

VIOLENCE in AMERICAN SOCIETY

Carleton College's All Campus Conversation January 16-24, 1997

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16 Who is Looking Out for the Rights of Children?

Pam Mohr '80 will speak on her career as an advocate and lawyer working on behalf of children's rights. 6:30 p.m., Hill Lounge. Call the Career Center x4295 for more information.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation

Juan Williams, national correspondent, political analyst and writer for The Washington Post. He is the author of "Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years 1954-1965" 10:50 a.m., Chapel

**MONDAY, JANUARY 20
Brown Bag Lunch:
Living Through a Drive-By**
*Bob Otto, Minneapolis Public Schools and Drive-By Shooting Victim
12 noon, Hill Lounge*

MONDAY, JANUARY 20 Violence as a Public Health Issue

Kenneth E. Powell, M.D., Associate Director of Science, Division of Violence Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Atlanta, Georgia) 4:30 p.m., Alumni Guest House

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21 Brown Bag Lunch: Gang Life

*Igneacio Brinseno, Multicultural Liaison, Northfield Public Schools and Guest
12 noon, Sayles-Hill 251*

**Panel Discussion:
Rap/Hip Hop as a Tool
for Violence or Change?**
*Professor of History Harry Williams, Manuel Solis '97 and James Diers of the Twin Cities Reader
4:30 p.m., Leighton 305*

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21 Mixed Blood Theater presents Ring of Fire

An examination of the hurt and pain of the cycle of violence with emphasis on the insidious nature of domestic abuse and the system breakdown that permits it.

*(A ticketed event-call 646-5444 locally or 1-800-449-7787 for reservations)
Conversation with playwright Syl Jones to follow
8:00 p.m., Arena Theater*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 Brown Bag Lunch: Surviving Domestic Violence

*Jan Kuenzel, WomanSafe Center of Rice County
12 noon, Sayles-Hill 251*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 Clothesline Project Bearing Witness to Violence Against Women

4:30 p.m., Great Space

A Conversation with Sister Souljah

7:00 p.m., Chapel

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23 Brown Bag Lunch: Violence Against Gays and Lesbians

*Constance Potter, Gay and Lesbian Community Action Council (GLCAC)
12 noon, Hill Lounge*

Panel Discussion: The Politics and Problems of Gun Violence

*Professor of Political Science Richard Keiser, Mary Lewis Grow, and Northfield Police Chief Ron Pierl
4:30 p.m., Leighton 305*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23 Violence in Popular Culture

*Campus Conversation with George Gerbner and Sister Souljah
Moderated by Professor of Media Studies John Schott
8:00 p.m., Chapel*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24 Convocation: Violence in the Media

*George Gerbner, Dean Emeritus of Annenberg School of Communications, Director of the Cultural Indicators Project, and Founder and Chair of the Cultural Environment Movement
10:50 a.m., Chapel*

Please contact Bruce King, Advisor to the President at Carleton College, if you have questions regarding the events listed above or if you require special accommodations at (507) 646-5871.

A NOTE ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

Juan Williams — Award-winning journalist, political analyst, and author. Williams is a national correspondent for *The Washington Post* and regular participant on CNN's "Sunday Capital Gang" and a frequent host of "Crossfire." He is the author of "Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years 1954-1965." He currently is writing a biography of the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.

Kenneth E. Powell, M.D. — Associate director for science in the division of violence prevention at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia. He has been at the CDC for 24 years with positions ranging from general infectious diseases to health related behaviors and violence. Powell holds an MD degree from the Northwestern University Medical School and a Master's of Public Health degree from the Harvard School of Public Health.

