ego boost we get from performing is incredible. And we are good...(How's THAT for ego?) It's not that that makes this lifestyle so hard. It's the constant being on the go...no roots, no house to return home to...no chance to make friends; we travel hard and fast. So we are really looking forward to finding a place and staying there for a while. It looks like New England is where we want to go.

I am working on getting a position in Acadia National Park in Maine as a ranger and naturalist, but anything in that vein appeals to me, as long as I can work with people and be exposed to nature as well... that's all I care about. But we really don't know what's in store for us when we finish our tour, and will flow with things as best we can.

In case you haven't noticed that funny looking boat by the M-45 bridge, well, that USED to be Bau's and my boat. Tired of nomadicism, as well as the boat being a financial burden to us, we sold the boat this June. And the people we sold it to are great! You may remember *John Benser*, TJC graduate and John Ball Park zookeeper. We, he bought our Kingiago, along with his friend, also a zookeeper, *Greg Gutsche*. We are delighted and excited for them, for they told us they want to take the boat to warm waters, like the Carribean, and as that was once our intention also, it feels good. We couldn't help but feel that our ocean-designed catamaran should go to the ocean. We had people interested in buying it who just wanted to make it into a riverboat and cruise up and down the Grand River...we couldn't help but feel that we didn't want to see it come to that.

So...things for Bau and me are doing rather well. We are actually looking forward to touring, despite all I have told you. We have worked up a dynamite act, enlarging upon all we learned from touring last year. We are definitely excited about our future, the knowledge that we can settle down in a year, and become active in local community efforts and politics. I am especially excited about becoming active in the women's movement and having access to other women and their ideas and personalities, as well as plunging into revolutionizing my local conservation group. Bau wants to work at forming cooperatives in where-

ever we settle. Book cooperatives, or food cooperatives; we are even thinking of starting a community bank cooperative. So all kinds of ideas are floating through our heads, and we look forward to whatever happens.

If anyone is there who might remember us, give them our best. Tell Danny we are still trying to stir things up wherever we go...

[Note: Word has reached us that John and Greg are going to be sailing down the Mississippi to South America in September sometime.]

And the last letter is from *Monica*, a former TJC student now attending the University of Massachusetts:

I have been inspired by the Newsletter to tell you of some of my doings. To any who may remember me, and to any I may remember:

I'm going to the University of Massachusetts in my sophomore year. My major is biology and I'm in the pre-medical program. This year I'll be taking organic chemistry as well as a physiology and maintenance biology course. It's all very gratifying and exciting.

In my spare time I work at the Harvard Community Health Plan, a semi-private clinic set-up. I also play basketball, and I hope to be on both basketball and volleyball teams this winter.

I would love to hear from other people any news they want to share. My address is 105 Pembroke Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02118.

P.S. Life in Boston is very exciting. I drove a cab here this summer and had a few adventures.

MARY'S CORNER

Sherri Barlow is owner-operator of an arts and crafts store, called "Sherri's of Clare" in Clare, Michigan. The store is situated on M-27 and U.S.-10 intersection. Drop in any time.

Nance Cheifetz was accepted to a graduate school of education in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She will be studying Art Therapy beginning the Fall Term of 1975.

Jill Cliffer, looking trim and lovely as ever, told me that she was part of an ensemble formed last summer, called the Grand Valley Dancers, who performed and taught dance workshops to children in the Grand Rapids parks. She will be continuing in the program -- called "Watch Me Move" -- in the public schools this fall.

Bob Cohen says he'll be travelling through Europe next year. He plans to spend some time learning languages and history, and working and going to school in Israel during the winter. It's nice to hear, too -- since Bob has so much talent and expertise in photography -- that he plans to do a lot of picture-taking in his travels; and he promised he would come back and show them. He would welcome hearing from you. You can reach him at his parents' address: 7740 Summerdale Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19111.

Elaine Dalcher is Director of the Georgetown Summer Recreation Program for Kids, a program of mostly arts and crafts.

Shelley Dunn now does Russian scientific translations for Chlorine Technology, Ltd., of Australia; and also teaches Belly Dancing (10 years experience). If you're interested in learning the art, call her at 458-4493.

