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Oakland students picket Pontiac to end pollution



photo by Steve Schaffer

Last Tuesday about 100 Oakland students picketed the Pontiac Motors plant in Pontiac because of that company's contribution to the air pollution in the area.

The demonstration, led by members of the Planning League for Environmental Action and RESTORE, began at 3:30 p.m. as the plant day shift was ending, and lasted until 5:00 p.m. as the office workers were leaving.

Pontiac police and plant security guards kept the marchers under a watchful eye and photographers from Pontiac Motors took moving pictures of the entire event. Despite the presence of uniformed and armed police the demonstration was peaceful. However two police cars were sent to the water tower on rumors that the students "would try to blow it up". Pontiac security guards later allowed the students to enter the grounds and picket the office building, while 3 representatives presented a list of proposals to Pontiac Motors.

The demonstration was planned last Thursday by

members of RESTORE. PLEA quickly gave its support to the march.

Although only 100 people participated, the two anti-pollution groups were pleased with the turnout.

"It's a step along the way of awareness," PLEA member Allen Chamberlain said. "We are not like the peace movement, we have to build to a crescendo over ten years in order to get rid of pollution forever."

Pontiac Motors was cited by the two groups as the major pollutant of the area. The plant has no type of pollu-

tion control board; nor does either the City of Pontiac or Oakland County. The only board of that kind in the state is located in Wayne County.

Pontiac Motors is presently installing an Air Treatment Plant which they say will be operable by mid-1970. The automobile company does realize that they are polluting the air, as it was reported that they turned off some of their furnaces last Tuesday.

"The pollution coming from their smokestacks was

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RESTORE plans teach-in

RESTORE is planning an Environmental Teach-in, March 18th and 19th, to alert the citizens in the Oakland area to the threats of pollution to their environment. The Teach-in will concentrate on the local problems of the Oakland County area and how these problems affect its residents.

The Teach-in will also provide information as to what can be done about these pro-

blems. An Environmental Hotline has been set up to let people express their concern over environmental problems (377-2000 ext. 2925).

The Teach-in will feature such well known speakers as Walter Reuther, Attorney General Frank Kelly, and Representative Tom Anderson who sponsored House Bill 3055 (a bill which would allow the individual to sue the party involved when his environment was being damaged). Workshops to deal with specific problem areas such as over-population, refuse disposal, rat control, and soil conservation have also been planned.

RESTORE has been organized by a group of students as a result of a graduate course in psychology. To date, most of the work has been done by students. More are needed. If you are interested, contact Evelyn Katz or Paul Tomboulion, or go to the RESTORE coordinating center, room 268 Hannah Hall where literature and additional information is available.

MSU Board tables independence 1 more month

Oakland's fight for independence was forestalled yet another month last Friday as the MSU Board of Trustees chose not to consider the question until their March meeting.

Until the last day it had been widely assumed that the question would be considered at this meeting. It had been tabled from December until February to allow Board members time to discuss the issue with the University of Michigan Board of Regents. Thursday afternoon, however, the sub-committee on independence elected to reaffirm freedom in spirit, but to wait on a final vote one more month.

In discussing the matter with FOCUS, Chancellor O'Dowd indicated that the motivation behind the delay was political. He felt that



the Board wished to place the University of Michigan in as bad a light as possible. A delay until March 20 would, in their eyes, help accomplish this end by emphasizing that MSU was keep-

ing with the State Board of Education's edict that branch colleges should become independent, and that U of M was dragging its feet. Since the U of M Regents are

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Pontiac candidates speak at OU

Two candidates for City Council of Pontiac spoke last night in Hill House lounge about the council race and the situation in Pontiac. The Black Coalition, a conglomerate of Black organizations in Pontiac, is pushing for the election of Levy Williams and James Ryan as men who will truly represent the people of Pontiac and try

to change the repressive power structure.

People for the People brought the two candidates to campus so that Oakland students could become acquainted with both these men and the situation in Pontiac. Help is needed from Oakland students so that these men can win their primary races. The Black Coalition is

asking that Oakland students give up all or part of Saturday, February 28, to hand out flyers and leaflets door to door in Pontiac's 7th District.

If you want to help, please contact either Josh Lerner, Bob Smith, or go directly to the campaign headquarters at 32 East Boulevard.

