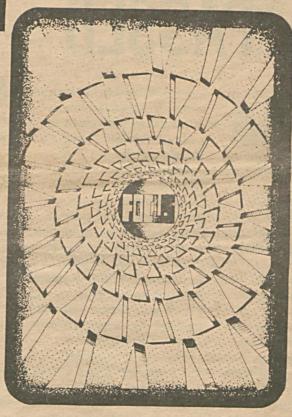
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PING PONG DIPLOMACY AT MEADOWBROOK

By Skip Thomson

Meadowbrook Hall was the site of a banquet and reception given in honor of the visiting table tennis team and delegates from the Peoples Republic of China.

In attendance at the banquet were over two hundred guests, including members of the United States Host Committee, Oakland University faculty, staff, and student body representative, and members of the press corps.

The arrival of the team at Meadowbrook Hall preceded what had been a hectic day of touring an auto assembly plant and a practice session to keep their game in

Dressed in Mao suits, the

Chinese delegation arrived in two chartered buses to be greeted by their American hosts, led by President and Mrs. Donald O'Dowd.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres Chinese were presented with were served during the informal pre-dinner conversations between host and visitor.

Dinner consisted of shrimp, relishes, molded gelatin fruit salads with cottage cheese as the first course.

The main course of roast beef, lobster newburg, creamed white meat of turkey with mushrooms accompanied the oriental mainstay of wild rice.

O'Dowd made a welcoming speech to the Chinese delegation during the dinner, The speech was translated in Chinese by O.U.

Chinese studies student David Johnson.

Gifts were exchanged between the Chinese delegation and O'Dowd. The

a collection of stamps and stationary with a Meadower framed with bamboo

brook letter head, while the Chinese presented O'Dowd with a drawing on rice pap-

Dr. Robert Howes of Oakland's History Dept., who was in attendance at the banquet, stated that the Chinese were a "very pleasent group of people.

"They appeared to be enjoying themselves and were very interested and inquisitive about Americans and American culture." said

Asked how he felt the Chinese reacted to Meadowbrook Hall, Howes said, "they showed a polite interest which corressponded with their tactful personalities."



3 YEAR B.A. PASSED

By Skip Thomson

University Senate approval was given last Thursday to an accelerated degree program allowing students to complete the requirements for a backelors degree in three

Starting this fall, freshmen who have demonstrated a superior academic record and can successfully fulfill the University requirements for admission to the accelerated degree program, are eligible for admission.

The requirements are:

- a recommendation to the accelerated degree program by a person qualified to judge the student's academic abil-

- scores of or above the national mean for beginning college sophomores in each of the five college-level general examinations or equivalent advanced placement examinations.

Upon admission to the program the student will receive 32 credits of advanced placement entered on their transcripts.

All students admitted to the program will still be required to complete the requirements for the bachelors degree, except the general education requirements which well be dropped from their curriculum.

As an added incentive for students entering the program, an additional 28 credits may

be earned by scoring high on competency examinations or advanced placement examinations admisitered by the University.

However, credit will not be awarded for examinations covering the same subject matter as the general examinations for admission to the program.

In other Senate actions, a motion to establish a Department of Speech Communica- student that he received an tion was approved and will be effective July 1, 1972 in time for Fall semester.

Prior to this legislation, the Speech Program at Oakland offered a limited number of courses and was classified under Miscellaneous Courses in the catalog.

Students May Be Expelled For Commercial Papers

ANN ARBOR, MICH. (CPS) Two University of Michigan students are facing expulsion for using a commercial term paper writing service.

The service sold both students identical papers, who, unknowingly, turned them in to the same English profes-

The company told each original term paper which would be the only one at the university

In addition, in May of this year, two Harvard students were found to have used this service. One was expelled and the other suspended for one year.

University of Michigan English Department Chairman Charles Hagelman said a student using this type of service may face university expulsion. "Only the student stands to lose by using this service," Hagelman said.

Sanford Dean, Psychology Department chairman at the school, said if the students can buy term papers, "why don't we sell them course credits or degrees?"

