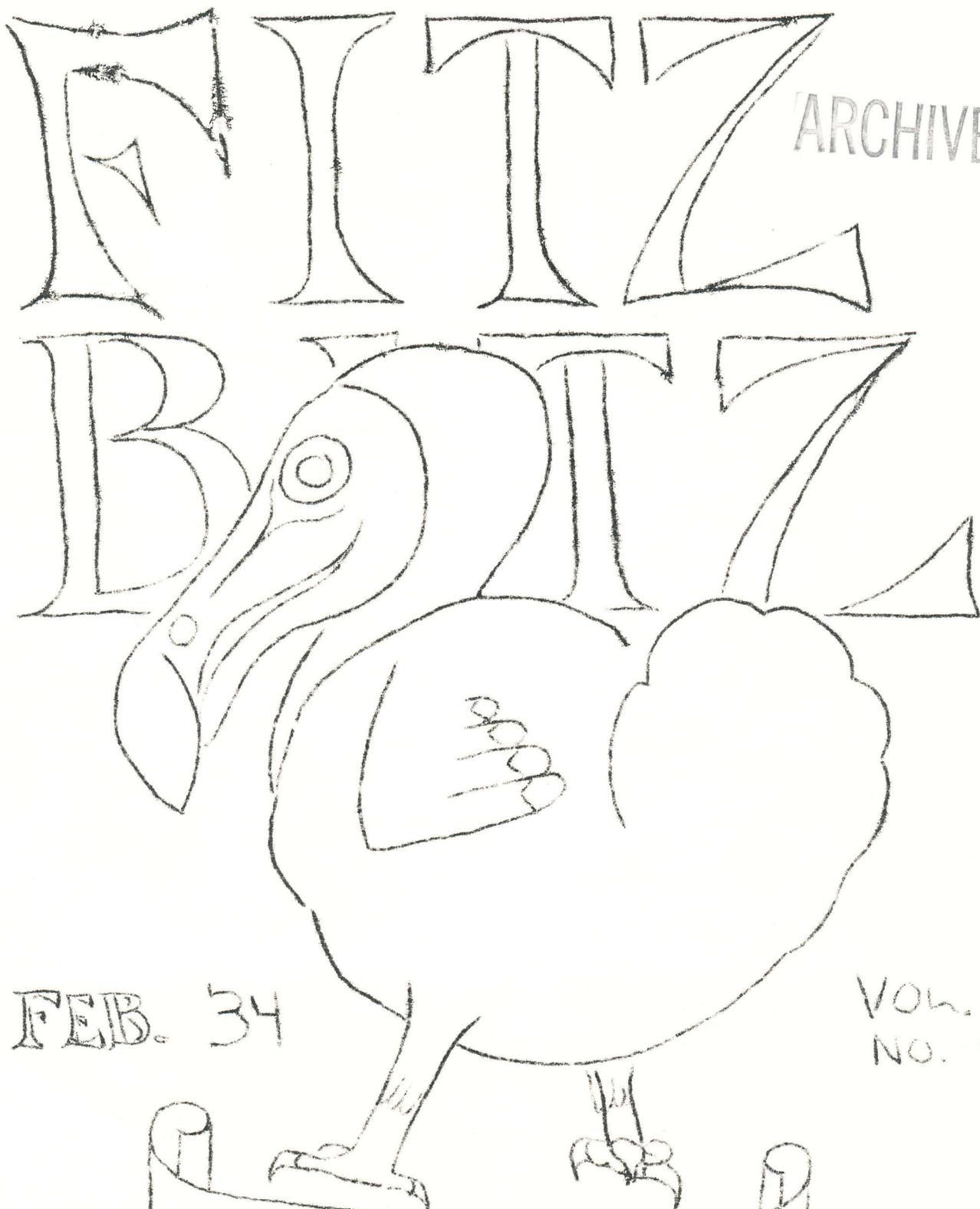


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The Saga of Lot O, or,
The Story of the Glorious
Struggle of the Downtrodden
Masses to Overcome Repression
and Exploitation and Find
Peace and Glory for the Mother-
Land

The story of Lot O began last fall when returning residents found to their dismay that the parking lot that had been traditionally theirs had been redesignated a commuter lot. That lot was Lot O, situated directly behind the SR Building. The word eventually got around that the lot had been redesignated because the men working on the OC expansion needed a place to park. Noting that construction on the OC was at the time non-existent, a certain amount of resistance to the redesignation began to grow.

Many residents parking in Lot O started to refuse to pay their tickets. And when they gave in, the Traffic Appeals Board was suddenly deluged with appeals. Perhaps because of this, the Board sent a memo to the Parking Commission urging that Lot O be returned to its original status. While all this was going on, a petition was circulated asking the same thing and garnering 210 signatures (or over 2/3 of the residents of the small dorms.)

