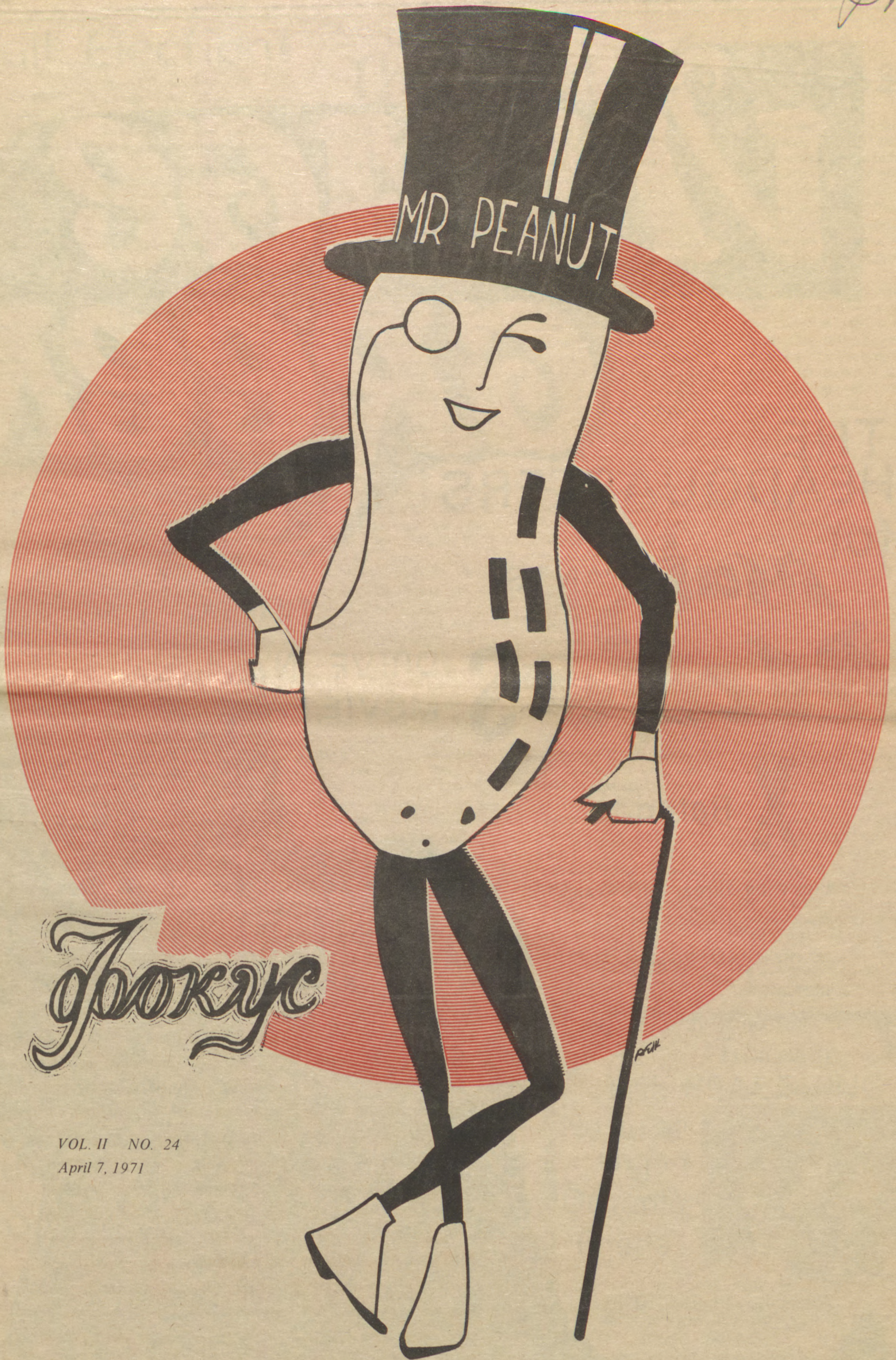


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The University Congress Thursday voted to hold an election for the entire Congress (including President), reversing their decision of a week earlier to extend their own terms an additional year. The reversal was the result of an uncharacteristically loud public outcry against the extension. In fact, protestors, calling themselves "Students for a Democratic Congress," appeared at the meeting, presenting petitions containing signatures of over 300 angry students.

The election will be held as previously scheduled, April 12 - 14 (Monday - Wednesday of next week). You will be able to vote in the OC, in front of Charlie Brown's, all day and at Vandenberg during the dinner hour.

As petitions were not yet due as we went to press, the total list of candidates

was still uncertain. The Congress will be putting out a special flier prior to the election, listing all candidates and their campaign statements. At this point it appears that ten or eleven of the eighteen incumbent Congressmen will run for re-election. The number of new candidates is unclear.

The race for the presidency is equally muddy. Current President Bob Barkdull is known to be wavering on trying for a second term, and as of Monday night he had not filed a nominating petition. He cited heavy academic pressures and other attractive job opportunities as the primary reasons behind his reluctance to run. In any event, it appeared the field would be large, with four other candidates having already turned in nominating petitions.

Analysis

The First Congress

By LARRY GOOD

Think back for a moment to last January. Following one of the greatest publicity campaigns Oakland has ever seen, record numbers (over 33%) of students voted and sent into existence the first University Congress. Since mid-January, though, you have heard little from or about the group. What was accomplished by the group that was supposed to provide a "powerful student voice" in University policy-making?

At first glance, the answer would appear to be "not much," for in fact, little of substance was accomplished. This is far from an accurate statement though, because much did occur - it was simply behind the scenes.

Organizational activities were by far the central focus of the Congress. There were committees to be established, by-laws to be written, an office to be found, a constitution to be revised . . . the list was long. They could've done many of these things in a great hurry, and gotten right into policy questions, but they didn't. The congress members chose instead to take the time to carefully consider these problems of structure and bureaucracy, figuring that a sound base would in the long run be far more valuable than a series of hastily considered

policy decisions.

Given the time limitations, the Congress was extremely successful at accomplishing these procedural ends. They have an attractive and well-functioning office in South Foundation. Their meetings flow relatively smoothly each week, due to a large degree to the rules of business followed. And the Congressional committees have begun to function, notably in the areas of the residence halls, parking, anti-war activity, off-campus housing and financial review.

Probably the most important substantive idea to come out of the first Congress came from the Financial Review Committee, chaired by Ed Martinedes. They have devised a plan to collect student fees - on a voluntary basis - next year. This action became necessary after it was learned that the miscellaneous fees you pay (activities fee, health service fee, etc) would likely be abolished by the actions of the state legislature this summer. Their proposal will allow you to elect one of several options of fee packages, enabling you to keep services you get now. These would include such things as free medical care, cheap concerts, and a host of others.

The only real controversy involving the Congress (that is, before they attempted to lengthen their terms of office), surrounded the allocation of the student activities fee monies. Many groups, especially religious organizations, felt

shortchanged by the initial allocation. Some of the complaints resulted in larger grants after a review of the original request. As is inevitable, though, all were not satisfied in the end. It is expected that some will run for Congress on precisely this basis.

The biggest single thing that can be said about the first Congress is that it survived. One of the key reasons for this was the strong leadership of Bob Barkdull as president. Bob was able to instill in the group a sense of direction, always difficult in a new organization. Barkdull's biggest strength was organizational - under his direction the Congress coalesced into a strong unit.

Politically, the tone of the first Congress would have to be characterized as moderate, yet progressive. It was the first time within memory that some of the noted campus radicals were forced to work with students of a more conservative leaning. The experience appeared to be educational for all parties involved, and some positive legislation was the net result.

In retrospect, the first Congress must be termed a success. A firm foundation has been laid that will allow future groups to make some important input into University decision-making. As President Barkdull put it, "It seemed as though we would be caught up in procedural garbage forever. We're past that point now. The next Congress will be a powerful force in University politics."

