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Who Is OSCCR ?



Ultimatum

Student Ultimatum to Oakland University's Administration On The Marz Committee on Public Safety:

WE DEMAND THAT:

1. The powerless Marz committee be dissolved because it is illegitimate and does not represent the University community.
2. It shall be replaced by a Public Safety Review Board, elected at large, which will be empowered with total authority to act as the only and ultimate decision making body involving the activities of the Department of Public Safety as long as it complies with Federal and State laws.

3. The Public Safety review board shall consist of 10 members, elected by all members of the University community each of whom has one vote: The Director of Public Safety, who will be chairman of the board and a non-voting member, five students and four members from the rest of the university community. The review board shall be charged with the following duties:

A. The Review Board shall handle all appeals and grievances submitted to it from the University community concerning actions of the Public Safety Department and their decision shall be binding.

B. The Review Board shall have the duty to review and reject or recommend changes in laws created for the University community exclusive of those which are state or federal laws and binding as such.

C. The Review Board shall have the duty to interview all candidates who apply for a position as Public Safety Officer at Oakland and to reject any candidate they feel is not qualified.

D. The Review Board shall have the duty to investigate an officer, and suspend or fire him,

after having adequately proven that the officer's actions deem any of these measures necessary.

E. The Review Board shall have the duty to immediately investigate and, if necessary, suspend or fire, any Public Safety Officer who used a firearm or chemical solution against a member of the University community unless it can be proven that a state of emergency prevailed at the time in which no other means of apprehension or prevention was possible. He must be able to prove that he previously tried and exhausted all other methods.

As is common history now, the Chancellor, under a great deal of pressure from students and faculty, went ahead and made some of these changes on his own. What he essentially did was to partially disarm the police and take them out of their police uniforms. He successfully managed, however, to ignore the most urgent and important

Public Safety. This committee was established by the Chancellor in place of a Public Safety Review Board that would hold some power. O.S.C.C.R. stated that the establishment of this committee by the Chancellor was an attempt to pacify the students by making them think that some concrete action had been taken when, in fact, no meaningful steps to put the control in the hands of the University community were under way. Because of this O.S.C.C.R. has prepared an ultimatum to the chancellor (which he received on Wednesday, and is printed on this page). He has been asked to respond to this ultimatum in the next issue of The Observer, If no positive answer is given, O.S.C.C.R. has stated it is prepared to take further action.

The second major step taken by O.S.C.C.R. was to adopt for support the Black Panther Party Platform and program (see page 7). While supporting this platform, and anything the black community deems necessary in order to attain complete freedom, this in no way commits anyone in O.S.C.C.R. to any action other than unconditional verbal support.

This, essentially, is O.S.C.C.R. It is only a start, however. In order for this organization to be effective it needs student support, for, according to O.S.C.C.R., it is the student who should have the power and it is the student who is going to have to take it.

Manifesto...

OAKLAND STUDENTS COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS

O.S.C.C.R. is an organization of groups and individuals at Oakland University whose function is:

1. To point out those things at Oakland which are unjust, oppressive, or offensive to students.
2. To work for elimination of those things by each group or individual doing what he wants, but that these actions would be done simultaneously in order to bring greater pressure on the administration and other offending bodies.
3. O.S.C.C.R. will confront and remain in a state of conflict with any body oppressive to students until the reason for oppression is eliminated.

STRUCTURE:

O.S.C.C.R. is loosely organized, providing a service of communication between groups or individuals striving for a common goal. It is O.S.C.C.R.'s objective to remain an open-ended organizational structure to allow maximum flexibility in regards to membership and action.

MEMBERSHIP:

All groups of students and individuals are encouraged to join O.S.C.C.R.

O.S.C.C.R. is not concerned with the ideologies of its members, providing they do not conflict with the purpose of O.S.C.C.R., and is in no way concerned with the methods used by members to achieve common goals.

No member of O.S.C.C.R. can serve on a University committee (which has not been elected by the total student body in a democratic election) once that committee begins its stated function.

No member of O.S.C.C.R. will cooperate with the administration in an effort to subvert anything which O.S.C.C.R. feels is in its interest to do.

No member of O.S.C.C.R. will work with the administration toward a compromise which would be undemocratic and objectionable to O.S.C.C.R.



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Dick Gregory At OU Oct. 4



Observer Brings Rights Activist to Oakland Campus

Dick Gregory, civil rights activist, comedian and presently a write-in candidate for the Presidency of the United States, will speak at Oakland the morning of October 4, at 10:00 a.m. He is slated to give a lecture in the Sports and Recreation Building. The lecture will be open to the OU student body and the public at-large.

Formerly considered a part-time activist, full-time comedian, Gregory is at present engaged in reversing his priorities. As evidence of this change in emphasis, Gregory is pursuing a write-in campaign for the Presidency which is taking him on a speaking tour from one end of the country to the other. At the same time, he continues to involve himself as an activist in the movement for peace abroad and equality for all Americans at home. He is becoming less a comedian and more a serious social critic.

