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## 13 is the Number

### Winners Revealed

Elections for the sixth Dorm Council were held last Wednesday.

Dorm Council originated in the winter of 1963 when a group of students, deciding it was time for a resident government, formed a committee. That group formulated plans for the first Dorm Council.

The Council has been responsible for many improvements in dorm management. It has instituted the Sunday Open Houses, the V.I.P. program, and aided in planning dorms #5 and #6.

Plans for this year include the establishment of a campus radio station and enrichment of the V.I.P. program.

### Committee Opening

Any freshman interest in being considered for an appointment to the Student Library Committee may obtain an application at the Student Center Desk in the Oakland Center. Currently there is one unfilled position.

The Student Library Committee is responsible for the paper-back book exchange, the art rental service, and other assorted functions.

This year the Council members will be:

#### At Large :

Bill Connellan  
Chuck Clark  
Ken Silver  
Mel Kozek  
Jean Gordon

#### Anibal

Margaret Meeker

#### Fitzgerald

Mike Michalok

#### Number 5

"Dike" Lewis  
Jim Conboy

#### Hill House

Connie Eaman  
Vickie Frost

#### Pryale

Dave Ward  
Colleen Lawson

### Again?

Disappointed by a small turnout, a self-established committee on student government moved cautiously Tuesday to establish a new group to build popular support for an all-student government.

The self-established committee (continued on page 4)

## Commuters Unite; Energetic Freshman Grab Want More Voice Observer Editorial Posts

Initiation of a commuter council took place Sept. 20 at 4 p.m. in Oakland Center with 82 students in attendance.

This is the first of a series of meetings which will begin and develop a commuter council, giving commuter students representation in Oakland's operation.

Disturbed by the lack of participation the commuters take in campus affairs, Dick Bentzen, Jim Girardot, and Lee Morningstar originated the idea of the new council.

Bentzen pointed out the need for more student government and the fact that the chancellor and administration want the commuters to have a say in Oakland's affairs and to work on the appointed committees.

Girardot noted that if commuters had more voice in student government, they would take more interest in campus affairs and would take a larger part in campus activities.

Edward Birch, director of Oakland Center and advisor for student government, suggested that the council could take care of the parking situation, the grill and Sunset Room, and other matters. (continued on page 4)

Six veteran staff members and five freshmen will occupy administrative posts on the Observer this term.

David Johnston, editor since last May, is a psychology major. Johnston's goal with the Observer is "to develop a strong structure in the Observer so that the organization will be able to continue from year to year without difficulty."

New this year is Janet Crouse, named managing editor. A freshman from Cass Technical High School in Detroit, Miss Crouse said, "This job seems most challenging and interesting to me. We

have a very good staff."

Sheri Jonston, Editrix Emerita, is now acting as news editor. Mrs. Johnston, an active member of the staff, is a former editor of the Observer.

Operating under the news editor this term are 6 sub-editors who cover various facets of the university.

Alice Hayes, a Flint freshman, has been appointed administration editor. Miss Hayes is a Spanish major.

Freshman Sandy LaBelle has been named academic editor. She was co-editor of her Lincoln Park high school paper and will major in biology.

Covering campus life is sub-editor Frank Loomis, who comes from the western side of the state, Benton Harbor. His experience is in news and feature writing.

Creating the Observer's cartoons is freshman Tim Sanders, who has been named feature editor. His cartoons appeared in his Middleville, Michigan, hometown newspaper.

Sophomore Jim Hinga will continue his sportsy-craftsy coverage of Oakland athletics.

Dave Kepley, winter-term photo editor has also resumed his post.

Handling the financial aspect of the Observer is business manager, Maggie O'Reilly.

Edith Bozanich, a sophomore, heads the circulation department.

## Tragedy to Open Theatre Season

Euripides' tragedy, "The Trojan Women" will open the Theatre Guild's new season, October 28-30.

Rehearsals began September 17 for this first production and presentation of classical Greek theatre on the Oakland stage.

Director Tom Aston noted that the drama will be heavily scored with electronic sound, and the mise en scene unusual.

