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Was it worth it?



1. *It had all the makings of a big demonstration: Chanting, singing crowds...*



3. *...A raising of the RNA flag...*



2. *...Fiery orators who said things like, "We are talking about seizing power!"...*



4. *...and a barricade across the road. (Continued on page 4)*

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Dear Editor,

I would like to commend the fine, upstanding Black students of this university who staged a tremendous performance for the benefit of my English class on November 20.

In protesting the killing of two students on another campus, these OU students disrupted English 225, overturning tables, books, and people, rendering it impossible for the class to take place. The drama of kicking an older woman in the stomach was especially realistic.

I appreciate not being able to attend a class I have paid for; I appreciate having my rights stomped on. Most of all, I appreciate the fine show of violence and stupidity without ever having to go to a movie and see it.

Many thanks, Vicki Martin

The following is a news release from Peter J. Bertocci of the Southern University Student Defense Fund:

The students and faculty associated with the Southern University Student Defense Fund report that an estimated total of \$100.00 was collected at its tables set up in the OC on 21 and 22 November. This money will be sent to Louisiana for the legal defense of arrested students. The S. U. S. D. F. has expressed

thanks to all members of the University community who expressed interest in, and contributed time and/or money to this effort.

Leaders of a group calling itself "Interested Students," whose members were collecting money for the families of the students killed at Southern University report the receipt of an estimated \$150.00 in donations from the University community. Gratitude to all those who contributed was expressed.

Individual members of both groups were responsible for the

After Pres. O'Dowd's office had been entered and taken apart, he gave this version of the event, at the Univ. Senate meeting on Nov. 21.

"Last Friday (the 18th of Nov) members of the BLC came to my office to demand suspension of classes Monday. There was talk of suspending classes to have some real political action.

"I objected to the suspension of classes on Monday, for three reasons 1) there would be no education taking place, as when commuters were told that there would not be any classes, they would not come to the University, and neither would resident students come back from the weekend; 2) it was quite late on Friday afternoon when the

circulation of petitions last week calling for the suspension of normal class-room activities on Monday, November 27. These actions were carried out in support of the call by student leaders at Southern University for a national suspension of university classes for the date. Rumors circulating to the effect that the Black Liberation Caucus was officially behind these activities are totally erroneous, although individual BLC members may have supported them, and were welcome to do so.

meeting took place; 3) I couldn't suspend classes myself, as it would take both the approval of the trustees and the faculty at large to close classes,

Saturday, Mr. O'Dowd met with the Deans and the steering committee of the Senate. The two groups were opposed to a shut down of the University, as there would be no educational activity then, and an academic atmosphere would not be maintained.

The Deans and steering committee did, however, say that Dec. 2 would be an open class day, and would be available for a program to explore the situation.

Sunday there was a "contingency, non-contingency" meeting with different people in the University community. The result of the meeting was for the admonition of University people involved to stay "loose" and expect almost anything.

O'Dowd also got in touch with the Trustees of Oakland University, and they were vehemently opposed to the idea of suspending classes.

Monday occurred with the American flag being taken down by the campus security officers. A Republic of New Africa flag was raised.

The group of students and their friends then went to SFH and disrupted two classes. At the same time a student tried to take the RNA flag down. He was as-

saulted just after taking the flag down.

The students then went to O'Dowd's office. He let them in, since he always believed in keeping his office open to students. 25-30 went into his office and shut the door. During that time two figurines were stolen, an artifact was ripped up and books and supplies were thrown on the floor.

The delegation left his office and went to the classroom across the hall and disrupted the class. Dean Woodward, Earl Gray, and Pat Houtz broke that up.

Charlie Brown's was then reached by the group and magazines and merchandise were thrown about.

The state police were called to assist, and reached the University about 11:00. Three squads of six arrived. Two squads relieved campus officers so that they would be neared the scene of excitement.

By 11:30 almost all of the campus cooled down.

Mr. O'Dowd said that disciplinary action would be taken against those students that he recognized in his office.

He also said that it was obvious that the leaders lost control of the situation, and that as things were happening they were trying to regain control of the situation.

