

COMMUTER CONTACT

Commuter Services, Oakland University

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WHAT HAS COMMUTER COUNCIL

EVER DONE FOR ME?

HUH??

They have...

...provided for your convenience a comprehensive off-campus housing list. A service that readily provides information on off-campus housing near OAKLAND UNIVERSITY and it's surrounding areas.

2) They have...

...gotten answers to many of your crucial questions and made known all of your complaints through their OAKLAND-IN-ACTION Task Force.

3) They have...

..."picked up the tab" for the temporary furniture in your student lounges.

4) They have...

...made available to you free legal aid through their new legal aid service (appointments may now be made at the commuter services office 119 O.C.

5) They have...

...constantly worked to make Oakland University a better place for YOU.

NOW THEY NEED YOUR SUPPORT

VOTE

March 18th & 19th

If you would like to run for Commuter Council, you may pick-up a petition today at the Commuter Services Office 118 O.C.



NADER SPEAKING ON ENERGY CRISIS

America's foremost consumer advocate is coming to Oakland!! Ralph Nader will deliver a lecture on the Energy Crisis, Monday, Mar. 4 at 1:00 p.m. in the Sports and Recreation Building. Nader's appearance is sponsored by the University Congress and PIRGIM.

Nader came to national attention when his devastating account of the designed-in dangers of American automobiles, Unsafe at Any Speed, was published in 1965. His continuing work in automobile safety was in a large part responsible for the passage of the Motor Vehicle Safety Act in 1966 and the demise of the Corvair in 1969.

In 1968, Mr. Nader established the Center for Study of Responsive Law, and set a group of young professionals--who were promptly dubbed "Nader's Raiders"--to work researching public interest issues ranging from air and water pollution policies, nursing homes, the Food and Drug Administration, to California and the Anti-trust Division of the Justice Department. These are only a few of the subjects which have become task force reports and then converted into book form for the general reading public.

Additional organizations have since been formed, such as the Center for Auto Safety, the Retired Professionals Action Group (also known as the Retired People's Liberation Movement) and the Corporate Accountability Research Group on campuses. Mr. Nader has been

actively encouraging the formation of local student consumer groups patterned on the Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) which he established in 1970 in Washington, D.C. The Public Interest Research Group in Michigan, (PIRGIM) which has a branch office at O.U. is one of these. A manual for student organizing, ACTION FOR A CHANGE, is now being distributed all over the country.

In November, 1971, Mr. Nader announced what has come to be known as his "biggest raid", the massive 1000-man citizen's investigation of Congress. In the early fall of 1972, Bantam Books and Grossman, jointly issued the first fruits of the Congress project, the book WHO RUNS CONGRESS, The President, Big Business, or YOU? Hard on its heels came individual 20-to-40 page profiles of every member of Congress. Nine more books are expected to come out of the Congress Project in 1973 and 1974.

Nader says his only desire is for reform of the injustices of twentieth-century America, and "making the government more responsive to the needs of the people."

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY DIALOGUE ?

IF YOU READ THIS, YOU'RE QUESTIONABLE

Do you feel that the administration can function without your input? Have you ever questioned the assorted fees you pay? Have you questioned the financial priorities on this campus, i.e., Library Mall, golf courses. Do you have gripes or suggestions regarding parking facilities, fees, tickets, assignments, etc.? Would you like to see more entertainment facilities on campus, such as a pub? Do you wonder what the University Congress or Faculty Senate stands for on this campus? Do you as a group of students realize the potential power which you have? Do you wonder where your activity fees go (\$50,000 plus per year) Have you met the administration who are paid to deal with student "apathy"? Have you lost sleep pondering over these issues, topics and questions? Do you know that Commuter Services has a new young animal called "Dialogue"???? Where can you get one? If you are a concerned student, interested in student and university governance, come to Lounge 2, Oakland Center on March 8, 1974 at 12:30 p.m. "Dialogue" will be awaiting you--- SEE YOU THEN



LAWYER LYNN IS IN

Lawyer Lynn Chamberlain, talks about the Free Legal Aid program. Appointments with Lynn can be made in the Commuter Services office, 118 O.C. Office hours - Mon. 12-5 Tues. 8-12, Wed 8-12.

CC: Most people realize that the program operates on a referral and information basis and does engage in litigations. Do you find this limiting?

LC: My impressions are that most of the problems we see can be solved by advice, explanation of legal procedure and, if necessary, referral.