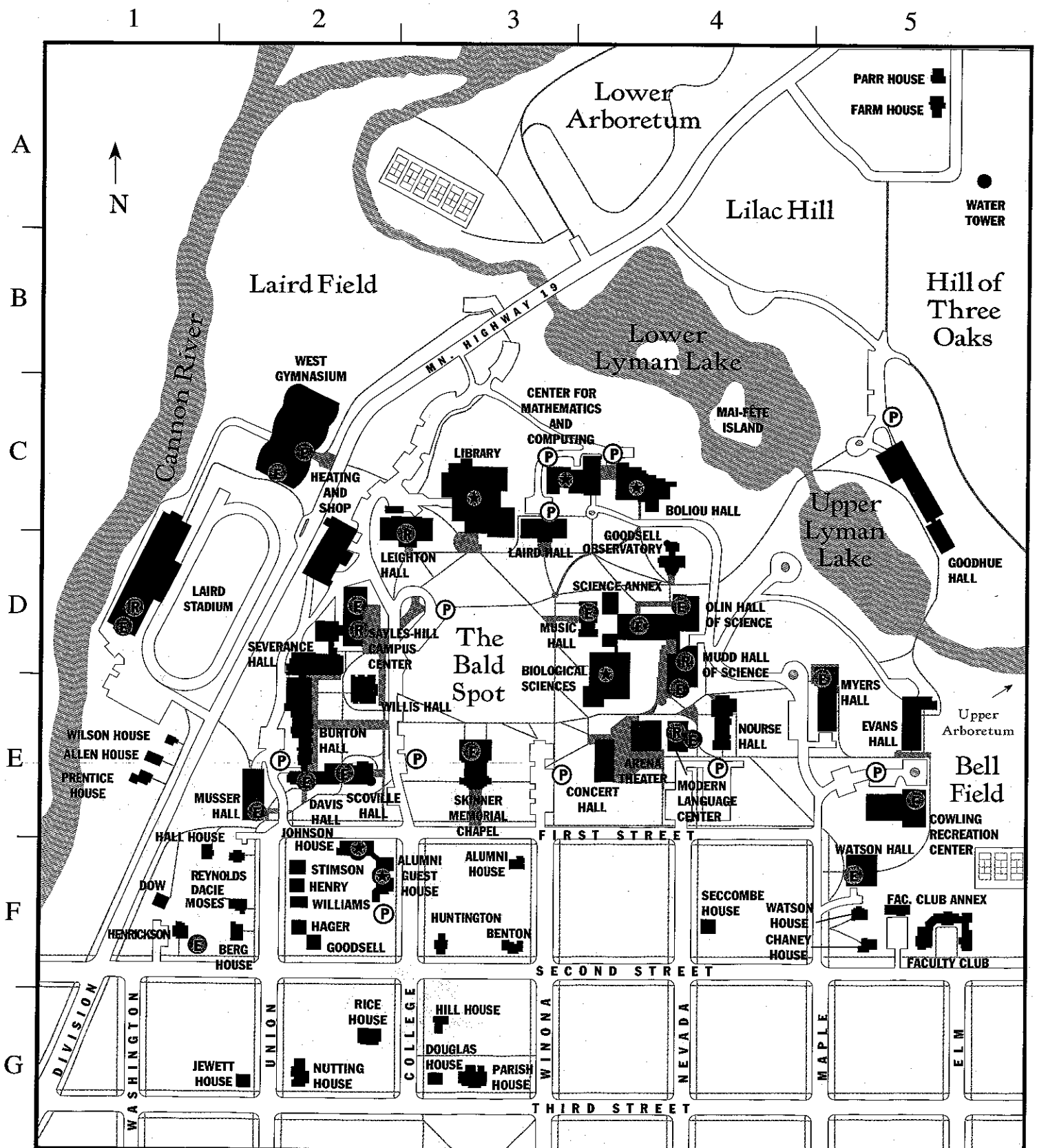
Syl Jones — Author of the recently released book *Rescuing Little Roundhead*, Syl Jones will lead a discussion and conversation following the performance of his play "**Ring of Fire**" in Carleton's Arena Theater by the **Mixed Blood Theatre Company**. In the spring of 1995, Mixed Blood was commissioned by the Allina Foundation and the Park Nicollet Medical Foundation to research, create, and produce a play illuminating opportunities and missed opportunities of the health care system to detect and prevent violence. The play was written with input from focus groups composed of victims, advocates, educators, health care providers, social service workers, and emergency health specialists. The result of that effort was Syl Jones' script, "Ring of Fire."

