

SPRING/SUMMER COURSES FACE CUTS

By Greg Daft

Tentative schedules for Spring and Summer terms at Oakland University indicate a drastic cutback in the number of classes being offered. According to Dean of Spring and Summer sessions, James Davis, the cutback is a result of limited funds to operate these terms.

The schedule presently calls for 45 course offerings, as opposed to the 80 courses

offered in the Spring and Summer of 1971.

On the average, stated Davis, each department has lost about half of its courses. Because of the philosophy of offering courses that the largest number of people want to take, those which in the past have received limited enrollment have been the first priority for cuts. This means that in many cases upper level courses with limited

enrollment, tentatively have been eliminated.

Davis stated that he is hoping to be able to offer as many as 60 or 65 courses, at a later date, as the funding situation is decided on the state level.

The money involved is 3% of the University's operating budget which has reverted to the Governor's Contingency fund as a result of recent legislation. All, or any

portion of, this 3% may be returned to the University. It is this money which will determine the number of course offerings for the Spring and Summer terms, explained Davis.

One of the results of the cutback is the elimination of Senior Colloquiums during the Spring and Summer sessions. These, stated Davis, are to be replaced with the University Forum pro-

gram, which will fulfill the Colloquium requirement.

Davis expressed his desire to get the tentative schedules of the 45 guaranteed offerings into the hands of the students before the beginning of the holiday break. This schedule may be affected by the money situation, if any of the 3% is returned to the University, enabling it to offer a larger selection than the basic 45 courses.

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REFERENDUM SET

A student referendum calling for the change of University Congress election dates will be held on December 13, 14, and 15.

The referendum calls for the elections to be held in mid-January. In future years, the term of office for elected Congress members would then be from January to January, when new elections would be held.

The amendment would change the present Section II of the Congress Constitu-

tion which calls for elections to be held in March, and for the terms of the Congress members to run from September to September.

Under the proposed amendment, the term for Congress members would begin 21 days after the election vote is finalized.

The referendum is the result of a student petition drive held last week by a group of students who were dissatisfied with the present Congress. The petitioners

needed 150 signatures to bring the issue to referendum, and received 250 within 4 hours.

According to a spokesman for the group, the move was made necessary because over half of the Congress members were appointed to their positions following resignations of 9 elected Congress people earlier this fall. Because of this, they feel, the Congress can no longer be representative of a cross-section of student opinion.



J.C. Loses \$4,000

The recent production of *Superstar*, presented by the Concert Lecture Committee, turned out to be a financial fiasco.

The difference between the gate receipts and concert costs amounted to approximately \$4,200, according to Ingo Dutzmann, Director of the Office of Student Organizations.

Dutzmann said that the financial losses of the performance are the result of several factors. The most damaging of these, he stated, was the attempt of the Concert-Lecture Committee and the Office of Student Organizations to bring off the production in an 11 day period.

Another factor which helped to kill the possibilities of financial success of the concert, according to Dutzmann, was the lack of credibility held by the general public for the quality of this company's production.

In addition to the losses at the gate, other criticisms have been leveled at the Dec. 4 event. The company, which is named the New York Touring Company, is actually a Detroit area group.

Student Organizations signed a contract with the Diversified Management Agency of St. Clair Shores, who fostered the assumption that the troupe was, indeed, a New York Company. The truth was later discovered by the Concert-Lecture Committee.

Dutzmann expressed his feeling that perhaps, in the future, the Concert-Lecture Committee is going to have to convince the University Congress and the Administration to support concerts based on the need and the ability of the Committee to handle the mechanics of the productions. He went on to say that there was a strong possibility that any future concerts or lectures will have to be managed by an outside group.

RESIDENTS SUE NMU

By Larry Good

A group of Northern Michigan University students went to federal court this week, challenging a university policy that requires adult students to live in college-owned dormitories.

If upheld, the suit could have profound effects at several state universities, including Oakland. As of Jan. 1, when the age of majority in Michigan is lowered from 21 to 18, OU will be in the same position as Northern — requiring adults to reside in

University housing.

The current Oakland residency requirement allows anyone to live off campus who has a) 56 credits or more, b) is married, or c) is 21 or older. The possibility does exist that the 56 credit requirement may be lowered for next year. However, university officials have indicated strongly that there is little chance that the age requirement will be lowered to 18.

Universities with such forced-rental requirements tend to base them on their

need to pay off bonds issued to finance the dorms. If the residence halls population falls far below full occupancy, the University becomes unable to meet their bond payments. They fear that if on-campus residency becomes voluntary, too few students will choose to live in the residence halls.