Pregnancy Counseling

By WILLIAM BREWSTER
Campus Minister

Women's Counseling Group for Problem Pregnancy is a group of women from the Oakland University and the surrounding community which has been organized to meet the needs of women who feel that their pregnancies are problems. *Women's Counseling Group* will provide counseling and advising services for women and their families concerned with sexual problems, information about contraceptives, pregnancy, unwed parenthood, adoption services, abortion and pre and post abortion, and delivery. This group has received training, has compiled information, and is prepared to meet with

women who wish to avail themselves of its services.

The group has organized itself in full agreement with *Michigan Clergy Counseling Service for Problem Pregnancy (MCCSPP)*. The experience of *Michigan Clergy Counseling Service* was utilized in the training of *Women's Group*. The resources and information of *MCCSPP* has also been made available to them.

Two factors are chiefly responsible for this group's formation, 1) the growing need for abortion counseling, and 2) the uncertainty in the abortion referral business.

1) The need can be gauged from two sources. The number of calls received by the Detroit area answering service of *MCCSPP* has grown

to 1500 calls a week. These are calls from women seeking counsel and information. I myself receive two - three such calls a day. If I were in my office more often I am certain that the figure would be higher. The other

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Chuck Caloia, without whose aid it would never have gotten off the ground in the first place.

Bob Barkdull, whose financial wizardry kept it alive after it got started.

Alan Scott, whose patient and frequent discussions benefitted this editor very much.

Ingo Dutzmann, who was always there when I needed him.

Tom Dutton, who defended campus papers when few others had the strength of their convictions.
Larry Good
Editor

ABORTION COUNSELING figure is an estimate that 30,000 Michigan women have gone to New York City for abortions since July 1st, one quarter of them going to the clinic with which the *Clergy Counseling Service* is associated.

2) The need for solution exists; but the situation in New York and Michigan is such that a legal medically

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PROPOSAL: A School of Relevance

By LARRY GOOD

One of the choice catchwords in every educational reform movement is "relevance." If a group of Oakland faculty and administrators has its way, that word will become the keynote to an entirely new concept of education at Oakland.

The group is the *Ad Hoc* Committee on the Applied Social Sciences. Chaired by Viet-Provost William Sturmer, the committee has developed an extensive proposal which, if enacted, would enable students to spend their four years at Oakland working on the problems of the real world, rather than being confined to texts and theories. The plan is to create a new school within the university (comparable in scope and stature to the College of Arts and Sciences or the School of Education), tentatively called the School of Community Services and Development.

The goal of this new college would be to train students for roles benefiting the community, in such areas as community law, consumer education, or ecological studies. The training would be more direct and action-oriented than the existing liberal arts curricula are, and would involve practical field experiences and on-the-job "externships."

The proposed curricula has two major aspects, a core set of general education courses, and one of a variety of concentrations in specific career-oriented directions.

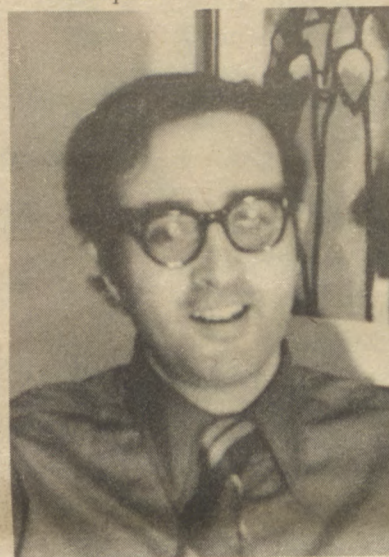
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The general education courses would be taken by all students in the school, and would be far different than the existing distribution requirements. Where presently the emphasis is being placed on introductions to specific topic areas, in the new school the stress would be on learning skills and abilities applicable to any situation. Examples of this might be courses in writing techniques, analytical methods of study, and studies in problem-solving techniques.



The students could form his own concentration in one of several areas, and in fact the college would ultimately offer a variety of "pre-fabricated" concentrations, such as mass communications, community law, and other service-oriented areas.

The specifics of the Col-

RACISM LECTURES TO BE HELD

The final two lectures of the sociology-series "Racism and Beyond" will be held this Thursday and the following Tuesday. Thursday, Professor Oliver Cox of the Wayne Sociology Department will speak on "Protest and Militancy in Modern Race Relations." The lecture will be held at 10 a.m.

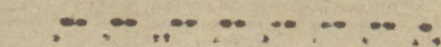
lege are intentionally vague at this point. According to Sturmer, the proposal is only a starting point, a suggestion to be more thoroughly thought out and developed. The tentative target date for opening the school is fall, 1972, and Sturmer plans to spend the intervening year sampling opinions and ideas as to how the proposal can be improved upon, both within the University and most especially outside of it. As Sturmer put it, "A number of schools have attempted programs of this nature. Most have failed, and the reason has invariably been their lack of comprehension of actual community needs." There is a tendency, he feels, to turn the city into a "study the poor" laboratory, benefitting the University and its research, but doing nothing whatsoever to help the people involved. By making it the product consultation with a wide range of people, he hopes that the College will be able to provide curricular options that match existing problem areas.

There are no guarantees of success for this program. The track record for similar ones, as pointed out earlier, has been discouraging. But if careful planning and many hours of hard work indicate anything, Oakland's College of Community Services and Development is well on the way to a rousing success.

in Gold Room A of the Oakland Center. "Prospects for Bi-racial Neighborhoods in Detroit" will be the topic for the Tuesday session. Dr. Eleanor Wolf will be the featured speaker. This lecture will also begin at 10 a.m., but will be held in rooms 128-130 of the O.C.

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The Conservative Coalition

By CHUCK CALOIA

"We give Oakland students another point of view," says Alan Jastrzebski, one of the leaders of Oakland's Conservative Coalition. While doing so, they have frequently found themselves at odds with the administration, the University Congress, and other student organizations.

The Conservative Coalition is composed of four student organizations: the O.U. College Republicans, the Conservative Club, the Committee Against Student Terrorism, and the O.U. Student League. While these groups have a lot in common — including their single

member College Republicans is a political organization affiliated with the conservative-dominated Michigan Federation of College Republicans (MFCR). Its purpose is to promote student interest in and support for Republican beliefs and Republican candidates. It has brought to campus a number of conservative speakers including State Senator Robert Huber. In recent years, the College Republicans have moved so far to the right that even Nixon and other "moderate" Republicans cannot expect much enthusiastic support from its members. "I believe in laissez faire capitalism," states Jastrzebski,

NOTABLE QUOTES

"Calley should get the Congressional Medal of Honor for bravery. He killed the enemy. Any one of those people could have shot back at him, and some of them did." — Howard Victor

"There are many sick people on this campus. Every member of the Student Congress is a sick person."

— Al Jastrzebski

office in the O.C., their joint sponsorship of many flyers, guest speakers, and activities, an overlapping membership and leadership, and, most important, their right-wing orientation — each group nevertheless serves a particular function. The 31-

who is a personal friend of prominent right-wing spokesmen William F. Buckley Jr. and Russell Kirk.

Sharing the conviction is Howard Victor, chairman of both the Conservative Club and the Committee

Against Student Terrorism. The Conservative Club (about 25 members) is primarily a study group devoted to an understanding of conservative philosophy; the Committee, on the other hand, is an activist group which has effectively used a variety of devices (including the threat of court action) to prevent other organizations from infringing on the rights of students. "The Committee only has about six or seven active members," says Victor, "but when something happens we might have as many as 600 supporters at one time."

