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News Briefs

GI Burns Orders

Fort Lewis, Wash. (LNS)--Spec/4 Al Waskowski responded to a military command to serve in Vietnam by burning both his orders and his military ID card. Waskowski, who expects to be arrested momentarily, told The Bond, a radical military newspaper: "I've become politically aware of US aggression toward the people of Vietnam."

-WBAI

Esquire Banned

Fort Hood, Texas (LNS)--The Fort Hood acting post commander Maj. Gen. Joseph McChristian has banned the August issue of Esquire Magazine, which features a story on the American Servicemen's Union.

-WBAI

Krupp Lives

London (LNS)--American, British, and French authorities are nearing agreement to annul a 15-year-old allied order for dismantling the multi-billion dollar Krupp industrial empire in Germany. Alfred Krupp, who headed the coal and steel complex until his death last year, was convicted 21 years ago by the allied war crimes tribunal as an employer of slave labor. The decision not to dismantle the Krupp complex, according to British sources, is based on the grounds that Krupp's war activities are no longer relevant.

-WBAI

Army Mill Grinding

New York (LNS)--Six trainees at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, have perished of heat exhaustion and a seventh has committed suicide, according to Pvt. David Ort of the American Servicemen's Union. The Bond, a New York GI newspaper, has also received letters from two soldiers at Fort Campbell complaining of brutality. Another trainee at the base reported that 90 trainees were jammed into a thirty-five foot semi trailer. The temperature inside was 130 degrees. When it reached its destination many of the passengers were unloaded into ambulances.

-WBAI

Cops Shoot Each Other

New York, July 9 (LNS)--Three irate motorists driving through rush-hour traffic in the Bronx became involved in a shoot-out that left one of them dead and one wounded. They were all cops.

Patrolman John Dalton's automobile stalled on the Cross Bronx Expressway and Probationary Patrolman Nicolo Danisi left his car to investigate. Both were in civilian clothes. An argument ensued and a third cop, Detective Frederick Gibson, also in civilian clothes, joined in. Soon all three were shooting at each other; Danisi was killed and Dalton wounded.

Universities Fined

Lansing, Mich., July 17 (LNS)--The Michigan State Legislature has voted 72-22 to cut funds to state universities where "unauthorized student protests" occur. The bill suggests a cut based on the number of demonstrating students who are not expelled. The going rate suggested by the legislators is \$1,300 per head (no pun intended).

Black Re-enlistment Drops

Washington, July 12 (LNS)--Black re-enlistment in the armed forces, a phenomenon long pointed to with pride by the establishment, dropped well over fifty per cent in the year 1967. White re-enlistment dropped as well, by a bit more than 40%. The figures are given in a recent Pentagon report on "Negro Participation in the Armed Forces."

Hats Cause Controversy

Ruth Louisell

Thursday, July 18, twelve students employed at Trumbull Terrace left their jobs over an issue concerning the right to symbolically express a political viewpoint while working for the University.

The students had been asked to wear paper hats that evening to fulfill the county health requirements. When they asked their supervisor if they could write anti-war slogans on the hats, she gave her permission.

Later that evening one boisterous customer served the supervisor the resounding complaint of "Do you have cages for these animals?" The anonymous gentleman was angered that students paid by his taxes could be permitted to silently express anti-war opinions on his time (He later stated very clearly that pro-war slogans would be acceptable.) The issue was very clear to all present. The hats and buttons proclaiming "Resist the Draft", "End the War", "Hell no I won't Go" in no way interfered with the student employees calibre of work. They did not attempt to engage customers in dialogue concerning their stated opinions. As one student so aptly put it, "no dastardly leaflets were put between the hamburger buns."

As a result of this customer's complaint, student employees were asked to remove their hats or punch out. Twelve of them decided the issue involved was serious enough to warrant their leaving.

