

## A.H.C. Meetings in Brief

By: Terry Blundell

At the November 20 meeting of A.H.C., a discussion of parliamentary procedure was first on the agenda. A motion was made and carried to use the rules for reference.

The energy crisis was brought up again. Plans were made to have a speaker at one of the future A.H.C. meetings to inform the Council of the University's present situation.

Discussion of the A.H.C.-Commuter Council Curriculum Survey followed. It was decided that more work should be done on the surveys, which would then be distributed to both residents and commuters in the near future.

Plans for the A.H.C. party were mentioned. The party, for A.H.C. reps. and attending alternates, is to be sponsored by two bagel sales. Also, half of the profit will be used for a benefit.

Amendments to the Constitution were next. A list of proposed amendments was given to each rep. Other amendments were announced by members of the Council.

The Coffeehouse Committee was the next topic. New members were chosen and the possibility of paid workers was suggested.

A motion was made and carried that subscriptions to the Free Press be terminated until next semester.

A discussion of the Food Service followed. It was suggested that Jerry Gurss attend the next A.H.C. meeting to answer questions from the Council.

An announcement was made that a letter was being sent to commuters from A.H.C. about the advantages of living on campus. The meeting was then adjourned.

The next A.H.C. meeting was held on November 27. Jerry Gurss, of Saga Food Service, was present. Questions and suggestions were addressed to Mr. Gurss by members of the Council. Mr. Gurss said that changes will be made and suggestions or comments are welcomed.

Joyce Tonak announced her resignation as A.H.C. secretary. She has decided to stay in office until a new secretary is chosen. Election for a new secretary will be held on December 14.

Announcement of the upcoming Art, Book, & Gift Fair was made by President Sandie Faye Johnson. The Fair is to be held on December 5, from 10-6 in the O.C.

The A.H.C. party was next. Dates for the bagel sales are yet to be finalized, but will be made in the near future.

A new committee was chosen to attend the Oakland exPRESSion meetings periodically. The committee will report to the Council of the newsletter's progress.

The nominees for Vice-President were announced. They were Michael Gardner and Dave Bernard. The election was held and the winner was Dave Bernard. The meeting was then adjourned.

## Energy Crisis

Thursday afternoon, AHC's Maintenance Committee, along with Advisor Doreen Bieryla and President Sandie Johnson met with President O'Dowd, Glenn Brown, and Bill Sharrand to discuss the current energy crisis and the role the Resident population could play to alleviate over-usage of energy.

An invitation for an AHC and a Commuter Council Representative to sit in on the University's Campus Development Committee was extended by Mr. Brown, as well as an invitation for students to give suggestions on energy reduction. (Suggestion boxes will go up in the OC, Hannah Hall, and Vandenberg for this purpose.)

Information will be given out shortly to the University Community, concerning action taken thus far, as well as plans for the near future.

Since the Residente Halls use approximately one-third of the campus energy, it's important for residents to become more conscientious in their energy usage. Some minor suggestions include:

1. Using stairs instead of elevators.
2. Close window blinds at night to keep heat in, and open in the morning so the sun can do its share in warming the room.
3. Remember to keep lights off when not using. Try to cut down on excess usage, since many rooms are over-illuminated.
4. Doing laundry after 9 p.m. is a savings, since energy at that time is cheaper.

## Hooked on a Feeling

By: Celia M. Frye

It is very difficult to do justice to an emotion when trying to put it into words. Perhaps it should just be savored and enjoyed and nary a word mumbled about it. But, sometimes it is too much to hold within, and putting it into writing makes it seem even more real to more people. There must be others who feel the same way I do, so let us make it known.

This may sound like a lead into a love story, and indeed I believe it is. That word, love, being defined broadly, serves perfectly to describe that feeling of oneness found amidst the students of Oakland University, especially the residents.

In just the short time that I have been here I have come to call this "home". We really

are a family. We eat together, sleep together (literally), and spend the biggest part of our time with one another. There seems to be a gentle, humanistic undercurrent which holds us together. You can feel it in the classrooms, in the Vandenburg Cafeteria at dinner, and when working with the staff of this newspaper. Sometimes it even seeps out during committee and council meetings.

