



"PRIMUM ET SEMPER OPTIMUM"

WHEELS IN THE WIND

GYMKHANA & ROAD RALLYE

GYMKHANA

The Gymkhana is preparing to roar off in a cloud of smoke October 27, and promises to be professional and very competitive. A saturation advertising campaign is hitting the campus and many newspapers in Southeastern Michigan. The area sports car clubs have also been notified. The turn-out should be large.

The course itself is fast (open corners) and intelligently planned. Light poles and curbs will be out of reach for even the most deranged MG drivers. A drag-style "Christmas tree" starting device will be outclassed only by the photoelectric-laser timer.

Facts not on the flyers all over campus: Seat belts are required; a waiver must be signed by all contestants. Each car is allowed one practice and two timed runs, the best of the timed runs being scored. Cars may not exceed 3500 lbs.

For people who have not done this before (assuredly you won't be alone), here are a few hints: Inflate tires to about 35 lbs.

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O U E S ROAD RALLYE

Oakland's famed Engineering Society is again setting paces in the fall of '68. Led on by their Rallye Master Tom Persha, they have come up with two excellent courses for you to try your skill on. Mr. Persha, chairman of the Time and Distance Route, estimates that his route is about 112 miles long and will take about 3½ hours. Bill Garity, chairman of the Clue Route, estimates his route at about 90 miles and taking only 3 hours.

Starting time for both routes is 3:30 p.m. in front of the library on Oct. 26. Finish time depends on each individual's ability but is set at 11:30 p.m. at the Science Building. The price is \$3.00/car and \$.75/ passenger.

As an added attraction this year, there will be a Christmas tree starting device to give a more professional touch. The Rallye will also be computer scored for fast results.

The Rallye Dance starts at 9:00 p.m. in the Gold Room and ends around 12:00 p.m. Admission to the dance is 75¢ if tickets are bought early, or \$1.25 at the door.

EDITORIALSOBSERVER OBERSERVED

This semester has seen the number of dorm newspapers grow to five. Vandenberg now has the Van-guard and a dorm paper has been proposed in Anibal. This leaves only Hamlin without a dorm newspaper (Hill does not have one, but the girls in Hill will move into Hamlin eventually).

The reason for the birth of the new papers is obvious. Apparently the dorms feel that campus activities, and their activities in particular, have not been receiving adequate coverage. There has been a dearth of campus news in the Observer this semester. It has concentrated on revolution to the point that it has rather poor coverage of campus affairs. So naturally every dorm wants some way of informing its residents of events and news they need to know. The same must be true of commuters and clubs. We almost expect to see the birth of something like a Northeast Side Commuter Clarion or an Economic Society Eagle.

The reason for the new papers cannot be just the desire to express a different editorial viewpoint from the Observer, because Fitz Bitz and VW have always done that. It must have to do with the coverage of dorm and campus news.

This is also probably the reason why the number of Observers taken from the various stacks seems to be lower than in past years. From what many of us have seen, a lot of students are ignoring the Observer this semester.

Mike Honey stated in his first editorial of the year that the Observer was going to offer an alternative, i.e., take an even more radical turn.

Well, this is fine. Newspapers should express their views, but they should also have news (news+paper=newspaper), and a campus newspaper should have campus news.

Yet this is one of the major complaints about the Observer this semester, that it is not giving adequate coverage. On the other

hand, the dorm newspapers can hardly be expected to take up the slack. They just do not have the resources--money, time, or staff--for the job.

However if the Observer is unwilling to give better coverage, the university might come up with a revolutionary event of its own. The Observer cannot be truly revolutionary while it is supported by the university. Perhaps the funds we have been forced to pay for the Observer should be redistributed among the dorm newspapers to allow them to become independent of their house councils and further their coverage of university activities.

After all, it is hardly democratic to force the students of the university to pay for newspaper that does not fulfill their wants or needs.

*Epistolar
intercourse*

Dear Editor,

With regard to the rotten meal last Saturday night, the university has no right to give us a meal like that. Why should we pay \$4.80 a semester to be pushed around? For that price they have an obligation to us. I can understand us eating in the O.C., but why should we eat the way we did? Two hot dogs, potato salad or potato chips, and a spoonful of ice cream is not a decent meal.

This same problem is apparent in the off limits parking behind the I.M. Building. It is about time the university stops dumping on the resident students.