Tom Towler will handle sound, Jim Hays set and light design. The cast includes:

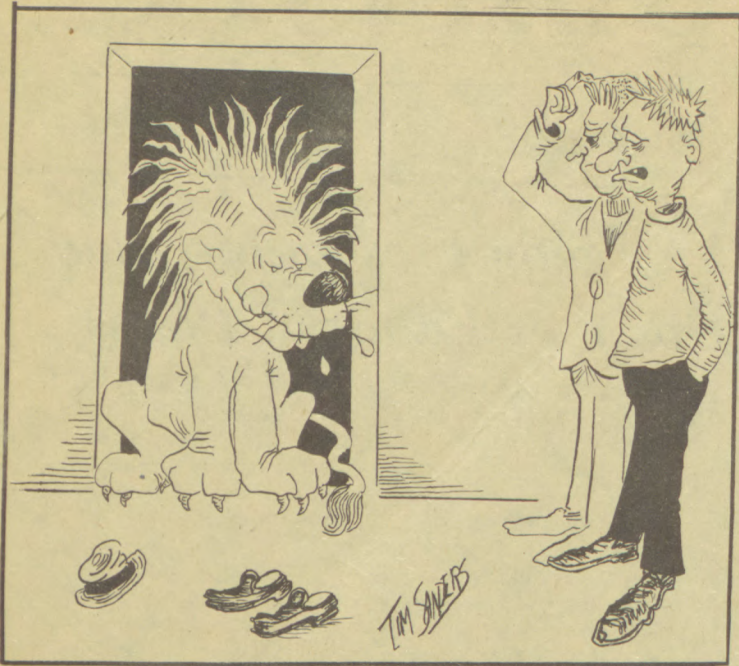
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Hecuba	Pamela Roberts
Cassandra	Valerie Jacobsen
Andromache	Ginger Smith
Helen	Sally McMillan
Talthybius	Will Coffin
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Soldiers	Mark Durand
	Jody Shapiro
	Chorus

Wanda Bethea	Lynda Cody
Jania Szatanski	Renee De Cleene
Cindy James	Karilyn Tompkins
Patricia Rubinoff	Barbara Garrick
Mary Bound	Tenya Algor



Motor Sports Club table draws attention from prospective members on Wheel's Night. Other tables advertising various clubs and organizations at Oakland were equally as popular.

- photo by Winston



"I think it was the R.A. with some drivel about pets in the dorms."

**The Crucible**

By Daniel Stein

**Demands On Integrity**

I came from a very typical high school. A good education was its professed goal. I underwent willful plastic surgery of my ideas, values, and appearance so that I was agreeable.

Indeed, I was a good operator. I stayed in school. And I came to Oakland.

I should not be interested in a marketable education. I should not be interested in a marketable personality. Unfortunately society has assumed that I must be, and that you must be. For it has sought to impose a working consensus on values, tastes and behavior among all whose back-

grounds and experiences might otherwise be so greatly in conflict as to prevent their expedient functioning.

We must act like cogs, but when were we given the choice of whether we wanted to be cogs?

When were we given the choice of what values we should use in order to achieve the expedient functioning necessary in any social system?

When and how seriously have you last questioned your most obvious and basic values? When did you last consider it a moral issue to write a paper for a teacher?

Indeed it does not generally take long to learn what a certain teacher expects of you. But when did you last consider whether what was expected was right to give?

If ever a professor demands, as return for you mark, a "creative" regurgitation of his own sentiments, bear in mind "to plagiarize is to steal, for purposes of using as one's own, the idea, . . . or conclusions of another." (Donald D. O'Dowd, *On Propriety and Propriety in Ideas.*)

Our Generation of Expediency should consciously be the greatest mountebanks, operators and frauds in history. Unfortunately it is all too often not conscious.

**Retraction**

Editor David Johnston announced this week that the Observer would withdraw its decision to eliminate the title "Miss" from its pages.

Citing community reaction to the proposal as the reason for its withdrawal, Johnston said, "Hell hath no fury like a woman after a husband who wants everyone to know she's available."

He also acknowledged that the original idea came from a similar decision by Stockholm newspapers.

**Notes From Mary Jane**

By Ashley L. Morrisette  
opolized by a small fraction of the world's population.

They are basically economic revolutions, often manipulated by outside interests with a particular political goal in mind.

The economic factor in the Quebec movement is only secondary. The main force behind the disturbances in Canada is an increased awareness on the part of French-Canadians that they are inherently different from the rest of the Canadians.

