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## 1876 Vote: Choose Books

On November 6 and 8 the students of Oakland University voted to select a memorial to the late Mrs. Matilda R. Wilson.

The 1876 students casting their ballots made this the largest voter turnout in Oakland University's history.

The first choice of the voters was books for the library, receiving 779 votes, or 41% of the votes cast.

The second choice was the memorial park with 605 votes, or 32% of the ballots.

Finishing third was the bell tower, which received 470 votes, or 26% of the ballots cast.

The 1876 votes represent a turnout of 50-56% of the eligible student body.

The question that now remains is, since the Board of Trustees asked for a majority, not a plurality, of the votes to decide the winner, will they accept books for the library as the students choice?

I wish to clarify an error in last week's Observer.

There were certain markings in the article on the Wilson memorial that changed the nature of it, from an article to an editorial.

These markings were questions on my original notes of the article as to the appropriateness of the words "imposing" and "construction". They were typed into the article by mistake.

I did not mean to convey any slur on the suggestion of a bell tower.

I hope that this typographical error will not be taken as a reflection of the objectivity of the Observer's reporting.

-Bill Swor

## "Christie Capers" Start Saturday

Saturday, November 18, the Association for Student Social Development and the Commuter and Dorm Councils will jointly present "Christie Capers," a combination party and dance, at Mt. Christie ski lodge.

Ken Duckert, former president of ASSD explains, "We feel a joint effort like the one we are presenting is a great asset to the school and we hope there will be more joint actions in the future."

Entertaining at "Christie Capers" will be the "Panic and the Pack" and the "Air Speed Indicators."

Prices for the event will be 75¢ per person or \$1.00 per couple. Transportation will be furnished

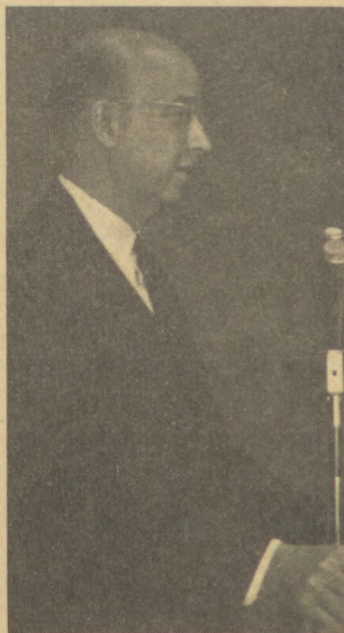
# Kerr Calls Today's Youth A Condemned Generation

by Michael Hitchcock

In an informal discussion last Tuesday, Dr. Clark Kerr stated that today's college student may be part of a generation condemned to having no impact, or rather a negative one.

Experience has shown that when students stay within the rules their protests have no effect, but when they step outside the rules, even a minor incident can produce a major counter-movement producing the opposite of the intended results. This dilemma is one of the major problems which he sees for students today.

Kerr, former President of the University of California, is currently heading a study by the Carnegie Foundation to look into some of the problems of Higher Education. The major problems which they are looking into are finance, functions structure,



Dr. Clark Kerr

## Student Power Pondered

## Leaders Retreat

By Meryl Friedman and Mark Kotler

Last weekend, November 3 and 4, Oakland University held a student leadership retreat at Camp Holiday. Sixty students attended the weekend which was, according to Denis Ferkany, spokesman for the Steering Committee, "a training program designed to aid students in acquiring leadership techniques."

The selection of speakers had a direct bearing on the outcome of the weekend. The weekend was begun with an address given by Assistant Provost William Sturmer. The Retreat took a new direction as a result of his speech, which led to a discussion, examination and analysis of independent student power.

The result of this investigation was the establishment of

an Ad-hoc Committee concerned with Student Government, which attests to the fact that there is a significant concern on Oakland's campus over the lack of centralized student power.

The other speakers of the weekend included Dr. Gwen Norrel of MSU, Mr. Harvey Burdick, and Dean of Students, Thomas Dutton.

