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The Incredible Tale of Immorality as OU, And How Oakland was Rescued from the Clutches of State Senator Huber

By DAVID
BLACK

While Lee Elbinger might argue that the tale of immorality at OU has a logical historical root in the interactions of Adam and Eve and an apple, the real story begins much later with the publication of the November 22 issue of the Oakland Observer.

This issue, dubbed the "Special Obscenity Issue," contained stories about the censorship problems faced by college newspapers throughout the country. Shortly after the paper was published, Chancellor Varner received a phone call from State Senator L. Harvey Lodge asking him why he allowed such language to be used in the Oakland newspaper and demanding 40 copies of the paper so that it could be distributed to the entire State Senate. The Chancellor informed Lodge that he didn't have 40 copies of The Observer in question; Varner also let it be known that he had no control over what is essentially a student publication and that he, too, objected to the repeated use of a certain four letter word.

ENTER ELBINGER

The issue of immorality at Oakland then remained dormant until the evening of December 10 when Elbinger presented his class project on the poet William Butler Yeats. Lee capped off an evening of pantomime, read-

ings and music by giving a lecture on Yeats' concept of freedom. Standing nude before a crowd of about 50 people, Elbinger munched on an apple and explained that he, unlike Adam and Eve after they ate their apple, was nude and yet unashamed. Following the lecture, he walked through the audience and passed out candy.

That same evening an anonymous caller tipped off the Associated Press as to what had happened and soon the story appeared in newspapers coast to coast and even in Europe.

ENTER HUBER

It was at this point that State Senator Robert J. Huber entered the picture. Huber charged that the nude Lee Elbinger was only a manifestation of a general cli-

"Frankly, the morals at the University are going to pot."
—State Senator Huber

mate of immorality at Oakland; "Frankly, the morals at the university are going to pot," is what the Detroit Free Press quoted Huber as saying. Specifically he charged that four-letter words had been used in the classroom, that there were students with illegitimate children, and that unmarried students were living together in Rochester. Huber was also critical of The Oakland Observer; he told the Detroit News that The Observer was "the worst college paper he had ever seen." Huber stated that he was "fed up with

this crap," and demanded a meeting of University officials and all Oakland County Legislators.

(Huber later charged that several students were living in caves on the back part of the Oakland Campus and that these caves were nothing less than dens of iniquity. He had Channel 7 News come out to the campus to film the caves, but the film was never shown on television.)

By the time of the meeting with the Legislators (on the afternoon of Monday, Dec. 30) the University had launched a counter attack. Statements were released to the press saying that while the University tried to "encourage creativity and freedom of expression," the Elbinger reading was a "deliberate affront to the moral sensibilities of students, faculty members and the public." The Administration assured the public that the matter would be handled internally through the proper channels and that, in the end, "justice" would be done.

ENTER WOODY

Chancellor Varner opened the Monday meeting by reading an eight-page (single spaced) typewritten statement. This statement, which was later released to the press, began by giving a history of the University and by listing some of the University's outstanding academic achievements. Next such subjects as The Observer, sex, and SDS were discussed by Varner. He pointed out that while a minority of vocal students often grab the headlines, there were many things at Oakland—such as POEAT (formerly Pontiac tutorial) and Project Upward Bound—that are worthwhile and constructive, yet never seem to make the news. "We have a serious responsibility to remind ourselves that with five thousand students there will always be a few who create problems, but that the overwhelming majority are serious honest, proud young men and women who are developing a moral code which is probably clearer, stronger, and more carefully



conceived than that which you and I are so proud of," said Varner.

Finally the statement discussed Elbinger and his nude lecture. It was pointed out that in handling the Elbinger case "due process" must be followed; the Chancellor cited several instances where courts had ruled that a university had acted summarily and had not protected a student's rights. The statement ended with a challenge to Huber to either prove his charges or apologize to the University. "It is clear to all of us that Senator Huber has damaged Oakland University," concluded Varner.

"One nude doesn't make an immoral university."
—The Detroit News

Both inside the meeting and in the press conference that followed, Huber was clearly isolated in his condemnations of the handling of the Elbinger incident. State Democratic Chairman Sander Levin was quoted as saying that Huber "jumped in with generalities about the university based on one case, and did so without even bothering to consult with the univer-

sity." Senator Lodge, the same man who had earlier been so critical of The Observer, defended Oakland as a "great university with great instruction and a fine intelligent student body." Lodge charged that Huber was "as confused as the benuded one."

"One nude doesn't make an immoral university," is how the Detroit News began its story about the meeting.

Yet while the University appears to now be safe from the attacks from Huber, Lee Elbinger has not fared as well. Although Lee has completed all requirements necessary for graduation, his name has been removed by authority of the Dean of Students Office from the list of graduates pending the outcome of Elbinger's case before the Student Conduct Committee. Lee is presently somewhere in Europe on his way to India where he plans to spend the rest of his life as a Shavite monk. It may be a long time indeed before he returns to the University to personally answer the charges against him so that he may receive his cherished diploma.

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Work Begins on Oakland Center Addition

Ingo Rolf Dutzmann

HAVE YOU NOTICED THE HOLE WHERE THE SIDEWALK USED TO BE?

Well, in case you haven't, it's located directly in front of the former south entrance of the Oakland Center; and to keep construction fanciers out, a fence has been put up and it looks like it will have to stay up for a long time.

Right now with the wind blowing snow into our eyes and the prospect of a beautiful addition to the OC only a faint glimmer in our minds, it probably seems like a better time could have been found for the actual construction to start. Due to the fact, however, that the construction is long overdue, it was decided to begin immediately.

The total cost of the addition will amount to about \$2,400,000.00 and will provide for 40,000 additional square footage of area and an almost complete remodeling of the existing lower level to accommodate the extensive switching of facilities once the building is completed.

Mr. George Karas, the Director of the Oakland University Physical Plant is working on individual completion dates for various stages of the construction. Final completion is set at present for December 1969, but could come as late as September 1970. The reason for this wide range of completion dates is that the university does not want to inconvenience the students more than is absolutely necessary. Therefore, the total number of students, faculty, administration and staff is taken into account and new construction is begun when there are the least number of all of the above making actual use of the Oakland Center.

With this in mind, the remodeling of the existing lower level will begin on or about May first of this year, and will continue on until about the beginning of September. With a much smaller number of students going

to Oakland during the summer, the remodeling at peak will inconvenience the least number of people possible. During much of the remodeling the Book Store, the rest rooms, the cleaners, the Pick Wick Club, the Scholar Shop, and the Barber Shop will remain open. However, the Grill will be closed down almost immediately after May first and the Oakland Center will attempt to provide an alternate place where people can buy a hamburger and play cards. One thing is for sure:

The old bookstore will be used by MGM Cleaners and by the Scholar Shop. Other changes on the present lower level amount to the relocation of the Pick Wick Club in the new addition and the use of the present bomb shelter as the serving line for the new grill. The offices of the Observer and Ascendant will be located in the area the Pick Wick Club now occupies. There is at this time the very real possibility that the new bookstore will be completed by September 1969 in time

land Center commuter cafeteria now. The present commuter cafeteria was intended to house a new, larger and more efficient kitchen. Due to lack of money however, this will not be done at this time. When the new cafeteria is completed, people will still use the existing serving lines. The present serving lines will be extended through the present cafeteria and into the new one.

The new upper level will also be the location of a large music listening room which will be

classes.