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BILLINGS, Montana (CPS) A student directed group MONTPIRG (Montana Pub-

lic Interest Group), is attempting to organize state college students into a force capable of representing and giving voice to Montana con-

Following the successful examples of similar organizations in Oregon and Minnesota, Montana students have formed local organiza-

tional groups on the public and private college campuses in Montana

MONTPIRG will attempt to increase public university student fees by \$3.00 a year, thereby creating a financial base from which the organization can hire a staff of lawvers, scientists, doc-

ZICK NAMES TAVERN

A contest to name a new bar-restaurant catering to young people has resulted in both a name for the bar and a \$500 scholarship for Ron Zick, the lucky OU student whose suggestion was chosen.

The name selected is "The Library?" It was chosen by Stanley Brown of Troy, new owner of the establishment, out of 184 entires submitted by Oakland students.

"The Library" will be a combination bar-restaurant, indicated Brown. Opening around July 1, it will feature rock bands, and will be aimed at young people in general.

Zick will receive a \$500 scholarship each year he remains a full-time student at the University. The scholarship will then be given each year to a designated student, who will be chosen by a method to be determined at a later date

The scholarship is totally sponsored by Brown, who is also the head of Brown Industrial Sales, Inc., and is being coordinated on campus through the Office for Student Organizations.

tors or other professional people who would represent consumers in the courts.

These professional people would be under the control of a state board of diretors of a board of directors composed of students elected

Participating schools would elect one representatvie for each 2,000 students. MONT-PIRG board of directors would be responsible for deciding which issues would receive priority and would direct their funds accordingly, resorting to lawsuits if necessary to protect consumers in the areas of environment, business-consumer relations, health care for workers, discrimination cases, or other public issues.

'CLEAN-UP' SLATED FOR APRIL 22

To celebrate National Earth Week, the entire University population is invited to attend a campus clean up on Saturday, April 22.

All volunteers should meet at the North Foundation dock area at 9 AM.

National Earth Week, April 17 -23, is an annual week set aside each year to nationally publicize threatening environmental problems and the efforts that are being made to restore our environment to its former beauty.

Sponsored by concerned members of the faculty. staff, and student population, Oakland's campus clean up is the second of its kind at Oakland. The first was held in October, 1971

Refreshments will be served to all volunteers who take part in the clean up.

OU'S PAST/FUTURE DISCUSSED BY O'DOWD

By Skip Thomson

President O'Dowd delivered the first State of the University Message in Oakland's history at Varner Hall last Thursday.

The topics of his speech included a review of the last two years in Oakland's history, curriculum changes, curricula improvements, collegiate life, Oakland's future growth, and problems and trends in higher educa-

two years highlighted the major strides in the development of the University.

He spoke of Oakland's separation from MSU and the positive effect it had on the stature of the University, and the establishment of Oakland's Board of Trustees to govern

He emphasized Oakland's commitment to minority groups. "The University will apply all human and economic resources available for Black men and women, as well as other ethnic groups, to make it possible for them to receive a college education."

The opening of Meadowbrook Hall both as a cultural and financial asset to the University, along with the financially sound Meadowbrook Theatre and Music Festival, have made Oakland University the cultural center of the northern metropolitan area, said O'Dowd.

"I don't know" was the answer O'Dowd gave to his own question of "Where wil Oakland University be in five years". The trends in higher education between 1965-70 were not expected; student turmoil, commitment to minority education, federal support denied, and decline in graduate education. Because of this, he said, a conclusive prediction would be impossible.

In the area of curriculum changes, O'Dowd said that the freshmen year was not the most important facet a University curriculum and should be made into a "dy-

namic and exciting year" for the new student.

He stated that it is imperative that the University "orient the students toward college", because in many cases a student doesn't know why he or she came to college in the first place.

The establishment of more inner-colleges like Charter College, New College, and Allport, who sponsor innovative and alluring programs, is in the offing to O'Dowd's reveiw of the last, instill the enthusiasm for edcation needed by students, reported O'Dowd.



O'Dowd displayed regret that there is a trend in faculties throughout the nation to allow self-interest to influence the formulation of a curriculum. He added that Oakland is as much at fault as any other school.

