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# Who Will Rule Dorms?

Commentary by David Letvin

Another in a long history of attempt at developing effective student power at Oakland is now in process. However, there are a few stray signs that this effort will meet with somewhat less resistance and quite a bit more success than past ventures.

The primary advantage that the current movement has over most actions past is that it has successfully rallied a large faction of students behind an issue which directly involves the everyday lives of many. That issue is "home rule" in the dormitories, or, more specifically, a liberalization of open house policies.

The issue of dorm policies seems to pop up periodically--just about every year. It is one that has a fairly unanimous consensus backing it, and falls well within the traditional boundaries of areas of developing student power. Indeed, there are few aspects of student life that should so clearly be the exclusive concern of the students and few if any aspects find so thorough a resentment of administrative rule-making by students.

The move to secure student power over non-academic aspects of university life is being spearheaded this year by Dan Pfeiffer, a member of the Commission on Student Life. Pfeiffer has made a firm commitment to secure his ends by whatever systematic means are functional, and to work with these means until they become non-functional.

Pfeiffer has proposed to the Chancellor and the Commission the (1) elimination of the Commission, and, (2) its replacement by a student-faculty-administration board which would have effective control over all non-academic matters regarding regulations, etc. This board, controlled by students, would be empowered to, for example, allow each dormitory to establish its own social rules without regard for any externally imposed guidelines other than state, local, and federal law. This plan has been unanimously endorsed by the Vandenberg house council. The administration, however, would rather make the Commission on Student Life, now an advisory board to the Chancellor, into a sub-committee of the

University Senate, where many students feel its activities would be lost, confused, and eventually tabled. Faculty support for these alternatives seems to be dividing somewhat equally.

The strength of the student backing of Pfeiffer's proposal along with the recent developments at the University of Michigan (coupled with mildly encouraging hints from Chancellor Varner) make up the strength of the current movement.

A petition was circulated several weeks ago, as reported in last week's "Observer", and, without the benefit of any advertising or systematic organization, was able to find affixed to its bottom the signatures of some 75% of the resident students. The wording of the petition was harsh: "We the resident students of Oakland University demand home rule for our dormitories. We demand the exclusive rights to control and regulate our social lives." But surely this is a reflection of just how fed up some students are with being told that they are adults--in most respects. This is the mandate that Pfeiffer carries to meetings--and the administration here is smart enough, it is felt, to know how not to have another Columbia.

## THE U. OF M. EXPERIMENT

Last year, the University of Michigan (according to Director of Dormitory Housing Feldcamp) instituted, on an experimental basis, a home-rule policy in its undergraduate dormitories, which has been, by all reports, remarkably successful. In an interview with the Observer, Feldcamp pointed out that there has been no more abuse of this policy than of any other type of open policy and that "it has transferred the determination of policy to the ones most vitally affected, namely the students."

Observing that such a policy would never have been instituted but for involved students, he added, "I wish that we had gone to it sooner." In Ann Arbor, each dorm, or in some cases, each floor sets its own policy. Reactions from state legislators were mild, and Feldcamp noted that there has been no real hassle with them. The policy is in effect again this year.

Last spring, when approached on this subject, Chancellor Varner suggested that he would have no serious objects to such a policy if the U. of M. experiments worked out. Now it remains to be seen whether that will indeed be the case or not.

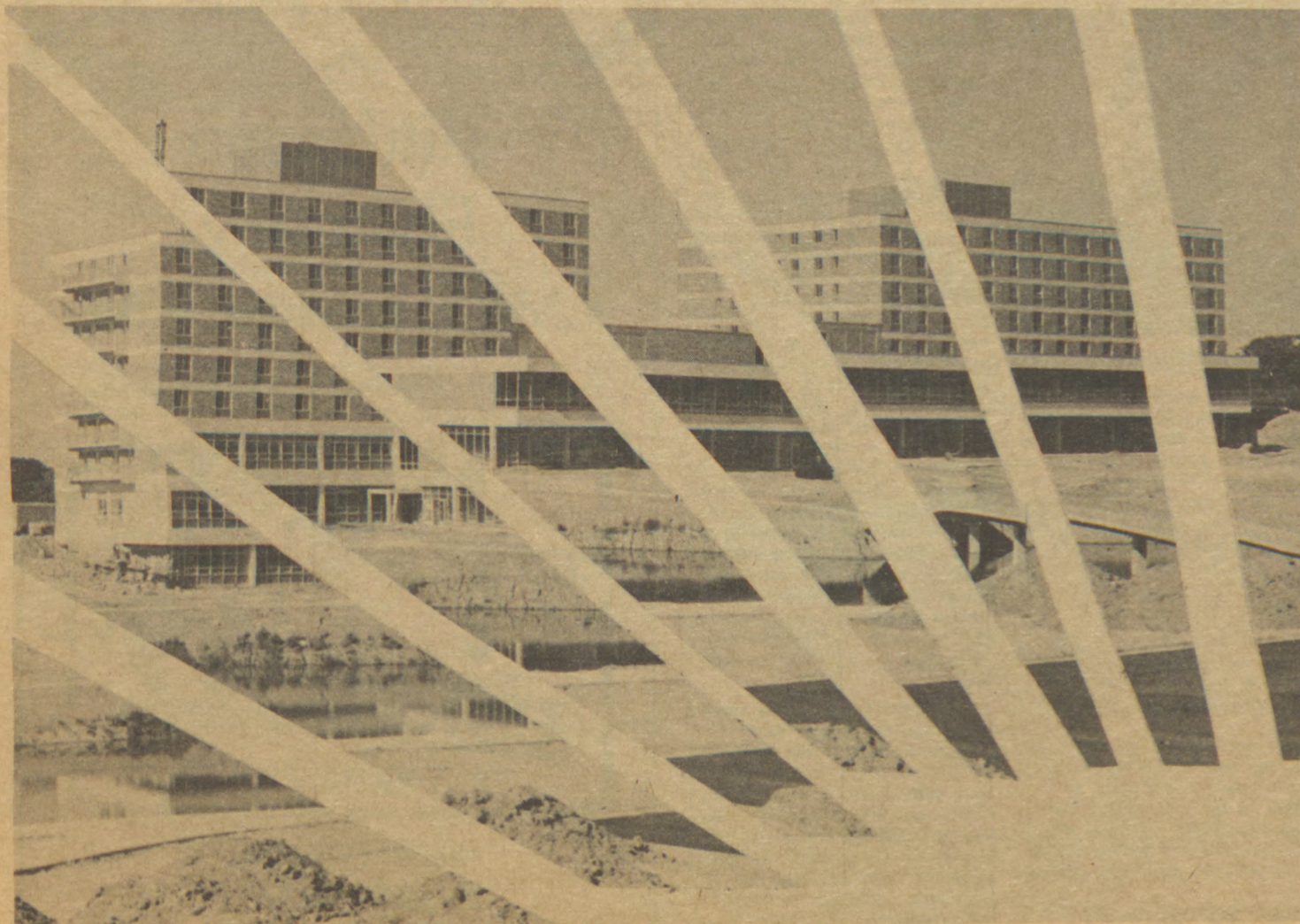
## TRADITIONAL ARGUMENTS

Several arguments have been stated against a more liberal dormitory policy, let alone against democratic self-rule. Anyone who is acquainted with Aristotle or totalitarian government can tell you about the weakness of democracy, so we will only consider the arguments against the specific dormitory issue.

The basic arguments traditionally given for the maintenance of the status quo are: (1) the need for privacy by students; (2) security problems; (3) the university has no responsibility to aid in the provision of social activities for its residents (this is Varner's favorite); (4) the university must act in loco parentis for its students because they are mere children who should be kept under lock and key at all times.

None of these can hold much water under even the lightest of scrutiny. (1) residents can leave their doors open or shut at their pleasure, and have the option of inviting or not inviting visitors to their rooms as they see fit. (2) experience with the elimination of upper-class women's hours and the hyperactivity of the Public Safety Department suggests a lack of real security problems from students or outsiders. (3) If, as Varner says, the university has no place in providing social activities for its students, then surely it can have no legitimate place in limiting or restricting them either. (4) The University of Michigan experience has suggested that public reaction, both parental and otherwise, will not be so violent and engulfing as the Chancellor fears. (5) In loco parentis parents went out with the bicycle: a parent would not send his child away from home for school if he did not have a great deal of confidence in his offspring's ability to make most of his own decisions.

The Chancellor has stated on several occasions that the dormitory rooms are to be considered for all practical purposes as hotel rooms. Privacy will be maintained but for the case of imminent danger to the community at large. However, he also feels that the university should regulate the morality and social lives of its residents, especially in the dorms. This is (1) internally inconsistent, (2) provincial, and, (3) highly authoritarian.





## Students Allocate Activities Money

BY INGO DUTZMANN

The Student Activities Board (SAB) is beginning its second year of activity this semester and is again concerned with providing activities which it feels will provide the most benefit to the greatest number of students. With that thought in mind, the six-member University Activities Planning Committee, as a member of the SAB, submitted a budget request to the Allocations Committee (also a member of the SAB) for \$7,124.96 and asked for an additional \$1800 to be held by the Allocations Committee in an unreleased fund.