Regardless of the fact that it is near Christmas (when most people feel an extra surge of the spirit), I do not think this feeling will die after the holiday. We have established a foundation on which we can grow. An entire semester is awaiting us. Many imperfections need to be worked out in such places as Saga, Student Governments, and the Coffeehouse. Let's stay together. It feels good, so let's do it.

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## Public Safety

By: Joe Timmons

In the November 28 edition of FOCUS, an Oakland resident has condemned to the fullest the whole concept of Public Safety, and all of their staff. The letter is severely exaggerated, and says not one decent thing about Public Safety. From my point of view, the author of the FOCUS letter seems to have her anger pointed at Public Safety for one incident. If credible by her reporting, the incident would seem outrageous at least. Yet, one thing she seemed not to have mentioned was Public Safety's effectiveness in the Vanwaggoner fire, the robbery in Hill, and the assault last week in Vandenburg. These incidents seem quite minor in relation to the incident she reported, and probably (according to her), could have been taken care of by students by themselves without the aid of Public Safety or even the fire department.

Let's get down on Public Safety when they deserve it, but give them the just support they need and yes, sometimes deserve.

## F E A T U R E S

# Carole's Corner

By: Carole Knopp

My dear friend Patti shared one of her long-time Thanksgiving weekend traditions with me. She took me with her to Downtown Detroit to see Santa at Hudsons.

You can think that it's strange for two mature 18- year-olds to do such a thing if you wish, but I really don't think it's fair of you to knock it, unless you've tried it in the last few years. Walking through Santa's enchanted hall of colored lights, glitter, and magically moving animals was a great escape from the great adult pre-Christmas realities that faced us.

Yes, for a brief time we both forgot about finals, Christmas shopping, and other such joys that can at times rob us of our happy Christmas spirit. We forgot our present selves and enjoyed a child's world of pre-Christmas fantasy.

"When being a "big kid" gets you down, treating yourself to a little therapy regression is what being a friend to yourself is all about," Patti told me.

She was right. Seeing Santa was the sanest thing I did all vacation. As much as I would like to, I cannot take you all on such a field trip. I can, however, help you regress by haunting you with some spirit of Christmas Past, a spirit that, unlike the one of our present, made Christ-

mas a time that was more happy than hectic. If you feel ready, read on and remember when. . . .

Christmas was writing letters to Santa, mailing them without a stamp, and never thinking for a second that the U.S. mail service would lose them on the way to the North Pole.

Christmas was making Mom and Dad a linoleum block Christmas card in art class and feeling proud even when, after weeks of careful creation,

the X-mas tree design you pressed onto the construction paper came out looking like a frog squashed in green paint.

Christmas was feeling insulted when you caught your family secretly feeding the dog the Christmas cookies you baked in Home Ec.

Christmas was standing in line for three hours to see Santa, only to have the Jolly Old Elf go out to lunch when you finally made it to the head of the line. (And you were impressed when he put up the sign on his chair that told you he was going to feed his reindeer.)

Christmas was forgetting what you wanted to ask for when you finally did make it to the old man's lap.

Christmas was wondering how all the different Santa's you saw could be married to one Mrs. Claus.

Christmas was trying to put two and two together when you saw a Santa who was skinny, wore horn-rimmed glasses, or had a fluffy white beard that was being held onto his head by a string.

Christmas was wondering why Santa never retired like grandpa had.

Christmas was wondering how Santa Claus got into your house every Christmas Eve when you didn't have a chimney, and your parents always locked the doors before they went to bed.

Christmas was playing the donkey in the Christmas play, and being told by your well-meaning teacher that you would carry one of the most important parts in the play (Mary).

Christmas was drawing the name of the classmate you despised most for the \$1.00 Christmas gift exchange in your class.

Christmas was buying that person a really neat gift (like a Slinky or eight comic books), and receiving something really dull like a pen and pencil set from the person who pulled your name.

Christmas was finally getting to be the Christmas angel in the play one year, (you finally got out of being the donkey), and embarrassing your parents when you walked on stage and your cardboard wings collapsed.