After signing out, they gathered in the parking lot at Meadow Brook to discuss the problem. It was decided that they should all visit the Chancellor at his home to inform him of the incident. As the Chancellor was not at home, they continued on to school where a campaign was organized. They wrote leaflets telling of the Terrace trouble and planned a rally for the next day. The group



decided to make a large-scale appeal to all members of Oakland's community. If they were denied access to their jobs on Friday or were again not permitted to wear slogans of a political nature, they would picket the Terrace -- with (they hoped) the aid of student, faculty, employees, Meadowbrook students, and other groups presently on campus. They felt the issue involved all of these people, and tried all day Friday to make them aware of it.

About 100 people showed up for the rally at noon on Friday in the Sunset Room of the Oakland Center. Marc White, one of the student employees involved in the issue, led the rally. The appeal went out, but few responded favorably. The workers union on campus led by Mr. Oates sympathized with the students, but could not act in any manner due to a clause in his union's contract. If the students involved had been members of a recognized union, support might have been favorable. Happily, picketers were not needed that evening as the administration finally handed out their decision at 3:30 p.m. Friday afternoon. The announcement in favor of the students was made by Dean

Dutton. "Students can wear any slogans they so desired for the time being." Mr. Ernest Mazey of ACLU will be consulted this week as to the legal rights of student employees in this situation.

Students have continued to wear slogans at Trumbull Terrace without further incident.

The Chancellor has stated that he would be willing to accept Mr. Mazey's ruling on the incident. The students involved have made no such commitment. Instead, they are in the process of organizing a student worker's union at the Terrace and are presently in contact with union officials as to the legalization of their proposed constitution.

Black Cultural Festival

Next Friday and Saturday (Aug. 2 and 3) Oakland's Project Upward Bound is sponsoring a Black Cultural Festival. The program will include two one-act plays by LeRoi Jones and Music by "The Black Choreologia" and the John Guthrie Trio. In addition, the University Art Gallery (with the assistance of John Galloway and The Arts Extended Gallery Inc.) will display various works of African Art.

Friday (August 2)

7:00 - Gallery open

8:00 - "Baptism and "The Dutchman" performed by the Black Actors Workshop of the Concept East Theatre.

Saturday (August 3)

7:00 - Gallery open

7:30 - Music by The John Guthrie Trio

8:00 - "The Black Choreologia"

Admission will be:

Students and Faculty -

\$1.25 for both nights

\$.75 for one night

Others -

\$2.50 for both nights

\$1.50 for one night



Marc White Speaks at Student Rally

We Want a Public Safety Department!

To The Editor

Ed. Note: Below are Observer proposals regarding the Public Safety Department. See page 5 for Committee proposals.

The issues posed to the community by the continued existence of the Public Safety Department (sic) have caused some controversy and a good deal of concern this summer. We suspect that the concern and the controversy will continue for some time. For, before the "incidents" and the antagonisms between the department and the university community can come to a halt, there will have to be a drastic change for the better in the department. We don't see any indication that such a change will come in the near future, simply because a number of people have already put a good deal of effort into establishing the department in its present form.

Thus, it appears that the Observer will out of necessity be forced into a negative position regarding the department: That is, we think the way the department is now being used is unfortunate and will continue to criticize it until it stops being inimical to the interests of people at the university. However, even though we as students are not obliged to pose alternatives since we as students do not run this university, we will go one step beyond criticism:

AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN

1.) The men of the department should be trained in the skills essential to their proper functioning as men who maintain the Public's Safety. This would entail training (extensive) in first-aid, techniques such as resuscitation, application of tourniquets, the proper treatment to relieve shock, injury, broken bones, fractures, etc., etc. They should also be able to retrieve endangered swimmers, know how to handle symptoms of special physical ailments such as epilepsy, asthma, allergies, etc. They should be trained to control or extinguish fires when they themselves can do the job, or be able to pinpoint the nature of a fire so that if a fire truck is needed precious moments won't be lost by the fire marshall in determining where the locus of the fire is.

Being more than competent but in fact specialists of sorts at putting out or controlling fires and helping people who need medical attention, they should also have the proper equipment in the trunks of their cars to facilitate aid to people in such emergencies. This, of course, will entail some expense, as would a training program in first aid and fire fighting (although it seems to be the case that in cities which have such crews of "Public Safety" men, insurance rates go down, thus saving money to be used for equipment). Which brings us to our second point.

