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COMMUTER CONTACT

**SPECIAL
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Commuter Services, Oakland University

Winter 1976

NEOTRANS: ALIVE & WELL

The NEOTRANS Van Service appears in full gear and headed straight for success. This brand new service was initiated September 8, 1975, with a September ridership total of 1005 riders or an average of 59 riders per day. During the second month of service, ridership had doubled with a total of 2,349 riders a day. Presently NEOTRANS services a 197 square mile radius, and has tentative plans for expansion in the Pontiac area. NEOTRANS is presently serving Avon, Addison, Oakland, Orion, Oxford, Pontiac Townships.

The vans will make door-to-door stops in all of the above townships, except in the city of Rochester. They also service the bus transfer point and Pontiac Mall in Pontiac.

The drivers will take walk-ons going to Rochester from OU on the hour, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with the exception of 12:00 noon. To use NEOTRANS at other times, or to go other than to Rochester, call 628-4838 at least three hours ahead of time.

Widen Your World

If you should decide to form a student organization, here are a few things you need to know. A student organization is required to complete in full the Financial Responsibility Agreement and Information from which is designed to give information about the organization's officers and place financial responsibility on those who agree in writing to assume such responsibility. The organiza-

tion also must submit each year the statement of organization defining its purpose, structure and function and the Anti-Discrimination Policy and Statement, upholding the non-discrimination policy of the Oakland University Student Life Division. Organizations may request office space, furniture and equipment, recording studios and many other services.

Most student groups qualify for financial allocations from the University Congress Student Activities Board (SAB). For more information of how to organize a student group, visit the office of Student Organizations located in 48 Oakland Center.

Commuter Lobby Active

Commuter Council is a student organization benefiting all commuter students. The council, an eleven-member Board of Directors, is very concerned with commuter interests and problems. The council is very much involved with Legal Aid, parking problems, and entertainment at noontime in the Abstention.

Commuter Council is partly responsible for the existing open parking policy. This policy was designed to eliminate the parking hassles commuting and resident students have had in the past.

Legal Aid is a program that is designed for all students who need legal advice. A third year law student is available for advice and to direct people to organizations and even lawyers who can give them further advice. Commuter Council started this program, and currently co-sponsors it with the University Congress.

Noon-time Entertainment, sponsored by the Council, is a series

of concerts at lunchtime in the Abstention. It is aimed at a time when most commuters are on campus and would like some entertainment during lunch. The council tries to push other organizations to schedule events at times convenient for commuting students.

The Commuter Council also serves to give governmental representation. The Council has a president who is an ex-officio voting member of the University Congress. The Council also notifies members of the administration how they feel about University policy that affects commuters.

Any currently enrolled student who would like to represent and work for the interests and rights of commuter students may join Commuter Council. If you would like more information on how to get involved, drop by 36A Oakland Center or call 377-4297.



Winter hours: Monday 8:30-10:00, Tuesday 8:30-10:00, Wednesday, 4:00-7:00, Thursday 8:30-10:00, and 4:00-6:00.

COMMUTERS AT YOUR SERVICE

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... and this is what we do

Commuter Services is open 8-5 Monday through Friday.

Free Legal Aid. The attorney will be able to advise you and refer you to someone to represent you should you decide to go to court. For an appointment, come into 118 Oakland Center. Advisor's hours are Monday, 8:30-10:00 a.m., Tuesday, 8:30-10:00 a.m., Wednesday, 4:00-7:00 p.m., Thursday, 8:30-10:00 a.m., and 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Kar Kit (tools) and Jumper Cables-- borrow them at 118 Oakland Center, while you leave your driver's license with us.

Lockers--tired of carrying books, cameras, lunches, drafting supplies? Rent a locker at 118 OC. Lockers are still available in Varner and the O.C.

Referrals--We can advise you on who you can contact concerning problems about alcoholism, birth control, counseling, medical care, mental health, legal aid, gay organizations and substance abuse, come to 118 O.C.

Human Awareness Library---Women, Psychology, drugs, sex---want to know more about them? Your student ID is all you need to borrow a book from the library in 118 OC.

Off-Campus Housing--juniors, seniors, married students. We list off-campus housing in 118 Oakland Center. Stop in to find apartments and houses in the surrounding area.



TRANSPORTATION HASSLE LIST

IF YOU NEED....