Allocations distributes money

The new Student Allocations Distributors board, set up to distribute the remaining student activities money, has released the following list of allocations as of February 20:

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All Campus Broadcasting	\$350.00	
O. U. Amateur Radio Club	520.00	
Assoc. of Women Students	80.00	50.00
Oakland Christian Fellowship	10.00	20.00
O.U. College Republicans	12.00	90.00
Commuter Council	126.00	75.00
Environmental Teach In	512.00	350.00
O.U. Hockey Club	144.00	
Jewish Students Assoc.	12.00	120.00
Newman Student Assoc.	80.00	
Off Campus	70.00	1800.00
People for the People	220.00	85.00
Photograph Assoc.	12.00	50.00
PLEA	50.00	127.00 (loan)
Spanish Club	25.70	(Fine Arts)
Student Mobilization	60.00	125.00
Worker's League	12.00	

FOCUS editorial

Colleges in Crisis

Every once in a while, someone cuts through the rhetoric around here and takes a definitive action. Such a step is badly needed right now.

In 1964, the University authorized faculty to establish the first two small colleges--Charter and New College. A minimal initial commitment was made--basically just the statement that these colleges were relatively free to develop their own programs. The University is this year purportedly taking a look at the value of these programs. A close look should be taken, for while generally excellent progress will be noticed, so will some serious problems--mostly due to a lack of support from the administration.

The overall progress has been good. Several clear options are now available to students--the vague, loose structure of Charter, the carefully interwoven program of New, the behaviorist approach of Allport, or the traditional structure of the UC general education course. A student entering the University doesn't have to be apeg in a strictly defined system. Ideas have been tried, some that have worked, some that haven't. It has been more feasible to try these out in an inner college than University-wide. They provide a microcosm in which to experiment. Freshman exploratories, for example, are an end product of such innovation. Perhaps most importantly, the faculty and the students have had an opportunity to be together on a regular basis, to get to know each other and the other's problems, and to relate to each other to a degree rarely attained in rapidly growing universities.

Most of this has happened, however, only because of the enthusiasm and self-sacrifice of faculty members. College budgets have been restrictively small in relation to the amount of time and energy required to make the experiences meaningful. Faculty members have been forced to teach too many courses each semester, hampering their attempts to become as intensively involved in the college as they would like.

A definite commitment must be made. The colleges have survived until now on their own fortitude, and on that of the faculty and the students. As the University becomes more complex, as life becomes more expensive, this will result in serious illness and probably death to the inner college. A greater financial outlay is vital, to allow the development of facilities and flexibility in programming. Special consideration must be made in housing accommodations--if dormitories are desired, they should be made available. Faculty members must be allowed reduced teaching loads, if their contribution to the colleges is to be significant at all.

Too many decisions in the University are not made, but rather shuffled from desk to desk. This one must be made.

Letters
Public Safety
Criticized

Dear Public Safety,

I have noticed how well enforced the parking regulations have been this last semester--many students have been heard resounding obscenities as, returning to their cars, they found tickets decoratively placed under their windshields. As for this--I question not the policy, only its favoritism. It would seem that Oakland people are the ONLY ones who receive tickets for parking on the grass, in improper lots, or between no parking signs, but should (God have mercy) a NON-university person care to park ANYWHERE during a concert or special event (including on the sidewalks), the blessed altruism of every cop shines.

Only this weekend some special event took place in the gym and all up and down the grass cars were bumper-to-bumper. No tickets issued--no hassle--no fair! If commuters began doing this, I am sure they would be treated as equitable! If we are to abide by parking restrictions EVERY DAY OF THE SEMESTER, is it so much to ask others to do so for one day? I do not consider this a major issue on this campus; nor do I believe it likely that many have taken note of this problem, least of all those who were ticketed for the same offenses in the past. I would suspect that few, if any, would really find need to write public safety complaining, or bitch to the administration, or refuse to pay outstanding tickets given so partisanly. I just thought I'd write you and ask if I may park my car on the lawn by my dorm for the next concert, too. May I please?

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A Blast at
Commuter Council

To the Editor:

I have been a commuting student at Oakland for the past four years. During that time I have yet to see a Commuter Council that was worth a damn, i.e., that lived up to its purpose as stated in its Constitution that "... a Commuter Council shall represent the thoughts, aims, and ideas of the commuters." and "... advise and assist the administration, faculty, and other university organizations in whose functions commuters are involved."

