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Students may be paying less to the cashier next year.

Office Bombed

Oakland President Donald O'Dowd's office was the victim of a deliberately set bomb last Tuesday night. According to the investigation of the Pontiac Arson Squad, the blaze was incendiary in nature, and did not appear to be accidental.

The fire, which took about twenty minutes to bring under control, caused extensive damage to O'Dowd's office, his secretary's office, and an adjoining conference room. No important documents were lost.

A main in North Foundation Hall discovered smoke coming out of the President's office around eleven p.m. and promptly called the Pontiac Township Fire Department

and Public Safety. The Public Safety officers on duty reached the scene immediately and began extinguishing the flames. The fire department, however, was far slower in arriving, as they went to Oakland Community College first. Eventually, they arrived and were of much assistance.

At present, the offices are being refurbished, as the University's insurance covered the damage. No clues were found at the scene as to the intentions of the person setting the blaze, nor have any been found since. O'Dowd emphasized his doubts that there was a political motivation, as no signs of such were discovered.

TUITION CUT?

Oakland University tuition will be reduced significantly next year, if the 1971-72 budget recommended by Governor Milliken is enacted by the State Legislature. In his budget message, released last week, the governor included funds especially earmarked to enable the University to lower its tuition, among the highest in the State.

President O'Dowd indicated his pleasure with this move, while pointing out that it is still too early to know the final figures the University will have to work with. He was optimistic that these amounts

will be large enough to lower a full-time student's tuition by \$75 or \$100 a semester.

Milliken's recommendation was for Oakland to receive from the State approximately \$10.5 million, an increase of over \$2 million from last year. Unfortunately, most of that increase will be eaten up in combatting inflation, and in balancing off the lost tuition revenue. Barring severe cuts by the Legislature, the only reduction in services will be larger classes than have previously existed.

In other budget news,

Milliken recommended that \$1,160,000 be appropriated to Oakland for construction purposes. \$500,000 of this is aimed at building the long-proposed Public Safety Building. Another half-million, if approved, would be used to erect a new Education Building. The remaining \$160,000 would go to recondition some of the barns on the campus, to make them usable for office space and student use. It is questionable as to how much of this money will be left in the budget, as traditionally construction funds are rapidly eliminated by the Legislature.

RALLY SETS OFF MOVEMENT

Over 500 people attended a rally in the Gold Room Feb. 10 to protest the U.S. sponsored invasion of Laos. After the rally, participants divided up into workshops to consider ways to implement the People's Peace Treaty and bring an end to the war.

Bob Barkdull, Student Congress president, voiced the support of the Congress for the Treaty and urged students to support it. John Saplis and Wayne Turner spoke on the Winter Soldier investigation and the G.I. anti-war movement, informing many people for the first time of the growing hatred of the war among G.I.s, which has in some instances led to refusals to go into battle. Carrie Connelley and Carole Sweeney spoke on how the war affects poor people and Valerie Snook discussed the statewide movement to implement the People's Peace Treaty.

All of the speeches were brief as the most important event was the workshops which organized various constituencies to build a continuing anti-war movement. The Peace Treaty is being circulated for signatures and plans are beginning for the May 1 actions to stop the war. The theme of the May action is, "If the government won't stop the war, then we'll stop the government." Workshops have been formed in the fol-

lowing areas and are listed with the person to contact if you are interested in working to end the war.

Veterans — John Foltz, ext. 2841

Women — Terri Herz, ext. 2119

Resources and information — Bill Loafman ext. 2119

Community Organizing

Susanne Brown, 651-7617
Campus Organizing — Cary Hootner, 399-2653
Creative Artists — ext. 211

Any additional information can be obtained from the People for the People office, Room 42 Oakland Center, ext. 2119. A literature table is set up outside the office, and leaflets

Protest—National

The large turnout at the O.U. rally last Wednesday to protest the U.S. sponsored invasion of Laos was typical of the large scale nationwide protests which Nixon's latest escalation provoked. News of these events was largely unavailable in the established media which continue to uphold the veil of secrecy under which the initial invasion took place. Those responsible for this news blackout want the hundreds of thousands who protested Wednesday as well as the millions who oppose the war to feel isolated and powerless. In an effort to prevent this from happening we present the following summary of some of the major protests which occurred.

Ann Arbor — 4000 people, led by the mayor, marched in a demonstration to protest the invasion.