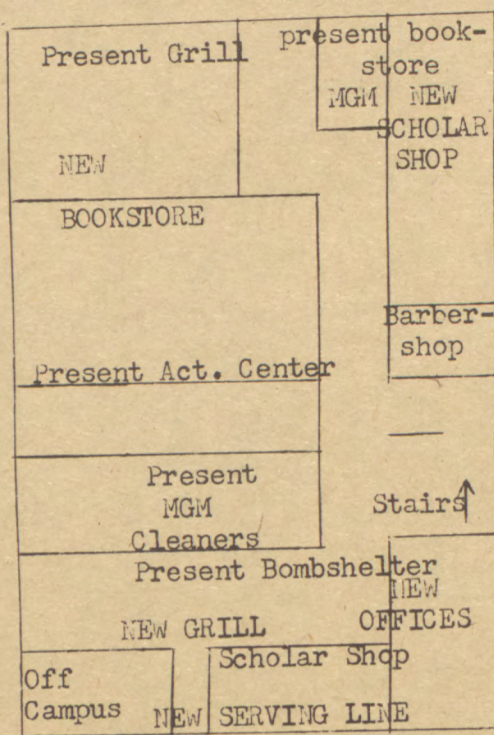
The lower level of the addition will be entirely exposed on the east side consisting of a solid wall of windows. The entrance on the east side will consist of three tiers at different elevations, connected by stairs and encompassing a fountain in the middle. Each of the tiers will have benches for those who get tired of the climb or who would like a nice view.

The remodeling of the present lower level of the Oakland Center and the 40,000 square foot addition will certainly make the OC a better place for students to go when they don't have classes to go to. The problem the administration faces however, is that once the entire job is finished, the enrollment at Oakland will be so high that the OC will be just as crowded as it is now. There are already plans to add an addition to the addition now under construction. The Director of the Oakland Center, Dean Birch, estimates that the present construction is already two years behind schedule in keeping up with the growing need of the students for facilities such as only the OC has to offer.

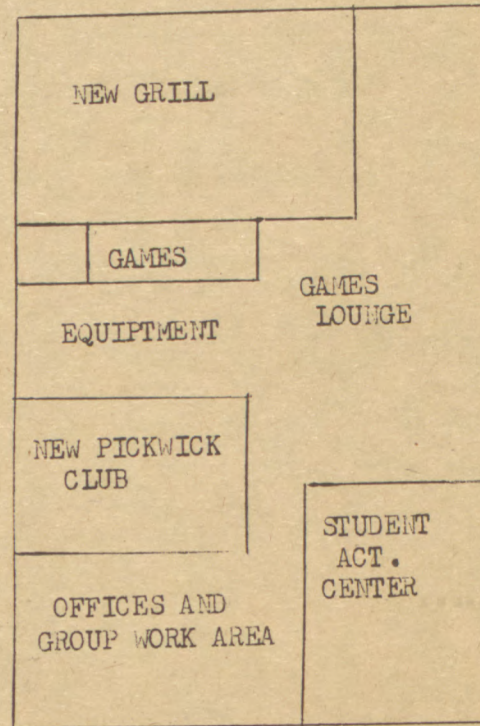
Despite this, however, the addition will greatly alleviate the need for more diversified facilities and will probably successfully offer commuter students a greater chance to identify with the university and offer the dorm students a greater chance to involve themselves in student and university activities.

Bombs Away

The Rochester City Council will hold a Public Hearing on January 13, 1969, at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building to allow Rochester residents to express their opinions on a proposed anti-ballistic missile site.



#1
Lower Level of the Existing
Oakland Center



#2
Lower Level of Addition

with the commuters, and the residents of Pryale, Anibal, and Fitzgerald houses having to eat in even more cramped quarters, the problem of finding a place to sit down for lunch will be even more acute.

The result of the actual remodeling of the present lower level will look somewhat like drawing #1 (I might add here that none of these drawings are exact; their aim is only to show approximate relocations and layouts of the new addition.) As you can see, the present Grill and Activities Center will both be a part of the new bookstore.

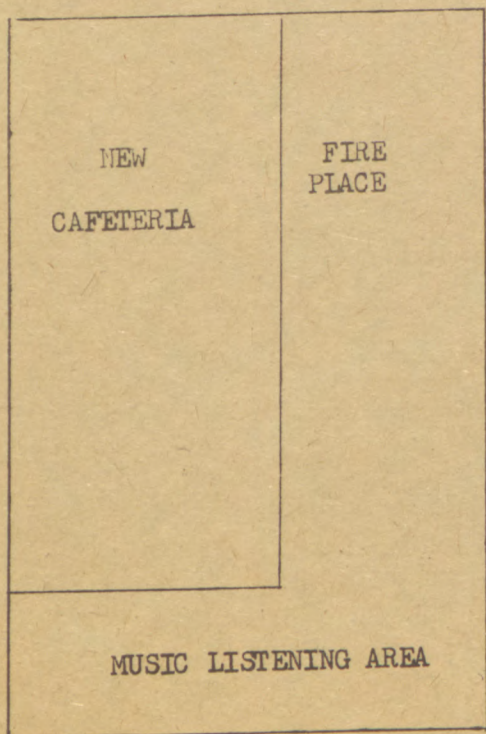
for the Fall Semester.

Drawing #2 shows the lower level of the new addition and as you can see, it greatly improves the Oakland Center's ability to handle the large number of students seeking extra-curricular activities. Perhaps the most exciting part of the new lower level will be the Ratskeller which, with stage, lighting and sound facilities, and much more room, will be the location of Off Campus. The present Off Campus Organization has already agreed to maintain and operate the new facility. The Ratskeller will be located next to the new grill and with stained glass windows, paneled walls (inside and out) and interior decorations, will resemble the "Hungry Eye" in San Francisco. The lower level of the new addition will also contain the Pick Wick Club, a ping pong room, the Activities Center, a large TV lounge, many group work areas, a games lounge, other offices, and a great variety of little nooks and niches where a student can stop for ten or fifteen minutes to read or talk, and then continue on his way to his classes. The new grill, which will also be located in the new lower addition, will be three times the size it is now and should handle the greater number of students quite adequately.

The upper level of the addition will house the new cafeteria (drawing #3) which will be larger than the existing cafeteria in Vandenberg Hall and will alleviate the crowded conditions in the Oak-

complete with record players and tape recorders for the students to use themselves. Thus, for those who have the urge to listen to some of their own favorite records and tapes, the facilities will be there to do just that.

The entrances of the Oakland Center will also be the same (facing Vandenberg Hall), there will no longer be a south entrance. In its place will be a new west entrance and a new east entrance to facilitate the larger number of students using the O.C. halls to get to



#3
Upper Level (ground floor)
of Addition



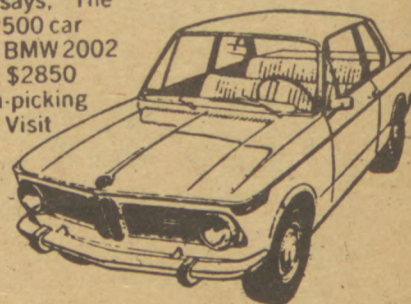
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Who Rules OU?

Graduation Process Examined

An interesting offshoot of Lee Elbinger's nude reading and the University's consequent attempt to delay the granting of his degree is that apressing issue has come to light: just who decides exactly which students will graduate from OU?

The lengthy and somewhat complicated graduation process begins when the registrar compiles a preliminary list of graduates. A student's name will appear on this list if he 1) has filed an appli-

cation for his degree, 2) will by the end of the semester completed all the catalog requirements which generally include the completion of 124 credits, the fulfillment of language and distribution requirements, and the taking of all required major courses, and 3) does not have his name withheld by the Committee on Instruction which normally will delay a student's graduation if he owes the University money or if he is in less

than "good standing" with the University for some other reason.

This list is only tentative because it comes out well before final exams and a student will have his name deleted if he fails or takes an incomplete in a required course.

Just before the end of the semester the individual assemblies of each college meet to vote on the preliminary set of graduates. In Elbinger's case, the Assembly of the College of Arts and Sciences has already met and voted unanimously in favor of the complete preliminary list--a list that included Elbinger's name. The decisions of the individual Assemblies take the form of recommendations to the University Senate for further action.

Because time limitations force the Assembly to vote before the end of the semester on what is almost always an incomplete set of names, this formal action is of questionable value. George Mathews, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences terms the Assembly's role in determining who graduates as "a charade that doesn't make a hell of a lot of sense."

