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Dormies Don't Vote

by BOB KNOSKA

Has anybody here seen the candidate? Residence hall elections were not held Thursday. Petitions for Standards board and Assessment boards were insufficient for holding elections of the boards in the two areas, that of freshmen and upper-classmen.

In Vandenberg Hall up to 30 petitions were handed in, according to

Nancy Clark, assistant head resident of the freshman dorm. But these weren't enough to warrant holding the election. In Hamlin, there were reports of less than 10 petitions filed, but these were unverified. "A lack of interest" was clearly the reason for the slow filing of the petitions. Elections will reportedly be held when a rise of interest is shown.

This August, Louis Fisher, presidential candidate for the Socialist Labor Party, received a letter inviting him to speak here from Student Organizations. The letter stated clearly that Mr. Fisher was scheduled to speak on the 12th of October. After having been well received at Kalamazoo, Grnd. Valley, and other Michigan colleges, Mr.

Fisher had been looking forward to speaking at OU. He never had that chance; Student Organizations' calendar had him scheduled for the 19th.

It is a loss to the students of Oakland that they missed the opportunity to hear Mr. Fisher; he is a gentle and sincere man, firmly versed in his party platform and philosophy.

The SLP, founded in 1890, advocates a government composed of the representatives of every industry - agricultural, educational, theatrical, etc. Thus, if Mr. Fisher were elected, the entire political structure of the US would be liquidated. Money, as we know it, would not be used. Each worker would receive a credit of labor hours, exchangeable for goods which required an equal number of hours to

produce.

The SLP also believes that all social problems are, in the end, a result of Capitalism's profit-oriented base. Unemployment and hunger can be eradicated by the movement of the unemployed (and therefore hungry) to areas where their labor-power was needed.

War ("The Struggle to Win Foreign Markets"--SLP Platform) would be unnecessary. Abortions would be equally unnecessary because children are usually unwanted for economic reasons.

Thus, through socialism's theory of a government of industry, by industry, and for society, a system of social "perfection" can be instituted--but then, as Mr. Fisher so aptly stated, "Socialism does not exist anywhere in the world; not in Sweden, not in Russia, nowhere. By Wendy Lull

NEW SAB ELECTED

BY Jim Brazier

The Student Congress meeting of October 10 included election of SAB members, discussion of Congress membership attendance and dismissals, a postponement of SAB guidelines for adoption and a report from Concert Lecture Series Committee.

Congress elected Grant Battle, Beverly Beasley, Gwen Ferguson, Cheryl Dove, Michael Rhoden, Royce Bowman and Mick Foley to the Student Activities Board.

Discussion of Student Congress membership status followed. Meeting attendance was stressed and a proposal concerning attendance regulations will be forthcoming from committee.

(During election proceedings a ballot was lost, and later found under a Focus:

Paper.)

Members voted to postpone adoption of SAB guidelines when the administration representatives could not produce enough copies for all Congress members present.

Concert Lecture Series Committee went through a change of chairmen when Greg Janks resigned and Rick Lind was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Committee report included, a Moag Concert, Oct. 27, 1 p.m. OC South Cafeteria, a "Last Lecture Series" is being initiated with Professors and students giving lectures (Professor Dan Morse from the English Department will start it off) and \$8,000 to spend for this semester.

Chairperson Jennifer Jickling took time to inform the Steering

Committee of the proper way to make up an agenda.

The meeting then came to a close.

Next week's meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 6 p.m.



There will be a series of lectures on economic issues of the upcoming presidential election, sponsored by School of Economics and Management. All lectures will be held in 201 Dodge Hall. October 25, 12 noon, Dr. E. Botsas "An Overview of Nixonomics". October 25, 9 am, Dr. Lon Polk, "Social Balance: Defense Spending, Urban Areas and Revenue Sharing". October 30, 2 pm, Dr. Karl Gregory, "Income Redistribution: Equal Opportunity, Taxes, Welfare, and Income (Continued on Page 6)



Dear Sir:

In the letters to the Editor section of page two of your October 11, 1972 issue, my name was associated with those of Professors Simmons and Susskind. I assume you are aware of the legal implications of statements that appear in print and may be construed as defamation of character.

As for the implied charge of being a D.O.M.: steeped as I am in the traditions of the mystic orient, I do not object, as Professor Simmons apparently does, to the veneration of

chronological seniority. Nor is "dirty" in the Western sense meaningful to the oriental mind; rather it denotes a certain filial dedication to the prospering of the central lineage. However, I must object to the term Man, which in Chinese refers to the barbaric southern tribes who traditionally remained beyond the pale of civilized society. Uncultured I ain't.