Buffalo, N.Y. — a mass meeting drew 500 people

who later marched downtown. Two banks were trashed.

Binghamton — A large number of people marched on the federal building.

Berkeley — 3000 to 5000 people met the police in a confrontation that resulted in a car being burnt and police firing into the crowd of demonstrators. Some police were injured.

Baltimore — 1000 demonstrators were attacked by mounted police who fired shotguns into the crowd. Only one of the wounded demonstrators was caught by the police, others were believed to have escaped. Eleven police were injured and 23 people arrested.

Chicago — 300 people invaded the federal building, with 30 sitting in at Senator Percy's office, demanding that he sign the People's Peace Treaty. One was arrested.

San Francisco — 3000

The following was received by Focus. We have no way of judging its authenticity. Read it and judge for yourself.

Power to the firemakers!

Death to pig institutions!

The firebombing of the presidents office on Feb. 9 is An act of rebellion against the pig establishment Amerika's ruling class, the warmakers in Washington. A blow for the liberation of all people. We must each strike at the source of our own oppression as the Vietnamese strike at theirs. No more of weeping and crying, no more of begging liberal politicians for small favors. We make no demands of you and ask that you Make none of us. The days of the pig have been too long on this planet But this too will pass, and for us it is only the Beginning.

This is what is normally known as a communique, coming to you direct from our secret headquarters.



VIETNAM

MOVEMENT

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are being distributed elsewhere on campus. Meetings are planned to discuss the Treaty and the war (to take place in the dormitories). The anti-war movement is building for what hopefully will be an end to the U.S. presence in Indochina soon. If you wish to be a part of it, contact one of the people mentioned above.

Students planning to do student teaching during the fall semester of 1971 must contact the Student Teaching Office immediately to register. If you have not already done so, please do. Student Teaching Office 530 P.A. ext. 3735

The killing of two Vietnamese children and the wounding of three other persons by an American soldier led to two days of anti-American rioting in Qui Nhon, South Vietnam's fourth largest city. Three American soldiers were hospitalized after being stoned by a group of students who overturned and burned their truck. Three thousand students were roaming the streets carrying signs protesting the killings of the children. One group of 400 attacked a U.S. Army motor pool, setting fire to two buses, two cars, a jeep and a guard shack. Another group attacked a compound of a U.S. firm, destroying seven vehicles and damaging 15 others.

Defoliants Destroy Nation

At the annual gathering of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in December of 1970, a group of biologists and doctors sent to Vietnam to investigate the effects of chemical defoliants (to remove the leaves from jungle trees) revealed the results of their survey. The results that were found are frightening:

From about 1964 to the present time, U.S. planes have flown over 25,000 missions over Vietnam, each of which sprayed an area approximately 100 by 150 meters. The ultimate result is that at least one-seventh of the total land area of the country has been sprayed at least once.

The effects of this activity were made evident: first, we have virtually destroyed the mangrove forests and thus one of the major crops of the country. The biologists of the AAAS contend that the mangrove will never return due to the local ecology. Since hardwood is important as a fuel and export item, it appears not unreasonable to assume that the impact on the Vietnamese economy will be profound. Coupled with this is an increase in soil erosion which sooner or later will affect the rice

crops.

It is predicted that some of the chemicals used will end up in the rivers and streams as well as grassland areas. If this is true, medical consequences should be observed, since the people of Vietnam eat large amounts of fish and the animals of the country feed on grass (e.g., water buffalo). Following are observations relevant to the above predictions.

The number of children born defective is twice as much in regions near intensely sprayed areas than in regions far removed from the sprayed areas. 2-4-5(t), one of the common chemicals used in Vietnam, as well as in America as a weed killer, is known to cause birth defects in test animals. During the period of 1962 to 1968, the number of birth defects per hundred thousand rose 300% (from 20 to 60). Deaths of the young and aged have risen sharply in recent years.

U.S. figures indicate that at least 600,000 acres have been sprayed and over 600 thousand human beings have been exposed to the chemicals sprayed in Vietnam. Documented cases exist of rice crops being spoiled and the defoliants shown to be responsible. Social consequences from this type of warfare

include the plight of the native who feels that the land has been spoiled; to purify the land, animals are sacrificed (clearly the societal value of animals in Vietnam must be more than that of animals in America).