Some time during the month of January (for December grads) the registrar will prepare a final list and submit it to the Senate for approval. According to Provost O'Dowd, Elbinger's name will not appear on this list because the Dean of Students Office, at the request of the Student Conduct Committee, will order the registrar to remove Elbinger from the list until his case can be considered and some judgement made. (According to the Registrar he has not, as yet, been so ordered.)

The final step in the graduation process comes when the MSU Board of Trustees makes a formal authorization of the list passed by the Senate.

— DAVID BLACK

Where Huber's At

BY MIKE FERENCY

December 16, 1968, Sen. Robert Huber blasted the state of moral decay existing in the Oakland student body. The blast, triggered by Lee Elbinger's interpretation of W. B. Yeats' concept of freedom, went beyond Elbinger to include an indictment of Oakland's student and faculty moral laxity, the prevalence of 4-letter words in the classroom, in the student newspaper, and in off campus student living habits. Sen. Huber's charges against the University's moral convictions were countered by carefully worded and reasoned responses of his legislative colleagues, Oakland administration, and the news media. Sen. L. Harvey Lodge, R. Waterford Township described Huber "as confused as the benuded one". In viewing Sen. Huber's record however, he appears not confused rather, very consistent.

The Feb. 10, 1966 issue of the Detroit Free Press carried an article described by Sen. Huber to his Senate colleagues as "covering this Herbert Aptheker who is this communist historian and who recently returned from his trip to the far east." Huber continued, "I take a very dim view of this clown, Aptheker, coming into our state and being received by the Wayne University and being permitted to speak at all places, Kresge Auditorium. It must be a real insult to Mr. Kresge and the members of the Kresge Foundation to see that magnificent auditorium which they donated so generously out of profits made under the American system to see it abused by a man like Aptheker who is allowed to use that podium to present his position. It is also interesting to me to see in this article that he is going to speak at the Central Methodist Church. I find that very interesting, that a House of God would be turned over to an atheist in which he may expound his philosophies. Gentlemen, I don't know what is going on at Wayne University."

Sen. Huber, on Feb. 11, 1966, was one of a number co-sponsors for Senate Resolution no. 219. "A resolution requesting state-supported colleges and universities to deny their institutions as a forum for Communist speakers."

Sen. Huber was one of two senators cited by the Journal of the Senate as speaking in favor of the resolutions. Huber's remarks are of historical importance: "Gentlemen of the Senate, since the controversy of yesterday we have had almost 24 hours to think about this and I would like to throw one thing out here that may be of interest to my colleagues. Some years ago, about six or seven years ago, the Economic Club of Detroit had at one of its regular Monday meetings, two alleged communists to talk about the communist philosophy. They talked at great length, as all speakers do, at the Economic Club, and then there was a question and answer period afterwards. The entire Economic Club was incensed with these two men, and I think that the reason for them being incensed was the frustration that we felt sitting there listening to them talk. Now, for instance, one of the things which they said which you might find interesting was that when they got off the boat in New York, they were met by a fellow communist who took them to Boston for a speaking engagement. And as I recall, they said that they paid something like 20 tolls between New York City and Boston. Now I may not have the correct figures because it has been many years ago, but it was in that vicinity. They pointed out that in Great Russia you hadn't paid a toll on a road since Catherine the Great. They said here is an example of a civilization that hasn't moved forward. Toll roads went out in the medieval days and yet here in the United States toll roads are common. It was a rather interesting comment. They said that the subways, for instance, as I recall, the subway in Moscow

which was a magnificent marble monument you could ride free, and yet they said when they were riding in the subways in New York, it cost them a lot of money, and in Mother Russia everything was free. Then they talked about unemployment and how there was no unemployment in Russia, and yet in the United States at that time there was something like 5 or 6 percent unemployment. They talked about the colored situation in the South and how the people were being brutally murdered and so on and that this did not occur and that everybody in Russia got to vote. Now the reason I am stressing this is because when this meeting was over and just before we adjourned they announced that these were not Russians, not communists, but two members of the CIA who had come to talk to us and who were trying to demonstrate to the Economic Club how a trained communist could put forth

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--by Dennis
Thomas



When you ask a sixth-grader where
the Atlantic Ocean is and he has no
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rned bullshit like that yet. But when he
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brother or sister or teach-
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thing to offer. What do
you think it might be?

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out of this mess. POEAT
can't show you the way,
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thing. Sometimes it seems
like a waste of time, but
if you can help someone
and be helped in return,
you'll see how it's all
worth it.

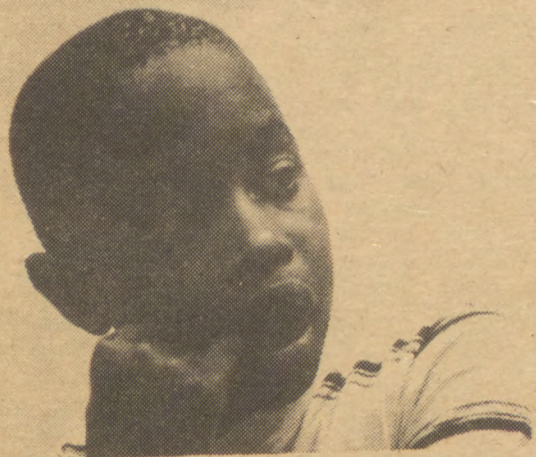


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able to see the world beyond themselves.

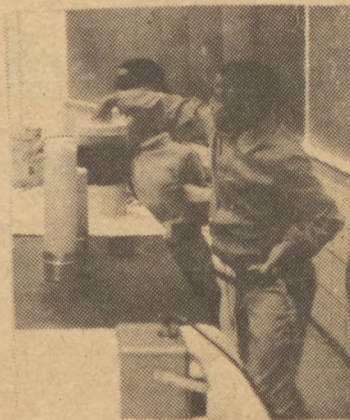
Dear Newspaper,

I am going to tell you a little of what I
think about my tutor. She is a nice person
to me, and I am a nice person to her. I
think I like her. She has a nice persona-
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that doesn't matter. All that matters is that
I do. That is all I could think of for now.

Beverly Dinkins



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not the type of
program that
makes news; it
only makes
friends. The
job is slow and
frustrating,
demanding pa-
tience. It is for
people who
want to give to
people.

The above pictures were taken during the POEAT Summer Program; the words were written by POEAT members and by the children with whom they work. POEAT is not a typical "tutorial project." It provides no easy answers for its members. It provides only a challenge. It is the largest functioning group on the Oakland campus, and its membership is the most diverse. It is made up neither of elementary education majors nor of simple minded do-gooders. It invites its members to many long hours of frustration. If you are interested, you are invited to join. There will be an introductory meeting this Wednesday, January 15, at 4:00 in 102 MWH. For information, please call 2935.

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January 11--SWIMMING--2:00 p.m. - George Williams-at Chicago. BASKETBALL--5:50 p.m. - (JV)- Adrian - there. BASKETBALL--8:00 (V) - Adrian - there. FILM--8:00 p.m. - University Film Series - "The L-Shaped Room", 156 NF. OFF CAMPUS--9:00 p.m. - Oakland Center.

January 12--FILM--8:00 p.m. - "The L-Shaped Room".

January 13--FILM--3:00 p.m. - Oakland Center Board Film Series - "Mondo Cane" - Gold Room.

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Editorial:

By Mike Honey

"A Revolutionary New University."

With a lightning flash of rhetoric, Oakland University was founded in 1959. It was formed to provide "the opportunity for a man to choose for himself the things he will believe." The quote of the year was unleashed by Robert Hoopes, then Dean of the faculty (now Chairman of the English Dept.), who stated: "We are not interested in producing well-rounded men, but men with sharp, abrasive edges--rebels with clear minds and uncowed consciences, critics of society, not adjusters to it." His vision of the new school being founded on the 1600-acre Meadow Brook Farms was an almost Utopian one, with emphasis placed on personal enlightenment, not training for professional careers.