2.) The number of cops changed to "public safety" men would be reduced from 10 to 6, based on the assumption that 2 properly trained men can handle whatever havoc there may be on our campus at one time. These two men could be assisted by students, who would work both with the public safety men and as radio operators in the office of the public safety department, or wherever else someone should be posted. Two men plus a number of students doing part or full-time work (during vacations) would be more than adequate to take care of the needs of the campus population.

3.) Pay the public safety men a decent wage--say, \$8,500 a year, with the money saved by doing away with four of the present men. Figure it out: the men now used are paid approximately \$6,800; that's a total of \$68,000. If you paid 6

men \$8,500--the cost would be \$51,000. At the same time, give them the same privileges enjoyed by faculty and staff (and students): use of IM Building, access to the faculty subdivision, enrollment in classes if they wish. This would make them more a part of the community as well as offering them a very attractive job: a job where, rather than being looked upon as an enemy, a man could function as a normal human being.

To point 4.

4.) All of these points entail making the "cop", as we know him, into a new kind of Being: a "public safety" man. This entails more than training and a lucrative position. It means that his attitudes will have to be the kind which will not lend themselves to repressive or obnoxious behavior; it means that his whole outlook on life will not be that of the ordinary cop. The principles behind the job and the reason for the department should thus be carefully set out--and with emphasis. Further, since this is a university setting the man will be dealing with, he should be a college graduate, who will understand the nature of life on a college campus.

5.) As stated before in the Observer, these men should not carry guns on their person nor bullets strung around their hips. If properly trained in non-coercive techniques of law enforcement, in the gentler means of persuasion open to any perceptive person, weapons should be needed only in dire emergency. Lethal weapons could therefore remain in the car to be used only as a last resort. The argument that guns are needed to protect law officers in spontaneous situations should not have to apply on this college campus. Danger is an accepted part of a law enforcer's job; if he is not willing to accept that, he should not want the job. In this case, the danger seems minimal.

The officer should be trained in methods of crowd control, in reacting to situations that are likely to occur in a rational way, in procedure for giving parking tickets (courteously), and so on. In emergency, and since Michigan laws do not allow guns to be left inside an unoccupied car, any weapons could be brought to the officer or watched over by a student assistant in the car.

6.) Since the function of these public safety men would be only partially that of "upholding the law", and since they would be relating to the campus community in terms that that community can understand, the relationship of the department the Oakland County Sheriff's Department should be re-examined. If our plan were implemented, they would be "public safety" officers and not Oakland County Cops.

7.) Finally, it should be recognized that no matter who you get to come take the glorious job of public safety officer, even a partial cop will act as cops occasionally do. Therefore, a student-faculty Review Board, with powers to hire and fire, approve proposals and budgets from the director of the department, and modify or eliminate policies and procedures, should be immediately instituted in order to insure that even well-paid image-makers will not abuse their position within the community.

This, on the assumption that those who are being protected have the right to maintain control over their protectors.

Mike Honey

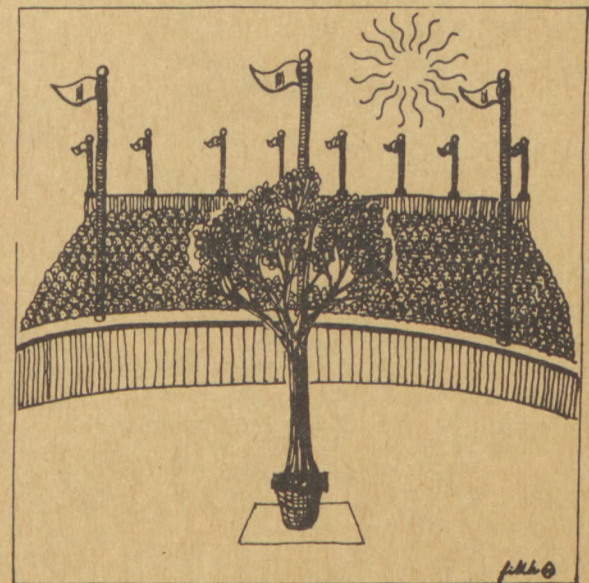
DDT Dangerous

Dear Sir,

On May eighth of this year, the chlorinated hydrocarbon DDT was officially taken off the list of acceptable pesticides by the Department of Agriculture of the State of Michigan and is now classified as a persistent biocide (destroyer of life). It has come to our attention that DDT and other hard pesticides are presently in full use as mosquito preventives on the campus proper and in even more frequent doses at the Baldwin Pavilion. By some catastrophic error these dangerous chemicals, with their staggeringly long break-down periods (fifteen years), have been put to extensive abuse by their use for several years on the Oakland campus.