Evening and weekend courses are in the offing for the Fall semester. O'Dowd said that Oakland has a responsibility to the working community and those students who can only attend classes at night. The "external degree" program would allow a fulltime employed student the chance to earn a degree through extension courses.

O'Dowd stated the program has been tried in other states, and in some, has been successful, but does have

appear to be a trend among resident full-time students to limitations. The limitations leave the campus, get a job, and complete their degree in the extension program, thus losing revenue for the university.

In the area of new curricula for the University, O'Dowd emphasized the need for further development in the areas of communications, public service, technicalogical specialist training, and health professions.

He mentioned the possiblity of programs combining a bachelors degree curriculum at Oakland with a technical program at a Community College to produce a more job marketable individual.

As of this week the University Senate approved an accelerated degree program that would allow an academically superior student the option of entering the program and graduating in 3 years. (See related story.)

This fall the Department of Economics and Management will offer an MBA program, and the Department of Education will offer a Master of Arts in Guidance, said O'Dowd. He also mentioned that the PHD program in Engineering was Oakland's first.

"This is a place where important things don't occur", was the phrase used by O'Dowd to describe the sentiments of most resident students about Oakland's

To combat this problem, O'Dowd has suggested the possibility of leasing University property to commercial businesses, restaurants, clothing stores, etc.

O'Dowd displayed apprehension about the decreased in college enrollments and the lax attitudes in parents toward stressing a college education to their children.

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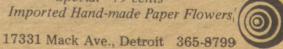
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Throughout the year, I've kept pretty quiet. Despite the numerous temptations to spout off on some of the more dramatic and timely crises during the year, I managed to stave off the urge to put my thoughts in print. Generally, I refrained out of simple ignorance of most of the situations, or merely because of a lack of time to set down the words. Then, too, I've always had a great loathing for exposing my own biased, often prejudiced,

opinions to public scrutiny. But my chief rationale behind not writing a weekly editorial was due to the rapid change in values and attitudes, both in myself, and the University community. I'm rather pleased with these changes in myself, which is more than I can say for about those within the University. Thus, with this, my last issue of Focus for the year, I set forth my comments on a few of these changes, and a few of the most interesting additions

FOCUS' EDITORIAL POLICY

Focus' policy this past year has been to print only those articles whose authors were known to the staff or editrix. Names were withheld from publication upon request of the author(s); however, the names were released to any party concerned enough to drop by our office and request such information. This was considered fair policy; it provided an outlet for expressing differing opinons, while protecting the author from possible retribution.

Due to the recent stir

to the community during the last eight months.

ANYONE CAN GOOF

Look at the concept of the University Congress, the five election farce. One could easily say it was doomed when the first Congress was invalidated in October of 1971, but a handful of determined students perservered, seeing it as the potential tool for gaining great student power. Prior to

caused by the unsigned letters appearing in the April 7 issue of Focus, doubts were cast upon the practicality of this policy, and we were forced to seriously reconsider its future feasibility. After a great deal of deliberation. Focus has decided to retain its present policy, having determined it the best possible given the environment of the community, and having also determined that the policy should be made a standard part of the editorial pages each issue.

The following is the offilast January, the Congress had been primarily in the hands of the 'liberals' (oh, how I hate labels!) with a handful of 'radicals' screaming at every move (or non-move) of the Congress. It seems that the Congress wasn't moving fast enough, wasn't radical enough, was working for the wrong things, in the wrong manner. Thus, with the student body failing to see any real progress in the actions of the Congress,

cial editorial policy of Focus: Oakland.

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4) Focus reserves the right to withhold from publication any article it receives.

and the subsequent decline of what little interest there had been in that body, the radicals came into full force.

It seems, though, that this new, 'revolutionary' Congress is having just as much trouble in organization and action as its predecessors. Of course, these new congressmembers never bother themselves with such trivia as quorums or parliamentary procedure at their meetings; they

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By Larry Good

An article appearing in the last issue of Focus provoked a lot of debate, both pro and con (see letters to editrix, elsewhere in this issue). Entitled "Wanted: Niggers," an at that time unnamed black student (who identifies himself this issue as Earl Johnson) criticized OU black students for a list of things, among them what he termed "getting over," getting "welfare grades" and not working for the black revolution in positive terms.