Statements of men such as Hoopes were greeted with enthusiasm by the founders of the University, and were widely circulated by the American press, eager for some breakthrough in education to enliven the incredibly dull college scene of the 1950's. Publications such as The New York Times, The Christian Science Monitor, Life, Time and Newsweek all carried stories heralding the advent of this (as some put it) "Revolutionary New University." The phrase "An Invitation to Living" became popular, and chilling headlines such as, "No Rules for Students At the New MSU-Oakland" became commonplace.

The rhetoric was encouraged by the new administrators of the university: the "radical" aspect of OU, according to Loren Pope, Assistant to the Chancellor (and former Education Editor for the New York Times), was that "we think...man can be stimulated to think. We are just trying to take off the brakes." The air around Oakland became heady stuff: "...look around, breathe deeply, and make contact with the excitement of learning." This was surely a place where a man could live his education, uninhibited from the usual restrictions placed on college students.

Enter Lee Elbinger.

"As a guide to behavior, students and student organizations should conduct their activities in a manner compatible with the educational objectives and requirements of the University, customary limits of propriety and the laws of the community".
--Student Handbook, Oakland University

"The idea of 2,000 Oakland Students passing gas in the Baldwin Pavilion is so absurd that it might give Mr. Humphrey a hint about how draft-age students feel about traveling thousands of miles to shoot Asian peasants".

--Lee Elbinger

Somehow, the forces swirling around us in this "exciting community of learning" at Oakland University, have given us the paradigm example of what a student ought, or ought not (given one's view of education), be: Lee Elbinger. With his entrance to Oakland in 1964, the University was offered the perfect example of the type of student it had stated it wanted to create. He was (and still is) brash, arrogant, inquiring, impulsive, daring and unstructured--a student with "sharp, abrasive edges." Since his entrance to Oakland, he

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has proven himself to be offensive and obnoxious to important people on campus, and totally "unadjusted" and "irresponsible" when it comes to conducting himself in a manner compatible with "customary limits of propriety and the laws of the community."

The history of Lee's presence at Oakland reads like a primer on how to disconcert and enrage University administrators. He made an auspicious beginning at Oakland by being thrown out of school in his second semester--for failing to conduct himself "in a manner acceptable to the University community..." while behind a closed door (he somehow managed to offend the community while he was in intimate privacy) in one of the sparkling new dormitories which had just been constructed on the campus. He returned from his suspension refreshed (luckily for all involved, he was allowed back into the University), claiming that being thrown out of school was the best thing that had ever happened to him--it had given him time to think about things.

His turn of thinking soon became apparent when Hubert H. Humphrey, a personal friend of the Chancellor's, came to the Oakland campus to speak. Elbinger formed, spontaneously by himself, the O.C.T.G.O.H.H.--the Oakland Committee to Gross Out Hubert Humphrey. The committee, according to Lee, advocated that during Humphrey's speech the entire student body should express their opposition to the Johnson Administration's war policy in Vietnam by passing gas. This tactic was des-

study. The provision for Independent Study was thus introduced into the curriculum.

Though he had not observed "customary limits" in the pursuit of his studies, what Lee had done was surprisingly fitting. When the University was founded in 1959, Dean Hoopes had said, "To a degree probably unmatched anywhere in the country, the students will find themselves responsible for their own education through independent study. The aim is to render the professor dispensable at the earliest possible moment." That statement had finally been put to use and implemented as University policy.

"The University encourages its students to achieve high standards of academic and personal development... the University strives to offer an environment in which students can work for the attainment of higher values!"

--Student Handbook

What happened when Elbinger had returned to the campus in the fall of '66 is familiar to most University Administrators. He began the year causing controversy by writing articles for The Observer (then under the Editorship of Norm Hale) advocating the legalization of marijuana and making claims about the benefits of coupling drugs with sex. He made similar statements in a panel discussion open to the public which included several specialists arguing against the use of drugs.

The big splash, however, came when he attempted to produce on campus the play he had written in New Orleans, entitled "The



Thirtieth Birthday of Peter Pan". He was reportedly questioned by University Administrators, the FBI and the Secret Service about his activities as chairman of O.C.T.G.O.H.H.

He subsequently came out with a "We Will Not Use Gas" leaflet which stated that the plan had "certain unsavory drawbacks" which compelled the committee to drop the plan.

At the time of this innocuous event Elbinger was well into Existentialist Philosophy, poetry, perhaps even into W.B. Yeats. He was one of the most well-read freshmen the college will witness, and was at that time certainly one of Oakland's most promising students. Winter semester, '66, he left Oakland again, this time under University auspices. Earning 12 credit hours, he went to New Orleans for three months of independent study which he had arranged with several Oakland professors. When he returned to the campus in the fall, Lee explained what he had done to a group of interested students, who subsequently submitted a petition to the Administration asking for the institutionalization of such

study. The provision for Independent Study was thus introduced into the curriculum. Though he had not observed "customary limits" in the pursuit of his studies, what Lee had done was surprisingly fitting. When the University was founded in 1959, Dean Hoopes had said, "To a degree probably unmatched anywhere in the country, the students will find themselves responsible for their own education through independent study. The aim is to render the professor dispensable at the earliest possible moment." That statement had finally been put to use and implemented as University policy.

By this time, Lee's style of writing was becoming a definite handicap at Oakland. That same year (winter of '67), he wrote several pieces for the student literary magazine, Contuse, and the publication was quashed by the Administration. Due to "objectionable" uses of wording, Contuse was denied its (already appropriated) share of the student publications fee and was kicked off campus. The magazine has never revived.

A fledgling student movement appeared in response to campus issues such as censorship; the Chancellor's "Commission on Student Life" was announced; the student movement died shortly thereafter; Elbinger ran for a seat on the Commission and received an overwhelming rejection in the election.

"An important dimension of the educational program is provision for open discussion and dialogue so that the ideas and concerns of individuals and groups are considered in the decision-making process."

--Student Handbook

Somewhere in between the censorship of the play and Contuse, and the forming of the Student Life Commission, Lee called a meeting in the Vandenberg Lounge proposing a "sit-in" to protest the Administration housing policies (83% of the students in VB had been in favor of an "open lounge" policy when a poll was taken by the House Council; the Administration flatly refused to grant the policy). Because the students at the meeting wanted to hear "both sides" of the issue, Chancellor Varner, Dean Dutton and Director of Housing Appleton were requested to speak to the dorm students about the reasons for their policies. Their response was particularly unsatisfactory to the students there, and the highlight of the event came for some when Lee described the arguments put forth that evening by one administrator as "insect-minded."

Lee's career on campus was, alas, quickly drawing to a close. In the fall of 1967 he left for Asia with 42 other Oakland students and two professors and their families. He studied in Hong Kong for one semester, and then spent 1968 traveling by himself to India, Burma, Laos, Vietnam and Thailand until last semester, when he returned to finish his last semester at Oakland.

"Let me say ... that the past two weeks have been pretty dismal for all of us associated with Oakland University"

--Chancellor Durward Varner, December 30, 1968

The rest in history. Having spent three weeks in a Shavite Monastery in India, he was well prepared to accept the "vision" he received shortly before the end of the semester: that he was the reincarnation of William Butler Yeats; that he had to leave for India immediately to meditate, become a Shavite Monk, and transcend the "birth-death cycle." Totally a mystic, he spent his remaining few weeks at Oakland giving away all his worldly possessions, buying a one-way ticket to India, and preparing a lecture he was to give on his last night at Oakland before leaving.

The lecture was given--yes--on the fateful night of December 10. Oakland had its name in newspapers across the country within 48 hours.

It was the biggest thing that had happened to Oakland since Robert Hoopes had come out with his "We are not interested in producing well-rounded men, but men with sharp, abrasive edges--" statement in 1959.