Very truly yours,

John Marney

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Dear Mr. Axinn:

Mr. Simmons drew blood when he took my name in vein last week. As he well knows, all candidates for the professorate must take courses in poverty, chastity and obedience. I got A-plus in poverty school and B-

minus in obedience school. Two out of three is not bad. His suggestion, therefore, goes innuendo and out the other.

Yours drooly,

Norman Susskind

by Quiroga

Unity among the different minorities in the United States is an objective to which every member should direct their efforts, in order to make the movement strong. But our actions toward any other minority group other than ours tend to do just the opposite. We compete among ourselves; blacks fight against blacks, and Mexican-Americans' greatest virtue is disunity.

Within the black movement there is apparently a greater unity flow than within the other minority groups. They—and again only apparently—have achieved certain objectives that have allowed them to better their social status. Some of them have even taken an arrogant attitude toward their people. Others look at the other minorities with indiffer-

ence and disdain. Very easily some of them forget that only a few years ago they were running in the ghettos. Others repeat the well known saying "If I made it you can make it too" and walk proudly as if they had conquered the world. Some others have also developed a very aggressive—I should say, oppressive—attitude toward the "others". I don't know, but it is something hard to accept when you see them acting like their old masters. Probably some of them were among the "revolutionary" groups. But for a lot of them now, that has been forgotten long ago.

Oh life! But there are still the other blacks—unfortunately not too many—the ones who still struggle for unity, freedom, and all those hardly obtainable concepts; still there are these who organize a rally, who go to the masses and preach, (as some people say that Christ did, in

the desert). Still there are those—not too many—who take their time and try to explain to you the dynamics of their movement.

But there are others within perhaps—and I dare to say, a lot of times—the same organizations who think there is only one way to achieve the objectives of the people. There are those whose narrow minds do not allow them to see that a problem can be approached from different angles. Those who want to establish the rules of the "game", these are the true makers. They take an attitude similar to these religious soul savers, who claim they are the truth. They can not accept anybody who in some way or another challenges their premises.

I am sure you have observed this "phenomena" within the black movement, and probably have asked yourself whether their claims are true or not. Probably you have questioned their premises, and asked yourself where

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New Drug Centre

BY Charles Barshaw

Me: Bill, did you read that article in Focus?

Bill: You mean, the one about the dope pusher? Yeah, I read it just before you came.

Me: What did you think about it? We've been getting some static about how Joe doesn't really exist, or maybe he was just handing us a lot of bullshit. Do you think that the article was right, I mean, do you think there's a Joe?

Bill: Well, that's kind of hard to answer. There were several things that caught my interest in the article. One thing was that five hundred thousand a year.

Me: Do you think that's a little high?

Bill: Yes.

Me: But it's a profitable business.

Bill: I'm not saying it isn't, but I don't think that he can handle all that business along. Like Joe said in the interview, there are sev-

eral "organizations"; one in Pontiac, a couple in Detroit; they've all got people here on campus, and needless to say, they don't get along with each other. Now, for Joe to make that amount, he'd have to control all the drug traffic coming into the University, and so he'd have to work for a couple organizations at one time. You can't work for rival businesses and stay alive. No, I don't think that one man could make five hundred grand a year unless he controlled Oakland's drug flow, and I don't think one man could do that.

Me: You mentioned that there were several things about the article that you disagreed with.

Bill: I didn't say that. I said there were several things that were questionable. Like, Joe says that he deals heroin, cocaine, pills, and hash. Now, I know there's some coke and

pills, and a lot of pot and hash, but I'd be very surprised to find any heroin addicts on campus.

Me: Why's that?

Bill: I'm not talking about skin popping or snorting, I'm talking about a fifty-dollar-a-day street habit. For one thing, it would be financially very difficult, and a junkie just wouldn't be physically able to attend classes. After shooting up, they get what's called the "nods", and they just wouldn't be able to stay awake for an entire class period.

Me: Just how bad is the drug situation in Oakland?

Bill: I can't answer that.

Me: Oh, I see.

Bill: What I mean is that there are 100 to 200 thousand heroin addicts in this country, but you can't say, "There are exactly 185, 271 of them." There may be that many, but for every

SZABO'S LAWS

by BOB KNOSKA

Szabo Food Service and the university residence halls have combined this year to create a set of rules for Vandenberg Cafeteria. Doorguards have been acquired and other policies have been renewed for this year, as necessitated by over \$400 worth of thefts from the cafeteria.