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ALL CAMPUS RADIO NOW A REALITY

Steve Liskow

On Monday, September 16, it became theoretically possible for all resident students to turn to 1200 on the AM radio dial and hear Oakland's own radio station, WVW.

When WVW first began broadcasting last winter, the miniscule power output deprived the Tridorms and most of Vandenberg of hearing some of the most unique programming in southeastern Michigan. The station was originally the brain child of Al Younger and Ken Srigley, both of Van Wagoner, who started it because in Younger's words, "it was kind of interesting". The motivation was originally just "V.W. is number one again", but the station has drawn interested personnel from the entire campus. The original site of the studio was to be one corner of Srigley's and Younger's room, but a conversation with Mr. Karras of the Physical Plant resulted in the 5th floor (SW) storage room being made available. It was equipped laboriously by a handful of enthusiastic guys who sacrificed their own equipment, just to treat fortunate portions of Hill and Van Wagoner to some less commercial radio. Rumor said the transmitter was near phone cables, so the natives of 110 Fitz ran the antenna of their radio through the phone. The result was weak reception, which was mangled by anyone's using a phone in Fitz South.

Things have changed now, thanks primarily to the persistence of Al Younger, Don Campbell, Clark Chapin and other pioneers who braved electrocution and loneliness to air "The Fred and Don Show", "The Pop Can", and other classics(?).

Operating on a shoestring (Younger has gone to Allocations for help), WVW broadcasts nightly from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.--midnight Fridays and Saturdays--with 9 watts of power, just enough to make the station audible if your radio is near a campus phone. Although the call letters are still

WVW, the organization's official name is All Campus Radio, with disc jockeys and engineers from all men's dorms. Listeners will find something for any musical taste from classical to pop, soul, and jazz. DJ's are as varied, ranging from knobby-kneed hicks to ultra sophisticates.

There was once talk of moving the studio into Vandenberg so that girls could also take part in the activity, but no dice. Consequently, it's business as usual from the 5th floor broom closet, a six-by-six cubicle choking with wires, turntables, microphones, records, cigarette butts, and stifling heat. Most of the programs feature a long record each hour so the door can be opened to let in some fresh air, and the "Roger Ramjet" premiere featured a DJ stripped to gym shorts. A sign admonishing "Shut MIKE: THE F.C.C. IS WATCHING YOU" hangs forlornly above the DJ's chair. It is ignored during "Roger Ramjet" ('This song, "Feeling Groovy", is dedicated to Miss Groovy out there'), "Introspection" ('The temperature this evening is 79 degrees--warmer if you're with a girl').

Asked about WVW's future, Al Younger replied: "All the way. We can probably be heard in the I.M. now if you're near a phone. We want to be heard in the entire dorm complex as new dorms arise." With the enthusiasm all participants have right now, it is not an idle dream.

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(rear engined cars 5 lbs. less in front); remove air cleaners; empty car of all loose articles, spare tire, and tools; and try to arrive with a nearly empty gas tank. Weight is all important. If possible, push your car to the starting grid, a slightly warmed engine gives the best performance.

Finally, be sure to check oil level. Things can get expensive if the oil surges away from the pump under hard cornering.

For any questions, call Bruce Scharfenberg 206 Fitz, ext. 2430.

VARNER
CULTURE AND
CHANGE

Tom Townsend

Howard Parkhurst

Having read in the Detroit News that the American Ballet Company would like to make Oakland its new home, we decided to talk to someone who would know about this. This turned out to be Chancellor Varner.

We were very lucky and managed to catch the Chancellor between appointments. Though we had originally planned only to ask about the Ballet Company, several other topics were brought up during our conversation.

The American Ballet was naturally our first topic: "This is still in the talking stages," said Chancellor Varner, "but both parties have expressed a serious interest." He went on to say that they were interested in making Oakland their summer home. "They were here for six performances this summer and the audiences seemed receptive. The box office draw, during their stay was higher than it was the other weeks...and they were rather pleased with the facilities we had to offer." But Chancellor Varner did say that about \$60,000 would have to be spent to provide more dressing rooms and better provisions for scenery. The people in the Company would probably be housed in the little dorms while here. The Chancellor was quite enthused about the idea, but there is nothing concrete yet.

----We changed the subject slightly: "We have heard many rumors that the Detroit Symphony Orchestra would like to make Oakland their permanent home."