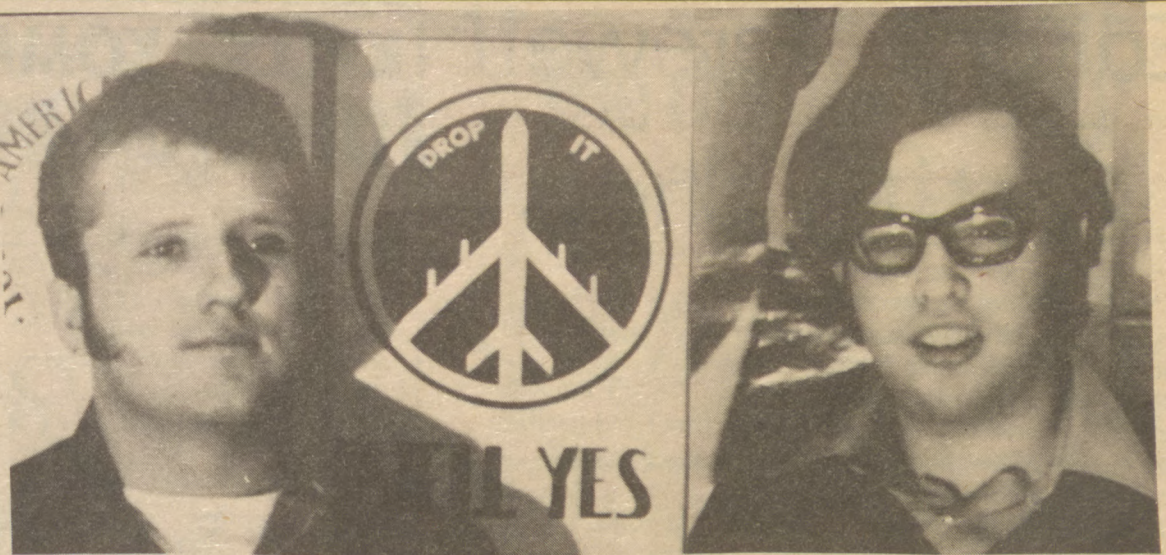
The fourth organization in the Conservative Coalition, the O.U. Student League, is a branch of the Michigan Student League (which is, in turn, a branch of the National Student League). The Na-

tional Student League and its divisions are openly attempting to gain control of student organizations in order to get them out of the hands of liberals and radicals.

Both Jastrzebski and Victor are pleased with the records of their organizations in campus involvement. According to Jastrzebski, the College Republicans have been among the most active student groups at


Oakland this year. "Last semester we sponsored a talk by Russell Kirk. It was one of the most successful events Oakland's had this year. We drew 400 people on the same day Huey Newton spoke in the I.M. Building." Victor points out that the conservative-sponsored Institute of Economic Studies seminar held earlier this year had

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Editor's Farewell: KELLY KOMMENTS

Parting Shots

With this issue, *Focus: Oakland* is two years old. It was April, 1969, when some eager freshmen and sophomores started planning Oakland University's answer to *Newsweek*. Thirty-nine issues and countless staff changes later, *Focus* is still alive (which is surprising) and healthy (which is unbelievable). Admittedly, it has changed drastically. *Focus* has been, at various points in time, a newsmagazine, a "straight" newspaper, a political activism sheet, a whore, and finally, a "straight" newspaper once again. Next year, who knows what form the paper will take?

One thing is certain — there will be changes. I've been editor for every one of those thirty-nine issues and, while I've had an incredibly diverse bunch of people working with me, there has been a strong dose of Larry Good in each week's product. When you come back in September, (that is, if you're planning to return) someone totally new, with fresh ideas, will be running the show.

I step down with few regrets. There has been a lot of hell in the past two years simply in establishing a new paper and keeping it both financially and editorially alive. I do wish that we had known more about newspapers when we started, because we could have saved a lot of bad or mediocre stories from reaching print, as they too often have. Overall though, editing has been (to be perfectly trite one last time) a real learning experience. I've met a lot of interesting people that I never would have otherwise and, equally important, I have been confronted with a wide range of ideas and thoughts that I would never have considered without *Focus*.

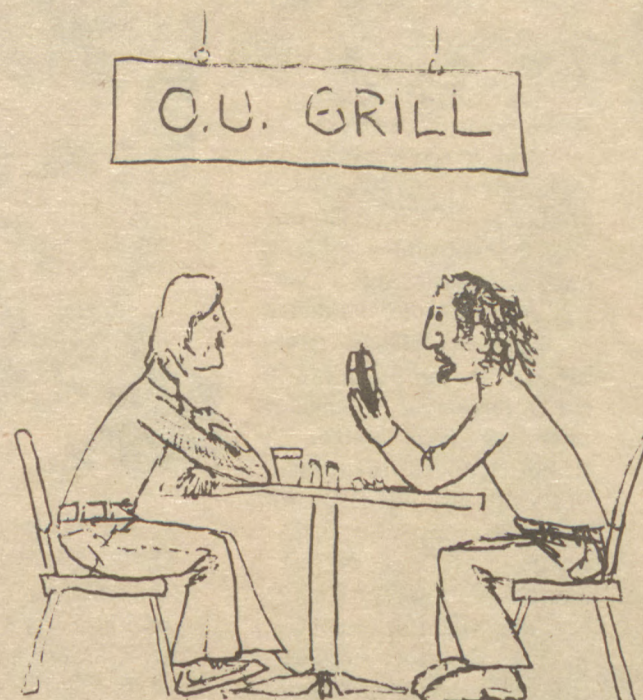
Out of the innumerable discussions, interviews, observations and bull sessions that go into creating a newspaper each week, a few ideas have crept into my head as to what Oakland University is all about. I posit them here for your consideration. They're sort of "editorials that never got written."

1. UNIVERSITY PLANNING?

Probably the biggest administrative weakness Oakland has is a failure to plan. Few things have been more striking to me in the last two years than seeing the number of good ideas that are fouled up in practice because someone, sometime, made an *ad hoc*, spur-of-the-moment decision. Former Chancellor Varner was exceedingly guilty of this method of operation, and President O'Dowd hasn't been that much better.

Indeed, though, it is a disease that permeates the entire bureaucracy at Oakland. Would housing prices be skyrocketing today if someone had looked at the "big picture" five years ago? Would the parking situa-

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tion near the center of campus be nearly as ludicrous as it is if the powers-that-be had considered that there might actually be more than five hundred students here someday?

With the University's financial base thoroughly dependent on the every whim of the state legislature, planning is difficult. For example, consider the beautiful new heating plant behind the I.M. Building. Oakland didn't want it there — we wanted it south of the Science Building. The entire future development of the campus was altered by that one edict, over which the University had little or no control. Nonetheless, it is more crucial than ever in this time of starvation budgets to plan carefully, in order to wisely spend the few pennies we do have.

Oakland must address itself to the fact that in the not too distant future there will be 20,000 students enrolled here. We are no longer a tiny, exciting experiment. Rather, our role in the seventies should be to plan towards gracefully becoming a big school, and a first-class one at that. This means a different orientation, and different approaches. Bigness is not inherently evil — it depends largely on how you handle it. The Long Range Development Committee has made some excellent beginnings in this field — their example should be imitated in every department of the university.

2. OAKLAND AS A CLOSEMINDED INSTITUTION

Without a doubt, the most frightening attitudinal change I've seen in the last two years has been a greater and greater close-mindedness. The concept of a "liberal education" has been replaced on all too many fronts, both academic and social, by rhetoric and dogmatism. (For an excellent amplification of this, I urge you to read "Reflections on a Liberal Institution" by Chuck Caloia, which appeared in last week's issue of *Focus*.)

A personally frightening aspect of this has been the growing fixedness of what behavior is considered properly liberal or radical. It shows its head in subtle ways — if Mike Brand had been conservative instead of radical, would the protests to his firing have been as loud? Of course not. But what if Brand has been black? Do you really believe he would have been released? There is a tremendous, rapidly growing tendency to label a person as a "racist" if he opposes a black, regardless of his reasoning. This is both illogical and dangerous. For what is racism if it isn't treating people of one color differently than people of another? All that is accomplished by this sort of labelling is polarization — racist whites become more firm in their beliefs, radical, "enlightened" whites reinforce their own beliefs, and blacks sit off to the side and ignore the whole travesty. And no one changes his mind. It takes communication to undo firmly set beliefs. We have precious little of that left at Oakland.

