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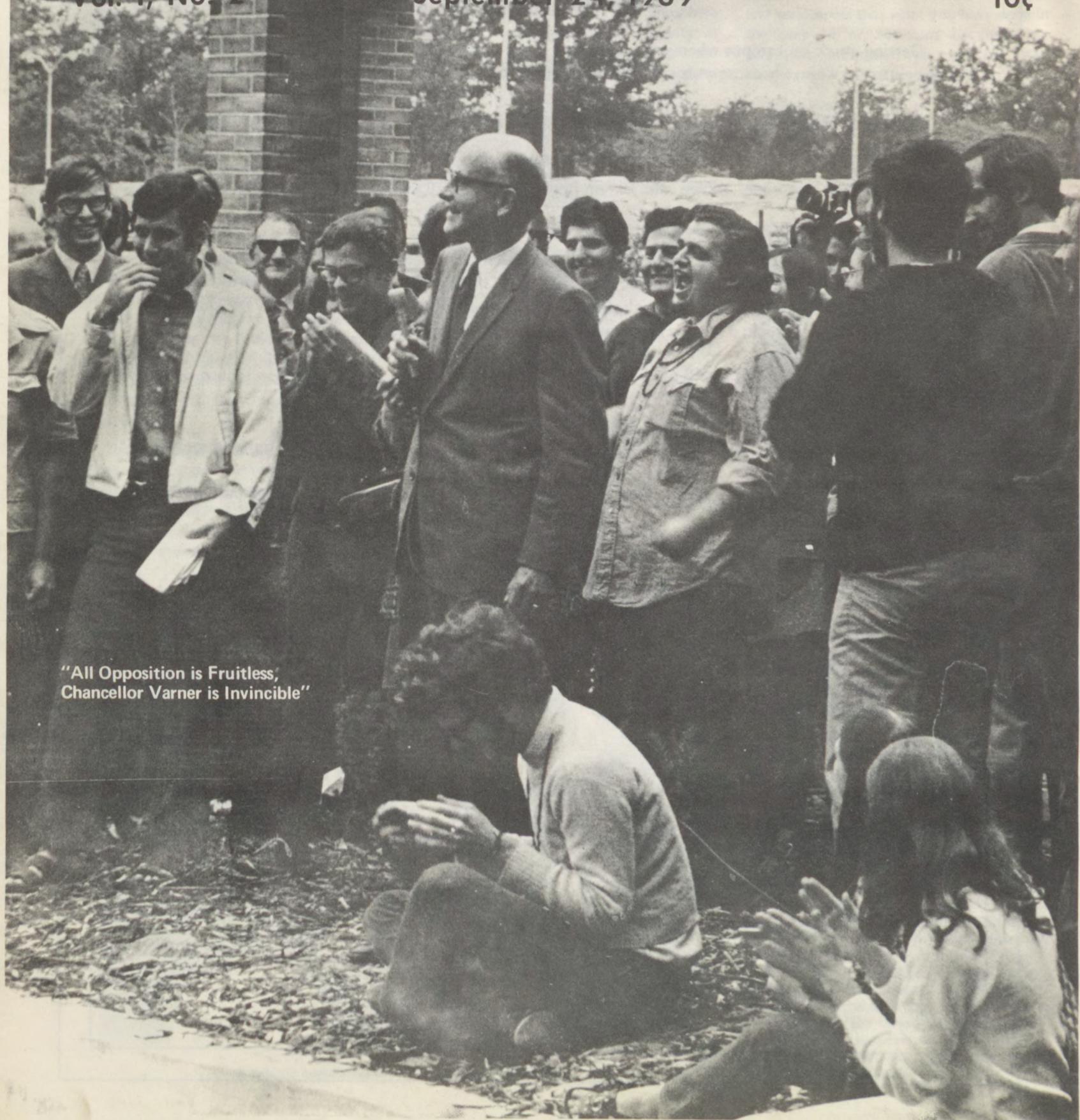
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Students Unite to Keep Varner at OU

Last Friday a feeling of togetherness spread over the campus as an estimated 2,000 students, faculty and staff joined their voices in a common purpose -- to keep Chancellor Durwood Varner at Oakland University.

The crowd, led by John Springfield, marched through the classroom buildings to Wilson Hall echoing chants of "We want Woody", and "Hell no, don't let him go." The march began in front of the Oakland Center, where student organizers had spent the morning preparing posters and picket signs to carry on the march. It surged on through North and South Foundation Halls and through Hannah and Dodge Halls into the street, where students could still see the tail end of the marchers crossing from Hannah to Dodge.

The excitement began Thursday night when news leaked out that the Chancellor was again being considered for the Michigan State University presidency, open since last winter. Chancellor Varner later told the crowd, "I have explained to the Search and Selection Committee that I do not want the position at Michigan State University..." He has said before that he asked the committee to withdraw his name some six or seven months ago.

The Chancellor attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees in Lansing at 7:00 Friday morning and was not available to speak to the students until 3:15 that afternoon. In the meantime, the crowd's attention was kept by a series of short speeches and

statements of support by such members of the university as James McKay, Professor of Mathematics; Roger Marz, Political Science Professor; and Earl Gray, Director of Public Safety. Musical entertainment was provided by Rosie Wright and a number of other musicians.