November came and went; the Traffic Appeals Board was turning down all the appeals; the petition was rotting away, and still the new Parking Commission had not met.

The Parking Commission for the 1968-69 school year finally met on Dec. 5, nearly halfway through the entire school year. This was the first time that Lot O was mentioned by the Commission this year. It was suggested at that meeting that Lot O be brought up at the next meeting.

On Dec. 12, Lot O was again brought before the Commission. We quote their minutes:

The Commission discussed the numerous requests from student residents of Fitzgerald, Anibal, and Pryale Houses for a reversal of the Commission's actions recorded in the minutes of its April 11, 1968 meeting where Lot O was changed to Commuter parking only. In view of the potential implications with respect to parking facilities for resident students in the near future, the Commission decided to refuse the request for reversal at this time. Linda Chandler agreed to discuss the Commission's actions with the appropriate members of her constituency.

It is a miracle that Linda ever managed to get through the red tape to anyone in her constituency. But she did manage to a little bit-- somehow the residents found out about the decision, and the petition was presented.

The next Commission meeting was on Jan. 16, 1969, well into the second semester. The minutes for

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LOT O--

SHOULD IT BE OURS?

Helen Vlastos

The submission of the IM park - ing lot to commuters (formerly the resident lot) is a matter that cannot be ignored very easily. There are many factors that must be considered, and evidently have not been discussed by the committee on public safety, that warrant attention.

First of all, the safety of the women who live in Anibal and Pryale is of prime importance. Now that we must park our cars behind Vandenberg, a guard should be provided to escort the women who are alone back to their dorms late at night. On a few particular occasions

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Saga of Lot 0 continued

that meeting state that the petition was received, but, "The petition as received did not present the reasons why the Commission should consider it." (And here we thought all along they were fairly obvious.) The Commission then decided that a letter stating such reasons should be presented at the next meeting along with the petition.

Miss Chandler was again duly dispatched to her constituents and Tom Strong agreed to determine the number of residents of the small dorms who had registered cars on campus.

One might gather from this that the Commission was stalling, hoping that Lot 0 would be forgotten or that the students would give up, but surely no campus governing body would so completely ignore the desires of the students for which it exists! Perish the thought!

At any rate, Lot 0 refused to die. On Jan. 23, the petition was finally considered by the Commission. "The request was turned down because the reasons were felt to be insufficient to warrant such a precedent (sic)."

The danger of such a precedent is not exactly obvious, unless they are afraid they will get a reputation for observing the needs of the students that they would have to follow in succeeding cases.

It should also be observed that nearly half of the Commission is made up of students (4 out of 9 members). Only one of these students, Linda Chandler of Pryale House and representing InterHall Council, was in favor of changing Lot 0 back or allotting a certain number of spaces to residents on a first-come, first-served basis.

None of the other student members were willing to go along with a change of some sort (probably because they do not live in one of the small dorms.) The lot could hardly be said to have found overwhelming commuter use-it's too far from classroom buildings. And any resident of Vandenberg or Hamlin would have to be out of his mind to want to park there. There is no reason for them to desire the

change, but on the other hand, there is really no reason why they should not say yes. It affects them neither way personally. They finally did agree to let intern teaching students park there daily.

Yet, there should be a change. One of the Political Science professors suggested to a class of his that if the students ran the university that the individual student would have less voice than he does now in the way things are run. Lot 0 would seem to bear this out.

Parking Commission meetings are on Thursdays at 2:30, and are open to all. If you still want your parking lot or some sort of change in the matter, why not go and make your views known? It can do no harm, and it might help. At least the issue might be clarified.

GRAND OPENING

Master Baker

Fitz Bitz would like to announce the Grand Opening of the "Ken Smith, Jim Selecky Memorial Fieldhouse." We would like to, but we really can't, because it isn't official yet. Although construction was completed some time ago, and the court has seen some sporadic action since then, there has not been an opening ceremony yet.

Rumor has it that Ken Smith (unofficial director) has complained about the use of street shoes on the court. He seems to feel that if Hollie Lepley can complain about the In Building, then certainly the director of this much newer campus sports building has his rights too.

At any rate we must postpone celebrating this momentous occasion until further notice. But students wishing to use the Field House or its equipment may sign up on the waiting list in the main office, 117 Fitzgerald House.

Overheard:

There's a full moon out tonight and I'm just the guy to show it to ya!