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by Jim Brazier

Greg Janks opposed a recent decision of the Parking Commission to install 13 parking meters and 52 spaces for guests. The drainage ditch located in Lot I. The loss of spaces for students, the extra trouble and effort for students, the extra trouble and efforts of Public Safety to police the meters and that they do not add to the aesthetics of the University, were the foundations for his objections.

Twelve other meters will be dispersed around campus to provide more guest parking spaces. The going rates at the meters will be 5¢ for 48 minutes, 10¢ for 96 minutes and 25¢ for 4 hours.

The staff parking spaces next to Commuter Lot A will soon be converted to 64 more spaces for student parking.

Glen Brown stated to the Commission that if they did not give their approval of meter installation, their decision could be overruled. The Commission chairperson reflected the attitude of "approve or raise a big stink" when he asked if anyone was *opposed* and not if anyone was in *favor* of installation.

Open Class Day

Dec. 2 will be a University wide open class day for the university to study the problem of Southern U. and its implica-

tions. Programs for the day have not been finalized yet, but the university community is urged to participate.

COFFMAN APPOINTED

by Bob Knoska

Kenneth Coffman, former head of Psychological Services, and Ombudsman for the past year, was appointed Vice President of Student Affairs at last night's (Nov. 27) Trustee's Meeting.

Coffman, a ten year "veteran" of Oakland University, has worked with both faculty and students in his years here, and hopes to - as anyone new in such and office would - make some changes to benefit the university. Coffman is also a tenured professor.

At this moment, there is no plan to appoint another Ombudsman, but to consolidate the two offices - that of V.P. of Student Affairs and Ombudsman.

Also at the Trustee's Meeting: approval of faculty members' notification in the up or out provisions in the faculty contract; acceptance of grants and gifts to the university; assurances were made by Mr. Obear in



respect to the question of the university not letting any institution that would give funds to OU to dictate how those funds would be used; the proposed 73-74 budget was adopted for a proposed 2.6 million increase because of a planned rise in enrollment of 475 students. Nearly a second stage was made much more enterprising. His moves were always in quos and inter-agr, not to men-mad, that fabulous sch ing, played by

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Area Hall Council

by JIM BRAZIER

Area Hall Council has appointed the Standards Assessment Board, which will be the Residence Halls' judicial system.

Types of cases that they will hear are: Drinking in non-permitted areas, stealing, drugs in residence halls, misuse of telephones, unladylike or ungentlemenlike window display, gambling, violation of quiet hours, removal of dorm furniture, disturbances of the peace, destruction of property, refusal to show ID at door, and disorderly conduct.

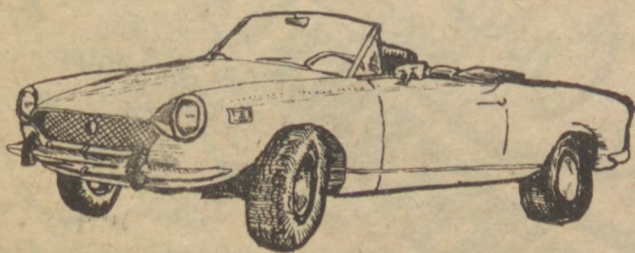
The Board's delegated powers are: Disciplinary warning, disciplinary probation, and levelling of fines not to exceed

\$ 25.00, which will be given to the house in which the incident occurred, to be placed in the Activity Fund. The Board can also require a resident to remain in his room for a certain period of time, as well as taking other disciplinary measures appropriate in light of the offense committed.

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I am the captain,
Sitting at the helm,
Picking my CREW.
I am a sailboat too
For the CREW rules
and runs me.

- S. LOVE -



AN OPEN LETTER:

On Monday, Nov. 20, OU saw what was a direct result of not only the violent deaths of two brothers at Southern U., but of 400 years of racism, exploitation and complete and total domination. We must not kid ourselves by thinking that the reaction of hundreds of black students on this campus and thousands around the state was only promulgated by a few individuals. What Oakland University witnessed was the furor of 200 - 300 Blacks who saw a direct relationship between O'Dowd, President of Oakland U., and Netterville, President of Southern U.; they saw a direct relationship between boycotting classes at Southern U., and boycotting classes at Oakland. They also saw a direct relationship between the racism that was exhibited at Southern that led to the student demonstrations and the racism that led to a prof-

fessor, here on OU's campus, brutally attacking two Black students. Once this relationship becomes clear in the minds of BLC students, of black students on this campus; I am confident that we all will witness the new direction and scope of black people and their responsiveness to themselves.