The counter argument to this logic being voiced by the Northern Michigan students is that the requirement violates their constitutional rights involving freedom of

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BUCKLEY TO SPEAK DEC 13

William F. Buckley Jr., will be speaking at Oakland University in the Sports and Recreation Bldg. at 12 noon, Monday, Dec., 13.

The conservative columnist and political philosopher will deliver a speech entitled "Reflections on Current Disorders". A question and answer period will be held

immediately following the presentation.

Admission will be free, and is open to the university community. The event is being sponsored by the College Republicans.

EDITORIALS

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Who Eats Meats?

There is a growing awareness in America, as well as other parts of the world, concerning the personal as well as social and ecological results of being a meat-eater in a meat-eater's society.

According to a recent survey, there were 4 million vegetarians in the United States in 1968, since then, the number has increased by nearly 2 million.

There are many factors which have been attributed to this trend in life-style.

One of the primary factors considered in this move is the substantiated evidence that vegetarians have a longer life expectancy than

carnivorous man. This is displayed in a policy of a British life-insurance company which offers a 10% discount to anyone who can prove that he/she has been a vegetarian for five years or more. Another example of this is statistical data which indicate that vegetarian peoples have the lowest incidence of cancer and heart disease in the world.

Some of the factors which might be attributed to the better health of vegetarians are the ingredients consumed by meat-eaters with every portion of meat. Among these are: uric acid which

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COUNTRY MOUSE

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No Peace For Children

By Barry Zajac

"Peace is too controversial of an issue. . . it would upset the enjoyment of the children." And thus, the Rochester Chamber of Commerce denied the Rochester Peace Committee the opportunity to display a simple float for peace at the annual Rochester Christmas Parade. The float consisted of a horse-drawn wagon with children on top, carrying a banner reading "War is not healthy for children or other living things." One may sympathize with the Chamber's wishes not to turn the parade into a political arena. The RPC appeal is turned down.

The arena is cleared as United States Senator Robert Griffin, State Senator Broomfield and a host of other, lesser, politicians follow the V. F.W. flag bearers at the head of the parade.

Rochester Peace Committee members still made their show, along with other concerned individuals, including many OU students and local high school students. They displayed posters of simple peace slogans at the curb, and occasionally marched in the street between floats.

A group of eleven costumed Oakland students, organized by the War Resistor's League, performed as a guerrilla theatre. Seven depicted US GI's, and four were Vietnamese Civilians. The GI's were made up as the character of Death, and the civilians as the character of Anguish, to depict the nature of war. They carried posters and distributed flyers proclaiming their cause. Spectators' comments ranged from "Right on." to "Do you think upsetting the children's Christmas is going to help?"

to "You godless communists." Actually, apathy was the reaction of most, except the mothers of little children.

Included in the parade were were many floats sponsored by local merchants, always carrying the name of the sponsoring store, in at least readable size letters on the side. There were also small baton twirlers. These crying, shivering little girls braved the cold, in the Christmas spirit, only to seem still reluctant. A line of men in civil war uniforms completed the Christmas mood.

The purpose of the guerrilla theatre is to attract attention, through exaggerated form, in order that people will be made immediately aware, and that they should be more receptive to the printed matter which presents the case more specifically. It is hoped that via the two mediums, the acting and the printed material, people's emotions will be aroused

and make them at least consider the issue.

Is this appropriate for a Christmas parade? We must first examine the issue as expressed best through the flyer. Entitled "A Merry Christmas For Whom?" it opens: "The spirit of Christmas is a time for celebration of the life and good cheer of mankind. But can such a celebration truly take place in Indochina and Bengal? It is not a time to celebrate the happiness of just a select few safe Christians, for it is in the Christian spirit that the celebration should be for all mankind."

The flyer closes: "The death and agony of the Vietnamese and Bengalese, along with our own men, is not peace. It is up to those at home in the U.S. to bring the Christmas spirit of peace to Indochina, and to stop the support of the West Pakistan government in their slaughter

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In 1971 as much bombing is being done in Indochina as was done in all World War II. By the end of this year, the Nixon Administration will have deployed in three years as much bomb tonnage as the Johnson Administration did in five. These facts and others are the result of a study sponsored by the Center for International Studies at Cornell University.

In the first 8 months of this year, over half a million tons of air-dropped munitions were used, 17 times the total amount used by the British in 10 years of counterinsurgency in Malaya.