Quebec is already a separate country because the majority of French-Canadians identify with the province rather than with

Canada at large. All that remains to be achieved is the bothersome technicality of separation itself.

Will the drive for separation be successful? Looked at from the superficial point of view of the political scientist with his statistical abstracts or the economist with his G.N.P. and N.N.P. charts, the whole revolt becomes an impractical bit of romanticism.

The problems facing an independent Quebec appear overwhelming. But I believe that it will be an independent Quebec which will eventually have to come to grips with those problems. For the leaders of the FLQ don't pretend to be proceeding from a rational, politically sound basis.

This is a nationalistic, not an economic revolt. And, as we all know, there is little of logic and reason in nationalism. But as long as we have a world composed of nation-states, any group of people which conceives of itself as different from its neighbors and possesses a will to survive as a nation, must be recognized as such.

It may be argued that the nationalistic uprising in Quebec is a step toward increased international anarchy. The evils of nationalism are numerous and obvious.

There are few respected people in the academic, intellectual world who today consider nationalism a desirable thing. Perhaps this is the reason why the student Left in America has tended to ignore or implicitly condemn the FLQ's activities. But the fact remains that nationalism is probably the prime motivating force in international relations today.

It's perhaps more realistic to strive for world harmony within the nationalistic framework than to attempt to achieve some illusory ideal of world brotherhood. In this way, the irrational element in man's makeup is also taken into account.

From this standpoint, it would be advisable for Quebec to receive her independence as soon as possible, as continued frustration can only create a resentment which will have its long-range effects on the harmony in that part of the world.

**Comment**

on Issues of Interest  
to the University Community

**Feminine Opinion on "Mrs." Issue**

To the Editor:

Having read your article concerning the change in policy about the status of a human being of the feminine sex, I cannot say that I found your views anything less than revolting.

First of all, there is definitely a reason to discriminate between the single women and the married women who will appear in future articles of the newspaper.

Married women deserve to be called "Mrs.," for they have earned that title with the solemn vows on their wedding days. In contrast, single women have not advanced to the position of responsibility and obligation that married women have already committed themselves.

Furthermore, one does not usually observe single women in more depressed states than married women. The married women are the ones with most of the problems.

Why should a single woman feel any more despondent in her state of celibacy than a single man? Most single people do not sit alone on deserted street corners swallowing happy pills and shedding crocodile tears. After all, the choice of matrimony re-

mains with the individual.

If a single woman desires matrimony, she can set her goals high and do something to end her present condition. Why should she need the sympathy of do-gooders who actually think "a feeling of inferiority" has obsessed the girl without a mate?

In addition, there is further need to distinguish between married and unmarried women, if only for the fact of innocence. Virginity, perhaps, is rare today, but there is no such thing as an outdated ideal. Ideals never become obsolete.

There are many women who do have a sense of moral righteousness and find nothing at all wrong with remaining pure before matrimony. A change of policy which would not make others aware of their differences from the married women would be an insult to them. As far as saving unwed mothers from shame, this is not necessary. They should have attained the illustrious title of "Mrs." before they proved their irresponsibility.

Finally, what is really so unspeakably wrong with prudence? Why hide the virtuous girl behind  
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# We Get Lots and Lots of Letters

To the Editor:

May I offer a few comments on the decision of the editors of the Observer to eliminate the distinction between "Miss" and "Mrs." I would like to suggest these considerations:

The two prefixes arose historically from a functional need and had little to do with masculine idealism or the supposed innocence of women. The prefixes sorted out women in a serviceable way in the same manner that zip codes and postal zone numbers sort out people geographically today.

When the prefixes are no longer useful they will wither. Has the editor been receiving much mail lately addressed to David Johnston, Esquire?

2) Today the prefix "Miss" is in no way a mark of inferior status, whereas the prefix "Mrs" sometimes is. "Mrs" is frequently used in the phrase "just a housewife" indicating a lower status. The modern world is full of career girls proud of the title "Miss".

Incidentally I commend the Observer for its antiquarian research in digging up the phrase "old maid". I thought this had passed from common usage.

3) The difference between "Miss" and "Mrs" is important in England and the United States in laws covering the marriage contract. Whether a woman was known to acquaintances (or in

newspaper reports) as "Miss" or "Mrs" could have an important bearing on inheritances to children, widow's dower rights, etc.