Most afternoon classes were cancelled so that students and faculty could hear the impromptu address at 3:15. The atmosphere was one of camaraderie and festivity as Chancellor Varner read some of the telegrams that had kept him up most of the night before.

From ninth floor north -- "Mr. Varner, the girls of ninth floor Hamlin north want you to stay at home", "Keep Oakland wooded" and "Oakland University's your bag" from Vandenberg west.

The Chancellor also received a letter from the AAUP and a petition from the Deans while he was in Lansing, urging him to keep his position at Oakland University. To this he replied, "I was impressed when I received a letter from the officers of the AAUP indicating that they hoped it wasn't true what they were hearing. I don't know what they were hearing -- chances are pretty good it wasn't true... I was also impressed with the Deans' petition to the Search and Seizure -- Search and Selection Committee -- urging them to conduct their searches and selections elsewhere..."

As he became more serious, the Chancellor said, "I have explained my

position about as thoroughly as I know how to explain it. And that is that there isn't another position in higher education in America that I want today. The one we have is exactly the one we want."

He concluded the gathering with, "I do not believe that I will be involved in this, and this is an honest statement that I make to you. Let me assure you in all earnestness and seriousness that what you have done in the past 12 or 14 hours has made an enormous impression on me and Mrs. Varner, and it makes life worth living."

After many rounds of applause, David Shedlarz took the microphone and presented the Chancellor with petitions containing some 3,000 signatures gathered Thursday and Friday urging the Chancellor to stay.



John Springfield leaps from bushes to initiate action.



Students begin march to save Woody from MSU.

On Prejudice & Discrimination . . .

by Kevin Huntsman

Melvin Cherny, chairman of the Council on Prejudice and Discrimination revealed to Focus that the referendum prepared by the committee will finally be submitted to the University community on October 1. If approved, the guidelines embodied in the referendum will accommodate all cases of prejudice and discrimination by university employees.

The council, which was appointed by the Chancellor, is unique in that it is the only such group that represents all five segments of the University community.

A wronged party will submit a written complaint to a complaint committee composed of five Council members. If the complaint is valid, all concerned will appear before the Council. If this fails, the complaint will be forwarded to the Chancellor with a recommendation that the concerned parties resolve their difficulties under the auspices of the University Judiciary, the AFSCME, or the AAUP.

There will be two days of open hearings before the vote is taken. On the basis of these hearings and a copy of the proposal enclosed with the ballot, the university will be asked to approve or disapprove the guidelines. If approved, the procedures will be effected immediately.

Food Service: Do We Have a Choice?

by J.G.C.

To make an intelligent evaluation of Food Service, one must do so with primarily this year in mind. There has been a great deal of change in Food Service. In the past Food Service seemed concerned with merely getting their job done, having little or no concern for the "customer." This year emphasis seems to be on two things: quality and efficiency, in that order.

Food Service should be able to predict, from past experience, just when the peak eating times are. Information of this type might eliminate over- or under-cooked food, or temporary shortages. However, this is the first year that any such records have been kept, and last week was the first time when data applicable in the future could be collected. Keeping records would help determine which of two choices the majority of people will take. For these records the same items must always be paired, on the four week rotating menu. These kind of figures have never been kept until this year and it will take time to accumulate them.

Not only does it take time to start operations going, but it also takes time to adjust to the larger number of students eating in Vandenberg. Last year 1200 people ate in Vandenberg, this year there are 1800. Initially, this 50% increase has thrown the cooks off in correctly evaluating needed quantities. Size has also created problems in efficient service. Silverware has been in short supply, but in fact, Food Service has had several hundred place settings on order for six weeks.

Quality, in a large operation like Food Service, is affected by a large variety of factors. The primary factor is money. Each resident student pays one-half his room and board fee for food, which works out to \$2.39 per day. This money pays for the basic food purchase, the labor involved in

preparation, serving, and kitchen operations, plus a very small amount for debt retirement of the building. Those who have worked closely with the Food Service staff feel, as a general rule, that the food could not be cooked any better than it is. Therefore, improvement in quality can only come about by improving the quality of the basic item. By eliminating some of the variety, i.e. pork and veal, there would possibly be more money to buy better grade basic beef items. In light of the fact that there has been an 11% increase in beef since April, Food Service would be in a better position financially if they served more pork and veal.

Primarily, it is the cost of labor, and the lack of facilities that prevent Food Service from running a do-it-yourself operation. In terms of shift hours to students eating, roughly three minutes is spent on each meal. This is the reason that Food Service gives for being unable to supply special meals, i.e. Kosher foods, or diabetic diet.

Another area of quality is involved in the labor for preparation of so many meals. For example, the cooks must separate 2400 slices of bacon for breakfast. In the preparation of spaghetti sauce, more than eighty cans are opened. With this many cans it is not unreal to expect that a single sliver of metal might fall into the sauce. Or, in the case of soft-boiled eggs, placed in a large pan, the eggs in the middle of the pan will be less done. This type of mistake cannot really be prevented, but what most people are unaware of is that they can take back food that is bad and have it replaced easily.

Attitude is the primary change on the part of Food Service. By improving their operations efficiency and stressing quality we will see a definite improvement compared to past years.



VB cafeteria mass-produces food for 1800 students.