In South Vietnam alone, the U.S. has already dropped 3.6 million tons of bombs, almost four times as much as it used in the Korean war. The report presents a study of the impact of an air war conducted on such a scale. Only 5% to 8% of the air sorties flown in South Vietnam were in direct support of American or allied troops in battle; the rest were for interdiction, harassment; and retaliation—missions which, in a country being defended, not attacked, from the air, result in widespread civil destruction among the population whose allegiance is being sought. In South Vietnam to date, it is estimated that there have been over one million civilian casualties, including 325,000 deaths, while over 6 million people (one-third of the population) have become refugees.

U.S. air activity in South Vietnam itself has been cut back, with the South Vietnamese Air Force taking up some of the tactical bombing assignments. U.S. emphasis is now more on saturation bombing by B-52 Stratofortresses. A typical mission of six B-52s drops 300,000 pounds of high explosive in a fraction of a minute. (A hand grenade contains less than one pound.) Such bombing without a detailed target demolishes an area corresponding to 200 city

blocks. Over half the tonnage dropped in South Vietnam has been in such massive saturation raids.

Bombing of North Vietnam between 1965 and 1968 failed to yield significant results. Economic damage inflicted was about \$500 million, with casualties reaching 100,000, 80% of whom were civilians. (Equivalent damage in the U.S. would have been \$200 billion and 1.2 million casualties.) In spite of the intensity of the air effort, CIA and Defense Department studies at the time showed no measurable reduction in North Vietnam's will or capability for contributing to the war in the South. The statistics cited in the report show that the 1968 bombing "halt" did not actually reduce air activity in Indochina, but only shifted its focus—first to below the 20th parallel, and then to Laos and the Ho Chi Minh Trail.

Despite Nixon Administration denials, a major air effort has been carried out in northern Laos to support ground activities of the Royal Laotian Government totally unconnected with the conflict in Vietnam. U.S. bombing there during 1969, the study reveals, was as intense as that during the attack on North Vietnam (200,000 tons per year into an area the size of Kentucky), and even fewer restrictions were placed on the use of air power than in Vietnam. Despite

this massive bombing effort the Pathet Lao now control more territory than ever before.

The air war over the Ho Chi Minh Trail in southern Laos has been steadily escalating since 1966, with 400,000 tons of munitions dropped this year. This interdiction campaign has become the focus of the U.S. air war in Indochina; it has also served as a laboratory for the improvement of air-war technology. *Elaborate and expensive electronic devices are being developed as instrumentation for an "electronic battlefield," the goal of which is automated and computerized warfare, providing an all-weather, day-night interdiction of war: "Machines fight the gooks, and no human beings are involved on either side!"*

The direct budgetary costs of the air war thus far have been about \$25 billion, or about one-quarter of the cost of the Indochina war, with the total U.S. economic costs estimated at more than \$50 billion. The immense cost to the people of Indochina cannot be put in such precise figures, but it must be taken into account in evaluating the air war.

The air war has also resulted in a direct and massive onslaught on the ecology of Indochina. More than one-third of the forest area of South Vietnam has been

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Tenure Under Fire

By Matthew Finkin

Academic Tenure: The President's Commission on Campus Unrest urged a reconsideration of it. The A.C.E. Committee on Campus Tensions called for its reappraisal. And no less a figure than the newly appointed president of Rutgers University has wondered aloud whether tenure still serves a useful purpose.

The center of the debate over tenure appears to have shifted since the strife-torn years of '68 and '69 when criticism was based on student dissatisfaction and lack of "academic responsibility." Now, assertions of inefficiency and unproductivity abound in our financially aware decade.

Long-term contracts of faculty employment in lieu of tenure are now bandied about as a suggested panacea in pruning the dead wood from the academic grove. To understand what is at stake, students should consider the value of academic tenure.

Traditionally, tenure has meant that after some reasonable probationary period, a

faculty member should be understood to be on continuous appointment. Once acquired, this status can only be terminated 1) for adequate cause, as demonstrated in a hearing before a tribunal of peers, or 2) as a result of a *bona fide* financial exigency or curtailment of a program of instruction.

The purpose served (apart from job security which is, itself, an inducement to enter the profession) is to insure the freedom of the professor to teach, research, publish and speak out on civic and institutional issues without fear of losing his job.

Possession of tenure does not *per se* protect incompetents; it assures that a school administration will come forward with its case under traditional Western notions of fair play.

The suggestion of long-term renewable contracts of employment in lieu of tenure—say, of 5 or 10 years' duration—seems to have all the asserted defects of the tenure system and none of the advantages. Certainly one advantage of the current system is that at

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RESISTANCE CENTER OPENS

In the wave of change and its accompanying ignorance in the Selective Service System, a front for draft resistance has been established at Oakland University. The Draft Resistance Center, located in 110 Vandenberg, has been opened by the War Resister's League to supply students and other interested individuals with information and counselling on resistance.

