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That's life, I suppose, when one "hits the sheets." I believe that some further explanation is necessary, however, for the record.

First of all, the story represented the student's viewpoint at length but did not give the professor the same coverage, therefore, it is biased. The story gives the impression that we give courses in game-playing in the School of Music.

I tried to explain my understanding of the methodology to the reporter but she chose to ignore these comments. The course has to do with the teaching of music to children at the elementary level. The purpose of the song-games is to teach musical concepts such as rhythm and melody. Students are asked to participate in these games, because as elementary teachers, this is what they should be able to do.

The notion that the course is in playing games is a misrepresentation and the reporter writing the story, who apparently knows nothing about the subject, should not have submitted the story without adequate coverage of that point from the professor's viewpoint.

The statement that I "did not have the power to tell instructors how to conduct their classes" is insufficient. As Director of the School of Music, I am obviously responsible for the "conduct" of classes in the School. I construe that to mean that the teacher is present in the classroom and that the course is being conducted in a responsible manner.

The methodology and the course content is definitely another matter and my view was correctly quoted. I would obviously be in violation of academic freedom were

I to prescribe the content and methodology of any professor's course in my unit.

If classroom conflicts arise it is my duty in the matter to speak with the student and the professor involved. This is the channel for arbitrating a problem and I do not know of a further channel, unless it be the Dean's Office.

In any case, if I had knowledge that a course was being conducted in an irresponsible or negligent manner, I would intervene. Otherwise, it would be—in my opinion—totally out of line and a gross infringement of academic freedom.

Conflicts between students and professors are as much a part of academic life as conflicts are part of life in general. In this case, I am convinced that the professor in charge of the course—who has 40 years of experience in teaching—is conducting the course in a responsible manner and has professional reasons for doing so.

The rest is up to further arbitration, if that is possible.

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Prophecies noted

The article, "Cataloging Prophecies," in the Oct. 19 Fathom section caught my attention. Of particular interest was the statement made by Joey Jochmans: "eight prophets and psychics foresee economic chaos and starvation in the United States beginning this year (1979) and lasting for seven years."

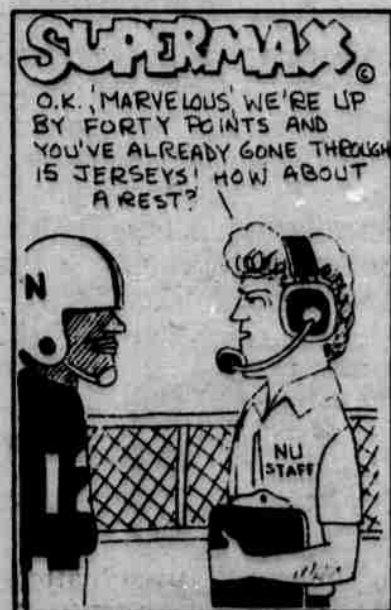
I'm sure everyone is aware of the way the price of gold skyrocketed this summer and of the unsteady value of the dollar on foreign exchange markets. But I wonder how

many people realize how closely Jochmans' statement parallels what was written in the Bible over 1,800 years ago.

Jesus said of the time immediately preceding His second coming, that, "then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall." (Matthew 24:21) This tribulation will consist of two stages, the first lasting 1,260 days (3½ years) and the second lasting 42 months (3½ years). (Revelation 11:2-3; 12:6; and 13:5) During the second half of this tribulation, a "beast" will acquire "great authority." (Revelation 13:2) (In Biblical prophecy, "beast" is symbolic for dictator. Hitler and Stalin would be examples of beasts.) This beast "causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the freemen and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand, or on their forehead, and he provides that no one should be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark." (Revelation 13:16-17)

Regardless of whether or not you believe in the Bible or in psychics, the fact that both agree on a coming seven-year period of hardship should make you feel a little uneasy.

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