"...there are specific behavioral standards which students are expected to observe, the primary concern is that students will exercise self-discipline and control, use good judgment..."

--Student Handbook

It is a fact that Lee Elbinger is one of the brightest, most innovative and unstructured, "abrasive and sharp-edged" students Oakland will ever encounter. He is and has been an intellectual extremist, committed to a total involvement with ideas. As such, he has fit the definition of the "new" college student Loren Pope once spoke of in 1959. Pope pro-

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claimed that "Joe College" was dead: "His place has been taken by a much abler and more individualistic seeker after independence rather than conformity. This student is seriously intent on exploring religious ideas..." It can be seen, however, that Lee has been consistently out of favor with the Administration for doing just what the rhetorical foundations of the University demanded.

In every one of the four years during which he has attended the Oakland University campus, he has been in trouble with the University Administration. In every case he has been in trouble not because of violations of academic codes, but because he has chosen to adopt his own "behavioral standards" rather than those of the administration, because he has violated "rules" of conduct which, it can be argued, are incompatible with the stated ideals of the University in the first place.

"Divergent views of members of the University community should be examined through reasoned discussion and dialogue".

-Student Handbook

Elbinger's latest "violation" of University "rules" of conduct is the closest he has come to possibly abusing academic standards in the conduct of actual academic work. Yet the Administration has not chosen to make an academic issue of the presentation made December 30 in Professor Fitzsimmon's class on Yeats. Instead, the Provost has stated that the "incident did not involve the issue of academic freedom" and referred the case to the Committee on Student Conduct, "advising" the Dean of Students to "prepare the full case" for a hearing with the Conduct Committee.

What case? If he has not violated any academic rules, what rules has he violated? Is he to be charged with "misconduct" because it says in the Student

Handbook that "Campus dress is treated as a matter of individual taste and style. Students, however, are encouraged to exercise good judgment and to be considerate of others in dress habits"? Is he to lose his degree from Oakland because he failed to exercise "good judgment" in a matter of "individual taste and style"? Because he has failed to live up to the "General Expectations" listed in the Handbook?

What are the charges against Lee Elbinger which compel the University to suspend the granting of his diploma? So far, the Administration has only stated that there are "grounds for alleging a breach of the rules of conduct." But what does that mean? That he undressed in public? We already know that. What we don't know is what rule he violated, and who is charging him with the violation. Yet, the University statement says that his "case" must go unresolved (i.e., his diploma suspended) until he returns to answer before the Conduct Committee the "charges" against him.

Lee Elbinger is a mystic; he is not crazy. No one in their right mind would travel here all the way from India to talk to a committee which claims he cannot receive his diploma until he answers charges against him--

WHEN NO CHARGES HAVE IN FACT BEEN STATED AGAINST HIM.

"The University accepts, when it admits a student, the obligation to provide an optimum environment for learning".

-Student Handbook

There has existed a gap between the rhetoric of Oakland University, the ideals expressed at its inception, the subsequent policies and stands it has officially adopted, and the structure it has adhered to. Lee Elbinger has, throughout his career at Oakland, made that gap obvious. For, if the radical rhe-

toric the University has spouted was in fact descriptive of Oakland, Lee Elbinger would be the ordinary student, and very few people would be up tight about what he conceives to be his own "behavioral standards." In reality, he is the exception to the rule, and may once again prove to be unacceptable to the University Administration as a student worthy of graduating from Oakland.

While some may argue that Elbinger would have been thrown out of other Universities long ago, the fact remains that, given the rhetorical "image" of Oakland, he should have been a commonplace in this "exciting community of learning." And while Oakland's Chancellor continues to walk a fine middle line when it comes to pleasing legislators and taxpayers or factually living up to University ideals, it becomes obvious that this fine middle line makes sheer nonsense of the rhetorical foundations of the college.

With Lee's suspension as a graduating senior at Oakland, it becomes clear that Senator Huber has made his point after all: a person's morals are not his own--they are subject to regu-

lation by the good people who run the affairs of the state. The suspension of his degree also makes it clear that you cannot have it two ways: either Oakland is a University which provides an "optimum environment for learning", accepting the liabilities that go with such an ideal, or it is a Public Institution, geared to production of Public Minds which will act in accord with Public Morals and fulfill the needs of the Public Economy.

The image of an "optimum environment for learning" should no longer be accepted as descriptive of Oakland University. Lee Elbinger should graduate, with due honors, now. There is nothing for the Committee on Student Conduct to investigate. We all know who Lee Elbinger is: an arrogant young man with "sharp, abrasive edges", who stripped off his clothes and spoke of sexual freedom to a class at Oakland University. We know where Lee Elbinger is: in India, training to become a Shavite Monk.

What we should be asking, at this point, is: where is Oakland University?



Students Ask Huber: What is Immorality?

To the Editor:

An open letter to State Sen. Robert J. Huber

Dear Mr. Huber:

As you speak as a member of a generation which has brought about the construction of some of the greatest slums in the world's history, which has made prostitution one of the best paying occupations in the world, which has seen fit to exclude human beings from all of the rights of first-class citizenship simply because of the color of their skin, and which commands the youth of

today to kill other human beings with whom they have no quarrel in a political game called "Vietnam", we find it rather inconsistent for you to be passing moral judgement on the youth of today. The flaws you describe in the sexual behavior of 13 students on a campus of over 5,000 might better be seen as symptoms of a disease which seems very much to be hereditary.

You seem to have a problem prevalent among many in your generation in that the only label you give to morality is a sexual one. Perhaps, Mr. Huber, you fail to see

the difference between morality and individual ethics. Although you may not consider the actions of these individuals as proper, you are in no position to judge their morality.

Morality has little or nothing to do with keeping one's genital organs covered. Using your implied definition of morality, anyone might commit a hideous crime against mankind and be moral in doing so as long as that person was clothed. Morality implies a genuine love of mankind. If you cannot love your fellow man, Mr. Huber, then your morality also has "gone to pot". Perhaps you should reclassify the incidents you mentioned using the true definition.

We personally would welcome an investigation into the morality of Oakland University students because we feel that by carrying out such an investigation you might find that the community of Oakland University is probably one of the most moral places in Oakland County. Before passing judgement on Oakland University however, perhaps you should take your investigation first to your own home district and, in particular, to the high schools of that district.

You asked about "real

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moral issues." We would like to answer your questions with one of our own: where were you, Mr. Huber, in the past few months when a whole dormitory provided 30 Oakland County orphans with the greatest Halloween party they've ever had, when many Oakland students fought a raging grass fire on the night before final exams that threatened not only our own campus but the surrounding community as well, when we donated blood to the Red Cross, when we petitioned for open housing (we believe people should have the right to live where they want to); when we work-

ed for the Pontiac Tutorial Program; and when we gave up an evening meal for the starving people of Biafra? Where were you, Mr. Huber? We need not prove our "morality" to you; our friends in the surrounding community can see it for themselves.

Sincerely yours,
Mr. Donald H. Campbell, Soph.
Mr. Fredrick H. Ziedman, Soph.
Mr. James Mr. Thomas, Senior

P.S. We find your use of the word "crap" in the article as both unnecessary and offensive.

Prof. Appleton's Letter to Huber

To the Observer:

Senator Robert Huber has suggested an investigation of morality at Oakland University. This may be a very good idea.

I assume, of course, that Senator Huber is interested in really finding out something about our campus so that the information gathered can be used effectively, rather than merely in a series of sensational "exposes" for the sake of gaining free publicity in the local media. If the Senator's purposes are serious and sincere, then, the investigation should be undertaken in a systematic and objective way.

First, it will be necessary to come to some agreement on the meaning of "morality" as it applies to life on our campus. Obviously, we cannot merely assume that either Senator Huber, or I, or any other individual

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Schlaff Apologizes to Ayn Rand

In apology to Miss Rand:

I apologize to Miss Ayn Rand, for plagiarizing her work: "The Cashing in; The Student Rebellion". (Objectivist Newsletter, Sept., 1965). At the time, I was not aware that I was doing so and I thank Mr. Fullmer for his observations. However, the validity of censorship not being a function of private enterprise, remains the same, regardless of whose authorship points out this fact.