The Center is based on the premise that the Selective Service System is an attempt by the government to control, by "channelling," the lives of its constituents, and that each individual has the liberty to decide his own fate and make his own moral judgments. It will be a place where individuals may explore exactly what their

perogatives are and discover the ways in which the government is manipulating the draftee.

In charge of the center, which will be opened from 8:30 to 9:30 every night, are Barry Gillogy and Barry Zajac, who are building the Center from the ground up, having no real precedent from which to work.

They wish to emphasize that obtaining deferments and classifications does not constitute resistance. The types of resistance they will deal with will be mainly passive and active non-cooperation and immigration.

It is hoped that as its resources grow, the Draft Resistance Assistance Center will grow and help make the community aware of their rights with respect to the Selective Service System.

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Oakland county is one of 12 counties with the greatest incidence of gonorrhea in Michigan, according to state statistics. The problem counties will get special attention in public and professional education campaigns to be carried out in November and December.

These counties have been picked as special targets in a special Michigan Venereal Disease Control Project by the Michigan Department of Public Health, and the Michigan State Medical Society

Posters and public education materials are being made available to high schools, health clinics, youth serving organizations, parents groups and collegiate housing units throughout the 12 county area.

Physicians and hospitals

information on the use of new diagnostic procedure for gonorrhea, using the Transgrow method, which will be made available generally in the state after January 1 by the Michigan Department of Health Service figures rank gonorrhea first, streptococcal infections second, and syphilis third. Sixty per cent of the gonorrhea cases and 45 % of the syphilis cases are in persons under 25.



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There is a sport which is rapidly growing in popularity throughout Michigan and other areas which enjoy winter sports. The name of this "new" sport is ski-touring, or cross-country skiing.

It was discovered thousands of years ago by Paleolithic man, as he found wintertime travel was greatly enhanced by strapping boards to his feet, allowing him to glide over the hard surfaced snow and at the same time keep him from sinking into the powdered snow.

Modern-day cross-country skiing has changed very little from its ancient beginning. While the currently more popular Alpine skiing (downhill) encompasses a wide and new technology, Nordic skiing (cross-country) continues to use lightweight laminated wood skis, bamboo poles, a ski boot, simple cable bindings which give the heel maximum freedom, and clothing that is functional rather than stylish.

Because of the simplicity of the equipment, the expense of the items is low. The best set of equipment has an average price of \$100, and a good beginners set may cost as little as \$55.00 (including skis, poles, boots and bindings).

In spite of the low cost of equipment, the real savings in ski touring comes from the use of this equipment. Most downhill skiers will readily attest the largest

cost of Alpine skiing is the trip to the ski resort and the many and varied expenditures made in getting to the slopes and utilizing the facilities. In cross-country skiing, after purchasing the equipment probably the largest single expenditure each year is the purchase of \$5.00 worth of waxes and accessories.

The Paleolithic man wanted only to be able to walk over the snow easily. And that's exactly what cross-country skiing allows current man to do. First, the cross-country binding, unlike downhill bindings, permits the hell to have complete freedom of movement. Therefore, one can take normal strides, just as one would while hiking in the summer. Then, with the aid of various waxes, ranging from soft to hard, it is possible to obtain just the right amount of pressure from the foot to grip the snow. When that pressure is released, the snow falls away and the ski glides smoothly forward. As the snow surface changes, or as the heat of the day increases, a new wax is applied.

The proper use of wax allows a cross-country skier to literally run straight up a hill — a feat impossible for the downhill style skier.

Versatility is not the only advantage of cross-country skiing. Safety is a prime factor. The cross-country binding with its loose heel is in a constant state of "release", allowing the skier to fall in a natural way. Many serious leg injuries suffered by downhill skiers are eliminated. One well-known American cross-country ski enthusiast once stated that in twenty years of ski touring the worst accident he had heard of or seen was a sprained thumb.

Merry Ch



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HAPPY HOLIDAYS Wm

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No Peace EATS

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of thousands of Bengalese." It then asks for a commitment from the families to work to end the wars and halt the causes and machines of war.

Appropriate? Is the store sponsored commercial float more appropriate than a feeling of hope towards the true Christmas spirit? Are carloads of smiling, waving politicians more appropriate than the truth and sorrow and and acknowledgement of the presence and evils of war and an effort to correct it? Is a parade put on by adults for their own satisfaction (flash of short skirted, baton twirling youngster) more appropriate than a handful of Americans aware of the real purpose of the holiday? Is goodwill to me (what will I get for Christmas?) more appropriate than a wish for goodwill to *all* men?