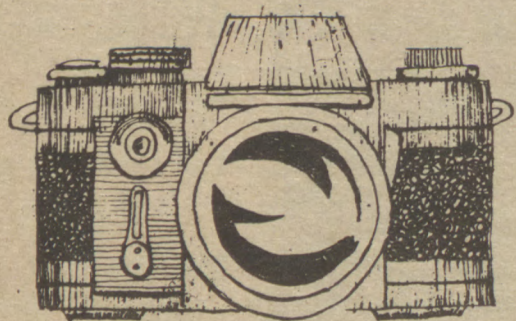
3. THE ATHENS OF THE MIDWEST

Finally, it is important to bear in mind that, in spite of problems such as those listed above, the university isn't as messed up as Oakland people are inclined to say it is. To be sure, this isn't the "Athens of the Midwest." It is, however, leaps and bounds ahead of most colleges in the U.S. Oakland is one of the most progressive public institutions around.

Where we fall short is in comparison with our self-imposed standards, set exceedingly high. It is tempting, and often frustrating, to compare what exists with what *could* have existed, or with what might someday exist, given adequate funding and planning. But compare Oakland with nearly any school you're familiar with — I'll bet that you (whoever you are) would not want to transfer. Exceptions can be found, but by and large, most Oakland people would have trouble finding many other schools they would be happy at.

Oakland has a lot going for it — some pretty intelligent students, an excellent faculty (still), a young and fairly progressive administration, and a lot of gorgeous land. The key to Oakland realizing its potential rests in its once again becoming a *community*, where people work together, ask questions, and learn how to ask questions — the most important skill anyone can ever acquire. The potential is there — but we have to nurture it.

Larry A. Good



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The Politics of Unemployment

By KEVIN HARTLEY

The employment situation for Oakland students now is worse than ever, not only for summer jobs, but also for graduating students. Detroit Mayor Gribbs told Nixon in a statement on the 23rd of March that Detroit's unemployment rate is now 14%. For youth, 18 to 25, it is even higher, 50%. It is not hard to imagine what will happen to those few jobs that are now available when thousands of Detroit and Pontiac area students start looking for summer jobs.

Over the past few weeks, 1,270 Oakland County teachers have received notices that they will not have their old jobs next year. More layoffs can be expected. The layoffs at the auto plants, particularly Dodge Main, have greatly contributed to the 14% figure. And more is yet to come. The men at the Ford River Rouge complex are saying that management may try forcing a short work week on them this summer. This reporter covered a number of auto plants, and most had men laid off and were not even accepting applications.

But the job crisis is, of course, not confined to this area. In Minneapolis, on March 12th, 1,500 youths lined up to apply for 150 unskilled summer jobs. The line had started forming 17 hours before the office opened at 8 a.m. Only 500 applications were accepted, and those were to be considered only after those of laid off city workers and those hired previously.

The unemployment figures for the west coast (aerospace) and the construction industry are out of sight. With the death of the SST and the crisis of Lockheed, thousands of additional jobs are threatened across the nation. The government's problems, and the stories

of Penn Central, Lockheed, Goodbody, and Chrysler point to the deepening crisis of capitalism.

The crises of foreign countries show the international character of this crisis. In England, there have been a number of general strikes in the last few months, the last two being in the millions. On February 21st, 140,000 workers staged the biggest demonstration in British history against the government. Italy has had one general strike after another, and British imperialism's problems with the workers of Northern Ireland are clearly in evidence.

There have been massive layoffs of teachers, not only in Oakland County, but everywhere else. In New York, liberal Lindsay almost laid off 11,000 teachers but pushed the budget deficit off till next year under a threat of a general strike of all city labor.

There are tremendous surpluses of teachers everywhere. Oakland's placement office has long lists of education majors waiting for each school district recruiter on campus. Some graduating students have placed applications as far away as Fairbanks, Alaska in hopes of getting a job. One source in Pontiac said, "It is going to be next to impossible for teachers to find jobs around here." We see the surplus of teachers, and the terrible conditions of school teaching staffs, and the capitalist class wants to layoff thousands and thousands of teachers to save its own neck.

In this period of heightening capitalist crisis, workers are not paid enough to buy the products of their own labor. Food is left to rot while people are starving in the ghettos. Farmers have sometimes been forced to destroy produce in attempts to force wholesalers to give them decent prices.

In this period, the capital-

ist class cannot solve anything: instead it is attempting to make the working class pay for the crisis with massive inflation, more taxes, unemployment, and state and federal aid cuts. The bosses foster and use racism in vicious attempts to split the working class and break its will to fight.

In this period of heightening crisis, there is an increasingly greater polarization of class forces towards socialism and fascism. The people are no longer willing to put up with the old leaderships; they are demanding change, and it is up to the leadership of the working class to ensure that socialism is victorious instead of fascism. Fascism is rearing its ugly head not only in such forces as Agnew and Wallace, but also right here on campus in the form of the four ultra-right wing clubs (which are together headed by three people).

The answer to the crisis lies not in the capitalist economic system, which contains the seeds of its own destruction, but outside of it. In this crisis period no reforms of capitalism are forthcoming which would solve the basic contradictions within capitalism.

The lives of the workers, students, and all sections of the working class depend upon a resolute fight against capitalism and its last-ditch reactionary form, fascism; this is a fight for the construction of the new social order, socialism. This fight is the only way forward for the working class in the imperialist epoch of capitalism.

The Workers' League Club is the only organization on campus which fights for this perspective. For more information, call ext. 2503 or 357-5390

the doctor's bag

By Arnold Werner, M.D.

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QUESTIONS: I have been told that smoking marijuana lowers a person's blood sugar. Being a diabetic, this would be of particular interest to me. I would like to know if this is true, and if it would be beneficial. Could it possibly cause some other harmful effects?

ANSWER: Marijuana produces very few measurable physiological changes. About the only things that appear with regularity are conjunctival injection (a reddening of the whites of the eyes) and a slight increase in heart rate. Recent evidence suggests that blood sugar levels are not changed.

The striking effects of marijuana are on perception and mood. Most people use marijuana because of its pleasurable effects, but some people are either unaffected or have unpleasant reactions. A few susceptible individuals become psychologically dependent on the mood altering effect of the drug and tend to abuse it. As with alcohol and other drug abuse, it is probably true that people who become dependent upon a substance have pre-existing emotional difficulties. There is no evidence that marijuana has any therapeutic value for depression, loneliness, or other difficulties, and it may be harmful as noted.

For the diabetic under good control the decision to use or not to use marijuana is the same as for anyone else. The worst side effect still remains getting arrested.

QUESTION: The other night we went to a drive-in movie and something strange happened. The manager went over to a car, then ran back to his office. Not long afterwards an ambulance arrived and a couple was carried off on the same stretcher. The manager later told us that the couple was locked in sexual intercourse. I was wondering if it is possible to get stuck in such a way, what the physical reason is for it, and how can it be avoided. I don't see how it's possible.

ANSWER: Various animals have modifications of the basic sexual apparatus which permit them to have intercourse under difficult situations without coming apart. The male dog, for instance, is equipped with a penis whose glans (the bulb-like end of the organ) expands greatly in size after insertion into the vagina, thus locking the animals together. Human beings generally do not stand up when they have intercourse and have been able to propagate successfully without the canine type of sexual device.

Misinformation makes one gullible. Most people I've known who have been carried out of cars have been suffering from an intoxication or drug overdose. If you are still worried about getting locked in, you can keep a pail of cold water by your bedside.