Council members themselves agree that they aren't doing anything. Many commuters don't even know the Council exists. (Supposedly elected representatives, the present Council, outside of appointees, was "elected" by 300 commuters or less than 8% of the commuter student body.) The Council, even if it was truly representative of commuters, has no power other than that of recommendation.

Proposals concerning adequate parking, lounges, health service, and buses are all committee to death even before they can be vetoed by the administration. And if the Council represents the "... thoughts, aims, and ideas of commuters", commuters must be a very lethargic, insensitive bunch of boors.

The Council has not even begun to represent commuters on such a controversial issue as Educational Reform. And at a time when commuters need a voice in their own future and that of the university, the Council has not responded at all.

With all the money they have spent (Council is over \$500 in the hole) it is surprising that they have gotten so little done. I would rather have no representation at all than have that malingering, insipid, do-nothing Council stumbling backward at a time when progress is of the essence.

--Bob Anderlie

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by Allen Chamberlin

A Sand Pit on Back Campus has been growing steadily until now it is well the size of a small (though not small in itself) gravel pit. Will someone please tell the students what the intentions are for restoration of this area, or will this project end as most such excavation--a hole?

42" Pipeline To Go Through O.U.? If it's not bad enough for us to contend with a sewage system recently marred across campus and a new road near Hamlin--now the Detroit Metro Water Department wishes to plow through mid-campus with a new (rape the campus) pipeline. "This line would only cut a 100 to 150 foot swath." That will no doubt look like Walton Blvd. Let's hope the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) is INFORMED of the fact that popular consensus is that this line should follow Squirrel or Adams Roads instead.

Dumps Still Used On Campus. No less than two dumps and one "unofficial" dump (the small dorms valley) are in use today. There's no reason why a university must use its property to pile up its own personal trash-heap behind its Science & Engineering buildings. Nor should there be cause to continue to use the one by the estate. (Unless that's a restricted area so we won't know it's there.) Already with the melting snows, oil from Science and Dodge Hall dump is trickling into the small stream next to it, and there are signs that the burnable trash is so burned from time to time. Hats off to the administration for more "nobody will notice" thinking!

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Valley "Trimming", Stopped. The small dorms valley became a target for a "debrushing" maneuver last week in order to facilitate the extermination of rats in that area. PLEA and RESTORE were able to bring the operation to a halt until the LRPC can decide on the validity of such doings. Meanwhile, over twenty students have volunteered to clean the valley themselves as soon as weather permits and save Grounds Maintenance the "effort." Hang in there people, watch out for other such "trimmings" on campus. Also call Hot-Line (2925) if you're willing to help clean up the valley before they're back in there cutting out the last of the young trees.

LRPC Gets Student Representatives. Sue Lyn Weaver, Tim Pervinkler, and Allen Chamberlin are now members of the LRPC in order that students are heard on the issues of campus growth. These people need all the student support in their efforts to save what we have from the bulldozers. THEY REFUSE TO QUIT THIS COMMITTEE EVEN IF THEY ARE OUTNUMBERED BY FACULTY AND STAFF, FOR THEY INTEND TO FIGHT FOR THEIR HOME!

Students to blame for virtually all of the litter now on Beer Lake ice as well as on campus. If we're going to criticize the administration's blunders--we'd best not overlook our own. Don't drop litter on campus! Pick up any you see!

Physical Plant Major Noise Pollutant on campus. Ever notice that continuous rumble of noise on campus? Ever been able to forget that neverending rumble on campus? Why that's the NFH physical plant reassuring us of continued hot water and

droning distraction. Why don't they put a "muffler" on that damn thing?

Hey--A New Source of Disaster is being considered for just off campus! Pontiac-Oakland airport is still being considered by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, \$25,000 worth of consideration to be precise. This airport would be bordered by M-24, I-75, Giddings & Silver Bell Roads, that's 1840 acres of which 1235 acres must yet be bought for an estimated 5.5 million dol-

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not as bad as I have seen it on other days," Allan Chamberlain said.

In addition to the smog produced by Pontiac's smokestacks, the cars manufactured by the company are without any kind of smog control device. Because of this 60% of all pollutants come from automobile exhaust. Carbon monoxide and other chemicals in the exhaust, and lead in the gasoline can result in lead poisoning.

PLEA state that when a man has as low as .5 parts per million of lead in the bloodstream he can start to show the effects of lead poisoning. The average man now has .17 parts lead per million in his bloodstream.