Oops! We Goofed

Health Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday, and 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday. The new doctors are internists; Drs. Shin, Bingham and Jennings. Doctors' hours are 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. Mrs. Linington, head nurse, is assisted by Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Sawhilt, and Mr. Muszall. Wallet-size ID cards are available at the Health Center and should be carried in case of emergency.

The OC annex will be finished by January 1, 1970, not 1979.

All students expecting to graduate in January, April or August, 1970 should attend the SENIOR PLACEMENT SEMINAR on Thursday, September 25, 1969 from 4-5 p.m. in the Gold Room. Career planning, placement procedures, recruiting practices, employment opportunities, are just some of the subjects that will be discussed.

This is the only general placement meeting that will be held for the next three classes. Be sure to attend!

Radio Oakland to Pollute Air

by Sally Rasmussen

WVW, Oakland's only radio station, 1200kc on your AM dial, returns to the air this fall in a greatly expanded form. After a year and a half of broadcasting from a broom closet in VanWagoner, this year's increase in power will make it possible for the station to be heard campus-wide for the first time in its life history.

To start out with, programming will be scheduled nine hours a day, from 4 p.m. through 1 a.m., with a possibility of expansion later in the year. Al Younger (alias Radio Al), WVW station manager, informed Focus: Oakland that he hopes to be on the air Sunday, September 28. The goal of the station's new format is to play music that the campus population wants to hear. WVW's record library now includes some albums of "Jeff Beck", "The Sly and the Family Stone", "Johnny Cash at SanQuentin", "The Friends of Distinction", "Judy Collins", and "Heavy Hits".

Thirty-five students interested in working for WVW attended an open meeting September 15. Among the '69 radio personalities will be some veterans of last year, including "D.A. the D.J.", Mel Gilroy, Greg Malover, "The Ogre", Jack Daniels, "The Hiatus Hour", Kerry Abel, "Rocky and Angel", Allen Warner, and Mark Silverberg. The station is looking for interested personnel to work for them: disc jockeys and technicians are especially needed. Al Younger can be contacted at the WVW Studio in 227 West Vandenberg (2400-extension) between 4 and 5 p.m. weekdays.

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The student publication fee, long a controversial issue, will be put to its most critical test ever next week. For the third time in eight years, a referendum on the "tax" for student newspapers and magazines will be held.

Open hearings will be held on the subject the two days prior to the voting, in an attempt to make clear the issues involved in the referendum. On Monday, September 29, the "open forum" will take place in the Oakland Center, between 12 noon and 2 p.m. It will shift to Vandenberg Cafeteria on Tuesday, September 30, from 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. All persons wishing to make statements at the hearings must submit a written request at least two days in advance to Mr. Lyons, the chairman of the Publication Board.

Voting will be conducted by mail, for a solid week, October 1 through October 8. Ballots will be mailed to all undergraduate students, containing the question "Do you support the continuance of the two-dollar publication fee assessed of all undergraduate students each semester?" Students will be asked to vote simply yes or no, with no additional alternatives offered.

Ballots may be returned by mail anytime before midnight, October 8, to:

**Publications Referendum
Oakland University
Rochester, Michigan 48063**

To further encourage voting, ballot boxes will be set up in the OC and Vandenburg on the 7th and 8th.

The vote-by-mail system was devised to counteract previous low turnouts in student elections on campus. According to Edward Birch, publications advisor, the Publication Board is attempting to provide a "greater

opportunity for people to be aware of the vote, and to exercise their right to vote."

The results of the referendum will be communicated to Chancellor Varner, who will present them to the Board of Trustees, ostensibly with the request that the Board follow the mandate of the Oakland students. The Board will then make a final decision as to the state of the fee.

The fee was originally adopted by Oakland students in a referendum held in 1962. At that time a one dollar tax was established. In 1966, this was expanded to the present two dollars, \$1.50 of which goes to the *Observer*, the other fifty cents going into a contingency fund for use in emergencies.

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Project Attacks Beaufort Poverty

by Dan Kinsella

Next week students from Oakland hope to get started on a program to improve the living conditions of the citizens of Beaufort, South Carolina. The program, Project Right Now, is aimed at what the Nixon administration calls one of the worst examples of poverty in America.

Following the hearings of the Committee on Starvation in America in Beaufort and Jasper Counties, the Nixon administration began pilot programs in free food stamps. The committee was headed by Senator George McGovern (D-S.D.).

Oakland senior Eddie Holloman, head of Project Right Now, first became interested in the Beaufort area from the publicity given this area by the commission. He and some other interested students took a trip to

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South Carolina last summer to view the problems in Beaufort county.

"Despite its talk, the federal government seems to be ignoring the problem. Families that earn \$15 per person or more have to buy their own food stamps," Holloman said.

The Beaufort county is made up of 65 islands on the South Carolina coast. One of the islands holds a Marine base. The county also has popular resort areas.

"It's rather plush," admitted County Clerk T. Legare to Detroit News staff writer William Connellan. Despite the presence of the Marines and the resorts the area has a very big poverty problem.

"We saw one man living on an abandoned bus. Some families are eating rats, two or three of the islands do not have running water, so people are forced to wash their clothes in salt water." Eddie Holloman said.

