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Hundreds Hear Chancellor's Speech.

Athletic Fields To Be Built

A \$250,000 project to develop 75 acres of athletic fields at Oakland University was approved January 18, by the Michigan State University Board of Trustees. The board approved letting the construction contract to the Sterling Garrett Co. of Walled Lake, whose bid of \$183,973 was the lowest of six received on the project. The work will include installation of large drains needed to keep the low-lying area dry in the spring, grading of playing fields, courts and tracks, construction of one road and elimination of another which now goes from Kresge Library to the Howard C. Baldwin Memorial Pavilion.

A baseball diamond will be seeded and sodded for immediate use. Other areas, most of which will be put into use later, will include a running track, courts for tennis, handball, basketball, and ice hockey, and fields for football, field hockey, soccer, and softball.

The project is being financed through the purchase of bonds with funds taken from tuition revenues. According to Robert Swanson, Director of Business Affairs, the cost to the University will be about \$35 thousand per year.

The new fields are part of a larger plan which is estimated to cost \$550 thousand, and was approved by the Michigan State Board of Trustees last summer. This plan includes massive improvements in the basement of the Sports and Recreation Building as well as the athletic fields program. Commenting on this plan, Thomas Dutton, Dean of Students, said, "This project is part of the long range program to develop the physical facilities of Oakland."



Chancellor Varner and Ken Meldrum, co-chairman of Budget Crisis Committee

Hamlin Hall Opens in Fall

Oakland University's newest and largest dormitory will be named Hamlin Hall in honor of Delos Hamlin, who has served Oakland County governmental units for more than 35 years.

The nine-story dormitory to be named in Hamlin's honor cost \$3.7 million to build and will be opened for the first time next fall. It will house 676 students in twin wings for co-eds and men students. Although the highest structure on campus in number of floors, Hamlin Hall is built on the side of a ravine in such a manner that its fourth floor is at street level in front of the building.

Chancellor D. B. Varner announced the naming of the dormitory last Friday. Hamlin, former councilman and mayor of Farmington, has been a member of the County Board of Supervisors since 1942 and its chairman since 1956. He also is a trustee of the Oakland University Foundation.

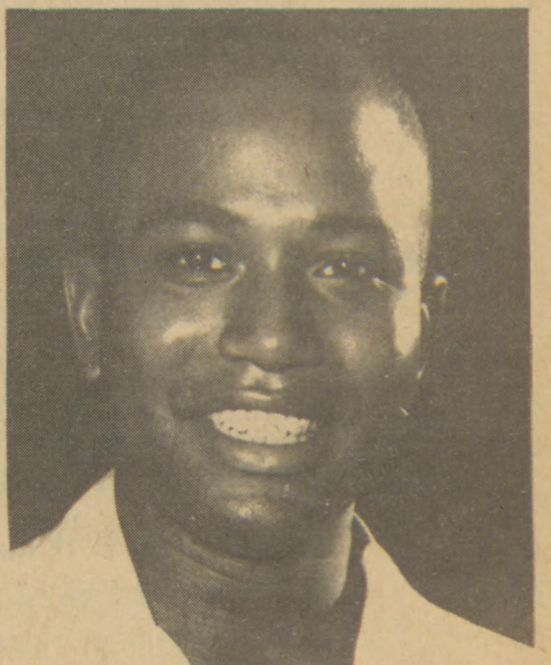
Josh White Next Friday

By David Carr

Josh White, Jr. will appear in concert, cabaret-style, on Friday, February 9, at 8 p.m. in the Vandenberg Cafeteria. White has given concerts in Carnegie Hall and for over 500 college audiences. He has also performed in such night clubs as The Village Gate and Bitter End in New York, The Troubadour in Los Angeles and The Playboy Club in Chicago. In addition, he has appeared in dramatic roles on Broadway and on network television as both an actor and singer. His career has spanned 20 years. Locally, he has performed to extremely enthusiastic audiences at the Raven Gallery in Southfield.

Though generally labeled a folk singer, his performances have an excellent balance of folk, pop and country-western. His voice, and sensitivity to mood and lyric, together with an agile wit and sense of stage presence make for an enchanted audience.

White's concert is jointly sponsored by the Off Campus and A.W.S. as part of Women's Week. Tickets may be purchased at \$1 for students, \$1.50 for faculty and staff and \$2.50 for the general public.



Josh White, Jr.