I do not condone all of the acts that we saw take place here on Oakland's campus, but I do advise OU, as well as all other institutions around the country, to reexamine their policy and how it will effect black students for we now realize that Oakland is only a microcosm of the real world and that all things that happen, be they in Pontiac, Detroit, Baton Rouge, or in Tanzania, directly effect our lives. Thus we must, and will react.

Maintain the struggle on all levels.

Member of BPPEC
Name Withheld

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It is without a doubt that Oakland University students felt deep sorrow over the events that occurred at Southern University.

We feel we must ask ourselves, however, how might we best honor the memories of the two dead Brothers?

How might we prevent such a tragedy from ever recurring?

Students of all campuses, by uniting their talents and resources, might succeed in their aims, where divided, they would experience failure.

We learn from each other, and in co-operation, we should find our ultimate goal.

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Ted's primary instrument is the guitar, but his knowledge and use of such unusual instruments as the sitar, autoharp, blues harmonica, and mandolin harp has enhanced his ability to compose and sing so that his talents have reached into television and motion pictures also.

Creem Magazine, a national rock journal, hails Lucas as "...A damn good guitarist, Ted has studied classical, blues, and folk guitar and also plays harp, autoharp, mandolin harp, and sitar; with unbelievable dexterity."

Wayne State University says, "If you've never seen Ted, you're in for an enlightening. It would be impossible to do his music justice in this short space, so suffice it to say he plays the guitar, sitar, and other instruments as though he had sold his soul to the devil."

So, we invite you to be enlightened by Ted Lucas this Thursday night at 8:00 PM as he performs with Darien Martus at the Abstention. Admission is \$1.25 for Oakland University students, and \$2.00 for the general public.

*I need an oasis—
those abrasive
sands of sorrow
are scraping the
skin right from
my heart.*
Kate

By Darien Martus

The Student Enterprise Theatre's production, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" was clearly the best musical I have ever seen in the barn. The genius of the playwright's comedy, the excitement of the cast, the spacial uniqueness of the barn and that Tom Aston flair united in a most enjoyable play.

Ralph Rugal's acting was superb. Within Ralph's characterization, Pseudolus became the "someone with tremendous cunning and guile" he should be. Unfortunately, the character was underplayed by the production, and often Ralph's talent went completely unnoticed.

Gary Mach as Hysterium was gloriously funny. Nearly every second that he was on stage was made so much more entertaining. His movements were always hilarious and interesting, not to mention that fabulous hair.

Senex, played by Morris Weiner, presented an excellent character in a truly unique way. Karl Schmidt as Hero was rather stiff and somewhat uncomfortable, but his beautiful tenor vocal chords usually overshadowed the things he lacked dramatically.

Elise Tomlinson was weak on the whole. Her portrayal of Phelia was odd and difficult to believe.

Maurine Conine's Domina was excellent and entertaining; as Maurine's characters always are.

Miles Gloriosus was played by Mark Vondrak,

who rarely had to do much other than sing on the stage. Fortunately, he sings very well.

On the whole it is clear to me that the barn is well equipped to handle musical comedy---perhaps more than ever before. I only wish that they would do shows for us as well done as "Forum". Let's have more "comedy tonight"!

*I am a sailboat
And I am being tossed about
upon the waves.
The waves of time; the eternal
storm.*

*With each wave comes
the rocking of the boat.
With each keel goes*

*Someone
Someone whom I loved.
As I go through time;
They become my crew
At every port I stop at.
Through time do I lose
My crew too.*

*I lose those who could
have loved me,*

*OR
Maybe did love me.
Some mutiny and one
cast off by the rest
of the crew.*

*Some's duties change:
Become officers and go
Below, never to be thrown off
Forever in my heart
steering me through
the storm.*

*The crew repair me,
Repair my damaged ego,
(the lines) and my confidence,
(the sail) and keep me going.
But upon their disuse,
or lack of security
with me, they are
thrown off by the
waves.*

*I am the captain,
Sitting at the helm,
Picking my crew
I am a sailboat too
For the crew rules
and runs me.*

- S. Love -



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Sports

The Oakland University Swim Team will open their 1972-73 season this Friday, December 1, at the Notre Dame Relays in South Bend, Indiana. On Saturday, December 2, Oakland will be the host of the Michigan Collegiate Relays.