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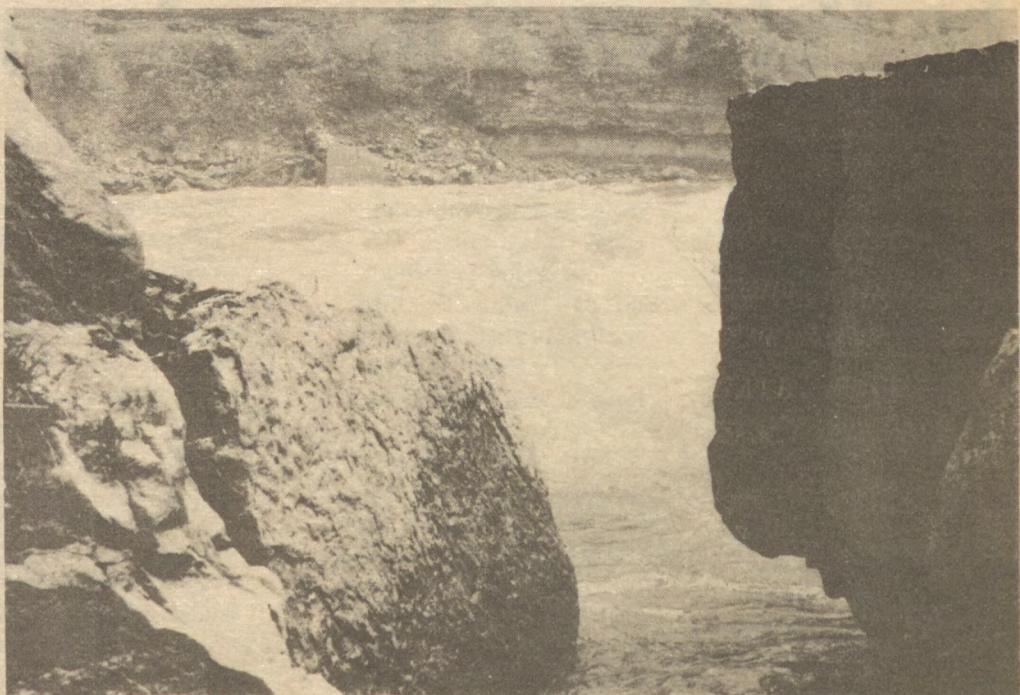


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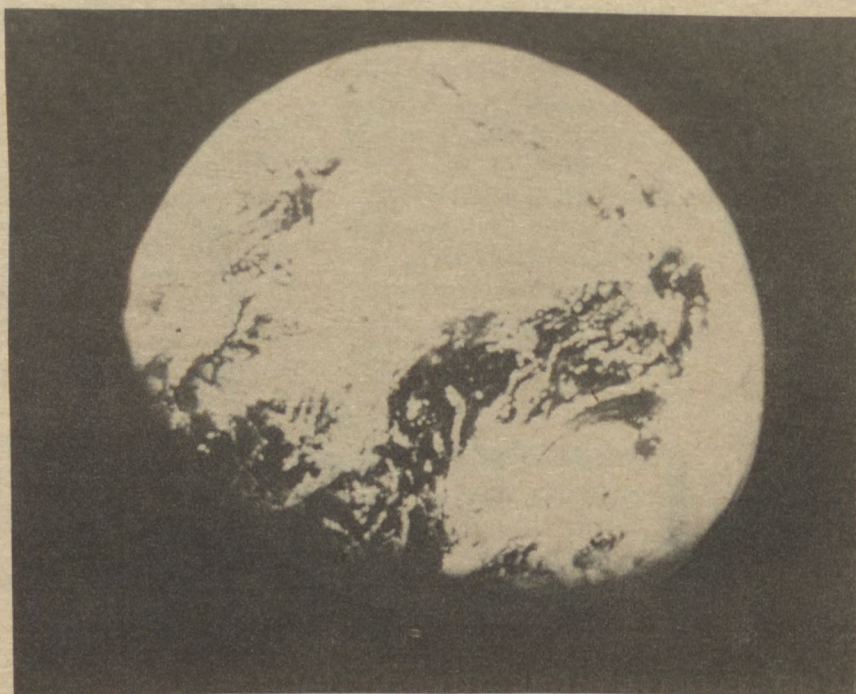
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been fortunate enough to have two letters published in *Focus*. Both have begun "To whom it may concern."

Who does it concern? If you, gentle reader, think that I wrote these letters for the draft board, you are only about half right.

The other audience I was writing for was you. All you people out there supporting the war. Supporting the killing. My Lai was a horrible thing; so horrible that the U.S. Army itself was shocked. But My Lai was a small occurrence in a larger context. Without that larger context, the context of war, My Lai would not have happened.

This killing must stop. There are not really such things as "war crimes," war itself is a crime; a crime against both God and humanity.

Peace,
Fred Schade

To the Editor:

The concept of the Village is alive and well, but not exactly as it appeared in last week's issue of *Focus: Oakland*. Several items mentioned in the *Focus* story were never discussed in the meeting President O'Dowd had with the Long Range Development Com-

mittee.

At that meeting, President O'Dowd approved three recommendations of the committee, including the principle of the Village.

The other two items approved at the meeting were a Nature Trail on the southwest corner of the campus and a scaled-down version of the LRDC "accoutrements" report.

In approving the Village concept, the President noted several items:

*the ultimate location may not be at the present site of the SET barn. That area is in conflict with proposed campus expansion, and the idea of moving the barns to an alternate site at a later date will be explored. One suggested area for the Village development is the Barnett farm site near Lonedale Road.

*the Village will not be established overnight. It will take several years to finance the necessary improvements in various barns, particularly in light of the present budget restrictions. Private money — including some raised internally — will probably be necessary to the development of the Village.

*work will continue on bringing the Barn Theater up to insurance code. This again will be more than a one-year proposition.

The Nature Trail, proposed by Jim Lawless and approved by the LRDC earlier this year, will be built this year by

Lawless, with help from members of Mr. Stoutenberg's staff.

President O'Dowd said he hoped that there would be some way to fence the nature trail area to keep motorcycles and snowmobiles out of the area.

The scaled-down version of the accoutrements report included eleven items. Bill Marshall and Mr. Stoutenberg will work on implementing as many as possible of them this summer. They include placing boulders on several spots on campus, the placement of benches near walkways, a volleyball court, a campfire site, and letting the cattails grow once again on the edge of Beer Lake.

Once these items are accomplished, other suggestions made in the accoutrements report will be considered.

Bill Connellan
Asst. to the President

[Ed. Note: We'd like to add a hearty congratulations to the Long Range Development Committee for getting these proposals passed. Without their painstaking efforts, developments like these would be far less frequent than they are.]

To the Editor:

The article, "Police Coerce Panthers" by Kevin Hartley in the March 31 *Focus* represents one of the most blatant examples of irresponsible journalism that has ever come to my attention. Mr. Hartley first refers to "This attack (on the 14 Panther sympathizers accused of killing a cop) along with the murder of Fred Hampton, and the attacks on Huey Newton, Angela Davis, and Juan

Farinas." Then in a classic non-sequitur he states, "In this context it can be seen that these men (the 14) are innocent of the charge of murdering the policeman, as the New York Panther 21 were innocent of 'attempting to blow up the Bronx Botanical Gardens' and a New York department store."

Assuming the truth of these aforementioned attacks, it does not follow that these 14 are innocent, i.e., that these charges are also an attack. Not only is this irresponsible journalism and editorializing in the guise of reporting, it is not even an intelligent editorial.

