

S.A.O. Calendar

By Sandy Mahar

Concerts in the past . . .

Rock Concert - Eden Stone
February 11

Many students from both the high school and college attended the concert held at the civic center.

Concerts coming . . .

Overnight Low"
March 6
The Diary of Adam and Eve"
March 28

Movies in the past . . .

Dusty and Sweets McGee"
January 31-February 2
Skin Game"
February 14-16

Movies coming . . .

McCabe and Mrs. Miller"
February 28-March 2

A movie full of rich detail and powerful moodiness, one that shows what the West was like, primitive, miserable, violent, and full of despair.

"Flap"
March 7-9

The story of the legal but hilarious efforts of a band of Indians to call attention to the despair and futility in which they live on a Southwestern reservation.

"Rabbit Run"
March 14-16
Now recognized as a classic, this novel has become a candid motion picture dealing with a man's desperate attempt to avoid involvement and responsibility.

"Malcolm X"
March 21-23

"Summer of '42"
March 28-30
A nostalgic excursion for some and an open door to a generation ago for others. But for everyone, it is a simple human comedy with a timeless feeling, as true today as it was then and will be tomorrow. Only the calendar changes.

Lectures . . .
"Kieber on Astrology and the Occult"
March 25

*Students wishing to enter an Intercollegiate Karate Tournament on March 2 at Muskegon Community College, contact Mr. Allbritten

*The times and locations for these events will be posted in the "Log" and "The Splinter"

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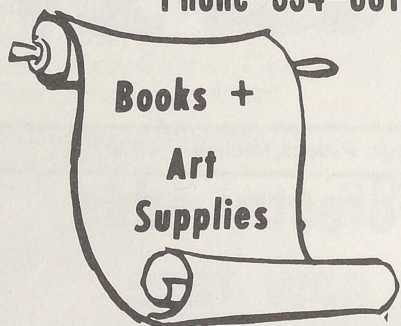
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Nursing Program to Receive More Funds

The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare has announced it is releasing \$21.7 million in capitation grant funds to 948 programs of nursing in hospitals, colleges, and universities throughout the United States.

Release of the funds is the result of a successful law suit brought by the National League for Nursing against Roy Ash, Director of the Office of Management and Budget and Caspar Weinberger, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare.

The NLN law suit, one of the first impoundment suits filed against the Administration, was initiated last June. At issue were 1973 nursing capitation grant funds appropriated by Congress. Of the \$38,500,000 nursing capitation grant funds appropriated by Congress for fiscal year 1973, only \$16,800,000 had been obligated by the Secretary to schools of nursing. The Administration had impounded \$21.7.

The NLN complaint alleged that "The acts of the Secretary and the Director are illegal. The reduction of the amounts obligated for such annual capitation grants by the Secretary and the failure to obligate all funds appropriated for such grant program violates the intent of Congress in passing the Act and in appropriating funds for its implementation, and is therefore unlawful as an abuse of his discretion and as a violation of his statutory duty to plaintiff and to the schools of nursing.

Although NLN filed suit on behalf of all 948 nursing programs, District Court Judge Thomas A. Flannery signed a final order on November 19 in favor of 793 NLN members. His final order stated that the 1973 funds were to be expended "to those qualified schools of nursing, which are members of Plaintiff such
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schools' portion of the full amounts of fiscal year 1973 funds appropriated by Congress for capitation grants . . ." The Justice Department was given 60 days to file a notice for appeal and that time period has since expired.

When NLN initially filed suit on behalf of all the nursing programs, the first restraining order granted last June in effect froze the total amount of \$21.7 million and prevented the monies from reverting to the U.S. Treasury Funds at the end of fiscal 1973.

Thus, monies due all 948 programs of nursing were safeguarded and it is those funds which HEW is now releasing to NLN members as well as those programs which are not members of the organization.

The suit brought by NLN is unprecedented in nursing circles. In support of its initial action, NLN noted: "The Congress has specifically found that there is a critical shortage of registered nurses in all regions of the United States, which has been the cause of physical neglect of patients in many institutions."

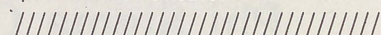
The National League for Nursing is composed of registered and licensed practical nurses, other professionals working in the health field, concerned citizens, and agency members such as hospitals, schools of nursing and nursing service agencies. These members work together to help meet community nursing needs and assure quality nursing education.

Highways to Accomodate Bicyclists

(Lansing) - - Attorney General Frank J. Kelley has advised the Michigan Department of Highway that bike paths may be built with money from the Highway Fund even though they are not directly attached to a highway, street, or road.

"What the law requires," said Attorney General Kelley, "is that the facilities be built 'in conjunction' with a highway, street or road. For instance, a path could be physically constructed away from the road involved and still be in the same service area. This would permit the bicycle rider to be away from the dangers and distractions of the highway travel."

The law says that bike paths and facilities for other non-mototized means of transportation may be built in conjunction with existing highways, streets or roads. In addition, the statute states they shall be built in conjunction with a highway, street or road being constructed, reconstructed or relocated - - unless it would be impractical or unsafe.



THUNDER BOWL LANES

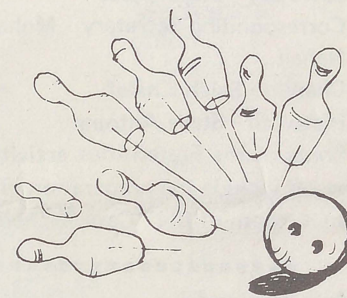
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HIS WAY - PARABLES FROM LIFE In a Frog's Eye !

I learned something about frog's eyes the other day. An Associated Press story tells that engineers have made an electronic version of the eye of a frog and they plan to use the principle to construct a new group of computers.

They say that a frog's eye sees alot, but it sends to the brain only what the brain needs to know. For example, if a fly is moving away from the frog, the eye sees it, but doesn't bother to tell the brain. But if a fly is moving toward the frog, it gives the brain the message.

The project engineers says, "The frog's eye is a natural computer, because it makes life and death decisions for the frog without bothering its brain, which is very limited. It screens out everything not important to the frog and transmits to the brain only those things which directly concern him."

And that set me to thinking. Wouldn't it be nice to have eyes like a frog? Because then, our brains would receive only that information which was essential to our health and preservation. We would be conscious only of the essentials.

But instead, we have brains that transmit to our consciousness the most trifling, useless and insignificant things.

For instance, if I see a fly, it doesn't matter whether it is flying away from or toward me, I must waste time thinking, "There is a fly".

Too bad we're smarter than frogs.

Or are we? When the frog receives a life or death message, he acts upon it at once. If a frog-hunter approaches with a gun, and the frog eye sees him, it transmits a message to the frog's brain and commands "Frog, jump!"

And the frog jumps - - and incidentally, stays alive.

But because our brains transmit to our consciousness both the essential and the non-essential, sometimes we get so mixed up we cannot distinguish between them.

How do I know this is true? Because many a man will get a message from his brain which says, "Let's go the ball game this afternoon." And at once he acts on this piece of relatively non-essential information.

But that same man can sit in church and hear the Holy Spirit say, "Accept Jesus Christ and live - - reject Him and die."

And when his brain transmits this message to his consciousness, he utterly ignores it and does nothing about it.

Now all this does not, of course, prove that it is better to be a frog than a man. But it does prove that one had better think twice before he exults in man's superior powers of thought.

For it appears that sometimes frogs are smarter than men - -

At least they know when it is time to jump!

