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INVESTIGATION OF OBSERVER DEMANDDED AFTER INSULT TO U.S. MARINE CORPS !!!

Fitz Bits today has information indicating why a recruiting officer for the U.S. Marine Corps recently appeared on campus unannounced in the "Recruiters on Campus" column of the previous week's Observer. Sources indicate that this lack of publicity was not because of the neglect of the recruiter but rather because of a conscious news policy on the part of the Observer.

The recruiting officer, Captain Huey, sent a letter to the Observer in considerable advance of his visit giving the various details of time, location, and duration. The letter requested that these facts be carried in "Recruiters on Campus" column. Instead of an acknowledgement the captain received a rather lengthy denunciation of U.S. actions in Vietnam and a refusal to carry the item in the paper as this act would be aiding a war that the Observer bitterly opposed. In reply to this interesting commentary Captain Huey addressed a note to the Observer pointing out some of the responsibilities of a newspaper other than those of an editorial page.

Since the Observer has in the recent past given detailed and sympathetic news coverage to a variety of anti-Vietnam War activities both on the Oakland campus and about the country the implications of the refusal to carry an item for the military in a public information section are that the Observer is extending its sympathies against the present war into the concrete, albeit negative, field of news management. Because of the semi-official status of the Observer and because of the fact that the Observer is partially funded by student publication funds this apparent policy of selective coverage has produced a call for a thorough investigation of news policies by Fitz Bits. (page 2.)

EDITORIAL:

Investigate the Observer

The Observer has recently refused to extend a normal courtesy of a normal college newspaper to a part of the national government. Moreover, the letter to the Marine Officer Selection Office left little room to doubt that the refusal to carry the public information item was being done for any but the most partisan of political reasons.

To us the implications of this act are clear. The Observer by virtue of both the position it holds at Oakland and the slice of the publication funds, which our parents or ourselves pay each semester, which it receives is our newspaper. The Observer to a very real extent represents how many other groups and individuals see Oakland as reflected in its editorials and news stories and communications. When the Observer takes it upon itself both to limit the degree of public information it will print and to insult a government agency it is both limiting our right to be informed and using the prestige of our school to add weight to its private vendettas.

The editorial page of a newspaper should represent that paper's views without interference by censor or fear of reprisal. This concept is central to a free society. A newspaper, especially one underwritten with other funds also has the duty and obligation to print information of a public nature. Since only the Observer has the resources on this campus to disseminate public news it is more than a duty, but a trust for the campus paper to do so. Whether the Observer likes U.S. policy or the Marines or not should be a matter for discussion on the editorial page. Those who are interested in the USMC should not be penalized for the editors' ideals.

For the reasons stated above we call for a through investigation of Observer news policies by a qualified faculty-administration-student panel. We feel that this university should not be misrepresented or malinformed by its own press any longer. We feel the Observer has taken a considerable number of items for granted in its policies that we feel to be unclarified. We want to know how our own press is actually conducting itself and we feel a lot of other OU students feel the same way.

EAGEN GIVES BALLET CLASS

Credit for last week's superb performance of the Sleeping ~~Beauty~~ Beauty ballet must go largely to Charlie Eagen for his charming portrayal of Prince Charming. Charlie showed real class and stage know how when he was forced to cut part of the show when a problem resulted from inadequate foresight in the costuming of sleeping beauty.

Dressed in his green long johns and joined by several graceful young beauties Eagen dazzled the audience with his jumps and turns. An extra rave must also go to G. Puffer for his imaginative if not conventional portrayal of Sleeping Beauty. The awakening scene was one of the most powerful and moving pieces that this reviewer has ever seen. The only fault that can be found with this production is the costuming error of Sleeping Beauty. I full agree with the review of the Midwumpse Weekly Sun Times when they said of this production:

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HIGHLIGHTS AND SIDELIGHTS FROM YOUR

DORMITORY COUNCIL NEWS AND VIEWS FROM OUR DULY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

The meeting this past Monday got off to its usual auspicious start, 10 minutes late. The first item of business was to look at President Cogan's cup with a big red bull on the side. A symbol which kept recurring all evening.

The main order of business was the questioning of Bill Peters of SACC on future plans for that organization. The conduct of the meeting and the high quality of the idea exchange gave a good deal of weight and power to SACC's position of not favoring open elections like those in which D.C. members are elected.

The selection of a delegate to the Parking Appeals board was accomplished rather rapidly. The council brought the candidates in for questioning and then proceeded to slam up and ask the first candidate almost nothing.

The major highlight of the evening was the selection of who should go to Toledo this weekend in the collegiate exchange program. Rather than vote on who would go from the list submitted the council in its ultimate wisdom decided to vote on who shouldn't go. Having been to Toledo I think the winner of the backwards election got the best of the deal.

