

# Fitz Bitz

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"God save us from what men  
do in the name of  
idealism"

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## EDITORIAL

# WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR ?

Once upon a time, this campus and this nation saw responsible behavior as the rule rather than the exception. That time is rapidly becoming history. Gone are the days of "685" and disagreement with foreign policy without civil disobedience. Gone are the days of respect for personal property, individual rights and even the ~~xt~~ lives of others. Let us consider the growing tendency of events on this campus and in this country evolving from a breakdown in responsible action.

Here at Oakland, before the semester was a month old, a group of thugs invaded the Wednesday night dance and threatened violence because their favorite music wasn't being played. They knew full well in advance before they entered the dance that motown wasn't being played at this dance. This attitude of "if you don't do what we want we're going to get you" has been unfortunately adopted by the radical elements of the civil rights movement (Carmichael, H. Rap Brown etc.).

On halloween night the campus was treated to an outbreak of juvenile hooliganism from the men of Van Waggoner. No one in VW apparently bothered to think about the possible consequences of their action (this non-think lack of responsible action has a precedent at VW - last years election issue of the VW newspaper). Their actions in blocking the exits to Hill and moving private autos to impede the flow of traffic into campus remind us of what one would expect of high school students in some newly independent backward nation. Fortunately nothing happened. But had fire broken out in Hill, the panic caused at finding the doors walled up could have caused several deaths despite the availability of window exits. The unauthorized moving of vehicles by the men of VW in violation of state law shows a disturbing lack of respect for both the law and the rights of those students whose movement onto campus was impeded. One other point cannot be overlooked; the fact the RA's participated and the head resident compounded this irresponsible behavior by condoning it (this is the same prof who thinks its funny to put signed drop slips on returned exams). Perhaps Housing should be a little more careful in its selection of Head Residents and Resident Assistants. This behavior by VW can only be termed the most

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juvenile irresponsibility.

A third instance and perhaps the most serious is the complete lack of responsibility among a portion of the faculty and our radical left, the SDS. Their petition to ban the recruiters they don't like from campus shows a complete lack of respect for freedom of speech and the ideals of a free society. Obviously the "Democratic Society" in the SDS name has the same meaning as "democratic" in the German Democratic Republic (East Germany). The goals of abolishing the rights of others seem to parallel that country. It can only be considered a serious decay in American and Oakland when a minority of distorted, twisted, often dirty individuals try to say to the rest of the campus: "You can't talk to the military recruiters or the people from DOW because we don't like them." Fortunately we have not yet gotten to the extremes such as were employed at Oberlin when a Navy recruiter was held prisoner in his car for several hours by a mob of students.

Respect for the rights of others has been lost by a large part of the American population. At Wayne State, during a conference on Defense Contracts, delegates were harassed by a group of students who believe in a democratic society. They later broke into a private luncheon destroying private property. At Oakland California, believers in a "democratic society" block streets near the induction center impervious to the rights of those wishing to drive down a public street. Ironically they cry violation of their rights whenever anyone does anything to them.

Portions of whole cities burn, riot, and loot. 35,000 peaceniks lay siege to the Pentagon, writing obscenities on the walls and costing the gov't one million dollars. Where has all the responsible behavior gone? We don't know. But it is time this campus and this nation found out and brought it back.

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#### WHY NO PREREGISTRATION NEXT SEMESTER?

Last year O.U.'s long awaited computer center was placed in operation. Oakland, therefore, became a thoroughly modern institution complete with a real automatic data processing system and a genuine computerized library fine card system. Now we could look forward to at least some degree of relief from trivial clerical errors as well as the possibilities of speeded processing of academic schedules. While not all of those wonders came to pass we did at least get to preregister; which, as anybody who has queued up outside South Foundation in early January will tell you, was indeed a great boon.

This year, however, the word is percolating down that there will be no pre-registration for next semester. The reason for this decision, it seems, is because of the increased size of the student body, programming the computer for two separate registrations in such an enlarged body is too time consuming. If programming the computer center is so time consuming as to make the simple convenience of pre-registration impossible one might question what real efficacy the installation of a computer has if at the first approach of unpleasant burdens those who direct the operation of the computer center and the Office of the Registrar merely take the path of least resistance and work.

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#### FITZ BITZ OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL AWARD\*\*\*\*\*

Periodically Fitz Bitz awards some person its outstanding individual accolade for what we consider highly meritorious words or deeds. This week we salute the unnamed elderly man who, in the words of the Fifth Estate "an elderly man was confronted by demonstrators as he attempted to enter Rackham Hall. One student, Kenneth Fireman, shouted at the man, asking him if he knew people were being killed in Viet-Nam while he wanted to eat lunch. The man turned to him and after a few words kicked Fireman in the groin and then ran into the building." To eat his well deserved lunch, we hope.