The following is from Gabliks & Friedman of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology: "Human cells (liver) have been exposed in cell cultures to various chlorinated hydrocarbons, including DDT. These compounds proved toxic to the cells, and induced progressive morphological changes leading to cell destruction." DDT is the greatest threat to both wildlife and human life of all the pesticides used in large quantities today. This is not the first time protests have been raised concerning DDT's use on this campus. However, this time we insist steps be taken to prevent so much as one drop more of this lethal toxic to be released into the community.

James Moxley 11140
Roger Saydack 9065



A Tree Is Not A Tree Is Not A . . .

It was a beautiful Sunday morning. The sprawling fields shimmered in the May sunlight, shiny plastic dotted here and there with hundreds of merrily winking neon hot dog stands. Today was the big day. Everybody was coming, from all over the country, to see the tree. No civilian had ever seen a tree before, and the government had wisely kept the existence of this last one a carefully guarded secret until now (in the national interest, of course). It was the last tree anywhere, and they were understandable very proud of it.

From everywhere the people came, streaming over the crisp concrete highways, past America's fertile farmlands: vast, abundant fields of polished chromium, stainless steel, and ceramic bathroom tile. What a thrilling, awe-inspiring sight nature was! And all so perfectly clean and sterile!

The crowd was enormous now--millions of parents, children, and old-timers (a forty-year old to be seen) in their best plastic disposable Sunday outfits, munching contentedly on their synthetic hot dogs as they waited in eager anticipation for the gates to open and this momentous achievement of modern science to be unveiled.

It was the time. The hastily constructed grandstands were soon filled with anxious, excited throngs. And there it was. The tree!

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I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to all those who have made the Observer possible this summer. To all students, staff members and administrators, I thank you.

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Graduate Record Examinations

Anyone preparing himself for admission to graduate school should be sure he has fulfilled all the requirements in advance. Among other things, many graduate schools now require scores from the Graduate Record Examinations. This test is offered on Oct. 26 and Dec. 14 in 1968, and on Jan. 18, Feb. 22, April 26, and July 12 in 1969. Individual applicants should be sure that they take the test in time to meet the deadlines of their intended graduate school, graduate department, or fellowship granting agency. Early registration also insures that the individual can be tested at the location of his choice and not have to pay the three dollar fee for late registration.

The Graduate Record Examinations in this program include an Aptitude Test of general scholastic ability and Advanced Tests of achievement in 22 major fields of study. Candidates determine from their preferred graduate schools on fellowship committees which of the examinations they should take and when they should be taken.

Full details and forms needed to apply for the GRE are contained in the Bulletin of Information for Candidates. This booklet will be available to Oakland students the first week in September. For further details, contact Psychological services in NFH.

A Tree Is Not A Tree Is Not A . . .

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"So that's what they look like!"

"What does it do?"

"How does it do?"

"How does it run? I don't see any electric wires or nothin'."

"Didn't they mention something about solar power? I bet the energy cells are hidden under that green stuff on top."

"What's it made of, anyway? That doesn't look like any kind of plastic I've ever seen before!"

Suddenly, inexorably, an eerie chill swept over the crowd. They began to shift uneasily in their seats. A dull murmur began to rise up and a few got up to leave, followed by a few more, and then suddenly everybody was racing madly for the exits! Trampling one another in their panic, they screamed, "The tree! The tree! Save us from the tree!"

Out of the chromium gates they streamed, out onto the asphalt beyond which their cars lay parked and waiting. They saw that the plastic and concrete were still there, they saw the hot dog stand still winking benignly in the receding sunlight. All had remained the same, and they saw that it was good, and they saw that it was clean, and in the depths of their hearts they felt gladness and peace restored once again.