Information on how to get into the Ride Pool program at OU, call Commuter Services at 377-2020.

Bus to Pontiac, Detroit, information and schedules may be obtained at Commuter Services, 377-2020.

A ride to anywhere in Addison, Avon, Oakland, Orion, Oxford or Pontiac Townships, call NEOTRANS, at 628-4838, or Commuter Services 377-2020 for more information.

A ride to anywhere in the U.S., Canada or Mexico contact Commuter Services or examine the S.H.A.R.E. board, near the Iron Kettle.

A paraplegic decal, come to Commuter Services, 377-2020, 118 OC.

A temporary health permit, contact Commuter Services, 118 O.C.

A parking appeal form, they may be picked up at Charlie Brown's.

Information on Parking Regulations, refer to page 11 of the Winter Registration forms or contact Commuter Services, 377-2020 or Public Safety at 377-3331.

A problem not covered in the areas above, contact Commuter Services, 377-2020 or Vice President Coffman.

WOMEN IN 76

During Winter semester, the Women's Center will be shifting its emphasis in programming. Last semester the Center put on Women's Week to celebrate International Women's Year. The winter semester will see an emphasis on smaller more individual programs.

Every Tuesday at noon there will be a program in the Women's Center. The programs will be put on by Women's Potential, the Association of Women Students and the Women's Center programming group. Noon-time programs will also be held in the Oakland Center upstairs.

Some of the programs being planned are Women in the American Revolution, Sexism and Religion, Lesbian Feminism and Women and Sexuality. A program is being planned for career options for women. Another film series is being considered.

Residence Hall programming team for women is planning some work shops on women and health and assertive training.

Some students have been requesting consciousness-raising groups for both men and women and plans are being formulated to hold these.

The Women's Center wants to plan programs that the students would like to see. Come by and talk about your suggestions. If you have any questions or suggestions contact Patty McMahon at 7-2977 at 7-4290.

Of 151 university offices surveyed to see if they were open noon hours, 41, or 27% reported being open from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Eight of 151 offices (5%) reported evening hours. Persons for whom closed offices present a problem are asked to come to 118 Oakland Center.

A student organization Academic Evaluations, has been formed to devise a system for providing students with feedback from other students about professors and courses.

One can work with the Academic Evaluations organization and at the same time enroll in an independent study. Persons interested are urged to join the organization by contacting Bruce Stone, 7-4276, or Laura See at 7-2020. Workers are definitely needed.

Researcher Comments on Commuting

An excerpt from "Beware: Elitism Returning" by Jacqueline Scherer, Assistant Professor of Sociology, on the commuting phenomenon. For copies of the entire paper contact Professor Scherer.

The dangers of maintaining the myth of resident superiority is that it obstructs a view of reality which could be most exciting. Recently, in the course of studying the process of transfer at an urban university, it became clear that in many ways transfer students were implementing the ideal of life-long learning and role balance in their lives. Many of these students who were older, married, and employed, were, in fact, developing strategies whereby they would allot time among several priorities. True, higher education was not the first priority, and had to compete with home, work, and social interests. This "even priority" for higher education has often been interpreted by traditional academics as a lack of commitment to higher education. They believe that the typical 18-22 residential student places academic concerns at the top of the list. There is little empirical evidence to document this belief. In fact, the few studies which examine the experience of higher education from the perspective of students suggests that these students are also seeking a balance between competing roles. The advantage of the residential student is flexibility: he or she can allocate time and adjust to various role demands during peak and low periods. The commuting student, however, is offset in many ways by the gains in long-term commitment to learning, to developing coping skills which permit the juggling of different career patterns; and by striving for total life balance which seems imperative in today's complex world.

It is time we dropped the elitist assumption that students who participate in student activities are somehow more involved and concerned; or that a reluctance to take 16 credit hours is a reluctance to undergo long-term curricula patterns. Perhaps we should examine the ways in which commuters have successfully organized their time to accomplish a great deal and find commuter models to explain the ways in which learning can

be integrated into total life activities.

I contend that in many ways the educated person today is one who seeks balance and challenge amidst multiple role demands and opportunities. Many commuter students are doing this before our eyes, but we have been so blinded and prejudiced by elitist notions that we fail to recognize their accomplishments

COMMUTERS GET RIPPED OFF

by Ingo Dutzmann

Oakland University has grown much in the last 16 years and along with that growth, most of which has been very positive, has come an escalated problem with breaking and entering autos and thefts from autos.