The weekend was originated by the Dean of Student's Office. Edward Birch selected six students and four administrators to serve as a Steering Committee to plan the retreat.

The students involved enjoyed the comfortable atmosphere of Camp Holiday, the good food, and camaraderie with various members of the University faculty and administration.



Retreat Provides Opportunities for Thought and Discussion

governance, and technology.

The financial problems are growing larger with many colleges and universities in severe straits. Several private institutions have expressed fears that they cannot survive without public funds. The pressures of increasing enrollments and higher educational costs are driving more and more colleges to financial insecurity. In many cases the functions of the university are being questioned. As the university expands its activities, conflicts arise.

## Hearing Held On Recruiters

In response to a petition submitted to them asking that no further military recruiters be permitted on the O.U. campus, the Placement Committee has called a public hearing to help them decide further University placement policy.

The open hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 21, in the Gold Room at 1:30 p.m. The Placement Committee, made up of faculty and administrators, issued the following statement describing the hearings. The topic is "The use of University placement facilities by legal organizations seeking to recruit employees from among the University students. The topic has been developed in response to the petition."

The meeting is to be chaired by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, George T. Matthews. Dean Matthews said that the ruling for the public hearing provides that anyone who wishes to address the Committee submit his request to the Dean's office, 517 MWH, by 12 noon on November 16, along with a statement of the person's views.

The meeting was called as a response to two petitions submitted to the Placement Committee containing the signatures of 129 students and nine faculty members. The first petition protested the right of recruiters from the armed services on this campus; while the second petition, signed by 29 members, was a version of the first, amended to read that no recruiters be allowed at Oakland University.

The Placement Committee also ruled that until a new recruiting policy is formulated, all recruiters, whether from the Marines, Dow Chemical, or elsewhere, are permitted on campus.

Growth of universities also create structural problems, Kerr asks "What are the relationships of parts of multi-campus systems?" His commission hopes to answer such questions along with finding the differences between such setups and smaller autonomous campuses.

Another consequence of university growth is the power struggle between students, faculty, and administration. Kerr gave his own opinion of the role of various groups in governing the university.

He disagrees with Galbraith's statement that the faculty should take over the power to run the university. The board of trustees, as he sees it, fills two vital functions.

The first of these is as an innovative force against the conservatism of the faculty. Oxford and Cambridge, which are run by the faculties, admitted only male Anglican students, until they were reformed by a Royal Commission, a century ago.

The faculties are traditionally conservative forces. Kerr stated that faculties would never have created something like the giant land grant colleges.

The second major function of the board of trustees is to act as a buffer between campus and community. As the focus of dissent shifts to the campus, the board of trustees must "stand against the current winds of public opinion." He sees a serious difficulty in respect to this, when the boards are elected and then thrown into party politics.

In answers to specific questions, Kerr saw college newspapers in a difficult position.

He favors a publishing board of students, faculty, and administrators to establish a broad policy, however, there should be no censorship.

Kerr, having been involved in the Berkley problems in 1964, also has definite opinions on the role of the police in a university. At that time, he opposed police intervention, hoping to negotiate a truce instead. His position remains the same today; the police should be used only as a last resort.

Kerr believes that in spite of all the statements he has made in his career the only one that will "live for history" was made when he was Chancellor of Berkely: "There are only three academic problems, sex for students, athletics for alumni and parking for faculty."



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## Editorials

### New Government Proposed

Last weekend, a group of student leaders met to discuss the problems which they, as leaders, face and the problems inherent in the development of respectable student government organizations. They were able to agree that the fundamental problems with the status quo are first, a lack of institutionalized power, and second, a lack of unified communication links between the existing organizations.

The conference participants agreed to support the recommendations which will be made by an open ended committee of interested students. These recommendations will hopefully be for administrative and organizational centralization of student power within a student government.

The Observer has some suggestions regarding such a program.