Marty Price

To the Oakland Students:

What a bunch of hypocrites are running around at Oakland. We carry out little protest signs and wear all the appropriate pins for peace and ecology and are against all figures of authority. We claim to be free souls and saviours of the world but I don't believe we really mean it. We have the same hang-ups that the people we are against have but the names or circumstances are changed. We claim to "are so much for people, yet we let people destroy themselves if they want because it is their right. Isn't it a shame that our level of concern for others has shrunk to such a low level. We say that the police and the government are closed-minded and against the basic rights of people, yet let them go against our ideas and we call them pigs and say what right do they have to say no to us. We claim to be able to see both sides, but do we? We're against the

killing in Viet Nam, but we cry for legalized abortion. Abortion isn't killing, it's a woman's right. Suppose a soldier kills a Vietnamese child because the kid was bugging him; that's murder we cry, but because a woman just doesn't want to bear a child any longer, that's abortion. (See the change to fit the need?) Strike against G.M. and Chrysler because they're destroying our environment, wrecking our lifeblood, but let's throw the beer cans and waste paper baskets out the window because it looks cool to watch them fall and bounce. Let's smoke in the classrooms cause it's our right to blow smoke at people and throw the ashes on the floor (after all, the janitors have to earn their pay).

See my point? Our ideas are right and just but somewhere along the way, we slipped up. The whole world is the same deep down inside, no matter how many peace signs we give. Maybe if we just stopped to realize this we could really help the world. After all the perfect radical, Christ, said it best — you can't help someone get a splinter out of his eye when you still have a log in yours!

Jan Weilert

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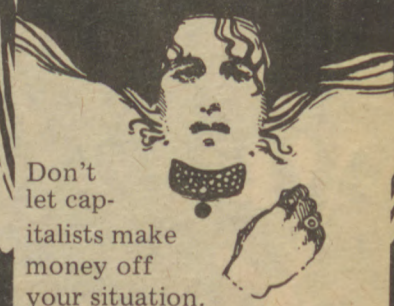


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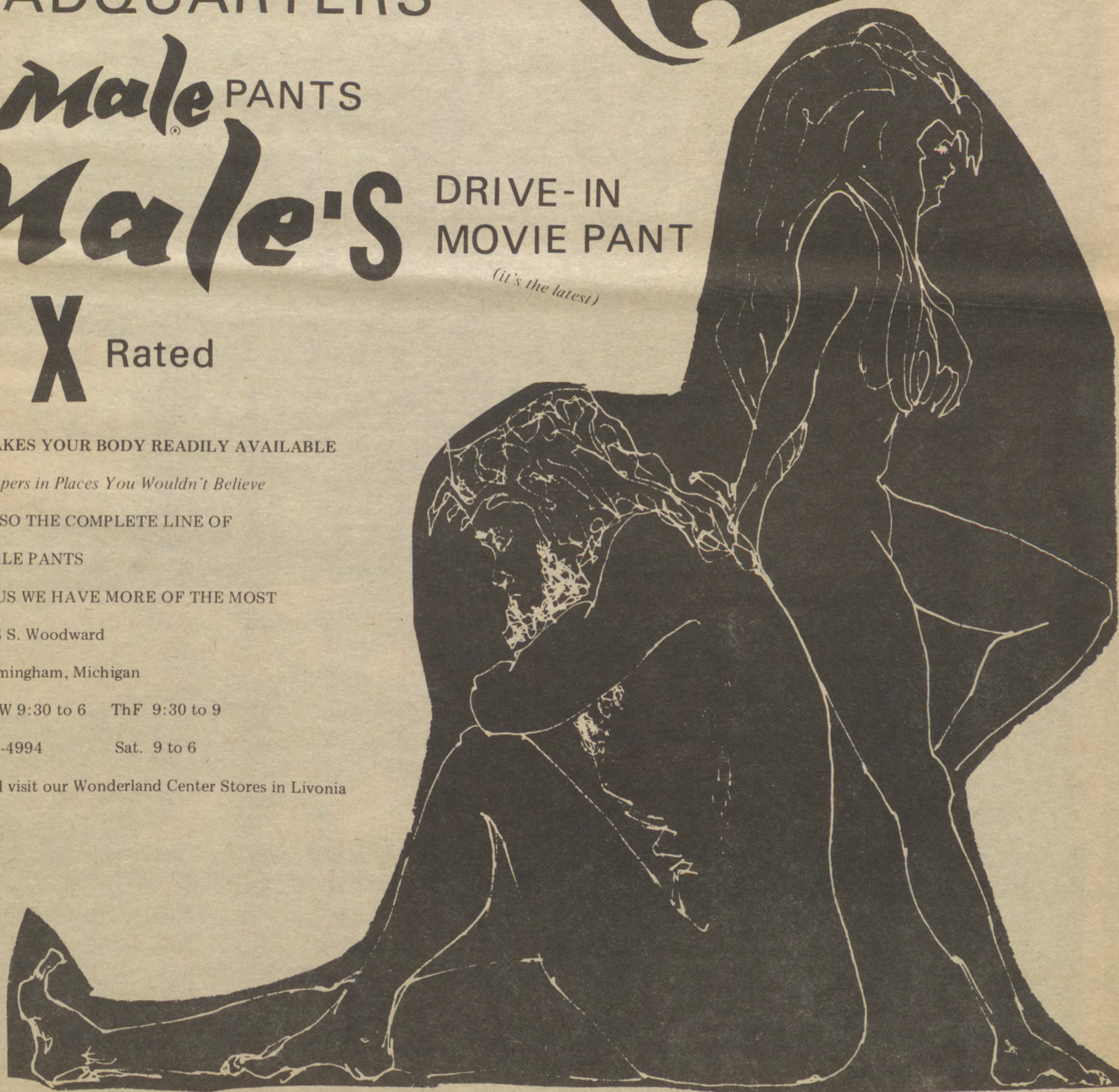
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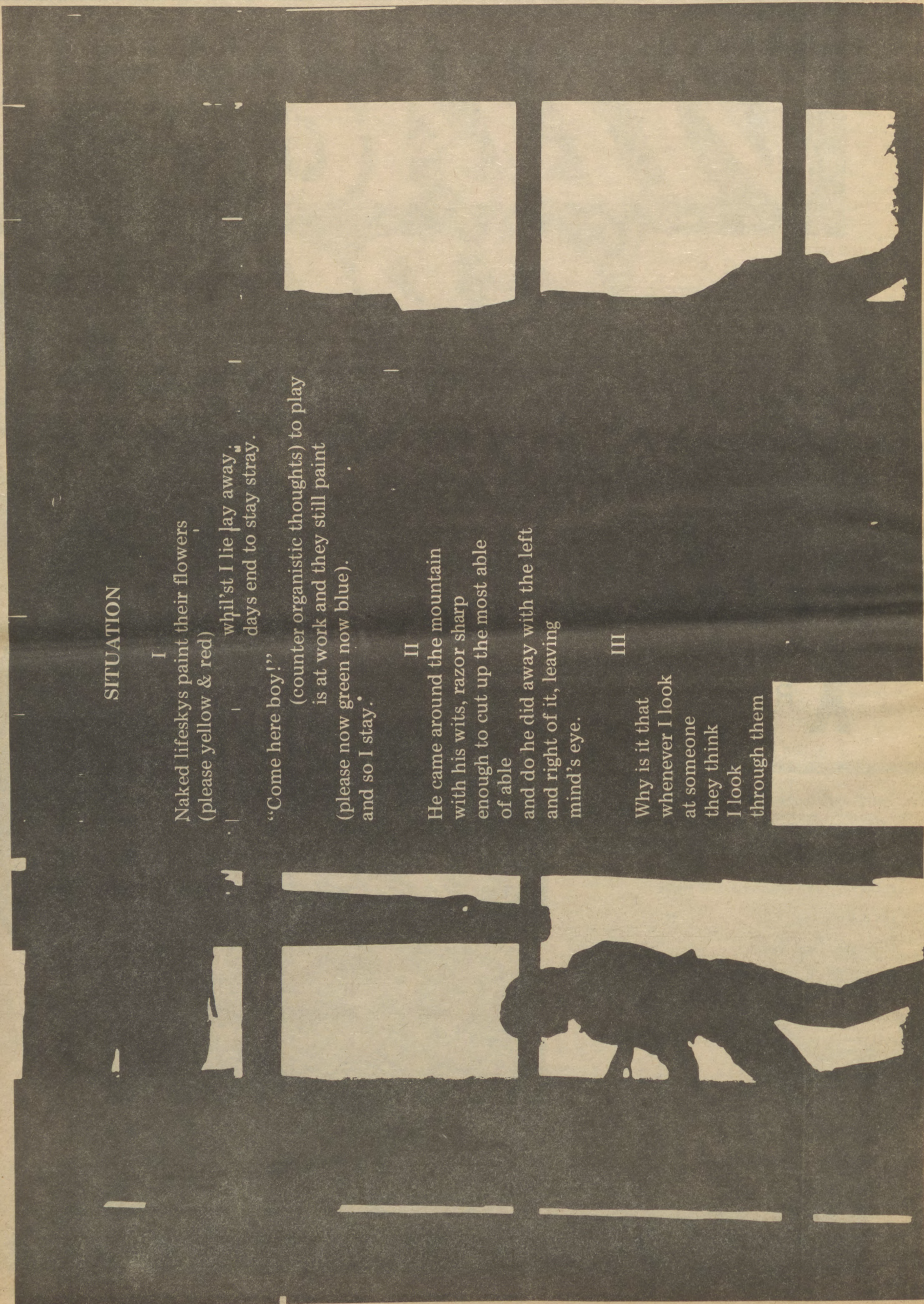
(counter organic thoughts) to play
is at work and they still paint
(please now green now blue).
and so I stay.