From September 1, 1975, to November 30, a period of barely 90 days, there have been 34 such incidents with the amount of stolen property alone at \$5,190. This figure does not include the damage to cars that occurred while these thefts and burglaries were taking place. This means that on an average, since the first week of classes, there have been two burglaries or thefts from autos per week at a cost of slightly over \$300 (average is \$150+ per incident).

It is notable that over half of the total incidents have been thefts rather than burglaries. This means that there is strong suspicion, given the fact that there were absolutely no pry marks or damage to the automobile, that the owners did not lock their doors or windows. Given the generally known high rate of thefts and burglaries from autos at Oakland, this startling fact leaves one no alternative but to suspect that people who still do not lock their doors do so out of willful ignorance or as a cheap way to hit the insurance companies for some ready cash. It is a well known fact that when the economy turns sour, thefts increase. This is every bit as much a function of the purposeful negligence of property owners as it is the supposed increased needs of the thieves. For the majority that remain honest, however, please regard this message as a serious enjoinder to exercise more care and caution in the display and protection of valuable items in your cars.

One last note, please call or contact the Public Safety Department

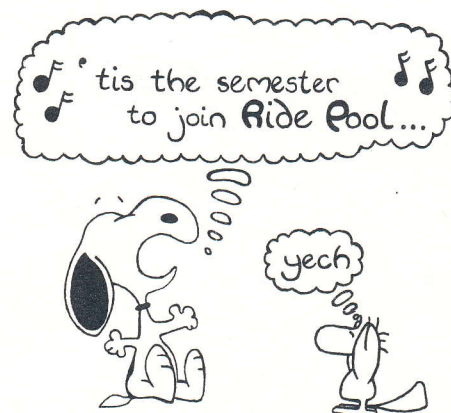
at 377-3331 immediately if you suspect or know that your car or another's has been thieved or burglarized. This is essential for Public Safety to come up with some much needed arrests!! Lock your doors and good luck!

Help Spend Money

The Village Project has finally reached the stage where actual planning for the development of the lower level of the Barn Theatre is under current discussion. The next step is for public suggestions as to the design and purpose of the basement. These suggestions are then to be evaluated and recommendations made by a temporary board composed of several members from the O.U. community chosen for their creative input. In addition to this board, A Village Board of Directors was organized last semester composed of two students, two faculty, two CTs, and four APs, whose function is that of a permanent decision-making body for the Village

Funds raised in the past three years total \$21,000 to date, \$6,000 shy of the amount needed to thoroughly renovate the basement. Emphasis on obtaining additional revenue is to be directed away from previous fund-raising attempts and more towards services and functions to benefit Village supporters as well as the Village.

Student support is needed now more than ever before to help implement ideas and oversee that the money raised and still to be raised insures the target date for the opening of the lower level to be by the beginning of April, 1976. For further information on the Village, call 7-2245.



Extra Extras

To find out what activities are coming up, check: Commuter Interest Bulletin Boards in the O.C., Varner, Dodge, and Hannah, WOUX in the O.C., OU News, the Commuter Services Office, Student Organizations, Evening Program or Charlie Brown's.

Are you looking for something more to do on campus than attend classes? Would you like some programs planned that interest you? Talk to Carol, Glenn, Cindy or Jim in 48 O.C.

SET in the Barn Theatre--ANYONE in the University community can try out for the plays.

If a car in the parking lot has its lights on, turn in the car make and license plate number to WOUX for a broadcast. Located in the OC basement.

The Student Ticket Office, 48 O.C. is open Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. It sells tickets for all campus events SEMTA bus line, Hilberry Theatre, and the Entertainment '76 Passbooks---also student IDs for Europe

The Graham Health Center (7-2341) is open from 8:00-5:00, Monday - Friday. Doctors are on duty from 9:00-11:30 Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10:00-11:30 Tuesday, Thursday and 1:00-3:30 everyday.

A check can be cashed at the Cashier's Office or the Bookstore. Both require a student ID.

Free tutoring help can be obtained at the Skill Development Center in Vandenberg Hall, 7-3205.