First and foremost, the central power must be institutionalized within the university framework; the conference members apparently concur on this point. This more than any other combination of factors can lead to a viable and significant source of student power.

One format which such an organization might take is that of an elected student presidency and the offices which traditionally accompany it. Such an officer would have the authority to organize and implement student activities, and act as a spokesman for the student body just as the chancellor is the spokesman for the administrative body of the university. Under the president would be such organizations as the Dormitory, House, and Commuter councils as well as the many dozens of here unnamed clubs which constitute many little havens of tyranny for self-styled student leaders all over campus.

Such a structured bureaucracy (yes, bureaucracy!) could effectively coordinate student problems and activities, and could function as an institutionalized source of dynamic leadership for the students of Oakland.

To the committee which is attacking this problem, a problem which has been traditionally insurmountable at Oakland, we extend our most sincere best wishes and hope that they are able to devise a play which is both functional and acceptable.

### DAVID BLACK From the Orient

Hong Kong, which is to act as the "homebase" for the Oakland Semester in the Orient for about 2 1/2 months, is a British Crown Colony whose population is 99% Chinese.

Hong Kong in reality consists of three fairly distinct parts. The first is Hong Kong Island with an area of 29 square miles and a population of 1,200,000. China itself is the Kowloon Peninsula and the New Territories. In Kowloon (where our hotel is located) almost two million people are packed into 3 1/4 square miles. Kowloon has been British owned since 1860. The new territories are located between Kowloon and the border of the Peoples' Republic of China. The New Territories, which were leased by England in 1898 for 99 years, has 365 square miles and only a half million people. The rest of Hong Kong's 3,750,000 people consists of 150,000 boat people, some of whom have never set foot on land.

But these data don't give a true picture of what Hong Kong is like.

Hong Kong is a colony of contrasts. Some parts are fully developed with block after block of skyscrapers, while other parts remain forest covered mountains. The harbor between Hong Kong Island and Kowloon is crowded with ships (including dozens of ferry boats), while on the other side of the island there is a series of peaceful, salt-water beaches.

But probably the most marked contrast is between West and East. Most of the people on the street wear ordinary Western clothing, but many still dress in the basic and plain Chinese fashion (wearing outfits quite similar to the Viet Cong's "black pajamas"). There are tall Western style buildings contrasted by squatters' shacks that line many of the mountains. (These shacks house many of the people who fled Communist China before Eng-

land closed the border to human traffic.)

The Communist Chinese influence is fairly strong in Hong Kong. Scattered throughout the colony are Communist Chinese department and book stores sporting pictures of Chairman Mao, and of armed workers. Minor civil disturbances are frequent, but these incidents are always kept minor by a large and well-armed police force.

Every morning one reads about the numerous bombs found the night before, but it is most important to remember that what we call bombs are to the Chinese really firecrackers, and even most of these firecrackers fail to go off. And with all the wonderful shopping areas and cars and traffic, one doesn't get the feeling of violence, but more of being in a large and strange city, with all the intrigue and danger of any crowded city.

### Letters to the Editor

#### Innuendos Seek Character Assassination

To the Editor

Two of the major functions of the University are the discovery and the preservation of truth. Professors profess truth in their special areas, and, presumably, students come to the university to learn the methods by which others have discovered truths as well as the truths themselves. Even our political structure is geared to the ideal of truth.

It is, therefore, surprising to pick up the Oakland Observer and read two articles which could have come straight out of Confidential magazine. Far from attempting to get at the truth, they seek to make their points by innuendo and suggestion, and their aim seems to be character assassination. I refer, of course, to "Study in Depth: Tom Strong, Department of Public Safety," and "A Wise Fable of Ancient Oaklandium," both printed in the issue of November 3.

In the first article, Mr. Zaber begins by telling us that if students are "intelligent, rational, and mentally stable, then THERE MUST BE SOME FACTUAL BASIS FOR THEIR ANXIOUS BEHAVIOR, that is, where there is smoke, there must be fire. This is a perfect example of the logical fallacy non sequitur, and it is precisely this kind of thinking that the university is here to discourage. Guilt by insinuation and association is far too serious a matter to pass unnoted. Too many of us remember the McCarthy era.