CC: How do you make referrals?

LC: It has been possible to refer students to one of the legal aid services maintained by Oakland or Macomb counties or to one of the several other services that are available to indigents. Most students qualify for this kind of service because their income is insufficient.

CC: Do most problems require referrals out?

LC: No. For instance, in a landlord-tenant dispute, we can explain the students rights and tell him to call his landlord, a little negotiation seems to work everything out.

CC: What kinds of problems do you see more often?

LC: Tenancy problems, insurance questions, divorces minor law suits.

CC: So most of the problems are not of a serious legal nature?

LC: Issues really haven't been major, problems such as felony arrests or lawsuits for substantial amounts. Most of the problems I see are advise type situations rather than situations requiring affirmative action. The problems are important to the individuals, however.

CC: How did you find out about the proposal for the legal Aid information service for Oakland?

LC: I saw an ad on the bulletin board at U of D. interviewed and got the job.

CC: What is your legal background?

LC: I'm a third-year law student at the University of Detroit, graduating in May. My undergraduate degree is in business administration. I hope eventually to get into the business area of legal practice. I spent a year at the U of D urban law clinic doing indigency work, criminal defense work and civil work of a very varied nature. I can't say that I specialize in anything but I've tried everything once.

CC: Do you know what kind of law you would eventually like to practice?

LC: I'll probably go into business work, my background is in that area, although I really do enjoy criminal defense work. I'm just guessing. I don't know what I'm going to do.

WHAT YOU WANT TO

SEE AT O. U.

What do Cat Stevens and Ralph Nader have in common? "Tremendous popularity among OU students," according to Commuter Assistant Linda LaClair.

Linda's statement is based on the results of the "Student Life Activities Survey". The survey asked 500 students for their opinions regarding activities at Oakland. The results were more than a little surprising.

What kind of music do OU students prefer? Soft rock, apparently. Cat Stevens is by far the most popular musician. Almost half the sample group (43%, to be exact), indicated that they would go to a Cat Stevens concert on campus. Seals and Crofts, America, couldn't match Stevens, but were second and third choices respectively (25.8% and 21.4% respectively). Some other "big name" mentions and their scores are:

Ralph Nader ran off with top honors in the "Big name speakers" category. 48.2% of the sample said they'd go to a Nader lecture on campus. No so incidentally, they'll have their chance. Nader will be speaking on "The Energy Crisis" Monday, March 4 at 1:00 p.m. in the Sport and Recreation Building.

Fourth choice, Dick Gregory (25.0%) has also been booked for an Oakland engagement. He'll be speaking here April 10 at 1:00 p.m., in the Oakland Center Building.

Still unsigned are second choice Woody Allen (40.6%) and third choice, B.F. Skinner.

Some of the most popular local speakers will also be here soon. Detroit's new mayor, Coleman Young, was first choice in this category. He was followed by Lou Gordon and Bill Bonds.

Young will be at Oakland March 19, to address New-Charter College 150 on "Survival in Metropolitan Detroit in the Sunset Room of the Oakland Center at 7:00 p.m. Attorney Ken Cochrel and judge Justin Ravitz will address the same class on March 26.

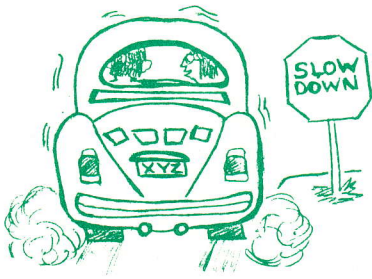
Now if only we can get Cat Stevens.....

VOTE

ON THE 18 & 19

FOR

COMMUTER COUNCIL



.....AND SAVE GAS AND LIVES

Alas the highway jack rabbit, we all know him well. He's the person who makes sudden starts and stops and then flies along the expressway between 65 - 80 miles an hour. In most cases, this person would not be such a "jerky" driver if he knew just how much gasoline he was wasting.

It is a fact that every variation of just five miles an hour can cause between a seven to nine percent increase in gasoline consumption. Speeding up just for the sake of passing, causes one's car to burn even more fuel.

The biggest single contribution that each of us can make to the Energy Crisis is just plain, sensible driving. Big fuel savings can be found not only in reducing freeway speeds, but in careful city driving. Tests have shown that drivers who weave in and out of traffic, first racing ahead and then slowing down, waste up to 43% of their gasoline.