Even when Gregory was billed as a top entertainer on nightclub circuits, much of his "entertainment" took the form of biting satire aimed at White America. His new role as social critic is therefore similar to his old role as cryptic comic; he has, however, placed a new emphasis on speaking to the youth of America and his appearance at Oakland is one of Gregory's many engagements at college campuses.

Advance tickets to the October 4 Oakland lecture are available for 75¢ at the Oakland University Activity Center or the Office of the Oakland Observer. Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$1.00. For more information call 338-7211, extension 2195, or call the Activities Center.

Chicago Hurting

The American Humanist Association has become the fourth major organization in two weeks to announce that it is moving future conventions planned for Chicago away from that city to somewhere else.

Executive Director Tolbert McCarroll announced last week that the Association has sent letters urging similar action to hundreds of other organizations.

The action came in protest the treatment of thousands of demonstrators at the hands of the Chicago police department during the recent Democratic National Convention.

Two weeks ago the American Political Science Association and the American Sociological Association, groups of faculty members from around the country, canceled annual meetings scheduled in Chicago for 1969 and 1970. The American Psychological Association made a similar move.

The Humanist Association said it had placed itself under a five-year ban on all national and regional meetings in Chicago.

Riesman As "Classic" Educator

BY DAVID LETVIN

A breakdown of traditional boundaries of all sorts, especially in student-authority relations, marks the basis of what Dr. David Riesman called fundamental changes in student-faculty value systems.

These changes were the focal point of a lecture and question-answer period held a week ago Thursday at Oakland featuring Riesman, Henry Ford II professor of sociology at Harvard University.

Speaking before an overflow crowd seated in the aisles and on stage in the Wilson Hall

Auditorium, Riesman addressed himself to a consideration of activists of the right as well as the left, pointing out the disturbing fact that there are many more right-wing activists than left-wing activists in this nation's colleges.

He also spoke of increasing demands which are being made on both students and faculty by the outside society. Only now, he noted, is the post-Sputnik push beginning to ease up on students.

A major problem facing all institutions of higher education said Riesman, is expansion. This is particularly pressing those institutions which depend on public funding for their year-to-year existence. Oakland, he noted, gets around this problem somewhat through the use of high academic standards and severe grading systems.

More specifically a long range problem for Oakland is what he called walking the hard line of maintaining the private school ethos of a residential college in a public commuter oriented university.

At a luncheon with a group of students he suggested that

the best way for Oakland to maintain itself as a respectable institution of education was the initiation of graduate departments in some of its liberal arts departments. Otherwise it will, he projected, become another regional teachers college; a large percentage of its graduates every year are already filling teaching positions around the state.

Chris Clowery, a sophomore from Toledo, Ohio, summed up the afternoon this way: "Riesman's flow of high powered ideas stimulated and enlightened; he symbolizes to me the classic educator."



Graduate Grants For Study Abroad

Applications for Fulbright-Hays grants for graduate study abroad are now being accepted. The program includes United States Government grants for graduate study or research, and for study and professional training in the creative and performing arts.

Application forms and detailed information for students currently enrolled may be obtained from the campus Fulbright Program Adviser, Dean Fred W. Smith, 203 Wilson Hall. The deadline for filing such applications on this campus is Friday, October 18, 1968.

BECAUSE OF THE DESIRE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE TRAVEL OVERSEAS AT THIS TIME, THE NUMBER OF 1969-70 GRANTS FOR AMERICANS MAY, ON THE AVERAGE, BE REDUCED AS MUCH AS TWO-THIRDS FROM LAST YEAR. COMPETITION FOR SUCH GRANTS WILL, THEREFORE, BE VERY KEEN.

The Fulbright-Hays program is part of the educational and cultural exchange program of the U.S. Department of State. The general purpose of the program, administered by the Institute of International Education, is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries.

With competition greatly increased, only candidates who fully meet eligibility requirements and other selection criteria will be considered. Ap-

plicants must be U.S. citizens at the time of application, must generally be proficient in the language of the host country, and, except where noted below, must have a bachelor's degree or its equivalent by the beginning date of the grant. Preference will be given to candidates who have had no previous extended study or residence abroad, and who are under (Cont'd on Page 3)

Columbia Cop Action Produces Law Suits

NEW YORK, (LNS)--

Over thirty people have already filed law suits against New York City for police brutality, false arrest, and other charges arising from the Columbia busts. New York allows only ninety days in which to file plans to sue the city, and the ninety days from the big bust of April 30, when 696 students, six faculty members, and eighteen "others" were arrested, ended on July 29.

The total amount for which New York is being sued exceeds five million dollars, and there are many more such suits being brought as a result of the bust of May 22, when police invaded dormitory rooms to beat students. A few suits are being filed as a result of the bust of May 18, when a Columbia-owned apartment building was liberated by neighborhood people.

