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JANE FONDA TO SPEAK

The newly formed Oakland Liberation Front with the help of S.C.T.C. is sponsoring an appearance by Jane Fonda this Thursday in the I.M. Building. Miss Fonda, who has been active



in various radical activities, is in Detroit to help with the Winter Soldier Investigation. The proceeds from her many speaking tours have gone to W.S.I.

The Winter Soldier Inves-

tigation is being conducted by Veterans against the war in Vietnam. Over 100 veterans are expected to testify during the three day hearings, which will take place at the Howard Johnson New Center Motor Lodge, West Grand Blvd. and Third Avenue in Detroit. The investigation will begin on Sunday, January 31st and continue through Tuesday, February 2nd, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. each day. One interesting portion of the investigation will be the testimony of various Vietnamese victims of the war, who will speak on Tuesday afternoon via closed circuit television from Windsor. The U.S. government had denied them visas to enter the United States. The hearings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Miss Fonda, as well as author Mark Lane, have been active in promoting the Winter Soldier Investigation. Much revenue is needed to pay transportation costs for the veterans who

will be flying in from all over the country. Also, the closed circuit hook-up with Howard Johnson's ballroom and Windsor will be costly. Michigan campuses have helped by engaging Miss Fonda to speak at their schools and various radical - liberal groups have held fund raising parties. One was recently held in Pontiac. Another will be held by the New Coalition of the 18th Congressional District, Friday, January

29, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 2055 Telegraph in Southfield. For \$7.50, you can meet Jane Fonda, Mark Lane, Donald Sutherland, and Vietnam veterans.

Or you can come to hear Jane Fonda at Oakland on Thursday, January 28. The doors will open at 12 Noon, with the White Trash band playing before the program starts. Various Oakland women activists will share the platform with Miss Fonda, as well as a Viet-

nam veteran who will accompany her.

Miss Fonda's talk, entitled "Alternatives," will cover her work with anti-war G.I.s and the W.S.I., women's rights and "the people's peace treaty." This is the first project of the Oakland Liberation Front and we urge you to attend. Jane Fonda represents a viable activism that should become a goal of the Oakland Community.

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alaskan pipeline approved

By Randy Miller
and

Mike Hitchcock

Big business has won another battle against the environment with the federal government's approval of an 800 mile oil pipeline across Alaska. This same pipeline, running from the North Slope to Valdez, was rejected by the Alaska state legislature because of the possibility of environmental

damage. The government claims that it approved the pipeline for reasons of national security, though some observers believe the stockpile of pipe already accumulated and the possibility of a rival pipeline through Canada were more important factors.

The proposed pipeline is 4 feet in diameter, 4 times as large as any existing pipeline. It passes over 3 active earthquake zones, 3 major river valleys, and 2 mountain ranges. Approximately half of the pipe will be underground and half above ground, with both situations creating possibilities for destruction on a massive scale.

Should the pipeline break (a possibility which even the

oil companies admit is almost a certainty sooner or later) it would take nearly two days to stop the flow of oil due to the tremendous pressure build up. Oil from even a minor break could cover 50,000 acres of land. Should the oil get into one of the rivers it would be carried for its entire length, destroying land for hundreds of miles along its course. Breaks could be caused by any number of factors ranging from earth tremors to errant bullets from hunters. Already a "bathub ring" of oil is starting to form along the Arctic coast from the existing drilling activity. Full scale operation of the pipeline could result in the

Conspiracy Trial Begins

Yesterday the C.I.A. Conspiracy Trial of White Panthers John Sinclair, Pun Plamondon, and Jack Forrest began at the Federal Courthouse. This a public beheading where men are being prosecuted/persecuted not because they have committed a crime, but because they are active organizers of the youth that the ruling class is determined to destroy. They are our brothers and need our support. All of us must go there to demand justice for our brothers — for ourselves. We cannot stand by silently as they burn witches in our name, in our backyard.

The prosecution's chief witness is David Valler, Detroit acid-freak who sold out to the pigs for the rewards of a lighter sentence and revenge against the

White Panthers. While in prison, Valler's warped articles appeared in the *Detroit News* representing our culture as no more than a decadent, perverted group of raving, smack-shooting maniacs. The C.I.A.'s plot to crucify the White Panthers offered him an easy way to revenge the feuds that he had had with them before. The prosecution's only other evidence is based on illegally obtained wire taps, ordered by Attorney General John Mitchell, without the knowledge or consent of the judge.

This trial is particularly crucial to us as members of the youth culture, since it is not individuals, but our life that is on trial. The defense is demanding that the defendants be tried by a jury of peers, and now that

18 year olds have been "given" the vote, we must demand that our voices be heard in the courtroom and in the street.

