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Angel Menzie and Ted Hollis in Newley Musical

Stop the World Starts Tonight

"Stop the World -- I Want to Get Off" opens tonight at 8:30 in the Barn Theatre, which is south of the Science Building. The production by the Student Enterprise Theatre will run for two consecutive weekends, November 3-4 and 10-11.

The musical comedy, by Anthony Newley and Leslie Bri-

Panel of Experts To Attack Vietnam In Seminar Series

A distinguished panel of experts will tackle controversies surrounding the Vietnam war in a series of seminars to be presented at Oakland on Saturday, November 4.

Chou Shu-kai, Nationalist China's Ambassador to the United States, will speak in the gym at 11 a.m. He will be followed by Indiana Congressman S. Ross Adair, a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, who will speak at a luncheon at Vandenberg at noon.

Arthur Collingsworth, research associate for the Center for Strategic Studies at Georgetown University will then be back in the gym at 1:30, to be followed by General Lucius Clay, former chairman of the American Red Cross and the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The seminars will be educationally oriented, non-partisan, and aimed at college students. They will be open also free of charge to the general public.

cusse, premiered in London with overwhelming response and enjoyed a year-long run on Broadway before touring America. The story is centered around a circus clown who assumes the role of Little-chap -- a musical form of Everyman. In a hap-hazard lifetime of social climbing, he rises from tea-boy to Parliament and encounters Evie the Englishwoman, Anya the Russian, Ilse the German and Ginnie the American, only to find that all along Evie was his only real love.

Thomas A. Aston is artistic director of the student group, whose name was recently changed from the Meadowbrook Theatre Guild. He is being assisted by John Broome, choreographer for the original production.

The cast includes:

Littlechap	Ted Hollis
Evie	Angie Menzie
Jane	Midge Keppel
Susan	Jackie Lindy
Little Boy	Jon Kulick
Urchins	Chris Schoof
	Barbara Clay
	Linda Jarkey
	Pamela Kladzyk
	Beth Brody
	Pam Harrington
	Jane Zurlinden
	Jean Stevens
	Harolynn McElyea
	Carolyn Kovac
	Bonnie Hall

For ticket information call 2182.

Attention!

November 10 is the last day to drop a course with an N grade.

Three Key Choices In Next Referendum for Memorial

by William Swor

On Wednesday, November 1, from noon till two o'clock, twelve interested students and members of the Wilson Memorial Committee met to discuss the pros and cons of the three choices in the run-off referendum for the Wilson Memorial. The referendum vote will be held this Monday and Wednesday, November 6th and 8th.

An open meeting was held in response to complaints by the students who said that they did not get information about the choices on the last referendum.

The three choices in this vote are: The Bell Tower, Books for the Library and a Memorial Park.

The Bell Tower was the controversial choice of the first election. The minimum cost for a bell tower of any kind would be \$200,000. The arguments for a bell tower are the following: it would be a substantial (physical) memorial; it will be (could be) unique; it has the sole and specific purpose of being a memorial to Mrs. Wilson; it would stand out as an imposing(?) construction (?).

The arguments against a bell tower: Many people would not want to spend \$200,000 on any memorial; everyone has a bell tower--there is no uniqueness of idea in a bell tower; it is a staid rather than dynamic memorial; it is a monument to money; it has no purpose; there is no practical use for a bell tower.

The second choice is books for the library. The library would

be delighted to have books which it needs. It could put a bookplate in each of the books stating that it was a gift as a memorial to Mrs. Wilson. The library staff could not promise, however, that the books would be processed speedily. It could not count on a raise in its budget to take care of the hiring of personnel to process the books. Also the books would not be a lasting memorial to Mrs. Wilson.

The third suggestion is a memorial park. The main arguments for the park centered basically around the ideas that a part of the campus should be set aside as a natural memorial to Mrs.

Wilson, and it would be of great aesthetic value. The only argument against this was that a park site had already been set aside; but it was explained that this was a recreational-type park.

The committee stressed that while the Board of Trustees asked for a fifty percent vote on the referendum, this does not mean that if there is no quorum the vote will be invalid. The board may still decide to accept the decision.

Voting areas will be set up outside the grill and in front of the O.C. lounge for commuters. Dorm students will be able to vote in their dinner lines.

