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REMAINING POSITIONS FILLED

ELECTION RESULTS

Resident students captured all seven student-elected positions on the Commission on Student Life in the campus-wide elections Monday and Tuesday. The Dean of Student's Office reported that 992 students voted, about thirty-five percent of the student body. The winners are listed below, with the number of votes each received.

Mike Honey	457
Thomas Volgy	446
Bill Connellan	395
Kirk Dublin	385
Patrick A. Gibson	363
David Black	303
William DeLamarter	271

CHANCELLOR'S COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

In an exclusive interview with Chancellor Varner tonight, it was revealed that he has appointed two administrators, four faculty members, and one student to the Commission on Student Life. They are: Deans Appleton and Dutton, Dr. Coffman, Mr. Fitzsimmons, Mr. Richter, Prof. Shank, and Joe Kavanaugh.

Mr. Varner, commenting on the appointment of Kavanaugh, stated that he had deliberately held one position of the seven open to see if there would be any "omissions" in the student elections. After receiving the election results, he decided that it would be best to choose a commuter. Kavanaugh is Chairman of Commuter Council.

OFF CAMPUS REOPENS

The OFF CAMPUS coffee house (commonly referred to as the "Hole") opened Friday, March 10. It had been closed for two weeks for a complete remodeling and Friday, the final results were presented to the public. The exterior of the coffee-house itself has been changed. Instead of the dark, drab exterior of black paneling, there is now a wall of barn shingles and a smattering of red paint. The interior of the club is paneled in rough barn wood to approximately four and a half feet. The rest is painted off-white with a red trim. The stage area itself is paneled in two overlapping layers to the ceiling. The stage has been moved from the back of the club to the center of the full adjoining wall. This was done to make the stage more visible from all areas of the club.

Most of the work of remodeling was borne by three club members: Chris Corona, Jim Ford, and Dennis Kanka. However, most of the club members contributed in completing this task.

All of those who worked on the remodeling were given a pizza party last Thursday by Dean Birch, who praised those members for their initiative. At the same party, Chris Corona was presented with a barnyard plaque naming her Barn Stormer of the Year.

For the next five weeks, the OFF CAMPUS will be presenting a wide variety of talent ranging from Booker T. Bradshaw of the John Fernald Company, to Jug Bands, folk groups, and the regulars at the OFF CAMPUS.

For those of you who don't know, the OFF CAMPUS is located in the basement of the O. C. past the Scholar Shop.

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Reader's comments are gratefully appreciated

Editorial

What The Hell Is Wrong?

I would like to raise a few issues that have been bothering me about Vandenberg, more specifically about the west tower.

Why is the elevator always out of order? (It has been so bad at the reception desk that the receptionists have taken to putting Temporarily In Order signs on it). A lousy elevator company, overuse, or misuse?

Why do the corridor walls have battle scars? Everyday use or everyday battles?

Why is the furniture broken on the floor lounges? Cheap furniture, or an expensive way of "getting your kicks"?

How did the main lounge rug get cut? Skating accident? Well, I've got news for you, the pond's outside.

I fully realize that the Vandenberg male is extremely "horny". Take it out on a girl, not Vandenberg. How can we expect to exert peer pressure concerning "PDA" in our 2:00 o'clock lounge, as the House Council said could be done, when we can't do it concerning such simple things as malicious destruction?

Bob Cogan

Constructive Journalism

Recently, we have seen the effects of irresponsible journalism upon a serious and important election. That issue has been sufficiently covered and I shall not go over it again. What I would like to say applies to all campus newspaper staffs including, to some extent, this one. As a newspaper staff, you're in a position of influence and responsibility. As such, you must always bear this in mind when using your influence to comment on some thing or person. To abdicate this responsibility by engaging in malicious or slanderous editorialism is to abdicate your right to call yourself a newspaper. Also, slanting your coverage to suit some narrow interest is a denial of responsible ability. It denies your readers their right to the whole and complete truth. Thus, one of the signs of a mature, responsible newspaper is the ability to swallow the bitter pill as well as prescribe it.

The Commission's Responsibilities by R. Dark

Now that the Commission on student life has been selected, we all look to its members to begin their work in earnest. Their task is to examine the facts, feelings, and opinions, situation and consequences of student life at the University, then to make recommendations for change where they find it advisable.

The first step would logically be to set up the workings and procedures of the Commission, and to decide which aspects of student life are to be examined. An extremely selective priority list needs to be developed immediately with only four more weeks remaining in this semester, the Commission obviously cannot cover every aspect of student life. Each topic should be explored thoroughly. It will be far more beneficial to explore a few areas--the key areas--well than to deal superficially with the many.