Sister Souljah — Author of *No Disrespect*, activist, and rap artist. Sister Souljah has dedicated her life to working and speaking out forcefully for the rights and empowerment of black people. Currently, she is the executive director of Daddy's House Social Programs, Inc., a foundation for disadvantaged urban youth founded and funded by Sean "Puffy" Combs of Bad Boy Entertainment. Sister Souljah may be remembered for her comments during the 1992 presidential campaign that prompted then presidential candidate Bill Clinton to dub her a black racist. In explaining the psychology of the Los Angeles rioters, she made the controversial remark, "If black people kill black people every day, why not have a week and kill white people?"

George Gerbner — Regarded as the leading expert on issues related to violence and the media. He is dean emeritus of the Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, and is now an independent researcher and teacher. In 1969, he initiated and continues to direct the Cultural Indicators Research Project, which involves the annual monitoring and analysis of television and other media. Gerbner also founded the Cultural Environment Movement in 1991, a coalition of over 150 international organizations. He is the author of numerous articles, including "Television Violence: The Power and the Peril" and "Casting and Fate: Women and minorities on Television Drama, Game Show and News," both published in 1995.

In addition to these speakers, events include brown bag lunches Monday through Thursday, 4:30 panel discussions and the Clothesline Project. All events are open to the community, and tickets are required for Tuesday's Mixed Blood Theatre performance of "Ring of Fire." For further information, please contact Bruce King, Advisor to the President, at 507-646-5871.

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- (E)** ACCESSIBLE ENTRANCE
- (R)** ACCESSIBLE RESTROOM
- (A)** ACCESSIBLE BUILDINGS:
 BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
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 CENTER FOR MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTING
 JOHNSON HOUSE/ALUMNI GUEST HOUSE
 LIBRARY

Allen House – E1
Off-Campus Residence

Alumni Guest House – F2

Alumni House – F3
Office of Alumni Affairs,
Off-Campus Residence

Arena Theater – E4

Bald Spot – D3 Recreation Area

Bell Field – E5
Athletic and Recreation Area

Benton House – F3
Off-Campus Residence

Berg House – F2
Off-Campus Residence

Biological Sciences – D4
Depts. of Biology and Psychology

Boliou Hall – C4
Dept. of Art and Art History

Burton Hall – E2 Residence Hall •

Carleton Arch – C3

Carleton Gallery – E4

**Center for Mathematics and
Computing – C3**
Dept. of Mathematics and
Computer Science, Academic
Computing and Networking, and
Administrative Computing

Chaney House – F5
Off-Campus Residence

Concert Hall – E4

Cowling Recreation Center – E5
Dept. of Physical Education,
Athletics and Recreation

Dacie Moses House – F2
Off-Campus Residence

Davis Hall – E2 Residence Hall and
Wellness Center

Douglas House – G3
Off-Campus Residence

Dow House – G3
Off-Campus Residence

Evans Hall – E5 Residence Hall •

Faculty Club – F5
Off-Campus Residence

Faculty Club Annex – F5
Off-Campus Residence

Farm House – A5
Off-Campus Residence

Goodhue Hall – C5 Residence Hall •

Goodsell House – F2
Off-Campus Residence

Goodsell Observatory* – D4
Depts. of Astronomy, Linguistics
and Psychology

Hager House – F2
Off-Campus Residence

Hall House – F1
Off-Campus Residence

Heating Plant/Shop – C2
Facilities Management and
Planning, Maintenance, Utilities
and Grounds

Hendrickson House – F1
Offices of the Alumni Annual
Fund and the Arboretum Office

Henry House – F2
Offices of Corporate and
Foundation Relations

Hill House – G3
Off-Campus Residence

Hill of Three Oaks – B5
Recreation Area

Huntington House – F3
Off-Campus Residence

Japanese Garden – F5

Jewett House – G2
Off-Campus Residence

Johnson House – F2
Admissions Office

Laird Field – B2
Athletic and Recreation Area

Laird Hall – C3
Dept. of English and Administra-
tive Offices, including the Offices
of the President, Dean of the
College, Registrar and
Telecommunications

Laird Stadium – D1
Athletic Facilities and
Off-Campus Residence

Leighton Hall – D2
Depts. of American Studies,
Classical Languages, German and
Russian, History, Philosophy,
Religion, Romance Languages and
Literatures, Learning and
Teaching Center, and Administra-
tive Offices, including the
Business Office, College Relations,
Development and Student
Financial Services

