

# Michael: cybernetics produces confusion

Cybernetics is responsible for an era of tense apprehension in the United States according to social psychologist Donald N. Michael.

Society is essentially to blame for this apprehension, according to Michael, because it isn't sure of the functions of cybernation, or the increased use of machines and computers, and doesn't know whether to welcome or repress it.

Cybernetic alienation occurs because of man's need to experience reality. He then creates a mythology to establish it firmly in mind.

Michael, on campus to lecture during the World in Revolution Conference, is currently a professor of psychology at the University of Michigan.

"Alienation becomes a problem when our skills in questioning begin to undermine our mythology, leaving a void," added Michael.

America's cities and their forms of government were cited by the psychologist as areas that are incapable of handling the problems of the future.

Michael feels that present forms of city government will become increasingly inadequate as cities merge to form megalopolis.

Describing New York City as a form of custodial government he added, it is a perfect example of a city barely able to provide



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necessary services to its people.

As city services worsen, a small percentage of people begin to feel alienated. It is these people who become politically disruptive, according to Michael.

"These disruptions are dangerous, continued Michael, because they come at a time when we don't know how to govern and man is making constant demands upon society."

Michael stated that computer results could be used to monitor groups of people but the real value lay in helping man gain an understanding of the universe.

"Given the opportunity of working in his home using a computer station, man will be better able to relate with others because of increased interaction with his family."

Problems will occur as more people are replaced by

machines, but Michael feels that we need long range social plans now, to cope with the future.

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## Goodell...

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face-to-face fighting."

He added, that it is easier to forget that you are killing people when you don't actually watch them die.

Though many people get frustrated, there are ways to cope with the system and change it, he said. But, there is no pat answer, he added.

"You must go out and do plodding things that really have an effect," Goodell said. "this involves communicating with people without turning them off."

He continued that teach-ins and educational experiences would probably have more effect than activist demonstrations. The latest Gallup poll shows that 73 per cent of the American people now favor setting a date to get out of Vietnam, Goodell said.

"YOU HAVE fertile ground to work with," he said. "What is necessary now is to focus all this public support on public officials. Let them know that the war is an issue and will remain an issue."

He added that people must keep up a sustained pressure in their effort against the war. It was the pressure that came just after the Cambodian incursion that convinced about 40 senators that they should

support a fixed date proposal for getting out of Vietnam, he said.

But, he added that the pressure was only short term. A more sustained pressure might have brought about more conversions, he said.

Another problem that Goodell said he identified in the country was a breakdown of communications. He accused the vice president of furthering this breakdown.

"Our free society is based on respect for people's rights to differences of opinions," he said. "Not the vice president or anyone else has the right to destroy this respect."

Goodell added that the Vice President now "seems to be under sedation to a degree." People are "uptight" about the possibility of Agnew being President if something should happen to Nixon, he said. The maverick Republican recently called for an "insurgency" in his party. If the president has not changed his views and actions significantly by election time Goodell promised that Nixon would be opposed in Republican primaries.

He speculated that a Democratic candidate who could unite the party might make Nixon a one-term President

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