

Fitz Bitz

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Kennedys Reviewed

Since most of the men in the dorm have not met our head residents, the Kennedys, Fitz Bitz will try to relay some of the information from an interview with the Kennedys.

Mr. Kennedy's most obvious characteristic, aside from his turtle neck sweaters and tall stature, is his Scottish accent -- a result of spending his first 21 years in Glasgow, Scotland -- a place about which Mr. Kennedy says "it is good to be from". He immigrated to Toronto, Canada at age twenty-one to avoid something we can all appreciate, military conscription. After a stay in Toronto he received a scholarship for running at MSU, where he majored in physical education. After MSU, he went to Wayne State, where he received one MS in special education and one in political science. He finished his doctorate in political science at U. of M. last December, following nine months of first-hand study of Northern Ireland's politics.

Mrs. Kennedy, who spent most of her life in the Detroit area, entered MSU the same year as Mr. Kennedy. She received a BA at MSU an MA at Wayne, and is presently working on her doctorate in Audiology (that's ears for us idiots) at Wayne. She admits she about "climbs the wall" every time she thinks of the statistics courses she must take. So if a help wanted ad appears in Fitz Bitz for a Statistics tutor, we can scrounge up someone from the dorm to help her.

Mr. Kennedy, a second year political science professor, when asked to evaluate O.U., said that OU is the best place to get your money's worth in undergraduate

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Reconstituted Constitution

The new constitution for Fitz House was finished this week by the constitution committee (Brad Cooney, Steve Liskow, Mike Gingras and Tom Persha, chm.) appointed by House Council.

Sunday, Sept. 21, at 10 p.m., there will be a non-mandatory house meeting to discuss the document. It will not be held until Sunday to give each resident time to think about it. The constitution itself stipulates that the house must be given 72 hours to consider it before there is a vote on passage. Thus the meeting will be held Sunday and tentative plans are for each floor representative taking a vote on his floor sometime Monday. This will avoid conflict with weekend activities.

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EVOLUTION

Though these sheets of paper may not look familiar, the name should be. This is Fitz Bitz, but with a new image. The appearance is not the only thing that has changed. There is an entirely new staff, and with that a new outlook on dorm life, politics and life in general.

For the last two years Fitz Bitz has been an almost reactionary response to the Observer. We still hope to provide an alternative voice on campus, but we also have an honest-to-goodness radical on the staff. The prevailing philosophy will probably be somewhere in between the Observer and the old Fitz Bitz. While hardly reactionary, we still hope to cause a little controversy and make people think.

More important, we would like to have Fitz Bitz serve as a forum

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Registration Fall 1968

People are probably getting tired of listening to editorial complaints about registration, but since no one has seen fit to remedy a major fault in the present system, Fitz Bitz is going to complain again.

When this system was started last winter, it worked so smoothly that there were few complaints. There was one valid complaint, however and it is still valid now. It is this- that while upperclassmen are the ones who most need certain classes to satisfy their requirements for graduation, those whose names come in the alphabetical groups scheduled to register last are usually unable to get all the classes they want or need.

True, these classes can usually be added, but this is an inconvenience for everyone- students, professors (with already overcrowded classes) and the registrar's office.

The solution is obvious and has been suggested many times before. Upperclassmen should have priority in those classes where both upperclassmen and underclassmen are likely to register. In other words, seniors should register first, then juniors, and so on.

While there are flaws in this too, it would eliminate a good share of the adding and dropping that now goes on. That alone ought to make it worth something- enough in our opinion to justify the change.

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The new constitution committee was appointed early this semester by House Council. There was widespread discontent with the old document in the dorm last year and a committee appointed last winter recommended this action. One of the sources of the discontent was that officers of the

Police Fleece

You may breathe easily now Oakland students, our police have been disarmed. No more will crowds of public safety personnel race through the parking lots gunning down helpless students. The football games and panty raids will never again be tear gassed or attacked with mace.

Yes, it's really true. All those nights spent cowering behind the doors of your rooms are over. Never again will that dreaded knock come; we won't see students dragged off screaming and kicking to hidden cells where unspeakable tortures will be perpetrated.

These days are ended forever. Even the dreaded uniform is gone. In their places are slacks and blazers. Of course, as with all new things, there will be some temporary problems. The case of Janice L. is an example. Miss L. found herself in the peculiar position of being raped while out for a stroll. Upon finding the time, she ran to a policeman, only to discover that he was not a policeman at all, but a visiting state senator from Lansing. On her second try, she netted her English professor. She was lucky, however on her third try, and found a policeman. Her assailant thought her problems so amusing that he was found in the gutter laughing hysterically.

But such problems as this are only temporary. We are free now, and will solve them quickly. Then we will move on to an ever greater and more glorious future.

house were not popularly elected, but were elected by house council.

House council passed a resolution Tuesday night supporting the new constitution. This was preliminary to the consideration of the new constitution by the entire house.