The remainder of Mr. Zaber's article is quite true to the initial premise: it is a tissue of rumor, speculation, and unsubstantiated single cases from which no responsible observer (pun intended) could draw any conclusions whatever about the Department of Public Safety. If Mr. Zaber has evidence to offer, let him offer it; if not, he should realize that he is contributing to a situation which is already inflamed.

"The Wise Fable," far from being good clean fun, is dirty and vicious; one can only conclude that its purpose was the malicious destruction of character. Naturally, it is unsigned. And this brings me to my final point. Freedom implies

responsibility. As an institution serving the public of Oakland University, the Observer (and by this I mean the editorial staff which makes the decision to include or not to include materials) has a responsibility to maintain standards of logic and decency. The public good depends to a large degree on the reporting of events in the news media. A good college newspaper can perform the most prized of all public services: it can keep those in power honest. But it must do this by presenting evidence of laxity or wrong doing, not by mere innuendo. A newspaper which uses allogical devices panders to the emotions, finally defeating its own purposes.

Joseph De Ment  
Department of English

#### Fact, Opinion Blend

To the Editor:

Your article-editorial - on the operations of the Police Department and the character of our Director of Public Safety is the most scurrilous blending of fact and opinion I have had the pleasure of reading since the old days of The Chicago Tribune under Robert McCormick.

Roger H. Marz  
Associate Professor  
Department of Political Science

#### Observer/Partial?

To the Editor:

To ask for fair and impartial reporting of the news is a request which I consider nominal. A guarantee was given to the Wilson Memorial Committee that impartiality would be shown in the article on the re-election, which appeared in the last issue of the Observer. This guarantee was given by the person who wrote the article in question.

Interjection of question marks into the section on the Bell Tower was more than enough to indicate the use of editorial technique in the reporting of a straight news story. In the future, please reserve editorial comment to the editorial page, and news items to their appropriate sections.

William Goldenberg, #11012  
Member, Wilson Memorial Committee.

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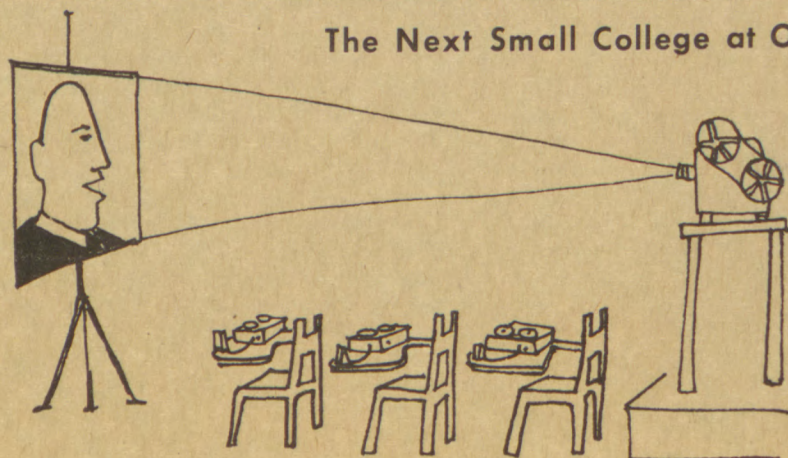
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#### The Next Small College at Oakland?



"For today's lecture turn to page..."



## MORE COMMENT . . .

## VW Brawn Shown

To the Editor:

the subject of this letter is the "prank" that Van Wagoner perpetrated against the owners of automobiles on October 30. First of all I wish to make it clear that this was no prank, rather it was car theft. This act, condoned by R.A.'s and Head Resident alike, could result in confinement in the county jail for no less than 90 days and a minimum \$100 fine for those involved.