Proposed Budget Problems Deepen

Concerning the controversy over Oakland's proposed 1968-69 budget, the following developments took place during the last week:

- A group of students met last Friday to discuss whether actions on the budget should be taken by the student body. The group, led by Dennis Ferkany and Ken Meldrum, decided to hold off action until the issues become clearer.

- Governor George Romney met with Chancellor Varner, members of the executive committee of the Oakland University Foundation, and three members of the administrative staff this Monday. The Governor expressed concern over Oakland's financial problems and indicated he would reconsider our appropriation.

- Chancellor Varner addressed over 300 students Wednesday in the Gold Room. Varner outlined the 1968-69 budget, both our request and the Bureau of the Budget's proposal, and commented on the meeting with Governor Romney. The Chancellor stressed that the real issue is a policy decision on the future of Oakland University, not a simple budgetary consideration.

- Groups outside the university community have shown concern over Oakland's appropriation and the Pontiac Press and Royal Oak Tribune have both run articles dealing with the budget controversy.

The central fact which the past week's events have shown is that the cut in Oakland's per student level of support is not based on budgetary considerations. The reduced appropriation is intended as the first step in a policy that will change what has been the educational philosophy at Oakland during the last eight years.

Chancellor Varner underlining this fact in his speech Wednesday. "If this decision (to permanently lower the level of per student appropriations) is made now, it will be eight years late in coming."

The Bureau of the Budget, which drew up the appropriation for Oakland, does not agree that the lowered per student support is a change in policy. They argue that Oakland was never planned to receive differential support and funds allocated in the past we based purely on Oakland's growth rate.

Whatever the outcome of the policy debate, it is clear that if the proposed budget is approved it will necessitate radical changes in Oakland's educational program. Projects such as Charter College, the wide range of Freshman Exploratories, and Meadow Brook Theatre will have to be drastically reduced, if not altogether cut.

More important, it is probably that a large number of professors will resign. "Seventy five per cent of our faculty will leave," said Chancellor Varner. "They won't stay if the university is starved, and they can leave." At the meeting with Governor Romney, Varner also commented, "It must be made clear that if this budget recommendation is adopted and with it the message that seems so apparent, then the Oakland University which we have all been building for almost ten years will be dead. There will continue to be an Oakland University, but it will not be this one; it cannot be."

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Editorials

Crisis Demands Extended Concern

The Chancellor's talk Wednesday on the budget crisis was impressive. So was the tremendous student turnout to hear him. The problem is an important one, more of policy than money, and it will decide the future structure of Oakland.

In the next few months, the picture will become clear. As the picture sharpens, we will be able to distinguish whether Oakland will continue in the same manner or if we will be recognizable as Oakland only by name. This issue cannot be decided in a week, and storming Lansing tomorrow won't help. Our concern and support must last at least a month until the budget comes before the Legislature and may have to last until April for the final decision to be made.

This issue concerns everyone connected with Oakland University. Anyone who doesn't realize this won't care one damn if this school is drastically changed. If this happens, those non-carers may be the only people left on campus. But, as the Chancellor stressed, to avoid committing suicide at Oakland, we must approach this problem responsibly. This is the time to show restraint. To react now is to kill all chances of success. We must act, but it must be done with consideration and foresight of the possible consequences. The Chancellor received a standing ovation after his speech, not only out of respect, but because of his frankness, and his trust in student intelligence.

Student Questions Budget Analysis

To The Editor:

In last week's issue of the Observer, you awarded George Romney the distinction of causing Oakland's "budget dilemma" by refusing to give the University its proposed funds. Perhaps you were too generous in your hasty analysis of the situation in granting that distinction to our governor. Borrowing from Everett Dirksen; I am forced to say that I think you "left something out of the biscuits."

First, we must remember that state funds are of course limited. This being an election year, the prospect of getting a tax increase even for education was unfavorable to say the least. If you will recall, last year the legislature didn't even appropriate the funds which the governor proposed. Therefore, in performing pro-

perly the functions of Governor with regards to the state's educational program, Mr. Romney is forced to get the most out of the tax dollar that is possible.

In examining Oakland's situation we find that there have been several things left out of your article. For instance you failed to note that this school has had one of the highest per capita ratings in the state. Since Oakland was relatively new, it naturally needed more funds than some of the more established schools. This year, however, the state is supporting two new colleges and attempting to improve some of the smaller ones. The increase in the per capita ratings of these schools plus the decrease in Oakland's still leaves Oakland with a substantial per capita margin.