Library – C3
Carleton Library and Archives

Library Field – C3
Athletics and Recreation Area

Lilac Hill – A4

Lower Arboretum – A3

Lyman Lakes – B4

Mai-Fête Island – C4
Recreation Area

Modern Language Center – E4

Mudd Hall of Science – D4
Depts. of Chemistry and
Geology, Science Library

Music and Drama Center – E4
Arena Theater, Carleton Gallery,
Concert Hall

Musser Hall – E2 Residence Hall

Myers Hall – E5 Residence Hall

Nourse Hall – E4 Residence Hall

Nutting House* – G2
President's Residence

Music Hall – D3 Dept. of Music

Olin Hall of Science – D4
Depts. of Psychology and Physics
and Astronomy

Parish House – G3
Off-Campus Residence

Parr House – A5
Off-Campus Residence

Prentice House – E1
Off-Campus Residence

Reynolds House – F2
Off-Campus Residence

Rice House – G2
Off-Campus Residence

Sayles-Hill Campus Center – D3
Bookstore, Campus Activities,
Post Office, Security Services and
Snack Bar •

Science Annex – D4
Psychology Laboratory

Scoville Hall* – E2
Dept. of Asian Languages and
Literatures, Media Center,
Multicultural Affairs Office,
Student Support Services and the
Women's Center

Secombe House – F4
Off-Campus Residence

Severance Hall – D2
Dean of Students Office and
Residence Hall •

Skinner Memorial Chapel* – E3
Office of the Chaplain

Stimson House – F2
Off-Campus Residence

Upper Arboretum – D5

Watson Hall – F5 Residence Hall

Watson House – F5
Off-Campus Residence

West Gymnasium – C2
Dept. of Physical Education,
Athletics and Recreation

Williams House – F2
Off-Campus Residence

Willis Hall* – D2
Depts. of Economics, Educational
Studies, Political Science and
Sociology and Anthropology

Wilson House – E1
Off-Campus Residence

• Dining Facility
* On the National Register of
Historic Places

George Gerbner Itinerary

Thursday, January 23

3:41 pm George Gerbner arrives in Minneapolis on Northwest flight #685 from Philadelphia. Manuel Solis and Sean Myers will use college car "H" to drive to the airport and meet George Gerbner at the arrival gate. (Car keys can be picked up from Campus Security.)

Overnight accommodations will be Room 225 (phone 5497) in the Alumni Guest House. (Drivers will deliver guest house keys to George Gerbner.)

5:30 pm Reception in the Alumni Guest House library.

6:00 pm Dinner in the Alumni Guest House meeting room.

8:00 pm George Gerbner will participate in a "Violence in Popular Culture" panel discussion with Sister Souljah and Daryl McKigney in Skinner Memorial Chapel.

Friday, January 24

7:30 am George Gerbner will have breakfast with a group of local educators and community leaders in the Alumni Guest House library.

9:40 am George Gerbner will be a guest lecturer in Norm Vig's class, "Science, Technology, and Politics" in Laird Hall 212.

10:40 am Sean Myers and George Gerbner will meet in the Green Room of Skinner Memorial Chapel.

10:50 am Convocation in Skinner Memorial Chapel.
Introduction by Sean Myers.
Lecture to be approximately 40 minutes, and then open to questions from the audience.

11:55 am Sean Myers will escort George Gerbner to Severance Faculty Lounge for a luncheon with a small group of faculty and students.

12:00 noon Luncheon in Severance Faculty Lounge.

1:00 pm George Gerbner leaves campus with Elaine Wynne and Ellen O'Neill from the Cultural Environment Movement.

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20 January 1997

Dr. George Gerbner
C.E.M. at home
(610) 642-3061

Dear Dr. Gerbner,

Enclosed is a first draft copy of a press release for the public forum scheduled for this coming Friday 1/24/97 at 3:00 p.m. in the Minnesota State Capitol.

My local State Representative, Carlos Mariani, is supportive of this concept and willing to draft and introduce legislation enabling the ideas here. He also helped to get the "official" sponsorship of the Children and Families Committee of the Minnesota House of Representatives for the forum.

Because of the lateness of the hour on a Friday afternoon, a formal hearing is not possible -- most legislators are gone from the Capitol by that time to return home for the weekend.