We should, at this time especially, look around us and be aware of the non-achievement of our goals of good will. We should expand and consider the whole world in our wish for peace. It is time to throw off this attitude of "God's in His heaven and all's right with the world." It's time to embrace the true spirit, no matter how cold it is, and reject the commercialism and profiteering of the season.

It's time to work for the peace that will someday give the whole world a Merry Christmas.

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would have been expelled in the urine of the animal; female hormones given to the animal before slaughter to make it gain water weight; growth hormones which have been linked to certain types of cancer; DDT in a much greater concentration than in vegetables; adrenalin, discharged throughout the animal's system as he dies a violent death.

There are alternatives to meat products, besides carrots and lettuce. There are factories throughout the country which are currently producing simulated meat. This product, with the texture of real meat, is made of soybean and wheat protein flour. It comes in artificial chicken, sausage, bacon, diced beef, and other flavors.

The vegetarian consciousness also has other advantages. For instance, an acre of ground produces 10 times as many soybean calories as meat calories. It also takes far fewer man-hours to produce vegetables as opposed to a corresponding amount of meat. This lends yet another step in balancing the ecological elements of a planet shared by humans and animals alike.

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some point in time a firm decision must be made on the promise the individual holds for the institution. An amiable colleague who comes close but doesn't quite make it will, doubtless after much agonizing, be given a timely terminal notice. The long-term contract approach, however, merely allows a continual postponement of firm decisions. It is unlikely that a passable colleague of 10, 15, or 20 years would find his contractual option not picked up.

Who, then, would realistically be affected under the long-term contract plan? Admittedly the blatantly unfit are reachable in any event even under the current system.

Clearly those most likely to suffer nonrenewal are the outspoken and controver-

sial. To them, possessing tenure is a very real protection for exercise of academic freedom.

It is more than likely that the long-term contract approach will have a chilling effect. Faculty will of necessity be concerned that what they say in class, in print, or in faculty meetings will play a significant role in nonrenewal decisions.

Some assert, however, that academic freedom is so widely accepted that the tenure system is no longer needed. But one need only look at the ever growing list of schools censured by the American Association of University Professors for violations of academic freedom. Last year alone, almost 900 complaints of violations were filed with the A.A.U.P.

For students, an issue critical to their education lurks within the debate over tenure versus long-term contracts: What seems to be challenged is the autonomy of professors to teach, research publish, and criticize as they see fit. It one accepts the assumption that students are no more than consumers of an educational service; and if a schools' governing body has an unfettered right to control the manner of delivering that service; then, without question, tenure is a serious impediment to academic administration. But, then, so too is academic freedom.

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BIG CITY SCREW

By Greg Daft

The story line of *T.R. Baskin* is a good one, even if it is a bit old. Small town girl goes to the big city (Chicago) to seek fame and fortune. . . discovers the meaning of being alone on a crowded city street. . .

According to the promotional materials sent out with the film, *T.R. Baskin* is Candice Bergen's best performance ever. This wouldn't be a difficult statement to make, even if it weren't true, since this is really Bergen's first time out without being smothered by the presence of a superstar like Elliot Gould or Jack Nicholson. It is her first *real* leading role, and she handles it convincingly, if not genuinely.

The film is handled in a series of flashbacks and present shots, bouncing from one to the other, almost too frequently. This means that it is mandatory that it be viewed from beginning to end, not middle to end to beginning.

This is an effective method for handling the plight of T.R. Baskin as she slowly develops the realization that life in the big city isn't all

would believe by reading Life Magazine.

The film opens with a shot of Jack Mitchell (portrayed by Peter Boyle of *Joe* fame/disgust) coming into Chicago on a convention, and running into Larry Moore (played by James Caan), an old frat brother. After a couple of drinks, Mitchell asks Moore about setting him up with a little typical convention activity.

Enter T.R. Baskin, from all appearances the call girl referred by Moore. It is from here that the story takes on its development through the flashbacks and the dialogues between Baskin and Mitchell. These establish Baskin's history in the city, as well as her personal problems of adjustment.

Peter Boyle proves his ability in this film, doing a good job of breaking away from the total hard hat, freak-shooting image that he received from *Joe*. While in *Baskin*, he plays anything but the smooth sophisticated type, the character of Mitchell is much more palatable than that of Joe.