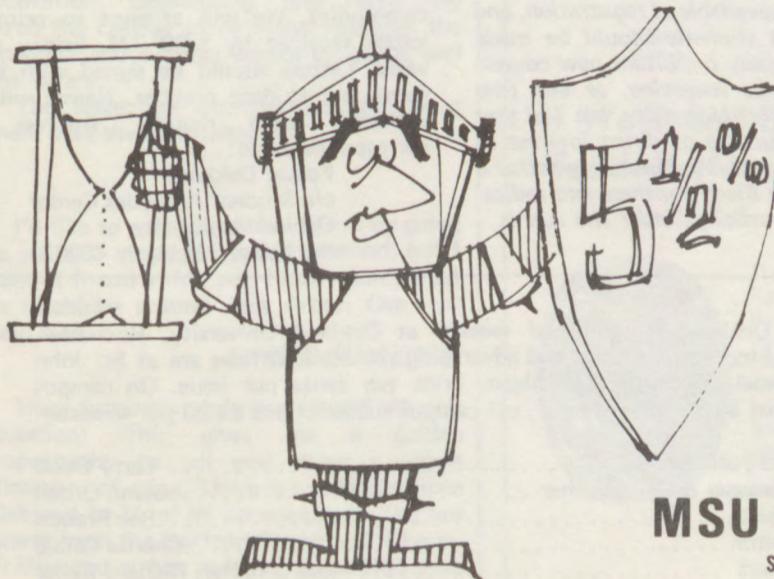
The state government, the marines or the richer members of the community do little or nothing for the starving people.

Over the summer Eddie Holloman organized a food and paint drive. The food drive was reported as very successful but there was small reaction to the paint drive.

This fall Eddie Holloman would like to initiate several food drives, and a few trips to Beaufort County.

"I would like to extend this to other schools where students might be interested," he said, "I don't think it will be a problem getting help once it's publicized."

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Editorial**On Broken Dreams**

Were you ever a hero-worshipper, putting something up on an unreachable plateau? Were you ever a romantic, with idealized dreams about how things were, about how they would be? Did you ever feel as though you'd escaped reality, and then found it pounding on your door?

Oakland University, 1969-70 model. The designers made a few changes this time around. A bigger and "better" bureaucracy, 1000 additional students to bump elbows in hallways. Dinner lines that never end. Large numbers of excellent professors on leave. Students without advisors because the administration ran out of faculty members before they ran out of freshmen. Impersonalization.

We are no longer a college...
(but) an emerging university.
- Chancellor D.B. Varner
September 17, 1969

In ten years Oakland University has changed radically. The small liberal arts college is no more. The "fresh, exciting community of learning" has lost much of its fervor.

Growing pains. How do you stop a university from losing the warmth, the sincerity, the respect for the individual that Oakland has a reputation for? How many of us returned to Oakland this fall, eager to continue things as they were last April? And how many of us were frustrated and stupefied by the changes we saw when September arrived? As a sophomore, this was the first time I went through the trauma. Upperclass friends tell me it's an annual occurrence.

We've got to face reality - Oakland's growing up. There are too many pressures for continued growth to allow much hope of the campus staying small. We are in too ideal a location, near Detroit, yet in the country. We have too much land at a time when major universities are running out of space. Our programs are too attractive in many fields. The legislature, the voters, the outside world won't let us remain a little liberal arts college.

Accepting this inevitability, the university must take steps to counteract as many of these problems as is humanly possible. Some moves have been initiated. A new Director of Public Safety is hired whose primary concern is human dignity. Health Service is improved markedly. Allport College is established. These steps are positive ones, but they are not sufficient. We urge the Chancellor and the rest of the University community to consider further actions. There are seven steps we see as particularly vital.

- 1.) A slowdown in the growth rate of the school, so that adjustments can be more easily made to the problems of size.
- 2.) The hiring of more faculty members to reduce the everspiraling student-faculty ratio.
- 3.) The establishment of a University Ombudsman, to provide a source of assistance when people need to break through the bureaucracy.
- 4.) The formation of additional small colleges, with consideration given to making some or all degree-granting programs.
- 5.) The establishment of a stronger student voice in University government.
- 6.) A search for methods for bringing closer residents and commuters.
- 7.) A greater involvement of students in academic decisions.

There are many things Oakland can do to prevent the loss of the "exciting community of learning." We hope that the decision-makers will not be blind to the problem.

Judd For The Offense

Dear Mr. Good,

I've just finished reading your first issue of Focus: Oakland. Rarely have so many staid articles been amassed for one publication. The last I read that was comparable was Art Johnston's "April Fool" edition of the "South End."

It would seem that you have attempted to return the reading public to "good ole days" of college news, when campus trivia was indeed "news". Today's readers demand more. I suggest that you add some articles that deal with more than, "Swahili Course Offered at O.U."

The days of such limited approach are dead. The College News Media of today are free to deal with what they deem important. If, indeed, Swahili is your paper's interest, then I see little hope for your seemingly "backlash" paper.

A.R. Judd
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(We agree with Mr. Judd that college papers must be far broader than mere "trivia sheets". The Swahili article he refers to was

Writer Criticizes Student 'Activists'

To The Editor:

There must be something peculiar to the air in Oakland County. It seems to strike every spring and fall. No, I'm not talking about that which a young man's fancy lightly turns to, I'm talking about "political" unrest.

