

HOWARD WINS IN LANDSLIDE

MANPOWER & THE CRITICS by M. Truslow

The news that the Army and Marine corps in the U.S. have almost been reduced to the level of a training establishment should not come as any great shock to those who have kept reasonably close watch on news of troop movements to the far East. Since last Nov. the Defense Dept. officially eschewed calling up selected national guard or reserve units unless the present Indochinese conflict spread into a fairly large war, or the cold war heated up in a number of other areas, the reduction of Army and Marine units in the U.S. to a bare bones condition was inevitable. These units will remain in this state for some months to come until enough recruits and draftees can be trained to be soldiers and specialists.

The defense dept. will be subjected to a good deal of abuse for the precarious position of the 4 Army and 1 Marine divisions left in this country. These critics should consider the size and quality of the recent Viet Lam buildup. For the first time in our history, the armed forces were somewhere nearly adequately prepared for a major conflict. A cursory examination of the history of mobilization and preparedness for the specific type of war now being waged to be unprecedented. Furthermore, the force in Viet Nam is about 4/5 regular army or Marines which makes it the first very large professional army this country has ever put in the field. The proof of this professionalism is the solid string of victories American forces have racked up.

The underlying reason for the present manpower shortage is not incompetence at the pentagon but the fact that the people of this country react strongly against a callup of reservists or

MEL KOZEK AND IN UGLY MAN VOTING

After three days of heavy voting, in which 4,111 votes were cast for eight candidates, Our head resident emerged as the victor in the race for the coveted award of the ugliest in Fitz. Supported strongly by faculty, staff and students the Coffin bandwagon rolled to an early lead which was steadily increased as the voting continued. Mel Kozek had strong backing among the students but was unable to buck the tide of the Coffin supporters. Al Mann finished third with Mike Kennedy in the fourth slot. The remainder of the candidates were bunched together for the other four places. The \$41.11 collected in the voting will be donated to Lifeline.

PINOCLÉ WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Just as the Roman Empire finally came to an end so has the Fitz pinocle tournament finally ended. The team of Mike Kennedy and Phil Addison emerged the victors with Butch Hawes and Al Mann winning the play off for 2nd.

JELLO EATING CONTEST SUCCESS

Although the outcome of the match between the Anibal house council and the Fitz house council is still in doubt, one thing is clear Fitz emerged as the master showman and provided the capacity crowd with quite a show. Using their secret whip cream cannon Fitzites reaped havoc on the Anibal eaters.

In other news Phyeve house council has adopted a constitution patterned after the one adopted by Fitz.

EDITORIAL I

We have heard a great deal in recent years about intercollegiate sports for Oakland. We at this newspaper fully support an intercollegiate sports team for O.U. We strongly urge the faculty senate to enact at once a resolution calling for the formation of an intercollegiate jello eating team. Oakland has been too long without a representative. A jello eating team would promote sportsmanship and raise the prestige of our university.

Intercollegiate sports also entails responsibility. Oakland's academic program must come first. We simply cannot allow special grading and advance answers for the varsity jello eaters. A watchful eye must be kept to make sure jello eating scholarships are not misused except possibly in signing a potential super super star. Should Oakland make the finals of the NCAA jello eating we might however have to stretch things a mite to make sure all stars have a sufficient grade point average. Another advantage would be that alumni contributions increase greatly when a school has a strong sports program. Think also of the fun of hanging jello coaches in effigy if the team loses. It beats studying.

The argument Oakland doesn't have sufficient talent to stand up to other schools with established sports programs is pure nonsense. The intramural teams have produced some fine prospects. Dow, Bastien and Drac Leudke could probably make any team in the country and may have what it takes to make it as a member of a pro team. The crowds for the intramural games have proven O.U. can support an intercollegiate team.

Support sports for Oakland. Clip out and sign the coupon and mail in a postage due envelope to our beloved administration. Show them the men of Fitz are athletic supporters.

J.B.

Yes I SUPPORT AN
INTERCOLLEGIATE JELLO EATING TEAM
FOR OAKLAND

SIGNED

The Almanac advises that you do not do any planting on the second or the third of April

EDITORIAL II

We can all sleep a little easier tonight knowing in our hearts King Lyndon's boys are watching out for us. We can sleep better knowing recently his boys in the Treasury department secured an agreement from eight countries not to export wigs to the United States made of hair coming from Communist China, North Korea or North Viet Nam. Or as the Washington Post so ably put it "Toupe or not toupe, that is the question?". In other actions designed to make Americans more secure in their homes, Lyndon's boys have banned duck eggs from Hong Kong. It is not that there is anything wrong with the eggs but the duck that laid them might have been hatched from eggs coming from Communist China. You will also be happy to learn the United States and more specifically the Chicago Zoo will not be periled with contamination by a giant panda coming from China. Thank heaven for the great Society!