The request was made Friday September 20 and included money for such activities as the Sunday Night Film Series (Ipcress File, The Love One etc.), the Wednesday Night Concert Series (Ali Akbar Kahn, Anthony DiBonaventura and possibly Raphael Oresco), transportation to DAFS movies at the Hills Rochester Theatre, the University Handbook and Calendar (which have been printed and distributed) and for activities in connection with Indian Summer Days, Wilson's Weekend, and Halloween Party, the Holiday Ball and a Christmas decorating party.

The unreleased fund of \$1800 to supplement the above activities would be distributed by the Allocations Committee upon specific request by the UAPC for a part of a money for their various types of campus activities.

The decision of the Allocations Committee was to grant the full request to the amount of \$7125.00 (in a mood of generosity the Committee added four cents), and also to set up the unreleased fund of \$1800 as asked. The total allocation came to \$8925.00; this figure represents about 47% of the projection \$19,000 the Allocations Committee will receive from this semester's Student Activities Fee. (The amount of the Student Activities Fee is determined by multiplying the number of full-time students, ten-credits or more, by \$5.00. The \$5 is paid at registration and is put into an account which is handled by the five-member Allocations Committee.)

With the passing of summer and the resumption of regular schedules for the fourteen-member SAB, it was discovered that one of the elected members of the Allocations Committee had transferred to another university and was consequently unable to fulfill his obligation to students at Oakland. The five-member Executive Board of SAB had the responsibility of determining who the successor to that position should be.

All people interested in the position had the option of ap-

pearing before the board to undergo questioning concerning qualifications, aims and willingness to work for the SAB. After five hours of careful discussion and weighing all of the facts, the Board decided that Pamela Harrison, a sophomore, would best fill the vacancy.

As a new member of Allocations, Pam has taken on the responsibility of recording secretary and will hold her position until the 1969 Fall Semester, at which time, if re-elected in the March 1969 elections, she will continue with Allocations for another year.

## Varner Ignores Student Demands O.S.C.C.R. Plans General Election

O.S.C.C.R., in response to the lack of response by Mr. Varner concerning its Student Ultimatum on the Marz Committee on Public Safety, has decided that "the Democratic process cannot be, nor should it be stopped because of the actions of one man." It has been decided that the University Community will go ahead with its own general elections to be held the week of October 5.

According to the Ultimatum, the elected Public Safety Review Board is to consist of 10 members, nine of whom shall be elected by the University Community. Of these nine elected members five are to be students and the other four are to be made up of faculty, staff, and administration. Mr. Tom Strong, current head of the Department of Public Safety, will be called upon to chair the meetings.

O.S.C.C.R. is asking for all those students, faculty, staff and administrative people who are interested in running for positions on this board to submit their names and a short statement on why they have decided to run (although this latter is not mandatory), to the Observer Office, ext. 2195, by Wednesday morning at the latest.

In next week's issue will be published the names of those students running and the exact election procedures. A plea is being made by O.S.C.C.R. to all members of the University Community to unite in this election.

## SPEAKER CLARIFIES BLACK HISTORY

BY CLARENCE TYSON

Sterling Stuckey, a former Chicago High School teacher now completing his Ph.D. dissertation in Black History at Northwestern University, made an appearance at Oakland University Wednesday to speak about Afro-American historical studies.

Mr. Stuckey in his delivery particularly noted the stupidity of American historians when dealing with the black man. His message explored accomplishment of the black race which until recently, were omitted from the pages of history. In the United States, the fault lies mainly with the intellectuals, Mr. Stuckey said. They hold the

false believe that Afro-Americans are disinterested in Africa.

Black Americans have always felt a deep sense of kindred to Africa, Mr. Stuckey declared. The current wave of African clothing and jewelry which has inundated American markets may have given Afro-Americans a new sense of pride in their place of origin, but it did not originate these feelings. This is a fact which American historians have constantly ignored. As far as most people know, the Black Power movement did not exist ten years ago. One might believe that it got its start after Stokely Carmichael supposedly coined the term and "roiling" left it written all over the walls of burnt-out building. Few people realize, however, that the Black Power movement was fostered by the Black Separatist movement which began over one hundred years ago.

Mr. Stuckey related that it is the American historians who have caused these misinterpretations of black institutions. By consciously avoiding any written articles on black history they are responsible for the ignorance black, and especially white, Americans have exhibited toward Afro-American history.

Solutions to the problem, according to Mr. Stuckey, must be established on two fronts. First, college historians should "confront the folklife of Black people on an equal basis with all other races." Instead of concentrating upon the history of black entertainers and the folksongs of their eras, professors should incorporate black writings into their courses.

educators who want to learn educators who want to teach black history. Mr. Stuckey finds that "any teacher, whether black or white, who does not come to terms with his own prejudices will never be able to deal with the subject of black history properly." Until this fact is realized, the black history courses now being taught



STERLING STUCKEY

will have small impact upon the minds of students.

The problem has been stated many times by many prominent people. Now someone has offered what appears to be solid solutions to end misrepresentation in black history. Maybe they finally will be taken seriously by the educators of this country and put into use in every college of the United States.

## Priest Tells About Chicago

In a panel discussion Tuesday of the Michigan Delegation of the Democratic Convention, stated that Americans may be opting for a police state. He maintained that while



FATHER MYERS

some action was certainly necessary to maintain control, the response of the Chicago police was a policy of over-kill.

And, he added, when the police cease to be merely enforcers of the law and start making their own laws that is the essence of the police state.

Fr. Myers, a Detroit priest, believes that the Vietnam war is largely responsible for the violence in our country today. It is impossible, he says, to have the longest war in our history overseas and escape repercussions at home.

Some of this violence is manifested in the fact that 97% of the letters Mayor Daley receives are favorable to his actions. Fr. Myers, speaking of his own arrest condemned the police for their improper handling of the situation: ignoring the rights of those arrested, and in many more cases, using brute force instead of their arrest powers.

Roger Marz, of the Political Science Department, speaking of civil disobedience and police procedures stated that the actions of police were "wholly unacceptable by police standards." He said that one blow with a billy club is enough to subdue anyone. The use of extreme force by Chicago police is a common tactic according to Marz and is probably supported by most of the people.

Fr. Myers made two humorous references to "new" TV programs: "Mace the Nation" and "Beat the Press", but he was quite serious in his concern over the wholesale violence against newsmen, bystanders, and young demonstrators. He believes that if Americans continue to support police state tactics as in Chicago, the fragile structure of democracy may be doomed.

## Cleaning Services Cutback

BY JOE DAVIDSON

The cutback in Oakland's budget has resulted in a cutback in cleaning services. Hallways and classrooms are now being cleaned three times a week instead of the regular nightly cleaning as in more beautiful days; faculty offices will be cleaned only once a week.

The Physical Plant budget is apportioned month by month. If the physical plant uses less money than expected for a month, cleaning services can be returned to normal, according to H.N. Stoutenbourn, Assistant to the Chancellor for Planning. He stressed that services will be returned to normal as soon as possible. He also pointed out that no one will be laid off, but when a position is left vacant by someone leaving, it will not be filled.

Things could be worse -- if Dodge Hall and the Health Center were completed, cleaning services would be spread even thinner.

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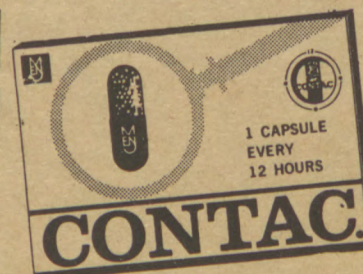
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# University Senate, Art/Science Assembly Act As OU Government

By David Carr

The two primary legislative bodies of Oakland University are the UNIVERSITY SENATE and the ASSEMBLY OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES. Both are similar in structure but different in areas of influence and concern, and composition.

The UNIVERSITY SENATE is composed of 33 elected faculty members; 2 elected Administrative and professional staff; 3 elected students; 3 Chancellor-appointed members; plus the Provost, the University Librarian and the four deans of the University's schools and colleges. The ASSEMBLY is composed of the whole faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences plus 15 elected students.

The constitutional powers of both sound broad on paper, but can be limited in practice. The Senate has the right to be informed and act on all matters of importance to the University but can in fact be ignored by the Chancellor or the Board of Trustees. In 1967, for example, the Academic Senate (the University Senate's professors)

formally was against an inter-collegiate basketball team. The Chancellor chose to create one anyway.

The actual power of the SENATE lies mainly in the formulating of broad academic policies where its word is highly respected and its powers are more explicitly stated in the university Constitution.

The ASSEMBLY is the body chartered by the SENATE to legislate on affairs concerning the College of Arts and Sciences. However, it also has constitutional powers to speak on issues concerning the general welfare of the University. Also being the college responsible for 85% of the University's curriculum, its power or prestige is larger than supposed at first glance. Being a new body, its power to effect change in non-academic areas can only be presumed similar to the SENATE. Its main power is in creating and changing courses and curriculums within the SENATE'S broad guidelines.