Christmas was asking Santa for every new toy on T.V., and wondering if he had made a goof when you found clothes under the tree instead of toys.

Christmas was visiting your friends to see what Santa had left them (and finally figuring out where Santa had left "your" gifts).

Christmas was finding it hard to believe that someone as friendly as Santa Claus would leave anyone a lump of coal in their stocking just because they'd "been bad" all year.

Christmas was helping at a family Christmas party by throwing away all the wrapping paper that your relatives were wading through.

Christmas was getting nervous when you realized that you couldn't find the

# AREA HALL IN ACTION

SOLVES PROBLEMS, GETS ANSWERS

BY: J. Burns  
T. Chiaverotti

Question - Why do students have to wait so long for Public Safety to respond to a call for assistance. Also, I believe that if students didn't have to file a report every-time that they called (about anything - even to report something) that they might call more often . . . What about it?

Answer - According to Public Safety officer Hawkes, a car can get from the Public Safety parking lot to any designated building on campus within two or three minutes. The delay, which he considers to have been an isolated incident, may have been due to a flood of calls. If three or four calls come in at once, they are taken on priority, or in order of importance.

In answer to your second question, information is needed to protect both the caller and the officers. If a name is given and it is a false alarm, the officers may then go to that individual and ask if he or she made the call. A name is also used in the event that a witness is needed.

If Public Safety did not ask further questions, they would not know what to expect in a situation, or have time to formulate how they should handle it.

Question - The girls in 702A Hamlin have been trying since Sept. to get the 12" hole in their wall fixed so that they can paint. They have called Maintenance more than 15 times, talked to Doreen, Mike and sent a note to Mitch, but with no results. What next?

Answer - To solve this problem, AHC called Richard Moore's office, the Director of Building Maintenance, and spoke with Mr. Gail. He explained that the University really couldn't do anything about the problem until they get some plaster. Mr. Gail claims that he personally wrote and sent out the requisition for the plaster, but the plaster has to come from Rochester, and undoubtedly you can look forward to a wait. No indication of how long you will have to wait was given since the solution to the problem is out of their control. Perhaps you'd better add plaster to your Christmas list.

Do you miss your mother?  
Has your sex life gone downhill? Has it even started? Well if you're looking for answers to these and other problems, address your questions to Auntie Oakie.

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5. Very important: don't tamper with hallway lights. Expensive damage often results from amateur electricians.

A decision has not yet been made concerning the closing of the University during January. Students will find out about the decision as soon as the Administrators, since this is not a University decision, but a direct action of the Governor.

The Oakland *expression* staff wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable vacation. Have fun and good luck on your finals.

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only \$5.00 bill you got  
for Christmas (after you  
had helped by throwing  
away all the wrapping  
paper that had been burned  
in your relatives fire-  
place.

Christmas was watching  
Father swear over broken  
toys the day after Christ-  
mas (while he tried to fix  
them).

Christmas was over,  
and you could finally  
be bad again, and start  
your list for next year.

Christmas wasn't  
quite the same anymore  
after you had the sad  
news about Santa broken  
to you by one of the

"big kids" at school.

Christmas was wish-  
ing you could go back  
again, and be little,  
"stupid", and feel ex-  
cited (instead of  
frustrated) about  
Christmas.

You remember all  
these things? Some of  
them? Good! You're  
not too ancient or far  
gone after all! So  
take it easier, have  
a Merry Christmas, and  
remember that you're  
not alone. Growing up  
happens to even the  
best of us.

Being a "naughty  
or nice" kid all year  
long has absolutely

nothing at all to do with  
it. Unless of course you  
still are one of the rare  
lucky ones among us who  
still hasn't heard that  
bad news about Santa  
yet.....

## H.H.C.

Your Hamlin House  
Council wants to tell you  
what they've been doing.  
This is the first in a  
series of monthly news-  
letters directly from  
us to you. Any comments,  
questions, criticisms,  
explosions, etc. can be  
directed at us through  
your individual floor  
representatives. If  
you don't know who that  
is (and you should), check  
with your R.A. (You do  
know who that is.)