In summary, we have systematically raped the land with our chemicals, crippled the economy from this destruction of natural resources, and thus, dramatically changed the lives of the gentle Vietnamese people. Their foods, such as rice and fish, have been poisoned; estimates are that their gross national product will be down with a loss of roughly one-half billion dollars; their children, born and unborn, have been mutilated. These consequences, taken in total must be viewed as direct results of a genocidal war policy.

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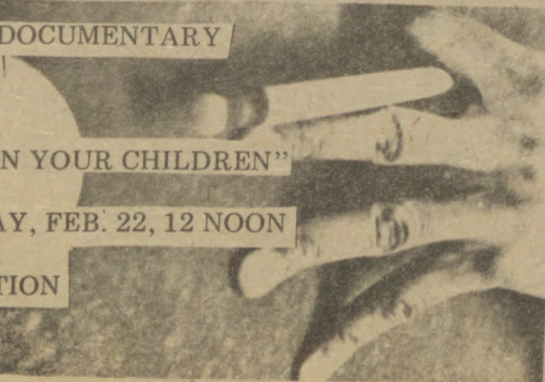
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With the inauguration of the newspaper, publication of *Campus Issues* and the *Staff Bulletin* will cease. For the remainder of this year, the paper will be published every other Monday. I would urge that persons now circulating memos to the community announcing coming events or changes in policy instead submit them to the University News Service for possible inclusion in the new publication. I would also encourage any member of the University to inform News Service of potential stories.

NEW GAS

New developments in gas warfare are being introduced by the army for use in domestic riots. A new rubber ball grenade containing CS gas is reportedly better than tear gas. It takes 20 to 60 seconds for the effects of the gas to strike and the victim is disabled for 5 to 10 minutes. The army maintains that the soft rubber body will not injure anyone when it is thrown. A further advantage is the difficulty in picking up and throwing back the rubber ball. British police have been using rubber bullets in Northern Ireland, but an army spokesman said that the U.S. has not yet introduced this type of weapon. Rubber bullets have, however, been reported to be in the hands of some U.S. police departments. The army is spending \$6.5 million on development of better weapons for domestic counter-insurgency operations.

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marched in a demonstration on Wednesday.

Seattle — 2000 people tried to take over a building; they were removed by police.

Hundreds of thousands of Chinese demonstrated in Peking Sunday in support of the people of Indochina in their struggle against U.S. aggression. People from all walks of life marched in the demonstration, carrying red flags and chanting slogans. The Chinese government has issued a statement that "the

Correction

Dr. Vargas has requested that we correct a number of errors that appeared in the article about him in last week's *Focus*. Vargas was not actually fired; his contract came up for renewal, and was not renewed. He is teaching three classes, instead of one, as was reported, and he did not come here directly from Chile, but spent one academic year teaching at Wayne before coming to Oakland.

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American war planes bombed a CIA base in Laos on Sunday, causing heavy damage and casualties. The base, 78 miles northwest of Vientiane, is the headquarters of General Vang Pao's CIA backed mercenary army. Some of the bombs reportedly started fires in a nearby town. At least one CIA agent was injured.

Conservative Coalition Demands

The Conservative Coalition on campus, consisting of the College Republicans, Conservative Club, Committee Against Student Terrorism, and Student League, after many long hours, days, weeks, months and years of deliberation, have found the suppressive atmosphere here at Oakland University no longer tolerable, and do hereby submit the following "non-negotiable" demands to the administration for its ultimate and expedient approval.

1) That a conservative college, equivalent with Charter College, Newport College, and Allport College, be set up functioning under the following guide lines:

a. that the college hire only conservative professors to teach such classes as Laissez-Faire Capitalism, Conservative History, etc;

b. that Dr. Russell Kirk be appointed Dean of the college; and

c. that William F. Buckley Jr., be given the honorary degree in Conservative Epistemology.

2) That Conservative students be appointed to the Faculty Senate and the

CONTEST

The Committee on Teaching and Learning has announced that it is now accepting entries from any Oakland University student, faculty or staff member for a second essay contest on What Are The Best Means By Which Oakland University Could Help A Student Get A Liberal Education?

First prize is worth \$1,000, and there are up to five additional prizes of \$100 each for other outstanding essays. The new deadline is March 26, 1971. Details may be obtained from the Committee. The judges have announced the winners of the first essay contest on What Is A Liberal Education? First prize is shared by Miss Julie Sands (a student majoring in sociology) and Professor Norton Seeber (Dean of the School of Economics and Management). Second prize is shared by Professor Brian Murphy, English Department, Professor William F. Horwath, English Department, and Professor Julian Weitzenfeld, Philosophy Department. Plans are under way to have all five essays published in the Oakland University *Academics*.