Study In Depth: Tom Strong, Department of Public Safety

by Jeff Zabner

The expansion and development of the Oakland University Department of Public Safety and its activities has created just and warranted concern and at times fear on campus within the student body and faculty.

Some of this student anxiety may in fact be due to some guilt-ridden consciences or paranoia. But, assuming that our student fellows are intelligent, rational, and mentally stable, then THERE MUST BE SOME FACTUAL BASIS FOR THEIR ANXIOUS BEHAVIOR.

First we must consider the head of the Department, Tom Strong, and his viewpoints.

Strong is a graduate of MSU and has a B.S. in police administration. He was a probation officer in Saginaw and, for 7 years prior to coming to O.U., a special agent in the U.S. Secret Service where he was primarily involved in the protection of the President, counterfeiting of U.S. currency, and the forgery of government obligations.

Strong's viewpoints and his policies do not always jive. He views his department as a three phase unit dealing with fire prevention and protection, public safety and of course as a police organization. As the Department is engaged in all three phases, Strong is dismayed that many people place too much weight on the police aspect. However, Strong also admits that he is first and foremost a law-enforcement officer.

Here then, clearly, is an admitted breach of responsibility and stated policy. As for fire prevention and protection, most dorm students clamber through three or four fire drills a sem-

ester which usually occur around 1:30 a.m. However, as intelligent members of an institution of higher learning, most of us know that fires also occur during the

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Coden, Poets At Off-Campus

Folksinger Ron Coden, fresh from an engagement at The Raven Gallery, highlights this weekend's Off-Campus entertainment. One of Michigan's best folksingers, Coden will be performing in three separate shows Saturday night - at 9:10, 10:30, and 11:45. Admission is 50¢ per show and the house will be cleared for each performance.

Friday night is Student Night at the Off-Campus. Jim Goldberg will be reading his European poetry and Jim Suttorius his love poems. Adding a change of pace will be classical guitarist Phil Boykin. Fifty cents per person covers the entire night's entertainment, from 9 to 1 A.M.

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Editorials

Pranks Incite Anger

An Open Letter to the "Men" of Van Wagoner: You are very clever. Indeed, the stunts that were pulled off last Monday night must go down as the most original and creative in your glorious history. For originality, comprehensiveness and organization we commend you.

However, there is another side to this coin, the side with the value marking on it. There are over 1,300 people living on this campus, and the position in which all of these residents found themselves Monday is rather frightening.

What, we ask, would have happened if one of the Hill girls had been stricken with an attack of appendicitis or if there had been some other emergency that required medical attention? How could one have found his way out of the dormitory? And once out of the dorm, could one have found his way out of the University? Because it seems that not only were the dormitories barricaded, but all of the entrances and exits to the University were sealed off as well.

And what would have happened if there had been a fire? Could even five people have been saved out of a whole dormitory? Probably not. People would have been unable to get out, and fire trucks could not have come in. The dorms and the University as a whole were sealed off completely from all safety links with the outside world.

A practical joke, or a series of them, is very healthy; such activities are looked upon most favor-

ably by all. But when it comes to endangering the life, health, safety and welfare of anyone, let alone a whole community, then we feel that no one should be allowed to commit such acts. Because who are you, Van Wagoner residents, to place anyone in such a hazardous position?

One guideline which we suggest is that an individual can do anything he wants, so long as he doesn't jeopardize the life or property of anyone else. This is the obligation of living in society. And this was clearly not followed on Monday.

Coming away from home to go to school necessitates a certain degree of responsibility: Each individual must assume this responsibility for himself; each must decide what is the proper way to act in any given situation, and each is responsible for his own actions. And when an entire dormitory acts with such immaturity then that entire residential body must be held responsible for such unfortunate occurrences as these of Monday. Silence, says the law, means consent.

Due to the serious nature of the actions, we suggest a serious and significant reaction: that the "men" of Van Wagoner be required to do something constructive for the student body. One possibility would be to improve the Mott Center entrance to the campus.

An Open Post-Script to Tom Strong: Where, pray tell, were the protectors of the public safety last Monday night?

Public Safety Really For Public Safety?