We must not let them divide us and destroy the power of our solidarity. We must come out in the names of JOHN SINCLAIR, PUN PLAMONDON, JACK FORREST, BOBBY SEALE, ANGELA DAVIS, ERICA HUGGINS, THE BERRIGAN BROTHERS

After the article was written, the conspiracy trial was postponed until Thursday. The judge in the case refused to allow the wire-tap evidence to be used. Anyone interested in attending the trial or who can drive people down to the courthouse should call 651-0694 or 2117.



zen workshop

On January 20 and 30, Zen teacher, Phillip Kapleau, will be on the University of Michigan campus conducting a seminar workshop on Zen Buddhism.

Phillip Kapleau — Sensei, as he is called by his students — is an American who, after a successful career in business, became chief reporter for the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg and also covered the war-crimes



trials at Tokyo. The suffering he witnessed during the German and Japanese occupations gave him deep reason to question the cause of suffering and to

seek for a way to end it.

Following his return from Tokyo in 1950, he studied Buddhist philosophy at Columbia University. Academic study did not bring him any closer to a way to end human suffering, so in 1953 he retired from his company to go to Japan to devote himself to the practice of Zen Buddhism. He spent thirteen years disciplining himself under three masters. In 1956, he was told by Yasutani Roshi, "It is your destiny to carry Zen to the West . . . Don't quail or quit in spite of the pain and hardships." In 1964, Phillip Kapleau was ordained as a Zen teacher Dharma successor to Yasutani Roshi.

Shortly after the publication of his book, *The Three Pillars of Zen*, in 1966, he came to Rochester to found the Zen Meditation Center, where he is presently resident monk and spiritual director.

On Friday, January 29, at U. of M. in the multi-purpose room of the undergraduate library, Phillip Kapleau will give a talk commencing at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, January 30, in the Michigan Union Ballroom, he will conduct a seminar workshop beginning at 9:30 a.m. till 5 p.m. Here one can get first hand Zen experience. Phillip Kapleau will give a Zen talk with a question and answer period; there will also be guided Zazen (zen meditation) sitting postures and mind concentration techniques will be demonstrated. For the workshop there is a five dollar donation, which will be used by the Zen Meditation Center in accomodating the increasing number of people who are turning to Zen Buddhism as a viable religious practice through which they can transform their lives.



COMMUTERS

Look what you've already missed: Hopscotch and jacks on Monday, folksinging and free ski films on Tuesday, and if it's still Wednesday, there is a hockey game on Beer Lake. AND TOMORROW! Turtle races. Rent a turtle! This is your chance to be a winner. And you can win a Funk & Wagnalls! Outside, there will be a Raw Egg Toss.

All this commences in the Fireside Lounge at 12 Noon.

Finally on Friday, there will be a sledding party at 4 p.m. at the I.M. hill.

MEDITATION

Is it hard to be happy?

In surveying the various techniques for improving the life and finding fulfillment, one is struck by the difficulty involved in each. Concentrating, holding or stilling the mind, uncomfortable postures, new diets and life-styles, no dope . . . What a shame that in the very name of comfort and enjoyment, we are asked to be uncomfortable!

There is one technique of self-improvement that stands out in its emphasis on ease, comfort, and spontaneity: Transcendental Meditation.

According to its teacher, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, the most natural thing in the world is to be blissful. It is the nature of the mind to go in the direction of increasing happiness. By using this simple principle, Transcendental Meditation (or "TM" as its practioners call it) allows the attention to move from the normal conscious thinking level to finer and finer levels of thought. "Transcending" or going beyond the finest, the mind experiences pure consciousness, a reservoir of unbounded, creative energy, intelligence, and

happiness.

Because this field of pure consciousness is so subtle and intimate to our experience, it is easy to overlook; just as one might overlook the foundation of a house when it is busy and in good repair. But when cracks start appearing in the walls, one can be so overwhelmed by repairing the walls that he forgets to operate on the level of the foundation. According to Maharishi people are trying to solve their problems on the level of the problem, without giving direct attention to the foundation of life.

In Transcendental Meditation, by operating on the level of cause, one takes care of the problems without even thinking about it. As one grows in the value of restfulness, of creative intelligence and efficiency, he becomes naturally stronger and better able to fulfill his desires with less effort. Consequently, he becomes happier and more satisfied.

Why haven't other teachings picked up the ease and automaticity of improvement like TM?

"Seeing that the nature of the mind is to be still," says Maharishi, "they try to still the mind, to hold it. But this only puts stress on the nervous sytem, when really we should be removing the stresses and strains. In TM, we give the mind a natural vehicle for transcending; it happens naturally, easily, automatically. It's a beautiful thing."

Maharishi, who by the end of 1971 will have trained 4000 teachers of TM, emphasizes that one doesn't meditate just to meditate. Rather, by becoming more cognizant of one's own essential nature, the person acts more naturally and spontaneously, and begins making choices which support his life more fully. Meditators throughout the world seem to notice the immediate and cumulative effects of TM.

