

# Elections; today, tomorrow

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### Pontiac 3 to make trial political, to start Thurs.

Two Oakland students and one Birmingham High School student will be tried tomorrow on charges of criminal trespassing resulting from a demonstration held last Thursday at the Pontiac Draft Board.

Jim Russell and Ken Trush from Oakland, and Dudley Austin from Birmingham, will attempt to make the trial political. Subpoenas will be served to President Nixon, Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird, Attorney General John Mitchell, National Director of Selective Service, and Col. Arthur Holmes, Michigan Director

of Selective Service. Also subpoenaed for the trial will be all the clerks of the Pontiac Draft Board.

"Our lawyer feels we can get out of the charges, but in doing so we want to hassle the selective service and the war machine as much as possible," co-defendant Jim Russell said.

Charges may be dropped tomorrow by the judge, however, for two reasons. The accused were never told to leave the draft board before they were arrested, and, once in the police station, they were never advised of their rights or allowed to make a phone call. Their

lawyer, Bob Kocsis, was provided by Freedom City in Pontiac. Freedom City heard of the arrests from a girl who drove there while the defendants were being booked.

If the charges are not dismissed it is felt that the three students will win, but if not "we will appeal it," Russell said. If they are convicted they can be given a fine of \$100 and/or 90 days in jail.

The three defendants want to invite all Oakland students to the trial which will begin at 1:30 in the Pontiac Police station.

### Ed Reform: another committee?

The Blue-Ribbon Commission on Education Reform presented its final report to the Steering Committee of the University Senate Monday. Before the report was released the university indicated that the report would have to go to the Academic Policy Committee contrary to a prior understanding that the Blue Ribbon Commission would serve in its place.

"If this happens People for People has indicated that it may 'do something on the line of civil disobedience,'" John Springfield said.

The final report, very much watered down from the original proposal, has received opposition from many faculty members, including Prof. Donald C. Hildum member of the Blue-Ribbon Commission and chairman of the Academic Policy Committee.

If the proposal is let out of the APC it will be approved piece by piece instead of as a whole.

"It was the understanding of all of us that it (the final report) would go directly to the floor of the Senate," John Springfield said. "This was supposed to be THE

committee."

At its inception the Blue-Ribbon Commission was charged with serving as "a focal point for ideas concerning educational reform, investigate the feasibility of proposed plans, and report back its recommendations to the university community."

People for People is considering some protest because they feel students were led to believe that when faculty and administration knew it would go to the APC. Another reason for protest would be the contents of the final report.

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### Action Faction presses for change now

A group of demands was presented to the University Senate Steering Committee Monday by members of an alliance of different organizations.

The alliance, called the Action Faction, presented the demands while pointing to the havoc created in Kresge Library and threatened other actions.

The demands presented to the Steering Committee, were elaborations on the list of six distributed to students last Friday. The final demands were reworked and distributed to

the entire university community last Monday.

Represented in the list are requests previously made by People for the People, Student Mobilization Committee, Women's Liberation groups, Worker-Student Alliance, and environmental groups.

The Action Faction, although not a formal confederation of these organizations, is receiving support from them. It is an attempt to bring these groups together in order to hit the university simultaneously with one group of demands.

### Huber's report due April

by Ralph Goren

State Senator Robert Huber's committee is studying a report by a research committee assigned to study campus disorders. Huber said his committee's report should be complete in a month.

As reported in last week's Free Press, the research

committee concluded that no special laws by the Legislature are needed to handle campus disorders. Huber pointed out that of particular interest was a section in the report that claimed that student newspapers often do not reflect the general opinions of the student body and

maybe it should be brought up in the Legislature as to whether taxpayers money should be wasted on student papers of this sort. On the overall report, Huber said it needed very in depth study before his committee can do anything.



Russell being arrested last Thursday

### News Shorts

#### Gray to speak

In order to stop the vandalism and thefts that have been occurring in the residence halls, each individual must start being as responsible for the grievances we have been faced with.

