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THE BO DITTILIES, a group which plays music of the '50s, is being sponsored by the Clarenceville High School senior class in a concert at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, in the L.E. Schmidt Auditorium. Open to all area students, tickets are \$1.50. In the group are Chris Jambor (top) and (from left) Kim Stewart, Ron Bawulski, Steve King, Duncan Jambor, Bill Horton and Jeff Jambor.

## C'ville Bands Plan Concert

Clarenceville bandmen will present their annual holiday program on Wednesday, Dec. 12, in the L.E. Schmidt Auditorium. The concert, which will begin at 7:30 p.m., is free of charge. Directing the sixth grade musicians will be Susan Carlisle and John Netzek. Netzek also will direct the two senior high musical units. Junior high musicians will play under the direction of Ted Malins.

## 'M' Study Finds Student Hostility Is On The Wane

Like the campus demonstrations it accompanied during the 1960s, student hostility toward teachers seems to have subsided. At least that's what the tension—or lack of it—measured in 23 undergraduate classrooms at the University of Michigan appears to indicate. In comparing "teacher responses to student hostility," U-M psychologist Wilbert J. McKeachie found "very little hostility evident. When it did exist, it appeared to be in the classrooms of relatively warm, permissive teachers who had created an atmosphere in which students felt free to express themselves."

Prof. McKeachie's study, sponsored by the National Science Foundation, involved monitoring each of the 23 introductory psychology classes at six intervals, isolating and grouping more than 48,000 questions and statements made in classrooms. Fifty-eight per cent of the students' remarks, and 74 per cent of what the teachers asked and said, could be classified as straight discussion of subject matter, McKeachie reported. Nine per cent of the students' comments were expressions of warmth or praise; six per cent were agreement; and five per cent disagreement. Other fractional portions showed positive or negative exchanges between students. "Only one per cent of the coded conversation ex-

pressed overt hostility," the U-M psychologist said. "These were statements like that exam was unfair" or "the assignment was not relevant." They were more likely to be an academic complaint than a personal attack.

Such was less often the case during the late 1960s, when McKeachie conceived of the study. "Many teachers experienced an 'automatic rejection' which was difficult to cope with," he said. "Different circumstances provoke hostility among different students," he acknowledged. "Some are resentful if a teacher is too dogmatic or unbending in course requirements. Others might accuse a non-directive, less exacting teacher of shirking his duty. Students might become angry about exams, grading policies or even the issues touched on during the course."

"We expected to find that the best teacher would be one who tried to deal with hostility constructively; who tried to identify the source of the hostility, to reason with the student, and solve it. The less effective but more conventional teacher, we hypothesized, would either ignore the attack or return it."

"Actually, we found little differences in the student-teacher relationships which resulted from either kind of interaction. If anything, the teacher who feels free enough to vent his own feelings, who perhaps acts hostile in return, might be the more effective."

"Weighing the two, I believe that antagonism might be more healthy than apathy," the U-M psychologist continued. "Apathy can be a form of hostility itself. The students who withdraws, whose attitude is 'I'll study enough to get by, but I won't let you get through to me,' is more difficult to deal with than one who argues or complains."

"A spirited debate, with new ideas expressed and challenged, can be one of the most rewarding experiences of teaching."

## Madonna Reduces On Energy Use

In response to the State Board of Education's request to help alleviate the energy crisis, students and faculty at Madonna College this week turned down the heat and reduced the lighting. An ad hoc committee, called by Sister Mary Danatha, president, discussed means of conserving energy.

"Turn off the light when you leave your room," was the essential message to the student body by Patty Pauline, vice president of the Student Congress. Meanwhile, administrators were encouraging co-workers to turn off lights in classrooms, foyers, and offices where adequate natural lighting is available. Parking lot lighting by high-intensity sodium vapor fixtures, has been reduced by 50 per cent, according to Sister Mary Fidelia, director of plant. "The difference is barely noticeable," she said, "and should not affect security of our property or student safety."

Thermostats throughout the college will remain at 68 degrees, Sr. Fidelia said, and she has asked windows be opened only for short-term ventilation.

"We have always been concerned with thrifty use of our facilities," said Sister Mary Laurina, dean, "and we are pleased to redouble our effort in the national interest."

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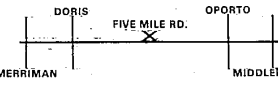


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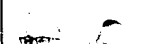


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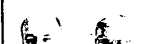
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