#### Military Recruiters

The most controversial and important business both bodies are likely to deal with this year is the issue of allowing

military and certain military-related industries to recruit on campus. Last year the debate over this in both bodies was both spirited and long—but no final decisions could be reached. If these bodies do ultimately act on this issue, the treatment of their action by the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees could be crucial to determining the power structure of Oakland University.

#### Student Power

Student Power on these bodies can be more than appearance suggests. The Senate is much like any political body: much of the maneuvering occurs outside the formal sessions and informal power structures are often hard to perceive. Cindy Attwood, who is serving her second term as a student Senator, asserts that her opinions as a student representative are often sought out both formally and informally and are presumably weighed seriously. However, most issues are handled in a low key manner and the vote is usually lopsided. Cindy states the students usually vote with the majority.

Student power on the ASSEMBLY can only be guessed at. Students will sit on this one year old body for the first time this fall. They make up a larger percentage of the total body than do the student Senators; if 3 vacancies are filled they will have 10% of the ASSEMBLY votes. This figure could occasionally be crucial.

#### Standing Committees

A great deal of power resides in the two bodies' standing committees. The most powerful committees are the Steering Committee of the Senate and the Executive Committee of the Assembly. They set agendas, call meetings and present the membership slate for all standing committees, create ad hoc committees, call all reports and recommendations in and out of committee, receive and transmit communications between the two bodies as a whole.

Committees can also act in extra-legal ways. Though no formal policies have come out of the Senate's Student Publications Committee as of yet, this committee operated as an

overseer of the University publications last year.

Student Senators are excluded from only two committees, the Academic Standing and Honors Committee and the Faculty Affairs Committee. Last year each student Senator served on one committee. No student was on the Steering Committee.

Student representation on committees need not be limited to Senators. Two students sit on the Athletics Committee and two sit on the Publications Committee. Also ad hoc committees may include additional students.

The College of Arts and Sciences present constitution limits standing committee membership to faculty members. However, George Matthews, Dean of the College, believes students should and will be made members of all committees, including the Executive Committee. The sole exception is the Committee on Appointment and Promotions. It is possible some student representatives might not argue for this exception.

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The ASSEMBLY held its first meeting of the school year Sept. 16. The Chancellor gave a "candid" and off the record assessment of the budget crisis and certain political options and strategies available to Oakland. Also an ad hoc committee was established to recommend ways to better integrate student members into the workings of the College. The committee will have 5 student members, only 3 of which must be Assembly members, and 2 faculty members.

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The SENATE met for the first time on Thursday, Sept. 19. Procedural matters were primarily discussed. It was agreed that meetings will be open to all interested members of the University Community. The next SENATE meeting will be on October 3.



## Oakland Review Need Writers

The Oakland Review, which made its first appearance at the end of the Winter term, 1968, provides an opportunity for students, particularly undergraduates, to publish work of a scholarly or critical nature. Copies of the Review are currently on display in the library for the benefit of those who may not have seen it. The editors urge all students to submit for consideration any papers which seem to them of exceptional quality.

Manuscripts should be typewritten, double-spaced, on numbered pages, with a title and author's name on a separate page. Manuscripts should follow the style currently employed by a national journal in the author's field. They should normally be under 5,000 words in length, although exceptions to this rule may in some cases be made.

Although no deadline has as yet been set, manuscripts should be submitted by the end of the Fall term to be assured of consideration. They may be sent to any one of the editors listed below:

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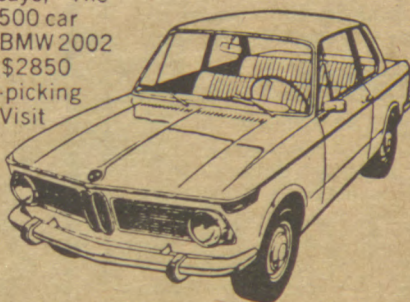


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## News Shorts

The U. S. Justice Department has released results of a study conducted for it by the University of Michigan which states that twenty-seven per cent of all policemen "Were either observed in misconduct situations or admitted to observers that they were engaged in misconduct." Two-thirds of this group were seen "in some form of conduct that could be classified as a felony or misdemeanor," while the rest admitted such naughty acts.

These acts included shakedowns (mostly of traffic offenders), perjury, (both in aid of and against defendants), thefts from burglarized businesses, and pay-offs to ignore law violations and illegal establishments. The report specifically excluded free meals, drinks and other minor favors, which were said to be extremely common.

The study also noted that most police carry an extra gun or knife to use as "evidence" of resistance of attack in situations where someone is killed or injured.

SAIGON, VIETNAM (LNS) -- Have you noticed the recent Army announcement of its "massive retaliation" on -- elephants? That's right. The army claims that the elephants are being used by the Viet Cong to carry supplies. The latest body count show that rocket-firing helicopters killed four elephants outside Camp Eagle near Dang Hoi.

Napalming whirlybirds were also used recently against marijuana plants in New Jersey.

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO (LNS) -- One hundred thousand young people filled the streets of Mexico City in a somber, quiet march down the Plaza de la Reforma, protesting the recent police brutality and government repression in Mexico. The march was the first non-violent demonstration in the past two months. The students, for the most part quiet, shouted no slogans and didn't ridicule the Olympic Games as they had done repeatedly recently. Most of them wore black suits and arm bands in a funeral-like procession. They were joined by housewives and workers and other supporters from Mexico City's largely unseen mestizo under-class. One sign caught the tone of the quiet march: "He who sows terror reaps revolution."

BOGOTA, COLUMBIA (LNS) -- Students at the University of Caile occupied University buildings today and demanded that all Americans including all Peace Corps members leave the University. The students accused the Peace Corps of spying for the American Government. A Peace Corps spokesman said that the charge was not true and that the Peace Corpsmen planned to stay "no matter what happened."

ATLANTA, GEORGIA. (LNS)--Gov. Lester Maddox, in announcing his plans to actively support the candidacy of former Alabama Gov. George Wallace for president, suggested that Wallace choose Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley as his running mate.

In praising Daley, Maddox cited his fine handling of the demonstrations in Chicago at the time of the Democratic Convention.

WASHINGTON (CPS)--A suburban judge here has found two short-haired teen-agers guilty of assaulting two long-haired youths. The punishment: The convicted pair must spend the weekend carrying picket signs saying "I will respect the rights of others. Otherwise I will go to jail."

NEW YORK, LNS)--Pvt. Michael Lociolento of the U. S. Army has taken refuge in the Washington Square Methodist church, upon being ordered to Vietnam. Lociolento announced he could not obey those orders and would remain in the church until the Army dragged him out or withdrew the orders, because "I have done enough disservice to God by being in the Army." The church has offered to keep him in sanctuary as long as necessary and possible.

FORT HOOD, TEXAS (LNS)--At Fort Hood more than 160 Black soldiers refused orders to take part in riot control operations in Chicago. A sitdown demonstration was held Friday night. The rebellion was the largest in recent U.S. military history. More than 40 demonstrators were imprisoned in the stockade and were clubbed by stockade guards.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK (LNS) -- LBJ and his successor will be cruising the streets in a very special limousine. The six-ton car (tank?) costs half a million dollars. It has a bubble-top bullet-proof type canopy which is thicker than the glass canopies used in Air Force fighter planes. It is covered with two tons of armor, designed to protect the elected leader from either military or civilian attack. Special rubber-lined steel tires inside the regular heavy tires would permit the car-tank to maintain top speeds even if the four outer tires became flat. The interior has a complete communications control setup, with three television sets, a radio-telephone for emergency defense, and a public address system (maybe for any people allowed to get within hearing distance.)

The car-tank was secretly built over the past fifteen months, under stringent protection by the Secret Service and the Defence department. Ford Motor Company, which built the car, has agreed to pay the half-million and to rent the car to the USA for \$100 a month.

## Education?

WASHINGTON (CPS)--A House-Senate conference committee will offer Congress a higher education bill that would allow schools individually to decide whether federal financial aid should be denied students who participate in disruptive campus demonstrations.

The compromise "anti-riot" provision leaves up to the institution the determination of whether a student's crime or refusal to obey a university rule is "serious" and contributes to "substantial disruption."

It does not require the school to make the judgement, nor does it spell out what is serious or substantially disruptive.

Withdrawal or denial of federal aid could be used as a threat to prevent participation in demonstrations or as punishment for involvement. The vagueness of the provision could cause a student to not know until it is too late whether his school intends to use its discretionary power, and what it will consider serious and disruptive.

An earlier House proposal would have required automatic cut-off of aid if a student was convicted of any crime involving the use of force, trespass, or seizure of property to prevent officials or students from pursuing their duties or studies. Now that a crime would have to be judged serious or substantially disruptive by the school before assistance can be stopped.

Programs affected by the bill are the 1958 National Defense Education Act, the Educational Opportunity Grant program, the Student Loan Insurance program and the workstudy program under the 1965 Higher Education Act, and fellowship programs under both acts.