Probably the strongest, most thorough response to this article was drafted by Michael Ray, of the Black Liberation Caucus, in a mimeographed letter sent to OU black students. We would have liked to present it to you here in Focus, but it is clear that Mr. Ray does not consider Focus the appropriate medium for discussion of the assertions, and we respect his wishes.

Searching for some one sharing some of Mr. Ray's views, who would speak with us about Mr. Johnson's letter, we came across Jim Bullock, who is an Assistant Provost of the University. A lengthy dialogue ensued, and some of his comments on the article in question follow. These are paraphrases, unless in quotation

1) One of his strongest reactions was that the article "plays into the hands of Earl's enemies." Bullock both fears and expects that Johnson's article will be used as reinforcement of stereotypes on the part of racist faculty, staff, and students who can then say "see - here's a black student saying what I've said all along - blacks are lazy, and play around all the time. They aren't serious about getting an education."

Bullock saw the article as missing a critical point here — wherever there are universities, there are students who "get over," go to "gigs" every night, and play around in general. He admits that there are blacks at Oakland who do this - but maintains that there are plenty of whites who do, too. The attitude should be fought, he feels, in all people, and not construed to be a "black problem."

2) Bullock's perception is, that for the most part, the black students quoting "from Mao, Malcolm X, Cleaver, Nkrumah . . . and a host of other glorified revolutionaries," are not the same students who play around all day. He feels that there are a numto the black revolution who are working very seriously

3) Bullock feels that Johnson confused "blackness" with "meeting nonblack standards" when he said "when will blackness mean good grade point averages?" He said that in his opinion, grades have little to do with quantities learned they are an artificial standard, which often suffer while students are participating in other meaningful learning experiences.

4) Johnson: "When will Oakland have a black student body that will command the respect of the administration and the white student body?"

Bullock: "Never. Not as long as there are racists in the administration, faculty, and student body. Blacks will not be respected." He sees Johnson as being in error by placing the onus on black students to fit into a model created

interests of black students at heart.

5) Bullock strongly believes that Johnson is wrong when he condemns black students for their lack of "positive help to Pontiac's black community." He said that he knows many black students doing this, though, not necessarily through an organized program.

On a couple of points, Bullock did agree with Johnson:

6) There are instructors he feels, who give out "welfare grades." This practice should be fought, he maintained.

7) Johnson: "When will they start loving their people enough to go beyond hair styles, dashikis, and African head wraps?"

Bullock: "I can understand Earl and empathize with him on this point. This statement reflects many of my own feelings as a student." He went on to say that Johnson

own convictions, if he believes he is right, and this barrier will eventually be overcome for him as an individual.

8) The use of the term "nigger" affronted him. And finally,

9) Bullock was very concerned that Johnson didn't feel comfortable signing the article. He termed it a failure of the University that such an atmosphere exists, and he apologized for it. It concerned him very looply, though, that Johnson felt he had to go to a secondary channel of communication (the printed word) to raise the issues.

Bullock offered a couple of reasons as to why he feels this is the case:

- The classroom at OU has become too much a part of the political hassles here. He doesn't feel that issues like this are comfortably discussed there any longer.

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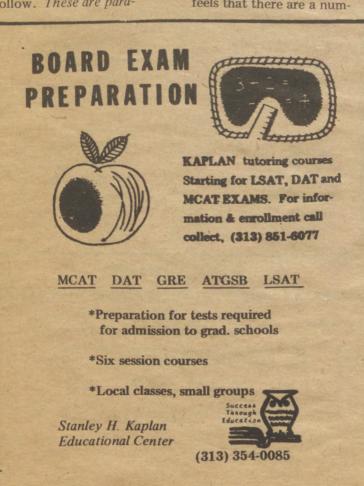
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AUTHOR DEFENDS WANTAD

Cont. on page 8ate cannot stand "whitey", get in the pay check lines to take Charlie's bread. Where do you think these every-2-week militants (fronting and abusing whites between pay days) are going to go to get jobs after they leave Oakland University, and want to get some bread (fellowships) to go to graduate school?

