

Woodward says press not doing good job

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Washington Post investigative reporter Bob Woodward told a Colloquy audience at Eisenhower Auditorium last night he feels the news media has done a poor job thus far in its coverage of the Carter administration.

Woodward, who gained fame for his part in exposing the Watergate scandal, accused his fellow journalists of "ministering to the glamour of politics" by overdramatizing and exaggerating President Carter's actions for the sake of better news copy.

"Reporters seem to be trying to make a morality play out of everything the president does," Woodward said. "Things are rarely as good, or as bad, as the papers say."

Woodward claimed the media was overly favorable to Carter when he first took office, but then reversed its position and became overly critical after Budget Director Burt Lance was implicated in a bad check scandal.

"The first time Carter walked down Pennsylvania Avenue, the papers hailed it like he was parting the Red

Sea," Woodward said. "All they wrote about was how honest and forthright the President was. Then came the Lance business, and they overreacted in the other direction, as if they were hurt because Carter had betrayed them or something."

Woodward said he feels the media pendulum is again swinging in the positive direction after the success of Carter's Israeli-Egyptian Peace Summit, "and now all of a sudden he's the Great Peacemaker, and gets nothing but good press."

"Somebody in the Carter Administration confided to me that if he'd been locked up in Camp David with the President for 13 straight days, he'd have agreed to anything," Woodward quipped.

Woodward said the media's handling of President Carter is only one example of what he feels is an unfortunate journalistic trend. He said that perhaps due to the impact of the Watergate scandal, the news media may have become too influential for its own good.

"The sheer power of our profession sometimes scares me," he said. "Moral authority has shifted into the hands of the big newspapers, and we have to be careful not to squander or misuse it."

"We've got to try to give people a better understanding of the issues, and quit trying to put everybody in the doghouse," he said.

Woodward, who is currently working on a book about the Supreme Court, said he thinks journalists should put more emphasis on analysis and less on investigation.

Woodward also had some less-than-kind words for former President Richard Nixon, who was forced to resign in part by Woodward's investigative work. He said that during Nixon's administration, both individual civil liberties and the nation's judicial system were "abused and put into jeopardy."

"I don't think there will be too many parks or schools named after Richard Nixon," he said. "Some people are saying that he's making a comeback, but I think he's just a has-been."

Woodward said he harbors no ill feelings toward Nixon or other members of the former President's administration who were involved in the Watergate scandal. "I don't think they are evil men; it's just that they were corrupted by too much power. If I had been in their position, I might have made the same mistakes," he said.

East Halls library to be converted to study area

The East Halls library, closed during Summer term, will reopen as a study area as soon as a partition closing off other parts of the ground floor of Findlay Dining Hall is constructed.

The library was closed because of insufficient funds and lack of usage.

A "few thousand dollars" which were freed by closing the east halls unit were rechanneled into Pollock where they are being better utilized, Murray S. Martin, associate dean of libraries, said.

"The library was closed mostly due to the fact that it was not being used," Martin said.

"We were notified over the summer that the library would not be opened in the fall because the library did not have enough funds," said Kathy Howe, president of the East Halls Resident Association.

The partition installation is necessary because the ground floor of Findlay is used for storage, Howe said. "We can't have people running all over the bottom of Findlay, where refrigerators, bicycles and many other things are stored," she said.

The library, primarily used as a study area prior to its closing, is being converted permanently for that purpose.

"The reference room was doing OK, but the other books were not being circulated," Howe said.

The book depository has been moved from the old library location on ground floor Findlay to the first floor near the snack bar. The East Halls Resident's Association is in the process of obtaining a new coffee machine to replace the one removed from the library.

—by Amy Endlich

Cunningham defends position on abortion

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Republican Gregg L. Cunningham, who is opposing Rep. Helen Wise, D-Centre for election to the state House, defended his anti-abortion position at a candidates' night at the Hillel Chapter of B'nai B'rith in State College last night.