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Independence

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scheduled to meet with the State Board about this question on March 19, one day prior to the MSU Board meeting, some Trustees saw this as the proper timing, since it is expected that U of M will probably not grant or suggest independence for its branch campuses.

For Oakland's independence to occur, the State Legislature will also have to vote approval. Few problems are seen there. The

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major question right now is the MSU Board, which appears to favor independence by a 5-3 margin. The road still looks reasonably firm for a July 1 independence.

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The Long Lang Festival - It's Classic

Oakland University's Saturday night at the movies doesn't limit itself to just weekends. With this year, the University's film schedule has burst into an all-week affair with the new Classic Film Series bringing one or two features a week to 201 Dodge. The Friday-through-Sunday University Film Series is going stronger than ever. The features for 1970 are all recent releases and some of them are truly outstanding: "Elvira Madigan," "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf," and "Rachel, Rachel" for a sampling. The UFS is a fabulous opportunity to catch up on the films you have wanted to see but just missed.

Perhaps less familiar, but just as exciting as the features the Classic Series offers. Just as the name of the series indicates, the film are classic: French, Italian, German, Spanish, Japanese and American movies that are landmarks and notables in the development of the cinema. So far, the audience has been treated to works ranging from Stren-

berg's "Blue Angel" to Kur-osawa's "Seven Samurai." Films of such high caliber hardly need recent release dates to attract an audience -- the reputation which paves their way is enough.

Along with missionary spirit goes the vision of the film as the art form exclusive to our times which is a blend of modern technology and the personal artistic vision of the director. But whether or not you see eye to eye with its intents, the C.F.S. still wants to make its films available to everyone, whether for entertainment or education.

In keeping with the appreciation the Series is aiming at is the upcoming Fritz Lang Festival. Lang's career began in Germany in 1919 with silents like "Metropolis" (1926) and "M" (1930). His cinematic protest of the Nazi Party, "The Last Will of Dr. Mabuse" (1933), was banned and Lang fled to America. His movies were Hollywood, but the director still maintained his own themes

by A. Sinila

and style consistently in films like "You Only Live Once" (1937), "Scarlett Street" (1945), "While the City Sleeps" (1956) and others. Mr. Lang now lives in semi-retirement, leaving behind him a body of work that spans forty years, from the infancy of the industry to more sophisticated forms. He recently was honored by a festival at the Los Angeles Museum of Art, but Mr. Lang's films and his personal visit to the Oakland Campus will mark the first major appearance in the Midwest. The Lang Festival will also be a special opportunity to analyze and discuss the work of a director with the director himself.

The Lang films will be showing March 15-19, 22-27, and 29 with Fritz Lang speaking to the audience after the second showings on Wednesday (25th) and Thursday (26th). The cost of admission is 50¢ per film, or a six-film ticket for \$2.00. These tickets will be on sale in the O.C. March 9-13.

CLASSIC FILM SERIES presentations for the remainder of the semester are as follows:

Mon. March 2 Il Bidone Fellini 1955
Tues. March 3 The Magificent Ambersons Welles 1942
Mon. March 9 Intolerance Griffith 1916
Wed. March 11 Fort Apache Ford 1948
March 15-28 Fritz Lang Festival
Tues. March 31 Greed Von Stroheim 1924
Wed. April 1 Little Caesar & Public Enemy 1930, 1931
Tues. April 7 Written on the Wind Sirk 1956
Wed. April 8 Pick-up on South Street Fuller 1951
Tues. April 14 Letter From an Unknown Woman Ophuls 1948
Wed. April 15 Duck Soup McCarey 1933

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Like it or Not . . .

Shakespeare's "As You Like It" will be performed by Oakland University's Studio Company under the direction of Colin M. Pinney in Meadowbrook Theatre on March 4-7. This will be the second Shakespearean comedy performed by the Studio Company this season, the first being "Twelfth Night", presented the first three weeks in February. Pinney also directed "Twelfth Night", which was performed before enthusiastic audiences in Meadowbrook and on tour.

After its four-day run in Meadowbrook Theatre, "As You Like It" will be taken on a 16-performance tour of schools from Livonia to Midland, from Northville to Flint on the following 10 weekdays and evenings.

Tickets for all performances are \$2--students are admitted at half that. Tickets may be obtained before the performances at ext. 2267 or 282 Science Building. No seats are reserved.

Have a good break

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