These policies are as follows:

1. A student may enter only one time in a meal period.
2. A student must produce their I.D. and pick out their meal card before proceeding through the serving lines.
3. No students may enter the cafeteria through the exit doors at any time.
4. No non-resident may enter the cafeteria without buying a cash meal ticket at the door.
5. The lending and exchange of meal tickets will not be permitted, and violators will be disciplined.
6. No food, beverage,

or food service property will be removed from the cafeteria at any time.

7. Attempts to physically or verbally harass a residence hall employee (including food service employees and staff) will be viewed seriously and may lead to immediate suspension from residence halls pending due process.

8. Any unauthorized person who is found in the cafeteria will be given a verbal warning by an employee to leave the cafeteria immediately. If the person or persons refuse to leave or continue to come back, Public Safety will be called to make an official arrest for trespassing.

At the moment, official policy for damage to Food Service (university) property is a penalty of the cost of the damage. For non-producing of the I.D. the penalty may be \$5 for each violation of the rule and possibly other administrative action.

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elton john

By Sheila Landis

Elton John appeared in concert before a sell-out crowd at Cobo Arena on a rainy Friday night, October 6th. The British group Family performed at 45 minute set. Then, Elton John himself took over the stage for the next two hours, eliciting a variety of responses from the audience which ranged from enraptured sibilant whisperings of the lyrics to "Mona Lisas and Mad Hatters", to frenzied teeny bop-pereque cries of adoration and accompanying body wiggles.

The diminutive Englishman opened up his act with "Tiny Dancer". He 'wowed' everyone with his flashy, luminous purple-magenta-puce trousers and jacket, the latter of which he promptly removed to reveal an equally dazzling white blouse open to mid chest. He whipped out a snappy boatman's cap, after resuming his place at the keyboard, and went on to heavier things, including "Can I Put You On", "Take Me to the Pilot", and a long version of "Levon", minus the string section.

Nigel Olsson provided percussive impetus, securely invisible, behind a veritable blockade of drums. Dee Murray played bass and Davey Johnstone played guitar and mandolin. These two musicians have both played extensively with Elton John in Britain, America, Japan, Australia, and the continent. They supplied vocal harmonies that would have made CSNY and Grand Funk proud.

Elton played a number of songs from a new album to be released at Christmas, in addition to his standard "crowd-pleasers"; among them "Country Comforts", "Your Song", "Honky Cat", and "Madman Across the Water".

Do vaudeville and a "Clockwork Orange" have

anything in common? Elton and a friend, Larry Smith, performed a light song-and-dance version of "Singin' in the Rain" clad in derbies and overcoats. explosive, frenetic finale, Elton demonstrated astounding acrobatic ability, supporting himself on his hands at the piano and leaping and dancing. Unfortunately, this writer was unable to see his antics, as a sea of human bodies blocked her view of the stage. I made my way closer, only to be momentarily arrested in my progress by an onslaught of incensed fans stepping forward. (I regained my bearings, though still stunned.) There was a "Whole lotta shakin' goin' on" as the band cooked onstage.

Bernie Tauping, lyricist, made a brief guest appearance near the end of the show, so I heard; next time I'm getting balcony seats!

Meadowbrook

Opens

Meadowbrook opened another season with the performance of "The Front Page," Thursday night, October 12th, and typical of the Oakland theatre, the production was presented in fine style.

The story of journalism and the people who make up the journalistic world was well portrayed by actors who seemed to magically fit their parts.

The scenery and sound effects were extremely outstanding--the reality of the play's plot was enhanced by the life-like setting and effects.

The audience seemed to enjoy the performance--they were attentive and fell prey to the humor which is still relevant, though the play takes place many years earlier in American history.

Oakland students wishing to see Meadowbrook's opener for the season may do so at a 50% discount on ticket price. Even without a discount it would be well worth the price: it is a funny, exciting play.

by KATIE HYDER

Sounds,

Illusions,

A FRIEND

I have a friend who shares with me his silence, who bathes my tired feet with tears. When I come from lonely valleys I bring him strange flowers that grow far, far away where the unborn poems lie. When I come to see him He hides among the trees, but I know He is there because a fresh wind comes and shakes my hand. My friend is tall and young, or maybe He is old. Sometimes He talks or remains silent. Other times He comes dressed in strange clothes with smiles that He brings me in little boxes. He has no house, no name. He is just my friend.