Kresge Library overdue fines are as follows: 3-week books 25¢ a day, Books on reserve 25¢ an hour, 1-week books \$1.00 a day.

The Pickwick Game Room, O.C. basement, is open Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 2:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Short-term Loans are available to students through the Financial Aids Office, 205 Wilson Hall.

The lost and found is located at Charlie Brown's in the O.C. and at Public Safety in the Services Building.

If you need the use of a room in the Oakland Center, come to O.C. Scheduling, 112 O.C.

The University Child Care Center charges 85¢ an hour for children of students and 95¢ an hour for children of staff and faculty. Its hours are 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Parking Appeals Box is located in the O.C. at Charlie Brown's.

There is a freight elevator in the Oakland Center that paraplegics can use. Ask about it at Commuter Services.

There are some music practice rooms (some with pianos) in Varner Hall, third floor.

Typewriters available for student use in the Student Organizations, 48 O.C. and the Kresge Library.

Are you planning any programs or activities during the Winter term? Get the information to 48 OC for publication in the Campus Calendar.

Ramp and wheelchair section now available in Sports and Recreation Building.

Copier machines for student use are located in the basement, first floor, and the third floor of the Kresge Library and at the Student Organizations Office, 48 O.C.

NEW AID AVAILABLE

Application materials for renewal of all financial aid and scholarships for the academic year 1976-77 will be available from the Financial Aid Receptionist, 205 Wilson Hall, after February 2, 1976. Applications should be submitted to the Financial Aid Office by March 1, 1976.

All students presently holding any scholarship must apply for renewal---there are no automatic renewals.

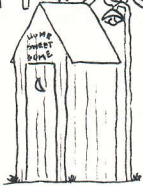
Changes in the regulations of the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant effective July 1, 1976, make all students potentially eligible to receive this grant including many persons who previously may not have been eligible.

All applicants for financial aid are required to apply for the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant. The Student Eligibility Report resulting from this application must be on file as an essential portion of your application for aid from the University.

PLAN YOUR LIFE NOW

Early career planning is more important today than any other time. With our present economic situation of high unemployment, a person should determine a general career direction as soon as possible. It is also important that the career chosen be marketable upon graduation. The career advising and Placement Office (201 Wilson Hall) can help with all career decision-making. Make an appointment now.

OUT-HOUSING



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Rochester, Michigan 48063

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Just fill out survey and guess how many Ride Pool Info Sheets will be processed in the first computer run.

Drop off at Commuter Services, 118 O.C. by January 9.

HELP!!

We need input on one of our transportation options. We are trying to improve Ride Pool.

Are you presently in a Ride Pool? Yes _____ No _____
Would you consider joining a Ride Pool? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what requirements would need to met for you to join a Ride Pool? Check as many as apply.

<input type="checkbox"/> Reserved Parking	<input type="checkbox"/> Being able to have
<input type="checkbox"/> Friends only in your pool	<input type="checkbox"/> someone from my place
<input type="checkbox"/> A wait of no more than 1/2 hour,	<input type="checkbox"/> of employment in pool
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 hour for the rest of your pool	<input type="checkbox"/> Being able to have a
<input type="checkbox"/> members (please circle time)	<input type="checkbox"/> two-person ride pool
<input type="checkbox"/> Being able to drive by myself	<input type="checkbox"/> Reduced transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> when I need to	<input type="checkbox"/> fees
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Just matching of people
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> who live close
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Being able to park any-
	<input type="checkbox"/> where with your sticker

Please rank (1 being first choice) your choices of Ride Pool format which would best meet your requirements.

☐ Keep the present Ride Pool lots near South Foundation and Varner Hall
☐ Break up present lots and add small lots near each building
☐ Eliminate lots and stickers, but still provide computer matching of persons living near you
☐ Select your own space in any lot at the time you register a pool (May be enforcement problem!)
☐ Park in metered spaces and Ride Pool gives you tokens when you register your pool. Meters could be added where needed
☐ Other (please specify) _____

Please clip and return to Commuter Services, 118 O.C., or call us, 7-2020 with your answer. We are trying to create a useful ride pool system.

Name _____ Phone _____ Guess _____

1. Is this the first issue of Commuter Contact you have read?

Yes _____ No _____

Please comment:

2. Is the Commuter Contact interesting and helpful?

Yes _____ No _____

Please comment: