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Thee Cabaret Dance

By: Stephen Lovett

Are you ready? Ready again for the biggest party on this campus? Area Hall Council's CABARET DANCE, this Friday, October 12th, from 9 to 2 A.M., in the South Cafateria in the O.C. It was the biggest last year, as it will prove to be this year. So, get out your partyin' duds folks and be ready to filter into the crowd with lighted candles, dancing, set-ups, and munchies. If you didn't make it last year, don't miss it this year. For you Freshmen, this is it, you miss it and you blow your chance to take part in the biggest gig of all.

There'll be plenty of music, dancing, and drinking with the former being supplied by the ever popular TROUBLE AND REVELATIONS and the latter being supplied, in part, by you and Area Hall. A.H.C. supplies cups, ice, and assorted "mixable" beverages at a nominal fee, while you supply the hard stuff to go with it.

The admission is \$1.00 on advanced ticket sale and \$1.25 at the door (if you missed 'em). So O.U. students, get ready to get it on and we'll see ya all there ready to party down.
(INVITE THE COMMUTERS)

Homecoming

By: Celia Frye

Saturday, November 3rd is the date to remember. That's the day of the O.U. Homecoming, beginning with a parade, including bands from area high schools, then followed by a soccer game with the famous Oakland Pioneers (and Ken and Armand). In the evening, there will also be a semi-formal dance, at which time Mr. and Ms. Oakland University will be announced.

Entry forms for this contest were made available to anyone interested in nominating themselves. They must be turned in to Charlie Brown's by October 16. The judges will single down the candidates from the information given on the entry form, then students will vote for the Mr. and Ms. of their choice on October 31.

Anyone interested in helping with any area of the Homecoming should come to the meetings, which are held on Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 P.M. in the I.M. Building.

The Village

By: Lisa Mills

An exciting project which all resident students should be aware of is the Village. The Village Committee is working on raising funds to renovate the Barn structures around the Barn Theatre behind Hannah Hall. The Barn Theatre itself is also in the process of being remodeled.

All too often the complaint is heard, "There's nothing to do on campus on weekends." The Village, with your support, will change that. Plans are being made to have a pub with beer and wine, and also live entertainment. There will be various shops, such as weaving, printing, and other arts and crafts. Students can set up their own shops or boutiques and sell goods.

Plans are also being made to make one of the barns into a cinema, instead of having to use 201 Dodge Hall to show movies. There will also be much more space for student organizations.

The Village Kick-Off Week is October 15-20. On Monday there will be an opening ceremony near the Kresge Library. President O'Dowd will make a speech and perform the official ribbon-cutting tradition, symbolizing that the Village is on its way. There will also be hayrides behind Hannah Hall to acquaint students with the area.

On Tuesday there will be marathon table tennis games in the Oakland Center. This will be organized by the President of the Table Tennis Club. On Wednesday and Thursday candy apples will be sold. And on Friday there will be an open stage in the Ab-stention for any student who would like to display his talent.

People in costumes will be taking donations all week. President O'Dowd has already agreed to match the student funds up to \$10,000.

Anyone interested in contributing their time and effort to help promote this worthy project can contact Monika Homann at 7-3580, or drop by 48 Oakland Center.

Free Press Offered

By: Teresa Blundell

Monthly subscriptions to the Detroit Free Press are being made available to O.U. Residents through A.H.C. In past years, attempts of this kind have been made but were unsuccessful. This year, though, progress has been steady. The first delivery is scheduled for Monday, October 15 and will be made available through the resident mailboxes.

There are three types of subscriptions:

1. The Weekly (Sunday thru Saturday)
2. The Daily (Monday thru Friday)
3. The Sunday

The price is the same as home delivery rates:

1. Weekly- \$1.05
2. Daily- \$.75
3. Sunday- \$.30

The subscriptions are renewable each month and are circulated through the residents' mailboxes. If there are any questions or comments concerning the paper, please leave a message at Hamlin Desk for Terry at 705A S. Hamlin.

EDITORIALS

Don't Go!

By: Terri Chiaverotti

Through the past couple of years Oakland has established its reputation as a campus that dies on weekends, largely because of the number of residents who return home in order to avoid a dull weekend. This year does not show signs of being any different, since the dorms still die by Friday noon.

Events such as the weekend Carnival and the Ike and Tina Turner Concert have both been labeled flops because of the lack of student support. On October 12, the students of this university will have an opportunity to redeem themselves by supporting the Area Hall Council's Cabaret Dance.

A.H.C. is the Student Government dealing exclusively with the resident students of this university. Much hard work has gone into the planning of this event and it would be rather frustrating if the Cabaret night were labeled a flop because of lack of student support. Because this is an event sponsored by A.H.C., resident students should feel even more compelled than commuters to insure its success.

So, let's make the weekend of October 12th a little unusual. Why not stick around the dorm and see what a weekend at Oakland really can be like.

Room Only, Please!

By: Stephen Lovett

As we've all heard or seen, at least once, there are many changes here for resident students. However, for the sake of all, I'll only speak of one change to benefit the unenlightened Upperclassmen and the new Freshmen. I've a room only contract (not Anibal's co-op, mind you) but few of you probably know what this entity on Hamlin's lower south-side entails. Well, that's what I am here to discuss.

I first took on this task under delusions that I could eat better and cheaper than the Food Service could offer. Well, I wasn't far off, but I wasn't close either. After the initial costs of a refrigerator, hot plate, and toast-r-oven, I found I had spent almost half of my projected food budget. This was bad news, so I had to transfer some of my party funds into my food budget. Alas, I eat well but party less (at least that's what the folks think). Anyway, about eating better, though I haven't had any of the new Food Service's meals, I doubt if the food has substantially improved. Even if it has, it is impossible for the instructional service to meet all the students' likes and dislikes of certain foods. But it is no cheaper either. Food costs are up and I'm getting the Home-Econ. course I never took in high school rammed down my throat. One has to be a thrifty shopper (I'm learning all the tricks) or you'll fall flat on your beer belly.

I was also deluded into thinking that the room-only floors were to be equipped with cooking equipment. However, it seems we've only gotten a sink and more electrical outlets, so I can't have all those big, cheap TV dinners and pizzas I was hoping for (oh well).

At any rate, I'm enjoying the change. You can have frequent dinner guests (gee, just like in the movies) and if you're lucky, your dinner guest will volunteer to do your dishes (which you saved up all week for this). You can have your food the way you like it and when you want it (can't miss). But, unless you're on a starvation diet (suck that beer belly in), you won't save much money. So far, this one change I feel is an improvement and who ever came up with the idea is invited to be my next dinner guest.

Suggestions, criticisms and letters to the Editor are welcomed. Any contributions can be dropped off at the A.H.C. newsletter office in Hamlin Hall.

Bookstore Rip-off

By: Mary Elston

Remember the first two weeks of school? Bet you've tried to forget, as I have, but for the sake of appreciating this article, try to recall those crazy days filled with confusion, calamity, and curses.

The biggest hassle I found was buying books. Half the time the book was either out of stock, you forgot which one to get, or else it was so expensive you decided to do without it for a couple of weeks until you dug up the money for it.

Now, I don't mind buying books for my classes, but I don't enjoy buying them twice. Let me explain.

As you all know, before you can enter the Bookstore, you must place your belongings on a series of shelves along the wall. Then you go through an "enter" turnstile, do your shopping, and on your way out pick up your things.

One afternoon, after my Anthropology class, I went to the Bookstore. I placed my notes and my brand new Human Variation book (retail \$6.95, with tax \$7.23) upon the shelf and did my shopping. On the way out I went to get my belongings. My notes were there but my Human Variation book was not. Thinking I had misplaced it, I searched and searched, looking under everyone else's stuff. (I must have looked like an old lady at a rummage sale, going through all that junk.) I didn't find it. Waves of anger flashed through my little body. RRRRRRRGGCHHHHHH!!!!!! I stomped up to the clerk.

"What do you do if someone's ripped off with your book?" I asked in the nicest voice I could.

"Oh, I don't know, you'll have to ask that guy over there!" she said, pointing to a fellow standing by the "enter" turnstile. So I trotted over to ask him. He told me there wasn't anything they could do about it. He also told me I could report it to the Student Services.

I was angry, upset, and perturbed, so I stomped back to my dorm. I think most college students would agree with me that \$6.95 is a lot of money. con't on page 4 col. 2.