Perhaps we should examine the

general procedure in distributing these funds to our institutions of higher learning. Instead of basing these allocations on the actual needs of the school, the distribution is determined by how much the school was able to disburse in the preceding year. Obviously this does not lead to the most efficient policies on the part of the administration. They are forced to try to get rid of as much money as possible in a short time. This is why the Governor stated that if the schools want more they will have to submit to proportionately greater state control of spending. This is to insure greater efficiency for the state's taxpayers. Perhaps if we considered ourselves as taxpayers rather than recipients we could better appreciate this frame of thought.

Jim Porritt, Jr.

Personal Comments

To the Editor:

In his essay on the issue of military recruiters on campus, Mike Honey most fundamentally misses the point. He fails to see all the implications of an ingredient most people assume to be essential to a good university. Encouragement and nurturance of originality of thought can only be attained when freedom of thought and expression is also encouraged and nurtured for each individual of the university. A university should be "an open market for ideas" which is both nutrient to and nurtured from, originality of thought. Thus a university should tolerate and respect all points of view irregardless of their expression. Thus, the university as an entity should be amoral and apolitical as much as is reasonably possible. A university should not act or express itself as a political force. Individuals which comprise a university can be, and indeed most people agree they should be, moral and political forces and should probably voluntarily organize into groups for such a purpose. However, a university should not speak or act as a whole if there is one person with a contrary point of view. Nor should it do so even if there is only a possibility of such a person, for the actions and expressions of a university impose themselves on its future by limiting its possibilities in the future.

It must be made very clear that when a university as a whole acts as a political force, the potential force of all individual parts of the university, who wish to act in a contrary way, is usurped. It is a logical inconsistency to maintain that a university should act in one way and individuals comprising it can act in a con-

trary way.

Dave Carr

Ambiguous Petition

To The Editor:

When Ingo Dutzmann handed out a petition one Friday during Social Psychology asking students to agree that "recruiters" be allowed to come on campus, I had doubts in my mind whether to sign. It is unfortunate there is only one word used for recruiters in general. The meaning that I always connected with the word recruiter was ARMY, but when this issue started appearing in the Observer my conception of the word changed and I realized that recruiters meant, not only the Armed Forces, but also businesses. After deliberation, I signed the petition. It is helpful to many students to have recruiters on campus to make it easier for them to get jobs. However, Mr. Dutzmann did not make himself absolutely clear that he didn't have the military more in mind than the businesses. I do not condone the thievery of the petitions, if this is what happened, but I do think Mr. Dutzmann was being a bit dishonest in not making explicit what he meant by the word recruiter.

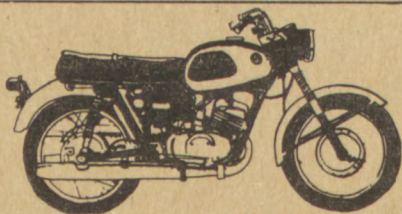
I think it is necessary that if a petition of this sort is passed out again, the word recruiter be defined. I am sure there are many students, like myself, who believe that it is a great help to have business recruiters on campus, but as Mr. Honey said, in his article of January 26, "It seems clear that any student wishing to join the military would have not the slightest difficulty in doing so."

Katy Munves

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Relavent "Issues" Ignored

by Mike Honey

Paul Goodman has said that "Where there is official censorship it is a sign that speech is serious. Where there is none, it is pretty certain that the official spokesmen have all the loud-speakers." There is another possibility which excludes need for censorship: that nobody has anything to say.

After traveling to Hong Kong last semester, along with 43 other students, I have been particularly vulnerable to the shock of re-entry into campus life. We had expected that things would be different when we got back, that we would have to adjust to the campus all over again. The shock came when we found that everything is the same as when we left. The erection of the sanitarium known as dorm #7 seems to be the most significant change.

That this may be so was brought home most forcefully by reading an issue of the Observer carrying the announcement of the Chancellor's Forum, where "campus issues" were to be discussed with Mr. Varner. So

what's to discuss?

An "issue" can only meet its definition if it is an object of concern. The student populace is not concerned. Yet the problems which abounded last spring, and caused the formation of the Student Life Commission, have not been solved. The development

of a professional police force is still a potent and potential issue: neither the duties of the officers nor the rights of the campus populace have been clearly defined, as the student-police conflicts and arrests of last semester testified.

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By Judith Haftka
On Campus:

The Josh White Jr. concert scheduled for Friday, February 2 has been postponed to Friday, February 9. With Josh White will be The Outlanders. Tickets are still on sale at \$1.00 per ticket and those already purchased will be honored next week.