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daytime, even when the sun is shining or when the snow is falling. It seems reasonable that if a fire were to hit some O.U. building during the day, we would experience a fire disaster similar to that at Cornell University earlier this year. However, we can breathe easy. For our fire protection we have Tom Strong who can call the Pontiac Township Fire Department a "bucket brigade."

The Department of Public Safety doesn't seem to be doing much about public safety either. Where are our PUBLIC SAFETY men to direct traffic for the Meadow Brook theatre? Why, for instance, does a student have to drive over the theatre lawn in order to bypass two lanes of incoming traffic on Vandenberg Drive?

Where are our PUBLIC SAFETY men when they are needed to look into an attempted breaking and entering complaint at VBH? Part of the answer lies in an incident which occurred late in September of this term: One of the night door guards at Pryale House received a call from the Public Safety night dispatcher asking if he, the guard, had seen the patrol car or the man on duty, as he was needed for the above complaint.

The officer-on-duty finally showed up three hours later, too late to handle the call. According to the University security plan, the officer on duty should pass each area of his appointed

route at least once an hour. This is not the case apparently, and indicates a lack of campus protection at night.

Strong said that his department is responsible for the university area bordered by Squirrel, Walton, Adams and Butler roads, including the faculty subdivision, and now, the Meadow Brook Estate. But, the estate is protected by a private police force. The question still remains "Where are our PUBLIC SAFETY men, when we need them?"

There is another implication from this same minor incident. Pryale's door guard was issued two parking tickets for parking in the space next to the head residents car while he was on duty. That's normal, but the tickets weren't issued until approximately 5:30 a.m. Again, where was the cop?

In addition, when the door guard confronted the officer and explained his situation, the officer voided the tickets and told the door guard not to say anything to "Mr. Strong." Shades of ticket-fixing Sheriff Bubeck! This reporter asked Strong to explain this "fixing" incident and was told that the officer would be reprimanded and that an order would go out prohibiting any "on the street decisions" by the officers pertaining to tickets.

DETERRENT FORCE

What seems to be more important, however, is that Strong says his department is not a deterrent organization, but is here

in part to control anti-social conduct. But, his organization did not do a very effective job of controlling anti-social conduct when the "men" of Van Wagoner illegally moved 45 locked cars from the VB lot into the campus roads effectively blocking all incoming and outgoing traffic. The officer on duty stayed in his car watching the "anti-social conduct" without attempting to stop this illegal activity.

Thus, if the Department of Public Safety is not engaging in the "control of anti-social conduct," the only possible admitted behavior of the Dept. is that of a deterrent organization.

This, of course, is a rather presumptuous statement, but many students do actually feel that Strong and his men are out to get them. There are reports of incidents which seem to indicate that this situation does exist: wiretapping, electronic surveillance, undercover narcotics agents on campus, hired narcotics specialists, paid student informers, and illegal entry into students rooms.

When this reporter confronted Strong with all of these rumors, he flatly denied that any of these activities exist on campus. He did say, however, that he would permit an outside police organization to conduct an investigation on campus if it had a valid reason and could present evidence warranting such action.

Strong emphasized that the official University policy does

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Letters to the Editor

Van Wagoner Joke Stirs Ire

Well, Men With A Heart you've done it again. Once more, the "men" of Van Wagoner have proven to be what everyone thought they were. The Hill girls call you the "animals," the Vandenberg girls all move away when you stand in the dinner line, the Anibal girls are afraid of you and the Pryale girls ignore you.

You, illiterates who begin a letter with "irregardless," who think a rotating chair on the faculty means a big leather chair moving from one office to the next (yep, one of the M.W.A.H. signed his name to it on the Vandenberg commentary board), who march into dinner, filthy, wearing twinkly T-shirts, dare to criticize a satirical, somewhat biting, but meaningful editorial, and as usual, you haven't the faintest idea of the point the editor is trying to make. And, last night, well, you really fixed things.

I guess we could have expected this from you. Considering the source, and all that -- . But, you big dopes, don't you realize that by blocking all the exits to the dorms, you were taking the chance and the responsibility, that there wouldn't be any emergencies: that Patsy's baby wouldn't develop any of the sudden, possibly fatal illnesses that hits babies late at night; that none of the diabetics living here would suddenly go into a coma; that no one would be caught in the elevator, or fall down the stairs; that one of the night janitors wouldn't have a sudden heart attack; that one of us, any of us, wouldn't just go nuts? Supposing there was a fire last night? The only ones left to tell about it would be the "men" of Van Wagoner, because their dorm was the only one that wasn't blocked up.