I do not apologize to the academic community.

I do not operate from the same collectivist premise as Mr. Fullmer. A slight against one person, is a slight against an individual. . . not against a collective. I have apologized to Miss Rand both publicly, and am in the process of doing so privately.

I slighted Miss Rand, not a group, and have apologized accordingly. The academic community neither deserves nor I should think, (with the exception of Mr. Fullmer), expects an apology from me.

Ronald Anthony Schlaff, 24975.

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non suskind, o.u. professor of French.
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★★★★★★ Strong Resigns ★★★★★★

Tom Strong, director of Public Safety, has announced his intention to resign from his position prior to July 1, 1969. No effective date has been set, and he and Chancellor Varner will work closely in the search for a successor and an orderly transfer of responsibility for the University's campus security program.

In announcing his plans, Strong said, "I feel my professional career is limited in scope at Oakland University because of the change of philosophy in the program, and the lack of funds necessary to develop an effective security program."

Strong Interviewed on Resignation

by CINDY GROGAN

Mr. Tom Strong, when interviewed by The Observer about his September 8 resignation, has only one statement to make: he felt the statement (reprinted above) stands for itself and no elaborations could be made at that time.

Mr. Strong added that he feels his own professional philosophy does not coincide with the present philosophy of the Department of Public Safety, as stipulated in the memorandum from Chancellor Varner dated Sept. 5, 1968. With this memo, nine changes were made in the department.

There are two in particular that Mr. Strong was displeased with. He disagreed with the new dress of public safety officers; he said that the officer should wear the traditional uniforms for the primary purpose of visual identification. Secondly, he felt weapons carried by the officers are necessary at all times for the full protection of the campus.

Speaking of the future of the physical department, he mentioned that there are plans for future expansion. The fire equipment that they now lack because of low funds is provided for in the outlay of the new building. The dual role of the Department of Public Safety has been, and will always be, said Mr. Strong, that of fire protection and law enforcement.

Opening Announced

The Commission on Student Life has announced that there is an opening for a student member to the Commission. Any student wishing to fill this position should send a letter with name, address and phone number to Steve Gaynor, 474 Vandenberg. Gaynor, presently a member of the Commission, said all letters must be received by Wednesday, January 15, in order for applicants to be considered for the vacant positions.

Strong said Chancellor Varner will play a major role in the selection of a new director, along with himself and Mr. Roger Marz, chairman of the Advisor Committee on Public Safety. Their search might begin in educational institutions but will include further enterprises as well, because one cannot predict where the man with the right qualifications will be found. Generally, the desired qualifications of the new director were stated as: background in law enforcement, administrative experience, a knowledge of fire protection and a general concern about safety.

OU Senate to Vote on Elbinger's Graduation

David Black, student representative on the University Senate, stated this week that at the next meeting of the University Senate (January 17) he will attempt to add the name of Lee Elbinger to the list of graduating seniors being voted on by the Senate. Mr. Elbinger's name has recently been taken off of the list by the University Administration, pending the outcome of a possible hearing of the Committee on Student Conduct concerning an alleged "serious breach of conduct."

"Lee Elbinger has finished all his requirements for graduation. Therefore his name being taken off of the list of graduating seniors. I was present at Lee's nude lecture, and found it not to be a 'serious breach of conduct' but a worthwhile academic experience," said Black.

"University Senate meetings are open to all interested students. I would encourage anyone interested in the fate of Lee Elbinger at Oakland University to attend what may be an interesting meeting."

Senate meetings are held on the third floor of the library. The meeting begins at 4:00.

campus shorts

It has been announced by Professor Robert Stern that a second section of his UC087 course has been opened and will meet on MWF at 10:00 in room 190 Science. James Davis will be teaching the second section.

3 Still in Running for Wilsons

Three Oakland students have been chosen as semi-finalists in the awarding of Woodrow Wilson National Fellowships. Cynthia Chrostek, an art major, Carol Appleblatt, history, and Edward Consino, English, were selected for interviews for the fellowships which are intended to attract outstanding men and women to college teaching.

They were selected after being nominated by a faculty member and submitting an "intellectual biography," three letters of recommendation and an academic transcript. A regional committee of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation chose the semi-finalists.

UP AGAINST THE WALL?

The up-tight Oakland administration thought they had the makings of a major "moral" violation of conduct this past Wednesday, the 8th. But all that was proven is that they can't read. It seems that the administrators thought the headline on a flyer advertising Second Culture movies read "Revolutionary Fucks". In reality the headline read "Revolutionary Flicks."

Within a few minutes the Chancellor, Dean of Students, and others were alerted and ready to take advantage of this "gross violation". The administrators also were upset that the leaflets were approved by the Student Activities Office, and began to put some pressure on the office's personnel. Evidently those involved were confused with the difference between a slurred L and a U.

After confronting the amazed students, Dean Birch and others were finally convinced that no "dirty" words were involved and morality, truth, justice, and the American way of life were again preserved.

Trip to Bahamas Planned

Oakland students are organizing a trip to the Bahamas for next spring. Open to students, faculty, and staff, the tour groups will leave April 21 and return April 28. The cost is not yet final but it is estimated that \$150 will cover the cost of air fare and accommodations.

Once on the islands the trip will have no scheduled tours; participants will be free to travel at will. It is emphasized that transportation on the Islands is inexpensive and easily available. Housing has been arranged for resident students in the interim period between the end of the semester and departure for Nassau.

89 people are needed for the trip and information is available at the Student Activities Center.

The average temperature in the Bahamas at that time of year is 85 degrees.

Greetings and Welcome Back

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is in a position to decide what constitutes morality and what immorality, for his fellow men. Perhaps a panel of distinguished religious leaders and academically-trained philosophers would be an appropriate group to deliberate on this question.

Once a working definition of morality has been agreed upon, it will be possible to review life at Oakland's campus to see how far and in what respects we have approximated or departed from this ideal. Still, we will not know whether conditions at Oakland differ substantially from those at other public Universities in Michigan, or in the society at large.

If this inquiry should disclose that there is indeed a good deal of immorality at a number of our state (and private?) universities--and not merely at Oakland, it would be necessary to inquire further whether these conditions are peculiar to our institutions of higher learning (which truly would be an alarming state of affairs), or whether they exist, also, in the community at large. This would be a lot of trouble, and might involve some expenditure of funds and even a little invasion of privacy, but if we are interested really in learning the truth, we must take this step also. For what use would it be to find immorality at our universities without knowing whether this immorality is brought in from the community at large, and thus probably irremediable short of a general reform of our society as a whole, or whether it is created and nurtured largely in universities alone? In either case, we should all be in Senator Huber's debt, for he would really have put us onto something of great importance.

If it is Senator Huber's intention (or that of any qualified person) to initiate this sort of searching and objective investigation, I should feel bound as a scholar by my commitment to truth to cooperate with

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arguments into the minds of people that were irrefutable on the basis of what was presented as fact. I use this as an illustration of what can happen in our colleges. We are sending into the colleges young men and women who are really not of mature judgement at that stage in their development, and who are fertile fields for this type of propaganda. If we make available to them trained commies who can pour fourth their venom into

these minds, it is like blotter soaking up red ink. To me this is a real criticism of why free speech can be abused because when these people, these experts, these professionals, use public buildings as a forum for presenting their opinions, who is going to stand forth and refute them? And how many of those youngsters' minds are going to soak up that sort of doctrine that is presented to them? . . . Here are minds that can go either way, and if we let open to these young men and young women this type of professional propaganda which we are unable to refute and which is not debatable but just available to them at open forum, then we are opening up in our state and in our country the things that produced the Fuchs and Rosenbergs of the years back. . .