Board of Trustees, with full voting rights, veto rights, and full credit for ten classes.

3) That all Conservative students get a full-day scholarship recess for the birthday dates of William F. Buckley, Ronald Reagan, Barry Goldwater, and a half-day for Richard Nixon.

4) That all new hiring

cease until provisions are made to include at least one Conservative professor in every academic department, or at least the assurance of the hiring of a politically moderate janitor to the hourly paid employees as soon as an opening occurs.

5) That funds be made available for a full-time



The Pontiac Audubon Club has set up a display of 35 specimens of birds found on the Oakland campus. The display in the library lounge includes books, maps, cutouts, and the birds, many of which are threatened by

the destruction of their nesting and feeding places. The Audubon Club is active in all areas of nature study and ecology and succeeded in stopping the use of DDT in Birmingham.

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Why Finals?

Nobody likes final exams, right? To the professor, finals are a nuisance to be dealt with at the end of every semester, a huge stack of papers to be graded within a 36-hour period. To the student, finals are a ridiculous waste of time and a rather traumatic, whirlwind experience that may blow his G.P.A. and his mind if he can't work well under pressure. To everybody, final exams are highly inaccurate devices for evaluating academic performance which get in the way of anybody's learning anything. And they don't serve the "feedback" function of letting the student know where he went wrong because most students never see their finals again.

Can nothing be done about finals? Is it that the Final Examination is bigger than any of us, or all of us put together? Does it indeed control us in some mysterious way?

A proposal to end finals

altogether has become popular recently at Michigan State University. It's still in the idea stage, but a concrete formal proposal can be expected to emerge. We think Oakland could benefit from the consideration of such a proposal. Admittedly, there are problems: some profs, as a reflex action on the last day of class, might simply give a long test counting three-quarters of the course grade; many students, lovers of wisdom that we are, could be expected to cut class following the last test if there were no finals, perhaps missing that last half of their courses.

Some variation, such as making the final exam optional for all students in all courses, or allowing a week to prepare for finals as is done at the University of Michigan, may be the best solution. In any case, we think it's time that this campus put the final exam on trial.

A Tale of Two Causes

"It is a tale told by an idiot, signifying nothing."

— Shakespeare

Willard Thwiff, radical college guy, is one-twelfth Cherokee Indian. He is a distant relative of White Cloud, chief of the great Cherokee nation.

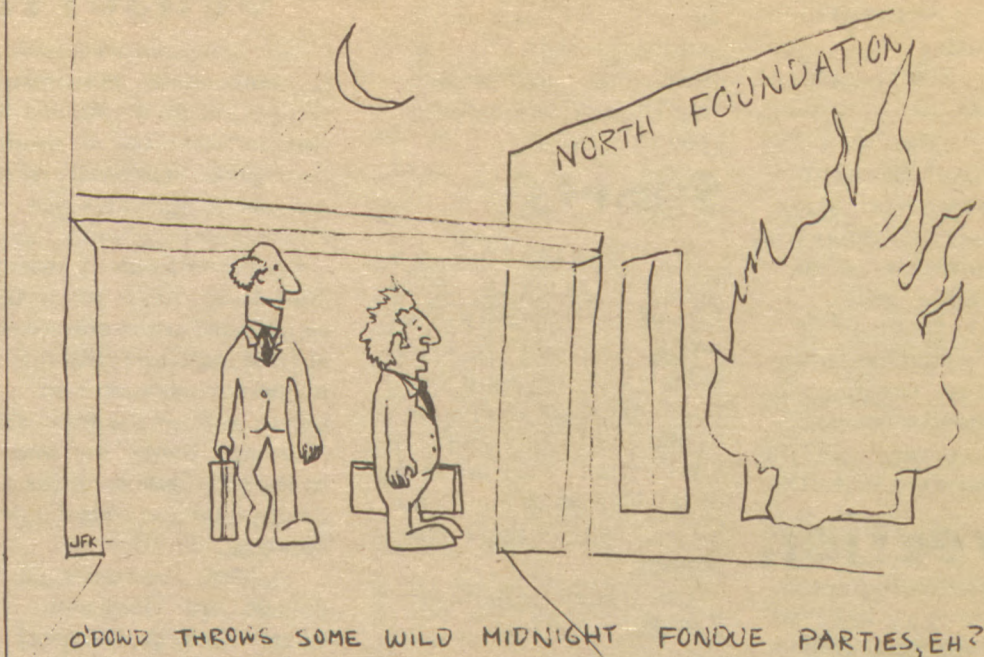
Last week, Willard, offended at the University's use of a particular brand of toilet paper, decided to protest by secretly making the rounds of every john on campus and flushing each and every roll down the toilets. Needless to say, mass hysteria resulted.