Everytime one of the two above mentioned seasons hits me, some well-meaning, sincere, thoughtful group starts bombarding me, with peace symbols painted on the sidewalks, and the thoughts of Chairman Mao and/or Mayor Daley, promising me the world and a string to dangle it from, if only I will vote, demonstrate, or rebel for their cause.

Well, I'm damned if I'll let in a new bunch of activists in power until or unless the old bunch of activists has had two years to prove their incompetence!

What of the new activists who won't or can't wait for those two years? I would recommend to them the same philosophy that I, apathetic though I may be called, have followed and will continue to follow. It is far better to make something good out of something evil, than to destroy the evil, leaving only the void. The most permanent way I know of changing any organization is to become an important member of that organization, and then start using your influence to change the organization to one more palatable to you.

Perhaps this is where the crux of the matter lies. Are these new activists, perhaps, those who did not win in our last elections on campus?

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A course that was not required for my major at the time I was admitted to Oakland is listed as required in this year's catalog. I don't want to take this course. Do I have to in order to complete my major?

-MATH MAJOR

The requirements for completion of a major series in any department are determined by the faculty members of that department. If you don't wish to take a newly required course you should appeal to the chairman of your department for a modified major. An appeal for a change in the University's general requirements for graduation would be made to the Committee on Instruction, chaired by Professor Simmons.

In most cases an exception won't be allowed unless the student can show that the requirement has been established so recently that it's impossible to meet the requirement without great hardship. In other words, if you've got an excuse, it had better be good or you're stuck with the course.

What does the Provost do?

-I AM CURIOUS

The provost is in charge of all educational aspects of the University. He is the academic head of the University and, to quote Provost O'Dowd, "determines the ranks, salaries, and duties of the faculty."

All of the following are directly responsible to the Provost or Vice-Provost: The Offices of Admissions, Scholarships, Institutional Research, Research Services, Psychological Services, and the Registrar; the Schools of Economics and Management, Education, Engineering, and Performing Arts; the College of Arts and Sciences; the graduate and summer school programs, and the library.

This leaves me with the question: What then, does the Chancellor do?"

I'd like to surprise my boyfriend by going to see him at U. of M. this weekend, but I haven't found a ride yet. I really don't want to hitchhike around Ann Arbor. Can you help me?

--A FRESHMAN COED

How fortunate that you should ask this question! This gives me a golden opportunity to tell you about a recent discovery of mine. There is bus service from Oakland to U. of M. on weekends. The bus leaves from the Oakland Center at 2:45 p.m. Friday and arrives at U. of M. at 4:00 p.m. Sunday the bus leaves U. of M. at 8:30 a.m. and arrives at O.U. at 10:00 a.m. Fare: One way \$2.20; Round trip \$4.00.

Faculty Forum

Again on Vietnam

by James R. Ozinga
Assistant Professor of Political Science

In June of 1965, while a teaching assistant at M.S.U., I wrote a small piece on Vietnam that the editors would not publish. When asked to contribute something to the Faculty Forum of Focus: Oakland, I thought of that article with amusement. After digging it out of the files I was amazed at how little my views had changed. (My critics will point out that this is an indication of how little I have grown.) Nonetheless, the point of that article was that we have been backing the wrong side in Vietnam from the very beginning. Instead of supporting what we conceive to be the Republic of South Vietnam our position should change to economic assistance to a Vietnam unified under the rule of the Communist Party of Vietnam.

This probably sounded staggering at the time, and indeed it might yet to those who have not explored the background of our commitment. Much of the responsibility for involving the U.S. in Vietnam belongs to Harry Truman during his years in the White House when it was politically profitable, as well as comforting to his rural Baptist heritage, to be militantly anti-Communist. But by far the greater responsibility lies with the Eisenhower-Dulles continuation of Truman's global anti-communism; where in 1953 and specifically in 1955 it was made very clear to the generals and politicians of southern Vietnam that the U.S. would support them fully in any struggle against communism. This amounted to a blank check being given to men who have over the years demonstrated few scruples. The result was predictable. With Ike and Dulles cheering in the wings, the little dictator, Diem, prevented the reunification elections provided for by the Geneva Accords because

they feared Ho Chi Minh would win them. The result was the application of the German-Korean technique -- splitting a country in two.

To the people of Vietnam it makes far more sense to consider the Viet Cong the proponents of freedom, for they are fighting against a foreign enemy for the control of their own country. Their success in fighting that battle is proof of this, for a guerilla war cannot be fought without the support of the population. They control vast areas of the south, performing all the tasks of government right under the nose of the Siagon authorities.

The alleged adherents of freedom and democracy in Saigon regularly jail political opponents, cynically manipulate elections, tightly censor the press and control the trade unions, while an efficient secret police keeps things going smoothly. Land reform in any real sense is impossible so long as it is controlled by former colonial administrators.

The sad fact of the matter is that we are on the wrong side, and in my view the death of Ho Chi Minh is a blow to hopes of peace rather than the other way around. We have failed to make a part of Vietnam an anti-communist bastion in southeast Asia even though we have poured out billions of dollars and sacrificed nearly 40,000 lives on the altars of the Jefferson Davis's of south Vietnam.