The highway jack rabbit is the impatient guy who just can't seem to maintain a constant speed. Most traffic lights are set to maintain an even flow of traffic, but the waster screeches away from one light only to wait at the next.

With today's modern cars, too much warm-up time is wasteful and unnecessary. A car shouldn't need to be warmed up any more than is needed to prevent stalling. Always remember to start off gradually and take it easy on the gas for a mile or two.

Even more fuel can be saved if all excess weight from the car, such as unneeded golf clubs or other such baggage, is removed. Each time you're getting ready to start remember that it takes a lot of energy to get that inanimate mass which weights between one and two tons (your car) moving. There is no need to pump the accelerator or race the engine after starting out or while waiting at a light.

Forming or joining a ride,

pool is a major method of saving gas. Not only do you save on gas by sharing a ride with other people, but it also eliminates the aggravation of daily driving, and provides welcomed company.

Anxious to get to school on time for a change? Why not leave home just a few minutes earlier and avoid those a-1-too-common last minute races in traffic. Slow down and you'll save fuel and also you just may save your life.

FOOTBALL AT O.U.?

Other than the fact that there are many football-type people on campus at O.U., the need for the sport here is not purely for athletic prowess. One of the most-needed attractions at Oakland is a means for gathering people to promote school spirit. Hopefully, a football team will promote this spirit.

With this in mind, 11 people got together on Monday, Feb. 18, to discuss petitioning procedures for intercollegiate varsity football at O.U. Under the direction of Jim Christopher, work was distributed among those in attendance.

Soon, petitioners will be seeking signatures from roughly 3000 O.U. students. Hopefully, the 3000 signatures will help push the idea of football so that administrators will initiate first a freshman team, then a varsity one. Director of Athletics, Corey Van Fleet, has already been approached by administrators on the subject of football and has started some preliminary work compiling cost figures for equipment and stadium facilities. Mr. Van Fleet says that in the beginning the team will probably be organized as "club" football-- this is what University of Detroit has today. After one or two years, varsity status should come about. As of February 11, 1974, Mr. Van Fleet had no timetable as to when football will be initiated. However, he continues in that he feels that continues in that he feels that three years is a fair approximation.

Coach Gene Bolden, varsity basketball coach, also expressed his views, saying that this is the same procedure which students conducted a few years ago that enabled us to have varsity basketball today. He also feels that there will be a preliminary team prior to a varsity team. He is very much for football at O.U.

Anyone interested in helping, leave your name in 118 Oakland Center, the Office of Commuter Services.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Friday, March 8
COMMUNITY DIALOG 12:30-2:00
Lounge 2, Oakland Center

Thursday, March 14
MEET THE CANDIDATES 12:30-2:00
Lounge 2, Oakland Center
Sponsored by Commuter Council

Friday March 15
MEET THE CANDIDATES 12:30-2:00
Lounge 2, Oakland Center
Sponsored by Commuter Council

Thursday, March 14
LAST LECTURE: Robert Stern
New Charter College, Oakland Center, Gold Room

Monday, March 18
COMMUTER COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Oakland Center

Tuesday, March 19
WOMEN'S GROUP: ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 11:30-1:00 Room 125
Oakland Center

Tuesday, March 26
WOMEN'S GROUP (Topic to be announced) 11:30-1:00 Room 125,
Oakland Center.

Wednesday, March 27
INCOME TAX SEMINAR--Bring your forms, Get Some Help!!
7:00 p.m., 128 O.C.

Thursday, March 28
LAST LECTURE: John Beardman, Art.
1:00 p.m. Oakland Center,
Gold Room

MARRIED WOMEN EXPANDING

The married women group is taking on a new character! We have had so much response that we are broadening the program to include all women--married or single. Prior to March we were meeting the second and fourth Monday and Tuesday of the of the month. For March we meet only on two dates, March 19 & 26. Ann Arner is taking the lead on consolidating the group and has forms for registering the organizations. Our March 19th meeting will be a organizational meeting at which time we also hope to come up with a name for the group and to plan further sessions. Please try to come and bring your friends.



Walter

Events

LIST CAMPUS EVENTS BY CALLING:
Programming & Scheduling
Office-----73230

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* Pick up your calendars at:
Kresge Library, Computer Services,
Registrar, Evening Program Office,
Student Organizations, or Charlie
Brown's Desk

Sun. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat.