The Pioneers, led by co-captains Fred Geheb and Mike Karas are expected to do quite well in both meets. Coach Corey Van Fleet plans "to do better than last year."

Returning lettermen for the Pioneers are: Juniors; Pat Nichols, Bob Van Dyke, Fred Geheb, Mike Karas, Rick Dawdy, Chuck Russella, and Sophomores; Jack Gibson, Jared Krogsrud, Bob Coulton, Heath

Foxlee, and Byron Gibbs. Freshman hopefuls; Bob Gibson, Steve Becroft, John Sfire, Bob Socia, Bill Kempf, Brian Dalziel, and sophomore; Mat Marsac are expected to bring depth into Oakland's lineup as well as to increase Oakland's winning streak this year. Oakland has also added Gary Vaught and Russ Hurford as divers for the Pioneer team, who replace the All-American diver; Jack Parker, who graduated this past year.

All in all it should be an exciting season, and don't forget the meet this Saturday, December 2, at 2:00 PM in the IM building. Hope to see you there, cheering the Pioneers on to victory!

CONGRESS

by Jim Brazier

The University Congress pulled a new switch at their meeting, as it was proven that at the last meeting of Congress there was not a quorum present, and this in turn made the other meeting illegal, according to Parliamentary Procedure. At a Congress meeting earlier in the year, (Sept. 19) business was conducted without a quorum, this was, at that time, accepted as general policy and the only way to get things done in Congress.

Senate Committee appointments still stand from the meeting of Oct. 31. Interested people who want to serve on the Committees are invited to attend the Congress meeting in the OC at 6 PM Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Penny Leonard was delegated to investigate the status quo of Commuter Council and try to discover what the heck it's doing, and establish a new Commuter Council.

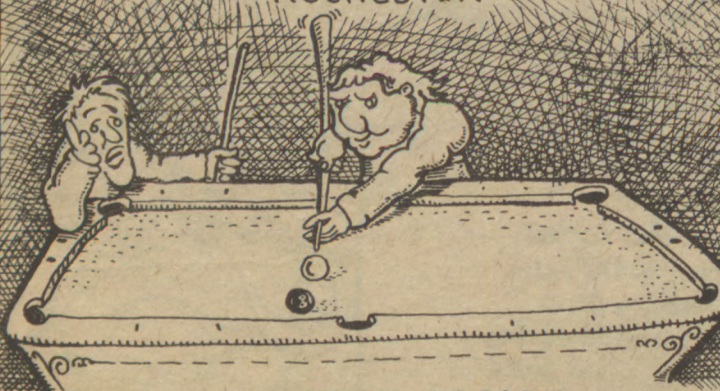
These groups were allocated money from the Congress Contingency Fund: OU Underperformed \$585; Student Enterprise Theatre \$350; Chess Club \$445; \$90 was given

to a CLSC project for a Daily Activities Board to be located in the OC. All organizations will be able to utilize its services.

A student, at one point, asked about the exclusive membership of the BLC. He was asked by one member if he wanted to join; he said yes. Another person piped up that he'd better write down the student's phone number and address - and yet another chimed in, that they would call him if there were any openings. However at last someone informed him that the University Senate supports the fact that the BLC is for black students only. A question about the rule forbidding exclusive organizations on campus was put to Ingo Dutzman, director of Student Organizations; his reply was that the rule had no real substance or effect.

The meeting ended as Emsley Wyatt walked out as the motion to reconsider page 4 was brought up. This left Congress with only nine members in the room - one short of quorum. The meeting began with 16 members present.