Cheryl Henderson just had an eight-pound girl, *Jodie Marie*, on August 5th. Cheryl boasts, like a proud mother, that "she is so beautiful and healthy."

Chris Malmgren is doing a field study in dance under Beverly Brown's supervision, and is attending some of Eric Hawkins' dance classes in New York.

David Mars works at the Life Consultation Center with parents of retarded children, trying to improve relationships between parents and children and to help the children as much as possible.

Cliff Parr and Linda Pada are getting married on September 20th in Escanaba, Michigan. Cliff's father is performing the ceremony. That's great news. Congratulations and best wishes for happiness from all of us at TJC.

Robin Petterson was a Waterfront Director, in charge of swimming, at Bay View, Michigan this summer.

Cathy Sillman has been accepted at the Lesley School of Education in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The program is "Expressive Therapies" and combines art, music, dance, poetry, and drama therapy. Cathy says the school is "exceptional -- comparable to TJC's atmosphere." You can write her at 5 Rindgefield, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02140.

Joanne Sillman works at P.B. Cooke Woodworking/Furniture Shop in Grand Rapids.

John Strobel was accepted at New York University's graduate program in acting. He will begin attending this fall.

Mary Yared was married recently and is living in Guadalajara, Mexico, where she is currently engaged as an English teacher for primary-age students.

CORRECTION

While reading the August issue of the Newsletter, I noticed a statistic concerning employment opportunities with the petroleum industry. It stated that the petroleum industry offers to college graduates were up by 83%. This statistic was quoted in March of this year and was probably relatively accurate at that time. However, between March and July of this year there was a drastic drop in the number of offers by the industry, and as a result the overall increase was 27% rather than 83%.

-- Tom Seykora, Director of Placement

S.I.N. COMMITTEE FUNDS FOR THE ADVANCE

Please Note: We really want everybody to be able to attend the TJC Advance this year. It promises to be exciting and meaningful. If you find that you just cannot afford to attend because of finances, remember that the SIN Committee does have some funds available for loans to those interested in attending. However, they must know soon how many they are going to have to cover. Contact them immediately if you're interested...

WOMEN

This Women's Section is a new addition to the TJC Newsletter. In it we would like to include notes to women on events and happenings, viewpoints from women on specific concerns, etc. If you have any item you happen to think would be of interest to women at TJC, please contact kaje. She'll be glad to include it. And remember: we need your help to keep this column going.

A report on the American Association of Higher Education regional conference on "Women as Learners" is now available. The conference was held last January in Durham, New Hampshire. To get a copy of the report, send \$2.00 to: Women as Learners Report, DCE Conference Department, University of New Hampshire, P.O. Box 1, Durham, New Hampshire 03824.

Three new internships are now available for women at TJC. Two are concerned with doing problem-pregnancy counselling at Planned Parenthood (this requires a two-term commitment); one is helping with assertiveness-training classes at the YWCA with Lynn Parks. Also, there are some fine opportunities for the counselling of women in the Kent County Jail (you must be the equivalent of a junior or senior). See *Pat Efron*, 123 Lake Huron Hall, or call her at home (846-2236 in Grand Haven) after September 22nd.

WANTED: Females interested in participating in Feminist Theatre. I will be doing it in association with the Women, World and Wonder Program. No previous theatre background is necessary. Just bring your energy and creativity. If you are interested in doing this for credit, check Addenda III for Group Special Studies #13; then sign up for it during Registration on September 24th or during Drop/Add Period through October 1st. And if you want to find out more about the class, contact Terry Wolverton at 15127 Penrod, Detroit, Michigan 48223 or contact Linda Smith at TJC after classes start.

STAGE 3

Because of its outstanding success during the Spring Term, the play "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" is being repeated in September. The dates are Tuesday, 23 September through Saturday, 27 September. All showings are at 8:15 PM. Student price on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday is \$2.50; on Friday and Saturday it is \$3.00. General Admission is \$3.00 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; \$4.00 on Friday, and Saturday. The play has been acclaimed nationally, and was noted as one of the best ever presented in Grand Rapids. It's a must for all theatre-lovers; don't miss it!

