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## Abstention is for You

BY: BECKY GORDON

The Abstention program is a university - sponsored organization, formed to provide entertainment for the student body. Most concerts are held on the weekends and run from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

The Abstention opened its doors on October 11 with a Folk Act, starring Bob Marshall, and will be featuring not only folk music, but jazz, rock, and soul as well.

The staff is working now to bring in some popular groups from this area, but still has no official schedule.

There is a small admission charge, but according to Fred Hess, president, this is only

to cover the cost of coffee and other refreshments.

Hess said that he would like to see more students attend the concerts and feels the Abstention has a lot to offer every student.

Watch for Abstention activities, then stop in and see them in action.

## Tudor Tour

Meadowbrook Hall will open its magnificent English Tudor doors to a series of special student tours next month.

Each Sunday afternoon during the month of November, students and their spouses will have the opportunity to tour the  
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## An Open Letter to the O.U. Resident Students

On October 15, an announcement was made to the general body of Area Hall Council that a massive charity drive would soon be under way here on campus. Spearheaded by AHC, this drive has set a goal of \$3,000 to be raised by the culmination date of December 2, 1974. These funds will then be distributed to needy families and organizations in and around the Oakland University community in order that others less fortunate than ourselves will be able to have something all too many of us take for granted; A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Designated as PROJECT: UNITY, we are going to be asking each of the many different groups and organizations on campus to assist, while asking

for donations from the Pontiac-Rochester business area. Faculty, staff, administration, and students will be called upon to fund this worthy project, with the hope of instilling a true sense of unity in calling on all sects of our academic community to join in this very unselfish goal.

Reach out, Smile, and Help us bring our community closer together with some time and effort. If you want to assist PROJECT: UNITY, contact any AHC member or myself and let us know: Help us help others.

Sincerely,

James A. Cummer  
Chairman  
PROJECT: UNITY

## German Club Plans Octoberfest

The German club is alive and kicking at Oakland University. In spite of its low membership to date, Professor Noeldechon, the faculty advisor; President Astrid Feistamm; Paula Bruhm, the publicity director; and Doug Sundmacher, secretary/treasurer are trying to keep the club in action.

According to Sundmacher, the purpose of the club is to "pro-  
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# What Our Readers Are Saying

Sirs:

To take issue with your October 17th editorial regarding the Area Hall Council debate on a certain typewriter; I find that your comments are somewhat misleading, and highly questionable.

Your opening comments regarding the absurdity of the debate are an example. The debate centered around one simple idea, whether or not the Executive Board can spend the money coming from the resident students without the permission of the resident representatives. A number of us maintain that they cannot legally do so.

The argument that the AHC hadn't yet convened is equally ludicrous. The purchase was authorized about two weeks before the AHC convened. I refuse to believe that those two weeks were so vital to justify the expenditure without council authorization.

## Trivia Abounds in AHC Meeting

Well, AHC has done it again. They have turned an important and worthwhile representative organization into an open forum for insecure members' grievances and petty complaints.

A large percentage of the meeting time is taken up with ridiculous movements and amendments on how to govern themselves, which seems to serve no other purpose than to turn people off from any sort of organized government, and direct their thoughts toward anarchy.

AHC, ideally, is to act on the behalf of the resident students. It is about time that they did just that, and quit fooling around.

Douglas Sundmacher  
(Editorials Editor)

Further, you maintain that the \$450 typewriter is to last ten years, thus the cost is actually only \$45 a year. However, the \$450 is still coming entirely out of our budget, and the question of how long the typewriter will last is totally arbitrary. I also question your statement that a \$150 typewriter would last only one year. With proper treatment, it should last longer.

Generally, I find the editorial to be full of debatable points and ignorant of the actual issues discussed. It would seem productive for future editorials to contain more substantiated material and much less rhetoric.

Gary A Foster  
6th floor representative to AHC

## Constant Noise A HEADACHE!

I have to admit my disappointment with this school year. I had visions of cracking down on those books, in what I thought would be a quiet, studious Vandenberg Hall. This is not the case. If I have the notion to study, I also have to have the notion to find a place to study. It seems unfair that I pay \$1375.00 to live in a room on campus in which I can't study, and on weekends surely can't sleep.

When nearly 2/3 of my time is spent somewhere other than my \$1375.00 room, I'm wondering if the added convenience of living on campus is worth the headache of constant noise. I'm not asking for a morgue-like atmosphere, but a little courtesy in planning those late night, all night noise feasts.