II

He came around the mountain
with his wits, razor sharp
enough to cut up the most able
of able
and do he did away with the left
and right of it, leaving
mind's eye.

III

Why is it that
whenever I look
at someone
they think
I look
through them



Meadow Brook Doesn't Come Close

Edward Albee is a genius. There is little one can do to ruin an Albee play, but Meadow Brook has come very close. Granted, Albee has not created an easy play to perform yet even so, this rendering of *"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf"* was very dis appointing, considering Meadow Brook "professional" status.

Fortunately, there are only four characters in the play. In this case, more would not have made this situation any merrier. In fact, considering the performances given, there were 3 too many in the show. Elizabeth Oustinoff, a seemingly charming young lady, twinkles her away across stage as Honey, wearing a pair of patent leather pumps which made her seem more like Dorothy of OZ in ruby slippers than a young wife (although I'm told those shoes were "vital" to her character as an innocent young lady) — Her performance started out to be interesting, but after a bit, Honey dripped a bit too much bee stuff into the

audience's lap. Her stage husband, Toby Tompkins, did little to enhance the rather interesting role of Nick, the latest addition to the New Carthage faculty. His performance was spotty, fair at best and just plain awful at worst.

Peter Brandon and Priscilla Morrill are the more enjoyable aspects of this production. Brandon has potential, he, too gave a spotty performance, good at its best, almost excellent, but unfortunately, it stunk, at points below "C" level. The nicest thing about Peter Brandon is his "watchability." You rarely get bored with his stage presence.

Despite all the obstacles, Priscilla Morrill is consistently good. Martha is a versatile character and Miss Morrill does a fine job molding her into the confused, floundering women in performance, giving body and voice to Albee's strange brand of genius. I might add that if Miss Morrill had not come through, *"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf"* as performed by the theatrical company of

Meadow Brook Theatre might have been a total disaster.

Technically, the set was nice (it's kind of mediocre); the make-up, passable. Costuming, however, left much to be desired on the part of the women. Miss Oustinoff's shoes were distractingly shiny, and Miss Morrill's wardrobe left no notable impression, except the question "why that?!" Albee designed four nervous characters. But Ulmar over did his staging. Too often I found myself pre-occupied watching non-speaking characters and therefore losing track of the action.

This review is based on the preview performance of Wednesday, March 31, 1971. Like any show in rehearsal, actual performances are supposedly better than previews. If the comments I hear are accurate, this is the best Meadow Brook production this season. And what that means, I'm not sure.

By SIMA SCHWAIDELSON



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an "excellent turnout."

In addition to securing speakers, the Conservative Coalition has also taken part in other campus activities. It was largely responsible for reversing President O'Dowd's stand on the display of Christmas decorations in public places. When a number of women occupied the university's administrative offices in an attempt to get a free child care center, the Committee Against Student Terrorism issued an open letter which said that the establishment of such a program would bring a demand by the Committee for free sauna baths for male students. In November, the Coalition also protested what they termed the holding captive of several students in the I.M. Building by the Black Panthers and played a major role in getting a second Universtion Congress election after the November fiasco.

Victor and Jastrzebski contend that political prejudice against the Coalition in the University Congress and its Allocations Committee is responsible for their small appropriation of student activity fees money. Acting on an original request for about \$2200, for example, Allocations granted the College Republicans under \$500.

Future plans of the Coalition include a "Recruitment Day" (in which recruiters from the armed forces, FBI, CIA, and Detroit Police will be brought to campus) and a speech/debate in September by Bill Buckley. Both events promise to attract a great deal of attention, to say the least.

RARE EGGS

By GREG ERICKSON

Some dismal thoughts about graduating from college in two weeks, or:

SHORT MORT'S PROBLEM

Mort walked into the bathroom and shut the door. Mort liked the bathroom. He could think in there. Bathrooms are neat places in that when you're in there, nobody assumes that you're doing anything but going to the bathroom, and because a person can only go to the bathroom so fast, everybody feels kind of stupid telling you to hurry up, and so you can take as much time as you want to think things over. Mort liked to sit on the toilet and discuss things with himself. He figured that most of the world's problems could be solved if everybody spent more time sitting on toilets thinking things over. Well, Mort definitely had a problem, but he couldn't come up with a solution, no matter how long he stayed in the bathroom. He gave up for the time being, pulled up his pants and unlocked the door.

Mort walked out of the bathroom and saw his pa lying there on the sofa. Every time Mort saw his pa he was lying there on the sofa. He never said anything or did anything, ever, ever. As far as Mort could tell, his pa wasn't really his pa at all, but a whole bunch of dirty rags that his ma had used to soak up some spilled whiskey and thrown on the sofa until she took the trash down the stairs. She used to do that before Mort got home from school so that when he got home, his pa would be gone. But the next morning when Mort looked out of the bathroom, the dirty old whiskey rags would be lying there on the sofa again. Mort couldn't figure out whether he liked it better when his father was there or not, because it really didn't make that much difference.

Generally, Mort was a big eater. He used to eat anything and everything that his ma stuck in front of him. But that morning, he wasn't hungry. It wasn't that his ma's cooking was lousy, which it was, but because he had that problem. It was a problem that he hadn't told anybody about. He sat down at the table and stared at the stuff in his bowl, but he didn't make any attempt to eat it.

His ma saw that he wasn't eating and started to yell at him.

"Look, you, I've been up since sunrise standing over that stove that doesn't work half the time fixing your breakfast. Do you think I do that because it's fun? You must be crazy if you think I'm gonna waste that much stinkin' time stirrin' that slop around and settin' the table for you just so you can sit there and look at it."

She was mad.

She picked up the bowl that had been sitting in front of Mort and took a fork and scraped the food out of it onto the floor. The family cat, Garbage, limped across the kitchen and lapped it up just like it hadn't eaten anything for days, which it hadn't. It hadn't eaten anything for days because it only got to eat garbage, and that's why it was named Garbage. There usually wasn't much of that around Mort's place, because his ma usually served anything and everything to Mort. If his ma wouldn't have been so mad, she wouldn't have thrown away his breakfast; Mort would have had it for some other meal sometime, and Garbage would have gone hungry a while longer.

Mort kind of felt bad about the whole thing. Now not only was *he* in a bad mood, but so was his ma. His ma saw that Mort was especially dumb looking that morning, and finally made some attempt to find out what was wrong. "What's wrong witch?" she said as she stood kicking at a chunk of gum that was stuck to the kitchen floor. Like always, Mort wouldn't say, and his ma wasn't interested enough to keep asking, so she walked out of the room and turned on the T.V.