FACULTY CONVOCATION

All Faculty Please Note: The President's Convocation with Faculty will be held on Wednesday, 17 September 1975 at 9:00 AM in the Campus Center Multi-Purpose Room. Plan to be there.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEAN

At the beginning of each academic year, I usually spend some time reviewing in my own mind what I feel to be the major tasks and objectives for the college during that year. For what it's worth, I'd like to share some of my thoughts with TJC students, faculty, and staff.

1. One of our major tasks is to develop ways of coping with budget cuts. Our 1975/1976 budget is approximately what it was in 1973/1974 -- except that we now have twice as many students and, like everyone else, have been hit hard by inflation. Every creative idea and suggestion is needed for cutting down on costs. Many of us have devoted much time to studying subsistence-level living and have discovered that such a life-style can be rewarding. Now we have a chance to apply what we have learned on an institutional level. I'm optimistic; at worst, we'll survive and at best, we'll discover a new quality in the institution by rediscovering the power of cooperation and caring.
2. We have the major and continuing task of understanding who we are as individuals, what TJC is as an institution, and how the two relate. We must finally deal with TJC as myth and TJC as living changing actuality, and make decisions regarding the value of each. For example, one myth at TJC is that we have no set curriculum, that every term we throw out the old curriculum and start all over again. The reality is that in starting over again we more often than not end up in the same place. I would bet an analysis of our course offerings over the past five years would demonstrate that 80% of our curriculum is static. And this may be good. If so, I believe we should be out front and tell others honestly what we do.
3. Thirdly, we must develop better ways of assessing the quality of our college: the quality of the students' work, the quality of programs, and the quality of instruction. This is difficult because, in part, it means transcending our own personal frames of reference where our own values and actions are the yardstick by which we measure the values and actions of others. There is more room for diversity at TJC than any other educational institution I know of, but at the same time we may have too much tolerance for wheel-spinning. To discover this kind of institutional support which will help us become more honest with ourselves and each other will give a new dimension of vitality and growth to the college. We have established a norm of "being nice" to each other; and in many cases this has become the ultimate dehumanizing force at TJC.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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|-----|---------|-------------|-----------------------|--|
| Wed | Sept 17 | 9:00 AM | CC MPR | Faculty Convocation |
| Sat | Sept 20 | 8:00 PM | Calvin College FAC | WMOA presentation of <i>Tosca</i> |
| Tue | Sept 23 | 8:15 PM | Stage 3 | <i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i> |
| Wed | Sept 24 | 9:00-3:00 | Fieldhouse | Registration for Fall Term |
| | | 8:00 PM | Stage 3 | <i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i> |
| Thu | Sept 25 | 9:00-5:00 | Records Office | Late Registration (\$20 fee) |
| | | 9:00-5:00 | Records Office | Drop/Add Period |
| | | 8:00 PM | Stage 3 | <i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i> |
| | | 3:00 & 8:15 | LAT, FAC | The movie <i>The Sting</i> |
| Fri | Sept 26 | 9:00-5:00 | Records Office | Drop/Add Period |
| | | 9:00-5:00 | Records Office | Late Registration (\$20 fee) |
| | | 8:15 PM | Stage 3 | <i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i> |
| Sat | Sept 27 | 8:15 PM | Stage 3 | <i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i> |
| | | 8:00 PM | Calvin FAC | <i>Tosca</i> |
| Mon | Sept 29 | 9:00-5:00 | Records Office | LAST DAY for Late Registration (\$20 late fee) |
| | | 9:00-5:00 | Records Office | Drop/Add Period |
| Tue | Sept 30 | 9:00-5:00 | Records Office | Drop/Add Period |
| Wed | Oct 01 | 9:00-5:00 | Records Office | LAST DAY for Drop/Add |
| Fri | Oct 03 | 9:00-5:00 | Maplehurst Camp | TJC Advance |
| Sat | Oct 04 | All Day | Maplehurst Camp | TJC Advance |
| Sun | Oct 05 | All Day | Maplehurst Camp | TJC Advance |
| Mon | Oct 06 | 9:00-12:00 | Maplehurst Camp | TJC Advance |

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