Sen. Huber's pessimistic assessment of students' power of discernment has not been diminished by time or space. Only a few weeks ago, Sen. Huber queried, "Are we going to turn all of our universities over to the students?"

him in every way possible and should urge my colleagues and students to do likewise, regardless of the possible painful nature of the consequences.

On the other hand, if it is Senator Huber's intention to set himself up as a local Arbiter of Public Morality, to investigate Oakland only for the purpose of publicizing specific incidents in which his one personal conception of morality has been violated, to take these incidents out of their academic and social context, and to ignore even the application of his own moral standards to conditions at other universities and in the community at large, then I should feel bound as a scholar by my commitment to truth to oppose him in every way possible and should urge my colleagues and students to do likewise regardless of the possibly painful nature of the consequences. To fail to do so would be to forfeit any claim I may have to a position as a professor in an institution dedicated to the pursuit of learning.

Though I could not cooperate in an "investigation" conducted along these latter lines, perhaps I could save some of Senator Huber's energies--if the latter is his true intention--and of the taxpayer's money, by drawing on my nine years of observation of and participation in the Oakland community.

If Senator Huber's past actions and public are a reliable guide to his own set of moral priorities, we can take a prima facie look at what the results of an "investigation" based on the application of these moral standards would be likely to be.

Over the past several years, many hundreds of young men from this state have lost their lives, thousands more have been maimed, tens of thousands have been called upon to kill or be killed in a cause whose moral validity many of them have felt, rightly or wrongly, they had reason to question. Hundreds of thousands more have been compelled to contemplate the possibility of being called upon to do likewise.

Additional hundreds of thousands of citizens in this state, including the very young and the very old, have not only been consigned to live in poverty, but stripped of much of their human dignity in the process. Though the constitution of our state declares that every child has the right to an education, our legislature has imposed a statutory limit on the funds available for special education programs to provide such education to children--often of above average intelligence--with brain damage or perceptual difficulties. As a result, some of these children have been left without the education promised them by our constitution.

In our own country, this past year--in Senator Huber's constituency--an urgent request from a group of ADC mothers to increase the tiny clothing allowances allotted them for their children was rejected by the County Board of Supervisors at the same meeting at which raises for county employees were approved which cost the taxpayers 20 to 25 times what it would have cost to grant in full the ADC mothers' request.

At Oakland University itself, over the past decade, many students have not en-

joyed the equal access to educational opportunities that our society promises its citizens. A large number of our students can support themselves at college only by undertaking time-consuming jobs which limit their ability to compete effectively with more fortunate fellow-students whose families have the means to finance their education. Others have been greatly handicapped by receiving substandard education at the elementary and secondary level, in Michigan or elsewhere. And many fall in both of these categories. If they are men, the selective service system may in addition deprive them of the opportunity to meet these conflicting needs by moving ahead more slowly.

To judge from the coverage in the Eccentric, shop-lifting and the use of drugs by high-school students are not uncommon in Senator Huber's constituency. And nudity is sold daily at the magazine racks (Playboy) of most of the drugstores in Oakland county and, sometimes without notice, at its "family" movie theaters ("The Graduate," "Rosemary's Baby").

But apparently none of these national, state or local conditions has so disturbed Senator Huber's equanimity and sense of well being as the news that one student among Oakland's thousands on one day of the academic year saw fit to disrobe in class. Certainly he has not to the best of my knowledge been moved by any of the other conditions or incidents described above to call for an investigation. And we know he has been a leader in opposing open housing legislation approved in an important part of his own constituency. Other matters at Oakland which he referred to as disturbing him included the alleged use of four-letter words in some classes and the allegation that a dozen of our students of both sexes are living together in Rochester.

If the purpose of the investigation which he now proposes, then, is to determine whether or not there are those at Oakland who differ with this inferred set of moral priorities, and act upon these differences, allow me to conserve the Senator's energies and the taxpayer's monies by confessing in advance that there are. If this means, as the newspapers have quoted Senator Huber as saying, that there is "a lot of crap" going on here, so be it. (Actually, I am a bit surprised to hear such a phrase used by a man of such fastidious sensibilities). Most of us here believe--and some even act on that belief--that it is more important that men not be stripped of their lives or their human dignity than that they not be stripped of their clothes; that death and human need and alienation and despair are more alarming and more of a threat to our nation and its professed values than four-letter words. If Senator Huber and those who choose to follow him wish to take issue, let the issue be joined here. A university, a faculty, students, worthy of their names should have a strong heart for such a debate.

Let me add only that all of this is my personal view only, and does not necessarily reflect in any way the views of this University or any of its administrative officers.

Sheldon Appleton
Associate Professor of Political Science.

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Fish, Feliciano, At Miami Pops

MICHAEL HITCHCOCK

40,000 people can create quite a traffic jam inside or outside of Gulfstream Park, and they did. But that many people gathered for the Miami Pop Festival without starting a riot, disturbance, or even a single fight! Considering the diversity of people and the size of the crowd, the peace and harmony was amazing, but sitting in the Miami sun listening to some of the best pop groups in the country can soothe even Hell's Angels.

Anyone who's ever been can tell you that Miami is a long way, but it's even farther in a Corvair. Twenty-eight hours compacted in America's super compact car would probably try the muscles and joints of a normal sized person, but when two members of the three-man party are 6'3" and 6'6", you find out just how small a small car really is.

We started off in the snow and rain in Pontiac at 10 Dec 7, and 32 degrees F, and arrived in Miami (actually the Festival was in Hallandale, north of Miami) at 2:30 p.m., Dec. 28, 74 degrees F. One look at Miami weather and we weren't sure if we were ever going back; of course we did, and the 42 degrees rise in temperature on the way down was not nearly as drastic as the 70 degree drop on the way back. We later learned that Miami was at that time enjoying the warmest temperature range over the whole nation had been 130 degrees from Miami to Fairbanks, Alaska.

We arrived at the festival too late to watch Chuck Berry slide across the stage on one knee and get so wrapped up in a solo that he had to ask what song he was playing, but we did catch most of the groups. Performances were on two stages so that one person would have difficulty running back and forth to hear all the groups, but the location of one stage made it easy to sit outside the park grounds and hear half of the program, which came in handy on the third day when I didn't have enough money to buy a ticket.

The highlights of the first day were the concerts by Jose Feliciano and Country Joe and the Fish, unfortunately given at the same time. Feliciano received a great response from the crowd, impressed with his excellent guitar work and soulful vocals. One popular portion of his program was his impersonation of various singers doing Coca-Cola commercials.

Country Joe and the Fish produced some of the most beautiful and creative music of the three-day event, but the crowd was more anxious to hear old favorites, such as *Feel Like I'm Fixin' to Die Rag* and *Rockin' Soul Music*. Barry Melton, guitarist, told jokes and David Cohen, guitar and organ, conducted the group in one of his own compositions.

The best performances of the second day were by the Grateful Dead and Steppenwolf. The Dead played an extensive instrumental work instead of the usual short

songs favored by the other groups. The interplay of light and sound in the Dead's performance was almost worth the \$7 admission price.

Steppenwolf concluded the second day with their own brand of hard, hard, hard, rock. When it was time for them to come on, they asked that the lights be turned off while they tuned up, and when the lights came back on, all the crowd could see was what appeared to be a policeman with black boots, helmet, and blue suit, but after a few mumbled words of introduction he removed the helmet and hair fell to his shoulders. At the end of the concert, with miniature explosions going off around the stage, he said, "All we're implying is that some things are wrong and they should be changed. It's never too late to start the whole thing over."

On the second day I was forced to miss Joni Mitchell, and on the third day, not having the price of admission I missed such fine groups as Canned Heat and The Iron Butterfly. I did catch the final act of the Festival from across the fence and saw one of the most divided reactions I have ever witnessed. Those gathered outside the fence to hear the Turtles perform were disappointed both in the music and the musicianship, but those inside who could see and hear more thought it was the most entertaining performance of the Festival. One of the greatest cheers came when one of the Turtles said, "We can play all night; let's throw out the cops and have a party."