Those advocating denial argued that taxpayers should not finance illegal activity on the campus.

Unless the compromise bill is adopted without debate, it is likely all the arguments will be raised again when the measure comes up for final vote.

## Dick Gregory



GREGORY

Dick Gregory will speak at Oakland at 10:00 a.m., Friday, October 4. The lecture will be in the Sports and Recreation Building. Tickets are now available for 75¢ in the Activities Center. Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$1.00.

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# Grape Boycott Continues

LOS ANGELES (LNS-SCN)--United Farm Workers, which represents the grape workers, has entered the most decisive stage in its strategy against the California grape growers; picketing of Gelson Markets began August 28.

"In the vineyards where the grapes of wrath are stored, the poorest of the poor have begun an epic struggle against the masters of the land", says a leaflet sent out by UFW. Tired of the oppression of the grape growers, the grape pickers of Delano, California have been organizing for the past three years. As enumerated by Gwen Dennis, assistant to the Peace and Freedom Grape Boycott Coordinator, the farm workers demand:

1) that their children be allowed to get off the fields and go to school and have a say in determining their own lives. As it now stands, most children are working in the fields to earn enough money to support the family. Since the California workers went on strike, the grape growers have been employing for the most part Mexican nationals as strike breakers; so much so that by now 85% of grape pickers are scabs and only 15% are legal workers. These 15% continue to work simply because if they don't, they may starve their families.

2) that sanitation and health laws concerning living and working conditions be enforced. Proper

housing is unheard of. Usually there is one shack per family of over 5 persons.

3) a reduction in working hours. Workers, including children, work from ten to twelve hours per day.

4) increase in wages. At the present time workers who do not stay in the fields overnight get paid \$1.40/hour, and those who do stay get paid \$1.30/hour. Deducting the money for social security and rent, the first group gets paid \$74/week, and the second group \$62/week.

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Having failed to reach a settlement through negotiation, resently workers began their strike and picketing in Coachella Valley. But because of imminent danger to the lives of strikers, UFW withdrew. Thus the focus of farm workers tactics was shifted from the fields to the cities--in the form of organized boycott of all stores selling California grapes.

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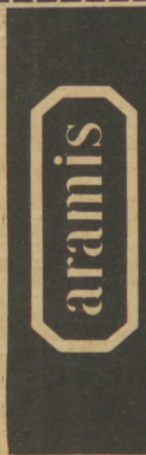
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## Grass: Eventual Acceptance

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By DAVIS CATTON

A few Sundays ago, The Detroit Free Press ran a feature article alerting parents to the problem of pot smoking by affluent suburban youth. The article warned parents that they were not going to be able to meet the problem by ignoring it or hiding behind a screen of false information. The best approach, said the Free Press, was for the parents to learn the facts about the dangers of marijuana and pass this information on to their kids in the most forthright terms. So far so good, but then the article warned parents, with an absolutely straight face, that two of the major dangers of grass are, 1) "loss of appetite" and 2) "acute anxiety". A real mind-blower, as the saying goes.

Fortunately, an antidote to such nonsense exists. Two of the better books among the recent spate of works on psychedelics, The Marijuana Papers and The Book of Grass. Both anthologies are rather strange brews, containing everything from Vedic poems to recent scientific papers, but the juxtaposition of unlikely elements can be

helpful in adding to one's understanding of the Marijuana Problem (or the Free Press Problem if you prefer).

Seeking comprehensiveness, the editors of Grass have chosen to reprint short sections from a great number of sources, and consequently the book is overdone. For example, they include three or four Middle Eastern folktales about hashish; these will be of interest to devotees of Middle Eastern folktales, but add very little to one's understanding of the drug.

David Solomon, editor of Marijuana Papers, has fewer entries in his anthology, but manages to cover as much ground as Grass without annoying duplication.

Both books can be described as pro grass. They give one a new slant on the marijuana problem, especially its (the problem) origin with a small group of fanatics in the government. Unfortunately, neither book contains much in the way of sociology to explain this, and both are more interested in scientific and aesthetic descriptions of grass.

Books like these will probably play a part in the eventual acceptance of marijuana, but a far larger part will be played by the millions of current underground pot smokers. If the future leaders of our nation (now attending college) ever become the actual leaders, then one assumes they will eventually legalize their favorite undergraduate pastime. Such a prospect is strangely unexciting. By the time it happens, legalization may just be another victory for middle-class conformity.

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## The Procol Harem

By DAVIS CATTON

The Procol Harum's new album suffers from schizophrenia. Side One, with one small exception, is superb; Side Two, again with an exception, is awful.

First the good news: The songs on Side One all display the amazing versatility of the Procol Harum's music. Their guitar, electric bass, and drums give them a loud, heavy sound which can be tempered and mixed at will with the softness and delicacy of their organ and piano. Here the lyrics are set against lushly textured melodies which provide a refuge for the listener, a refuge from the chilling despair and meaninglessness of the words.

The meaninglessness is not the result of ineptness, but quite intentional. These songs are supposed to be nonsense songs;

their only point is that they have no point. Keith Reid, the groups lyricist, is masterful at creating songs in which the words flow along, each seeming to be in its proper place, yet each contributing nothing towards any ultimate theme or meaning. This kind of writing takes more skill than is at first apparent. The writer must make the words seem to mean something, must never let it be seen that they are really there only to fill up space and provide syllables for the singer to sing.

Each song, then, gets its unity and coherence from the music, not the words. The words resolutely insist that they have no coherence to offer and that if we seek it we must seek it in the patterns of the music. All the Procol Harum's best songs are essentially an ex-

pansion of the Doors' line, "Music is your only friend? Dance on fire as it intends."

But Side Two also has an example of the P.H. at their worst. The culprit is an intriguingly titled song, "In Held Twas in I." Regretably it is 17 minutes long and takes up almost all of the second side. Unlike the others, this is a song which tries to Tell Us Something. The Meaning Of Life, for example. It includes a selection of mock-circus music (an idea which every pop group in the Western Hemisphere must have had at one time or another) and ends with soaring organ chords backed up by what sounds like the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

But I don't want to end negatively. The songs on the first side of this album are good. They alone make this one of the best albums I have heard in recent months. It is well worth having.

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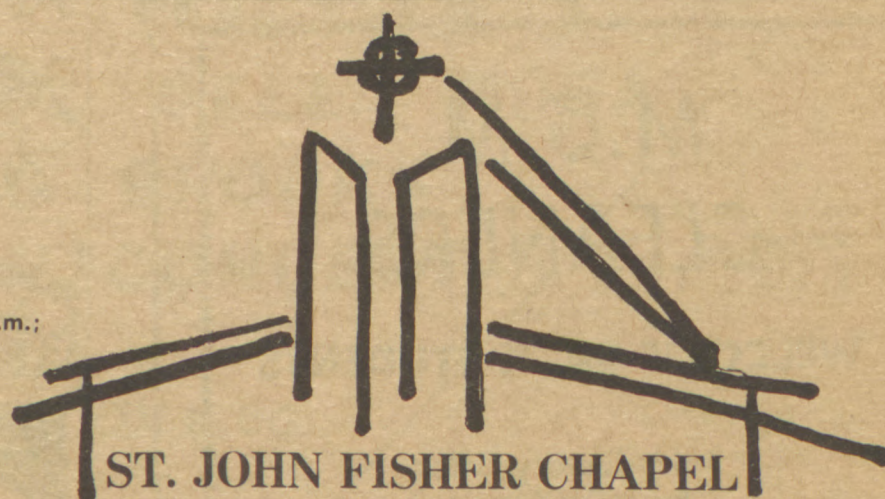
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# Lead Guitar as Anti-Hero

By Martin Wolf

I am reviewing this week courtesy of Discount Records, Birmingham, who loaned me the records. (I liked the Jeff Beck album so much I bought it.)

In recent years a certain kind of cult has grown up around the lead guitar player. He is a modern anti-hero, a Jesse James, or John Wesley Harding. Usually he is a totally anti-social type, a heavy drug user, unconventionally dressed, and playing new music. But he carries a huge amount of charisma. The moment Clapton, Bloomfield, or Hendrix, etc. walks on stage, something happens. Formerly this role was the sole property of the lead singer, with the notable exception of the Beatles, it was associated with people such as Presley, Dylan, or Jagger. While the role of the vocalist has not diminished, the guitar player has stepped out of the background. This is due in part to the move toward "Heavy" music, with the drums and guitar given equal amplitude. The guitar is no longer a back-up instrument. The rock heroes of today are frequently guitar players, and in some instances, drummers, (Dinelli, Baker, Ringo).