One other major accomplishment was the correcting of the minutes by changing the misspelled names within.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Wanted someone who can run a 16mm movie projector to operate such a projector during one of the showings at the Fitz Lounge Cinema February 23. If you would be willing to run the projector please contact Jim Batchelor 107 (ext 2407) or your house council representative

NOTICE:

Due to unforeseen circumstances the informal discussion with Dr. Sturner scheduled for thur Feb 16 has been canceled. Dr. Sturner will be scheduled at a later date.

OBITUARY?

FRATERNITY FLOP OR WEINGARDEN'S EDESEL

"Fraternalities are a vital part of the American Way of Life". So droned the narrator of a film attempting to portray the "great American fraternity". All the cliches were there as the narrator droned on. The film pictured the sparkling new beautiful frat house, the clean cut all american boy types helping each other with their studies, the interest in and programs for the parents of the clean cut all America boy types and the idea that frats (like the boy scouts) build character and responsible citizens. The movie was followed by a speech extolling the virtues of fraternities which with all due respect to the speaker was considerably better than the movie.

All this was part of a program designed to promote an interest in fraternities at Oakland by our own Ken Weingarden. Of the 50 or so invited by Weingarden and the 100 or so invitations distributed by that great patriot Ken Siefert only six showed up to view the festivities. Advertised as a rather tame stag the meeting was an utter failure as only 6 persons showed up, three of them being reporters. Only two of the 6 supported the idea of frats they being Weingarden who called the meeting and Hal Williams.

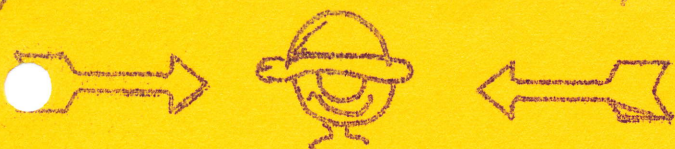
Mr. Weingarden outlined his position in two parts. 1) school needs social groups and 2) establish model now. The remainder of the meeting being conducted by a group of fraternity men from Wayne State. They represented Alpha Epsilon Pi. In spite of the overwhelming lack of support for Mr. Weingardens cause he will try again tomorrow nite, which will be last nite by the time you read this. Due to superior programing on the television Fitz Bitz will not cover this meeting.

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CONGRADULATIONS to the VB TID BITS for their successful action in replacing the VW as this campuses most laughable excuse for a dorm newspaper.

Confidential to VW who are you trying to kid with that "poetry"?

FITZ BITZ DEFINITIONS:

CHIVALRY: A mans inclination to defend a woman from every man but himself

PUPPY LOVE: The beginning of a dog's life

UNCANNY: Ahouse without a toilet

CONSTIPATION: To have and to hold

MINUTE MAN: A guy that double parks in front of a brothel

ADOLESCENCE: An intermediate stage between purity and adultery

BOUDOIR: No mans land

WHAT A WAY TO GO DEPT: John J Link of Smyrna Delaware was killed on Feb. 11, 1967 when the beer keg which he was attempting to tap exploded. Another fellow was seriously injured.

STUPID ADMINISTRATOR AWARD : to the University of Florida Dean of Students for trying to expel Pamela Brewer 38-25-38 because Miss Brewer posed nude for a magazine. She has been charged with misconduct even though she broke no university rules. Fitz Bitz has contacted our correspondent at the University of Florida in order to acquire more information and a copy of the magazine in question.

The Freshman's father paid his son a surprise visit. Arriving at 1 a.m. he banged on the FRATERNITY-HOUSE door. A voice from the second floor yelled "Whatya want". The father answered "Does Joe Jones live here?" The voice answered "yea bring him in".

JOANS: I'd love to go to a fraternity dance.

JEAN: That's the way to get there

HANDBOOK FOR ADMININIES PART 2.

A few practical procedures to keep in mind when beset by problems, dilemmas, and the stresses and strains arising out of the cussedness of human nature are in order. Don't worry too much about faculty dissensions. College professors engage in fussing and feuding much as other people engage in tennis or girl watching. There is no recorded case in all educational history of a college faculty agreeing on anything. It will split ranks and contend violently over a major curriculum change or the hour established for faculty meeting with equal abandon. All experienced college administrators tell the faculty it is the decision making body of the institution and then go ahead and do what needs to be done while the argument rages on. Usually the faculty will not even notice that a decision has been made. Finally keep as clear as possible from all matters of internal administration. Let the dean handle this end of the enterprise. Then if things really get rough and something simply has to be done you can always fire the dean. Deans do not have friends and, like professional baseball managers know when they are hired that when the good of the team requires a sacrifice they will be it.

"Madam, may I see your daughter?"

"No get out and stay out"

"But Madam, see this badge? I'm a ~~great~~ detective."

"Oh I'm sorry. Come in. I thought it was a fraternity pin."

Dear Pop

Everything is fine at school. I'm getting plenty of sleep but working hard. Incidentally I am enclosing my fraternity bill.

Your son Buzz

Dear Buzz,

Don't buy any more fraternities.

Your Pop

I think John and Sue were the cutest couple on the floor last nite.

"Oh how was the dance"

"It wasn't a dance I went to the Vandenberg lounge."