What has the housing administration come up with? Enforced quiet and courtesy hours from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. What courtesy is that when you have to beat

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## Editorials

The opinions expressed in this department are those of the Editorial department only, and not necessarily of AHC.

Letters to the Editor are most welcome and highly encouraged. All letters will be answered and possibly printed. Address all letters to: Douglas Sundmacher, Room 224B Hamlin Hall, Oakland University.

## Vandalism

### Must End

Lately, Hamlin Hall has been pretty much a mess. One can see the signs of outright vandalism everywhere; wallpaper torn off the walls, windows broken, mangled elevator buttons, and name plates torn off doors. The lists go on and on.

These things seem to be great entertainment for some, but most don't find them so humorous. Nobody wants to live in a torn apart pigsty, or pay to repair the damage. Unfortunately, any damages that occur on a floor are assessed against the floor members, regardless of the guilty party.

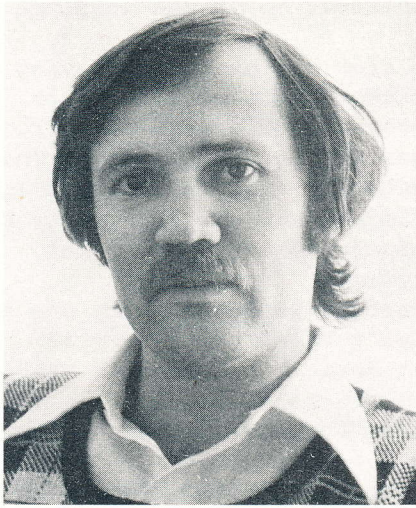
It is time we thought about who is hurt by these pranks. Even the small minority of people who like to tear the dorms apart should realize that everybody gets upset by their actions. Would they like somebody to tear up their floor so that they have to pay for it? After all, an awful lot of people live in Hamlin and don't want to put up with, or pay for its destruction.

If we would all see this, the vandalism might stop. Resident students should be able to control themselves, and hopefully manage their guests.

Bob Cummings



## Features



Pictured above is Jack Wilson in his new office

### **Wilson new dean**

Jack Wilson, director of residence halls from 1971, and associate Dean of Student life since last year, will replace Dudley Woodard as the new Dean of Student Life.

The job has the responsibility of the residence halls, Oakland Center, Computer Programs and Services Student Enterprises, and most all aspects that affect the quality of student life at Oakland University.

Wilson Said, "I feel that all aspects of the quality of the students life at the university are my responsibility. A lot of people think I am overstepping my bound, but I think if a class room is to cold or if the furniture is not functional or the professor is always late, this affects the quality of the student life, and I should see to it that it is corrected."

Wilson, who has received his B.S. and M.A. from Bowling Green State University, and his PhD from the University of Northern Colorado, has been at Oakland University since 1971.

## Fly by night or

## If I had Wings, I could fly ?

By: Ray Miller

Now he was on his knees, crying. "Please don't kill me" he pleaded. "I've got a wife and ten kids. The youngest hasn't even learned to fly yet. And then there's my sick mother. And they want to repossess my home. and..."

Yawning, bored with that old routine, I interrupted. "Wait a minute and I'll get my violin, ok?"

"You don't believe me, do you?" he asked, getting off his knees, turning off his tears faster than you could snap your fingers.

"No, I don't."

"Well then, how about..."

"Aha! So you don't have a family, do you?"

"Well," he said, thinking of some way to get his foot out of his mouth. "I did, but they were all killed in an accident. It seems they flew into a 25 lb. bag of manure, thinking they had found the Garden of Eden. Next thing they knew, they were in that great outhouse in the sky. Oh well, I'm glad the ol' bag's gone. The kids were a pain in the proboscis too."

"I'm sorry, but it looks as if your family reunion is going to take place sooner than you expected. Like in about two seconds."

"Wait a second. Let's make a deal" he bargained desperately.

"Now what kind of possible deal could you have that would interest me?"

"Well, suppose you and me got a nightclub act up together. How many talking fly acts do you know of? We'd be famous!"

I was about to kill him right there when I thought, "Hey, that's not a bad idea. I know we could get on Johnny Carson."

I continued to daydream, think-

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ing of all the money I could make, when I thought I heard something. I immediately looked down and sure enough, there he was, tiptoeing along the edge of my desk, trying to make it to the slightly opened window.