Jeff Beck is one of the finest of these guitar players. His guitar is never merely there, it sings, it wails, it whines, and it snarls. It is mean, and dirty, one of the harshest sounds ever amplified. Beck, as has Clapton, has gone a long way since he left the yardbirds. One need only listen to the opening cut, "Shapes of Things", a tune first done by the Yardbirds, to see how he has grown. He, like many of his contemporaries, is now playing old songs, in the rock idiom. They do a very fine version of "Old

Man River" with Beck doing a very unusual thing. He plays lead on bass. To my knowledge this is the first time it has been done. His vocalist, Rod Steward, almost steals the album from him. Steward has one of the finest "Black" sounding voices I have ever heard. His work on "You Shook Me" is great, it is a heavy, heavy song. But most of the album is Beck. He wrote or arranged most of the material, including "Bolero", a beautiful, classically influenced, piece. Anyway, I listened to the album five times the day I got it.

I also listened to the Moody Blues new album, "In Search of the Lost Chord." I don't think they found it, for something seems to be missing. The same goes for John Mayall's new album, "Barewires." I can't say I was impressed. A few years ago Mayall did some very nice work with traditional electrified blues, Chicago style. He also had Eric Clapton. But he, as have many rock musicians, expanded into a media he cannot fully control. It is a very personal work. One side, the featured one, is called a rock suite. I find it boring. As with so many artists, he attempts to find song in his personal vision. But he never transcends this vision, and makes it art. Like many artists, he deals very well with existing forms, but fails in creating valid ones of his own. He asks that you assume his hang-ups to understand the album, and somehow, I believe that a composition should be able to get along without me. Although parts of the album are well done, the conception is faulty, and the suite comes through only as fragments.



## Observer Sponsors Literary Supplement

The Observer is now accepting poetry, prose, drawings, photos etc. for the upcoming arts supplement. Because of the demise of the campus' literary magazine Contuse, the Observer is moving to fill the artistic vacuum and hopes to provide an outlet and audience for creative students on campus. The projected plans for the supplement include a four-page, monthly insert done in half-tones. All students, faculty and staff are encouraged to submit material for publication. All manuscripts must be typed with double spacing and include your name, telephone number and student number if applicable. Address all manuscripts to Norman Harper c/o The Observer.

## Hamlet at Hillberry

The Hillberry Theatre's sixth and biggest season--eight productions and eight months--will start with limited runs of two of last season's most successful productions, "Hamlet," and "A Flea in Her Ear."

Shakespeare's tragedy reopens with a Wednesday matinee Oct. 2 and continues Friday and Saturday, October 4 & 5 at 8:30 and the following Wednesday at 2:30.

"A Flea in Her Ear", the French farce by Georges Feydeau, starts up again the weekend of Oct. 11 & 12, with 8:30 performances both Friday and Saturday.

The new season officially begins with the addition of the first new production, "Labiche" and Marc-Michel's nineteenth century musical farce, "An Italian Straw Hat." It will be performed for sponsors at the President's Preview on Saturday Nov. 9, with its official public opening Wednesday Nov. 13. With the addition of these new plays, the weekly runs will be extended to five performances--Wednesday through Saturday at 8:30 and Wednesday at 2:30.

The four other new productions are Shakespeares' "Julius Caesar," Brecht's "The Good Woman of Setzuan," G.B. Shaws "Major Barbara" and Durrenmatt's "The Visit".

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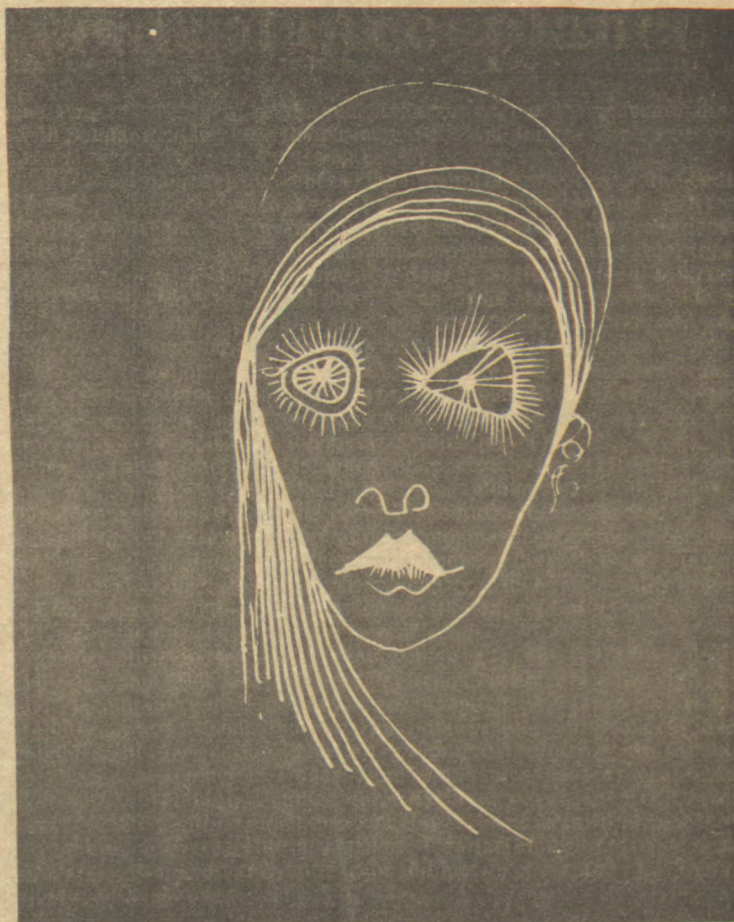
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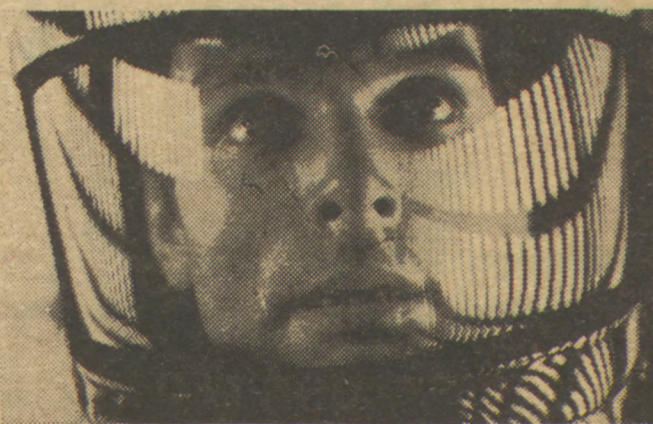
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# ★★★ White Insensitivity Causes Racial Tensions ★★★

CPS, WASHINGTON-- On the basis of information gathered about riots and other disturbances in America last spring, Brandeis University's Lombert Center for the Study of Violence has predicted that schools everywhere "will become the sites of racial violence, when they open this fall."

A recently released issue of the Center's Riot Data Review, which compiled statistics on all recorded instances of disorder and violence during the first four months of 1968, classifies 44 per cent of all those disturbances as "school involved."

A large number of the racial disturbances occurred in high schools as well as colleges, according to the study. By far the largest number occurred during the first week in April, in the days following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (The total number of disorders in April exceeded that for all of 1967.)

The Lombert Center attributes only seven per cent of the instances directly to the assassination, however, and warns that there is danger in thinking that all incidents of violence would have been averted had the murder not taken place.

The number of school disorders was already escalating sharply in the early months of 1968, the report says; that trend was only accelerated by the assassination and the feelings it caused in young people. The capacity for violence was present and important anyway.

The largest proportion of "school disorders" were only indirectly related to Dr. King's death, the researchers say.

More directly related was students' reaction to insensitivity on the part of school officials. "Such insensitivity was already resented by students in many schools. The proverbial 'last straw' in this case was some administrators' reactions to the assassination: as, for example when the principal of Denver Annunciation High School refused to lower the school's flag in honor of Dr. King, and when many schools would not cancel classes the day of his funeral

On the basis of this year's and earlier research, the Center denied that violence in the schools was only a temporary reaction to such violence in the reaction to such violent and inflammatory events as Dr. King's assassination.

Although it may be possible to prevent such tragedies as the King assassination, it is not possible to prevent all the random events that may trigger racial unrest and violence. Every American city, the report asserts, has a level of tension sufficiently high to make it "like dry timber" that only needs a spark to ignite it.

That tension level, says the Brandeis researchers, is kept high by the "intensity of hostility toward blacks in our country." Until this hatred can be defeated--by implementing the recommendation of the Kerner Commission report, among

other things -- the timber will remain dry.

The effect of this hospitality on last spring's disorders is evident in the Data Review statistics and information. The responses to Dr. King's assassination varied in kind and in intensity from community to community. The differences can be accounted for in the interaction between blacks and whites in the community--the way whites responded to the murder and the way blacks perceived those responses. Of paramount general importance, as in the schools was the appropriateness or inappropriateness of the responses of white authorities.

If that sequence of reactions is indeed accurate, the burden for keeping peace between the races lies with the white community -- especially with officials and school administrators -- in the coming months.

## Black Students Protest Discriminating Housing

URBANA, ILL. (CPS) --About 300 blacks, most of them University of Illinois students, were arrested Tuesday when they "camped in" at the Urbana campus Student Union to protest discriminatory housing conditions.