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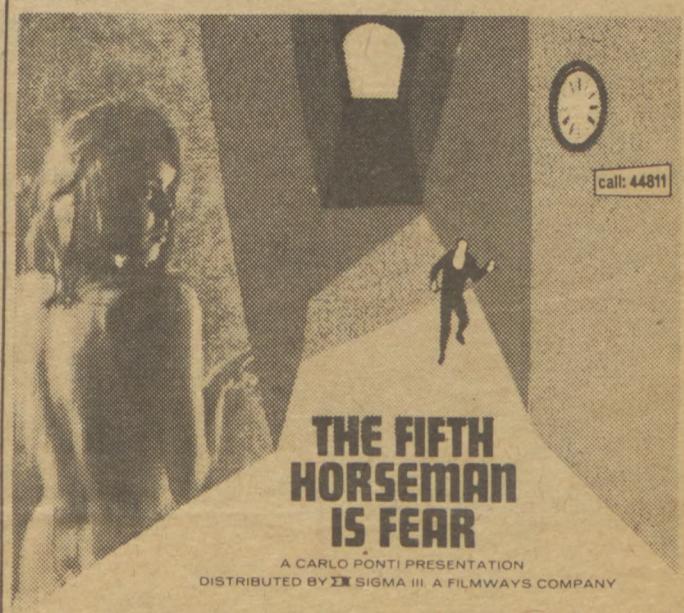
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Election Effects Draft

(LNS)--The Johnson Administration has been drafting 1/2 to 1/3 of the previous average number for the three crucial months from the time of the Democratic convention to that of the November elections. From January to September of this year 250,000 men will be drafted. The average for each of these nine months is more than 27,000. For the three critical months before elections the averages are: August 18, 300; September 12, 200; October 13, 800. The September and October calls are the lowest in the last 17 and 18 months. This is at a time when the number of men in Vietnam is at an all-time high--550,000, and replacements for men ending their tours of duty are especially needed. The Selective Service System announced a month ago that re-enlistments are running at 1/2 the rate of a year ago.

Because calls are so low for these three months, they would have to be significantly raised after the November elections to far higher than the 28,000 average of January - September 1968, in order to make up for the low calls. October is normally one of the highest months of the year for draft calls; this year it is the second lowest month. This is the month student deferments end, draft boards meet, and decisions are made to draft some of these students. This year is difficult too, in that after June those taken during the next year will by law graduate students first and then college graduates, since the oldest men must be taken first. Yet college graduates are not being reclassified 1-A as quickly as in the past, nor are they being called for physicals in large numbers. Thus, not only are draft calls extremely low at this high point of the war, but graduate students who must by law be taken first, are not being taken yet.

This has the effect of muffling the whole anti-war, anti-draft movement until after the November elections. If fewer are drafted, fewer will resist in these crucial three months. Many magazines and newspapers predicted massive resistance--thousands leaving for Canada and hundreds in jail after June, 1968 when deferments would end for college graduates and graduate students. But those who are not called only sit and wait.

In the whole period of resistance, now is the time the Administration is most vulnerable. One Spock case, one Levy case, and one 'Fort Hood Three' case crystallized anti-war sentiment; think of what hundreds of cases would do before elections. After Nov. 5 it may be too late for the resistor to make his protest meaningful,

STUDY GRANTS
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35 years of age.

Selections will be made on the basis of academic and/or professional record, the feasibility of the applicant's proposed study plan, his personal qualifications, and evidence that his selection for a grant would help to advance the aims of the program.

Creative and performing artists who wish to study abroad are not required to have a bachelor's degree but they must have four years of professional study or equivalent experience.

Home Rule Demanded

"We the resident students of Oakland University demand home rule for our dormitories.

"We demand the exclusive right to control and regulate our social lives."

So reads a petition circulated this week by a new student organization called the Student Coalition. More than 950 signatures were collected the very first day the petitions were passed around.

The purpose of the petition drive is to give support to an effort by some student members of the Commission on Student Life to gain more control for students over their social lives. Danny Pfeiffer, an elected student on the Commission, stated that the petition drive is not directed at any particular issue--such as a more liberal open-house policy--but the effort centers around the much broader issue of whether students have the right or the initiative to regulate their own non-academic lives.

The Student Coalition plans to become a regular recognized campus organization. This group wants to work within the existing structures of Oakland to further political and social change. The expressed purpose of the Student Coalition is to "change the political, social and economic structure that prevent the United States from attaining the ideals upon which this country was founded." Mr. Ozinga of the Political Science Department has agreed to be the faculty advisor for the new organization.

PANEL WITH FATHER MEYER

A Pontiac priest, Fr. James L. Meyer, jailed in Chicago for walking in a peaceful march to the convention amphitheater, will take part in a panel discussion on the subject of Non-Violence and Police Brutality, Tuesday, September 24.

The discussion, sponsored by the Wesley Foundation, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Gold Room of the Oakland Center.

Other members of the panel are a delegate to the Convention from Pontiac and Policemen from the Southeastern Michigan area.

Father Meyer was chosen the official chaplain for the Michigan delegation and was also an alternate delegate to the Democratic Convention.

The march he took part in was organized to peacefully protest police brutality of the night before.