FEATURES

Carole's Corner

By: Carole Knopp

Living on campus, aside from being convenient, should also expand your realm of acquaintances and experiences. Right?

Agreeing on that statement, my floor decided to use profit from a bagel sale to host a spaghetti supper for another floor in our hall. We set the time we wanted to dine. The guys brought the wine. Even though it meant work (planning, cooking, serving, and cleaning up) the evening was fun. Eating by candlelight and soft music was a nice change from the usual cafeteria madness. I enjoyed participating in this "out of the ordinary" activity. It made me ask why floors couldn't plan more activities together, like card parties, hikes, theater or movie outings with a party afterwards on one of the floors.

And why couldn't floors and dorms get together for purposes other than just plain fun? Day care centers, homes for the elderly and hospitals can always use volunteers. Certainly, if a group of people got together, transportation could be provided, if not by the individuals, then no doubt by the organization.

People could get together in the lounge once a week and write a letter to a prisoner at Jackson State Prison, or to a patient in a local hospital or home for the aged. It would cost only pennies per person if a couple of floors decided to adopt an orphan thru an overseas childrens' agency, usually about \$12 a month. The floors could get together once a month and share the letters and pictures they received from the organization about "their" child.

I'm not a good listener when I hear someone spouting off the "there's nothing to do dulls". In my opinion, there is too much to do, and not enough time to do it. As a writer for this publication, I see these ideas as great material for future feature stories. I really believe that the new name of this publication should reflect the residents it

serves. Living here gives many chances for expression. I'd like to write a regular feature about what the residents of this campus are doing because I believe that everyone would enjoy reading things a bit more human and entertaining than the usual dry stories that residents could care less about.

I'm willing to report just about anything that you, your friends, your floor, or your dorm wants to share with fellow residents. If you'd like a residence hall feature that is expressive, then be expressive and let me hear about it. I can be reached at 377-2710. Call and help me make my stories ones that involve YOU. In other words, let's work together to make then worth the time it takes to read them.

A.H.C. Meetings In Brief

By: Terry Blundell

Area Hall Council has held three meetings so far this year, although some people may not realize it, and has been hard at work.

The first meeting was called to order on Tuesday, September 11th in 445 Hamlin. The Executive Board and advisors were introduced to the new members. Marshal Hyman's resignation as president was announced, however, he is still active in A.H.C. as an advisor. The committees, (which are Programming, Food Service, Newsletter, Publicity, Maintenance, House Policy, and Coffee-House Programming.) were explained, then members of A.H.C. volunteered to join one or more of these committees.

The work of the Standards and Assessment Board was also explained. Plans for the Beer Party on September 14th were discussed and volunteers were assigned working stations. A.H.C. also allocated money to pay half of the cost of a movie projector acquired by the Residence Halls this year. This will entitle A.H.C. to use of the projector and screen without a rental charge.

The second meeting was held on Tuesday, September 18th. An explanation of Parliamentary Procedure was given by acting President Sandie Johnson. A discussion of the Beer Party's success followed. The Standards and Assessment Board discussed the approval of the new members and of R.A. membership. A report was given by each committee on its progress thus far. The forthcoming Residence Halls Library, which will be located in Hamlin, was announced. Newspaper Subscriptions were discussed and Council agreed to carry out plans to make delivery to the dorms possible.

The third meeting was held on Tuesday, September 25th. The upcoming presidential election was announced and petitions were made available. The council was informed that newspaper subscriptions for the Detroit Free Press would be made available to all residents. Committee reports were discussed.

AHC is hard at work, but it needs the help of all residents. If you have time or ideas to contribute, please contact your Area Hall representative or any member of the council. AHC meets every Tuesday at 7:00 in room 445 Hamlin.

At the October 2nd meeting of AHC some very important issues were discussed. The forthcoming O.U. Homecoming was announced and a request for assistance was made by Julie Nagy, who is in the group working to make the Homecoming a success. Sandie Johnson informed AHC of the cancellation of Congress ratification of the new constitution. The committees gave their reports and money was allocated to the Newsletter for its first publication. Monica Homann, from Student Organizations, described future fund-raising projects for The Village. She also suggested that Area Hall Council join with Student Organization in some of these activities. Tickets for the Cabaret were distributed to all Area Hall Council members for advance sale. This concluded the fourth meeting of AHC this year.

