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COME LIVE WITH US

By Karl Schmidt

The whole thing began one dark and stormy night when I was trying to fill out my Residence Halls contract for next fall. Things were going as well as could be expected when it happened. I was reading the sheet of info provided and noting that costs had gone up, as expected. In fact they were in the neighborhood of \$1342 (which is a nice neighborhood, if you happen to live there) plus an \$8 AREA HALL COUNCIL FEE!

My immediate gut reaction was "now what the hell!?" This reaction didn't wear off after subsequent think-

ing about it. There were many questions in my mind that needed answering, like, "what in the name of Jack Wilson are they going to do with \$8000?", and, "why should we subsidize the commuters?" and "why in the hell didn't they ask us whether or not we wanted to give them the money?" Not long after this I got the chance to ask these questions of Sandie Johnson, AHC Pres. Her answers were: the money is desperately needed for more free beer bashes because the students are too apathetic and cheap to shell out their hard-earned laundry

AND BRING YOUR 8 BUCKS

tickets for anything; AHC is only one of the many organizations that sponsor the bashes; they did ask--there was a referendum last year asking for the eight bucks and 3/4 of the students were for it.

My highly articulate reaction to this was "huh?" and I had to check to see if my ID was punched for 1972-73

Sure enough, it was. But I couldn't remember this referendum. I later talked to over 20 people, including Congress members, Residence Hall Staff, newspaper people, heads of organizations, and student lefers. Now these are people who, one might assume, do not have their heads buried in the sand. Yet only three people knew about

it, and they had found out the same way I had. I even found some AHC reps. who didn't know what the score was. Now that's what I call student input. I have since learned that there was indeed a referendum at the end of last year and that 2/3 of those voting were for the AHC Constitution--which amounted to about 150 students out of the over 1000 in to 3

Woodard, Brown in Pick-Up

Wouldn't you like to rub elbows with Glen Brown? Wouldn't you just love to pick up trash with Doug Woodard? How about spending an afternoon picking up litter with Howdy O'Dowdy himself, the man you've read so much about in Jokeland. Well, friends, this is more than just a dream. On Wednesday, April 24, from 1-5 p.m., you'll have your chance to get down to the nitty-gritty of this campus with the aforementioned people, and others. ABC Radio, Budweiser, and the University are sponsoring a cleanup day. Participants will meet at the Ride Pool lot at 1 p.m., and walk the entire perimeter of the campus, picking up litter, and beautifying our campus. (After what Glen Brown's done to it, every little bit helps.)

Fred Duranceau and his galloping groundskeepers will be helping out too. If you're really lucky, you may get a chance to ride in one of his

trucks. So if cleaning up with Glen Brown isn't enough of a thrill, that should be. Of course, you'll have to understand if the administrators aren't super enthusiastic with what they're doing. From what we've heard, they really clean up around here, although that may have nothing to do with the grounds.

The project is part of a program to beautify America, sponsored in part by the National Brewer's Association. They're the folks that put up all of those "Fight Litter" signs you see, hand out litter bags, etc. That of course explains why Budweiser will be involved. That should also give you a hint as to what type of refreshments may be provided for the workers when they're through. So, if working on a "one-to-one" basis with administrators doesn't excite you, or riding around in one of Fred Duranceau's trucks leaves you cold, there's still that final incentive.

Dear Mr. Hadley:

As director of the Hispanic Dance Troupe, I feel compelled to comment on your review of Saturday evening's performance of the Troupe published in the April 10, 1974, issue of "Focus Oakland".

I am sorry that we "did not live up to the high expectations" you had of a show with a "Latino flavor to it". But perhaps the fault does not lie totally with us but also with you. If you had bothered to find out what the Troupe's program was all about, you would have known that it was strictly traditional folk dances and songs showing the culture of several Latin American countries and Spain. It did not include any modern Latin dances or songs with the customary and well-known "Latino flavor" you were expecting.

You criticize the group for lacking professionalism and enthusiasm. From this I gather that you were not aware that the group is strictly amateur. Its participants are not used to performing in front of an audience. It takes experience to be able to overcome the nervousness

that often hides the enthusiasm and interest that are visible at rehearsals.

Your suggestion for grouping all the dances of one country together rather than jumping around is a very good one, and I must admit that I thought of it too. But it would not solve the costume changing problem because even the dances from the same country do not have the same costumes. Each region has its own typical costume. This though was not the main reason for not grouping the dances together, but rather the smallness of the group itself. It is extremely difficult at this University to get students to participate in and commit themselves to outside activities. There was no way to avoid that several dancers perform in two or more dances in a row. Therefore, our sequence was governed by the tempo of the dances. Slow, relaxing ones were interpolated between fast, exhausting ones.

Next year the Hispanic Dance Troupe will be better than this year and we hope that our critics keep our history in mind and allow us time to grow in confidence and

experience.