Almost everyone on campus believed the disappearance of the toilet paper was a protest; some people thought it was a protest against the war, others thought it was an attack on institutionalized racism, still others (more logically, perhaps) believed it to be an expression of concern for the environment. But was Willard happy? He was not!

The college continues to use the same brand of toilet paper, oblivious to the very existence of Chief White Cloud. Nor has any popular support been aroused for

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KELLY KOMMENTS



O'DOWD THROWS SOME WILD MIDNIGHT FONDUE PARTIES, EH?

LETTER LETTER

To the Editor:

A funny thing happened to me on my way to graduating. I took a course that I am told was radical sociology, and it wasn't a laughing matter!! First, before you label me and put me in my square hold, I'll tell you that I'm an ordinary garden variety "retread" who does not believe that Marxism, Socialism, or any "ism" is the utopian panacea of the future, O.K.? If my generation gap is showing, forgive me. I'll readily admit I'm one of the bad guys. But before you stop, hear me out. Then feel free to disagree. I hope this will give you some food for thought.

I took the course not knowing what to expect and while I found some ominous

changes in the general scheme of things in that Ivy Tower, I found also some similarities between that classroom of today and my classroom of the past. That's really what was so depressing. I realized the wave of the future is made up of the same garden variety people of the past who play different games by the same old rules. That's what's so scary. Let me explain:

The good guys in the class were those who practiced or preached Marxism, Socialism, or Revolution. The bad guys were really perfect, just like in the movies — the bad guys were irredeemable. Now, when I was growing up this was how life was portrayed to me. Except those who were the good guys then are the bad guys now and vice versa. I must say that the first time I went to college centuries ago, at no time, in no class was this simplistic view of life presented to me. It was then chic for professors to practice scholarly disinterest. I must say, however, that most students reacted the way they do now. The information was used to get the grade, 4 point or A. You tried to write what the teacher wanted to hear. Only then it wasn't so easy to know just what that was!

And I thought your generation was different. Where were all you questioning seekers of the TRUTH? The lack of student participation in this radical class was striking. Is it that you knew you were hearing the TRUTH like the CRUSADERS of old? Is it that you didn't care enough

to question? Is it that "spouted the Line" as I told me, so that you would get a good grade? What the reasons for most of student action and inaction in the class, the results are frightening.

The lectures were rather like those I heard at a J. Birch Society study meeting. I once had the misfortune to be invited to. The quote out of context, the innuendo and knowing smile, the simplifying of complex social situations was an identical twin to the Birch Society approach. Spooky, huh? The group papers were pure exercise in good old American exploitation. freeloaders copped out leaving the work in the hands of the conscientious students who didn't want to make waves or complain. We were judged as a group. The cop-outs had it made. Class reports on these papers were frightening to me. Never have I seen a classroom fall to such a low level. The invective, emotion, and name-calling made me think of Nazi Germany. You remember, don't you, you silent majority in the classroom?

History shows that new ideas and social change are not always synonymous with PROGRESS. Where we don't question or try to understand the ideas and alternatives presented by the good guys, whoever they may be, but accept this information on blind faith because, after all,

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QUESTION: What causes hemorrhoids and piles, and can they be prevented? Is it possible to get them primarily on one side? I've used hemorrhoid ointments which relieve the pain, but it eventually comes back. I've heard they sometimes get serious enough for an operation... when is this required?

ANSWER: Piles is a lay term for hemorrhoids which are varicose veins in the area of the anus and rectum. In other words, they are dilated veins which produce bulges that shouldn't be there. Almost all adults have some hemorrhoids, but generally they are painful and produce symptoms only when the veins thrombose (the blood clots in the vein). A minor surgical procedure performed in the doctor's office can relieve the pain in an uncomplicated case. However, when hemorrhoids have been present for a long time, and these has been scarring and changes in the function of this exit portal, more ambitious corrective surgery is necessary.