Overcrowding Considered Major Problem

INGO DUTZMANN

In any public institution of higher learning, there are always certain conditions, at a given time, which are subjected to criticism by at least some of the factions represented within a university community. Of these conditions, overcrowding is certainly a major one and consequently given a disproportionate share of the criticism meted out by students and faculty alike.

The criticism is concentrated in four areas: classrooms, dorms, cafeterias, and bookstores. Although the order of importance for these four areas varies from person to person, it is safe to assume that all play a very vital role in the overall student development at Oakland University.

This semester, as every semester, the Registrar's Office, the Housing Office, Food Service, and the Bookstore, are the targets of frustration for students who have failed to find Oakland as "nice" as all the brochures said it would be.

Justifications for the gripes, however, are not hard to find. No student expects, should have to count on, or is led to believe that he will have to sit on the floor for his Math 126 or his Biology 104. No resident should plan on being tripped or on waiting twenty minutes in line before being able to get his lunch. And certainly, buying books should be no less of a dread than it is with the bookstore's physical size severely limited, its employees overworked, and its atmosphere one of "hurry up and get out of here."

All of these conditions exist at Oakland, and whereas some will improve in time, others will never be even partially solved.

As far as classrooms are concerned, the biggest hangup has been the fact that the four new lecture rooms in Dodge Hall (capacity 50, 60, 70 and 100) were not completed in time for the beginning of classes. This single fact greatly burdens the entire university; some classes originally scheduled for Dodge are

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CAUCUS FOR A NEW POLITICAL SCIENCE HELD

WASHINGTON (CPS)--A group of rebel political scientists has succeeded in getting the American Political Science Association to officially encourage concern for controversial social and political problems.

The Caucus for a New Political Science had challenged the association to replace its traditional scholarly detachment with "a radically critical spirit" about contemporary "crises" and "inherent weaknesses" in the American political system.

The amendment and the success of Caucus panel discussions at the APSA's convention here last week represents a victory for the rebellious offshoot. It was formed last year after the association refused to even discuss certain controversial subjects, including opposition to universities' revealing membership lists of radical campus groups to HUAC.

Caucus leaders feel their work is not done, they are seeking members, will continue the push for relevancy, and will publish a journal. Plans for a program at next year's convention on "prospects for revolution in America" are being made.

Panels arranged by the Caucus at this session explored urban politics, the 1968 elections, student unrest at Columbia University, Vietnam, Czechoslovakia, radical political thought and the Chicago Democratic Convention. Selective Service Chief Lewis Hershey held forth at a session on "the draft and the rights of conscripted citizens."

Caucus members also pushed through a motion prohibiting APSA officers and employees from "engaging in intelligence and cover activities." The decision was an apparent slap at two former APSA leaders whose research firm had received CIA funds.

The association approved a declaration that it will "not remain silent on threats to academic freedom" and voted to move its 1970 convention from Chicago to another city with "an atmosphere conducive to free discussion." A stronger resolution condemning Chicago Mayor Richard Daley and his police for their suppression and brutality was defeated after heated debate.

The new APSA president, David Easton of the University of Chicago, was

installed. Karl W. Deutsch of Harvard was named president-elect.

In the Caucus session on the draft, Lt. Gen. Hershey managed to avoid or misunderstand most of the political scientists' pointed questions. His brief presentation dealt with a history of selective service. Several times Hershey was booed and hissed, as when he implied that conscientious objectors were "undesirables." He refused to answer a question concerning his length of tenure as SSS chief.

In the session on the upcoming presidential elections, professors Clinton Rossiter and James MacGregor Burns disagreed on whether a real choice exists. Burns said there is a difference between the candidates, "but not a decisive one." Rossiter said no real choice exists, partly because the candidates are ignoring "crises" in the environment, economy, war, technology, constitutional government, and culture.

One APSA-arranged panel dealt with the relationship between "government, the foundations, and universities." President James A. Perkins of Cornell said the ties binding the three must be loosened so they can function best as critics of one another. Rep. John Brademas (D-Ind.), a member of the House Education Committee, predicted that federal support of colleges will rise substantially in the next decade, requiring "more thought about the nature, conditions and shape of this support" looking to national planning for balanced development of higher education.

McGeorge Bundy, Ford Foundation president, compared the role of private philanthropic institutions to higher learning as an oil can to a very large piece of machinery - no large role, but at times very important.

He said "the requirements of freedom and the inevitability of diversity on the campus, when considered with the growing dependence of the American University upon national political decisions, creates a major dilemma."

The amount of government aid now, he added, exceeds popular commitment to federal support and has been based on "good will and trust." "There will be much hard work before a truly solid basis is laid for the kind of relationship in which one side pays and the other raises hell."

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The Bombing of the North

NORTH VIETNAM: A DOCUMENTARY

By John Gerassi
Bobbs Merrill, 1968
Available in OU Bookstore

DAVID BLACK



From August 5, 1964 to the present, the United States military establishment has intensively bombed the country of North Vietnam, with only intermittent pauses. The tonnage of explosives dropped on this tiny country is greater than all the bombs unleashed against both Germany and Japan during the entire Second World War. To most Americans, the announcement on an evening newscast that hundreds of planes have flown missions over North Vietnam during the preceding 24 hours is an almost meaningless abstraction; but to the people of North Vietnam the death and destruction that results from these missions is all too real. John Gerassi, in his book NORTH VIETNAM: A DOCUMENTARY makes available to all a vivid picture of suffering and destruction that the North has had to withstand during the last four years.