Some of the Council's  
recent and ungoing  
activities are:

"Evening with a  
Department". Several  
departments have al-  
ready been heard from and  
others will soon follow.  
Keep your eye out for  
the one you should be at.

The Pumpkin Carving  
Contest was a success with  
12 of the 16 floors taking  
part. The winners were  
1st-7 South, 2nd-6 South,  
and 3rd- both 1 North and  
8 North. Prizes were  
\$30, \$20, and \$15.

Village Halloween  
Candy Sale: Our profits  
were \$25, which we match-  
ed to bring our donation  
to the Village to \$50.  
That really means \$100.

A Chess Tournament  
is underway, with a cash  
prize of \$10 to go to  
the winner. Good Luck  
participants.

A survey of recrea-  
tional likes of residents  
was conducted. Results  
are being tabulated.

A survey of residents  
favorite games was also  
done, and we will pur-  
chase the favorites. The  
games will be available  
for check out at Hamlin  
desk in the near future.

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## Alumni Beat Pioneers

By: Pete Pollino

Thirty-five excited fans turned out at Avon Arena Thursday night to watch the Oakland Alumni beat the O.U. Hockey Team 7-1. The game provided many thrills from start to finish although the Alumni carried the play through most of the game.

Scoring began halfway through the first period when John Burkhart of the Alumni beat O.U.'s goalie from about 20 ft. out. Soon afterward however, Ernie Schmatz got the goal back on a scramble to the right of the Alumni's net. This proved however, to be the only goal the Pioneers could muster. With only 23 seconds left in the period Jerry Ross broke down the ice alone and scored his first of three goals, this one with his team short-handed.

The alumni started the second period right where they left off in the first, with Bob Moore, Jerry Ross, and Jack Kroll tallying marks within ten minutes of each other. In the final period Jerry Ross scored his hat trick goal on a power play and John Burkhart chalked up his second of the night. The game ended on an emotional note with three players sitting in the box. The Pioneers hope to schedule a game against Central Michigan in the near future.

## Gold vs White

By: Pete Pollino

Somewhere between five and six hundred students turned out November 27 to watch the Varsity Basketball Team defeat the J.V.'s by the score of 142-95. Varsity's Walt Johnson led all scorers with 24 points, followed by Kevin Williams with 22, Larry Pierce with 18, and Frank Nesbit with 16. In the rebounding department, Kevin Williams led with 12 and Frank Nesbit and Gary White helped out with 11 each.

For the J.V.'s Jeff Grimes and Ben Lawrence each scored 16 points, and Larry Porter added 12. Lawrence also pulled down 10 rebounds.

## Women's Basketball

By: Joe Timmons

Leading by as much as 23 points, the Women's Basketball team coasted to it's fourth straight victory in as many games. Starting slowly, they had to overcome the scrappy defense of Madonna's guards who seemed intent on upsetting our team by shouting at them. The Pioneers were able to keep them cool though and the game ended 56-28 in their favor. The next home game is December 12 at 7:00 in the Sports & Rec Bldg. against Macomb County Community College.

## Men's Swimming

By: Jim Christie and  
Bill Papineau

After twelve weeks of practicing three hours a day, six days a week, Oakland's Varsity Swim Team has finally begun their 73-74 season in fine fashion. In their first intersquad meet, two current O.U. records were broken by Freshman Paul Karas. Last weekend, at the Notre Dame relays, and The Michigan Collegiate Relays, they competed and fared well.

Coach Corey Van Fleet's team is composed of 26 swimmers, including 11 freshmen and five returning senior lettermen. Based on clocked time trials, this team looks much improved over last year's 7-7 won-lost team.

Team captains' for this year are seniors Pat Nichols and Chuck Russela. Last year Nichols swam his way to the National Championships, making a fine showing there. Other returning lettermen include Fred Geheb, Bob Van Dyke and Mike Karas.

A new Assistant Coach, Richie Pine, former swim coach at Bowling Green University, has been added to aid Coach Van Fleet in guiding the team.

As you can see, we have many reasons to be optimistic about the success of Oakland's Swim Team. Therefore, why not get out and give them your support at their first home meet against Illinois State University on December 9 at 1:00 p.m.