Hemorrhoid ointments often contain local anesthetics and astringents such as witch hazel, providing some reduction of pain and itching.

Anything which slows blood flow through the anorectal veins enhances the possibility of the development of hemorrhoids. Constipation and straining at the stool aggravate the condition. Hemorrhoids occur frequently during pregnancy due to the pressure from the enlarged uterus. Hemorrhoids are part of the hazard of being a two-legged creature, as blood tends to pool in these parts. Sitting doesn't help.

While hemorrhoids can occur on one side or the other, the anus is a small midline structure, one to a customer, and when it hurts, it hurts all over.

QUESTION: My boyfriend and I occasionally smoke pot. I do not believe that pot in itself is dangerous to

one's health. However, he suffers from an occasional bout with a urinary infection which supposedly stems from some kidney trouble. I recently had infectious hepatitis.

We have read that the toxins of grass are cleansed from the system through either the kidneys or the liver. Therefore, would pot aggravate or affect our weakened organs?

ANSWER: The active ingredient in marijuana is a complicated chemical called tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) which is very potent in tiny amounts. Incidentally, stuff peddled as THC is usually not, but may be a veterinary anesthetic, which is very dangerous to mess with. The exact path the chemical follows in being detoxified is not entirely clear. Like many other substances, it will might be detoxified in the liver and eliminated in the urine. In the usual amounts, it is unlikely that it would place a strain on the liver or kidneys. As with any potent substance, it is possible to find some people whose health is adversely affected by the use or abuse of marijuana.

It is very unusual for men to have urinary tract infections without there being some underlying illness or abnormality. I hope your boyfriend has been examined by a capable physician. Such a physician would also tell you that it would be wise to stay away from alcohol for many months or perhaps a year following infectious hepatitis. Alcohol is a known liver toxin.

QUESTION: Why does the prescription for eyeglasses change over a period of time but seems to remain

the same for contact lenses? Can contact lenses produce double or distorted vision after removal from the eyes for a short period of time?

ANSWER: In most cases, the prescription for eyeglasses changes because the eyeball changes shape with growth resulting in an out of focus picture of the lens loses its ability to focus at certain distances. Also, there can be changes in the shape of the front surface (cornea) of the eye. The loss of ability to focus is mainly involved in the change in vision that occurs in the late thirties and early forties making it difficult to read and see small objects. The difficulty with distant vision that afflicts people during adolescence is due to changes in the shape of the eyeball primarily.

Contact lenses nullify the changes that occur in the cornea since the lens itself becomes the effective front surface. Thus, changes in eyeball shape remain as the most important cause of change of vision. These changes tend to diminish as adulthood is reached and may be positively affected by the decrease in straining to accommodate that results with well fitted contact lenses.

A certain amount of swelling of the cornea occurs when contact lenses are worn. Therefore, when they are removed, it is usually a matter of many days before your eyes return to an equilibrated state. In practical terms, this is of little consequence. A person can usually remove his contact lenses and resume wearing his regular glasses without difficulty. However, if new regular glasses are to be fitted, it is advised that the person not wear his contact lenses for a couple of weeks.

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LETTERS

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the good guys said it, we create an absolute power which will ultimately be corrupt absolutely. THINK ABOUT IT.

Bette Roth

To the Editor:

In response to last week's letter submitted by two inane young ladies which was in reply to Mr. Zollschan's stand, I am happy to say that Mr. Zollschan has made his presence known to light-minded people. The ladies mentioned consider the publication of anti-semitic literature clean fun. In sight of this fact, it is not surprising that Mr. Zollschan's letter raised such anxiety when informing that he has "as little use for the body products of dead Nazis as for the verbal productions of live ones." In any case, preliminary investigations suggest that the hair and teeth of the ladies mentioned are in such condition as to make them unusable even by Nazis.

In short response, I now realize by such statements where I stand, not only at this institution, but in the world today. For I am a Jew.

Eliot Marcus

EDITORIAL

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Willard's cause as a result of his protest. The whole thing was just so much toilet paper down the drain, so to speak. Which just goes to show that it's a senseless waste to destroy something in support of a cause when nobody knows what the cause is.