While the U.S. Government has maintained that the bombing of the North has been limited to "military targets," Gerassi reports (as did newsmen Salsbury and Schoenbrun before him) that non-military targets as homes, Health Centers, schools, churches, pagodas, and flood control dykes have been destroyed as well. And Gerassi goes beyond all earlier accounts: relying on both personal observations and documents prepared by the North Vietnamese government for the International Est Crimes Tribunal, he pieces together a picture of repeated and deliberate attacks designed to cause a maximum of suffering to the people of Vietnam.

Gerassi reports that in the year preceding June 1966, the U.S. bombed 80 different North Vietnamese health centers, killing 76 medical workers, 253 patients (wounding 236 others), and also taking the lives of 57 civilians living near these hospitals. Lest no one should suspect that these attacks were mere "accidents," the case of the Quynh Lap Sanatorium should be examined. The Quynh Lap sanatorium is a modern, easily recognizable, 2,600 patient center for the care and rehabilitation of leprosy. Between June 12, 1965 and June 24, 1966, this hospital was bombed a total of 39 different times, 160 buildings were burned down, 139 patients killed, and over 100 others injured.

Even the school children of North Vietnam have not been spared as bombing targets. By the end of September 1966, almost 200 schools had been air raided with 331 pupils killed and 172 others

wounded. Many of these raids took place during the school day so that there was no question that the schools were occupied. Some schools were even attacked with anti-personnel fragmentation bombs.

The use of anti-personnel fragmentation bombs should dispell any doubts that the United States is trying to spare the people of North Vietnam and bomb purely military targets. The main fragmentation bomb is called the cluster bomb unit (CBU). The CBU consists of a main bomb filled with 640 secondary bombs. These 620 secondary bombs in turn each release 260 steel pellets when they explode on the ground. These pellets are so small that they can do little harm to buildings or defense weapons, but they are terribly destructive to men (women and children) and their livestock.

It is this kind of documentation that makes up the bulk of Gerassi's book. It is packed with interviews with those wounded, descriptions of the wounds and destruction, and overall statistics giving the totals of those killed and wounded with the number of hospitals, churches or schools destroyed during a given period. The book often hints at an interpretation or analysis of all this data, but Gerassi apparently feels that the cold facts speak for themselves. But one can hardly help but draw some basic conclusions. It is easy to say that it is shocking that a country like America would fight so immoral a war against such a small and relatively defenseless nation. It is easy to say that it is shocking that the facts, as Gerassi has reported them, have for so long been kept from the American people. What is (much) harder to admit is that the American people are aware of what their government is doing to the people of Vietnam, and that many Americans approve of the brutality of the war. When the Clergy and Laymen Concerned about Vietnam attempted to appeal to the conscience of America by demonstrating against the Dow Chemical Company which supplies Napalm, a counter demonstration quickly developed with "pro-war" pickets carrying signs reading: "We like our Viet-Cong well done." Contrast this to the attitude of the Viet-Cong and North Vietnamese who sincerely believe that the American people are basically peace-loving and friendly but are only being misled by a conspiracy between government and business.

Record Review

MARTIN WOLF

don't want a bent one.

and
"When our kids are grown
with kids of their own
they'll send us away
way down in Florida
we can sip limeade
till we pass away."

He has some kind of indefinable originally reminiscent, though not in style of early Dylan. Nothing is technically all that good, the vocals are mediocre, as is the piano, (some people say he can't sing, but it isn't true). But it all works, every word, every note, does what it is supposed to. It all fits. It uses and transcends its weaknesses.

The arranging and producing is done very capably by Van Dyke Parks, who has attracted considerable notice with his own record, "SONG CYCLE". Unfortunately his elaborate violin and trumpet backgrounds are a little plush for Newman's style, but he survives them very well.

"Everyone's got something,
and they are trying to get
some more
they got something to get up
for
but I ain't about to,
nothing's going to happen
nothing's going to change
Baby, it's so hard,
living without you."
Randy Newman Said That.

THOSE IN NEED-

Not every child is returning to school this Fall. For the retarded, September does not mean the chatter and excitement of returning to the classroom. Fortunately, there are many programs now available in Oakland County for these youngsters, but volunteers are urgently needed to supplement the professional staffs. Do you have the patience to work with these children? Progress is slow but rewarding to watch.

If you have the time and devotion to give, call the Oakland County Volunteer Bureau in Birmingham, 642-7272. The Bureau, a division of United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit will place you in a job where you can help develop the potential of retarded children by participating in their activities.