Our mistake is basic. Ask the average Joe why we are in Vietnam and his reply is quite likely to be something about preserving the freedom of the southern Vietnamese. This is a mistake we have made over and over again.

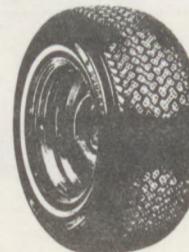
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an Interview with . . .

Chancellor Varner

FOCUS: Chancellor, Oakland is growing rapidly at this point. Do you feel we are in danger of becoming just another big school?

VARNER: There's always the danger of rapid growth and, in a large student body, of losing the personal concern and the personality of an institution. It's my judgment that our number one problem in 1969 is to devise techniques for retaining the traditional concern for the individual. We have to recognize this as a concern and take all the steps that are necessary to prevent this from occurring here.

FOCUS: What is being done to keep the advantages of a small liberal arts college that made Oakland attractive?

VARNER: One of the more promising devices that we currently have underway is the little college concept. We have three of these now in an experimental setting. I would hope very much that in the course of this year we could get some fairly definite reading on the impact of these little colleges, and from this some guidelines for what can be taken from them and put to work for us in the years ahead. Beyond this, of course, there is the ever present expectation and hope that individual faculty members will not lose contact with the students. This takes a commitment and a good deal of work that we don't always find to be prevalent with faculty members and particularly the new faculty. The other part of this that needs to be kept under continuous study is the advising program at the university. This one-to-one relationship, this personal quality, is particularly vital in the freshman year. It seems to me if we can keep these three facets uppermost, then we have a good chance to avoid what has

happened on so many campuses of the large universities around the country.

FOCUS: I've seen projected growth figures putting Oakland at 20,000 by 1980. Where do you see Oakland heading as it grows this rapidly?

VARNER: Well, the projections of future growth are always highly speculative. I'm of the opinion that we will grow less rapidly in the next three years than we have in the past three, if for no other reason than because at this moment I do not see that the physical facilities are available to us. I'm quite certain that before we get another new academic building ready for use and following the completion next fall -- the performing arts building -- we will be so hard pressed for space that we will have little alternative to slowing down our growth rate. If we assume that there will not be crowded physical facilities, and if we assume there will be enough money to support the growth rate, then I think our projections are probably accurate. For example, we're growing at the rate of 800 students a year, or about that, and I think this is a growth rate program that we could cope with satisfactorily. I think it's reasonable to assume that in the decade of the 80's we will have 20,000 students.

FOCUS: As we get into larger numbers of people we become more specialized. What are some of these directions that you see us going?

VARNER: We have been examining the possibility of developing a multi-campus program here at Oakland. When we get to about 10,000 students on the present campus, we might then move to a different location. This is exciting conceptually, but there are problems associated with it. For example, the location of the central heating plant is a factor that always is involved in this. The legislature has changed the location of that heating plant from the south side of the campus to the area behind the intramural building, which suggests strongly that the future development will have to be to the east, not to the south. Well, this in itself says to us that the development of separate semi-autonomous campuses will now be more difficult to accomplish. And



indeed there are other arguments too that suggest there are problems. The library facilities -- it's not easy to duplicate a library on four campuses, on three, or even two. And if we don't duplicate the facilities, then it means that the campus located at the more distant point has real difficulty in getting to the library. Now it's possible to have some sort of inter-campus transportation system, but that also is costly. The science people have generally been a little reluctant to talk about any division. So it raises the question of what would be the nature of a second campus. It might be a campus for a special discipline, such as teaching training or business and economics, or some totally new area. Or it could be the first two years, or it could be liberal arts exclusively with a minimum of science. Above all is the stark reality that unless we had about \$10 million in one lump sum to start out the physical plant, it would be quite impractical and quite difficult to start a second campus. That takes us right back to the legislature -- would they provide that kind of lump sum appropriation to start a new campus? Historically they have not done this kind of thing.

FOCUS: You mentioned the state legislature and funding a couple of times. How are Oakland's relations with the State Legislature at this point? Were you satisfied with last year's appropriations?

VARNER: Well, I guess I'm never satisfied with an appropriation because it has never in my experience equaled the request, and we make our requests after serious consideration. However, it is much better than we received in the preceding two years and it seems to me in terms of the appropriations provided generally by the legislature that it was fair treatment. Therefore, my criticism of the legislature's appropriations has been very mild.

FOCUS: After two years of virtual disaster, why did they ease up on Oakland?

VARNER: Well, I could probably start it with a better recommendation out of the governor's office. I think Governor Milliken's recommendation for Oakland University was more accurately related to the programs going on than had been the two previous recommendations. We were treated, I thought, with more understanding than has been true in the years past.

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FOCUS: To switch into another area, there's a lot of controversy as to who controls the students' life. What do you feel about "home rule"?

VARNER: If by "home rule" you mean that the students on campus would have sole, complete, and total responsibility for determining the whole set of relationships on campus, I would imagine our Board of Trustees would be somewhat interested. The Board believes it has some responsibility to develop broad educational policies, but that it has some responsibilities to the citizens of the state, particularly the parents, for living conditions on campus.

FOCUS: Students are more and more concerned about the relevance of the courses. Do you feel that higher education is, in general, relevant today?

