"Alfie" realizes the tragedy of the 'loner'

by Jeff Stotter

A recent import from England well worth seeing is Lewis Gilbert's "Alfie." Coming straight from the London Palladium, where the cast included Michael Caine, Alfie, in other words, is neither a paragon of virtue nor a milk-drinking cowboy. He is, nevertheless, God's gift to women and he makes the best of it, even en- joying his done predecessor, Tom Jones.

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He carries on like Mister Littlewood's "Stop the World," others may drift away, but he sticks to his ideals, and in the end he reaches the conclusion that he is a fool. "If the birds don't get ya, one may get ya in another," he laments. As he skips from girl to girl, loving them and hurting them, he ex- plains his motives and methods in the autobiographical style fre- quently utilized by British film writers. His one worry is not to get attached.

We leave him by the river in London. Ode, off stage, is singing Cher, off stage, is singing "If I Can't Have You, I Ain't Got Attached" and Dr. James R. Killian, Chairman of the Technical committee, will speak on "Prospects for a World of the Future." The chief speaker will be Dr. Irwin W. Sizer, Head of the Department of Biology, and Dr. Stanislaw K. Kon, president of the Puget Sound Chapter of the MIT Alumni Association. The principal speeches at the MIT will be given at the MIT Alumni Association meeting.

Johnson to speak to Tech Alumni in Seattle Center

President Howard W. Johnson and Dr. James R. Killian, Chairman of the Corporation, will give the principal speeches at the MIT Northwest Regional Conference in Seattle, Wash. Saturday. The in- itial meeting on "Tomorrow's Role for Technology" is expected to draw more than 1,000 people to the Seattle Center.

"Alfie" is based on the play by Bill Naughton. Michael Caine bears the title role, and Shelley Winters, who plays Alfie's high society conquest, "Alfie" ends in melancholy, even more so than "Virginia Woolf." Like the Albee play, "Alfie" is not a love story, for he never falls in love; at least not with anyone but himself. Some will leave the movie depressed, some deeply moved, some enchanted, some an- gry and indignant; but almost everyone is sure to appreciate it.

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Ron's research gains him Underwood-Prescott Award

Dr. Stanislaw K. Kon, president of The Nutrition Society in Great Britain, awarded the fourth Underwood-Prescott Memorial Award last Thursday. He was chosen for his research and in- troduced to an audience of about 200 food scientists and govern- ment leaders at Boston's Museum of Science by Howard W. John- son, president of MIT.

In a speech Dr. Kon declared: 

"Of one thing I am certain, that in the basic urge to satisfy hunger and appetite mankind will not tolerate artificial substances." He pointed out that technologic needs and laborer will have the same appeal in the year 2000. Science man is an on another spacehips, in earth, or on a lunar expedition.

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Born in Poland, Dr. Kon received a Ph.D. from the Univer- sity of Warsaw in 1934. He became (Please turn to Page 11)