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now meeting in the gym, with consequently less time for indoor intramural sports. Other classes have been moved to North and South Foundation Halls where the size of the classroom was often less than adequate. Consequently, with classroom facilities being used at almost the 100% level, it is very hard to reserve a room for some function other than a regularly scheduled one. Another factor which results in having to sit on the floor is that except for freshmen seminars and Senior Colloquia, a professor is not restricted in the number of students he may admit to his class. Whether or not this policy is wise is debatable; the fact remains, however, that profs have a share in the classes being as crowded as they are.

The situation in the dorms is one of the unalterables as long as Oakland continues to grow at such a rapid pace. The Housing Office is forced to operate on a profit-making basis and, as a result, is willing to accommodate up to 10% tripling situation.

With respect to this semester, a 7% tripling situation was projected, which was an over-estimation, as the actual figure stands at 5%. Although far from perfect, students this semester are better off than they were one year ago at this time.

As the dorms go, so go the cafeterias. Resident students have had to learn

to space themselves at mealtime in order to evade the twenty-minute line. Commuters are in pretty bad shape, too, with the existing facility no larger than it was two years ago. Commuters still comprise over 50% of the total student body at Oakland; nevertheless, many of them are forced to eat lunch at 2:00 p.m. or not at all.

With the \$2,000,000 expansion of the Oakland Center cancelled, the Bookstore will, out of necessity, have to remain in the little corner it now occupies. Until there is new construction on the OC, the Bookstore cannot be moved to a more ample area. The only way the congestion can be somewhat relieved is for students to buy books when they need them rather than all at once during the first or second day of registration.

Although the classroom situation will take a turn for the better within the next seven weeks (with the completion of Dodge Hall), the other three crowded conditions will remain as they are. The prime example of this would have to be the Grill, which, on Monday through Friday, handles 11,500 customers in a room which cannot accommodate more than 290 people at one time.

Thus, as Oakland enters its tenth year of operation, many of the problems which were present at the onset are present now. One can safely assume that with the budget situation as it is, these problems will continue for a good many years to come.



September 12, 1968

Dear Oakland,

I see you scheduled a riot for me to be involved in, on Monday, September 9, 1968. I hope you will be courteous enough to drop this from my schedule as of now. I find I have no time for extra-curricular activities. However, if I do find the time, and find it pleasing to riot, I will make some feeble effort to let you know ahead of time, (perhaps a small hint) so that you can handle this situation accordingly.

Christopher Clowey

- American White
- American Negro
- American Oriental
- American Indian
- Other Signed #18944

Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to all revolutionaries.

Conversations with foreign students from all over the world have led me to conclude that parents everywhere have one thought in common, and that is:

Give your child too much freedom, and, in frustration, he will rebel against you. Keep the reins taut until he matures into adulthood, and he will love you until he dies because he will know you really cared.

Revolutionaries seem to be frustrated children, too free, unchecked, and unloved. No wonder their key expression is LOVE. Nobody loves them enough to pull the reins taut and check their actions.

Anna V. Chapman #2566



POETRY READING Criticism and Reply

To The Editor

It is traditionally the role of the artist to make mountains of mole hills in creative synthesis. It is sad, and often fatal, when the artist's ego assumes mountainous proportions which diminish the stature and impact of his creations to mole hills. Unfortunately, this seemed to be the state of affairs at Saturday evening's poetry reading in the Off Campus.

While Norm Harper, Don Downing, and Thomas Fitzsimmons each presented a ran-

dom sampling of his work, the remainder of the familiar "in crowd" clustered around the front row tables to establish a rapport with the performer to the exclusion of most of the audience. From the viewpoint of the illiterate sideliner (myself included) a continuous exchange of inside jokes and inferences from floor to mike greatly detracted/distracted from the literature which should have been in focus. It was like some play was being performed about how poets read poems to poets.

Only Don Downing made much effort to sincerely capture and hold and communicate with the entire group. This doesn't mean that his poetry was superior--just his attitude and presentation. Generally, readings were tainted with condescension to an audience assumed to be incapable of appreciation; out of it.

It is not the "duty" of the onlookers to praise, reject or react. These things are "earned" by the artist who has the courage to lay himself and his products on the line for criticism. Nothing happened Saturday nobody flipped out, things were strained, tense, inhibited. No one knew when to clap or if they should clap--"maybe that's not cool."

Well, if the artists don't need or want approval--why present? Are they doing us a favor? If any effort was made to polish the presentations, it wasn't obvious. An unimaginative, undefined, unstructured, unprepared tone killed the living matter on the paper and in the chairs.

Many have speculated about the cause of apathy on campus here. This Off Campus thing was just one more example of insecure, self-conscious, self-centered people hiding fear, guilt, doubt, jealousy in a shell of detached superiority. How sad that in a community with such fantastic creative and intellectual potential, no one is adventurous enough to discover that love, other people, and self-transcendence are really where it's at. Maybe this is why our country stinks, too. STRONG WORDS FOR A BAD SITUATION.