Miss Marchio



FITZ BITZ PLAYMATE
OF THE MONTH

HUGH HEIFER'S PERSONAL
FAVORITE, THE WELL-
ENDOWED, MISS BOVINE
FROM FLUSHING, MICHIGAN

RETURN
OF
SON
OF
WVW

Steve Liskow

WVW was on the air for five action-packed (?) weeks last fall before theft forced operations to a screeching halt, the sound also being blamed on feedback. Mere eons later, Allocations gave WVW the old Radio Oakland account and agreed to help the station financially. While all the political-financial fol-de-rol was going on the estimated 3-week interruption of broadcasting became two months. Equipment ordered by the station arrived slowly or was defective and had to be returned, causing a further delay.

In the midst of the waiting, the station tried again to get a space in Vandenberg, a move that was denied last fall. The second floor storage room by the west serving line was made available and has replaced Van Wagoner's 5th floor cubbyhole as "Studio 1". The new studio is in neutral territory so that any interested girls can participate now. "Studio 1" is roughly the size of a dorm room (about 4 times the size of the old studio) and has a carpet, making it more like the plush pad Rock Bottom glibby talked about last fall. The shiny new equipment includes a tape recorder, two turntables, two microphones, and a remodeled control board. The telephone and Odysseus Octopus, the gift donated by a fan in New England, have also moved to the new quarters. Some wiring was needed, but the telephone company could do that over the Christmas break, so the second Sunday in January was designated the start of the new season. It seemed too good to be true. It was. The telephone reliables materialized the third week in February, did their work with a minimum of fanfare (possibly also of efficiency, but this is still

to be determined), and vaporized again.

The wiring is done and unless further complications arise, the station hopes to start broadcasting immediately after the midterm recess. It will be very different from last fall. The entire atmosphere will change as the ventilated studio will detract from the sweatiness of the DJ's. Many veterans have vanished: Uncle Joe has retired; Rock Bottom and Crazy Fred have left the scene; Rodney Rice-Gregory, the Reverend Harry Black, and Roger Ramjet are questionable returnees; The Equally Charming Reginald is gone. In spite of the turnover, the programming will still be varied enough to include something for everyone. Folk, jazz, pop, blues, classical and what-have-you are all scheduled during the course of a week.

Residents in Van Wagoner and Vandenberg should have no trouble getting WVW at 1200 on the A.M. dial from 7 pm to 1 am nightly, and Hamlin is expected to have little trouble. The tridorms are still questionable. The present output is 27 watts- 9 each from 3 transmitters- or three times what it was in the fall, but reception in Fitz, Anibal, and Pryale will still be a matter of luck. Some rooms have a history of good reception while others get nothing. The best method is generally to put the radio near the phone, but this does not always hold true.

When the addition to the O.C. is complete, it will contain permanent quarters for WVW, and the output is expected to substantially higher because of more and larger transmitters. Hopefully, all dorms will be able to pick up Oakland's best station at this time. There has been a lot of talk of getting advertising on the station and using the money to buy records and to possibly pay the staff. This has not progressed past the dreaming stage as yet, but WVW was completely a dream less than two years ago. It has been a

very flexible dream as it has had to be to survive. So far it has survived enough to become firmly entrenched in the shadowy folklore of a campus that has few traditions.



GIRL'S BASKETBALL STILL GOING STRONG

Karol Kesterke

Even though the Varsity and the JV basketball teams have finished their seasons, the girl's team is still going strong. Just exactly in which direction I'm not sure, but going strong!!

But seriously, we've had a busier season than last year. Since the end of January, we've had a weekly game in Detroit at the Patton Recreation Center. We have played in Class B league along with four other teams. One of the four teams is Mercy College, the team that we beat at our last game last year. Our won-lost record has a larger number on the latter side, but the girls have shown much improvement since the beginning of the season. Our last league game will be next Wed., March 12, against Mercy.

In addition to our league games we also had a home game against the Univ. of Detroit. We will play a return game in their gym next Tues. March 11.

Saturday is the Annual Girl's Basketball Day, to be held at Eastern Michigan Univ. We will play two games there.

Before the semester ends, we would like to challenge any floor or girl's group that would like to play against us. We're hoping this will give us the opportunity to have a few home games for others to see.

The girls have put in a great deal of time this semester and, although our record isn't the best, I feel that we have learned a great deal and learned a lot at the same time. We have had no official coach and have been on our own.

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Lot O Continued

sions, the flood lights in the far lanes of the Vandenberg lot have not been turned on until the women walked back to the dorms and notified public safety. Also, there are many areas between the tri-dorms and Vandenberg where either the lights are out, or there are no light fixtures at all. Now, for owls this is great, but for the Oakland coed, a search light, tear gas, and billy club should be provided until more appropriate conditions can be made available.