"It's beautiful," says one Oakland meditator, "you don't have to give up anything or change your life

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 3 p.m., in O.C. Lounge number 2, and at 8 p.m. in Vandenberg Lounge, two instructors of TM who have been personally trained by Maharishi, will give an introductory lecture on the technique.

Peace Corps

Brockport, New York, Jan. 4, 1971. — The State University of New York, College at Brockport is looking for students who want to earn college credit while preparing to teach mathematics and science as Peace Corps volunteers in Latin America.

Peace Corps and college officials announced today that the unique Peace Corps/College Degree program at Brockport will be extended with the admission of a fifth group of candidates in June, 1971.

The decision by the Peace Corps to extend the four year old program was made after a comprehensive evaluation in which graduates of the program serving as Peace Corps volunteers in Peru, Colombia, El Salvador, Honduras and the Dominican Republic were interviewed along with their host country counterparts and overseas Peace Corps staff.

The program is open to students who are in good standing at any accredited college or university and who will have completed their sophomore or junior year by June, 1971.

Applications must be

made to the Peace Corps/College Degree Program; State University College at Brockport, Brockport, New York, 14420, by March 1.

The program is designed to fill the need for mathematics and science teachers in developing Latin American countries. It included one academic year flanked by two summers of fully subsidized and integrated academic courses and Peace Corps training.

Graduates receive either an A.B. or B.S. degree, secondary school teacher certification and an assignment overseas to a bi-national educational team as a Peace Corps volunteer.

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On September 17, 1970, Madame Nguyen Thi Binh of the Provisional Revolutionary Government put forward in Paris a comprehensive eight point proposal for peace in Vietnam. As this peace initiative was being reduced to a wine and bottle joke by U.S. negotiator David Bruce, it was celebrated by other nations as a face saving device for Nixon and a document whose content probably had majority support in the United States.

Following Madame Binh's proposal, on September 27, the editor of Saigon's largest daily newspaper and a prominent member of the South Vietnamese National Assembly, Ngo Cong Duc, announced in Paris the demand for total, immediate withdrawal of all U. S. troops, and end to U.S. support of the Thieu-Ky-Khiem regime and the creation of a provisional coalition government which could organize free elections in South Vietnam. The significance of the Duc statement was that these treasonous words were immediately endorsed by powerful personalities and organizations inside South Vietnam's cities that President Thieu has until now needed to survive.

The Duc statement has been followed by the creation of a popular front, M.S.V.N., representing over 1000 national and regional organizations not affiliated with the N.L.F. who are now in open political struggle against the Thieu-Ky-Khiem government.

A delegation of 16 students, acting on a mandate from its 23rd National Congress, organized by the U.S. National Students Association recently traveled to Vietnam to investigate the feasibility of framing a treaty of peace between American and Vietnamese students. Because of the peace initiative of the P.R.G. and the new mass anti-war movement inside South Vietnam cities, the Vietnamese said that a separate peace treaty was necessary not only with American students, but with all people in this country. They strongly welcomed this initiative, coming at this dynamic moment in their own history, when American and Vietnamese coordination has the potential of ending the war.

Despite efforts by the Thieu-Ky-Khiem government to stop the student delegation from making contacts in South Vietnam, our delegate member was able to slip through Saigon's security net and engage representatives of non-N.L.F. student organizations in the drafting of the treaty. At the same time, student leaders from the D.R. V. and N.L.F. developed a treaty draft with the U.S. student delegation in Hanoi. The two documents were formally joined into one statement in Paris. The final document represents the hopes and demands of every respected Vietnamese leader in North and South Vietnam.

A conference has been planned for Ann Arbor the weekend of February 5-7 to plan concretely to implement the treaty. Students and faculty interested in supporting the treaty have planned a meeting for next Tuesday at 3:30 in room 125 O.C.

BROWN BAGGERS

The Oakland "lunch - hour" blues are over with the debut of the new Brown Bag Documentary Film Series, showing at 12 Noon in the Abstention. It is FREE and you are invited to bring your lunch (provided it's in a brown bag). It began last week with the showing of "Confrontation at Kent State," an insight by documentation of the situation which existed last year and almost brought the walls of the Ivory Tower crumbling to the ground.

In hopes of preserving what the system has left, the oppressors have found it necessary to run all of the media through a mill of censorship, bigotry, distortion, and lies. This results in an increasing apathy of the people to all media and their eventual reindoc-trination by the system.

This Series is intended to enlighten students with an insight into the true free world. It will show the "other side," the people who don't just hear about it, but feel it, fight it, and are suppressed in trying to present it to the people. It won't be a series of pessimistic films either, though; it is intermingled with hopes of presenting new esthetics and freedom.