I am mentioning these things in effort to get black student think realistically about Oakland, the world outside of it, and the BLC. The BLC must help to prepare students to face racism, get jobs, and obtain the "skills" they so badly need, so that they can help their communities. Living in a messianic cloud of black nationalism is not going to change the situation. To brother and colleague, Michael, I also say that you are concerned about our people, and that is the unifying link between us. However, we differ on the techniques and strategies.

As I said once before I am a humanist. I am tired of racism, militarism, exploita-

tion, and poverty. I am also tired of black, white, red, and yellow men thinking only in terms of what they can get by destroying their fellow man. I want peace, not third world militarism, and exploitation. Therefore, Michael, I am opposed to your emphasis on liberating only blacks. The affluent, white racist, like like the poverty stricken black, must also be liberated The entire world must also learn that diminishing the humanity of part of the human race dehumanizes all mankind.

As for activism, it is obvious that this is one of its forms. Dissent is still one of the best ways we have for improving our institutions, evaluating our views, and broadening our ability to think critically. Activism has many forms, and I might add that the most demonstrative manifestations are not always the most useful methods (What purpose did the disruptive behavior of the BLC, at the round table discussion on American Foreign Policy -April 5, when Dr. Kilson, a black Harvard professor tried to present his views and was

rudely heckled by ego-tripping, blacks, who proudly displayed their childish and messianic behavior, serve for Oakland black students?).

As for not signing my name, it seems to me that the point is silly and trivial. What is important is that a voice from the masses has asked specific questions. A voice has stated that it is dissatisfied with the way the BLC is conducting its affairs and want the organization to give reasonable explanations why it should continue on its present course, or make the necessary reforms that will few weeks he may never know make it beneficial to all black students, militant, moderate, and conservative.

Hopefully, this dialogue will not end in a series of rebuttals, but positive action. This article is written for all members of the University, not just for blacks, for the issues I am raising affects the whole university.. For we must all help in the words words of Margaret A. Walker to "fashion a world that will hold all the people, all the faces, all the adams and eves and their countless generations..."

Earl Johnson

Later Tom Kredo (Chrmn. of Large Concert Production Comm.)

concert

/Ed. note - When we asked Tom Kredo "Will there be a May Concert, like last year's big Zappa affair?", he responded as follows. In addition, he assures us there will be a concert at the end of May. 1

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It's not that Miles doesn't like me, he doesn't even know me. After the last me. Miles Davis wants/doesn't want to play here. I wish I knew. That's all he's been saying via his manager Jack Whittmore, after \$100 or more of long distance phone

It's getting too late to continue to deal with Miles (even Herbie Hancock couldn't get an answer), and so, we will try to book Steve Miller and the Youngbloods for May 26. Maybe Miles and Herbie for September. We will try.

LATE FLASH! It's not that Steve Miller doesn't like me, he doesn't even.....

He sees this as the biggest problem Oakland has. to solve. If it doesn't, he

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BULLOCK: "WANTED" COMMENT

The lack of an environment outside of the classroom that promotes rational discussion and debate.

feels we will be well on the way to being just another community college.

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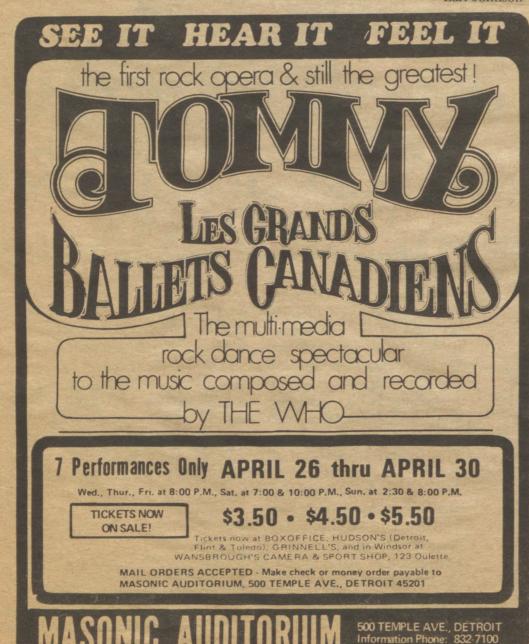
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probably consider it too "bourgeoisie" for their tastes. Nonetheless, President Jenny Jickling and her compatriots seem to have gotten no farther ahead with their 'revolutionary' tactics than the most conservative previous congresses.