Earl Gray, head of Public Safety, will be speaking on 7th floor Hamlin North Wednesday, March 25th at 7:30. It will be in the student's better interest to come and hear Mr. Gray's suggestions.

#### Student Elections

Elections for whatever student government posts remaining will be held today and tomorrow. All students will be voting for the positions for Student Associations Distributors. In addition to the S.A.D., dorm students will vote for president of Inter-Hall Council, and Commuters will elect students to 15 positions on

Commuter Council.

Commuters will be able to vote in Dodge Hall and the Oakland Center. Dorm students can vote in Dodge Hall and Vandenberg. Hours in Dodge Hall will be from 9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Voting for commuters only in the O.C. will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### Pool tournament

The Pickwick Room has a straight pool tournament, double elimination, on March 27 and 28 at 6:00 p.m. Registration is \$1.50

and is open to O.U. faculty, staff, and students. Deadline for registration is 5 p.m. March 26, Thursday. Trophies will be awarded to the first three places.



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## An Irrelevant Revolution

The revolution is upon us--for the twenty-fifth time this year. And as in the twenty-four previous attempts, we see a total lack of organization, a general lack of intelligence, and an overabundance of emotion.

This time, the Action Faction is at the vanguard of the attack, and it's more pathetic than ever. After the arrest of two OU students for trespassing on government property, the incensed radicals said, "Wait a minute! We're getting pimped!" and went out looking for causes for their frustration. This is where the fun begins.

No one gives a thought to organization--after all, to organize you have to be an elitist leader, and everyone knows that this would be antithetical to a revolution. The demand is there for immediate action--but no one is quite certain what to do. Someone yells "Let's take over Wilson!" and the response is "Right on! Let's go!" And so you go to Meadowbrook and disrupt the play. You make a lot of enemies, but the audience is full of capitalist pigs anyway, so who cares?

You leave Wilson feeling dissatisfied--revolution isn't always a fulfilling game. You see the Cadillacs in the parking lots. It registers--Generous Motors--imperialism--bingo! You think about putting one in Beer Lake as a symbol, but, deciding that to be impractical, you merely slit all the tires. Ah, freedom!

Your thirst for immediate action quenched, you decide to sit down and plot! You decide you need reasons for the revolution, so you work feverishly to create a list of demands. What better way is there to bring people together than to blame their problem on the administration and demand action? Sure, the list isn't very well thought out, but you have to keep moving, and rapidly.

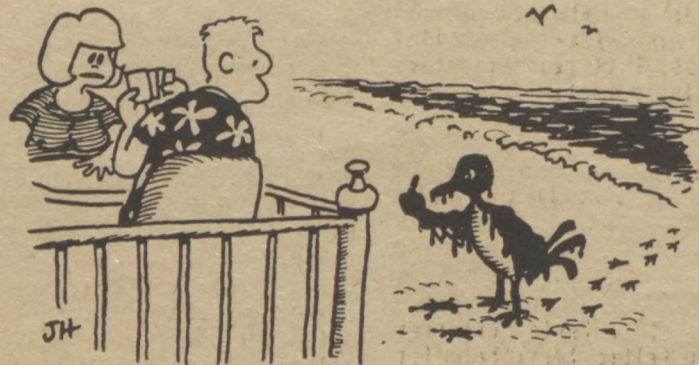
Action is the key work though. For the fire to kindle in the People's souls, they need action. Someone devises a scheme--check all the books of the library. Then you have something the administration wants--their books. Someone in the back of the room asks "What if the administration just ignores you and waits three weeks until the books are due?" He is ignored.

So you've temporarily hit the perfect balance--keep your people busy with some trivial, symbolic action and go back to trying to figure out some reasons for the revolution.

WAKE UP! Oakland University isn't where the revolution is at. Take a look at your list of demands--how much will any of them (with the possible exception of women's liberation) mean to you in five years? Look--student control of this, that and the next thing is irrelevant. Important in the short term, perhaps, but meaningless in the end. Take a good look around you--the real shit isn't in this university, it's out there--in the Real World. When was the last time you saw a ghetto on campus?