James Caan's performance as Larry is, if anything, overdone in the nice guy segment. The problem with this character appears to have

been a combination of the writing, direction, and the portrayal of the character of Larry is supposed to be a kind, sympathetic one, who later turns into a shallow, thoughtless fool, thus shattering Baskin's hopes for a true friend. The problem occurs as a result of Caan being entirely too convincing as Larry the nice guy for his actions to follow when he shows his true self. I don't feel that this flaw was a result of poor acting on the part of Caan, but a simple oversight in character analysis and overall understanding of his place in the film.

My major complaint about this film is with the director. Even though the story line may be a cliché, I still believe that it could have been handled (as indeed it was, for the first half and beyond) without the use of bland techniques. The most obvious of those was a long shot of Candice Bergen walking down windy, deserted Chicago city streets, with a piano accompaniment that sounded like it will end up right next to the themes from *Romeo and Juliet*, *Love Story*, *The Summer of 42*, and about six hundred others.

There must have been at least three minutes of this emotional string-pulling after Baskin's final disillusionment (this one was a real tearjerker, folks), and the only attempted fresh idea was a Chicago squad car passing in the background, with the dome light flashing. It kind of looked like Hollywood was trying to think again.

All in all the film was well worth the admission price, if only to see Bergen in her first leading role.

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like a rusty razorblade
etching epitaphs across an eyeball

good times hang between us
like a barbed-wire noose
jerking in the wind

and i have come to believe
that it is time to end it all
like a leaf in autumn shrieking as it
falls to earth
smashing on cement,
very quietly.

Vicki Martin

That Prophecy, girl.
That kin kindness and compliment rare
And that Prophecy of prophetess
Revered and old —
A source, an asset deep, wet, dark,
With words swelling forth artesian at times —
But 'well known,
And well said words
But put by you wrong, you say
In silent lip-pout, kiss gone times
And stance defensive 'gainst me
When gain is lost.
When times remembered,
Car talk times gay in goodison,
I hear your words and feel your
(Ribs now bare; barren thought) key;
Your words give key, I see you shudder,
I see inside your mind behind those words.
And this is How It All Turns Out.
That Prophecy, girl,
that kin kindness and compliment rare
I bid you remember
And know I know what was gendering there.

(Yes, you can suckle meaning here.
It is thrust forth tender
To succor your growth:
My nipping words give message
Meant for you, babe, for you.)

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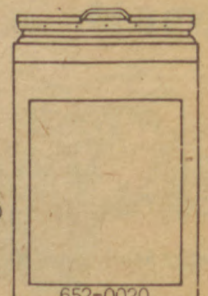
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TED LUCAS RETURNS

By Barry Zajac

Abstention is presenting, as a special attraction, the ever-popular Ted Lucas next Wednesday, December 15.

This will be the last coffeehouse before the holiday break.

Lucas, an established Detroit talent, has made a history with such groups as the Spike Drivers, in 1965, the Misty Wizards, and recording with an experimental group called the Horny Toads. Ted has recorded on several rock and folk records, including one called *The Detroit Folk Scene* — a collection of local talent.



TED LUCAS

More recently, he has been contracted to begin an album for Warner Brothers Records.

He has also been offered a job with NET and is scheduled to MC a rock and roll show on television. He has also appeared several times on the WABX tubeworks show a number of seasons ago.

Playing ten different instruments, it is hard to categorize Lucas into a single type of music. In any case, his show will be one that shouldn't be missed. Admission for this Abstention will be \$1.50 for OU students and \$2.00 for the general public. It will run from 9:00 to 12:00 PM. Other entertainment will be announced in the near future.

ABSTENTION FEATURES "TALENT"

By Ronald Hirsch

Talent came to surface last week, presented by Oakland's brand new "dive", the Abstention.

The Abstention conveys the atmosphere of a room with white walls, and one incense candle; and, oh yes, a step-up stage. The audience adjusts to the convention of entering in darkness and leaving in darkness. Darkness is part of the effect; if you can't see the performer, you can't see his mistakes. No fault of the proprietor, just bad lighting.

Times are hard for the Abstention, which is kept above the abyss of financial ruin, by those die-hard philanthropists who believe in the philosophy that all universities need a nice "hang-out."

In its efforts to stave off eventual rigor mortis, the Abstention invited Marc Abel to perform. It is indeed too bad for one of Oakland's most gifted performers to get caught in the shroud of a pop-corn-coffeehouse. It's an equal shame that not too many people showed to take the ride on Marc's trip;

straight or pleasingly mellowed.

Marc's ingredients combine a roller-coaster ride at the fair with some pleasant water fall effects, and the show is on.

His sensitivity fills a room the way perfume takes over a bad smell; very slowly at first, then soon you're covered. The interesting thing is that the transition is accomplished in the tight form, characteristic of Abel.