Looking at this latest Congress, I'm almost convinced that the one-body university governance idea merits another thought or two.

STICKS AND STONES CAN HURT

When WARP first appeared on our fair campus last fall, Focus, far from considering it as competition, slid over and made room for it. WARP was, and still is, an entirely different type of publication than Focus, appealing to entirely different interests and readers. So, being a good liberal, I, though far from agreeing with their concepts, defended their right to publish and distribute on campus, even to the point of justifying their existence to the administration. And, not wishing them any particular malice, Focus refrained from mentioning the Warpites (after the initial action of recognizing their existence) in print. In return, WARP devoted the entire second issue of its publication to our publishers and myself, totally derogatory of course, and as factually full of holes as any of the subsequent issues.

As the year progressed, the Warpites frequently gave Focus hassles of many forms. They stole advertisers by calling them up, telling them that no one reads Focus any way, and convincing them it would

Seems to me, that if the freshmen all have to live in the same dorm, they should all wear the same beenie. (I mean, hell, if only logically follows.) L. N. N.

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Somehow, I find, contrary to the conclusions drawn in the 460 Report, that the visions of the police state and lack of freedom are brought by the revolution, not fought by it.

WORDS WILL NEVER STOP

When Earl Johnson's comments on the black community at Oakland appeared in the last issue of Focus, I received flack from all sides, both for printing the article without his name (even though this was in complete compliance with our standard editorial policy) and for printing the article in the first place. I had almost come to the conclusion that perhaps

SONY T630 STEREO TAPE RECORDER self-contained unit, \$275 NEW MI6 - 7264 Earl had stung a bit deeply. when selected members from the Black Liberation Caucus (BLC) decided to pay a visit to me. I was perfectly willing to listen to their opinions, and, as I am not black, and therefore quite unable to fully appreciate where they're coming from, I was more than ready to give a great deal of weight to their statements. These people, however, chose to present themselves in the most dramatic (and senseless) way possible. They demanded, demanded, that Focus refrain from ever publishing anything against black people again; and, furthermore, should any article appear in the paper, Focus would be

made to answer for it.

Now, there is any number of ways to respond to such a situation. I first attempted to explain our position to them. However, they made it obvious that they weren't interested in the least in what I had to say, and they walked out. might have been interested to know that I agreed with them: at least more with them than with Earl. But I have never refused use of the editorial pages to anyone who had something to say to the university community, whether I agreed with them or not. That they resented the fact that Earl had not felt free to present his feelings to them, I could readily understand. But I was totally unprepared

Perhaps Earl had good reason for not wanting his name signed on his first article. As can be noted in my editorial policy on page four of this issue, "given the environment

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of the university," not wanting to expose oneself to "possible retribution" can be readily understood.

- Maybe this says something about the "environment" of the university."

MONEY, MONEY EVERY-WHERE

As one last comment before departing from this hoble institution of higher education, I have one point to clarify once and for all. Ever since the inception of Focus, the rumor has been spread that we are supported financially by the administration. Although at times, we certainly could have used the money, the administration of this university gives Focus NO financial aid of any sort. True, it does support most of our editorial decisions (but then, how many do we make?). And true, O'Dowd does pay for 750 copies of each issue for faculty and staff subscriptions (a whole \$40 each issue). But the administration does NOT subsidize our expenses. The University doesn't have the money to give away. Really.

As for the changes in attitudes within the University community, I think the examples I have cited say more than pages of rhetoric could. Oakland prides itself on being one of the most liberal institutions in the nation; but even liberality can get out of hand.

Rhonda Hoagland Editrix

FRESHMAN DORM OPPOSED

Dear Focus,

I understand that the idea of reserving Vandenberg Hall for freshmen next year is under consideration by the Board of Trustees. I find this proposition appalling.