Although some of these films have been around quite a while and some arguments are worn a little thin, it will probably be good for you to go back and view these films to destroy some of your mounting reactionary ideas. Granted, they're all not the most recent, but what the hell do you want, the bombing of the Enco refinery or the kidnapping of Kissinger by the Berrigan brothers on film?

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INFORMATION

In this fancy, frilly, you-got-to-have-a-gimmick world, there is one group of people who operate under the assumption that straight answers are the best way to find things out. No, fans, I am not talking about the O.U. administration. Instead, I'm referring to the Student Advising and Information Center (S.A.I.C.).

This is a group of students who are employed as freshman student advisors and are available from 10 to 4 Monday thru Friday in office 60 in the O.C. (between Wu and the College reactionaries). Their extension is 3419.

They can tell you everything from what courses you need to graduate to why that masking tape was on the O.C. floor during elections.

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extinction of the polar bear.

The portion of the pipe which is buried underground creates a hazard whose effects cannot even be determined. The oil in the pipeline will be at 176 degrees F., while the average temperatures in Alaska vary from 90 degrees above to 70 below. Much of the pipe will pass through the permanently frozen "permafrost" ground, the intense heat causing melting which cannot be controlled. Once a section of the permafrost has been thawed, the melting spreads outward, creating a bog. A single bulldozer cut in the ground can create a bog 11 miles wide.

The section of the pipeline which is above ground could cut off the migration routes of 600,000 caribou. If trapped on the south side, they would die in the summer, unable to escape from the swarms of mosquitoes. If they remain on the north side, they will freeze to death in winter. Either way, the caribou lose another round to the oil companies.

The government has scheduled hearings for February to reconsider the proposal, but the fact that the pipe has already been bought and is waiting to be put in place would take away any hope of significant

change. There are ways of making the pipeline safer, but it does not appear that the oil companies will be forced to act on any of these suggestions. Placing cutoffs at every mile of pipe is one possibility, but the oil companies plan only 25 cutoffs for the entire length of the line. There are an estimated 50 billion barrels of oil lying under the North Slope which could be of great use to our oil burning society, but the companies which plan to profit from this resource should certainly be required to take adequate precautions to prevent the destruction of the state of Alaska.

Focus editorial

The Cold Wintery Path

With all the weighty traumas the people of Oakland University have been forced to contend with this year, the less obvious problems have too often been cast aside. The clearest example of this tendency is standing in (well at least near) our very midst — the Performing Arts Bldg.

For over a semester now, this monstrosity has stood, weathering the frequent storms around here far better than the students with classes in it. How many cold, wintry mornings have you had to force yourself out into a blustery wind to make the treacherous journey? How many afternoons have you returned home or to the Oakland Center, wind-torn and possessing a mild case of frostbite? How many mountains of snow have you trudged through, the destination always seeming further away?

If your answers to these questions are even half as big as our's are, you'll agree that we've got a problem. The administration of this mobile institution has been painfully ignorant and feet-dragging on this

issue. It is time that O'Dowd and his cronies faced up to this freezingly obvious problem. If the University is going to build buildings in the furthest corners of this campus, it is high time they provided intelligent methods for getting the students to these structures, without freezing them to death.

We at *Focus: Oakland* would like to suggest to the President some alternatives for coping with this increasingly critical problem.

1. *Build a moving sidewalk between Performing Arts and the Oakland Center.* This would serve to move the populace rapidly and with far less personal hazard than the status quo does. The sidewalk could even be covered or glass enclosed for the further benefit of the walker. We realize, unfortunately, that cost may prove prohibitive on this one.

2. *Set up a first aid station midway.* Probably the cheapest and fastest method available, this could alleviate the short-term crisis while longer-range suggestions are being ex-

amined. This would help prevent the more serious cases of frostbite, and would enable our esteemed staff of physicians to treat such things as wind chill, pneumonia, the common cold, and other diseases that would develop during the trek. This is, at best, a stop-gap measure, though. A longer-range approach must be devised. Our proposal is:

3. *Put a dome over the campus.* We are never going to be rid of these persistent problems until the entire campus is weather-proofed. As more buildings go up, they will be further and further away. Unless we cover everything now, we'll live to regret it later. Admittedly, initial cost on such a dome would seem high. Once, however, these costs are placed in perspective with all the pain and suffering they will alleviate we are confident that they will seem attainable.

Is our proposal ludicrous? We think not. It is high time the administration did more practical planning when it puts up buildings, than simply looking at dots on maps. In the name of reducing frostbite, we urge immediate action.