Because of the extreme importance of it's task and the short time which remains of this semester, it is imperative that the Commission avoid becoming bogged down in bickering, negative wandering, or procedure.

The end product of its work will be the recommendations it makes. These recommendations must be positive and they must be most effective if they are concise, pointed, and thorough.

The Commission has another function which arises from the question "to whom are the recommendations made." Chancellor Varner has authorized the Commission to make practical and procedural recommendations directly to the persons involved. Recommendations for change in present policy must eventually be submitted to the Board of Trustees. Thus, the Commission must interpret present University policies and statements to determine if proposed action is within present policy or requires a change by the Board of Trustees.

The Vandenberg House Council assumes no liability for anything printed in Tid Bits. All articles, editorials, and comments are strictly the responsibility of the editor.

Chess Tourney Begins

The Chess Tournament being sponsored by Dorm Council Social finally got underway last week. Fitzgerald, Van Wagoner, and Pryale have each entered a five-man team, and Vandenberg two. Each will play an eight game schedule during the remainder of the semester.

The Vandenberg team 1 of Dave Thomas, Chuck Clark, John Podgurski, Dave Steinman, and Walt Huston got off to a nearly flawless start as they won nine out of their first ten individual matches. They are favored to win the Tourney.

Meanwhile, the Vandenberg II team upset Van Wagoner's highly rated team, three individual matches to two. Fitzgerald, after losing its first match to Vandenberg I, next faces Pryale, which has yet to win in two starts.

Individual victory over the player of similar rank on another team counts two points toward a team victory, a tie or 'stale-mate' counts as one. The team with the best won-lost record will win the team trophy; in case of a tie in this category, the team with the most individual points wins. Individual trophies will be awarded to the outstanding player of each similar rank or 'chair'.

Florence Committee Presents Burton Film

The Florence Committee, which was founded by interested professors and students to aid the inhabitants of flood-drenched Florence, is finally showing some results.

On March 22, the John Fernald Theatre will present a benefit performance for the Florence Committee. Also, the committee has had the good fortune to obtain the excellent documentary film, 'Florence: Days of Destruction' narrated by Richard Burton. On Wednesday, March 29, the film will be shown twice at 6:00 and 7:45 at 195 Science. The film has created quite a sensation among the art lovers of the world because of its profound portrayal of the destruction due to the flood waters.

Professors Gerulaitis, Linsalata, Cameron along with Mrs. Rapoport head the committee.

Ken Muenk, ~~and Frank Loomis~~. AS MR. Cameron sums up, "Many organizations are restoring the art, but none are helping the people. It's the people we want to help."

The Beak Speaks

by Horny* Aardvark

The sucker of the year award tie Bill Connellan and Tom Volgy for being taken by the infamous Mike Cuba. Irony: they held up the Election Committee for 1½ hours making sure there would be a fair election!

Misinformation Award: Guess What, not to the Oakland Observer but to the FitzBits. Not only can't they pick the No. 1 dorm newspaper on campus, but No. 2 "was out of sight." (Thanks for the term FitzBits ed.)

To the editor of the VB Tid Bits, Mr. Trowbridge Kast or is it Kast Trowbridge? A thank you for losing the election. Who else would be dumb enough to handle the paper? Did you really flunk high school journalism?

Ed. note: Your mother wears army shoes.

What is Michael Wagner?

Dear Miss? Hill Holler editor, please stop hiring ghost writers. Sure hope we get to see the next issue.

Do the editors of Fitz really read Ladies Home Journal?

Attention All Residents!

There will be an organizational meeting of V BAG (Vandenberg Association of Grassers) on March 20, 1967, at 10:00 in room 156. Thanks Doug Bastian.

Note to the administration: Spring is coming. That is the time to sod. Please do it before we slide into Beer Lake. Do we have to make it any easier to understand?

*Dear "Horny" Physist, I am sorry that, do to circumstances beyond my control, I was forced to use the same adjective. I will try to relieve the situation as soon as possible.

HOUSING OFFICE ANNOUNCES TENTATIVE PLANS

This summer, University women residents will be housed in Hill, men in Fitzgerald. High school boys in the Upward Bound, Study Skills, and Meadowbrook will be housed in Van Wagoner while the girls in these programs will occupy Vandenberg East.

Various adult groups will use Vandenberg West and Anibal House until June 25. A hotel arrangement, likely alternate floors men and women will be used to accommodate these groups in Vandenberg West.

Pryale House will be used as the Meadowbrook practice area, with the east wing of Anibal also being used for this purpose, if necessary.

