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## Agnew gets jilted by party politics

It was a week of fast-breaking news of national and international events. War broke out in the Middle East, but news from the battle front got shunted down the front page of the newspapers when Vice-President Agnew resigned. Hard on the heels of his resignation came President Nixon's nominations for a new vice president-- Gerald Ford of Michigan. There had been much discussion of the possibility of Agnew resigning in the past month, but after the Vice-President's statement denying that intention, even if indicted, it looked as if Agnew might stand his ground and fight for his political life. It now seems likely that Agnew's denials were simply efforts to stave off the press while his lawyers bargained with the Justice Department. Apparently the bargain resulted in a "no contest" plea before a federal grand jury on a minor charge of income-tax evasion. Agnew's sentence was suspended with probation. It remains to be seen whether the deal precludes any further investigation into Agnew's actions as governor of Maryland. Mr. Agnew has told the American people that he agreed to the "no contest" plea in order to save the country the trauma of a long court battle. Perhaps. More likely, he simply agreed to the plea and the resignation as vice-president because the Justice Department and President Nixon left him no other choice. Agnew, whose various assignments from the President included going after the press and acting as the main 1972 Republican campaign spokesman, was forced to resign because Nixon is working hard to re-establish an honest image of his administration. Beset by Watergate publicity, Nixon has surrounded himself with a different set of faces, including such respectable types as Laird and Haig. When the press got hold of Agnew's problems with the Justice Department, the Vice-President suddenly became the focus of what appeared to be more corruption within Nixon's administration. Evidently, Nixon felt that the stakes were too high to "go to bat" for Agnew and the Justice Department continued its investigation. When the evidence mounted against Agnew, there was no hope for his remaining in the administration. Agnew's resignation seems to mark the end of his 1976 presidential aspirations. If, and it appears probable, that Agnew is indeed guilty of tax evasion and more, then he certainly does not make a desirable public official. But watching the apparent end of a successful political career is no joy. Agnew was a good and faithful servant" of the Republican Party, but he certainly got no support from the party's highest officials when the tide turned against him. All of which goes to show that party politics is a brutal game -- the party tends to desert you in the trenches. Agnew possibly deserved better from the Republicans, who now are giving grateful support to Gerald Ford.

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sponsoring a "Semester on the United Nations." On Tuesdays and Thursdays, semester participants go into "the city" for seminars, and actual committee meetings at the U.N., thus widening their knowledge of the international world. Needless to say, students do meet some important representatives, delegates, and ambassadors. If you play your cards right, you may be able to interview the assistant secretary-general or dine in the delegates dining-room.

The program promises to be a rewarding and benefiting experience, and students are urged to consider participation in such an opportunity. Those students who would like further information about the program are encouraged to contact Dr. Lemmon or Mrs. Fairchild, the Capitol City Semester Coordinator.

**OUR SALUTE TO Housekeeping Maintenance Cafeteria staffs (and all others who help Meredith operate smoothly.)**

## Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

Monday morning as I made my way to the amphitheater for convocation, I was - again - astounded that the "crowd" was going AWAY FROM the amphitheater. I do not suffer from any illusion that Meredith students eagerly await convocation on Mondays. I am not even convinced that we are doing what we should with the convocation period. But I am convinced that if one chooses to NOT attend convocation, one should do so WITHOUT "pretending" to have gone.

There is something to be admired in the girl who does not attend convocation and does not go to the amphitheater to give her number. She is exercising her right to not attend and is doing so openly and honestly. She knows the 'penalty' for her decision and is willing to stand by it. I am convinced that this is an attitude that is worthy of consideration.

I am not advocating absences from convocation

but I am advocating a willingness to accept responsibility for one's own actions. It seems unlikely that we will be able to function well, individually or collectively, until we are willing to accept such responsibility.

Fran Vandiver

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Dear Editor:

It is our thoughts that we can be of some type of service to your readers by presenting different concepts of life that ordinarily they wouldn't know. In addition, our lives would definitely be brightened through this correspondence while we pass these lonely hours in a federal penitentiary.

We implore you to run the below program advertisement in your paper for a few times and would appreciate it if you would send either of us a copy of the issue that you print it in.

### PROJECT DIVERSIFICATION

Obtain greater understanding beyond your present academic studies by infusion into your programing an interesting project of contact with intelligent, college educated minds of entirely different concepts of living. Relate and correspond with men that can answer all your questions concerning that darkened world better known as crime and prison. At

the same time your letters will illuminate these individuals lonely world. Write: George Holley - PMB 94596 - Atlanta, Ga. 30315 or Ed Fallis - PMB 33592 - Atlanta, Ga. 30315. (U.S. Federal Prisoners)

Thanking you for your consideration in this matter, we remain,

Sincerely yours,  
George Holley  
Ed Fallis

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Dear People:

I am a Federal Prisoner in Leavenworth, Kansas, and have been in prison now for almost five years, however I expect to be released next summer but after being here for so long I have lost all contact with the people I once knew on the outside.

What I would like is people to correspond with this last year of confinement so that I may familiarize myself with the now things in the world today. It's an awfully lonely situation sitting here expecting to be released soon and not knowing anyone presently on the streets.

I would like to ask if you would print my letter and - or name and address in your publication requesting correspondence.

All love to the People.

In struggle,  
James "Dino" Fletcher  
20687-175-B-114  
Box 1000

Leavenworth, Kansas 66048

## GODSPELL was big colorful media showcase

By Pam Faison and Susan Tew

Combine enthusiasm, endless vitality, effervesence and you will have a partial description of the Stewart Theatre production of "Godspell" on October 6.

John-Michael Tebelak, who conceived and directed "Godspell", refers to his offerings as "free form theatrical work based on material taken from the New Testament. I would like to revitalize people's interest in religion. I would want to bring more celebration into religion." And never has Saint Matthew's epistle been presented in such a believable way.

"Godspell" is an explosion of media. It captivates and manipulates its audience because of its demands as a production. With the back of the stage enclosed by a tall wire fence, Jesus, dressed in a superman T-shirt, stripped trousers and tennis shoes, spends the evening with his clown-face, gypsy-like followers relating insights and philosophies of life through the parables, re-created by the actors through reverie, games, dance, mime, and song.

"Godspell" was a communion for those who saw it; for those who did not, a total media communication, that is unique and rarely available was lost. "Godspell" was a work that believed in "God - and People - and Possibility."

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## FRANKLY SPEAKING...by phil frank



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