CREDIBILITY GAP

In the light of the high voter turnout in this month's Student Congress election and the large number of Congress members committed to giving the infant student government a chance to work, it may be said that the students of this school have acted in good faith toward the administration and the University Senate. "We are willing to bargain responsibly, rather than demand, BUT you must be willing to recognize our need and our right to have greater control over our own lives." This is, in effect, what the students are telling the powers-that-be through their choice of representatives. We have been told and told and told — both as a student body and as a generation — that we can change things by working within "the system." But we have received little in the way of tangible results for our efforts to do so. The majority of concerned students at Oakland have, however, agreed through this election to give the system another chance. Perhaps, for many of us, it is a last chance. If this Student Congress fails to get results (and by "results," we don't mean that we must always get what we want), the frustration with the system will inevitably lead to a turning away from it by many.

It is now the University Senate and the administration who must show their good faith by letting their actions for once speak louder than their words. It is

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A LOOK AT JEWS

The following article originally appeared in *The People's War Book and Atlas*, published in Cleveland in 1920. The book is a curious combination of encyclopedia, atlas, almanac, and World War I chronicle. The article provides a revealing look at the social history of America in the Twenties, but our primary purpose in reprinting it here is that we believe it has something to tell all of us today who are "en-

lightened."

— Ed.

The American people very often get an exaggerated idea of the number of Jews in the United States. When we visit our principal cities and observe the Jewish names on the signs of the business houses of the principal streets, we are apt to say, "The Jews own this town and country." It is true that the Jews are located in the cities and towns. They are merchants, generally speaking, and some of them are professional men. We have many very patriotic Jews in the United States. Some of them are well educated. But in the congested districts of our largest cities the Jews make up a large element that live more like animals than human beings, are uneducated and in many ways undesirable. This class are consumers, rather than producers. Of the over 3,000,000 Jews in the United States only about 10,000 are farmers.

The Jews are wonderfully shrewd businessmen and accumulators of money. The great extravagance of the American people and the Jewish cleverness for dangling before the eyes of the spendthrift Americans articles of fashions, of fads and the vanities makes it an easy matter for the Jews to separate American men and women from their money. The Jews practically control, in this country, the garment business for men, women and children. The Jews have been a much persecuted race but have thrived throughout it all, in every age both ancient and modern.

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the doctor's bag

By Arnold Werner, M. D.

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QUESTION: I would like to know if birth control pills could cause any birth defects in an unborn child.

ANSWER: Your question is deceptively simple. I thought of three different possible questions you might be asking, so I'll answer them in an ontogenetic order.

Children born to women who have been on oral contraceptives and then stopped their use in order to become pregnant do not have a higher incidence of birth defects although a higher frequency of multiple births has occasionally been reported.

If your question is directed at the situation that would exist if a woman conceived while taking oral contraceptives, the answer is more complicated. When correctly taken, the incidence of pregnancy with the oral contraceptives is so low that it would take a very long time to find enough children who started life in such luckless circumstances to draw any conclusions. It is known that high doses of hormones can be damaging to the developing child and can even result in an alteration of sexual characteristics, but it is unlikely that the doses in oral contraceptives are sufficient to do this.

The last question that came to mind was: What would happen if the woman started to take birth control pills not realizing that she was already pregnant. As in the preceding example, this

would be a very difficult thing to study as it occurs very rarely and while the chances for damage are small, one cannot be sure how small.

The prescribing doctor should always perform a pelvic examination and instruct the woman on the use of the pill. It is usually begun on the 5th day of the menstrual flow. Chances for pregnancy at this time are negligible. Unfortunately, many women start oral contraceptives by bootlegging pills from a friend's prescription without ever seeing a doctor. People who practice medicine on themselves (either with or without a license) are probably foolish enough to take birth control pills after getting pregnant.

QUESTION: My fiance and I pet very heavily, but we have agreed not to have actual intercourse. Is it dangerous for either of us to continually carry through almost to orgasm and break off? What if orgasm is reached?

ANSWER: There is no danger in what you are doing. Unless I misunderstood your letter, the frustration you and your fiance are experiencing comes through clearly. Petting to climax is a safe and helpful form of sexual expression for people who feel comfortable with it. The couple who has agreed not to have intercourse but who feel comfortable with heavy petting can find that petting to orgasm provides sexual gratification without the risk of pregnancy. Many people find that the intensity of feeling in petting to climax can equal and even exceed that of intercourse.

One word of warning: Semen deposited in close approximation to the vaginal opening occasionally results in pregnancy (the "pregnant virgin" phenomenon).

QUESTION: Why do "canker sores" happen? What can be done about them? I almost always have these hard pimples, with a crater-like top, inside my mouth. They are usually located inside the cheek, the underside of the lips, or the tip and sides of the tongue. Permanent relief has proved elusive. Our dentist advises that you should learn to live with them, which is rather difficult when you have the intruders all the time!