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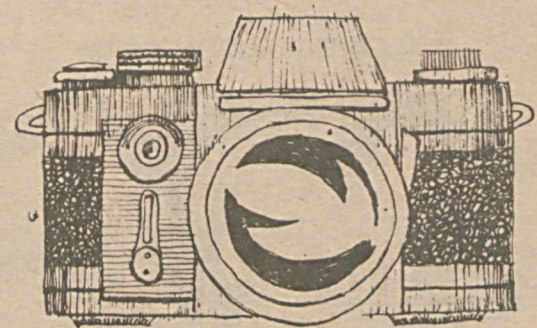
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ALICE Needs Wonders

It was really a crime to see all that potential wasted — it really was. The opening night of *Alice* was constantly marred by a simple but very inescapable problem: most of the cast could not be heard. When the actors were talking over the music, they were drowned out; when singing, the lyrics were unintelligible. A lot of this must have been due to technical bugs with the mike system and balancing band and actors, but it really can not be excused. Some may dub this merely "technical," but it destroys the entire substance of a show: what can be communicated if the primary mode of communication is blocked? The acoustics in the PA auditor-

ium are excellent, so there's no faulting building or blocking.

This "inaudibility" has infected other Barn shows — i.e., *Eh?* Not having life or vigor in a show is a sin, but one the Barn usually doesn't commit. The "technical" aspect, which involves getting this life across to the audience successfully, represents the other side of the coin. And somehow a show just can not be without both sides together — one without the other is like a body without a soul, and . . . well, you get the idea: both are ineffectual.

It is very hard to assess a production when it doesn't come across at base level,

but I can say that the musical end of the show was really fine. But despite the talent and work evidenced in the score, its sheer volume usually overpowered the non-instrumental part of *Alice*.

Besides the music, there were some moments (and individuals) with good vibes. Caryl Sherman had style as the Cheshire Cat; it was too bad her strong singing voice was one-upped by the music. Justin Rashid (narrator and Caterpillar) was one of the audible people — it was pleasant to come back to his voice in the midst of audial chaos. Maurine Conine was a formidable Duchess and bizarre Gryphon, well-matched to the Mock Turtle (Sheila Rittenberg),

who did a really nice job as the shelled sorrow. Dormouse (Marianne Berry) and the Mad Hatter (Elliot Lieb) added some funny and good bits.

Along with bright spots people-wise, the show was

spiced with some really good sequences and effects — strobe, shadow-screen, lights, "water" silks, plus a very good set, properties and costumes.

The idea of *Alice* (and ourselves) learning a new way of "breathing" amidst a plethora of change was gotten across, but the message was watered down by the



RARE EGGS

By Greg Erickson

Do you remember a television program called "Silents, Please?" It was on about seven years or so ago. As the title suggests, it was all about silent movies. The show was based on the idea that lots of people who watch television either didn't remember or had never become acquainted with many of these films.

Back then, I was around fourteen. In keeping with the tradition of being a young adolescent, I firmly believed that there was little in life which could get me down or shake me up. I was far too mature and knowledgable to go to pieces over anything. I had shrugged off the scariest monster movies of my day. I simply refused to give in to the Mummy, the Wolfman, the Creature From the Black Lagoon, and giant spiders, lizards, and octupi, and all the other fiends who lurked in the gloom of theaters and across my TV screen. While they were all rampaging and snarling, I was yawning.

However, one night I saw Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde on "Silents, Please." When I saw that guy's pointed head, I completely forgot about acting my age and fell apart. The self-assured 14 year-old was immediately reduced to a blubbing idiot by a jerky old faded black and white movie without sound. When a demeaning experi-

ence that was. I realized that silent movies were powerful things.

There's a program now on channel 56 called "The Toy That Grew Up." It's all about silent flicks, too. It's been on for a long time and it seems to me as though they're getting down to the bottom of the barrel of old movies. I would guess that all of the really famous ones have already been shown. Even so, the less known ones shown now are still kind of neat.

A great many people just can't get interested in silent movies. Even the folks who held their breath and sat on their seat-edges when Pauline was first tied to the tracks; who swooned at the sight of Valentino's sideburns; or who screamed out their vocal chords when the Phantom of the Opera turned around, now wonder why they got so excited. A movie goer of today views the flickers of yesteryear with the same attitude as a baseball nut watches a cricket match. There appears to be something missing.

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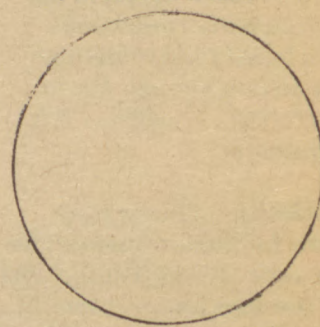
As Marshall McLuhan would say, we like our media "hotter" today than we did before. A medium that is "hot" needs little participation or completion by the audience. "Cool" media are those which require some filling in. In other

show's other problems. And I wondered how amidst all that disorder *Alice* was putting order into her head.