Do you feel like big men now, after you stole and abandoned cars, broke into the Oakland Center, ruined the locks on the Vandenberg loading docks, terrorized the night janitor, and stole all the furniture from the cafeteria? You all got quite a big laugh, I'm sure. But what if the women who work in the cafeteria couldn't get onto campus and into the kitchen on time, because of your big joke? You would be the first ones to complain about the lousy service and that your eggs were cold again.

You "men" aren't the only ones to be blamed, though, I suppose. Where were all your R.A.'s? Where was Mr. Starr? Don't tell me that they didn't realize that the dorm was being emptied at 2 a.m.! I suppose this is another example of the good, clean fun you boys like to indulge in. By the way, where was our Security Force? I'm sure the parked cars they were investigating couldn't have been so engrossing that it was impossible to see or hear the noise you undoubtedly made. Or were they terrorized too?

In a larger, older, and wiser school than this, the whole dorm would be put on social probation unless those directly responsible were to come forward, confess, and take the consequences and

the steps toward straightening everything out. But this isn't a large, old, or wise University, and it apparently isn't administered by people capable of appropriately censuring these juvenile vandals. Oakland's policy seems to ignore discipline problems and hope they'll go away.

This incident could set a precedent, all you interested observers. The legal term for this "fun" is malicious vandalism and it carries both a fine and a jail sentence.

I'm not saying that the University should press charges, because I know only one offended party who has the real right, and the guts to do it. And he's too much of a nice guy.

But just wait. If we can't control "fun" like this, how will we handle something bigger and nastier when it comes along? And it will, because there are people who take advantage of incidents like this.

So, fellas, thanks a lot. I just hope you're all as ready to stand up later on, to clean up the debris, when the real trouble starts. Anita Kranitz #6021

Consider Not Voting

To the Editor:

In the upcoming vote on a suitable memorial for Mrs. Wilson, the possibility of no memorial seems to have been neglected. If this choice does not appear on the ballot every uncast ballot will count as a no vote. This means that if the turn out is under 50% of eligible voters there should be no memorial built.

David J. Russell, #8930

Chancellor Too Busy

To the Editor:

Has anyone ever told you that one of the things that makes Oakland University great is that the administrative elite is willing and eager to listen to students, either en masse or individually? Well, they were obviously mistaken!

Over the course of two semesters I have made 5 or 6 appointments with Chancellor Varner, in order to voice my opinions on a number of issues and policies. For one reason or another, he has been forced to break all of them, and, on these occasions, his office has failed to notify me.

This past Friday, having a ten o'clock appointment with the Chancellor, I entered his office and was informed that he had stepped out momentarily. This momentary delay proceeded to be a half hour detainment. At ten thirty, Mr. Varner entered the reception area of the administrative offices, smiled at me, and walked down the hall to his office. At ten forty-five I left. Both the main receptionist and his own secretary knew of my appointment and that I had been waiting, but I was never notified that Mr. Varner was ready to see me. I left because it became obvious that the Chancellor was too busy to see me. It seems he always is. STUDENTS BEWARE . . . D. B. VARNER PERMANENTLY BUSY . . . GIVE UP!

Larry Friedman, #5753

Notices

Ravi Shankar, the virtuoso musician who introduced the sitar to Western concert audiences, will appear at the Masonic Auditorium on November 4, at 8:30 p.m.

Shankar has lately become a pop idol in Great Britain because of Beatle George Harrison's interest in the sitar.

In order to give students of the sitar first-hand knowledge, he gave lessons in Los Angeles during the summer, and he was

recently awarded an endowed chair at the City College of New York.

Recently Shankar was awarded the Padma Bhusan by his country for the real service he has performed in bringing Indian music not only to the rest of the world but to his own people.

Tickets are available at Maxwell's or the Masonic Auditorium.

Senior Teacher Education Majors! Plan to attend the teacher placement seminar on Tuesday, November 7 from 4 p.m. to

5 p.m. in Room 156 NFH. Information applicable to finding a teaching position for those students who will graduate in January, April or August of 1968 will be distributed at this meeting.