ANSWER: The medical name for canker sores is aphthous stomatitis, which is about as horrible sounding as the lesion is painful. Presumably, a virus causes the condition, which tends to be recurrent in an afflicted person. It is likely that the virus is present all of the time and kicks up when conditions are ripe. Anxiety will often trigger an attack. Some foods including nuts, chocolate and strong cheese can start an attack and citrus fruits, spices and acidic foods will aggravate the lesions no end.

Mechanical irritations in the mouth caused by ill fitting teeth (natural or store bought) or chewing on your cheeks often cause these ulcers. Treatment is of limited value, unless the ulcers are very large in which case cortisone-type medications can help. Chewing antacid pills (Tums, Gelusil, Maalox, etc.) provides symptomatic relief for some people.

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

WHEREAS the Mt. Rushmore Memorial is a depiction of the faces of four late Presidents of the United States, and is a national monument to the same, and

WHEREAS a President of the United States is a national figure, beloved and esteemed by the citizens of all states rather than of any one particular state, and

WHEREAS the aforementioned Mt. Rushmore Memorial is situated at Mt. Rushmore, within the boundaries of one state only, namely South Dakota, and not located in the other states, and

WHEREAS the citizens of the other forty-nine states are fully justified in exercising equal rights and privileges over aforementioned monument as loyal citizens of the United States, and wish to pay homage to the four aforementioned Presidents depicted thereon, and

WHEREAS the vast majority of said American citizens must traverse vast distances, at considerable time and expense to themselves in order that they may realize their fervent desire to look upon the

aforementioned monument and behold the splendor of same, and

WHEREAS the practice of allowing aforementioned monument to remain in one particular state thus denies and violates the fundamental equality of men upon which our democratic institutions are founded,

THEREFORE, WE, the Oakland University Student Committee for the Equitable Distribution of the Mt. Rushmore Memorial (O.U.S.C.E.D.M.R.M.M.) do hereby petition the Government of the United States of America to enact and enforce the following legislation:

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TRUFFAUT PARTIES AT Oakland

In the midst of an era when many artists discard the audience for their art as unnecessary, it may come as both a relief and a surprise to discover a director who regards audiences as a prime reason for his art. Francois Truffaut, the thirty-nine year old French director, launched his career as a film-maker after beginning as a film critic for the French publication *Cahiers du Cinema*. A lot of the *Cahiers* cinema (Chabrol and Godard followed the same route) was a reaction to the overly structured films of traditional directors. At the same time, these young artists were opting for the more personal style of artists who had been pursuing their own avenue of cinema -- Ophuls, Bresson, Renoir.

In the early days, Truffaut once stated "Films no longer need to tell a story." Since seeing the disadvantages of this style when handled poorly, the same man says that he finds himself "longing to see a film with a well-told story." Consequently, his work isn't as bizarre and incomprehensible to his audience as that of some other modern directors. This fits quite happily with his very real need for his audience.

"I honestly believe that pleasing people is important, but I also believe that every film must contain some degree of 'planned violence'

upon its audience. In a good film people . . . must be forced to look where they had refused to look." Here's a bright medium between Hollywoodish pandering and brutal, downright ghastly film.

From the end of January through February, the Classic Film Series is offering a festival of Truffaut films on weekday nights (201 Dodge Hall, 7 and 9:15, 50 cents, as if you didn't know by now). The festival includes the Classic Truffaut films that you've probably at least heard of: "Jules and Jim," "Shoot the Piano Player," "The 400 Blows;" films that aren't quite as familiar: "The Soft Skin," "Love at Twenty," (a five man collaboration), "The Bride Wore Black" -- a flic you may have caught at one of T.V.'s nights at the movies: "Fahrenheit 451" -- and a very recent film (it was at the Studio North about a year ago), "Stolen Kisses."

In all of them, Truffaut tells a story. They are sometimes macabre, sometimes sci-fi-ish, often romantic and always very human. Truffaut is not one to draw good-and-bad lines around his characters, but his particular personal feelings for his "people" always creep in.

Because of this variety of basic subject matter, it's not easy to cram Truffaut into a pigeon hole. This unpredictability is part of his appeal, a safeguard against a state of stagnation. This same brand of paradox is a work in camera style. The mobility of the camera lends a life-like quality which is a strength, while at the same time this prevents the lenses from probing and exploring his characters. Truffaut's cinema is not one of social comment or profundity -- again, some of you may find him unimportant for this reason. But his films are clear reflections of his own tastes: "It's a matter of temperament. The characters in the film interest me more than the story, so I can't make films of ideas." He feels it's up to journalism to tackle the "urgent" matters of life and takes as his own realm the ordinary, the trivial, and manages to render beautifully the small corners of life.

"... I enjoy unexpected details, things that prove nothing, things that show how vulnerable men are."

If you're tired of a constant deluge of "Messegas," this may be your chance to find a refuge -- even if it's only for a few hours in front of a movie screen.

By Anne Sinila



photo by Steve Brand

WHITE TRASH?