My opinion may be prejudiced by the fact that I live in Vandenberg and wish to remain here, but I feel we should have a choice of where to live, especially since no other dorm offers Vandenberg's suite set-up.

This year Anibal was closed, and next year Hill may be closed as a result of so many students fleeing the residence halls. The university is losing money on the dorms, and, in view of this, it seems everyone involved should make an effort to make the dorms more attractive. Has the board considered the possiblity of many Vandeberg residence commuting next year?

Besides the above-memtioned, there is another important issue at stake. The university wants to keep all resident freshmen in one dorm, and I find this hard to understand. Why should we isolate freshmen? Naturally, wherever you live you will be among others in your class, but, as a freshman, I'm glad for the opportunity I've had to meet upper-classmen.

The idea of a "freshmen dorm" brings to mind house-mothers and "lights-out".
Freshmen, being mostly 18, are legally adults; should they be kept apart like children?
Or are there plans to provide separate facilities for sophomores, juniors, and seniors?

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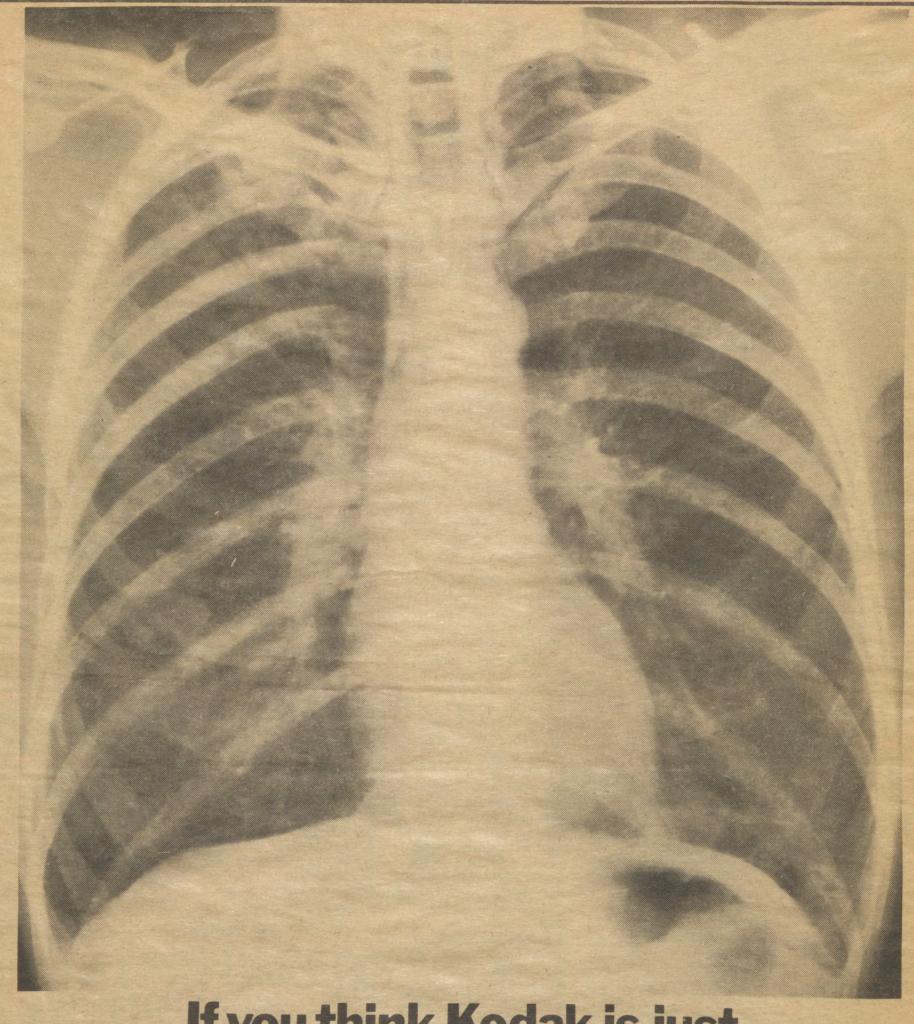
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