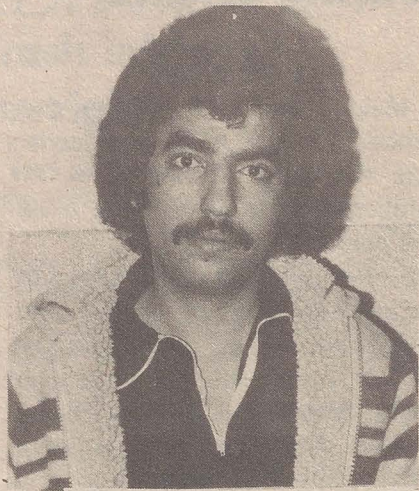


Student Feature



Al-yousef, Abdullah

عبد الله اليوسف

By Mary Johnson

In 1975, a group of one thousand exchange students were selected by the Saudi Arabia government to attend schools in the United States; Abdullah Al-yousef, from Saudi Arabia was among this group.

Al-yousef (who has six brothers and four sisters) is not the first member of his family to study in the United States. Several members of his family have studied in the United States, and some have taken up residence. His brother attends the University of Wisconsin.

He arrived in the States September 21, 1975, first attending Cincinnati College in Louisiana, where he learned survival English. In the Spring of '76, Al-yousef enrolled in Michigan State. The following semester he transferred to Delta College for fall '76, and the following semester he came to ACC.

Al-yousef grew up in Rijhd, a large city and the capitol of his country. He transferred to Alpena because he decided he'd prefer a smaller town.

Striving for better English usage, Al-yousef, a sophomore, finds some classes more difficult because of the language. To aid him in translation he uses an Arabic/English dictionary.



WORLD BOOK map

Modern technology—new machines, space technology, etc., interest him. After obtaining a baccalaureate degree in civil engineering, Al-yousef would like to work on road construction in his country.

Al-yousef's mother, an elementary school teacher of 15 years, has been the supporter of the family ever since her husband died when Al-yousef was three years old. Relations between Al-yousef and his family are strong, with a great deal of respect toward one another.

ANCIENT GREECE REVIVED

By Cathy Mason

It is time for the festival of Dionysius, when 17,000 Greeks swarm into the theater of ancient Athens to watch the new play, **Oedipus Rex**, written by the popular playwright, Sophocles.

Sophocles' play is about Oedipus, king of Thebes, who unsuccessfully seeks to escape the fate decreed for him by the gods, that he would kill his father and marry his mother. Oedipus unwittingly carries out a zealous campaign to discover why Thebes is plagued with famine and disease, only to find that he is the cause....

The modern audience should strive to look at the Alpena Civic Theater's production of this play thru the eyes of the ancient Greeks, since Keith Titus, director, and Phyllis Druckman, assistant director, will use special effects to recreate the classical Greek style as much as possible.

Some of the special effects are in the costuming. Loose, flowing gowns will clothe the cast and chorus. In addition, the main characters, Oedipus, Creon and Jocasta, will wear masks made by Bernard Weinkauff and 10" platforms attached to their shoes.

The chorus will be wearing stylized make-up in stained glass patterns.

Since only males acted in the ancient Greek dramas, ACT's presentation will feature males in female roles. The cast of **Oedipus Rex** includes: Roger Wood as Oedipus; Martin Druckman as Jocasta, also as a priest of Zeus, and the shepherd; Skip Neff as Creon and the messenger; Keith Titus as Teiresias. Oedipus' daughters are the exception in that they are played by Barbara McGregor and Abby Druckman.

Chorus members, who serve to comment on the plot and theme, are: Pat Collins, Mary Kelley, Barbara McGregor, Jeni Rings, Sharon Shiemke, Susi Shiemke, Ken Smith and Christy Dodge.

The characters will "intone" their lines with movements limited largely to entrances, exits and sweeping hand gestures.

The stage has four raised platforms, like stairs. The setting will be in front of the temple of Zeus, with a pillar on the right and an altar on the left.

Oedipus Rex will run from Dec. 6 to 10 at the Alpena Civic Theater. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Tickets are available at rm. 107 VLH and at the theater for \$2.00. Reservations can be made by calling 356-2925.



"LIBERATED MAN"

MADISON, Wis. (On Campus Report)—"Liberated Man" author Warren Farrell starts out his campus lectures by conducting a male beauty contest among members of the audience to illustrate role reversal.

MOVIES

- Dec. 4, Nashville Girl
- Dec. 11: The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz
- Dec. 18, Paperchase

Classifieds

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SUNFLOWER SEEDS Cleaned and bagged, \$9 per 50 lb. bag. Contact Mary Kelley, or call 379-4483.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED a couple of hours a week to tutor young children, visit lonely people, be a classroom helper, assist with crafts projects, do public relations or photography. Call 356-9021, extension 271.

MUSIC FILLS THE AIR

By Mary Kelley

Not only is there snow in the air, but there's music too. Room VLH 127 is the site for your ears on Sunday, December 3 and Sunday, December 10, at 8:00 p.m.

Robert Hein, director for both the Alpena Choral Society and the ACC Orchestra, invites everyone to relax to some well-performed Christmas music.

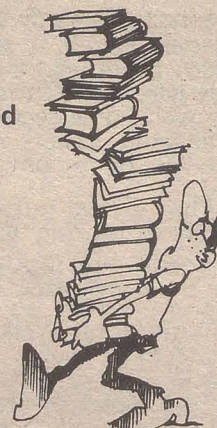
December 3, the orchestra will melt you with such pieces as Handel's Overture to Saul, Haydn Symphony No. 99 Wassail Song and Selections from "Showboat."

December 10, the Alpena Choral Society, consisting of more than two dozen voices, will set listeners in a Christmas mood with choral works that were first launched in 1796 by Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) in his search for a new means of expression. Also, pieces by William Walton, David Willcocks, John Rutter, Heinrich Scheutz and Hugo Distler.

Admission charge is \$2 for adults and \$1 for high school and college students.

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