Marc was not in top form last week. His progressions seemed to lack smoothness, and his finger board work, hardly with any visible effort, was missing slightly in its usually well-defined staccato.

Marc's performance lasted a short 35 minutes. Ironically, this performer places no great importance in titling his music, instead, he just calls his tunes "things". Those "things" seat the audience between nowhere and somewhere giving them almost total room-to-move.

The audience will just

have to get used to the percussion-like qualities of Marc's scheme. His music is possessed with chaos. He, the magician with moods, can present chaos in order and form. Due to his classical background, Marc has perfected a progression with juxtaposition, to where his music appears to be in a fluid state. If you missed Marc Abel's performance of Just Another One Of Those Things, then you've missed something.

A Hymn to Mary

I used to think they were fools
For Praying to you.
Ancient crones with beads,
Sexless girls in black,
crying "AveMaria" to darkness

My Baptist mind saw sin and stone
Where they saw Queen of Heaven.
But your prayers are strong
You showed me the way to Rome.

Was it you Beauty that tempted Him
Your innocence, your devotion.
The tempted spirit gently filled your Womb
And filled your soul with hooks
And dragged you across
Blasting deserts
after a screaming Prophet
Who sucked your milk and blood
And assumed you into Heaven
As Eternal Intercessor
For our Sins.
Pray for Us
Pray for us

But I ask nothing
You, whose body was closed
At birth
You, whose life was loving
and outlaw
You, whose eternity
Is endless prayer,
A tool trapped forever,
You, without escape.

Ave Maria

Rod Reinhart

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Notre Dame Pioneers Win Relays

Oakland University swimming team divers, Jack Parker and Charles Lauinger, finished in first place in the 3-meter dive and the 1-meter dive, respectively, in the Notre Dame University Relays. They also finished fourth as a team in the Eastern Michigan University Relays over the weekend.

Parker and Lauinger have emerged as the diving team for the dual meet season. Parker, who has gained College Division All-American recognition the last two years in the NCAA championship meet, is also one of the top free style sprinters on the OU team.

Four Pioneers were in the 22 - 23 seconds range for the 50 yards free style: Dave Groth, Jack Parker, Pat Nichols and Bob Van-Dyke.

The 500 and 1,000 yards free style events are still open with Lawrence Bryk of Dearborn, John Gibson of Rochester Adams and Thomas Zeeb of Detroit Thurston H. S. the strongest contenders.

Carvin Melson, senior guard, led the OU Pioneers Basketball team to an 85-72 victory Wednesday evening. He scored 32 points on 12 field goals and 4 free throws, plus taking 15 rebounds. Craig Coney, junior guard, scored 16 points and John Eley, senior guard, scored 14 points.

The Pioneers led all the way, with a first half lead of

37-34. Midway through the second half, Melson, Coney and Eley did some fine shooting and pulled away to a 64-48 lead. With this lead, Coach Boldon substituted freely and all men on the squad were able to see action.

Oakland plays at home this week. — Friday, Dec. 10, against Wooster College and Saturday, Dec. 11, against Olivet College.

BOMBINGS

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sprayed with defoliants, one-half of the country's mangrove forests have been killed off, and enough food has been destroyed by herbicides to feed 600,000 people for one year.

The credibility of U.S. government statements about the air war is called into question by numerous discrepancies. In 1969, when 200,000 tons of bombs were dumped on northern Laos, Washington officially admitted only to flying "reconnaissance."

Aerial bombing has undeniable military advantages in conventional warfare with

massed troop concentrations; but in guerrilla warfare, the study concludes, the American capital-intensive response, substituting lavish firepower for manpower, is both inefficient and indiscriminate. B-52 raids in northern Laos went on for more than a year before official acknowledgement. It was stated that U.S. planes were not giving close support to Cambodian troops when in fact, they were. "Protective reaction" raids against North Vietnam strike a wider range of targets than their official description implies.

ABORTION VOTE

LATION Do you know that the Michigan House of Representatives has voted to leave the Abortion Reform Bill (Senate Bill No. 3) in committee? Do you know that there will, therefore, be no vote on the abortion bill during this session of the legislature? Also do you know that the Supreme Court of the United States is due to hear several cases dealing with the constitutionality of existing abortion laws? Are you aware that if they hear them at all, they are just as likely to uphold them as to declare them unconstitutional? What can you do? Circulate a petition which reads as follows:

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

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N.M.U. STUDENTS SUE

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choice.