Off-Campus: Images of Ted Lucas

BY CHRIS CLOWERY

Lets play seven questions

Do you believe in magic?

Have you ever been part of a musical experience?

Do you know a man who can cast spells with his fingers and his tears?

Do you know a performer who can bring an audience into himself to share his life?

Is music a religion?

Is music a communication art?

Isn't it a lovely day?

If you answered yes, chances are you've recently been part of a Ted Lucas concert. In the sincerity of his personal music, Lucas sets the standard for solo performers.



Ted Lucas likes himself. It has been a long road. In the words of Farina, Ted has been down so long up looks twice as good. Of the pre-requisites for communication, liking oneself is important, for one then has something of value to give. Ted Lucas radiates the attitude that personal hand-ups and games can be freely sacrificed for the sake of communication, the thought exchange leading to creation.

There is no audience-entertainer distinction at a Ted Lucas concert, just as there is no status difference in a good conversation. Ted lacks the common qualities of slickness, pseudo-hip, big-boss showmanship; he does not preach, nor is he interested in singing to re-inforce the in-group. The impression left is not that of an inhuman, super-funny hyped-up image of Performer, but an individual human being who can be moved to tears by the good vibrations of other humans. Ted sings "These are my images, images

of life" and one realizes that Lucas is doing nothing less than giving himself to anyone who wants to share the evening.

Currently working for a degree in the classical guitar at Wayne State, Ted expresses his music on numerous instruments: sitar, 6-string guitar, dobro, autoharp, and zither guitar. Sitar devotees will note that Ted at one time studied the sitar with Ravi Shankar, India's most renowned concert musician. Ted's musicianship surpasses the criteria of technique and delivery, and emerges on a level of expression and feeling, a pure form of artistry.

Ted will return to the Off-Campus. He says "this place is warm and close. It's maybe the most friendly house I've seen."

The spike drivers and the Misty Wizards are gone. The only answer is that they are gone and the good memories will last. Ask Ted Lucas about it and he just may answer, "Isn't it a lovely day?"

Meadowbrook

The current Meadow Brook Theatre production, which opened a five-week run Thursday, January 2, is the world premiere of THE SECOND COMING OF BERT.

Written by New Zealander Ronald Chudley, who now makes his home in Toronto, Ontario, THE SECOND COMING OF BERT is a contemporary tragi-comedy that deals with an ineffectual man who stumbles into an isolated and fanatic religious colony. The members of the colony are awaiting the miraculous resurrection of their long-dead prophet and decide that the newly arrived stranger is the prophet in another form.

Artistic Director John Fernald says of the play and the playwright: "I believe the world premiere of THE SECOND COMING OF BERT on January 2 to be an important date in the Meadow Brook Theatre's calendar. Ronald Chudley will, I think, be judged to have given us a very thought-provoking play as well as a very good story for the theatre. We are honored to introduce this new playwright from Canada: moreover, we feel ourselves lucky, since the real significance of an author lies in his fecundity—and we have reason to hope that we shall in the future introduce more of his plays to our public and to the world."

Josh White Jr. will be appearing at Oakland University in a cabaret concert. Appearing with Josh White will be Ron Coden. The concert will be on Saturday the 18th of January. Ticket price for students will be \$1.50, for staff & faculty \$2.00 and for general admission \$2.50. Tickets will be on sale in the Activities center or at the door.

Amada At Dodge Hall

Pianist Kenneth Amada will give a single recital Wednesday, Jan. 15, at 8:30 in the Dodge Hall Auditorium.

The award winning American artist is a favorite of Detroit audiences and has appeared many times with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He will play the Beethoven Sonata in F minor Op. 56, Chopin's Sonata in B Flat minor Op 35, and Schumann's Symphonic Etudes Op. 13.

Amada has appeared with all the major orchestras in the United States since making his New York Town Hall debut in 1951. In 1961 he took top honors in the International Queen Elisabeth of Belgium Competition and was the first pianist to have twice been awarded a Gold Medal winner in the Edgar M. Leventritt International Competition.

Amada studied with some of the greatest piano pedagogues of the day including Eduard Sterer, Paolo Gallico and Isadore Philipp. He is an artist-in-residence and professor of piano at the University of Iowa.

Student Admission is \$1.00 upon presentation of the fee payment receipt.

Cagers Face Aquinas Tonight

By Steve Gaynor

Since the end of last semester the O.U. Basketball team has had their ups and downs.

Their first game, an overtime effort against Albion was 101-97 in favor of Albion.

A trip to the Windy City versus the University of Chicago saw Oakland stave off a Chicago rally and funny officiating to preserve a 70-68 victory.

An Oakland rally fell short as Wayne State edged out a 93-81 triumph that saw Gordie Tebo hit for 27 points.

It was off to Alma for a holiday tournament next. Olivet was our opponent and it did not look like a holiday for the Pioneers. The score was 87-68 despite solid performances by Greg Ranney and Tebo.

Gordie had another good night in the consolation game with Grand Valley, but G.V. held on to a 87-84 victory. Tom Allan hit 25 points for O.U.

The first game of the new semester saw O.U. thirsting for revenge against Olivet. John Eley, finally eligible to play seemed to be a big dif-

ference as the Pioneers finished on top 66-62. Eley, 6'4", hauled in key rebounds and blocked numerous Olivet shots and scored 14 points himself as O.U. showed themselves to be somewhat improved. Ranney, Allan, Tebo and Eddie Hollo-man all played a solid game as O.U. defeated their first MIAA opponent.

Last Tuesday against Windsor College, Oakland fans got a chance to see the team win their third game of the year 77-69.

In a display of balanced scoring Oakland's five starters all scored from eight to eleven points staking the varsity to a 47-35 halftime advantage. The eight point lead was maintained throughout a somewhat shoddy, but otherwise happy half for O.U. fans.

Tonight Aquinas College arrives to do battle with the Pioneers. Tip off time is 8 p.m.

Tomorrow there will be a bus going to Adrian for the game. Cost will be \$1.25 per person for transportation. It will leave at 3 p.m. in front of the S&R Buroing.

OU STUDENTS STUDY JUDO

The Judo program at Oakland was reopened after a relative period of inactivity with the arrival of Nihal Goonewardene from Ceylon, who was trained in the Kodokan Judo Academy in Japan, headquarters of the International Judo Federation. He received the black belt, 1st degree in Kodokan.

From the beginning of the Fall semester about forty students have been members of this class, more than half of them girls. Most students have shown marked aptitude at Judo and the other forms of self defense taught at this class. The men are already training for inter-collegiate and inter-club competition that will commence next semester. The girls are learning Aikido, a Japanese form of self-defense, in addition to Judo.

The class meets daily from Monday to Thursday starting at 6:15 p.m. in the basement of the S & R Building. New members are welcome any time this semester or next.

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Sport

Shorts

IM Basketball play starts next week. This year's league promises to be the largest ever. Top contending teams are the ABS, Northwest #1, VB #7 and the faculty/staff team.

Anyone interested in playing in the handball or squash tournament should call the S & R Building at X - 2152.

Instructional classes in many sports including judo, tennis, karate, swimming, badminton and others are being offered this semester at the S & R building. Contact X-2153 for schedule.

Commuters wishing to play IM Basketball should stop by the S & R building to sign up. Hollie Lepley, Director of Sports and Recreation, says that commuters who so desire will be placed on a team in their district.

Corey Van Fleet is again offering this Water Safety Instructor Course from 7:30 to 10:30 every Tuesday evening. A WSI Certificate can lead to one of the most lucrative summer jobs for students. Call Mr. Van Fleet at X - 2154.

Congratulations are in order to Carl Berakovich, Cathi Oldani, Brian Duffey, Donald Avington and Mark Basiletti who all made first grade green belt in Norm Dwain's karate class. The class will start again this semester. Call the S & R building for times.

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