VARNER: In general, I think it is relevant today. There is a quality of impatience in youth. This quality is not a new one, it has existed forever with youth. Today youth is represented by the collegiate population. It's a very articulate group, better informed, and more concerned than college students have characteristically been. So this quality coupled with the natural impatience of the young has led to a very sharp focus on the question of relevance of the curriculum. Our primary purpose is to equip our students to deal with the vast array of problems of their lifetime. Problems that none of us today can conceivably identify. If we fail in that mission, we have genuinely failed in the purpose of the University. If we chose to create here an institution for analyzing and resolving the problems of Pontiac, or Rochester, or Detroit, it would be a totally different institution than the one we've tried to establish. So my answer is that I believe the curriculum in general is quite relevant, that it has something very important to say to students today and I believe that our students will emerge from Oakland University better able to cope with the problems they confront in their time.

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FOCUS: Chancellor, a student at Oakland pays a larger amount of tuition per year than the students in most other universities, including Michigan State. Why is that the case?

VARNER: Our tuition was increased beyond that of Michigan State two years ago when we were faced with financial disaster. The differential continues to exist because frankly we're not as well financed as we should be to conduct the programs we're conducting, when we consider the alternatives that are open to us for reducing the current rate of tuition, we have to make the decision where do we extract that money? There are some things that get to be quite fixed in the budget. Salaries continue to go up to reflect the cost of living. We are confronted with an unending demand for expanding our library. It seems to us that we're well advised to maintain the small differential between this university and East Lansing in order to maintain the quality of programs being offered. At both campuses, the tuition is higher than it is at other campuses in the state. We have a very liberal financial aid program. I am certain that it's the most liberal program in the state. It is designed to make it possible for any student who has a documented justified financial need to receive financial help. And it's largely possible because of the level of tuition that we charge. I'm of the opinion that no student admissible has been denied the opportunity to come here for financial reasons. It's a system, this year, deliberately designed to make available a fund of dollars from this tuition level, to assist those students who have financial need.

FOCUS: Are you satisfied with the new tuition arrangement?

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VARNER: We have had a very limited experience with it. The Board of Trustees adopted it relatively late in the year, which posed some very difficult administrative problems for us. We have worked through these the very best we can. The information I get from the Dean of Students, the Registrar, and Financial Aids officers, is that the program is working relatively well up to this point. I'm sure we're going to have to come up with some refinements in the light of our experience. It's worked pretty well, I believe.

FOCUS: Do you see Oakland breaking its ties with MSU?

VARNER: This is very difficult to state now. It is my opinion that this question needs to be discussed more vigorously in the course of the year ahead. We're ten years old, there's a change of administrations imminent at Michigan State and it may well be the time to review this carefully. I have said on numerous occasions that our relationship with MSU has been a productive one. I would not like to imply in answering this question that I am critical of our Board of Trustees or our associates at Michigan State. But I suspect that given all the facts that it's a question that does need to be studied to see if there's any gain to Michigan State or any gain to Oakland in continuing this relationship.

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Sports**Runners Bow to Albion**

Things got off to a slow start for Oakland's cross country team as they dropped their opening meet to Albion by a score of 18-53 on a chilly Friday the nineteenth on Oakland's field. Rick Aishton of Albion crossed the finish line first with a time of 22 min., 34 sec. Mike McCartan, who held the lead temporarily, was Oakland's top runner-up in third place with a time of 22:56. Bruce Anderson, Randy Petiprin, Mike Morrison and Tom Williams also finished in scoring positions for the Pioneers. Although some varsity members from last year did not rejoin the team this year, the team is hopeful for a good season because of men like McCartan and Marc Dutton, who missed this meet because of injuries.

SPORTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

There is still ample opportunity for you to enter any of the Phys Ed. classes and intramural sports.

SOCCER:

Wednesday, September 24
4:00 p.m. Here
Henry Ford C.C.

Saturday, September 27
10:00 a.m. Here
University of Michigan

Calvin Tops Soccermen

One of the best looking soccer teams in Oakland's history failed to meet its potential for its season's opener last Saturday afternoon as it fell to the Calvin Knights at the field in Grand Rapids. The Pioneers dominated play in the first quarter, preventing Calvin from scoring, but failing to score themselves. Calvin began the scoring towards the end of the second quarter when Steve Hageman kicked a thirty foot high fly that sailed into the net. Oakland tied the game 1-1 in the middle of the third quarter when Don Tosh passed to star forward Bahram Farahmand who took it in for the score. Mike Nolph, Pioneer goalie, played the net superbly, blocking some forty shots on goal. However, Calvin's Bob Dykstra gave Calvin a 2-1 lead in the middle of the fourth quarter and he scored the final goal in the last twenty seconds of the game as the Pioneers' last attempt to tie the game failed.

Faculty Forum

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We define what we are fighting for in contradistinction to what we think we are fighting against. We are fighting for freedom because we are conducting an anti-Communist crusade. One difficulty with this is that we fail to understand the adversary. We think that we are fighting communism with a capital "C" when in reality we are doing battle with nationalistic communists with a very small "c". This is not to deny their communism, or the revolutionary aspect of their nationalism - but there is no more solidarity to world communism than to world Christianity, as is much more clear in 1969 than it was to my critics in 1965.