W H A M ! Boy did I scare the shit off of his legs! I brought the newspaper down about a millimeter behind him. He flew so fast, he went right into the window. He got up and stumbled around on the window sill, looking as if he was half drunk, I started to laugh.

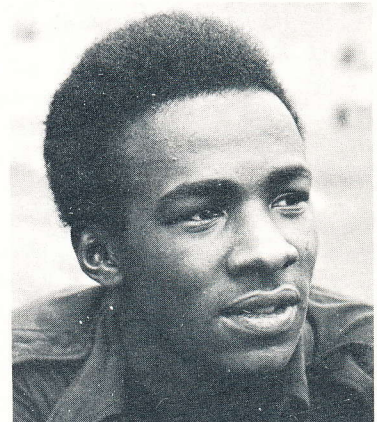
"Real funny, isn't it?" he said to me, rubbing his head.

I kept laughing, much harder now. "It sure is! Boy, you'd make a great comedian, Partner."

"Well I'm not going to bust my head, just so you can make a few bucks. I quit."

He then flew up to my nose, flipped me the bird, and then caught the next breeze out of the window.

I didn't know why, but oddly enough, I felt sorry. But I didn't know whether I felt sorry for him, . . . or me.



Robert Thorton, Pictured Above, is the new face on Area Hall Council. Thorton was recently elected to fill the vacancy as President of the Board



# SAGA

## BY THE SEA

BY: BECKY GORDON

One of the pet projects in the Vandenburg Dining Center is the "Monotony Breakers" program. Surprises, created by the Dining Center staff, are designed to add a little excitement to the cafeteria's atmosphere.

"Monotony Breakers" already held were the watermelon night, the 50's night, and the Halloween party. Besides these, there are many more in store for us.

The staff in Vandenburg would like all vegetarians to step up and be noticed. They are willing to have more vegetarian meals, but have not been convinced that there are enough vegetarians to justify having the meals.

Many students are not aware of the Sick-Tray policy. It is as follows: First, a note must be obtained from the RA of the sick person. Take the note, along with the ID of the person, and present it to Dave McNamara or one of the student managers. They will take care of the necessary arrangements.

## noise

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down your neighbor's door to ask him to turn down his stereo to a less than an ear-splitting level, and then to have to live with the icy stares of unhappy floor members?

Do R.A.'s pretend not to hear the noise, or are they that insensitive? I'm only asking for my fair share of study and sleep time; enforced quiet hours, and action from R.A.'s if these rules aren't enforced. Also, one thing R.A.'s can't enforce and shouldn't have to, is the simple courtesy of knowing you are on a floor with 40 other people and having consideration for them.

Maureen Casey

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more interest in German language study."

The club has many tentatively scheduled activities such as an Octoberfest, and a film for O.U. students and possibly neighboring high schools. They will be having a raffle and sponsoring a party to earn enough money to carry out their plans.

According to Sundmacher, one of the club's biggest problems is that it doesn't have enough members to keep the club alive. They are always on the lookout for new members and welcome anyone with a possible interest in the club at their meetings.

## Farmer Joel

He wakes up at two  
With a cock-a-doodle-doo  
From a rooster that he named Bill.  
Then says, "Gol darn",  
When he cleans up the barn  
That smells bad enough to kill.

He works in the light.  
He works in the night.  
If he sleeps two hours he's glad.  
He likes to grow beans.  
His cows are mean.  
And his pigs all call him dad.

He goes to his field  
And doesn't yield  
As he works on his chores  
at hand.  
His name's Farmer Joel  
And he pledges his soul  
To the cows and the pigs  
on his land.

Mark Mijuskovic

## October 31

Witches on brooms  
Ghosts rise from tombs  
Goblin parade  
Garbage-can raid  
"Please help the poor"  
"Gimme some more"  
It's the Great Pumpkin-  
-Charlie Brown-  
No, it's Bozo the Clown!  
All the windows to clean  
Ah - Halloween

Mary Winkeljohn

## tudor tour

mansion for only \$1. Tours will be conducted from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The mansion will remain open until 5:00 p.m.

In addition, a variety of complete dinners and individual selections from an ala carte menu will be available at an additional charge.

A valid Oakland University I.D. card is necessary in order to be admitted at this special rate.

Additional information may be obtained from the Office for Student Organizations and activities, 48 Oakland Center. Phone: 7-3580

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