Sincerely,
Anna Massacesi

Dear Editor:

As a member of the Slavic Folk Ensemble, I thoroughly enjoyed the performance of the Hispanic Dance Troupe on April 7, and I feel that your review was unfair in comparing the two groups. The Slavic Folk Ensemble has had twelve years of experience, as opposed to the two years of experience of the Hispanic Dance Troupe. The progress towards "professionalism" over these two years has been remarkable. Your review states that the Troupe needs "the experience which comes from touring." This may be true, but to gain this experience, the Troupe needs the support of the University community, rather than undue criticism.

Jim McDiarmid

Regarding all of these letters to the Editor: I apologize for my unnecessary harshness. I didn't mean to offend anyone. I merely wished to offer constructive criticism, using the SFE for comparison.

Lawrence D. Hadley
Editor-in-Chief

have a good summer

Dear Turtle:
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your thumb.
Ego

Howdy O'Dowdy, See ya next year
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Dear Ego:
Hack a Wienie.
Turtle

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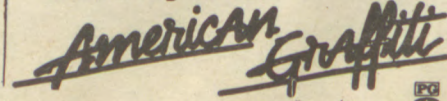
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Netters Pick Up Eggs !

The Oakland netters would like to forget about their pre-Easter road trip.

In the space of three days, the Pioneers faced four teams and lost 34 of 36 matches.

On Thursday in Kalamazoo, the netmen lost all nine of their matches to a strong Kalamazoo College squad.

On Friday, the Pioneers were shutout again. This time, Northern Illinois did the damage in Mt. Pleasant.

On Saturday morning, it was Central Michigan's turn to whitewash Oakland on Central's courts.

A little relief came on Saturday afternoon. Oakland's number one singles player Dan Blake defeated Kent State's best, Tom Stuler, 6-3, 6-1. But Kent State went on to down the Pioneers, 7-2.

Oakland's other victory was earned by the doubles combo of Howard Wright and Rick Farr who edged their oppon-

ents 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

The four team losses brought the netters' season mark to 4-5.

Friday, Oakland will play Hillsdale on Hillsdale's courts.

Saturday is your chance to see the net-

ters in action. Oakland will host Ferris State at 9 a.m. and Western Michigan at 1 p.m. Admission is free.

The team's last home match is Wednesday, May 1 at 3:00 against Wayne State.

Golfers Stale in Adrian

The Oakland golf team finished on the tail end of a four team match Monday at Adrian Country Club.

Although no scores were available at this writing, the rebuilding Pioneers finished behind

Siena Heights, Detroit Business College and Lawrence Institute respectively.

The golfers will take a week off for exams and practice before getting back in the swing at home against Siena and Aquinas.

IM TENNIS/SOFTBALL

IM sports, open to students, faculty and staff, will continue through the spring.

The softball season will feature both men's and coed slo-pitch leagues. Entries are due Thursday May 9 at 4:00 at the captain's meeting in the Sports and Rec Building.

The tennis program will feature men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles. Entries are due by Wednesday, May 8 by 5:00. A meeting for entrants will be held the following day at 3:00 in the Sports and Rec Building.

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A GOOD SUMMER
AND THANKS YOU
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SPORTS LINE

By RICK MILLS

Ahhhhh.....! Spring Fever. It gets me every year about this time.

We get a shot or two of 70 degree sunshine and its all I can do to pull a few more all-nighters doing a last second job on a term paper or studying for an exam.

Spring and the end of the term also brings to an end another year of Focus: Oaklands.

Before I head for the golf course for the summer, I'd like to thank some of the people that have helped make the sports page of this year's Focus the best ever.

First and foremost, I applaud my partners in crime, Al Nahajewski and John Schroder. Without their dedication to the researching and writing of stories, and their herculean efforts on Monday production nights, the Sports page wouldn't have happened.

A tip of the hat to our beloved publishers, Larry Hadley and Bob Pociask for their cooperation under extreme conditions. Not only did they give us the space we needed, but they put up with our particular needs as well as everyone else's, a task I would not envy.

A special thanks to Al Landvoy, Sports Info Director and our contact for all Sports and Rec. activities. Al went out of his way to get us weekend results in time to meet our Monday night deadline.

A thanks also to all the coaches. The helpful, healthy attitude they have exhibited towards our staff is indicative of the kind of people and coaches they are, first class.

A thank you to our friend and close advisor Bill Connellan who taught us a few things about layout and passed along news tips and helpful hints.

To Vicki Dearing and Betty Greer a thanks for typing those last-minute stories.

There, have I forgotten anyone? If I have forgive me . . . but you know me and spring.

OU Trips Olivet

OU rallied for three runs in the sixth inning and one in the seventh after two were out to win 5-4, and earn a split with Olivet.

OU lost the opener, 2-1, on Olivet pitcher Larry Sines three hits and ten strikeouts.