Nationalism is the dominant ideology in Vietnam with the communism functioning as justification for rapid modernization of the country. Basically, America is combatting a desire to mobilize a backward society, which places us, consciously or not, in the same imperialist position as France. We are fighting emotional forces that cannot be conquered, no matter what Nixon's generals think. We force the Vietnamese communists to rely for support on other communist countries and thereby create the very solidarity we profess to fear.

We must reverse ourselves in Vietnam and elsewhere in the world, aiding the progressive elements in these societies instead of forcing them to become radical. Then American foreign policy might emerge into the 20th Century.

STUDENT PUBLICATIONS REFERENDUM

Voting Oct. 1 - 8

OPEN HEARINGS

Sept. 29 *Gold Room
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Students and Faculty wishing to speak at these hearings on the question of continuing the student publications fee must submit request to Publications Committee Chairman Richard Lyons (English Dept.) at least 2 days prior to the hearing.

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This Week . . .

things to do, places to go

On Campus

University Speaker Series presents Bill Baird: "Implications of Laws Regulating Abortion and Birth Control" at 1:30 p.m. today in Wilson Auditorium. Panel discussion with Mr. Baird at 3 p.m., O.C. Gold Room.

Cinema Guild presents "Vali, the Witch of Positano" at 7:30 p.m. today thru Friday, 201 Dodge Hall.

University Film Series presents "Far from the Madding Crowd". Friday at 8 and 10 p.m., 190 Hannah Hall; Sat. and Sun. at 8 p.m., 201 Dodge.

Cinema Guild presents "Breathless" at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, 201 Dodge Hall.

In and Around Detroit

See "The Lion in Winter" now thru September 30 at the Studio New Center, 3rd and W. Grand Blvd. Admission on Mondays and Tuesdays is \$1.50 with student I.D.

Ron Coden appears at the Raven Gallery, 29101 Greenfield Road in Southfield, until October.

"Spofford!" continues at the Fisher Theater thru Saturday, October 11. The play, based on the novel Rueben, Rueben, stars Hans Conreid. For ticket information, call TR 3-4400 in Detroit.

The Irish Rovers in concert this Sunday at 8 p.m., Ford Auditorium. Seats are \$3.50, 4.50 and 5.50.

'Will You Love Me In December . . . ?'

by Allen Chamberlin

What happened to Oakland last Friday? Was that really the normally apathetic group which mopes about on weekdays with "nothing to do" chanting "Hell no, he won't go"? Were they the weekenders who vacate our dorms, preferring home to the desolation in which they leave our campus, holding "We Wuv Woody" signs? Yes, it certainly must have been, for many could be heard boasting about their TV debut on the 6 o'clock news. But by the 11:00 news most had returned to normalcy -- that is they were once more apathetic and going home. Maybe O.U. was a short-lived Cinderella, just once at the ball. Whatever, someplace along the way Wheel's Day got lost in the aftermath. For all the events scheduled, none (with the exception of the canoe races) were what could really be called a success. Those unfortunate enough to have coincided with the demonstration understandably folded. But the hay ride hootenanny, quarter-priced S.E.T. play, and the free films, dance, and Off Campus entertainment should have had a much better attendance. Why didn't they?

Those who for so long have desperately flailed their arms in front of Oakland's students attempting to gain a moment's notice, to make just one campus event a real hit, to have one really meaningful student election, had at last seen a unified demonstration of true spirit, only to be lost again. After an entire decade of complacency, this community had awakened to a sense of participation. Then, at the stroke of six, as most watched their dorm television to view themselves, they once more slipped into a viewer's role, to be pumped with "entertainment" rather than to participate in a few of the campus's activities.

Students of Oakland University, the student leaders are ecstatic over your demonstration on the Chancellor's behalf, but do not forget that you support him ever as strongly by taking an interest in his and your university every day. Don't make every event an almost-success (near-disaster). If, indeed, you do "Wuv Woody" and really do want more to do on campus -- participate!

For each real success our campus has, you gain the likelihood of better and more frequent events.

Audience 'Floored' by Off Campus

by Chuck and Adrienne

In an atmosphere that was a cross between a kindergarten rest period and a love-in, Jaine Roman was the first performer in the Off Campus' new Rathskeller last Friday. Jaine, an accomplished folksinger and guitarist, is no stranger to the Off Campus. This time she added something new -- three accompanists on electric guitar, bongos, and flute. Their otherwise smooth performance was marred by the problems they had in staying together at first. After the first couple of songs, the group started working together more. They went on to provide listeners with an enjoyable, though not flawless, performance. Also appearing Friday was Tom Lynch, who lightened the mood with a number of humorous songs.

Sitar player Ted Lucas was supposed to have performed on Saturday, but he didn't show (apparently preferring Ravi Shankar and Kalamazoo to us at Oakland). Standing in were Marc Chover, former member of the Southbound Freeway, and Andy Cohen. Both are very good guitarists, and their easy styles made for a relaxed performance.

The E.E. Powell Construction Company is allowing Off Campus to use the new Rathskeller facilities before the Oakland Center addition is actually completed. Until everything is finished, the Off Campus is not

serving refreshments. Eventually, the Off Campus hopes to offer a wide selection of drinks, including espresso. The furniture, which is being specially made for the Rathskeller will arrive by January. In the meantime the Off Campus suggests that you come prepared -- with a blanket or pillow for a seat.

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