To find one's car in the middle of University Drive, as I did, is no laughing matter. Having worked two summers to pay for a car and it's insurance and then find out some "juvenile" decided to incorporate it in a "prank" is far from a pleasing thing.

However the most disappointing part of this whole affair was the attitude of those involved when confronted with my displeasure. Not only was no apology offered, but I was told by an R.A. that if I pressed charges I would be sorry. He went on to imply physical violence would be used in retaliation of such legal actions that I might take. So now Oakland enters a new era, possibly we could label it the "Blackboard Jungle?"

I would like to put forth a suggestion as to what should be done with Van Wagoner in light of these events. As soon as possible, Van Wagoner should be turned over to the state of Michigan, or any other state that will take it, and then converted into a Halfway House. Possibly this action would give these people the type of atmosphere they desire.

James C. Conboy, Jr.

P.S. to the above mentioned R.A., I'm waiting.

## Off Campus in Red

To the Editor:

"As declared by the board meeting on November 19, 1966, Off Campus Organization is a non-profit student, campus organization of Oakland University established to provide diversified entertainment for Oakland University students."

The preceding sentence is the preamble to the constitution of the Off Campus Organization. It states, most bluntly, our purpose of being. As a non-profit organization, our sole expected return is the appreciation of students for our efforts. Without the appreciation and support of the students, it would not only be impossible, but pointless to continue our operations. For example: When we brought in the Bryan Wells Jazz Trio for \$175 in early October, there was a turnout of 45 students. We expected to take a loss, but is it worth it for only forty-five students? As another example, last Saturday night, one of Detroit's foremost performers, Ron Coden, could do no better than a thirty dollar loss.

At the beginning of this semester, we adopted a plan to provide for a higher caliber of entertainment. In order to put this plan into operation, we were appropriated the sum of \$1000 from the Ad Hoc Allocations Committee. This sum was to be used to provide for a total of twelve shows,

and give us a working lease from which to draw further funds for future shows. At this point, we have insufficient funds to carry on our programming for the rest of the semester. This is due not only to the obvious lack of student support, but also negligence on our part and on the part of the administration. We have asked the administration for additional funds, and been reassured that we would receive them. However, our request was issued at an inopportune time (just before the Sergio Mendez Concert) and due to administrative red tape, we have not received our money.

We, of the Off Campus, have expended a great deal of time and energy in providing inexpensive, high caliber entertainment for the student body at Oakland University. The question that constantly recurs is: In view of the reactions that we received this far, it is really worth the effort? Off Campus Association

## Further VW Debate

To the Editor:

I must compliment #6021 on her letter in the last edition of the Observer. She showed considerable spirit for an Oakland student, but, unfortunately, she lacks the rudimentary knowledge necessary for good reporting.

#6021 demonstrates her perceptual acuity in the first line of her letter. She refers to the "Men With Heart" as "Men With A Heart" and then she calls them illiterate. Most people have the intelligence to refrain from using idioms that are beyond their sphere of comprehension.

#6021's personal account of the events was quite alarming. I am very glad to be at Oakland University where the incidents she tells of never happened. She states that, "all exits to the dorms," were blocked. Only Hill, Vandenberg and VW were blocked by the VW men. The walls blocking Hill could have been knocked down by the girls inside or the boys outside rapidly enough so as not to endanger any of the occupants in the event of an emergency. The blocks were returned to the construction site by VW men the next night. VW stayed blocked for approximately three minutes, but could have been completely opened in five to ten seconds.

VW men also moved unlocked cars in such a manner as to block certain routes and parking areas. There were three clear routes into the University and no damage was done to any vehicle. Nobody broke into the O.C. The doors were properly opened from the inside by men stationed there. Security Police were present at both of these events.

#6021 seems sure that, "a large, older, and wiser school than this" would take strong action. In such a school such acts might have taken the form of vandalism (look up the meaning of this word, Miss #6021) and would require strong action. Perhaps you would be happier there, #6021, where the Security Police could protect you from devils, witches, long legged beasts and things that go bump in the night.