You are acting like little children. You demand an end to in loco parentis but continue, when frustrated, to demand things from the university the way a baby demands a bottle from his mother. And you know that if you step too far you can always run back to the Monastery-like sanctuary of your dormitory.

Take off your blinders--the real problems aren't whether or not students can run the committee. On the contrary, they are out in the ghetto, in 'Nam and Laos. If you're groping for a cause (as I suspect many of you are) that's where it's at, not in an "isolated community of learning" which is totally irrelevant to the remainder of your life.



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## The American Woman

## The Second-Class Citizen

by Carol Berkley

--You don't have a date for Saturday night? Poor baby, well if you lost 20 pounds, let your hair grow long, started using make-up and put on a dress, maybe some guy would start looking at you! Let's face it, females are a commodity and males aren't going to take out a dog. They want someone who looks sexy, you know, someone who might be nice in bed. (Our minds don't matter, we're only second class citizens.)

--I can't understand why males get such a charge out of opening doors for me. If both my arms were amputated I'd appreciate it, but I'm healthy. Not only can I open doors, but I also know how to put on my own coat. I learned how to do those things long before I even went to school.

--I asked him before I broke up with him, "Do you regard me as an individual before you regard me as a female?" His answer: quote "I regard you as My female." end quote, end him.

--And then there was the other him. Formula on catching a man: make him feel good, play up his masculinity, be his slave, and by all means give in to his wishes; don't frustrate him. Sure, you can catch him that way, but I learned that's no way to keep him. You'll boost his precious ego so high that he'll go out and concure every "chick" he possibly can. (Exit you from his life.)

--I really don't know how I'm going to afford school next year. Maybe I can work as a waitress and get a decent wage. If I were a male, I'd have no trouble, but what construction company is going to give a woman a job? And then again, I could also sell my body. I understand Playboy Bunnies make great money.

--Sex can be so great these days! With the pill, you can screw with any guy and not get pregnant. Guys don't have to worry if you get blood clots!!!

--I used to hate going to the beach. I'm so big busted I could never find a two-piece. But last summer my seamstress saved my life. For \$50, she made me a bikini that look really sexy! Did I ever get the looks!

--Tonight I was in the shower and I noticed how hairy my legs were. I didn't feel like shaving, but I just couldn't put on a pair of nylons with the way my legs looked. Hairy legs are so obnoxious, so unappealing, so I shaved!

All of these little true life examples sound so silly and stupid, don't they? The real silliness and stupidity lies in the fact that all females go through these unnecessary trivialities in one form or another. And one triviality builds upon the other until we are forced to see the ugly reality that females, in fact, are second class citizens. Women, we are the toys of our counterparts, and even sadder, is the realization that we are allowing all of this to occur.

Where does all of this come to a halt? If we continue to fall into the trap, our opportunity to become equal will never exist. Next time you sit in front of the mirror and put on your make-up, look deeply at your naked face, and ask yourself how relevant is your individuality as a woman. At the same time, ask yourself why you are putting that make-up on. If you are being honest with yourself, you'll look twice at the image in the mirror.

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## Reflections On Oakland's Radicals

(The following is a letter in response to the "ultra-left" group which destroyed the solidarity which could have been produced at the meeting the night of March 19.)

Many meetings have been held concerning the Vietnam War and many times there have been raging revolutionary rhetoric regurgitated by so-called radicals, who think that shouting the loudest

makes a person more radical.

Well, some of us know that this is not the way toward an effective revolution and neither is it going to mend any unity concerning the developing consciousness of the masses.

When these individuals start spewing out words like "revolution" and "destroy" very loosely, this turns people off the movement. No matter how much desire these people have to transform the world into a "better place", the revolution is not going to be accomplished by an infinitesimal part of the whole.