Dianne Leslie Coin #11355

Dear Dianne Coin,

It is traditionally the role of the artist to do any damn thing that strikes his fancy. I'm sorry if you felt "out of it" last Saturday, but I doubt that it was the fault of the readers (myself included.) Some things in this world are funny (perhaps you've noticed) and there many things funnier than some pretentious S.O.B. reading his "deathless verse" to a silent and "proper" audience. If you were tense (as I was not) it was because you have some preconceived notion of what a poetry reading should be. If you wanted to applaud and didn't, or didn't want to applaud and did, then you have some strange hang-ups that I'd rather not consider. If the

performance lacked polish, it was because we were NOT trying to put anyone on. Love and other people are great, but I know better than to try getting around my "self." You try being your Self too, O.K? As far as this country goes, give up on that, there's no hope there.

Love,
Don Downing

Dearest Editor,

Last Friday while getting lunch at the Oakland Center I became annoyed. After the serving of the ITALIANNE spaghetti and waiting to pay for it, my entire lunch was eaten by a fly. Not that I care that much, but I don't like

paying \$1.65 for a God damn fly's lunch. PLEASE HELP!!!
Arestas Mittenlotten



SURVEY ON MARIJUANA

BRUCE NEUMER

There is no question as to the increase in the use of hallucinatory drugs on the College campuses in the last few years. With this increase came a flow of "conclusive" facts from every reputable and irreputable source one could imagine, ranging from the informative "Lady's Home Journal" to the "Fifth Estate." Now the time has come for The Oakland Observer to enter the great race towards informing and educating the uninformed and un-educated on the uses of drugs. The following are four basic assumptions on the evils of marijuana which we all, I am sure, realize to be products of truth.

1. Marijuana is bad; otherwise it wouldn't be illegal.
2. It is habit-forming because we all know some people who smoke it a lot.
3. It is bad because marijuana is defined as a "drug."
4. It must have bad effects on the mind; otherwise all those hippies wouldn't think, act, and look like they do.

After a series of personal interviews, I have found that Oakland students are probably different from those in The Outside World. They are informed, knowledgeable, intelligent and just.

Of the random sample taken, 70% feel that marijuana causes no physical dependence; 70% feel that marijuana is not detrimental to the users health; 72% feel that marijuana has more merit than alcohol. Interesting? Of all those sampled only 12% would ever consider trying this harmless drug. Their reasons are obviously among those listed above.

Of those who answered "not well" to the question "How well read are you on the facts of marijuana?" 90% would never attempt the hazardous act, but 97% of all those who admitted to being well read would experiment with the drug. Here again, those who have not read the facts on marijuana are probably victims of the "universal assumptions" on the evils of the weed.

The general vibrations of those who would not try marijuana was one of condemnation for the act, yet these people admitted to be ignorant on the subject of its use. For a person to negate a certain function for himself, no matter what the reason, is his privilege; but to condemn others for an act when little is known of its possible consequences, cannot be considered an intelligent attitude.

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6. We want all black men to be exempt from military service.
7. We want an immediate end to police brutality and murder of black people.
8. We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.
9. We want all black people when brought to trial, to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.
10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace, and as our major political objective a United Nations supervised plebiscite to be held throughout the black colony in which only black colonial subjects will be allowed to participate, for the purpose of determining the will of black people as to their national destiny.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

WE BELIEVE THAT BLACK PEOPLE WILL NOT BE FREE UNTIL WE ARE ABLE TO DETERMINE OUR DESTINY.

We believe that the Federal government is responsible and obligated to give every man employment or a guaranteed income. We believe that if the white American businessmen will not give full employment, the means of production should be taken from the businessmen and placed in the community so that the people of the community can organize and employ all of its people and give a high standard of living.

We believe that this racist government has robbed us and now we are demanding the overdue debt of forty acres and two mules. Forty acres and two mules was promised 100 years ago as restitution for slave labor and mass murder of black people. We will accept the payment in currency which will be distributed to our many communities.

We believe that if the White landlords will not give decent housing to our black community the housing and the land should be made into cooperatives so that our community, with government aid, can build and make decent housing for its people.

We believe in an educational system that will give to our people a knowledge of self. If a man does not have knowledge of himself and his position in society and the world, then he

has little chance to relate to anything else.

We believe that Black people should not be forced to fight in the military service to defend a racist government that does not protect us. We will not fight and kill other people of color in the world who, like black people, are being victimized by the white racist government of America. We will protect ourselves from the force and violence of the racist police and the racist military, by whatever means necessary.

We believe we can end police brutality in our black community by organizing black self-defense groups that are dedicated to defending our black community from racist police oppression and brutality. The second amendment of the constitution of the United States gives us a right to bear arms. We therefore believe that all Black people should arm themselves for self-defense.

We believe that all black people should be released from the many jails and prisons because they have not received a fair and impartial trial.

We believe that the courts should follow the United States constitution so that black people will receive fair trials. The 14th amendment of the U. S. Constitution gives a man a right to be tried by his peer group. A peer is a person from a similar economic, social, religious, geographical, environmental, historical and racial

background. To do this the court will be forced to select a jury from the black community from which the black defendant came. WE HAVE BEEN, AND ARE BEING TRIED BY ALL-WHITE JURIES THAT HAVE NO UNDERSTANDING OF THE "AVERAGE REASONING MAN OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY. When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bonds which have con-

nected them with another, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to separation.... that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles they shall deem most likely to effect their safety and happiness.