4) As a matter of right and of courtesy an individual has a claim to whatever designation he or she may wish before his or her name. The right is beyond abridgement by the stylistic whimsy of an editor. People are often quite sensitive about their names and designations. I imagine that Marcel Marceau, the French mime, would have been irked had he seen last week's Observer, where he was called Marcel Marveau.

5) The inspiration for the Observer's new style undoubtedly was drawn from a recent news report that in Sweden newspapers have abandoned the title "Miss."

The change in Sweden connects with the idea of the Observer editors that unwed mothers suffer from continued use of "Miss." Well, there is a difference between Sweden and the United States. In Sweden the number of children born outside marriages approaches 40% and is going upward.

In Michigan births outside marriage are under 3% and diminishing. Because by statute in Michigan, there is no such thing as an illegitimate birth, stigma

is a residual cultural affair unamenable to cure by changing the prefix before a woman's name.

6) Some years ago, as an offshoot of the Equal-Rights-for-Women movement, there was an organization known as the Lucy Stone League. The objectives of the League were to eliminate all designations between married and unmarried women.

The League insisted that women should not be made to adopt the names of their husbands on marriage. The objectives of the league had no appeal and the organization died from lack of feminine support.

Incidentally, the last president of the League was the wife of the late Heywood Broun. I am not implying anything about reform in the designations of women, but the Broun marriage ended in divorce.

(name withheld by request for political reasons.)

To the editor:

It appears to this reader that what Mr. Elbinger has proved in his September 17 column "Enchiridon" is his personal consistency with its theme, the mindlessness and meaninglessness of modern college students. He has not proven, by any intellectual, rational, or emotional means, a more elevating point.

The idea, though well subterfuged by overt rebellion, of El-

binger's column seems to be that as "kids" we have been forced to act as templates for adult value standards; unfortunately Elbinger believes that a total, and more-or-less spontaneous overthrow of such imposed standards is the only solution. He then has every right to contend mindlessness and meaninglessness are synonymous with life. Life to Elbinger is a gigantic, yet somehow turbulent void.

Perhaps the failure of Elbinger's paper as any logical sort of communication lies in his misconception of maturity. "The mature individual... is a master of rationalization and self deception, he stands above with pompous righteous indignation at vandalism, mischief, drinking, and promiscuity". To Elbinger mature individuals have filled in the void with substance of no meaning.

Fortunately, this is not so. Maturing is the process (for human beings) of exerting rational free will in choosing value standards which have meaning. Maturity presupposes on our mental templates of our unique values. It is a thing that comes from within rather than from without.

Mindless rebellion against irrational imposed standards is as foolish as no rebellion at all!

Daniel S. Stein

## Renovated Scholar Shop Reopens

After expanding twelve feet and adding a new stock room, the Scholar Shop opened September 13.

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**Enchiridion,**

a column by Lee Elbinger

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Some people (they know who they are) worship The Rules. Now why in the world anyone would want to worship The Rules is beyond me, but it is a fact, some people do worship The Rules, and

the rest of us have got to prepare ourselves against them -- it that is possible.

For individuals afflicted with rigid, authoritarian personalities, I have nothing but pity; for the bureaucratic syndrome I have nothing but contempt. Interaction with "red tape" is a frustrating experience that requires an expansiveness of understanding one often finds difficult to muster. As bureaucratic deposits build up in the nooks and crannies of Oakland University, so will resentment and frustration against impersonal school machinery accumulate. It was precisely this resentment that precipitated the Berkeley riots.

**Commuters**

Continued

ters that directly concern the commuters. A suggestion of working in conjunction with the dorm council was also discussed.

A committee of 28 will organize an election to determine whether the commuters want a council. If the majority is in favor of the council, a second open meeting will be held to draft a constitution and to elect representatives.

The main point stressed at the meeting was the need for a mature student government on a mature campus. The new council hopes to help manage commuter affairs and at the same time bring the commuter closer to campus life.

**Government**

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tee, headed by Rochester sophomore Charles Olsson, had worked during the summer to draft a constitution for a student government.

"We felt that SACC (who had been given the task of working on the student government issue when Con-Con disbanded last spring) wasn't going to do anything, so we started," Olsson told the gathering of 45 people.

