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"Information NOT Counseling"

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"Dr. Shriver will be a panelists including"... "Dr. Havinghurst Prof of English, Dr. Delattre Ass. Prof of Religion, Dr. Stone Prof of History.." Miami Student, 1969



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*"Gentle
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MOTHER APOSTLE
REVUE

United Campus Ministry

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October 15, 1969

to UCM Board Members and Oxford Ministers:

We feel we should apprise you of a situation that has arisen in which the United Campus Ministry's name and address has been wrongfully used. We refer to a eight page circular handed out last week on the Miami campus, entitled "The Mother Apostle Revue". Perhaps it was not widely circulated, but it has been seen by altogether too many people. We write you to tell you the facts as we see them in case anyone else brings the matter to your attention.

The paper in question speaks about Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), support for the Moratorium on October 15, and contains the threat to blow up the ROTC Building which the Dayton paper featured in its Sunday issue. On the back page is an "ad" for the Draft "Counseling" Center and the "Radical Education Center (hidden in the basement)", both at 410 E. High. I think you will agree that the contents are sufficiently serious to warrant our bringing it to your attention. We have copies in the office should any of you want to see the offending document itself.

The paper was mimeographed in our house at 410 East High. It is essentially the work of one student with a history of irresponsible behavior who has associated with students here from time to time. The work was done one evening last week totally without our approval. As soon as we learned what had been done, we talked with him and other students here, tried to confiscate all the copies we could find (unfortunately not all) in order to have any reference to 410 East High deleted. We have further made it clear that nothing is to be printed and distributed here without our prior approval. We must say we are not opposed in principle to the publication of papers of student opinion, but we must disapprove one so clearly irresponsible in content as this one.

The Draft Information Center here in the house, which was erroneously called the Draft Counseling Center, is not to be identified with this paper. Its work is only to clarify for students who want the information the 1967 Selective Service Law as it applies to individual cases, not to promote any anti-draft cause. The "ad" was put in without the knowledge of the Center.

The "radical education center" does not exist. There has been some discussion of starting a "relevant education project" in which literature of varying shades of opinion might be available, which would not be found in the usual library. But this has not gone beyond the discussion stage, and nothing of the kind actually exist. Nothing is "hidden in the basement" here, nothing of what might be termed "underground" activity goes on here. Everything is open to anyone who comes in, and if you are interested, we urge you to drop in anytime you want.

at Miami University and Western College

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United Campus Ministry

OCTOBER 14, 1969

"The Mother Apostle Revue"

Concerning a recent issue of an underground newspaper with the above title distributed on the Miami University campus, the Staff of the United Campus Ministry wishes to make the following statement.

The United Campus Ministry had nothing to do with the editing, production and distribution of the paper. The mimeographing of the paper was done on a mimeograph machine owned by the UCM but it was used for this purpose without our permission.

Of particular concern to us were two advertisements regarding UCM activities. The first was in regard to the Draft Information Center which is sponsored by the CCM. This project has been established solely to help students understand the provisions of the 1967 Selective Service Act. It does not engage in any kind of illegal counseling activity. The second item concerns the establishment of a Relevant Education Project (mistakenly called "radical education project" in the paper). This project is only in the discussion stage. If approved the center will provide information on all social and political points of view related to understanding the movements and problems of the contemporary world. It is in no sense an "underground" activity. Nothing that we do is "hidden" but is open to all who are interested and concerned.

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Aside from reference to our house here, we think it most unfortunate that the Moratorium and other projects have been associated in this paper with the SDS and threats to blow up buildings. We deem it important that you know that such a connection made in the paper is made only in the minds of the one person who authored the paper, and nothing more should be made of it. We believe that the threat to destroy the ROTC Building was made more in an attempt to upset the University than to actually carry through on the threat. But regardless, we do not need to tell you how rockless and irresponsible such statements are.

We will gladly answer any questions you may have at anytime. In the meantime we hope you will do your best to clarify the situation.

Yours sincerely,

Donald I. Judson

Dave McDaniels

Walter Zimmer

PARSON TO PERSON - UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY

Several weeks ago I shared with you the action of our Session concerning the United Campus Ministry and the petition that had been circulated throughout our church. I promised you at that time that further information would be forthcoming.

At a special meeting on April 29 members of our church met with the United Campus Ministry Board to talk about these six items of the petition. Elder Charles Teckman, representing the Session, was asked to draw-up a report concerning the meeting and its outcome. Elder Teckman then presented his report to the Session at its regular meeting in May. The Session voted not to endorse the petition but rather to accept it and forward it to the Synod, accompanied by The Teckman Report. The reason for this action was to give additional information and to make known the United Campus Ministry's response to the charges.