"You know, I read that in the newspaper the other day;" the Chancellor thought for a moment, "I think it was in Contact 10, or something like that. But no one has said anything about this to me." However, he did say that when the Performing Arts Building was finished, with its 1200 seat theatre, he was hoping that the

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Symphony would play at least one concert a week at Oakland.

----We next came to wonder about the future of Meadow Brook Hall. Chancellor Varner was, himself, puzzled about this subject, but did offer some meek hopes. "It's costing the university \$40,000 a year for upkeep of the Hall...a private organization will have to get behind and help us financially with the Hall." He thought that perhaps in a year Meadow Brook Hall could be opened for a limited number of events; he suggested dances, lectures, and receptions. The Chancellor was vague on this issue but tried to sound hopeful, although it was an unresolved problem.

----Though we hadn't planned questions on the topic, while we were there, we just couldn't resist the opportunity to ask about the current desires for more dorm rule with regard to social rules. Chancellor Varner said that while few people had actually said anything to him about it at that time, he thought most of the things that were being asked in this respect would be granted. However, he also could not see the possibility of the administration giving up all control---they would still have some sort of final authority.

Chancellor Varner seemed willing to talk longer, but we had already taken up 25 minutes of his time. We excused ourselves and left, greatly impressed with Chancellor Varner's interest in cultural and social problems, and his more than willingness to talk to us for so long.

STUDENT COALITION---
ALTERNATIVE TO SDS?

Doug Larson

The new student organization, Student Coalition, has the potential of not only challenging the SDS, but being the most constructive political group on campus. The purpose of the Coalition, which is sponsored by Jim Ozinga is to work for progressive change within the system, as opposed to

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the SDS's approach of working outside the system.

In less than one month of existence the Coalition has an impressive record. Its feats include heading the student participation in the sit-in at the County Welfare Services Building in support of ADC mothers, supporting Plunkett's candidacy for Oakland County Prosecutor to replace the reactionary incumbent Kuhn; and active backing of the open-house proposal.

Provided the dialog of democracy doesn't stymie the action of the Coalition, this group promises to be the most action-oriented and result-achieving political group on campus, far outstripping and out performing the more "radical" SDS.

MORE OPEN HOUSES ? ?

Dale Smith

In the near future, we dorm students may be blessed with more open houses. A proposal concerning this issue is presently going through channels. The proposal gives, in effect, each dorm the opportunity to have two more open houses per week in addition to the Sunday open house. These are not to exceed four hours in length and are not to extend past midnight. The Inter-Hall Council has already passed the proposal. It also has to be passed by the Commission on Student Life and then signed by the Chancellor. (It probably won't go to the Board of Trustees.)

A separate measure concerning open lounges is also in the same position. This would let each dorm have the option of open lounges until 2:00a.m. every night. The outlook is becoming brighter, friends and lovers.

SPORTS

by RAY MILLER

GOLDENRODS LICKED BY VANDENBERG SIX

In one of the most bitter games of touch football this season, the Fitz South team was out-mauled

19-6. With only one official present just about anything went. Elbows and fists swung free and tempers blew up on every other play. Ray Miller was thrown out of the game for pushing. Jack Parker passed to Dan Draves for the T.D., but while the offense moved the ball well at times, it just could not score again. Steve Liskow had his wrist injured. The Goldenrod's record is now 1-3-1.

APPLES ROLL

The Fitz North Apples have established themselves as one of the top teams of the league, although their 3-1 record doesn't show how tough they are. The Apples have scored 111 points to their opponents' 40. The Apples real test will be against Van Wagoner One and Hamlin One, who are still undefeated.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT?

While walking through the woods near Baldwin Pavilion one day, a member of our staff chanced upon a sweet little old lady who claimed to be one of the first people who worked for Food Service. Though now retired, she offered to give him her favorite recipe for "our groovy little paper":

Vegetable Soup

- 10 gallons water
- 1 teasp. salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup each carrots, peas, corn, and string beans
- 1 teasp. dried skunk cabbage blossoms
- 1 teasp. dried skunk cabbage leaves
- 2 cups dried skunk
- 3 bones

Let bones sit in sun and rain for three weeks, or until bleached white. Boil in water for two hours then remove. Marinate vegetables in the broth for three days.

Add other ingredients, plus one cup of water from Beer Lake or the Rouge River (no where else). Cook over mild heat until an unbearable stench arises. Cool and serve.

Serves about 300.