If the Northern Michigan students win their case, some university officials fear, housing vacancies will go

ing, a licensed medical or osteopathic physician may perform an abortion at the request of a patient if the period of gestation has not exceeded 20 weeks. The procedure shall be performed in a licensed hospital or other facility approved by the Department of Public Health.

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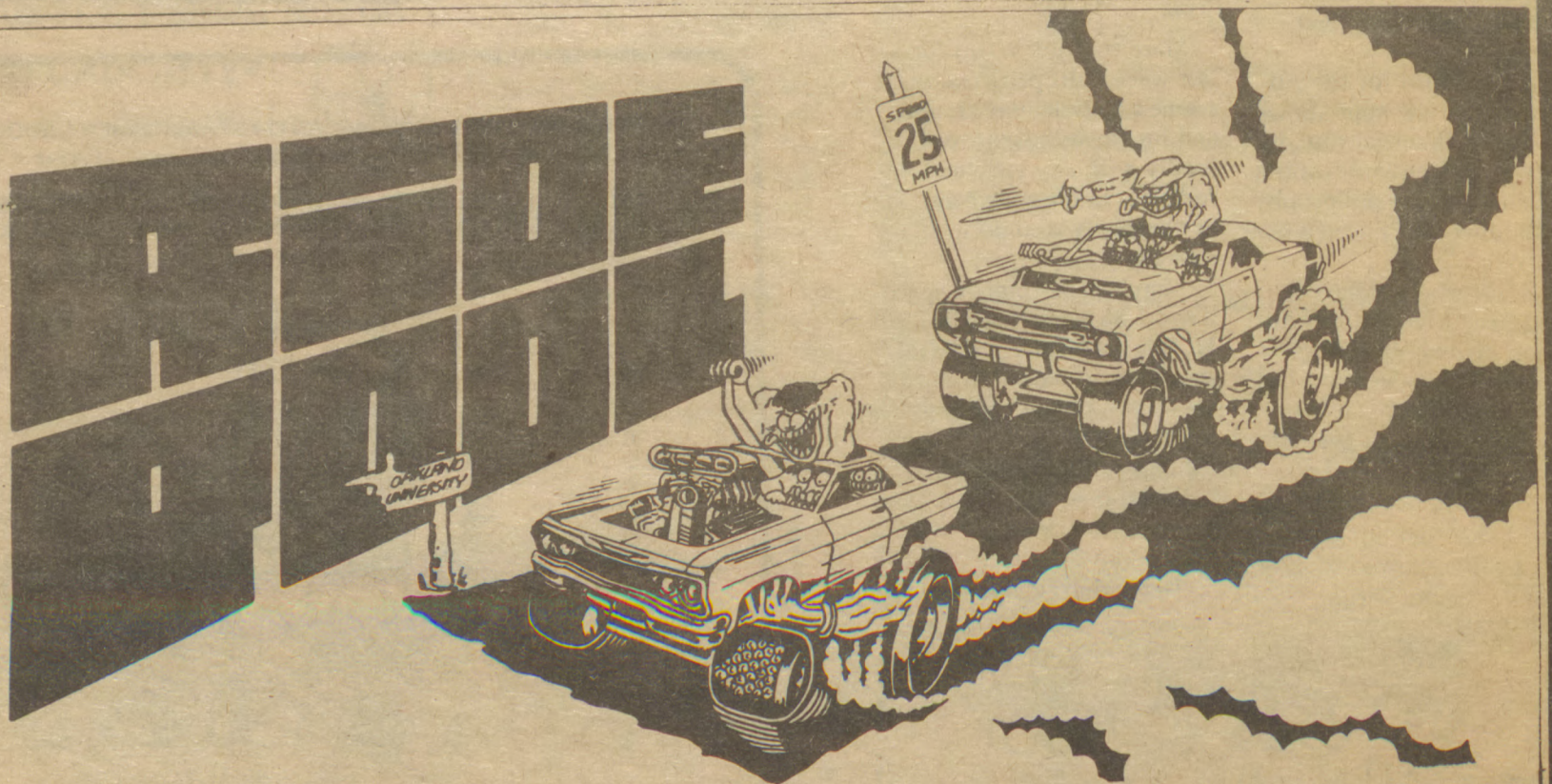
- 1) Any registered voter may circulate a petition.
- 2) All twenty signatures on each petition must be
- 3) The circulator must sign the petition.

Legal petition forms may be obtained from Doug Cleary 377-3477, 36 O.C. When you are home during the holidays, ring your neighbors' door bells. Get their signatures.

Wm. Brewster

even higher. [Oakland was confronted this semester with the problem of a large number of vacancies (only 1,500 of a possible 1,900 spaces are occupied).]

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