For your information, here again are the six accusations and the response that was drawn as a result of the group's discussion.

1. Draft counseling service (information as to draft evasion).

The operation of the Draft Counseling Service is limited to an explanation of legal alternatives to the draft and there was no evidence of support to the charge that draft evasion was encouraged.

2. Miami University underground newspaper (making many uses of foul language, and many foul and derogatory remarks to Miami University and its faculty and staff).

The staff explained an occasion in the fall of 1969 when an issue of an underground newspaper, including obscene language and derogatory remarks about university officials, had been printed at United Campus Ministry without their knowledge. After discovery of this activity no further issues were permitted. Later additions of underground newspapers planned at meetings of students using the facilities of the United Campus Ministry did not contain obscene language and the staff further agreed to attempt to interpret the role of university administrative personnel in a better light. The question of obscene language was unresolved by the group present, but we did agree that it was also a moot question in the general society and in the public courts.

3. Talawanda High School underground newspaper (containing the same type filth as the Miami underground newspaper, and done with the help and approval of at least one member of the United Campus Ministry staff).

The staff of United Campus Ministry indicated that they had utilized United Campus Ministry facilities in the support of the production of an underground newspaper for Talawanda High School because they felt that particular political expressions that a group of students wished expressed were not possible in the normal high school publications. The staff and others present agreed that they did not believe this activity to be an appropriate United Campus Ministry concern in the future.

4. Use of drugs in Westminster House, including one arrest.

The staff members supplied the circumstances surrounding the arrest of a student who had rented an apartment in the United Campus Ministry quarters, and they further explained they felt they could not be held accountable for the actions of the renter. This was agreed to by all present.

The practice of ministering to drug users was discussed at length and there was some disagreement between members of the staff and others present regarding the point at which a minister should take a stand in opposition to drug use.

5. Printing of inflammatory material early in the week of April 13, 1970, calling for Talawanda High School students to strike.

This point was not discussed at length and was not deemed an issue worthy of further consideration by the group.

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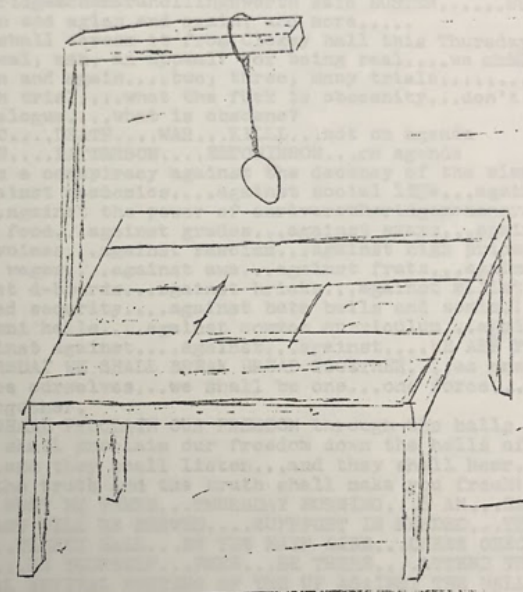
2. "Miami University underground newspaper (making use of foul language and derogatory terms to Miami University." [Uncertain reference to MAR or Mandela]

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4. "Use of Drugs in the Westminster House"

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-Dayton Daily News,
January 26, 1970

An Objector Looks Ahead

By JIM NICHOLS, Daily News Staff Writer

OXFORD—Tonight in Hughes hall on the Miami campus, Tim Zimmer will be one of a group of students attending the second session of the Institute of Non-violence.

For Tim Zimmer non-violence is more than just words, or actions, it is a commitment. He was one of the group of Miami students and faculty who made the institute a reality although it was turned down by the school's faculty committee.

THE SCHOOL DID, however, grant permission for the institute to use its facilities for a free university type activity.

No one attending tonight's session has a greater commitment than Tim. In April 1967, he went to federal prison for refusing to be drafted. He spent 22 months behind bars during which he wrote and published a successful book, "Letters From a Conscientious Objector in Prison."

Of his prison experience he says, "It was something I had to do and it was done. I don't feel any better for it. I was forced into it. I didn't choose it, but it was necessary.

"EVERY PERSON who goes to prison for conscientious objection brings the issue that much more into focus. But obviously, it hasn't changed anything."