## COLTON'S FOLLY

THE REV. MR. SIMONSONS COUTH CORNER

One of the funniest films in the Detroit Area is now playing at the Campus Art theatre in Pontiac. "Fanny Hill Meets Lady Chatterly" ~~xxxx~~ reaches a new low in the annals of the film industry. The plot and dialogue which could have been written by a retarded third grader creaks along as an excuse to show a few scenes of seduction and perversion. The actors and actresses seem to have been recruited from a two bit flop house on skid row. THE whole thing is such an unintended parody of a good film that it is hilarious. If you happen to be extra horny and a little uncritical as to taste, you'll get a bang out of the naked women. If you are lucky you may hit an audience participation night and have the opportunity to express your own vulgar comment to your friends and neighbors in the theatre. All in all its a great show my reccommendation: DON'T MISS IT.

PRESIDENTIAL WHITE PAPER NUMBER TWO hon. kenneth colton, pres. fitz house

As you may have heard, there is someting big being planned for the men of Fitzgerald House. Although some details have not been finalized by press time, here afe the tentative arrangements. On Tuesday evening, Nov. 21, you have the privilege of enjoying our second all house dinner in the exotic setting of Oakland Center's enticing Oakland Room. You will be pleasantly surprised to know that Food Service has agreed to serve STEAK with the usual trimmings. Not only will steak appear on the menu but a special desert is being arranged. (special does not mean last months baked Alaska idea, however, something more appealing - banana splits?). We are hiring two of O.C.'s experienced waitresses to serve drinks at the tables.

Fitz men are being asked to dress in appropriate dinner apparel and meet in the lounge at 5:30. To expedite the serving of food a buffet style x arrangement will be available in the Oakland Room. This eliminates having to go through the usual long line on steak night. Ken Wilcox is project chairman for this event and has gathered a select group of Fitz men to plan an enjoyable evening for the entire house. Ken is extending an invitation to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fitzgerald around Tuesdays theme "This is your Life, Mr. Fitzgerald". I am most confident that if Mr. Fitzgerald is able to attend, this will be a scintillating evening. Immediately following the dinner, we are asking Mr. Fitzgerald to relate his experiences in the growth of Oakland University at a fireside chat in Fitz Lounge.

Tuesday night should be a relatively light - study time. Inasmuch as we are inviting the man whose name we hear daily and whose personal interest made our house a reality, I trust all Fitz residents will plan to enjoy Tuesday ev. gg with us.

On April 15, 1718 24 churches of St. Pol de Leon in Brittany started ringing bells to keep away lightning. All were struck. The six churches whose bells were not ringing were not struck - thus ending a superstition.

To keep peanut butter from sticking to the roof of your mouth turn the bread upside down.

SEYMOUR'S

PUBLIC GALLERY

DEAR SEYMOUR:

I LIKE BALLET AND MUSEUMS AND ART. MY BOYFRIEND LIKES ONLY HILLBILLY MUSIC. DO YOU THINK WE HAVE ANY FUTURE TOGETHER? I'M SICK OF ARGUING ABOUT WHOSE FORM OF ART IS TO BE PREFERRED. HE NEVER TAKES ME TO A BALLET, SO WHY SHOULD I BE FORCED TO GO TO SEE THOSE CRASS HILLBILLY FUNCTIONS HE SEEMS TO ENJOY SO?

ANNOYED

Wait until next week and compromise. I have just put in a rush request to the Grand Ole Opry to put on an emergency presentation of Swan Lake.

DEAR SEYMOUR:

THANK YOU SEYMOUR! MY WIFE AND I FOUGHT CONSTANTLY OVER HER DRINKING UNTIL YOU ADVISED HER TO JOIN THE AAA. WE NEVER FIGHT ANYMORE. IN FACT SHE HAS BEEN TAKING AUTO TOURS FOR SEVEN MONTHS AND I HAVEN'T LAID A BLESSED EYE ON HER! GRATEFUL

DEAR SEYMOUR:

I HAVE WRITTEN A MELODY WHICH I AM POSITIVE WILL BE A BIG HIT. TELL ME SEYMOUR, ISN'T THIS CATCHY? IT GOES:  
"hmmmmmm, MMM, mmm, M M M M M M M M M M,  
MMMM, mmmmmmmmm, mmm, m Ole!" A HIT, RIGHT  
HOPEFUL  
MUSIC DEPT.

I hate to admit this, but I never learned to read music.

DEAR SEYMOUR:

THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR USED TO BE OCCUPIED BY A VERY NICE CONSERVATIVE FAMILY WHO PUT IN A NICE SWIMMING POOL. 3 MONTHS AGO THEY MOVED TO ANOTHER CITY. THEY RENTED THE HOUSE TO FOUR YOUNG O.U. COEDS WHO SPLASH AROUND THE POOL IN SKIMPY BATHINGSUITS OR SUN THEMSELVES IN NOTHING AT ALL. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS? THIS IS A NICE NEIGHBORHOOD. K.L. BLOOMFIELD HILLS

My! It certainly is. Congratulations

CONFIDENTIAL to Mission Impossible: I have given your problem considerable thought. Here is my advice. Give up.