Especially at Oakland University there must exist

precious patience on part of the radicals, for two reasons: (1) nearly 50% of the students are preparing to be teachers (which has been rated a very conservative discipline) and (2) the rapid increasing facilities and numbers of students in the science oriented and engineering programs (which has been rated by many sociological surveys as containing students who are apolitical and "apathetic".)

For these reasons the movement must be careful and patiently educational toward the developing of a death to apathy and a socialist consciousness among the majority of students at Oakland.

It must not always be directed against the administration, but must be directed at educating the students on the whole so the people can make the decisions concerning the University. If the small group of "ultra-radicals" do not understand the importance of developing Marxism-Leninism, the entire movement within Oakland University will continue to exist in the hands of a few "ego maniacs".

FOCUS: Oakland welcomes all letters and articles from the student body, faculty, and staff. Letters must be in no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday.

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All letters must be signed with a student's name and/or student number. Names will be withheld upon request.

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## the effluent Society

by Allen Chamberlain

**WOW--The New Building's Really a Dump.** There's more miscellaneous building scraps lying everywhere around the new Performing Arts Building to construct another dorm (and it'd be just as well built!). Ignoring the fact that the construction workers have made a hillside of broken bricks, glass, insulation and general trash--of which I've seen no attempt to prevent ruination of soil on which it rests--the overall accumulation of building debris has resulted in a total spoilage of the land juxtaposition to the construction. What does the contractor propose to DO about all this crap--sod it over?!

"Gee Bob, how come you had seven stitches in your foot?"

"Hell, I was walking back from PA when a rusted piece of electric conduit went through my sandals. God-damn it--how in the hell could a piece of old conduit get in the grass like that?"

There is no reason why the builders should be allowed to get away with the manner in which they dispose of the trash they create. Hamlin's South "lawn" in inundated with broken everything left from the dorm's construction. (It's there if you can get through the student litter!) When we make a contract for new buildings--from now on let's demand they pick up their garbage--not bury it as "cleaning" it up.

**MORE ON GROWING,** only this is that garbage dump behind Dodge Hall. It's size is larger than ever. We checked it out and a lot of crap isn't even university garbage! Someone (a kindly neighbor?) is adding his own refuse as well. The day we looked we found brand new (that is totally unweathered boxes of dumped freshman) orientation dribble from one pollution to the next! There is also cut tree limbs--wait until I find where those are coming from--and plastic bags of leaves. The bad part about it is that those leaves, if left alone, will rot into mulch which is good for the soil. Packing them in everlasting plastic prevents their

natural spoilage. The tree cuttings could logically be used for kindling and fire wood in the various fire places on campus (assuming they're being cut "logically") instead of piled so and burned en mass. LOGICALLY THERE SHOULD-N'T EVEN BE A DUMP!

MUD, like we've never seem. Why? 'Cause the silly sidewalks wander "esthetically" everywhere except to the buildings. No wonder students beat their own paths. However, now that the spring thaw is beginning, if we're to have any lawns at all---we'd best stick to the sidewalks as much as possible. OFF THE MUD!!

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**THERE'S A STREAM LINE COMIN'** right past the Tri-dorms. But don't get uptight. It's grass they're moving and grass that will be replanted (we hope) of one form or another I'm sure (HINT). "Not blind opposition to progress, but opposition to blind progress." Motto of Sierra Club.

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**PICK IT UP.** Let's stop bitching and have a real clean-in. We're responsible for the litter--and it appears we're the only ones who care about all those trash heaps on campus. If we don't put out enough effort here at the university, forget about stopping industrial pollution, forget about breathing, too. April 2nd is Clean-it day. Not your rooms, YOUR campus. APRIL 2ND --CLEAN IT!!

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# Massive checkout at Kresge

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The purpose of the mass check out is to hurt the university and the library and not to hurt the students or the books. Books are being kept in the People's Library located in the office of the Oakland University Student Mobilization Committee in the Oakland Center and in private rooms. Books are being catalogued and shelved so that students will be able to use them.