—common filth

Student Beatings

It has been reported that on Wednesday, July 17 there were five attacks made on white students by several unidentified blacks. The blacks are not believed to be connected in any way with this university. The attacks all occurred after the Wednesday night dance held in the grill. The first student was accosted as he and his girlfriend were returning to the dorms. The student was surrounded and beaten up. He was taken to the hospital but there are no apparent injuries. The second student was beaten on his way to the grill from the dorms. He received minor cuts and abrasions requiring some first aid treatment. It is not known if these two boys were attacked by the same group.

Two other students claimed to have gotten punched on the patio outside of the grill by some blacks. The fifth person attacked was a freshman orientation student. He was punched a few times but was able to outrun his attackers to the dorm.

The next evening, in Vandenberg Hall, a Meadowbrook Music student was also beaten up by some unidentified blacks. No motives have been given for any of these attacks. The attackers have not been identified and (consequently) no charges have been pressed.

Political Observations

Dave Carr

While most of the "liberal" public is focusing its attention on McCarthy's bid to capture the Democratic Presidential nomination, a generally ignored primary provides many parallels for those concerned about Vietnam. A candidate who implicitly approves of what he calls an "open ended commitment. . . we have made in Vietnam," is running against a peace candidate.


Gary Frink (of the 19th district) has strong support among party regulars and is playing it cool. His main strategy appears to be to ignore his Democratic opposition, and thus go after Jack McDonald -- the republican incumbent -- and urge voters to "Think Frink." His strongest attacks are on McDonald's traditional Republican voting record and relative lack of education (McDonald has some college background, Frink is a lawyer.) At the State Convention (or more correctly, the 19th district caucus at the State Convention) he was most notable in his remarkable ability to blend in with the smooth, efficient controlling of the Party regulars.

Frink has strong union support, the Michigan Democratic Party traditional way of doing things. The union supplies money and free labor and in return has much to say in the party. Approximately one-third of the at-large Michigan delegates to the National Convention are union executives. Michigan's unions and Democratic Party have been in bed together and have profited by it so long that they have become almost Pavlovian in their political thinking. They also may be getting flabby -- at least this is one of the things Frink's opponent is counting on.

Ron Mardiros, challenging Frink in spite of Frink's pretense, has styled his campaign much in the mold of McCarthy. He stands exactly as McCarthy on the major issue, "Peace at Home and Abroad." He maintains, as does McCarthy, that the country cannot afford to spend 30 million dollars on a "questionable cause" to the detriment of programs needed to combat poverty at home. He regularly includes McCarthy literature and strategy in his own mailings. He is a member of the Michigan Conference of Concerned Democrats (MCCD), the organization of loyal democrats who were either one-half a step ahead or behind Zolton Ferency in telling the Party off. At the 19th district caucus, he vociferously backed a small coup which almost resulted in a McCarthy national delegation.

The contest has a peculiar twist in that it has a strong geographical significance. The 19th Congressional district includes Wayne County's cities of Livonia and Northville, and Redford Township, as well as Pontiac and the Oakland County Townships west of it. Mardiros is from Livonia and appears to be doing well in Wayne. But he is virtually unknown this far North. Frink is from the Pontiac area and has things well organized here. Most of the MCCD Democrats in the Pontiac area are doing some work for him, but they are a pitifully small number. There is virtually no co-ordinated effort for Mardiros in the Pontiac area. With the election only two week-ends away time is running short. Pontiac has the largest concentration of voters in the district, and a candidate unknown here is in trouble.

Ed: Note: Anyone wishing to work on Ron Mardiros' campaign should call Dave Carr in Waterford at 674-3673.



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Errata

There were three errors in last week's story concerning the new black center in Pontiac. The center is located at what was "allegedly" the headquarters for dope and prostitution. The GED requirements and testing is not finalized, but only in the "planning stages" with the Board of Education. Finally, Mr. Munson's first Name is "Albert" not Alfred. Our apologies.

Ed.

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