Olsson proposed that a permanent chairman for a committee to establish a student government be elected at the mass meeting in the Gold Room Tuesday.

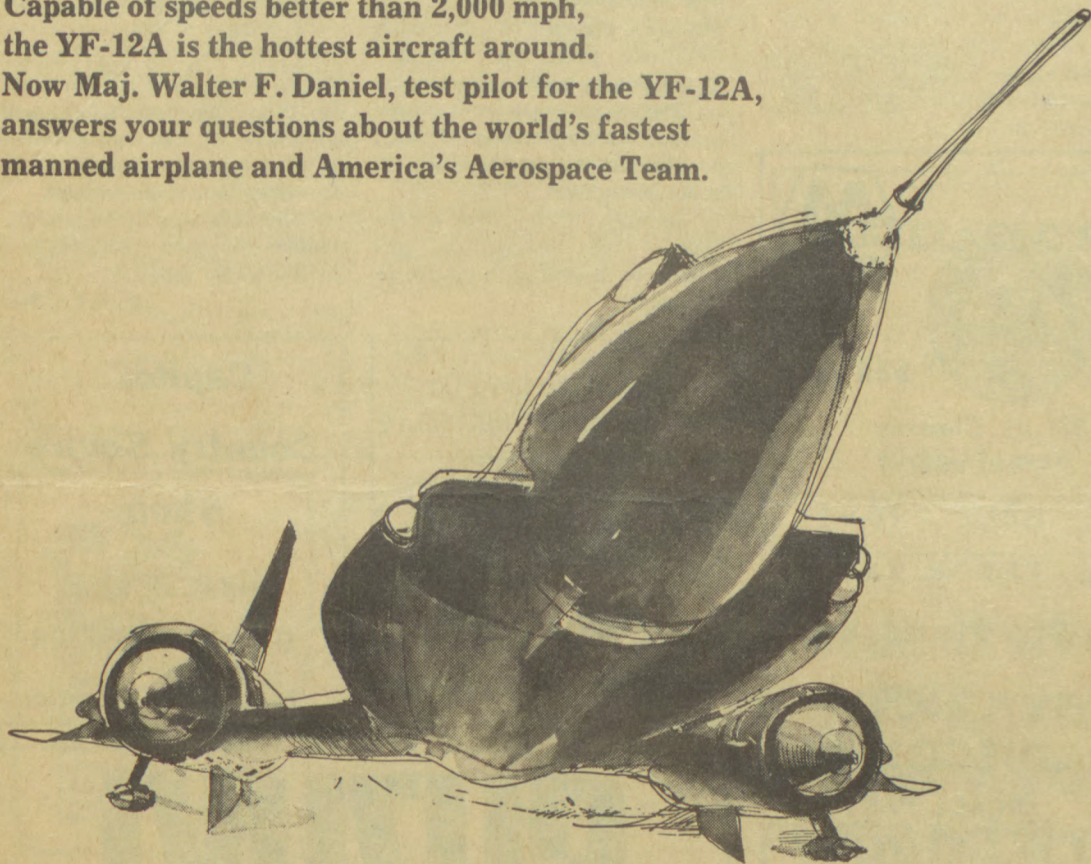
An hour long debate followed, with several ex-Con-Con members urging caution to the group.

On a motion by Dick Bentzen, the students voted to set up a committee to "launch an enthusiastic publicity campaign to establish a sufficient base for a student government."

The assembly chose Vaughn Derderian and Ron Ewalt as co-chairmen. Both are experienced in student government, and voice enthusiasm for such a group.

Bentzen's motion was carried unanimously.

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**Is the Air Force training many men as pilots these days?**

Yes, very definitely. In spite of all you hear about unmanned vehicles, the human pilot is still very much in the picture. As a matter of fact, the Air Force pilot quota is on the increase.

**What other kinds of jobs does the Air Force offer?**

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**What do I have to do to become an Air Force officer?**

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Air Force officer. The new two-year Air Force ROTC program makes this method available to men who have already completed a year or two of their college education. For college graduates, if you did not take advantage of ROTC, you can still get started through Air Force Officer Training School (OTS), a three-month course open to both men and women.

**Can I keep up my studies while I'm in the Air Force?**

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