by QUIROGA

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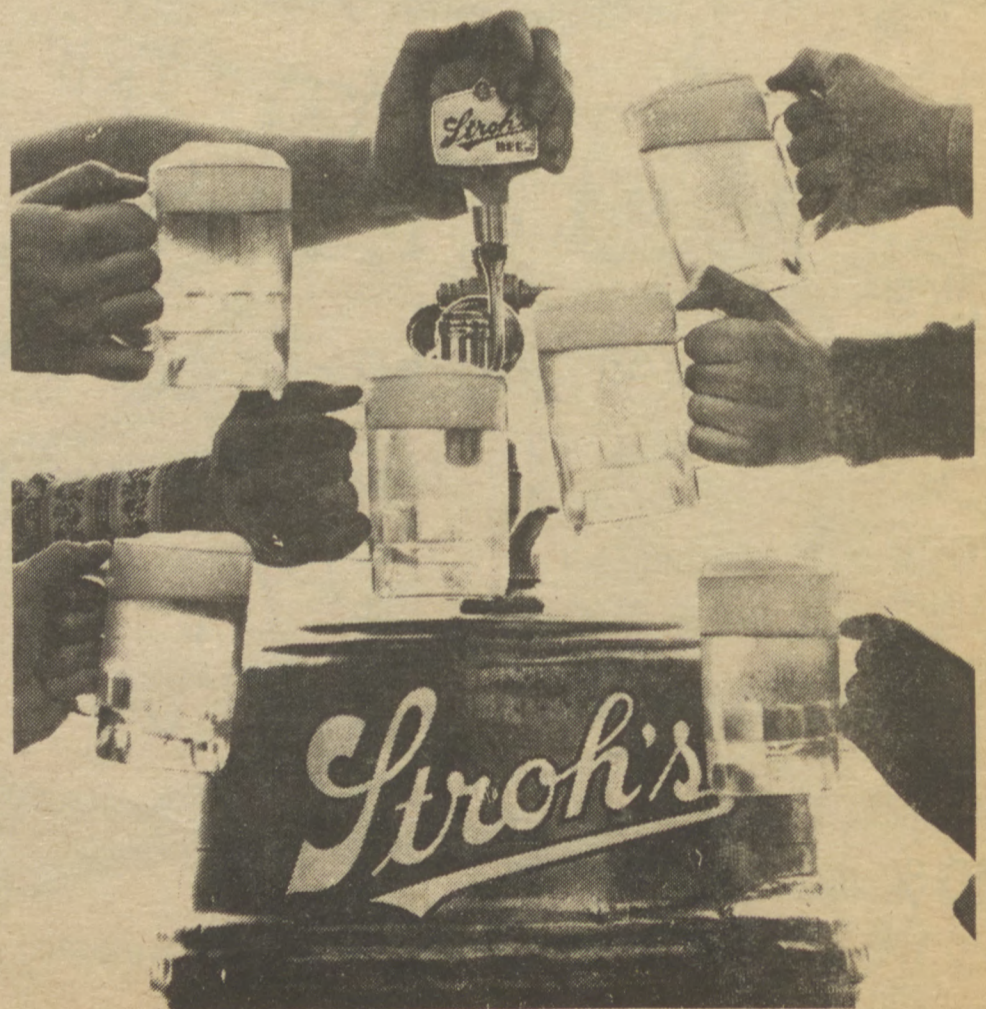
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Dreaming no more, I staggered from the bar. The rum was eating away my mind, and a violent animal hunger was gnawing. The hunger was more than my soul could bear.

A light beckoned through the grimy, little doorway. Entering, I found a poor-looking room a-

bout ten feet long, lighted by a candle-end; the room's entirety visible from the entrance. A child awakened on the dirt floor, and began to cry. A small boy in the corner, losing all control, began trembling and screaming; he rushed at me in violent terror, pummeling me with small fists, fitlike. Awakened from an exhausting sleep on the lice-infested bed the emaciated child-mother, youthfully old, quieted her children. Placing a dollar beside the candle, I stretched out on a bed awaiting the fulfilling of the gnawing hunger.

"My love for you... Is forever..." It's not as if we were brother and sister. It is difficult to find what we have—an empathy, an understanding, a closeness. (I wish you were here; you made me feel good while I was with you.) I will always be here for you. To lend a helping hand. And to share a love.

Harold Hargis

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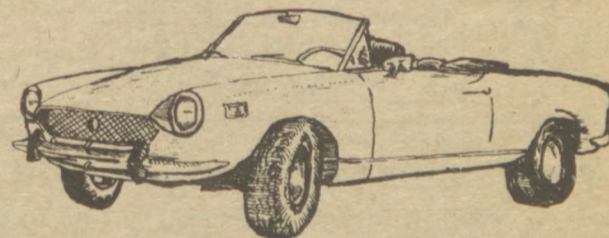
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(Continued from Page 3) one who is getting treatment, who knows how many are still out wandering the streets? Now, there may be twenty-five kids on heroin out on campus right now; I'm just saying that I don't think it's feasible.