The University administration claimed it had "averted another Columbia" by calling police into the Union to arrest the students; it had reportedly feared the students would take over the building. Police reported extensive damage to furniture and carpeting to the Union.

The blacks were protesting the overcrowded conditions in the University housing where most students are required to live. Students are reportedly being placed in laundry rooms, lounges and study rooms until the shortage eases.

Many of the protesters had been summer participants in a special university-run program for "disadvantaged youths" -- those not qualified by conventional standards to enter college -- to prepare them to enter the University. During the summer they had lived in one of the university dormitories; but they were moved out this week to make room for the residents who had reserved the rooms for this fall. Because of the overcrowding, most of the blacks became part of the overflow crowd shunted from one temporary housing to another.

School officials say the blacks misinterpreted the crowding problem as discrimination; the blacks (who would not talk to reporters) think they are being given second-class housing because they are considered second-class citizens.

All those arrested Tuesday were released on bond the same day, and were to register on schedule. They had been charged with mob action, a misdemeanor. Bail was set at \$100 for in-state students and \$1000 for out-of-state.

Group of university students, mostly white and involving some student government officials, urged the University to drop charges against the protesters; no action has yet been taken.

## Draft Case Causes Clamor

WASHINGTON (CPS) --Next month the Supreme Court will hear a draft case that may affect hundreds of young men around the country whose verdict will almost surely deal a blow to the Selective Service System and the procedures it has followed during recent months in reclassifying protesters.

In an unusual development for such a case, the defendant, a 24-year old divinity student, and the prosecution, attorney for the Justice Department, have both recommended the same holding -- that the decision of a lower court to uphold his reclassification to 1-A and his subsequent induction because of his protest activity -- be reversed.

The Justice Department, in recommending reversal, has collided with the Selective Service and its director, Lewis B. Hershey, who maintain that local boards have a right to reclassify "those who engage in illegal activity" as delinquents, an action that puts them at the head of the list of priority for induction.

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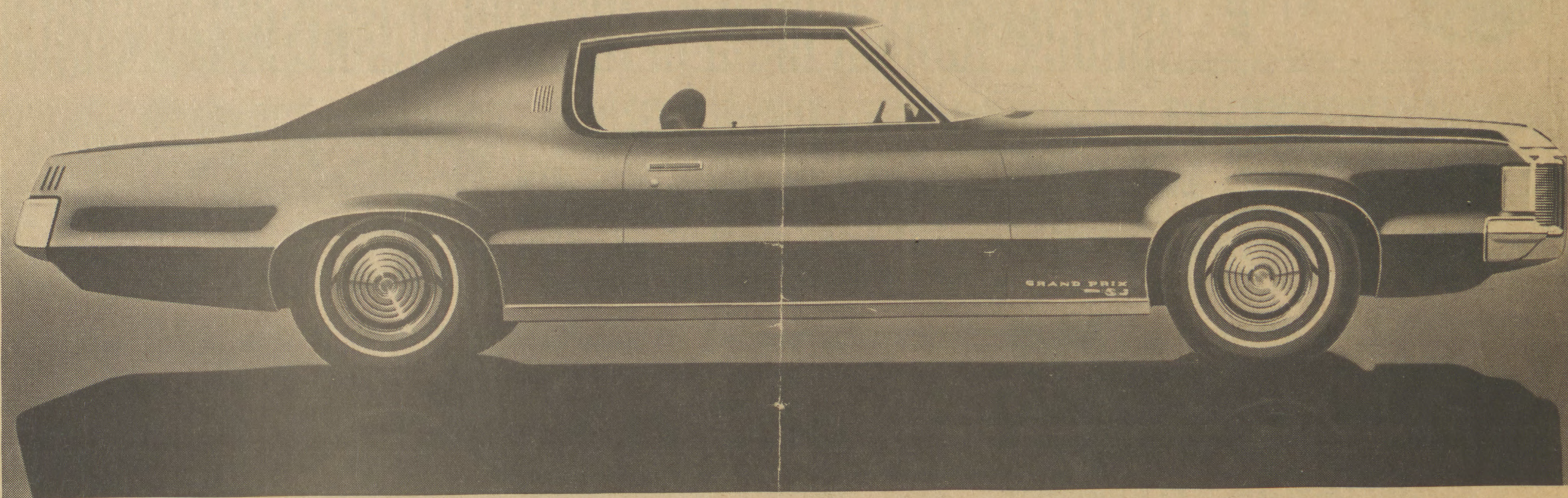
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# Role of Placement Office Questioned

By David Black

Is Oakland University the "exciting community of learning" the Administration still persists in calling it, or is it just another of the "conduits for corporation interests" that this semester's first Observer editorial maintained most colleges in America are becoming?

What is the purpose of education: to learn for learning's sake or to learn with the goal of getting a good job and thereby finding appropriate niche in American society?

## Editorial

While it may prove impossible to answer these questions conclusively, some valuable insights into the nature of the modern university can be found by studying the concept of college placement.

What, then, is college placement?

A film (narrated by NBC's Chet Huntley) show by Oakland's own Placement Office states:

"In the past 10 years the business and academic communities have greatly increased their own interests in this respect (that of manpower recruitment for industry). The result is an organized and systematic program to provide students with the information and opportunities needed to make a sound career decision. This combined effort has come to be known as college placement."

### PLACEMENT DEFINED

Thus college placement can be defined as a combined effort by business and educational executives to counsel students in making career judgements.

Well, you should now ask, what's wrong with that?

The answer, of course, is that nothing is wrong with college placement, if it doesn't detract from or in any way negate the free and open learning and growing experience that attending college should be.

The question now becomes:

can a student have a meaningful learning experience if one major function of the university is make sure that the trained graduate will "fit in" to society as an economically productive member. The Principles and Practices of College Recruiting--a set of standards thoroughly adhered to by the Oakland Placement Office--states: "It is in the best interests of students, colleges, and employers alike that the selection of employment opportunities leading to careers be made with an understanding of all the relevant facts and in an atmosphere which is conducive to objective thought." Why? So that the student will be happy? Well, not exactly. The text continues: "The selected position should provide the student with the optimum long-term utilization of his talents consistent with his personal satisfaction and his obligation to his employer and society waste of manpower through thereby minimizing the economic by studying the concept of college placement.

So now we find out the truth: The purpose of college placement is to minimize the economic waste of corporations...

Yet who pays for the College Placement "service"? Certainly not the corporations whose economic waste is to be minimized. Even in 1968--the year of Oakland's worst "budget crisis"--the Placement Office will draw off \$46,521.00 in operating expenses.

While this most certainly is a waste of valuable resources, the real undermining of education is much more subtle.

Again from the Placement Office film: "Yesterday they were still in colleges and universities...Happily they attended classes, gladly they attended lectures and prepared for examinations. One question was always before them: Where do I go from here?"

If the student really has only one eye on this textbook and the other (blinded by dollar signs?) looking out for a future career, he won't be able to take full advantage of the learning experience around him; the idea of the university being a "community of learning" becomes at best a put-on, and at worst at poor attempt at "sick" humor.

### CONTRADICTIONS

What we have, then, is a fundamental contradiction: the University catalogue claims that "students should be broadly educated, whatever their choice of profession; that curriculum should emphasize quality and depth of study, that instruction in specific disciplines should focus primarily on principles

and basic ideas, rather than on transitory applications or techniques..." At the same time, a booklet printed (at University expense) by the Placement office encourages students to plan ahead and "evaluate post-graduate opportunities in respect to undergraduate course work." In other words, while the goal of the University is to make sure all students get a broad, well-rounded education, it is the goal of the placement office to have students plan their course work to fit in with possible future employment opportunities. Thus the student is (or at least should be) confused: is Oakland putting primary emphasis on education or on career orientation? It should be clear that it can't do both.

The Placement Office (in its letter to all seniors) notes: "Liberal Arts majors often have difficulty in relating their subjects to specific employment opportunities." (Just think how economically wasteful this must be...! But there is still hope for those without technical training. Some still want YOU: the government--the Placement Office points out--is the single largest employer of liberal arts majors.

### NEGATES EDUCATION

While the above mentioned purposes and practices of the Placement Office tend to contradict and detract from the educational process, there are other facets of the operations of this office that openly negate the standard and principles of higher education.

While the goals of education are to create free and intelligent individuals who are capable of thinking for themselves, the printed materials found in the OU Placement "library" make it clear that if one wants to get a good job he must be a good "team player" and value the wishes of the company over personal feelings. In a Placement pamphlet written by a vice-president of the National Reserve Board, we find, "In looking over the field, I have come to believe that it is usually easier for you to modify your needs than it is for the company to change its requirements." As a guide for interpersonal relations this same author recommends, "I can merely say that you should have within you a little bit of the old-fashioned trait of respecting your elders." Thus while the University tries to make you into a forward thinking individual, the Placement Office stresses the need for conformity and for not "rocking the boat."