In order to get a book that

the Kresge Library does not have a student should look up the call number in the Kresge card catalogue and contact the S.M.C. office. If The People's Library has the book it will be found and returned to the Kresge Library for the student to borrow.

This action was taken against the university so that students can bargain from a position of strength on a group of demands presented to the university by students last Monday.

The People's Library wants to make clear that this is a legal and non-violent action. If the demands are met tom-

orrow the books would be returned tomorrow. If the demands are not met tomorrow more books will be borrowed. The People's Library now has 1,500 volumes, including the entire Martin Luther King collection, the complete works of Henrik Ibsen, Henry James, and John Steinbeck.

Kresge Library has indicated that its computer's Memory bank has nearly been overloaded by this action. All books in The People's Library are due back at the Kresge Library April 11.

## Army's domestic spying challenged

SANE has called on Senator Sam. J. Ervin, Jr. to hold hearings into the U.S. Army's domestic intelligence work.

The peace group, known as the National Committee for a SANE Nuclear Policy,

commended Ervin, Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, for challenging the constitutionality of the Army's surveillance of citizens it considers to be potential participants in civil disorders.

Christopher H. Pyle, a former captain in Army Intelligence, charged in the January issue of The Washington Monthly that the Army broadened its domestic spying in 1967 to include "the political beliefs and actions of individuals and organizations active in the civil rights, white supremacy, black power and anti-war movements."

In a letter to Ervin, SANE Executive Director Sanford Gottlieb noted that an answer from Army General Counsel Robert E. Jordan, III failed to answer a number of basic questions raised by the Chairman of the Constitutional Rights Subcommittee. In urging that Ervin pursue the quest for information and for remedy through public hearings as well as direct communication, Gottlieb wrote:

"If Mr. Pyle is correct, the Army has been collecting information about civilians for 4 1/2 years and about political activists for 2 1/2 years. The process has no doubt become institutional-

ized under conditions of great secrecy. We believe the American people would like to know in complete detail about how '1984' began to come to the United States in 1965."

## Congressmen not touched by war

According to Congressional Quarterly, which has researched the subject at the request of The New Republic, there have been 234 sons of Senators and Representatives of draft age since the U.S. became militarily involved in Vietnam. More than half, 118, have received deferments.

From 1965 through early 1970, the offspring of 49 members were in uniform, but none of them served in Vietnam; the sons or grandsons of 28 members did see service in Vietnam. None has been killed or listed missing. The son of Maryland's Congressman Clarence Long was wounded twice, and in the same leg. That is the closest any of the 535 members of Congress has come to personal grief as a result of the war.

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# King film shown tuesday

A single showing in 300 cities of a new film on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was expected to raise \$5,000,000 for charity yesterday. One million persons were supposed to have seen the film which documents the civil rights movement in the U.S. during the King years from 1955-1968.

Entitled "King: A Filmed Record . . . Montgomery to Memphis", the two and one-half hour movie includes special performances by such stars as Harry Belafonte, Paul Newman, Charlton Heston, Sidney Poitier, Sammy Davis, Jr., Walter Mathau, Leslie Uggams and Diahann Carroll.

A longer version of the film, running over four hours, will be available for educational purposes following the initial one-night screening.

100 per cent of the proceeds (with no deductions

whatsoever, organizers say) will go into the Martin Luther King, Jr. Special Fund which will make grants to the Martin Luther King Foundation, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and to other anti-poverty and non-violent anti-social injustice organizations.

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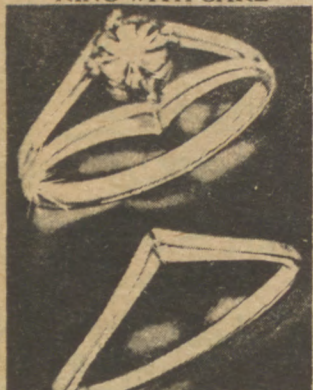
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