Recruiters on campus November 7 through November 10 will be as follows:

Tuesday, Nov. 7 - The Udy-lite Corporation; Internal Revenue Service.

Wednesday, Nov. 8 - R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company; Roseville Public Schools.

Thursday, Nov. 9 - Control Data Corporation; Clawson Public Schools; U. S. Army Tank-Automotive Command.

Friday, Nov. 10 - U. S. Army Tank Automotive Command; Parke Davis & Company.

Flying Club promoting sky diving on campus. Those interested leave name and phone number in mailbox at O.C. Anyone with FAI class C or better parachuting license, please call Pete Lector, ex. 2779.

Greg Paxson and Dan Downing will give a reading of original poetry on Friday November 10 at 8 p.m. in the Birmingham Community House. There will also be an exhibit of works by a contemporary photographer. \$1.00 for students, \$2.00 for general public.

A Unitarian student group, Student Religious Liberals, is trying to be born on campus. Come to an organizational meeting - Tuesday, Nov. 7, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., 125 Oakland Center. Bring your anger, frustration, curiosity, gripes, and the University. COME!

Prank Contest Seals Campus

The campus awoke Tuesday morning astonished by the results of Van Wagoner's Prank contest. Hill House was completely blocked in, all entrances to the University were blocked, the Vandenberg cafeteria was devoid of chairs.

The condition of the campus was a shock to all except the men of Van Wagoner, who carefully planned the prank contest and executed the various activities in a highly organized manner. Edward Starr, Head Resident of Van Wagoner said, "I was as pleased as I could be. The event showed that students were enthusiastic, creative, responsible and not apathetic." Starr stated that 200 guys participated in the contest.

First prize was given to the men of the first floor, who attempted to prevent all the other

floors from carrying out their pranks by locking everyone inside Van Wagoner. Although this attempt was not wholly successful, Deans Dutton and Birch, who judged the contest, awarded them the first prize for their attempt.

The second floor was responsible for removing all the chairs from the Vandenberg cafeteria. Entering the cafeteria late at night, they neatly stacked all the chairs on the first floor, causing a great inconvenience for all those who had to eat breakfast in the cafeteria.

The fourth floor blocked all the doors to Hill House with concrete blocks, forcing the girls to go out through the windows.

The fifth floor moved 45 cars from the resident parking lot and blocked all the entrances to the University. In addition, Starr's car was placed on the bridge over Beer Lake.

The sixth floor hid three men in the Oakland Center. When the coast was clear they, aided by their fellow residents, blocked all the Oakland Center entrances with cardboard boxes.

There was some concern over the effects of the pranks, but Tom Strong stated that there were no injuries and no property damage. One of the officers stated that had he known about the blocking of Hill House, he would have prevented it. Blocking all the doors would be a serious hazard

In reply to this, Starr said: "Exit and entrance to Hill House has never been limited by doors."

The Wise Fable of Ancient Oaklandium

An ancient, far-off country, was ruled by a shan. The shan was epileptic, so he had a bodyguard named Strong Thomas who was always to stay by him, to care for him in case of an attack. One day, when Strong Thomas was somewhere else, the shan had a seizure, and, because Strong Thomas was not there, the shan died.

An old wise man found the errant Strong Thomas and asked, "Where were you when the fit hit the shan?"

SATURATION LEVELS UNDER NEW LAW

Under the new implied consent law, the driver who drinks may be in danger of arrest if he has downed the following minimum amounts of liquor in one hour. The figures represent one-ounce shots of 100 proof liquor. Officials say that one ounce is the equivalent of a 12-ounce bottle of beer.

Your Weight	Driving can Be Impaired	Driving is Impaired	You Are Drunk!
100 lbs.	1.7 shots	3.33 shots	5 shots
150 lbs.	2.5 shots	5 shots	7.5 shots
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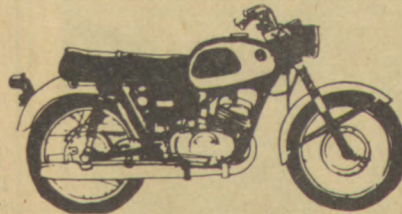


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