Me: So what do you think about Joe?

Bill: Oh, Joe's real all right. Notice how Joe keeps saying that he's paranoid. That, unfortunately, is increasingly common-place emotion in this country today. Too many people are just sitting around, scared shitless that the next knock on their door will be someone to bust them, and I think it's just a terrible tragedy. There are just a whole lot of people around here who are "paranoid".

And that's one of the reasons that we're here. We're giving people who have problems a place to go, where they know what they say will be kept private, where there will be students and non-administrative personnel to talk to, people who are just interested in helping other people.

Bill is Mr. William Epling, director of the Office of Drug Education and Abuse. On Thursday, October 12, his office opened the "Community House," a sister agency, whose main function is simply to "help people with problems."

Located on the lower level of the Oakland

Center, #53, Community House will be open from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, and will be staffed by Mr. Epling, Assistant Director Rob Kobetis, seven student staff members, and three or four volunteer workers.

In addition to individual conferences with those who need help, Mr. Epling plans to hold two to three hour long "group helping sessions", which will take place twice a week and run from six to eight weeks. The initial session has yet to be scheduled, but Mr. Epling states, "I already have five or six students who are willing to participate in these group experiments, and hopefully others will eventually join in."

However, as Mr. Kobetis explains, Community House will not only deal with drug problems, but "we will be an organization that a student can direct any problems to on a primary level. Because of our knowledge of University Services, we feel that we can help the student in directing him to agencies that he might not be aware of which can deal with his problem."

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In the first half Oakland led in shots on goal 17-0 and also in corner kicks 9-1. The first Oakland goal was scored by John Clark at the 13 minute mark on a rebound of a shot by Armand LeComte. Then at the 34 minute mark LeComte himself put one past the Defiance goalkeeper. Mike Ligilai from Kenya, and Oakland's only foreign player had five shots-on-goal in the first

half, but the closest he could come to scoring was hitting the crossbar with a shot.

The second half was played pretty evenly. Oakland had six shots on goal compared to five for Defiance and both teams had three corner kicks. Defiance closed the gap to 2-1 when Mike Yuritch scored after 40 minutes of play in the half. Armand LeComte got the goal back for Oakland though, when he scored on an 18 yarder at the 43 minute mark to make the final score 3-1.

John Motzner, Oakland's coach, had high praise for inside forward John Clark who completed 18 passes and for Armand LeComte who managed eight shots-on-goal in the first half alone. Motzner also felt that left winger Chuck Handlon and fullback Randy Duerr

played very well. For the game, Oakland led in total shots-on-goal 23-5, and in corner kicks, 12-4.

Fresh from a victory and a tie in their last two games, Oakland will take its won-lost-tied record of 1-4-1 to Mount Pleasant on Friday, October 20, for a match with Central Michigan.

Maintenance." November 1, 12 noon, Dr. David Doane, "Macroeconomic Policy: Unemployment and Inflation." November 3, 12 noon, Ms. Alice Gorlin, "Monopoly: Anti-trust and other Policies to Control Corporate Power." November 6, 12 noon, Mr. John Tower, "Environment and Health." November 6, 2 pm, Roundtable on Election Issues.

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TO PAL:

On Sweetest Day, I think of you, for opposites attract. So I think of sour things, like stabbings in the back. & if the stabbing's ever done, & I fall aghast, aswoon I know the bloody deed that's done - t'was done, in jest, by you. W.

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you stand.

If this is the case, I am in solidarity with you; if you have questioned, and if you have tried to do something about it, then there is a tie between us; whoever and whatever you may be. Anybody who allows doubt to come to his mind; anybody who challenges his own values is in my opinion--on the route to achieve a better understanding of the events that affect our people. Anybody who questions himself is in my opinion--closer to achieving communication.

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they say. These people are, I hope, sincere in their intentions, but somehow that renewed communication fails. Communication begins within one's self (this you may argue may be valid only for I, but perhaps it'll work for you too). Communication for the minority person begins with his own acceptance; it begins with a broader mind to accept ourselves, to see ourselves as members of a social group in a struggle process. This is, in my opinion, a part of our inner communication; once we have achieved that, then we can truly communicate with others. We have to have solid foundations for what we believe. But these solid foundations should be based on reason, and not on fanaticism, or on a blind acceptance of what we encounter. Because you know--I hope you do--that not everything that is black is beautiful. You can think it is, that is your prerogative. Not everything black is beautiful, but you can help to make it so.



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