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an organizer of the elections and as a candidate. I have been trying to interest people in filing and voting in the elections. But it seems my roles have turned against me --I am the only opposed candidate on this year's ballot.

On Monday, I wrote a short promotion article for the "Today", the Dean of Students' daily campus announcement forum. My opponent's name was unintentionally omitted from the article. I accept full responsibility for this error.

I called the Dean of Students' office immediately after I read the article and requested a correction.

Today(Wednesday's) edition had the following post script: "...due to the dirty tricks by one of the. candidates, Frank Howes' name was left out of the Today's list of candidates. Sorry, Frank."

Frank, I'm sorry also. I did not intend for this to happen. Ibelieve you realize that I have not run a "dirty campaign." I have tried to run an open campaign. I never expected to see that line in print and I apologize for my share in the blame. What happened is over--I cannot change it.

I only hope that the students of Macalester College maintain an interest in MPIRG. The elections have been rescheduled for Wednesday, May 12.

Thank you. **Rita Clare Steinhagen**

Editor's note: Wednesday's Today was not written by the regular person, according to Dorothy Hegman in the Dean of Students' Office. Hegman apologized for the error and said, "It was so unintentional that it wasn't even funny."

More grapes

To the editor:

Before anyone boycotts Gallo or Carlo Rossi wines they should first know the facts. Unionization at Gal- ... lo dates back over 30 years, 100 per cent of Gallo workers are

union, and farmworkers have been in the union of their choice since 1967. In 1975 farmworker basic pay ranged from \$3.10 to \$4.05 per hour. During the harvest the average was \$5.79 per hour, and some workers averaged \$9.00!

Farmworker compensation includes a company paid pension plan, paid vacations, paid holidays, premium paid overtime, and company paid health, life, and unemployment insurance.

Under the new 1975 California labor relations act, there are free government supervised secret ballot elections, and only the union which wins the election can negotiate with the company. On Sept. 10, 1975, a farmworker election was held at the E&J Gallo ranch in Livingston, California. The workers' vote was 223 for the teamsters and 131 for the UFW (AFL-CIO). However, 197 ballots were challenged by the election board. When a decision is reached, the company fully supports the winning union, and has always supported the workers' choice since 1967 when unionization began.

The California OSHA pesticide and other chemical regulations are among the most stringent in the nation and exceed any UFW contract specifications. Contrary to literature distributed earlier this year at Saga, only 39 pesticide related deaths have occured from January, 1973 to 'April, 1974, not the 800 reported in UFW literature.

Gallo does not hire illegal aliens and never has. No other farmworkers are better paid, protected, or insured than Gallo workare for growing apples or grapes. Now more than ever boycotts are meaningless and irrelevant.

If you really want to help the farmworkers, write your Senator or Representative and support their inclusion in the National Labor Relations Act. If you would like some more information or if you have any questions, call 647-6250. Steven Lonergan

Plea

To the Editor:

Dear President Davis, as Macalester College's highest ranking "Quartermaster", ultimately responsible for the relegation of supplies to the various departments--I address this letter to you.

Since January of this year, the mens' athletic equipment room has been devoid of racquetball paddles and balls. The word from the athletic department is that items were requisitioned both nearly two months ago. The delay has deprived many Macites of the opportunity to play racquetball in the mornings and early afternoons. This being the case, I ask you to please remedy the situation. Mark Berman

Another way

To the Editor:

Daniel Emerson

Paul Erickson

Steven Farkas

Robert Mantell

Catherine Miles

Kurt Molenaar

Jessica Myers

Nancy Nawrot

Katherine Parrish

Donald Percival

Franklin Snower

Jeanette Stiegler Kathleen Stone

Charles Spurr

Susan Sanborn

Jan Shaw

John Wald

Stephen Kealhofer

Paul Gores

John Long

Anne Marsh

The bureaucratic jungle growing on the Macalester College campus becomes more dense and dark with

each passing day. A particularly large piece of undergrowth which emerges annually in spring is the college housing allocation program. The natives of the jungle as well as each yearly incoming safari cannot hope to glimpse the sky until this, and other such fauna feel the lumberman's blade.

In order to shed a little light, I propose several changes in the present policy. First, I think that the room and board deposit, and room draw procedures should be held entirely at one location over an extended period of time. Second, I feel that the exchange of number options on rooms should be made freely and with a minimum of college/student confrontation. Adoption of such a plan would yield benefits to both the individual students and the administrative staff of the college.

The advantage to the students is an increase in convenience. Students have plenty of time hassles now (studies, work and work/study, and visits of family and friends). The room allocation program magnifies these problems by imposing additional demands on students' time, within a rigid framework.

Students must make their deposit

on a certain day, must draw a number at a certain time (or have assigned someone to hold a proxy for them in advance) and ultimately must perform lengthy deals to buy and sell numbers. Time'spent on those things which need not be done or that could be done at a more convenient point, is time wasted. A flexible schedule and exchange program allows students to spend their time on fruitful activities, when they want to.

The advantage to the administration is a similar type of convenience. One needs only to ask a passing housing staff member to discover that time pressure and paperwork pervade official life.

Here again the present room allocation system exacerbates the problem by making intensive demands on staff time and by maximizing paperwork: With flexible scheduling and free exchange, staff members may settle for a more leisurely pace and a minimum of confrontation.