Also, currently, there is no formal draft of any proposed legislation. Rep. Mariani said that he would like to have the concept fleshed out more before he submits it to the Revisor's Office for formal drafting, and that perhaps that fleshing out can result from the forum and following discussions. He will be at the forum and be the introductory speaker.

The entire forum should last no longer than one hour, because of the squeeze in your schedule. I suggest the following agenda:

- short introduction
- you speak for 15 to 20 minutes
- questions from the audience and/or press for 20 minutes
- adjourn
- or 15 minutes for you to speak with the press (if they show up) individually
- leave for your next event (pot luck supper in Minneapolis)

None of this is cast in stone, so changes can be made. I intend to distribute the press release later today, if there are no objections or modifications. Please replay as soon as possible. If I am not at my home number, please try the cell number above. Leave a voice message in any case. Thank you.

Neal Gosman

PRESS RELEASE
For Immediate Release
January 24, 1997

For More Information, Contact:
Elaine Wynne
546-1662

A Public Forum:
Taxing Commercial Ads to Finance Positive Children's Programming

The Minnesota House Family and Early Childhood Education Division will sponsor a public forum to explore the idea of imposing a state sales tax on commercial media advertising in order to fund positive programming for children in Minnesota media outlets. The key presenter will be Dr. George Gerbner, Dean Emeritus of the Annenberg School for Communications of the University of Pennsylvania, and founder and chair of the Cultural Environment Movement. The forum will be held 3:00 p.m., Friday, January 24, 1997 in room 15 of the State Capitol.

A 1982 report by the National Institute of Mental health reported that, "Violent programs on television lead to aggressive behavior by children and teenagers who watch those programs." According to the American Psychological Association, ". . . research has shown three major effects of seeing violence on television:

- Children may become less sensitive to the pain and suffering of others,
- Children may be more fearful of the world around them,
- Children may be more likely to behave in aggressive or harmful ways to others."

Dr. Gerbner has directed mass communications research project in the United States and elsewhere under contracts and grants from the National Science Foundation, the US Office of Education, the National Institute of Mental Health, the Administration on Aging, the President's Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence, the Surgeon General's Scientific Advisory Committee, and other organizations.

A major research project, called Cultural Indicators, is an ongoing monitoring and analysis of television since 1967. Report number 16 was released in 1994. An analysis of international data in the Cultural Indicators database compared a sample of 250 U.S. programs exported to 10 countries with 111 programs shown in the U.S. only during the same year. Violence was the main theme of 40 percent of home-shown and 49 percent of exported programs. Crime/action series comprised 17 percent of home-shown and 46 percent of exported programs. What violent programs lose on ratings, they more than make up by grabbing the attention of younger viewers whom advertisers want to reach and by extending their reach globally.

"Most of what we and our children see on television and in the movies is not produced for us -- it is produced for the global market. The reason other countries import this action-packed, cheaply produced violent material is that our program syndicators can sell foreign media an hour's worth of television show for less money than they can make their own local programming," Dr. Gerbner explained.

"This distorted marketplace destroys foreign programming industries while, at the same time, replacing positive American programming images with a universal 'violence and action' formula which translates into any language." Dr. Gerbner continued. "These programs are made to be compatible with the advertising messages promoted to the viewers.

"What we in the United States are subjected to by commercial television is a marketing formula which blocks out independent voices and positive programming for all but a select customer base -- discounting women, young children, old people, people with any kind of disability or special interest, minorities and lower income people. What we want is more choices, more freedom of expression for creative programming people and journalists, outside the limitations of the commercial marketing formula.

Mr Gerbner - delighted you can attend my class Friday before convocation. If you'd like to discuss it more in advance, give me a ring on x4120. In your session, could we focus on TV as followup to our earlier discussion of Neil Postman's book (in which you were quoted)?