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S P O R T S

Womens Libber

By: Pete Pollino

Following in the shoes of Billie Jean King is Oakland U's feminist athlete Sue Mumm. Sue plays football for the Anibal Co-op Intramural Team. At one time she was the captain of the team by virtue of election, but resigned because she felt she didn't know enough of the rules to be a good captain. Sue, who also likes to play tackle, says that the most she has had to put up with so far is a lot of wise cracks.

Besides playing football Sue is a member of the Women's Basketball team. She also likes to work out with weights and is able to full press 80 pounds. Sue feels that most women could be much stronger than they are if they weren't afraid of stepping out of their social role as the weaker sex.

Sue has designed her own major in Woman Studies, and during the winter semester will teach a course under the New Charter College about women. She is also planning to open a Women's Center on campus where women can obtain feminist information, plan political projects, and give counseling.

Cross's Country

By: Darrell Datle

Yes, Jennifer, Oakland DOES have a cross country team, headed by newly acquired coach John Osler the team is now well into its season. Since this is the first year that OU has had a cross country team to speak of, recruiting distance runners from the some 9,000 students has been difficult and the size of the team has varied between five and ten members. Most of these are freshmen from high school cross country and track backgrounds. However, Coach Osler has hopes that the few promising members he currently has, together with some future recruiting, will in the near future gel into a team that Oakland can be proud of. As for the present, it's not too late for any of you aspiring young athletes with dreams of stardom to see John Osler in the Sports and Recreation Building to sign up now.

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A few days later, I went back to the Bookstore (with no belongings) and told one of the workers that if they caught somebody trying to sell back a Human Variation book with my name on it, or a name that had been crossed out, to be suspicious. I don't know how much good it did, but it was all I could think of.

Now, I understand why the Bookstore has the system of not letting people take books and stuff into the store, there wouldn't be any way of telling which articles had already been paid for, and it would create a big hassle. But despite this fact, I feel that the Oakland Bookstore could have a much better system. Sure, they have lockers you can rent, but who wants to fool around with a combination lock, etc, etc.? One solution would be to have a guard stand by the book shelves and keep an eye on everything. I realize it is a boring job, but it's no worse than washing windows or picking up litter. This might cut down on book losses. Another method is used by the community college in Port Huron. When a student buys a book, he is given a card with the number of the book on it, and his signature. The Bookstore also keeps a copy of the numbered, signed card. This way no one can resell the book unless he presents the card with it. This has really cut down on ripping off books on campus.

These are only a couple of solutions to a complicated problem. I have talked to several students who have lost belongings in the store and they too were pretty upset about it. But for now, until they do put in a new system of book check, my advice is not to take any important objects into the Bookstore, for you never know when a thief may strike. And by the way, If any of you ever see a stray Human Variation book.....

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Leaders

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One of the main topics of AHC October 9th meeting was the removal of the fire lane near Anibal and Fitz. Also, the residents' parking lot by the I.M. Building may be converted to a commuter lot. If this course of action is pursued, the residents of the three smaller dorms would have to park behind Vandenburg in an already overcrowded resident parking lot. Work on removing the fire lane is to begin the morning of October 10th at 8:00. President O'Dowd agreed to have a meeting with the dorms involved, a representative of AHC, and a few other concerned persons. A formal letter expressing AHC's disapproval was also sent to President O'Dowd.

Also, new ideas for events and fund-raisers were discussed. The Coffeehouse announced its first movie 'Chamber of Horrors' which will be shown in the near future. Discussion of Cabaret tickets sales showed that at present sales are slow, but progress is expected. Remember the Cabaret, Friday, October 12th.

Zodiac Dinner

By: Lisa Caron Mills

On Friday night, Saga Food Service is putting on a Zodiac Dinner Party. The cafeteria and tables will be decorated with stars and comets and other astrological signs. The meal will consist of dishes from the regular menu but with a different slant. Each dish will be assigned to a particular sign of the zodiac, such as fish for Pisces and beef for Taurus.

Saga is planning this dinner in conjunction with the Area Hall Council and the Oktoberfest Weekend.

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