Well, kids, here they are:

They're revolutionary
(right on!)

They're funny
(Ha! Ha!)

They're cute
(cuddle'em)

They love you
(and you love them)

They're White Trash! And how does that make you feel, Mr. Average Everyday Student? It's gotta be good. How many other colleges have their own little revolutionary band on campus?

When looking at White Trash, the obvious comparison can be made. It can be said that they are merely imitating Frank Zappa. Both the Mothers and Trash touch upon old rock and avant-garde jazz. They both tell jokes and they both make fun of you; (yes, you Mr. Average Everyday Student). Both groups also have fat lead singers.

Since I'm having so much fun making comparisons, I'll make another. White Trash is merely doing an imitation of the Frut (formerly Fruit of the Loom). Both groups have dancers. The Trash have the Trashettes. The Frut have the Famed Warbles. Both the Trashettes and the Famed Warbles are absurd in that they both sing background and dance about. Frut does old rock and roll. So does White Trash.

So there it is. They imitate Frank Zappa, and they imitate the Frut. The only problem with those comparisons is that they are wrong. Calling them an imitation of the Frut is rather harsh (as well as untrue). Calling them a Zappa imitation would be far too nice.

Frank Zappa has come a long way from his *Plastic People* days. While he is spending his energies writing things like "200 Motels" and re-arranging Charles Ives, White Trash is writing Woodward Avenue Blues and re-arranging Pepsi Commercials.

RARE EGGS

By Greg Erickson

The show business tradition of "roasting" a beloved performer is one which has provided many moments of hilarity to all involved. This is a time when a large group of entertainers comes together to humorously insult and criticize a person they feel is representative of all the workers in their industry.

Dick Nixon, a truly funny man who has earned the title of "President of the Comedians," is "roasted" more often than less prominent jokesters. And why not, because he's the greatest. Last Friday night, the 22nd of January, was chosen as his chance to address his peers after all the months of their mirthful mockery. All three networks carried this show titled "Dick Nixon: A Man and His Comedy."

It was indeed an occasion to remember, for the invited guests included nearly every illustrious American entertainer imaginable. It would be completely impossible to list in the space provided all of the comedians, clowns, and other show world personalities who were present. However, I must mention several famous names.

That great master of slapstick, Ted Agnew, made his first television appearance since his vacation during the last few months. Now that he has rested from the constant grind of touring, and has had a chance to work up some new routines, he appears ready to hit the road again. I myself can't wait, because ol' Ted's always good for a laugh.

Most of the producers and directors of the longest running series in American television history, "Viet Nam," were there to cheer the man whom they have come to call "The Commander in Chief." The folks at Pentagon Productions have awarded Dick this honorary title because of his tireless effort to assure their program record-breaking longevity. Many of the most creative ideas upon which "Viet Nam" has built its continued success are Dick's, although he continually refuses to accept the credit.

Also present were the members of the laughable comedy team, "The Cabinet." Hardly a day goes by when the crazy antics of these guys are not seen by T.V. viewers. What a bunch of clowns!

"Uncle" Russ Long, Huey Humphrey, Peggy Chase Smith, and on, and on, and on! In short, you can be sure that nearly everyone in the business who has made you giggle in the past months was there. Without them, the world would forget how to laugh.

Finally, after many moments of anxiety, the Master of Ceremonies introduced the star of the one-man show. "Fishbait" Wilkins shouted, "Here's Dickie!" and the crowd went wild. The appearance of the "Joker of Jokers" on the stage was enough to send the audience into a fit of rapture lasting many minutes. As soon as the thunderous applause subsided, Dick began his rib-tickling talk.



Still, White Trash have the potential and even if their music is not much like Zappa's, they still may evolve in the same way. After all, on the surface, they are quite similar to Zappa of 1966. Their musicians are excellent and they can be amusing. If they achieve a degree of success, they

may stunt their growth by playing the same old stuff time and time again.

However, if they grow, they may make viable music. But, then again, a lot of bands could have been.

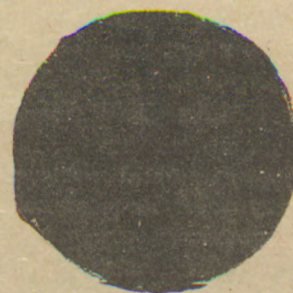
By Mark Baskin

Remembering back to the old days only slightly more than 8 years ago, when he was nothing but a down-and-out cafe comic with little hope of ever making it back to the big time, he laughingly said, "We've all come a long way from then." How true. Then he was just a little fool being kicked around from job to job, and now he's the biggest of them all. It sort of reminds you of Frank Sinatra.