<p>MRT-As You Like It, 6:30 pm, Wilson Ujama Theatre -- The Sky of the Blind Pig, 8 pm - 11 pm, Gold Room SEFS--Summer of '42, 7 & 9:30 pm, 201 DH</p>	<p>Programming Committee Presents: RALPH NADER... 1:00 p.m. Sports & Recreation (students free)</p>	<p>MRT-As You Like It, 8:30 NCC Forum-Survival in Metropolitan Detroit--- "Energy & Economics", 7 - 10 pm, Sunset Rm. SEFS--Black Orpheus, 7 pm, 201 Dodge</p>	<p>Am. Hist. Film Series -- "Harriette Tubman and the Underground Railroad" 12 noon, Gold Room MRT-As You Like It, 2 pm & 8:30 pm, Wilson Hall OC Noon Flicks--The Barber-shop, noon, Absentation Mod. Lang. Slide Presentation: "People's Republic of China", 9:30 am, Gold Lincolnton/Clauses Lecture: "Sexism in Language" 12 noon, 128-130 O.C.</p>	<p>MRT-As You Like It, 8:30 Am. Hist Film-Harriette Tubman, 2 pm, Gold Dance Workshop Performance, 8 pm, 200 Var. Videotape-Black Omnibus #6, 10-4, Fireside Conf. Dept.: Traffic Engineering Seminar, 8 am - 4 pm, 128-130 OC OC/NC Film: Battle of 12 noon, 174 SPH RH Sexuality Series -- Jim Goodman: "VD Investigations", 8pm, VBR 7</p>	<p>OC-Community Dialog, 12:30 pm, Lounge II "University Governance" Dance Workshop Performance 8:00 pm, 200 Varner</p>	<p>MRT-As You Like It, 8:30pm SEFS--Summer of '42, 7 pm, 201 Dodge Hall NCCS--Oak Con 2, Comic Book Convention, 9am, Sunset Rm. Ujama Theatre--The Sky of the Blind Pig, 8 pm, Gold AHC-Copa Cabana Night, South Cafeteria, 9 pm Swimming-Motor City Championships at Detroit, all day. MB Art Gallery-Rajasthan Temple Hangings, thru March 16, Wilson Hall</p>
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<p>WINTER RECESS 10</p>	<p>WINTER RECESS 11</p>	<p>SEFS--Smiles of a Summer Night, 7 pm, 201 DH MUSIC--Chamber Music with Ervin Monroe, 8:00 pm, 200 Varner OC--The Second Sex, Gold A, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm NCC Forum--Survival in Metropolitan Detroit w/ Justin Ravitz & Kenneth Cockrell, 7pm, Sunset African Drum/Dance/Fire Workshop thru Thursday</p>	<p>MRT-As You Like It, 8:30 OC--The Second Sex--Formal Organizational Meeting, 11:30 am, Gold A SEFS--Stanford Bill Jr., 7:00 pm, 201 Dodge Hall Communter Council --- ELECTION DAY Continuum Center--Advanced Personal Growth for Women, T/Th thru 4/4/74, 11 am - 2 pm, Clubhouse BLACK WEEK--activities</p>	<p>MRT-As You Like It, 8:30 2 & 8:30 pm, Wilson Hall Am. Hist. Film Series -- "The Inheritance", noon, Gold Room OC Noon Flicks--The Desperate Souldier, Absentation School of Education Winter Conference Series -- William Sheldon, 9 am - 11:30 am, Gold Room Swimming-NCAA College Championships at Long Beach, Calif.</p>	<p>PC LAST LECTURE SERIES, John Beardman: "On the Horns of a Dialectic", 1 pm, Gold Room MRT-Ten Little Indians, 8:30 pm, Wilson Hall RH--Evening With Professor Judith Brown, 8 pm Hamlin Lounge Engineering Seminar, Conf. Dept., Traffic 8am-4pm, 128-130 OC</p>	<p>MRT-As You Like It, 8:30 SEF--The Catonsville Nine, 8:30 pm, Barn Theatre SEFS--Dirty Harry, 7 pm, 201DH Absentation Coffeehouse -- Benefic Concert for African Drum & Dance Ensemble w/ bassist Ali Muhammad, 8 pm ABS-Afro-American Ball Continuum Center--Growing Together: A Workshop for Young Couples, 9am - 9pm, M. B. Clubhouse</p>
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