OU Begins Urban Studies Center

RUTH LOISELL

This past summer, the Citizen's Research Council at Oakland University, chaired by Mr. Pino, Director of University Research and Mr. O'Dowd, Provost, recommended the establishment of a Center for Urban Studies to serve as a focal point for University members to face local urban affairs. The new center would be another step to unite the efforts of the University with those of the surrounding communities. The committee hoped that the center would draw researchers on urban problems and that the research would lead to action programs. The center would be financed through a general fund with some federal assistance.

Mr. Carl Gregory, presently on the staff at Wayne State University, will join the administrative staff at Oakland, September 23, as assistant to the Chancellor for Urban Affairs. His academic title will be Associate Professor of Economics. Mr. Gregory will be involved in researching community needs this semester as a preliminary to the establishment of the center. His recommendations will then be combined with those of the committee's and the communities involved, in order to set up a platform for the center. Mr. Gregory's field is money and banking.

Mr. Varner feels that he will be a most valuable faculty member in the months to come, as well as an excellent candidate to research community needs. Mr. Varner also feels this center will prove to be a most worthwhile endeavor for the University as, "We cannot divorce ourselves from the needs and wishes of the community which has established and nurtured us."

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SPORTS

OU Team Defeats Delta

STEVE GAYNOR

A winner. This is what soccer coach John Scovil has on his hands.

The 3-1 victory last Friday in soccer over Delta College belies the closeness that the score conveys. The only thing standing between Oakland University and the routing of their first opponent was the Delta Goalie. Oakland outran, outshot, outscored and outhustled the home team to a point of hilarity.

During the game Matt Friedmann, Kerry Pike, two defensemen and Bob Sachau, who played goalie, found their biggest problem to be the lack of a deck of cards to keep themselves amused while the offense rushed the other goal.

Both Joop Doorn and Francisco Paulo tallied for the Pioneers. The third goal was scored after Joop had a shot blocked and a Delta defenseman kicked the ball into his own net. The goal was awarded to Bob Anson because he was the closest offensive player to the Delta net at that time. Anson

still led numerous rushes trying to show that he could kick it in also and would have except for sparkling saves by the Delta goalkeeper.

Sachau played a good game in goal for Oakland, his only miscue being overshadowed by other good saves.

The only dark spot was the loss of Mike Nolph. Nolph, hustling all the time, ran right into a hard kick which broke his leg. Fortunately, it is a clean break, but Nolph has little chance to return to the team this year.

O.U.'s first real test will come tomorrow in Holland, Michigan against Hope College. Last year Hope ran us off the field, but our new players plus our returnees promise to make it an interesting contest.

Wednesday will open the home season as the Pioneers will tussle with Calvin College. The game will start at 4:00. It will be the first chance to see what is destined to be Oakland's greatest soccer team.

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Cross Country Coach A Champion Runner

BILL SCHABERGER

One of the nation's outstanding long-distance runners was selected by O.U. to direct cross country. The man whom a lot of the team's success this year will depend on is Mr. Henry Kennedy. Kennedy, an assistant professor at O.U. holds a doctorate in political science from the University of Michigan.

While doing undergraduate work at Michigan State, Mr. Kennedy won ten major crowns which included winning the Big Ten 4-mile track championship, in 1955 and 1956, the Big Ten 2-mile track championship, 1956, NCAA 2-mile steeple-chase championship, 1956, and All-American honors in 1955 and 1956.

During 1954 and '55 Mr. Kennedy won six Canadian championships and twice was awarded All-Canadian distinction.

With a new course, a new coach and a nucleus of veteran runners, the Pioneers are set to run for daylight. It will be tough for anyone at O.U. this year to reset the records of graduated Louis Putnam. A rebuilding year is in store for Coach Kennedy with five returnees and our eager freshmen aggregation. At this point the freshmen are still a question mark.

Among the veterans is former All-SOC speedster Marc Dutton, Jerry Coffman, Mike Call, Randy Petiprin and Bruce Anderson.

O.U. takes to the road Saturday to open the season at Spring Arbor in a quadrangular meet against Spring Arbor, Hope and Wheaton Colleges.

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Who Rules OU Installment 2

Last week's Observer featured "Who Rules Oakland?" has already become dated. Lewis Pino, who had been an assistant to the Chancellor, has moved to the Provost's office. Pino's new title is Director of Research Services and Dean of the Summer School.

In another reorganization move, Troy Crowder has been named as Assistant to the Chancellor for Administration. Crowder assumes this new title in addition to his present responsibilities as Director of University relations.

The office of the Dean of Continuing Education has announced the appointment of Ronald B. Kerven as Assistant Director of Placement and Alumni Relations.

Kerven took his undergraduate training at Central Michigan University and received his M.A. in School Administration at the University of Michigan.

He comes to Oakland from a long tenure with the Rochester Community School where he served in the capacity of teacher, school principal and, most recently, Director of Personnel.