So maybe the sound bugs can be remedied and maybe the show can get the polish and togetherness it still lacks . . . but that's too many maybes. *Alice* has a lot of potential, but if the opening night was a positive indicator of the final outcome, *Alice* doesn't cut it.

By Anne Sinila

. . . another view



words, if something looks, tastes, smells, sounds, feels, real and you don't have to use your imagination at all, the medium is a sensual conflagration.

Thus, "Woodstock," with its more than living color and quadrosomic sound was one of the hottest movies yet. "Medium Cool" was medium hot, and with its lack of music and its black and white photography, "In Cold Blood" was much colder. Get the picture?

Of all the movies ever, the silent ones are the coolest. The audience was not assaulted by full orchestration, 70mm projection, or Technicolor. Instead, they had to piece together what little they could and assemble reality nearly from scratch. The result is often more real than that of the hotter media due to the greater amounts of imagination at work. I guess that's why the 1920 version of Dr. J. and Mr. H. scared many more daylighters out of me than most modern monster movies. It wasn't the movie that was scaring me as much as it was me scaring me.

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Last week, I read in the paper where some movie company is going to attempt to bring back the silent era by warming up the oldies. The technicians will use a computer to tint the film, slow down the speed and eliminate the flickering, add sound effects and a knowledgable narrative. It should be fairly impressive. But then again it might not.

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He's not living there yet, but starting Feb. 23, "Jacques Brel" will be alive and well at the Vestpocket. Remember their budget prices for "Hair?"

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Are Your Favorite Flicks Art? "Jezebel" with Bette Davis at the Detroit Institute of Arts at 8 p.m. on Feb. 23 in the auditorium. Free.

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It's no Valentine, but you can still see Nigerian playwright Soyinka's "Thelion and the Jewel" this weekend. Students \$1 with I.D. at Marygrove College, call UN2-8000.

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Not a one-man band, but Ralph A Wolfe's original graphics will be on exhibit at Xochipilli, Frank and Mary Lyon's Rochester Gallery (120 E. 4th Street). You can visit this prize-winning artist's work Tuesday - Sunday, 10 to 10, Feb. 20 - March 15.

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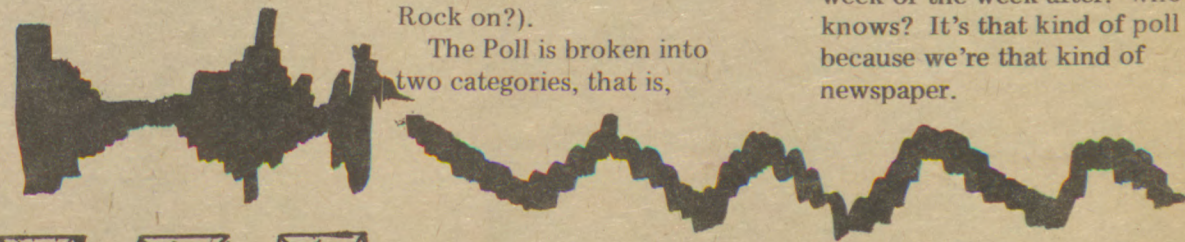
"MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING" is Wed. and Friday, "Our Town" is Thursday, and "McBeth" is Sat. at the Hilberry Theatre, all at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2.25 and \$3.50 Cass and Hancock. \$3.50. Cass and Hancock. 577-2972

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rock and jazz. If you don't listen to one or the other, leave such instruments blank.

Once you've filled the poll out, leave it in the Poll box at either Charlie Brown's, the gift shop, or the *Focus* office itself.

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6) That a closet to closet, room to room and bathroom to bathroom search be held in pursuit of commie pinkos who may be hiding in wait to pounce on the first conservative to pass and hit him with a copy of *Das Kapital*; warning is to be given to the chairman of the Conservative

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Coalition before the search is held.

7) That the administration publicly apologize for all the inconveniences and frustrations it has caused Conservative students, and that President O'Dowd and Dean Appleton have their apologies notarized


8) That the *Focus: Oakland* characterize all seven demands as "just and eminently desirable."

Notice is hereby given that these demands must be met by January 1, 1984.

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