Dick is continually adding new material to his repertoire, and eliminating those types of jokes he feels may have become passe. Therefore, although I'm sure that everyone could always hear another one of his terrific "College Bum" jokes, another "ecology" joke, or one more of his completely absurd "peace" stories, he did not use any of them. Instead he socked them with brand new killer lines that had them rolling in the aisles. A parody on the hillbilly classic, "Welfare Cadillac," a tongue-in-cheek get-rich-quick scheme called "Prosperity in Peacetime," and many other equally amusing stories were included in his thirty-minute serving of chuckles.

Then "Trickie Dickie," (as he is affectionately known in the trade) expressed his desire to make certain that the world never runs out of comedians. It has been said before that newcomers to the business have fewer chances to develop their skill than earlier in the industry's history. This is due to the fact that "there's no place a guy can be bag any more." All of the youngsters have their eyes set on the top, and have no means to rise from the bottom. Once again recalling his own misfortune in his premature try for the top, he suggested the means by which others can work their way up slowly but more surely. Participation in show business at the local level was his plan. What a funny fella!

All in all, it was an excellent show. But what less could you expect from the master. Be sure and watch for his regular shows throughout the year. He does the politician parody better than David Frost.



Hey, Kids! Following in the tradition of *Downbeat*, *Jazz & Pop*, and yes—even *Playboy*, *Focus* will have its own big music poll that will be called the First Annual *Focus* International Music Poll; pretty nifty title, eh? Read next issue for more details.

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ABORTION

The Council on Abortion Research & Education is conducting an in-depth, nationwide survey on public awareness and attitude towards legal abortion, it was announced by Richard Roman, executive director of the non-profit organization.

The poll was developed by the Council as part of its research and education program and to further its efforts to provide information and assistance regarding legal abortion. According to Mr. Roman, the poll is believed to be the first of its kind to be undertaken since the liberalization in July, 1970 of New York State's abortion law.

Since then, an estimated 60,000 legal abortions have been performed in New York and the controversy here and across the country over legal abortion has grown even stronger. Those opposed are seeking to repeal what they consider the liberalized section of the law, or, at the very least, to sharply limit the number of weeks of pregnancy during which a legal abortion may be performed. Those in favor are striving to further liberalize the law or to at least remove what they consider roadblocks imposed by local authorities such as certain requirements that make it a practical impossibility to have a legal abortion performed at a physician's office.

The in-depth poll, first of a series planned by the Council, was sent to some 1,700 daily newspapers and 900 college publications across the country.

Mr. Roman noted that the results of the poll will be published and made available upon request. He pointed out that the identity of those who participate in the poll will be kept in complete confidence, but that incomplete polls would be invalidated. Completed polls should be returned to *Focus: Oakland*.

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Public Opinion Poll on Legal Abortion

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1. Assuming that legal abortions are performed by duly licensed physicians under the highest medical standards, should a pregnant woman be allowed to obtain a legal abortion

(a) if she is single and does not wish to marry the man and does not want to place the baby for adoption or with foster parents?

yes no undecided

(b) if she is married and childless and she and her husband do not wish to have a child

yes no undecided

(c) if she is married and has 2 or more children and she and her husband do not wish an additional child?

yes no undecided

(d) if she is married and the family cannot afford a child or an additional child?

yes no undecided

(e) if her physical and/or mental health is dangerously jeopardized by pregnancy and/or childbirth?

yes no undecided

(f) if there is a strong medical indication that the child will be born with a severe congenital defect?

yes no undecided

2. New York state law provides that an abortion is justifiable when committed upon a female with her consent by a duly licensed physician acting (a) under a reasonable belief that such is necessary to preserve her life, or, (b) within 24 weeks from the commencement of her pregnancy. Do you think that the 24-week period should be

(a) lengthened (specify the number of weeks) _____

(b) shortened (specify the number of weeks) _____

(c) remain unchanged _____

3. Which of the following choices best describes the status of legal abortion in your state?

(a) therapeutic abortions only (only to save the mother's life)

(b) (a) above and if the mother's physical or mental health is dangerously jeopardized by pregnancy

(c) (a) above and if there is a strong medical indication that the child will be born with a serious physical or mental defect

(d) (a) above and if the pregnancy resulted from rape

(e) (a) above and if the pregnancy resulted from incest

(f) (a) above and upon demand (as in New York state)

(g) (a) above and upon demand with the approval of two or more physicians

(h) Other: please specify _____

4. Of the choices listed in Question 3 above, which one would you prefer to have adopted for your state?

(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h)

5. Which of the following best describes the need for information regarding legal abortion in your community?

(a) great need

(b) moderate need

(c) little need

(d) no need

Through which of the following should information regarding legal abortion be made available?

(a) local physicians & medical societies

(b) religious groups

(c) social welfare agencies

(d) high schools and colleges

(e) private, profit-making abortion referral agencies

(f) non-profit abortion information and education organizations

(g) monthly newsletter consisting of current information about the status and availability of legal abortions across the country

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