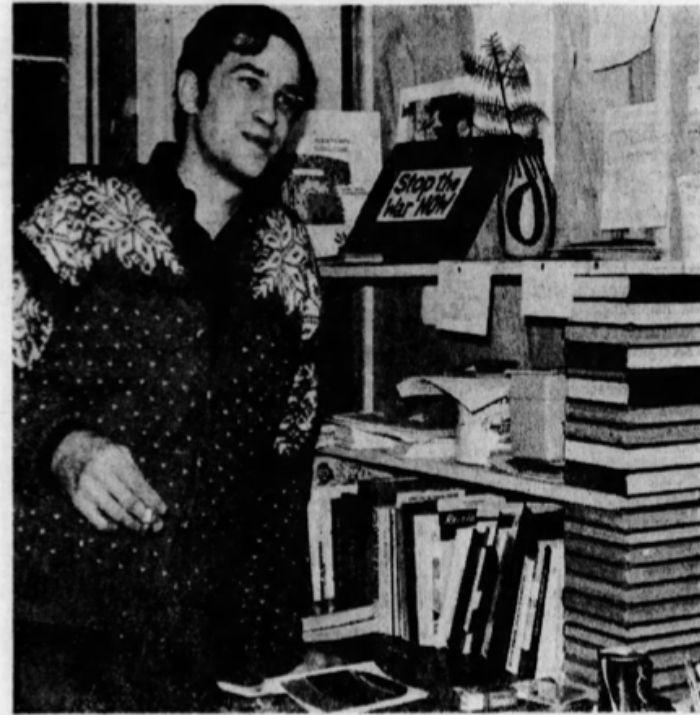
Tim was 19 at the time he went to prison and a student at Earlham college in Richmond, Ind. Now 22, he's a junior at Miami.

His father, the Rev. Walter Zimmer, is one of the directors of the United Campus Ministry. In that organization's building on High St. is where you usually will find Tim. That's not only because of his father, but because the campus ministry house is the rallying spot for things like the institute and the ad hoc committee on the Vietnam moratorium.

IN JUNE, WHEN his parole ends, Tim wants to marry, finish his work toward a bachelor's degree in history and teach.

He hopes to teach history from a different approach than what is being offered in most colleges today.

"I would hope that someday we could teach history without the emphasis on battles," he says. "In higher level courses there is a trend toward economic and social history, but the survey course, the ones everyone must take, are still directed to dates, wars and battles."



Daily News Photo by Steve Glover

**TIM ZIMMER AT DESK IN UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY
He Finds People Who Interest Him at the Center**

'Every person who goes to prison for conscientious objection brings the issue that much more into focus.'

The Institute of Non-Violence has some of the direction that Tim would like to employ in teaching.

"WE PROPOSED that the university investigate establishing a program on study of all aspects of non-violence," he explains. "Two schools do have courses on non-violence, but they are more courses in military history than ideological commitment. (The schools are Notre Dame and Kentucky)."

"When the university turned the idea down we developed the institute to study all aspects of the subject."

How does Tim Zimmer, son of a minister, a man with such strong conscience that he went to prison, feel about religion?

"I am not nominally a Christian," he says. "I accept the ethics and morality of the New Testament. I believe in the ethics of the Sermon on The Mount. But about God, I just don't know."

He does believe that today's students should keep up the anti-war pressure. Of President Nixon's policy he says: "If he's going to get out, that's fine, but he should tell us. Until we know for sure we should keep the pressure on or the impact of the anti-war movement will be blunted."

Mandala Publications
Box 101
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January 23, 1970

Dr. Robert F. Etheridge
Vice President for Student Affairs
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Miami University

Dear Sir;

There has arisen recently between your office and our editorial staff some confusion concerning the status of our publication, The Mandala. The Mandala is a privately owned independent newspaper affiliated with the Liberation News Service and serving the Butler County community. We are now in the process of incorporation in accord with such regulations set by the state of Ohio. The Mandala is not a student publication. The staff of the newspaper is composed of private citizens of the Oxford community as well as undergraduate and graduate students and faculty of Miami University and our printing is handled by a commercial firm.

We have received Volume I, Issue 1 from our printers today, dated January 26, 1970, and will begin distribution. We request that you in your capacity as Vice President of Student Affairs, in accordance with University regulations, Section 207. Solicitation, to allow our student representatives to sell copies on the campus. We feel precedence has been established with the sale of such local newspapers as The Dayton Daily News, The Cincinnati Enquirer and others in the residence halls and in the University Center.

We trust you will read the copy of the newspaper we have inclosed. You may discuss any of the issues involved with a member of our staff, please call us at 523- 3854 at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Douglas A. Hahn
William J. Wood

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"The militia was proposed last week at a statewide meeting of the United Christian Council of America"

"It is the inherent right and responsibility of the white man to protect himself and his family from the murders, rapists, and revolutionaires that presently threaten his way of life."

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