EDITORIAL III

Being a newspaper which is interested in the society that it serves, the editorial staff of Fitz Bitz urge interest and participation in the political process. There is as you may know a primary battle for the democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate. Both of the candidates are fine and able men. However one of them stands above the other because of his years of faithful service to the party, to this state and to the country. That man is Gov. G. Mennen Williams. Gov. Williams recently finished a tour with the State Dept. Making many friends for the United States and creating a great deal of good will among the newly independent nations of Africa. He was one of the finest governors in the history of Michigan and a great friend of higher education. The people of Michigan would be hard pressed to find a better man than G. Mennen Williams for the important position of United States Senator.

Your comments and impressions of the editorials and features are welcome. Signed letters will be printed. Bring all letters to room 120 by April 11

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A by Lamar

In early September that she was born
A little thing called Johanna Horne
Her mother was happy as she could be
When Doc Davis brought Jo for her to see
When Doc gave her the child he began to cry
'For' said the doc, "I'm afraid she's going to die
Well the parents mused their daughters fate
And took out life insurance at a double rate
As the years passed the old doctor died
They began to realize that he had lied
But then at the age of forty three
Jo drove her edsel into an Oak tree
Twas in early September when they buried Jo
That a voice from above said "I told you so!"

Lamar is an inter-
nationally known poet
(he has a brother in
Berlin who still claims
him). Last year he was
the official poet
laureate of Fitz. On a
recent visit here, he
consented to write a
poem and submit to a
candid Fitz Bitz inter-
view. The results of
that interview appear
below.

A FITZ BITZ CANDID INTERVIEW WITH LAMAR

FITZ BITZ: As an artist, do you feel
your artistic nature isolates you from
the norm in society?

LAMAR: Yes

FITZ BITZ: Many of the nations top
artists are expressing loud disapproval
over the presidents policy in Viet Nam
What are your views on the subject?

LAMAR: I think the question of whether
I am a hawk or a dove is for the birds.
I feel we should let Saigons be Saigons.

FITZ BITZ: Taking into account the
fact a poet has a great deal of
influence over the people he reaches
how far do you think a poet should go
in trying to influence political
decisions?

LAMAR: Whether it be politics or
dating I always try to go as far as I
can.

FITZ BITZ: What is your opinion of the
"New Morality"?

LAMAR: My largest disappointment is
that I am not part of it

FITZ BITZ: Lamar, how do you feel about
the dispensing of birth control pills
on college campuses?

LAMAR: With or without charge?

FITZ BITZ: Either way

LAMAR: I think that any place where
there is electric lights it is
unnecessary.

FITZ BITZ: Lamar, do you see yourself
in the tradition of Elliot and Camus
as a poet of the modern alienated
man?

LAMAR: Who the hell are they?

FITZ BITZ: HOW do you feel about free
love?

LAMAR: Very strongly in favor of it,
I can't afford any other kind

FITZ BITZ: How do you feel about
some of the modern erotic poetry?
Being a poet of the more classical
school do you think this type of
poetry has a legitimate part to play
in modern cultural development?

LAMAR: I find it very stimulating

FITZ BITZ: Lamar, as the former
poet laureate of Fitzgerald to you
have any message you would like to
send to the guys in Fitz?

LAMAR: (Note: At this point Lamar
broke into a chorus of Auld Ang Syn)
I would just like to say that this
has been a very fulfilling momentous
occassion in my life. And I think
after being interviewed by your great
newspaper one might say that I have
reached the summit of life. May I
quote scripture? "In the beginning"
Thats as far as I got.

FITZ BITZ: Thank you Lamar for those
words of enlightenment. And now we
return you to the regularly scheduled
pap that has made Fitz Bitz what it is
today, Oaklands biggest April Fool
joke.

YOUR HEALTH by Hiram Gluck M.D.

Today's health tip: Wear an eel-skin
around your waist and it will ward off
rheumatism.

Doug Bastian's column "Over the Hill"
is found today on page 5

Remember: never put off until tomorrow
what you can do today..... If you like
it today you can do it again tomorrow

There is nothing new under the sun...
and the same old stuff is going on
under the moon.

they say no news is good news, if so
this page from here down out to be
just cramed full of good news.