It is significant to note that the majority of commuters are not aware of the fact that the IM lot is a commuter lot, but when they do find out that the former resident lot has been given to them, they argue that since they (the commuters) compose 60% of the student body at Oakland, they should be allowed to park "anywhere we want."

Another argument the commuters have is that because, each year, there are more and more students entering Oakland, more car space must be made available to them. They fail to see, however, that with Oakland's rising population, there are also a larger number of resident students. As it stands now, there is barely enough room behind Vandenberg to accommodate all the resident vehicles.

When the lot behind the IM building was converted to a commuter lot, we believed that it was done under the stipulation that we would be able to use it again after a new commuter lot was built behind the library. Well, the lot behind the library is finished and is now in use, but we haven't gotten our old lot back yet.

Why pay almost \$500.00 a semester to live on campus plus an additional parking fee and then be forced to park behind Vandenberg when a lot is available directly across the street?

Now is not the time to become inspired by Job, but to take up arms against our sea of trouble. This is the time for all good men (and women) to come to the aid of their parking lot !!!



TOM HAYDN AND RONNIE REAGEN

ARE BROTHERS UNDER THE SKIN

Doug Larson
Oakland University has pulled off its second sit-in against on campus military recruiters. In retrospect this unusual feat would seem most incongruous with our tradition of apathy. But we have heard a logical explanation for this action.

It has been rumored by a very reliable source (rumors always have a very reliable source) that the sit-in was the brainchild of one bureaucrat in the Placement Office. Being naturally interested in increasing the budget of his department, he came to the conclusion that the best way was to prove that the Placement Office was truly being used by the student body.

Deciding that the worth of his department was determined by the number of students using the facilities, he concocted the following scheme. He cleverly asked the Air Force official to send a recruiter to the campus to serve the students ("There are so many students just burning to be recruited.") The next step in his plan is obvious.

Rumor then has it (from a very reliable source, of course) that he approached SDS with the proposal that they organize the sit-in, attracting students into the Placement Office in large numbers to protest. This would double the number of students entering the Placement Office for the entire month of February.

SDS was guaranteed a good return on their investment of time and people from the increased allocations the Placement Office would be sure to receive. Being good capitalists, the SDS accepted the proposal and forged ahead with the second recruiter sit-in at the Placement Office. All according to our source (reliable of course.).

And such is another possibility for the Establishment and the anti-Establishment to forge ahead through cooperation for fun and profit.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! (AND ALL THAT)

Doug Haxer 209 VW

The Oakland University Concert Band wishes to announce its first concert on March 11 at 8:00 p.m. in the Gold Room of the O.C.

Included in the highly enlightening repertoire of profound compositions will be a thrilling rendition of "West Side Story". Because this enriching program will be exceedingly beneficial to the total picture of a typically high cultured Oakland University student, there will be no admission charge.

All are urged to attend this cornucopia of musical excellence.

MISS FITZ MISS ANIBAL

TOP RUNNERS-UP

The Miss Oakland Pageant was held in the Sports and Recreation Building Saturday Feb. 15. Darlene Gorden, Miss University Chorus, was chosen Miss Oakland. Doris Nachwostch, Miss Fitzgerald, was first runner up with Gilda Morrison, Miss Anibal, as the second runner up.

Darlene tapdanced in her portion of the talent section. Doris did a graceful Ukrainian folk dance about a young girl in love. Proficiency on the piano was demonstrated by Gilda as she played the first movement of Haydn's "Concerto in D Major for Piano and Orchestra."

The residents of Fitzgerald and Anibal Houses were doubly proud of Miss Fitz and Miss Anibal, since it has been some time since either Miss Fitz or Miss Anibal progressed so far in the pageant.

At one time Miss Oakland went on to compete against other contest winners in the Miss Michigan contest, but this is no longer so. The Miss Oakland of 1965, Sharon Snider, however went on to become the first runner up in the Miss Michigan Pageant.

PLAY REVIEW
LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT

Dave Gustner

One's first reaction to a Long Day's Journey into Night might well be: Thank God I don't live like that. Long Day's Journey is not for those who go to the theatre to spend a nice relaxing evening, but playwright Eugene O'Neill never meant it to be that. Rather, it is a highly perceptive view of a family torn by feelings of guilt and disappointment. It is difficult not to see a little of one's own family situations actually exist, and, as a matter of fact, the play is largely autobiographical.

All five actors and actresses do justice to the play. Eric Berry as James Tyrone is excellent. He convincingly plays the part of a one time great actor who prostituted himself into obscurity. One is even able to overlook the fact that James Tyrone is supposed to be an exceptionally handsome man.