A member of the audience asked Cunningham about Tay-Sachs disease, a genetic disorder prevalent among Jewish people, saying that anti-abortion laws could force women to give birth to children who, if afflicted with Tay Sachs, probably would die before the age of five.

The disease can be detected during early phases of pregnancy and, at present, no cure exists. The afflicted children, once born, become vegetables after six months.

The man cited abortion as the only alternative for a mother who is carrying a Tay-Sachs baby and said anti-abortion legislation would deny her the right to terminate the pregnancy.

In response, Cunningham said, "The worst that can happen is that some women will be forced to bring some babies to term which they do not wish to raise." He also said that some of the handicapped children might actually survive, and with modern science they could eventually lead normal lives.

The questioner, who said he is a geneticist, said there have been no cases

of survival since the disease was discovered centuries ago.

Higher education also was discussed among the candidates seeking election to the state House and Senate.

Democrat Bob Sebring charged that his opponent, State Sen. J. Doyle Corman Jr., R-34th, voted to "price higher education out of existence" by approving a budget in 1977 that did not fund the University and resulted in last year's budget crisis.

Corman stated that although he tried to propose legislation which would reimburse the University for the cost of necessary loans, he was forced to vote for the original budget because higher education is unpopular in the legislature.

Cunningham also questioned Wise's decision to approve the 1977 budget stating, "My opponent acquiesced to pressure in the House and voted in favor of the budget repeatedly. We have picked up the tab for that acquiescence."

Wise said when the budget was brought to the House, it had been in the Senate for eight weeks, causing a serious delay in welfare checks and other necessary money throughout the state.

She justified her approval of the budget, which excluded the University, stating, "We couldn't send it back to conference committee when people had been waiting for their paychecks for six weeks. We had to compromise."



Gregg Cunningham, Republican candidate for the 77th state House district which includes Centre County, defended his abortion stance at a Candidates' night last night. Seated is incumbent state Senator J. Doyle Corman, Republican candidate for the 34th state Senate seat.

Thirteen counts enough for Flood, says Justice Dept.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rep. Daniel Flood, D-Pa., faces 13 felony counts and "enough is enough" so the Justice Department is not planning to seek any more indictments against the colorful 74-year-old congressman, a Justice official said Wednesday.

Flood stands accused of bribery, conspiracy and perjury in two separate indictments and if he should be convicted department officials privately question whether he ever would be sent to jail because of his age.

A senior Justice Department official, who declined to be identified, said "very substantial charges" have been leveled against Flood.

"We simply say we've got enough," the official said. "He's 75 years old (Flood turns 75 Nov. 26). At some point in a case like this, you just say, 'enough is enough.'"

He said the case against Flood will rise or fall with his pending Washington trial.

The moustachioed congressman faces arraignment Thursday on the latest 10-count indictment, alleging he accepted nearly \$65,000 in payoffs and 100 shares of bank stock over a six-year period, and sought another \$100,000 in payoffs.

Flood also is charged with three perjury counts from a separate Los Angeles indictment last month. The two cases have been consolidated.

Crow House turns spook house

Alpha Chi Rho fraternity will sponsor its third annual "Haunted Crow House" Oct. 26, 27 and 28 at 425 Locust Lane.

A 50 cents admission fee will be collected at the door, with proceeds going to Strawberry Field, a State College-based organization for handicapped people.

Bruce Korn, publicity chairman for the Haunted House, said \$2,000 dollars was raised in last year's event and said he hopes to reach \$2,500 this year.

Korn said the brothers set up skits throughout the house including wild man stunts and operation scenes. Brothers of Pi Lambda Phi fraternity will be helping out this year, Korn said.

Last year's Haunted House attracted mostly students, but Korn said he's expecting a better turnout from the community this year.

The Haunted Crow House will be open from 7:30-11 p.m. on the 26th, and from 7:30-midnight on the 27th and 28th.

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