### DRESS IMPORTANT

Another pamphlet (this time prepared by the New York Life Insurance Co.) in the Placement library deals with job interviews. Never once mentioning the importance of getting a good education, this pamphlet concludes that "the employment interview is one of the most important events in the average person's life." Assuming the validity of this statement, the pamphlet goes on to give a detailed account of how recruiters expect students to look and act. Here, too, there is little mention of the importance of learning and knowledge. Instead, "The essentials of neatness and cleanliness scarcely need to be mentioned. It might be well to note, however, that a girl should use cosmetics conservatively and that she should have a neat hair style. A man should pay careful attention to details such as his hair and fingernails." And, of course, dress is also of the utmost importance.

"Clothes. Your own good taste is your best guide. Simply remember that you are looking for a job--not going to a party--A girl should wear conservative clothes--not dowdy ones, certainly, but those most appropriate to the occasion. She should be careful that her accessories are in quiet good taste, in keeping with her costume..A young man should also dress conservatively and, ordinarily, in a suit. His accessories should complement his suit--not contrast with it... Sport shoes are not proper for a job interview. Of course your shoes should be well shined. If you have a habit of crossing your legs, take a look at the soles--a job interview is an embarrassing moment to discover a hole in your footwear."

This is all well and good; everyone knows that the student--after four years of education--doesn't know enough to wash his face and shine his shoes; but why should the Placement Office be so insulting as to carry preparedness to its absurd extreme: "Bring a pencil with you and a pen that writes neatly, full of ink. Beware of the pen whose cartridge or ink supply may run out unexpectedly." And, "If you use after-shave lotion, wash your hands afterward so that the scent will not transfer to the recruiter's hands. And, since many interviewing rooms are small and stuffy, such lotions should be used sparingly."

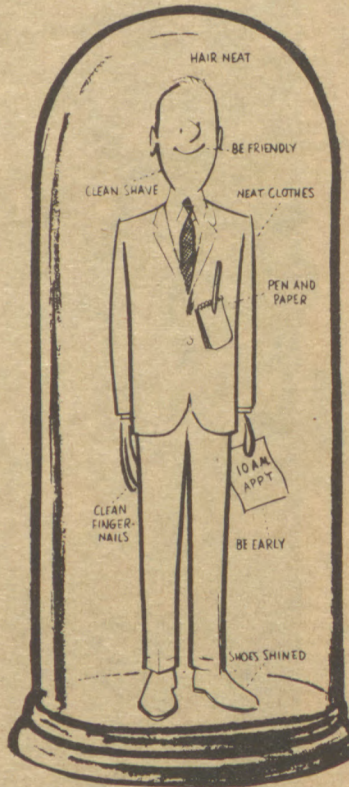


Illustration taken from Placement Office Booklet.

### FREE SPEECH

While any university prides itself as a place where "free speech is openly encouraged, the Placement Office warns that "radical ideas" are a negative factor that will frequently lead to the rejection of an applicant. (The New York Life pamphlet also warns that spending too much time at the movies will also likely be grounds for refusing an applicant employment!?) In this context the student is warned that the recruiter may try to trap him: "He may steer the conversation into politics or economics. This can be a ticklish situation. Hardly any recruiter will ask which political party you prefer. Rather, he is likely to try to sound out your overall economic philosophy. Differences of opinion are a part of our heritage and freedom. But the

job interview is no place for a political speech. Be honest, of course, in what you say, and don't be evasive. However, at least in this one instance, try not to say more than is necessary to answer the recruiter's broad line of questioning. If you can agree in general with him, fine. If you stray off into talking about your pet enthusiasms you may have yourself in the particular."

In other words, if you aren't lucky enough to be a political conservative, the least you can do is learn to keep your mouth shut.

Finally while the University claims to teach the individual to think for himself, the Placement Office recommends the student let the recruiter do his thinking for him. "Take your cues from him at the start. If he moves to shake hands, do so--but not unless he makes the first gesture. Wait until he offers you a chair before you sit down, unless, in a very small room, he remains seated or sits down immediately." Well, Monkey see, Monkey do...

### MILITARY SERVICE

If one accepts all the above advice of the Placement Office, then the problem of one's "military obligation" is really no problem at all. If what business needs is conformed "team players", then the best place for the student to get this training (really unlearn all that he was supposed to have learned at the university) is in the military. An article that can be found in the Placement Office (entitled Your Military Service...Stumbling Block or Stepping Stone?) sums this concept up best: "This may come as a surprise to you, but there is much evidence that a period of active duty will actually improve your job prospects. It provides an opportunity for you to mature--to learn the value of teamwork, to develop self-confidence, discipline, and a spirit of loyalty. All employers regard these attributes highly. For you, military service can be either the most frustrating or rewarding period of your young life. Plan now to make the most of it."

Mrs. Dorothy Hope, Director of the Placement Office, admits that the draft is probably the one thing that senior males consider most important, yet she will only give her "impressions" of the chances of getting one deferment or another. But some of the material in her office is not so "amoral". The same article referred to above states, "With the global commitments of the United States today, almost every able-bodied student must consider military service as a basic question he must face, not just something he can put off until tomorrow. No matter how you feel about world affairs, this nation must remain prepared to fulfill its commitments at home and abroad."

It does make sense; if you accept the role of the university as one of providing the raw materials for big business, then students must accept the fact that they may have to give their lives to protect these interests on a distant battlefield. It further makes sense that some of the Placement Office's clientele are the Armed Forces, Dow Chemical, and the Central Intelligence Agency.

The principles and Practices of College Recruiting states: "The Placement function should be an integral part of the educational system." Isn't it about time that we considered the contradiction in that statement?

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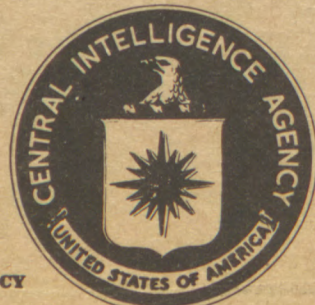
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Dear Observer Editor:

In the September 20, issue of the Oakland Observer you indicated a "Student (?) Ultimatum (?) to Oakland University's Administration on the Marz Committee on Public Safety". It is our feeling that this Ultimatum is grossly exaggerated in its claim to be representative of O. U. students in that it implies that this Ultimatum has generated from universal student support. An Ultimatum as defined in political terms implies the possession of political power to carry out the Ultimatum. We do not find O.U. students in the same position as Austria confronting Serbia on the eve of World War I.

We feel that a number of questions are in order: Who is the motivating force behind the Ultimatum? Why do these people prefer to remain anonymous? Where do these people hope to accumulate their power? What is the real and ultimate objective of this so-called Ultimatum? We suggest that an Ultimatum of this nature will never create a meaningful change within the University community, no matter how desirable that change may be.

Sincerely,  
Ronald J. Ewalt  
Kenneth R. Colton  
Kenneth R. Meldum

ED. NOTE: The entire first page of last week's observer was a series of news articles about OSCCR. The ultimatum referred to above was OSCCR's not that of The Observer or the University.



Dear Observer,

The "new Observer" can only be described as a turn for the worse. This newspaper is for the most part a collection of garbage that turns the stomach of the average Oakland students. Aha!, you say, that is exactly what we are trying to accomplish, to shock the establishment into realizing it is corrupt, unjust, and insensitive to the real problems of today. Indeed, you make me realize that we have many flaws; for presenting the side of the issues that one seldom hears, you are to be commended. But don't go too far.

Item: "The Bombing of the North." Must we be subjected to such shit as this report of out merciless slaughter of the people of North Vietnam while we are presented no testimony to Viet Cong atrocities in the South, such as the assassination of entire villages of South Vietnamese just because they wouldn't send their boys into the Viet Cong army?

Item: "Survey on Marijuana." This so-called "objective" article failed to present any statement whatsoever by any of the many government and scientific researchers who have found reasons for the present laws against marijuana. Now, instead of patting yourselves on the back for being so "objective" why don't you really present both arguments?

Item: article by Preston Schiller in the September 13 Observer concerning the Democratic

National Convention in Chicago. While none can deny that Chicago's police took matters way out of hand, they are not to be blamed exclusively. The hotel management asked the demonstrators to leave, and the police also asked them to go peacefully from the front of the hotel. When they would not comply with these requests, the police were instructed to use force. The entire purpose of the Yippie gathering was to attract this kind of attention. It is unfortunate that the many sincere peace demonstrators, the ones who really have a cause they believed in, were brutalized because of the minority that sought to bring about violence by, as Schiller said, taunting and challenging the police. The Yippies, the ones who live on handouts from the establishment they are rebelling against, are the real "pigs", not the police. Yet where is an article giving the authorities' version of the events in Chicago?

I think this newspaper can better serve the Oakland community by honest attempts at objective and fair representation of the opinions of all students, and not by trying to become another Berkly Barb. I am sorry that too many students are so apathetic that they don't seem to have any opinion on any important issues, and I am sorry that so many students are so apathetic that they don't seem to have any opinion on any important issues, and I am sorry that so many of the students who believe in our present structure of society don't give enough of a damn to answer its critics. I hope that his letter will motivate students to offer constructive criticism for a change and I hope it will inspire more students who still believe that our system isn't really all that bad to come to its defense. Then the Observer may become more the public forum that it should be, airing every side of issues.