This policy is hardly a panacea, but I feel it merits consideration by students and staff. I am eager to to exchange ideas about it at any time.

Steven Bennett

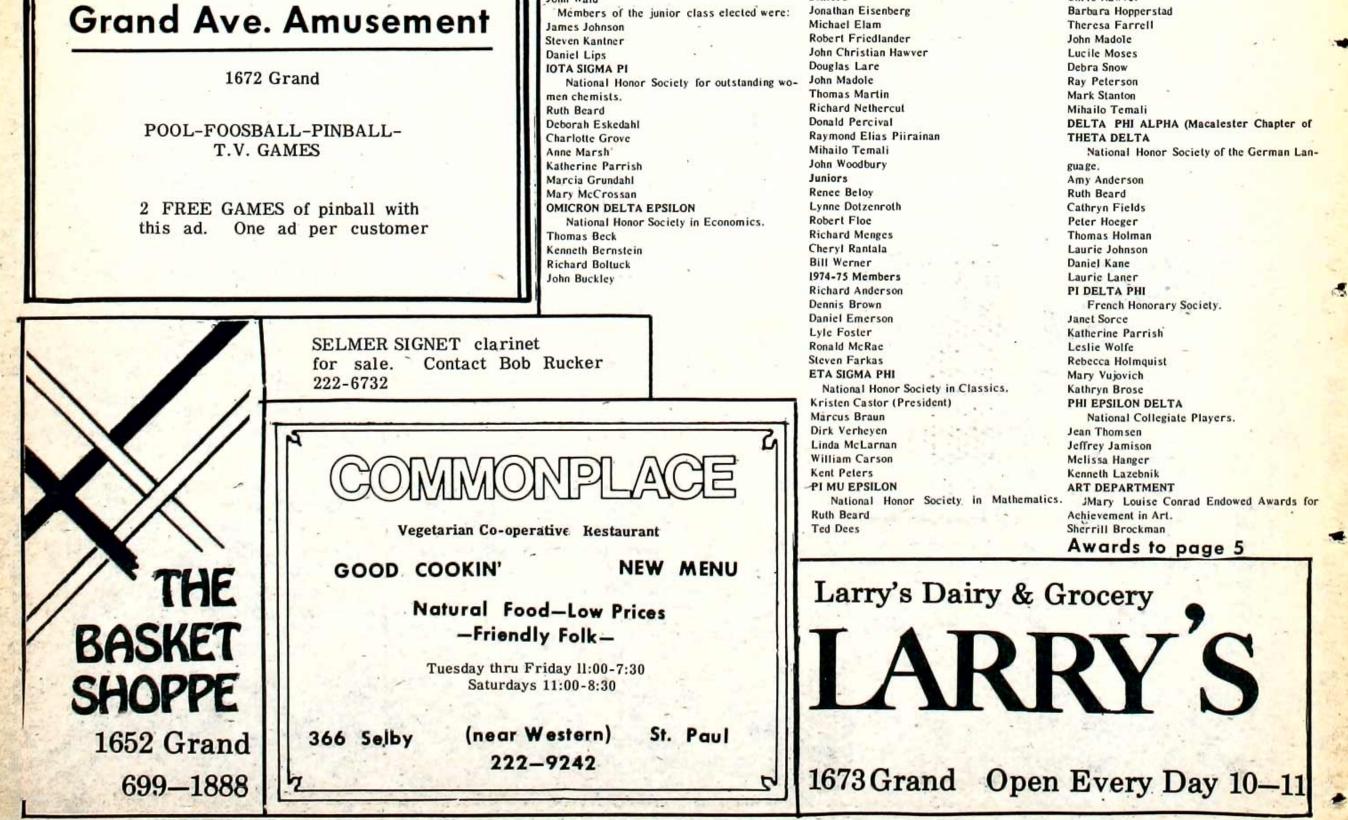
Eric Felker

Awards: 1975-1976

Frances Hinson PHI BETA KAPPA Members of the senior class elected were: Richard Anderson **Ronald Bailyn** Nancy Bradley James Bristow Jennifer Church Martha Danly

Debra Hodgson Gordon Jensen Daniel Johnson Steven Barker Christopher Gilchrist Ronald Kammer Michael McEwen Patrick McGinley Gregory Sorensen David Vanney William Werner, Jr. Diane Wesman Robert Williams GAMMA THETA UPSILON National Honor Society in Geography. Beth Honetschlager Deborah Karasov Susan Kern Peter Kortright Valerie Leach Thomas Martin Sara Webb Trevor White Jane Wilson. **PI SIGMA ALPHA** Delta Chi Chapter, National Political Science Michael Baber Honorary Society. Seniors Jonathan Eisenberg

George Leiter Jamaludin bin Md Ali Rozali Mohd James Neitzel Elliott Rinder Kerin Scanlon Greg Sorensen Michael Wacek Michael Keller Jim Noran PHI ALPHA THETA National Honor Society in History. Lawrence Pry Frederick Donahue Peter Coladarci Karen Nelson **Richard O'Neill** Ronald McRae Daniel Kane Laurie Laner John Wald Kermit Bostock Jon Eisenberg ALPHA KAPPA DELTA National Honor Society in Sociology Deborah Cole Chris Hawver Barbara Hopperstad



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