The Off Campus: Friday, February 2, Featuring a great folk group, "The East and West." Saturday, February 3, "The African Folk Ensemble." This rhythm and blues group was originally called The African Folk Four but they have since added another 3 members. Shows start at 9:15 p.m. and run for approximately 45 minutes. Admission charge only 50¢.

Friday, February 2, 7:30 and 9 p.m. in 156 NFH. "A Shot in the Dark," starring Peter Sellers. Admission charge is 35¢. (One show only at 7 p.m. on Sunday.)

Monday, February 5, at 8:30 p.m. in MWH the Concert Series presents Gonzalo Torres - a classical guitarist. All student tickets \$1.

Wednesday, February 7, at 3 p.m. in the OU Lounge - a symposium - "Sexuality and New Morality."

Wednesday, February 7 at 8:15 p.m. in 159 NFH, the Music Depart. is presenting a Renaissance and Baroque Concert/Dance. After the concert Renaissance court dances will be taught

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COMING SOON:

The Josh White Concert, now scheduled for Friday, February 9 at 8 p.m. in the Vandenberg Cafeteria.

Winter Carnival Weekend: February 23-25, featuring the Miss Oakland Pageant.



TAKE NOTE:

Oakland University Flying Club Ground School will be held beginning February 6, at 7 p.m. in 125 OC. Applications are available in Van Wagoner, Rm. 519 or phone 2779.

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accompanied by the Oakland Renaissance Wind Band. Admission free. All are welcome.

Thursday, February 8, 7:15 p.m. there is a Folk Mass in the St. John Chapel.

Thursday, February 8, 8:15 p.m. in 156 NFH a film "The New Morality."

THE ART WORLD:

February 3, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the auditorium of the Detroit Jr. Town Hall; East Indian temple dancers Bhaskar and Alsonzo Rivera appear in this new concert. Admission \$1.25 For information call 832-2730.

The Wayne State University Improvisation Chamber Ensemble will appear in concert at 8:30 p.m. in the Rackham Education Memorial, Woodward at Farnsworth. Student admission is 75¢.

AFTER DARK:

Saturday, February 3, 8:20 p.m. in the Masonic Temple Auditorium; The Royal Winnipeg Ballet dancing 4 new, modern ballets. Tickets range from \$3-\$5.00. For information call TE 2-6648.

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BB Team Splits Weekend Series

By Steve Gaynor

The Oakland U. basketball outlook loomed brighter this week as both the Varsity and the J.V. split their games last week.

Thursday, Ferris' two teams walked all over the Pioneers. The J.V. was trounced 98-72 as Ferris' Irv Cross of Oak Park High, scored 25 points. Glenn Beier topped Oakland with 21 points.

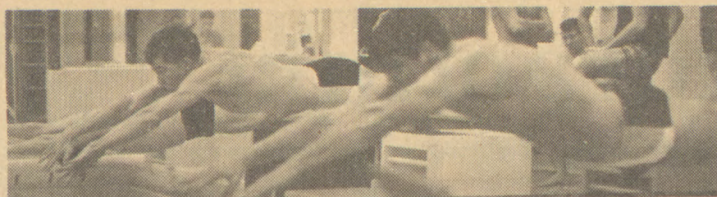
The only bright spot in the Varsity's 112-86 loss was the sterling performance of Senior Captain Oscar Carlson. Ozzie was six for six from the floor in the first half and wound up with high scoring honors for Oakland with 16 points. This is more incredible when one considers that Ozzie has had a severe case of hepatitis and can only play a limited amount of time each game.

Jesse Mangham scored 37 for Ferris and Art Tetzlaff 25 to lead them to the victory.

Friday night against Grand Valley State College the story was different. Beier was finally given a chance to play a large amount of the Varsity game. The move was a smart one on the part of Coach Dick Robinson. Beier responded by stuffing in 23 points, including his first six shots to pace the Varsity to their second victory of the year. Besides ending up with an incredible 73% shooting average from the floor, he put in all seven of his free throws.

Saturday, night the J.V. came up with their third victory of the season, defeating Detroit Institute of Technology. Bill Van-Buskirk, who was cold in the first half, came on in the second and scored 16 points. Glenn Beier added 18. The score was 73-60 in favor of OU.

Mrs. Priscilla Jackson, Director of Oakland's Continuum Center will take part in the Outlook Education series on WEXL Radio at 9 p.m., Thursday, February 1.