Epistolary INTERCOURSE

(ed. note: Letters to the editor will be received in 204 Fitz)

To the editor:

The proposed Fitzgerald House Constitution is a sound document except for Article V, Section 3, regarding referendums. This section not only requires a petition signed by 30% of the residents to get a vote on the issue, but a 2/3 majority of Fitz House residents to vote in favor for its approval. Observing the fact that an all-house meeting is usually attended by less than 50% of the house residents it would be impossible for any referendum to receive the necessary 2/3 vote. House residents by not being able to effectively challenge a house council ruling, are further removed from participation in house decisions. With less than 100 house members it seems a shame that we should sacrifice the desires of a majority of members for the sake of efficiency by letting all House Council actions go unchallenged.

I support adoption of the constitution because of its advantages over the old one, mainly because it allows for an all-house election of officers rather than their election by floor representatives. But with this support I ask for an immediate amendment to Article Five, Section 3--an amendment which would make the passage of a referendum feasible--an amendment which would provide a way of challenging and overruling an unpopular House Council action.

Doug Larson 17500

Juliet

With all thoughts in mind and out, and observations unlimited of endless bound, the movie "Juliet of the Spirits" meets everyone at home, although its origins are far away.

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study because of accessibility of profs and the lack of pressure on profs to publish. He does feel some things could be changed, including a better athletic program and more social activities to keep students on campus on weekends.

The Kennedy's chose to be head residents "because it seemed to be a nice occupation". Both said they preferred a boys' dorm, and Mrs. Kennedy added, "Boys are easier to get along with! Surprisingly they have found dorm food "excellent" except for one meal at Vandenburg --give them time!

When asked his reaction to the proposal for more student control of dorm policies, he felt that most students have the responsibility and ability to govern their own activities. They are mature enough to follow the dictates of their own consciences. He added that his permission for an open house is only a formality.

Mr. Kennedy did not want to state where he stands politically because he tries to be impartial for his classes, but Mrs. Kennedy added somewhat mischievously that this meant he was for Wallace. Mr. Kennedy did relay the old British view of American politics that "in times of depression Americans vote their stomachs - in times of prosperity they vote their prejudices!"

Aside from being an excellent student, draft dodger, runner, prof, cross country coach, and political liberal, he shoots the bull very well. Fitz Bitz welcomes the Kennedys and looks forward to an interesting year.

In story we find a middle-aged woman waking to see that the world she was gliding in has crumbled, leaving her alone. This excellent study of character continues as we see her making a half-hearted attempt to enter and understand another world.

—This mirror movie, "Juliet of the Spirits", will be shown September 30th at 8 p.m. at Saint John Fisher Chapel and is worth your half-hearted attempt.

WE PEOPLE OF THE LITTLE DORMS WANT OUR PARKING LOT BACK!!

Dale Smith

At a meeting of the Parking Commission, on March 10, 1968, it was decided to change lot designations for lots O and L. O is the lot behind the Sports and Recreation Building and lot L is behind Vandenberg Hall. The change shifted resident parking from lot O to lot L, which was previously a commuter lot.

The commission, with Dr. Paul Tombouljian as chairman, stated that the major factor for the change was the proposed construction on the Oakland Center. The construction unions demand that its workers park as close to the work area as possible. It was expected that at least forty construction workers' cars would park in front of the IM Building and in lot O. One secondary reason for the change was the complaint received from visitors and commuters who use the facilities of the IM Building.

The bids on the proposed O.C. construction were much higher than was expected and consequently the plans were cancelled. The cancellation took place after this last meeting of the Parking Commission. The number of residents in Fitz, Anibal, and Pryale Houses who have cars on campus, greatly outnumber those commuters who park their cars in lot O while using the facilities of the IM Building. It seems unfair to penalize the residents of the small dorms, who pay \$16 per year for parking privileges, by making them walk a much greater distance to their cars, while visitors who park for free, use lot O.

The cancellation of plans concerning the O.C. construction, the fact that lot O is much more useful to residents than commuters and the opinion expressed concerning visitors (which is held by many residents in Fitzgerald, Anibal, and Pryale Houses) warrants a reassessment of the decision to change lot designations.

FITZ RECOGNIZED

John Morabito

A familiarity with some of Oakland's traditions was shown by Dr. David Riesman in his recent lecture concerning characteristics of current university life. Noting that Oakland's original austere attitude forced frivolity underground, he cited Fitz Bitz as a sort of underground creative attempt to inject humor into a serious academic climate.

Dr. Riesman also discussed the emergence of sub-colleges, namely Charter and New Colleges. He said that in future years such colleges may be housed in small dorms on the order of Fitz, Anibal, and Pryale.

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for the guys in the dorm. This is a philosophy new to Fitz Bitz this year. We want your reactions to our articles and anything else you feel like reacting to. And if you have any original compositions, ranging from poetry to cartoons and art work, they are more than welcome.

We hope to publish every other Thursday -- about seven times a semester. We hope you like the new format; if you don't, tell us.

So anyway, to each returning student -- Fitz Bitz welcomes you back. We hope after reading this issue, you say the same to us.

Flies spread disease!!
Please keep yours zippered.

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