There was something wrong with the T.V. The picture was only half as tall as it should have been, so that everybody looked really short and fat. It made Mort feel sick. See, Mort was only half as tall as he should have been, too. He used to sit in front of the T.V. and think that that was the way he looked to everyone; all scrunched up like that. A shrimp. He felt cheated.

Mort walked out the door and down the stairs to the sidewalk. He sat down on the last step of the building and waited for his friends, Lalo and Chet, to come by so that he could walk to school with them. Lalo and Chet were nice enough people, but they just couldn't understand Mort. They never knew what to expect from him and used to have a heck of a time trying to come up with things to do that wouldn't make him sad or mad or some other dumb thing. They didn't realize that it didn't take as much to keep Mort happy as they thought. He was almost always happy, but he never showed it. He knew that he never *looked* happy, and so he used to practice making happy faces in the mirror until he thought he'd never seen a happier face and then run right outside to show his friends how happy he was. Somehow, though, by the time he got out to the street, he would forget how to make the happy face. When Lalo and Chet would see him, they would ask him how he was, and if he would have looked happy, they wouldn't have asked.

That day was going to be worse than normal. He was really sad today. Aside from being short and misunderstood by people, he was also getting old. Or, at least, he thought so. He was going to graduate from high school in two weeks, and he didn't want to. He wanted to be a kid all the time. But he knew that he couldn't stop getting old any more than he could stop being short. The only thing he could figure out that would make getting old and being short any easier was for him to go away and live all by himself in some cave, where he wouldn't have to see anybody who was taller, or get old in the same way that everyone else did.

"I'll go right now!" he said out loud. He didn't wait for his friends. Instead, he skipped school that day to see if he could ask around and find a nice cave where he could be all alone. He didn't find one.

An almost completely untrue autobiography by
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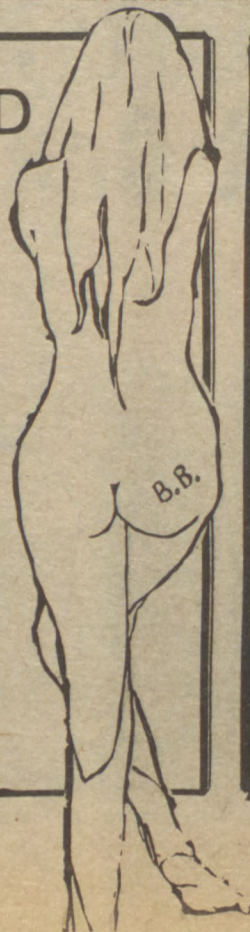
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Studio Shows Fairies

The ADA's Studio Company is getting ready for another opening on the 14th. This time it's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by Shakespeare. Hopefully this production will prove as enjoyable as the Studio's *Merchant of Venice* and the more contemporary *Ring Around the Moon* by Jean Anouilh.

The last-mentioned was one of the best ADA shows thus far. It was a good break (for the actors most likely) from Shakespeare and a very different type of play that actually deals with illusions and opposites in a conscious, very "theatrical" manner. From its gazebo-spiderwebbed roof to its players' costumes it was delightful and engaging.

Especially notable in the good cast were Mary Gantenbien and Gerald Finnegan. Miss Gantenbien is very natural and straightforward on stage, so her portrayal of the poor girl trapped by

a rich man's game was very appealing. The difficult dual roles of the twin brothers was handsomely handled by Mr. Finnegan, who also showed his versatility in *Merchant of Venice*.

The over-all success of the Anouilh makes me wish the Studio Company would do more of his works and simply more contemporary plays. *The Shewing Up of Blanco Posneck* by Shaw was another very solid success and seems to indicate where the ADA's strengths lie.

But, anyway — with their versatile Block Box Theatre, the Company should manage some nice effects for *Midsummer*. Maybe the nymphs and faerie-folk will nudge the seasons forward, too. Who knows?

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The role of Jimmy was played by Dustin Hoffman on Broadway. There are parts for 10 men and 9 women.

Jimmy Shine will open June 4th and run the 5th, 11th & 12th, at the Barn Theatre.

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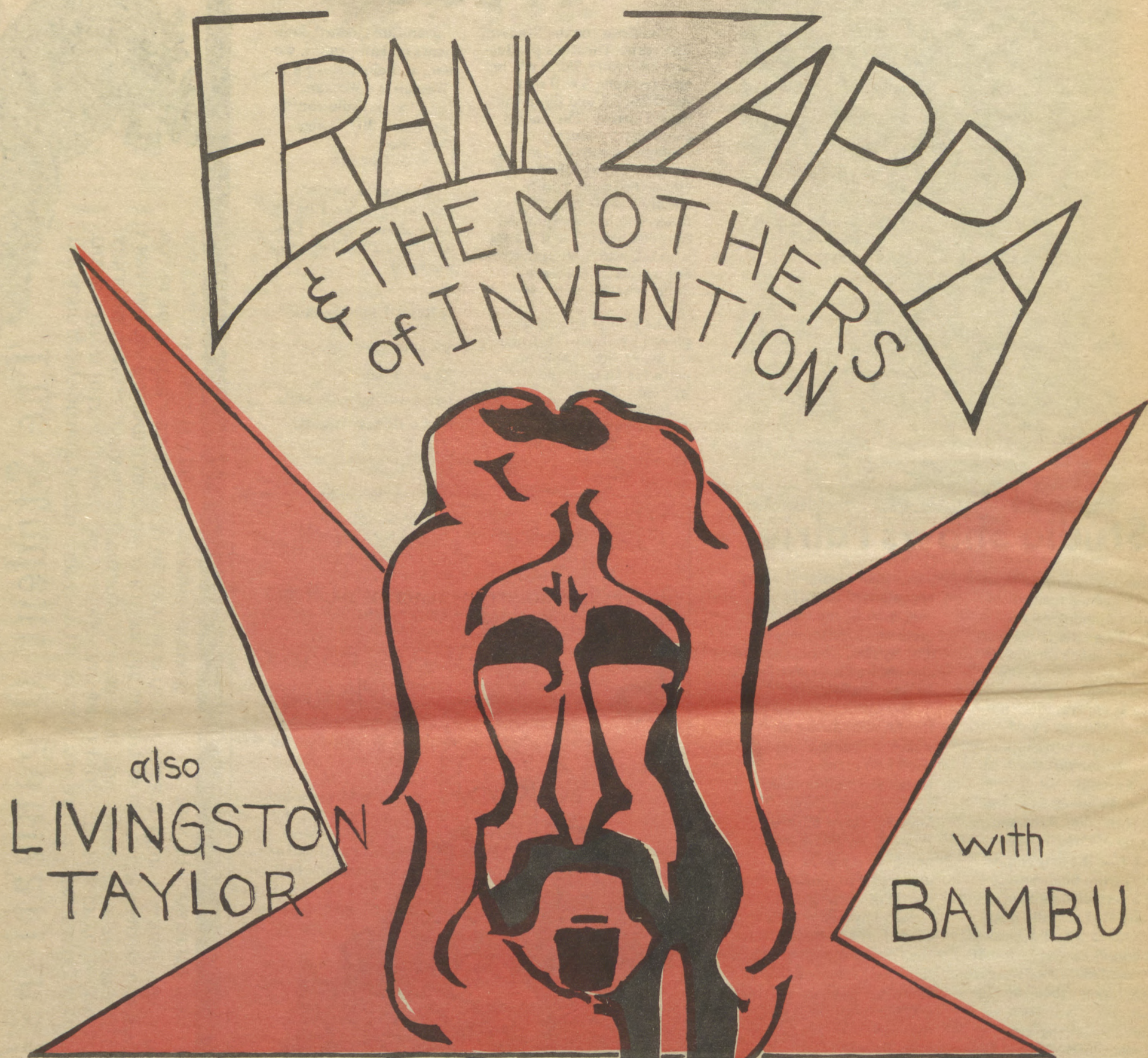
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