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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & POLITICS
Winter Term, 1997

Prof. Norman Vig
Willis 414

Office hours: Tues., Thurs. 2:00-4:00
E-mail: nvig

Look forward to
Tech-Inst. meeting you tomorrow.
Norman Vig

Purpose

The purpose of this course is to help us think about the social and political impacts of science and, especially, technology; how decisions about support for scientific research and development are made; and whether greater democratic control should be brought to bear on such decisions. Most of the readings challenge the conventional myths about scientific accountability and technological progress. The course is not "anti-science" but regards science and technology as subject to the same cultural, social, and political influences as other human endeavors. It is intended to be an introduction to the field of Science & Technology Studies and to the Science, Technology & Public Policy track of the ENTS concentration.

Requirements and Grading

The course requirements are two short essays (each 10% of grade); a mid-term exam (30%); a final exam (40%); and class participation (10%). Students are expected to read all assignments before class and to participate in class discussion.

Required Books (available in Book Store or on closed reserve)

Herken, *Cardinal Choices*
Kevles, *The Physicists*
→ Postman, *Amusing Ourselves to Death*
Sarewitz, *Frontiers of Illusion*
Sclove, *Democracy and Technology*
Tatum, *Energy Possibilities*
Wajcman, *Feminism Confronts Technology*

Books on Library Reserve (open reserve unless indicated)

Kraft & Vig, *Technology and Politics*
Jasanoff et al., *Handbook of Science and Technology Studies*
Jasanoff, *The Fifth Branch*
Primack & von Hippel, *Advice and Dissent*
Rhodes, *The Making of the Atomic Bomb*
Smith, *American Science Policy Since World War II*
Volti, *Society & Technological Change*
Winner, *The Whale and the Reactor* (closed)
York, *The Advisors*
York, *Race to Oblivion*



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Nancy Lehman writes about the week long symposium on violence at Carleton College:

Dr. Gerbner's visit would highlight a week-long series of speakers on the subject of violence in American society. We will have workshops, dramatic performances and lecture around the general topic of violence. Other featured speakers will include among others:

- Juan Williams from the *Washington Post*
- Ken Powell from the Center for Disease Control
- Syl Jones, a Minneapolis local playwright and author
- Sister Souljah, controversial rap music artist.

January 23, 1997:

8:00 PM Panel Discussion Other participants will be speakers that have been on campus during the week on various aspects of the topic of violence. The main goal is to continue the dialogue generated by speakers and the subject matter itself. The panel will include Sister Souljah and may include the Attorney General for the State of Minnesota, and a former police chief in Minnesota. This will be an informal panel and probably would not require much advance preparation. The school will supply more specific information when available.

January 24, 1997:

10:50 AM Lecture on the topic of "Violence & The Media". Dr. Gerbner is expected to speak on any issue on the effects of media on violence. He may use materials from the panel discussion, if he so chooses.





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**Please remember to submit all original receipts,
including airline tickets, within five days after scheduled event.**

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR DR. GEORGE GERBNER

January 23 & 24, 1997 at **Carleton College**
Concert Hall & Skinner Memorial Chapel
Northfield, MN 55057

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507-645-6013 (h)

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507-646-4308 (w) 507-646-4014 (w)

Airport Contact: **Carleton College Driver**. Commute time to event approx. 1 hour

Itinerary:

1/23: Arrive in Minneapolis by 4:00 PM, time permitting.
6:00 Dinner, time permitting
8:00 PM Panel Discussion in Skinner Memorial Chapel, which seats approximately 1,000. The audience will consist of students (undergraduates), faculty and staff. Other participants will be speakers that have been on campus during the week on various aspects of the topic of violence. The main goal is to continue the dialogue generated by speakers and the subject matter itself. The panel may include the Attorney General for the State of Minnesota, and a former police chief in Minnesota, as well as Sister Souljah.


1/24: 9:15 AM Breakfast with Carleton College Staff and League of Women.
10:50 AM Lecture "Violence & The Media" to be held in the Concert Hall, which seats 500. The audience will consist of students, faculty and staff.
Luncheon for selected guests, time permitting

Theme of Engagement: **Week long series on the impact of violence on American society**

Accommodations: **Alumni Guest House** (January 23)
1st & College Streets
Northfield, MN 55057

It is always a good idea to call your sponsor ahead of time to introduce yourself and to go over the schedule. Don't hesitate to call me should you have any questions or need additional information. I can be reached at the office at 617-266-3450, page number at 617-958-3476, or at my home at 617-266-2857.

Sincerely,


Jodi Solomon
President