In the second game Roger Holland and John

Vavruska each rapped their third hit of the game in the last inning and Mark Hosch reached first on an infield single, his second, to win the night cap.

Jerry McKay was the winner going the distance for Oakland, now 4-1.

AHC

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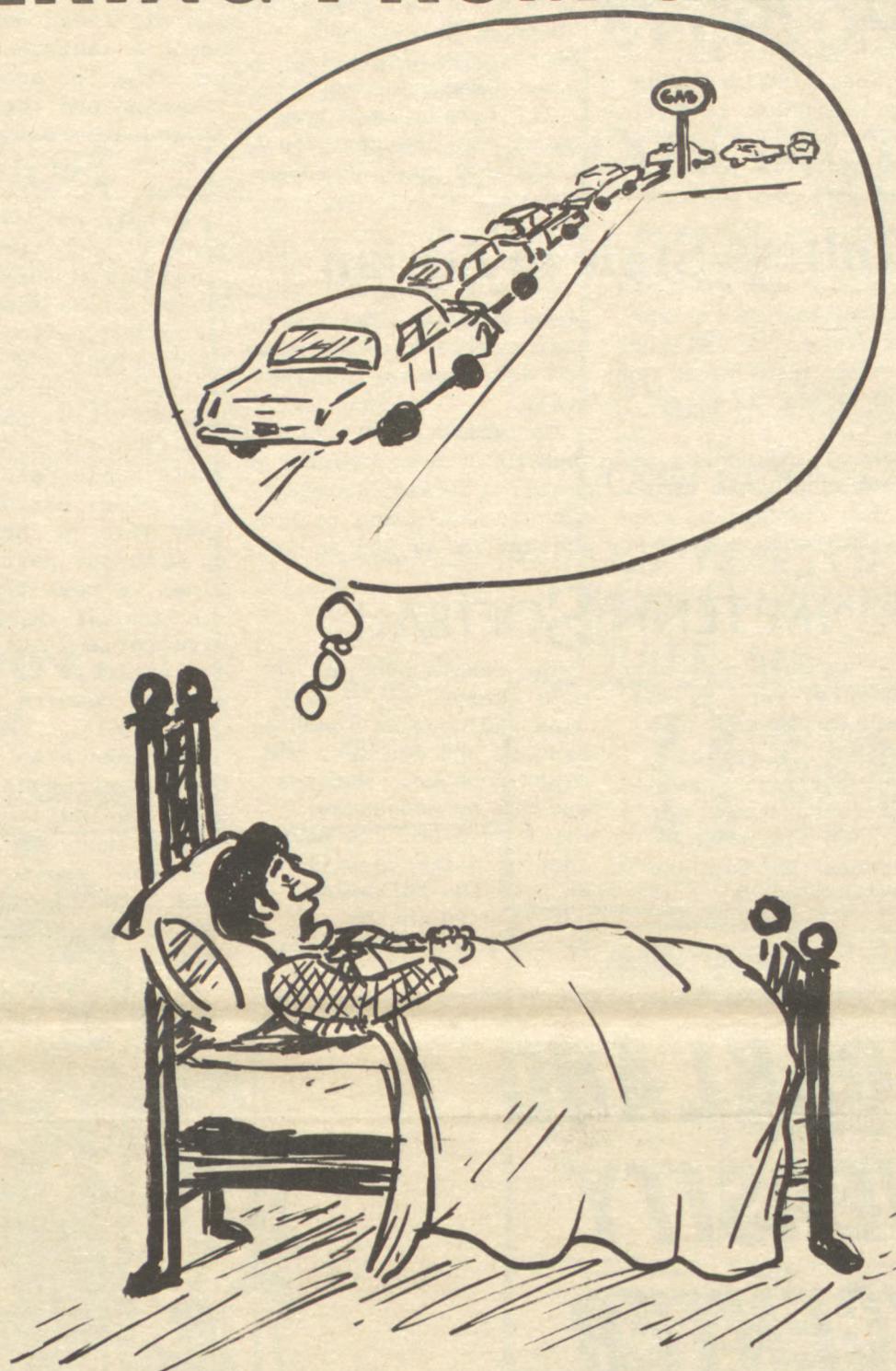
Residence Halls. The Part about the eight bucks must have been in there...somewhere. But nobody remembers where.

We talk a lot about our administrators trying to put things over on the students, but this is one of the few instances I can remember of students trying to put something over on the students. To quote an oft-used cliché, it's not the money, its the principal of the thing.

By the way, in connection with that

last thing mentioned above, I think the Residence Halls owes Mr. Ken Coffman a rising vote of thanks for going around personally and having our dorms cleaned up extra special nice last week. On second thought, maybe we should thank the members of the Board of Trustees who came to inspect them that day. And it was a nice gesture to eat with us just plain Joe students too, but I think you chose one lousy day to do it. Did your stomachs agree

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