By Mike Mellen

In line with the recent announcement that freshmen will be eligible for the N.C.A.A. College Division Championships, Oakland, as a result of this weekend and several previous meets, has qualified one relay. The four hundred yard freestyle relay of Ed Englehart, Ron Mickelson, Rick Krogsrud and Mike Campbell, has qualified in the fine time of 3:29.6.

Friday, January 26, Oakland came within five points of defeating a powerful Northern Michigan University swimming team. Going into the last relay Northern trailed by two points, but in the final event they went ahead to win 59-54. Northern's disqualification in the 400 yd. medley relay began an excellent

effort which almost resulted in a major upset. Fine times throughout the meet were highlighted by Mike Campbell's excellent 50.6 in the 100 yard freestyle and Ed Englehart's 2:13.2 in the 200 yard backstroke.

Saturday, January 27, showed the aftermath of Friday night, as Oakland decimated Detroit Institute of Technology 86-17. Taking firsts for Oakland were Mark Williams and Dave Swanson in the 500 and 1000 yard freestyle, Mike Heick in the 200 yard freestyle, Ray Barcalow in the one meter diving and Woody Thomas in the 200 yard butterfly and the 200 yard breaststroke.

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Rick Shea

War is Heck

(Ed. Note: The following is one in a series of articles by Rick Shea, former O.U. student, now an airman first class in the U.S. Air Force, stationed in Can Tho, Vietnam.)

A latrine wall:

"Happiness is:
Round-eyed women.
Snow.

Looking into your wallet and seeing greenbacks instead of funny money.

Having left Vietnam yesterday
Hot water."

It's the minorinconveniences that get you. Have you ever been lathered up in the shower when the water was shut off? Do the lights go out in your room because the current drops? Do you walk down to the second floor to go to the bathroom and find out there is no toilet paper in the entire building so you must improvise? Linked in an endless chain these incidents can do strange things to minds and dispositions.

I believe General Sherman said "War is Hell." At Can Tho war is heck. Men complain of the food, the weather, their seniors, and each other. Just like Oakland. Boredom and loneliness are the real enemies. Syphilis won't get you a Purple Heart. The local concept of "action" is mail call. I do not disregard that killing exists. It happens, and it's filthy and sickening. If one man dies it is reported in detail. This is the news that people remember, the kind that reaches the headlines. No one remembers that nothing happened for weeks prior to the death. What does everyone do in Vietnam between killing? Headlines like, "Can Tho Mortared; 66 Dead" are common. More appropriate would be, "Can Tho Suifurs Toilet Paper Shortage."

Big newspapers can have the gore. Blood and guts are not a major part of the life here in Can Tho. Such things take up a small portion of time so I'll give it the amount of space it deserves.

Tuesday night I found myself carrying an M-16 around the Hotel not knowing quite what I was looking for and having no idea what I should do if I did find anything amiss. The whole episode would have been comic if I hadn't realized that one bullet from that gun, placed anywhere on a man's trunk, is considered an automatic "kill." I carried two clips. I was jumpy enough to nearly blow a rat to smithereens. I fully understand now just how American M.P.'s kill each other in the night as often as they do. If the military issued a weapon to each man as some people advocate, there would result such a slaughter by drunken, angry, frightened men, that the present figures would almost look en-viable.

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"Issues"

(Continued from Page Two)

The Department of Public Safety's direction of growth remains unclear, as does the legal and administrative function of Tom Strong.

The censorship of last year's student literary magazine, Kontuse, and its subsequent demise has become an accepted fact. The question of free speech, which became an issue on campus last year with the censoring of a student play and the destruction of Kontuse, is no longer visible as an object of public concern. The Rosemont Proposal, the Student Life Commission's solution to the free speech problem, has lain dormant since its unanimous passage by the Commission last spring.

In short, few if any of the questions relevant to the growth of a university, its students or the nation have been attacked as issues on Oakland's campus. The glutting of the classes and dormitories by too-rapid expansion, the student's relationship to the war, the 1968 Presidential election: these are all apparently "non-issues," irrelevant to the students, as evidenced by their common quietude.

Nobody, it seems, is taking the world or themselves seriously. Issues of war and peace, academic freedom and civil liberties, even Presidential elections, are relevant to the lives of American students. Generalizations are dangerous and generally unfair. Yet by the general unconcern, I can only assume that the people at Oakland do not really believe in that relevance or in their own importance.

If, as Goodman says, the object of America's educational system should be to teach an attitude of "passionately testing" one's environment, rather than quietly adjusting to it, then that ideal system is failing. Perhaps Oakland University is failing along with it.

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