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The Students' International Meditation Society is sponsoring free introductory lectures on Transcendental Meditation Wednesday, November 29, at 2:00 PM and 8:00 PM in the OC Gold Room. All are welcome.

It is claimed that Transcendental Meditation increases human energy and efficiency while eliminating stress-related ailments. Medical evidence is said to document these claims.

The technique was introduced to this country by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi about five years ago.

AAUP

The AAUP of OU will meet Thursday for a "Meet The Candidate" night and to hold an election for the president of the organization.

Fair

On December 6, in the Fireside Lounge, from 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., the O. U. Bookcenter, the Gift Shop, Student Organizations, and the Oakland University Art Dept. will sponsor the 6th annual Art, Book, and Gift Fair.

The fair was started back in 1967 by Bill Marshall, now head of the Oakland Center, which has grown up through the years.

This year promises to be the best yet, with a fine selection for everyone looking for a holiday gift. Printings, books and "special gifts" will be on hand. Holiday cookies and bagles are also on tap for those who develop an appetite. There will also be plenty of holiday music to put everyone in a festive mood.

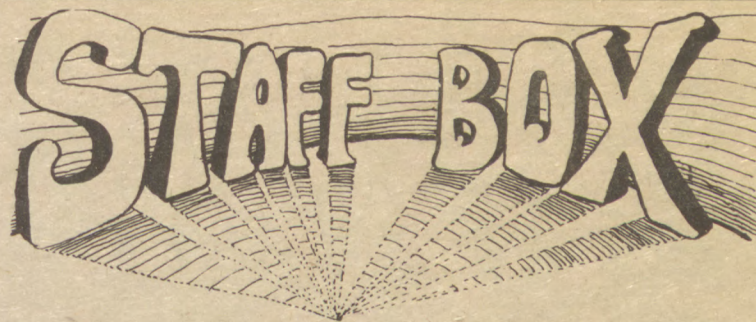
FILM

On Wednesday, November 29th, the Sociology-Anthropology Student Association presents "Chicano" as the first program of its film and lecture series.

"This documentary is a statement by four San Diego Mexican Americans who proudly call themselves Chicano to express how they feel about their Mexican heritage and their experiences in this country. Interviews with poets, teachers, and labor organizers shed light on the problems faced by a proud people who seek to retain their cultural identity in American Society.

Produced by-KPSB-TV with the cooperation of San Diego State College."

The film will be shown in the Gold Room in the Oakland Center on Nov. 29th at 2:30 and 3:00 PM.



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Fem - Forum

Hey, what are your plans for excitement on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00p.m. to 4:00 next semester? Here's an idea for those people who are seekers of knowledge and enlightenment.

The University is offering a forum this winter semester entitled, "Women: New Reflections". It can be taken as a course, listed as UC 004 for 2 credits, or any member of the University community can come to the Tuesday lectures and join in on the Thursday discussions at no charge. There will be speakers, slides, and films on topics

such as "Racism and Sexism, Women In Law, Socialization, and the Feminist Movement".

So why should you participate in the forum? Because this is your opportunity to find out what's happening to and for women in our society today--their plights, rights and goals. This affects you as a person and you should make it your business to be aware. Women can no longer be ignored, and if you don't know why, all the more reason for you to come.

Be sure and make a note and effort--find out about today's woman.

SENATE Squabble

Over heavy objections by the Provost, the University Senate passed an amendment to the College of Arts and Sciences constitution that would create a new process for dean selection.

The vote on the measure was a close 20-18 in a ballot vote. A like measure for the selection of department heads was passed in another ballot vote by a vote of 18-11.

The amendment was

also disagreed upon the wording of the procedure which gave a "veto" to the faculty. Rebuttal to the questions were passed after lengthy discussion from the previous meeting. Most of the discussion center on the power that would be taken away from the University Provost.

In exchanges during the meeting earlier, the provost had stated that since the available procedure was adequate, there should be no reason to change it. He

eloquently raised by Mr. Chernow, as it was only a procedural matter to put the problem to a vote.

The matter will go before the Board of Trustees on the 27th of November.

In other business the Senate set up Dec. 2 as an open class day to study the problems involving the Southern University tragedy, and also approved the list of Honors graduates graduated by the University this past August.



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