Oakland Alumnus Rewrites History

To The Editor:

I am writing in regard to the September 15 article entitled "A Dip Into History: Beer Lake." Although I am very flattered to be recognized as the originator of the name "Beer Lake," slang for "Big Beer Lake," I am afraid that the honor is not mine. It belongs to Mike Sylvester.

I remember vividly a particular inebriated evening along the banks of the mud hole "Big Beer Lake." The name arose as a culmination of many past Ripley episodes and capers.

The one in particular this evening, if I'm not mistaken, was the Ripleys had just heard that Trout's Party Store sold more Ballantines Ale than the rest of the State of Michigan combined. "Big Beer Lake" is therefore a reminder of when Oakland first became a "party school."

One memorable event which you have not listed is a record of the first swimming excursion in the lake. Such an oversight has to be corrected. It was again in the fateful summer of 66, exceeded in greatness only by the vintage summer of 64, that "buddy" Allen, Don Fielder, Kathy Kress and I took out Howard Coffin's boat upon the muddy waters and went overboard. We were all sick the next day. The successful navigation of the first vessel upon the lake was done by Ken Seiffert (Hornier Physicist.) There is a picture by H. Coffin to substantiate this claim.

One does not need to worry about the name being changed unless the administration gets their hands into things. The name then is more likely to end up as "George Romney's Wishing Pond." If such an event should occur I will mail my alumni card back to the University C.O.D.

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Tomboulian Errs in Letter; Commuter Council Replies

To the Editor:

With regards to Mr. Paul Tomboulian's letter of Sept. 29, I wish to point out just one of the comments that seemed rather questionalbe to me.

"We requested, but did not receive, a plan for car-pool parking registration; however, Mr. Strong has since devised a carpool arrangement."

I personally presented a plan for carpool registration to the ad hoc Committee on Parking. This same plan is being followed today and I can only assume that this is the arrangement of which Mr. Tomboulian writes where he states, "however, Mr. Strong has since devised a carpool arrangement."

The committee had "officially requested" a plan for carpool registration (after I had already stated the one that is being used) only after the representatives for Commuter Council on the Committee had resigned. Therefore two dorm students and the staff members.

Another thought is that this carpool arrangement that was "devised" by Mr. Strong was not even placed in Parking Regulations 1967-68. It would seem that someone was not trying to let on that students in a carpool could receive a sticker for their whole carpool for just one $16.00 fee.

Bob Simmer
President
Commuter Council

O.U. Tree House: Campus Landmark

by Julie Thain

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