CONFIDENTIAL to Tarzan: I don't have any idea what Cheetah is saying. I thought you did.

Rush your problems to Seymour. The mailman racing in keeps him awake

MORRISON SWIFT

FAMOUS NAME CONTEST

Once again failure. Not one person even came close to identifying Abraham Merinbaum. In fact the only guess was the mut who keeps sending in the guess they he played 2nd base for the 1938 Chicago Cubs. Abe as he was known to his friends comes from the political spectre. He was the personal secretary to Carter H Harrison, five times mayor of Chicago. So the prize list now reads a silver keychain, a package of High Gear (about 15 boxes), a box of products from the Beechnut Lifesaver Co., a can of sauerkraut, and this weeks prize an inspirational book entitled "The Cross & the Switchblade". As a special bonus we will give you two names this week. The first person to identify either win the prizes.

1) Moses Garson

2) Theodore S. Hecht

Submit entries to Room 107  
a correct identification on either name wins.

ATHLETIC BRIEFS: by E. Simonson

WE'RE NUMBER ONE

The Fitz basketball team, composed of Craig Barsuhn, Tom (Frog) Addis Steve Liskow, Ron Bozung, Dave Beck Greg ?, and Larry Simonson can proudly boast of being undefeated and of being number one (as to #1 what, I leave that to the reader. Inspired by the "Go Frog, Kill the Flies" sign of his loyal athletic supporters, Tom "Frog" Addis has been magnificent in outside shooting ability so far this season, 2nd only to Craig Barsuhn who by stuffing home the winning baskets in 2 games has been instrumental in the success of the team.

Classified Advertisement:

To the R.A. of Fitz One South. the winners of the previous john caption contest have not received their prizes. Beware of adverse reaction.

SEYMOUR

# DEMOCRACY FOR THE PEASANTS

## AN ANCIENT RUSSIAN FOLKTALE

Once upon a time in the ancient Russian Princedom of Chud, peasant activities were controlled by a Sincere Activities Co-ordinating Committee, an elite but relatively efficient organization. However it came to pass that some of the peasants were unhappy and they went unto the Boyars crying: Wee unto us. Things are Terrible. The Sincere Activities Co-ordinating Committee is UNDEMOCRATIC. We must have democracy! ". Now most peasants, not unhappy did feel a certain sympathy for reorganization since beside the Sincere Activities Co-ordinating Committee there existed both resident and commuter peasant organizations.

The Boyars soon took up the cry: "Terrible, Terrible, Sincere Activities Co-ordinating Committee is undemocratic. Let us go to the prince." And they took their cries to Prince Durward, great and noble leader of Chud. They brought their cries unto him and he likewise joined in: "Terrible, Terrible the Sincere Activities co-ordinating Committee is not democratic. My peasants must be unhappy. I will call a Zemsky Sabor to choose a commission to study the situation."

And so the decree went out, a commission will be elected. As the prince willed so was it accomplished. Only six weeks existed before the festival season. "We must hurry" the delegates cried. And it was so. And the commission on peasant life met. "The peasants are unhappy. See they do not even come to watch us perform. They must be too unhappy with the present situation to want reorganization. Let us go forward. Let us give them a new concept a new board". "Yes yes" the others resounded their approval. "If one new board is good, than three is better, Let us give the peasants three new boards to go with the ones they have already". "Yes yes, it is late, let us give them three."

And so the degree went out and was proclaimed throughout the realm. The peasants will be allowed to select members to the boards. The nobility beamed with delight. They now have democracy for the peasants. The peasants watched and listened. But the peasants did not smile. At last a peasant newspaper dared to criticize: "We wanted reorganization, not a triparte monstrosity that will disorganize. Bureaucratic chaos and squabbling will follow. We don't need three more boards to add to our problems. We don't want it and are not even given a chance to say so." And the peasant newspaper committed a crime against the state, they urged peasants not to vote.

The Boyars were aghast. Peasants are supposed to be happy with what is given them. "The paper shows an Ivan Burchsky Society logic." stammered a boyar. "We have done something. We have taken a step....."

The elections came and passed. Few peasants voted. The nobility was unhappy. The peasants were unhappy. Bureaucracy and confusion overtook the realm. Nothing was accomplished. The commission continued to meet. Confusion mounted. Peasants came and went. At last a member of the commission suggested: Why don't we set up a Sincere Activities Co-ordinating Committee?"/

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QUOTATION OF THE WEEK: "The college is neither a mental hospital nor an auditorium for loud debate. It demands sterner and more dedicated allegiance. Its life is the life of the mind, not of the subconscious; its contribution to social welfare is appraisal not crusading. Health and sanity are its requisites and a proper understanding of what intellectual liberty truly means."

Howard Mumford Jones, Harvard University