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# Writer-poet compiles book with few words

By PATRICIA BEACH SMITH  
If all goes well, Richard Allen Grant intends to reconstruct the universe.

His current effort is to write a book about life on another planet, however — the universe comes later.

"Life on Kruxton" is the title of the novel which Grant said opened him up to thinking of new ways of expression.

In the book I talk about ways of solving problems on Earth," said the Southfield resident.

Later he hopes to publish a newspaper which he will call "The Reconstruction of the Universe." Reconstruction of the new world in the world. I only drive when I have to. This newspaper would tell people how they could live non-destructive lives," he said.

FOR ABOUT a year he has been getting together a book which he said should challenge people into thinking in new ways. "I don't think it's necessary for people to understand everything I'm trying to say, but I do want people to use their imagination and creativity," Grant said.

The book, one without words,

except for "chapter" titles, is filled with visual images the reader is forced to interpret in his or her own way.

The impact of the book is its ability to make people think abstractly, Grant said. It has been accepted as a book in the main branch of the Detroit Public Library and is used in the language department of Wayne State University.

NINE BOOKSTORES carry the book. Among them are the Little Professor, Birmingham; Marshall Bookstore, Detroit and B. Dalton at Northland.

The book is called "..." and it measures 4 x 6 1/2 x 1 1/2 inches. Besides his writing endeavors, Grant also is a cartoonist, though he insists he'd rather be a writer.

His cartoons appear in the South End, Black Times, a Los Angeles based national newspaper and "Off Our Backs," a women's liberation publication.

The South End publishes a series of his work called "The Magician in Detroit" which is visual essay on the environment. He also writes for "Children's Highlights" magazine, and he is a prolific poet who hopes someday to

publish his works under the title The Carnival Ride.

The title poem it flows:

**THE CARNIVAL RIDE**  
When I first bought the tickets to ride the carnival ride the wooden horses running on faith. I thought it would be like any other ride any other time. I had no idea I would never leave the platform the music continuous, the horses dancing. And as night set in and its darkness wrapped myself around you me. we knew then the ride would live till dawn and then forever. The sky is red tonight. Someone is loving, and I am someone. separated from birth by planned hands.

At age ten, "you suffered, stagnated maybe more than me, I don't know. Only know we found each other. And even if the music stops, the horses die, the sky never becomes white again, the horses cry. I will love you as the horses dance on and on.

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by Robert H. Bergstrom, CPCU

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### PICTURE THIS

by Tom Jones

The same BBC team that filmed CIVILISATION, the artful history of Western man, which has been running on public-TV stations, has begun production of a similar 13-hour TV study of the beginnings and rise of America. Alistair Cooke, a long time observer of the U.S. for British Press and radio and host of early TV's remembered OMNIBUS shows, plays the Lord Kenneth Clark role in this one. Scenes shot in Boston and Philadelphia will highlight the program.

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# Sixth graders learn about law

Sixth graders are eager learners when it comes to legal education and what's more, they like knowing about law enforcement organizations and the court system.

Five classrooms in four school districts have been a part of a pilot Youth Legal Education Project this year funded by Oakland Schools, the intermediate school district of Oakland County.

After a six-week unit, the students in each of the classes scored significant gains in their understanding of law and their beliefs about the legal system and the people employed in it. The pilot classes are in Meadowbrook Elementary School in Rochester, Hill Elementary in Troy, and Harding Elementary and Adams Elementary both in Ferndale.

**MIKE ROBINSON**, director of legal education for Oakland Schools, states that the goals are to provide basic knowledge about the functions and processes of law in our society and to foster positive attitudes toward the legal and law enforcement systems. "It seems incongruous," Robinson said, "to expect young people to obey laws and to understand the legal process and not instruct them in these matters. It is possible that many young people never have the opportunity to establish a positive relationship with the law."

"The project provides students with basic knowledge about our legal and law enforcement systems and an opportunity for them to view police, probation officers and judges positively," he added.

Before beginning the unit, Robinson tested students in each of the five classes to measure the students' knowledge about the law and their beliefs about the legal system and the people employed in it.

Teachers were given four hours of training, lesson plans, a list of attorneys, juvenile caseworkers and sheriffs willing to be visiting lecturers and a set of audio visual materials to use.

THE SIX-WEEK unit included for each class four guest speakers, filmstrips and a visit to a courtroom. Students were retested at the end of the six-week period.

According to the test results the course was very effective in causing the sixth graders to accept the presumption of innocence until proven guilty and to recognize that breaking a law is worse than disagreeing with it.

According to the post-test, a significant number also learned that the court system provides equal rights for everyone and that police want to keep people out of trouble.

In random interviews with five members from each of the five classes, Robinson got unanimous endorsement for the course from the students.

One child liked it because "you did stuff." Another thought it should be taught to other sixth grade classes, saying, "They would learn as much as we did and learn a lot of stuff they didn't know."

## Georgetown

**SOUTHFIELD** — John Loomis Shoemaker, 28025 Sunset Blvd. in Lathrup Village and Rex Gregory Al Lanyi, 1105 Charrington in Birmingham, were among 729 students who received degrees from the Georgetown University Law Center at commencement exercises on May 26.

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