Jenny Laird, playing the part of Mary Tyrone, also puts in a strong performance. Mrs. Tyrone is a drug addict, and Jenny Laird effectively portrays a woman who becomes more and more detached from reality as the play goes on.

Perhaps the strongest performance of the night was Victor Holchak's in the role of the cynical elder brother, Jamie. I was particularly impressed with one scene where Jamie fights with himself, but finally admits to his younger brother that he has purposely tried, out of jealousy, to make him a failure.

Edmund, the consumptive younger brother, played by Jeremy Rowe, was perhaps the weak spot in the play. Some of Edmund's lines brought laughs where I thought they should not have. This seemed to me to be the result of interpretation of the lines, rather than weak acting, however. Finally Diane Stapley, in the minor role of the maid Cathleen added a touch of lightness with her Irish accent and her unmannerly manner.

I thought that the themes of

the play were brought out well. Seldom are we able to respond to seeing a play performed in the same way that we do when reading it. The Fernald Company captures the most important aspect of the play, and that is that none of the Tyrones is to blame for the pain they have caused each other. We see them at their worst and at their best, but ultimately they are human beings who cannot help what they are. The Fernald Company's ability to express this is, I believe, what makes the play. It is my opinion that in their three seasons here, the John Fernald Company has had no greater success than this one.



RODS PETER OUT AT SEASON'S END

Ray Miller

The Goldenrods managed a one point win over Vandenberg Six, but couldn't come for the last two games, and finished with a 4-7 record.

Tom Persha, the big Rod this season, led the scoring in the Vandenberg game. The big Rod's ball handling was still shaky, but Tom pumped in enough to pull it out.

This season's record, though not impressive, was an improvement over last year's 2-12 mark. With Ewalt and Persha both graduating, it looks like the Rods will need the cream of next year's rookies to win many games next year.



"A harmless new weapon for civil disturbances... mace."



Reports are drifting around of a new political party on campus. A group calling itself the Individuals for Responsive Student Government has announced that it will back candidates for the student elections March 17, 18, and 19.

While responsive student government would be a good thing, we cannot help but feel that what we need first is more responsive students. It will do little good for a group of students to take office all bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, expecting hordes of eager students assailing them with all sorts of nasty wrongs that need righting!

Oakland is just too apathetic for that. When over 75% of the student body does not bother to vote, one need hardly wonder why the previously elected officers have not been too responsive. Responsive to whom? The handful of students that elected them?, or the whole student body? They are supposed to be serving the entire student body, and when the entire student body is uninterested in more student voice in campus government, and other issues, then it is little wonder that nothing happens.

The elected students can hardly be expected to spend all their time asking every person they see what they want their student officials to do. There just has to be some sort of cooperation from the student body, or the elected students are either going to do nothing or push for their own personal beliefs.

This brings up another question. If the candidates of our new "party" are elected, will they take the time to encourage student response, or will they just respond willy nilly to the first, loudest screaming group that approaches them? Or since nowhere have we seen any table of membership, are they just giving themselves a nice-sounding name to impress the student body, while not planning to be particularly "responsive" once elected? When thinking about the elections (and they

are worth thinking about), it would be a good idea to think about how responsive your elected representatives have been to your views, and how responsive you have been to them. Then apply your findings to the upcoming elections.

APPLES BLOSSOM 5TIMES

FALL 11

John Campbell

Roaring to the close of the IH basketball season, the Apples finished strong with 2 victories in their last 4 games, to finish the year with 5 victories in 11 games.

In the highly publicized North-South game, the Apples dominated the play throughout the contest. Ken Smith poured in 19 points while Pete "Duane" Moore, played his best game for the '68-69 Apples, scoring 23 and controlling the boards masterfully. Tom Persha sparkled for the usually flaccid "Rods" as the Apples finished on top, 64-45.

Faculty-staff proved too experienced for the Apples as they dominated the boards in an 86-66 victory. Ken Smith, as usual, led the scoring for the Apples.

Northwest Commuter used a balanced scoring attack to down the Apples 74-53.

All players scored against Vandenberg 4 as the squad rollicked to a 82-42 victory. Apple bench strength abounded as Chuck Anderson and Jim Novak each scored 2 points on long fields goals. For the rest of the Apples: "Duane"-17; Smith-14; "Lou"-11; Dick, Morris, and Campbell-10; and Eggericks-4.

(The Apples are still patiently waiting for their free dinner at the Sveden House.)

Graffiti from first floor Wilson Hall restroom:

Flush twice, the grill is uphill from here.

Lee Elbinger sure knows how to grin and bare it.

Cows use grass!