Steve Jacob Valis "the Jake"

P.S. Brovo, Anne V Chapman! Note:

We at the Observer feel very sorry for "The Establishment" as they seem to be unable to find any media in which they can make their views known. The Editors



Sirs:

The true measure of liberty is the amount of freedom one allows a person who disagrees with his own viewpoint. If you are as liberal as you claim to be, you will print this, even though you probably don't like what it says.

I am new on campus, a rookie. For the first time in my life, I have been exposed to many new ideas. Being open-minded, I wished to try out these new things. Including drugs.

Last Friday, Sept. 20, in the late afternoon, I took "The Friendly Giant". For several hours I enjoyed the feeling of lightness, the distortion of time and distance, and the other associated phenomena. I then began to experience a sense of extreme paranoia. I imagined that my best friend wanted to kill me, and in order to escape him, I went walking around the campus. By this time my fun had turned into a nightmare. I wanted to throw up, but couldn't. I wanted to sleep, but I couldn't sit still. Someone was playing the Doors in

a dorm, and I went walking toward the music, trying to find it. Lights mashed together in a senseless jumble. I keep walking back and forth over the same spot, unable to decide which direction to go. Everyone gave me strange looks, as if they knew my secret. I wandered around, trying to walk straight enough to avoid getting picked up by the police.

As I stumbled (literally) around in front of the OC, some girl wen by, uttering jibberish about smiles and umbrellas. I don't remember exactly what happened then, except that I nearly fell over. An older student, briefcase in hand, walked by and, for one brief instant, as he face me, my mind was clear. He looked at me and said, "I don't know what it is, but it only gets worse." I started to think, I mean really think, about what he said. It made sense, it still does. It suddenly hit me: what am I doing, stumbling around, fucking up my body, and God knows doing what to my mind--and for what? For kicks. It didn't make sense, I managed to get through that night. I promised myself I would never go back to drugs again. And I won't. I know it.

I don't expect my story to change anyone's idea. I heard the horror stories, too, and it didn't stop me. But if I can stop one kid from going through the hell I went through, it was worth it.

I don't need drugs now. I realize I was just using them as a crutch. I understand myself better now, well enough so that I can handle my problems without them. I owe it to that one kid, that guy with the briefcase, the one whose name I don't even know. I can't thank him, but maybe he will read this and recognize himself, and know that he did some good.

ED. NOTE: It should be made clear that the Observer has never encouraged any one to use the "Friendly Giant." In fact, I must confess that I don't even know what the "Friendly Giant" is.

D. Black

The Observer welcomes all letters and articles from the student body, faculty, and staff. Letters must be in no later than 12:00 Tuesday.

The editorial staff reserves the right to delete repetitions and irrelevancies from the material printed; we will not, however, do anything to destroy the basic content of correspondence.

All letters must be signed with a student's name and/or student's number. Names will be withheld upon request.

## New Offering in Jail

Oakland University, already known as a pioneer in educational experiments with Charter College, New College, and the independent study program, is advancing into new educational areas. In addition to the semester in Europe, semester in Mexico, and semester in the Orient, this fall Oakland will offer a new semester in jail program. To enter this program the student must have the support of three academic departments. (For purposed of this program the department of Public Safety is not considered an academic department.) Each student desiring to participate in this program is responsible for his own arrest and conviction. Upon satisfactory completion of the course requirements, The student will be eligible for parole.

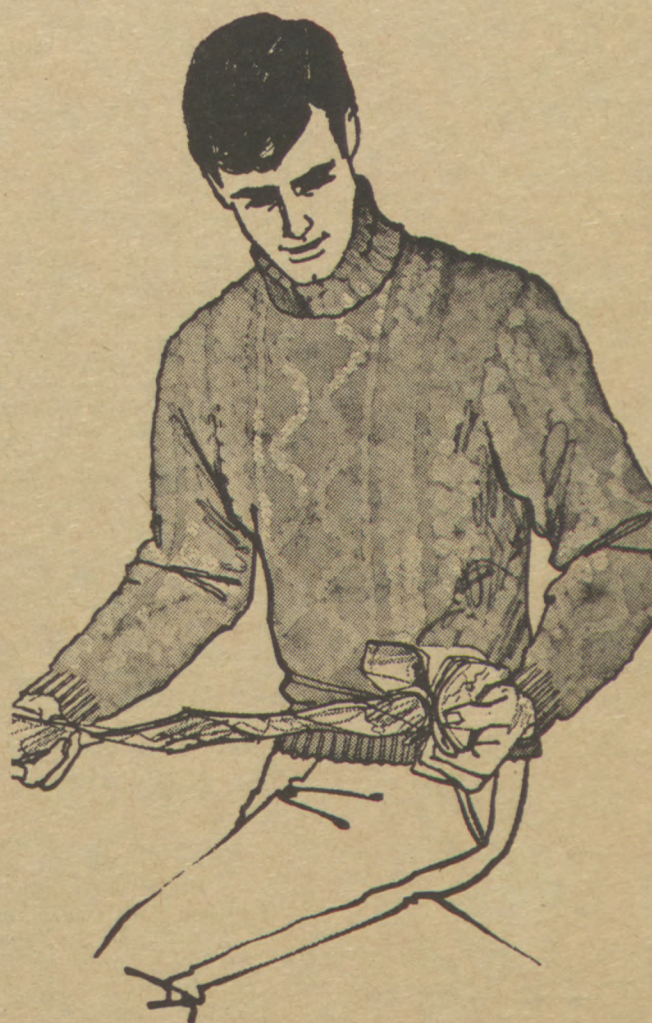
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# SPORTS

## RUN SOCCER

BY BILL ACHAIBERGER

Better things await the cross-country team as the Pioneers contend with the University of Detroit on the latter's course.

As this newspaper goes to print the team will have met Olivet College Wednesday for a dual meet with the Comets.

Last year the Motor City's Titan harriers were trounced at OU. The Toledo Rockets, a new opponent, pose a threat that cannot be left unheeded. The Jeepstown team is in the Mid-American Conference (MAC), a league that Western Michigan dominates in cross-country. Tomorrow's meet is at 11:00 a.m. at U of D.

Coach Henry Kennedy hopes to avoid a repeat of last week's misfortune at Spring Arbor. Although the loss could be attributed to other difficulties, Mr. Kennedy felt his men should show promise with the college debut of the incoming freshmen.

Pre-season favorite Wheaton College took meet honors by placing four men in the top-ten column with a point total of 30. The Illinois school placed thirty-third in the 1967 NCAA meet. Spring Arbor was second with 59 points. The Flying Dutchmen from Hope College managed third, with 61.

OU completed the field with 78. Bruggers (Hope), and Bisson (Hope), both seniors, took first and second places individually with times of 21.36 and 22.18 respectively on the four-mile course.

Out of twentieth-eight runners, this is how OU fared individually in the field.

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Last Saturday the bomb fell. Oakland, a school with a good soccer team was demolished by Hope, a school with a better soccer team. The final score was 7-2.

The two bright spots were the play of the five forwards and the fact that we play Hope only once a year. The front five, consisting of Bob Anson, Paul Neeson, Joop Doore, Francisco Paulo and Baran Farahmand worked well and produced two goals, one by Anson and the other by Neeson, "the Flying Scot."

The defense was weak because of poor players but of confusion within the defense. Coach Scovill switched to a 5-3-2 playing system late in the game and it was fairly effective. Scovill hoped to utilize this format against Calvin last Wednesday.

Tomorrow the team will play Albion College in Albion at 10:30 a.m. Schoolcraft Community College will be our next foes October 5 at 2:00 p.m. at home.

## I. M. Caters To Women

BY MARY ANN CHORZEMPA

The Physical Education and Athletic programs offered for women at Oakland are indeed outstanding. Students and faculty are strongly encouraged to utilize the numerous recreational facilities and take advantage of the free instruction offered.

Schedules listing times, places and other information available in the Activities office of the Sports and Recreation Building. Instruction is given in the following sports; badminton, basketball, fencing, gymnastics, jogging, judo, senior life-saving, swimming, synchronized swimming, and tennis. Equipment for these sports is also available for the student's use.

Girls interested in competitive swimming may contact Corey Van Fleet in the pool office Monday thru Friday after 3:30. The only requirement for joining the team is a sincere interest in swimming and new membership is always encouraged.

Oakland's new basketball coach, Mr. Eugen Boldon, is quite enthusiastic about starting new extramural sports for women. He remarked that the organization of both intramural and extramural basketball depends on student participation. Practices will take place Thursday nights at 6:30 in the West Gym and at 2:10 on Tuesday and Thursday until permanent teams can be formed.

Oakland offers an excellent opportunity to learn new skills, improve old ones, or simply enjoy the recreational activities available for those interested in taking advantage of the women's athletic programs, everything you need is at your disposal.

For additional information on group activities for dorms or commuters contact Mr. Lepley, Athletic Director at the Sports and Recreation Building.

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