Doreen Smith, #12308

## Degeneration Is Generating Big Excitement In Europe

by Myles Schlank and Donald Main

Our draft dodging friend, Jay Kaplan, wrote back during his summer travels through Southern England of the musical merits of a moving new group. The group, Degeneration, is singular in the extent to which the philosophy behind their music is Hedonistic. The poetry of their lyrics expresses a living for pleasure, and avoiding social pain.

The instrumentation is paradoxically raucous, with the musicians fighting each other, rather than working together.

They bring to their sound the pounding beat of a Jimi Hendrix, the meaningful lyric of a John Lennon, a Bob Dylan, or a Tuli Kupferberg, and the contrapuntal orchestration of a Schoenberg, an Ives or a Phillip Spector.

The reverse side of the album Jay sent us provided us with some insight into the reasons for the unique musical style Degeneration has taken on. A gamut of the members' intriguing exper-

iences contribute to the unique sound.

Jon Morris, an aggressive businessman, is the lead vocalist and bass guitarist John Carnright contributes to the vocals, and is the lead guitarist. His interest in Sino-Atrial philosophy is a constant source for song themes. Peter E. Bahrnam, the skeptic of the group, was the original rhythm guitarist for a London group, The Fog. Peter spends much of his free time criticizing the pedantry of British culturists. Seated behind two snares, six toms, two bass drums and an interesting array of Zylgen cymbals, is York Griggiths, the shy nephew of Lord Home. York's overt behavior seriously contradicts his strong inner beliefs in anarchy and his violent disgust of the commercialized weekend "Hippiedom" rampant in America.

The fifth member of the group whose highly stylized Norwe-

gian organ playing rounds out the group's total sound, is Ivar Jorgsen. At ten, Ivar left his native Norway to enter the Paris Conservatory of Music on a full scholarship. Two years later, Ivar left school to join a rock group, crushing his instructors who felt him to be "no ordinary genius."

Perhaps the reason they have not made it big in America is that their music does not easily lend itself to distribution on the mass markets due to the fact that their songs are too long and much too controversial.

Some of the more meaningful songs on their album "Progress" are: "Better to have failed your Wasserman test than to have never Loved at all," "Nechrophiliacs against Cremation" and their poignant ballad, "Who will save his French letters and let me have them."

But to write about them is not enough. You must listen to their assaults on the senses.

## 'Chinese' Ambassador Speaker at GOP Sponsored Conference on Vietnam War; Students Protest Governmental Policies

Oakland University's College Republicans sponsored a conference Saturday on the War in Vietnam. Speakers were Chou Shu-Kai, Nationalist Chinese Ambassador to the U.S., Congressman E. Ross Adair, and political scientist Arthur Collingsworth.

General Lucius Clay was scheduled to appear but did not speak due to illness.

Chou Shu-Kai spoke on the necessity of American involvement in the war.

He felt that the greatest pro-

blem as the "Gateway to Southeast Asia." He supported the controversial "domino theory," stating that if Vietnam fell to Communism, the rest of Southeast Asia would follow.

Nearly 100 people listened to the ambassador's speech in the I.M. building. Midway through the speech, 20 protesters stood up in the bleachers and quietly exited.

After a break for lunch, Congressman E. Ross Adair, the second ranking member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee spoke on "Congressional Attitudes on Viet Nam." The Indiana Republican emphasized that in the House there is a great variety of attitudes concerning the war.

Adair spoke of the history of the conflict, the tactics of the Viet Cong, bombing, the military situation, and protest. He told of a visit to Vietnam before the fall of Dien Bien Phu.

One million anti-Communists and Catholics left North Vietnam to establish villages in the South.

Representative Adair claims that one should "never underestimate the brutality of the Viet Cong." When the Viet Cong overruns a village unfriendly to them a pattern of intimidation of officials, leaders, and teachers follows.

In regard to bombing, the Congressman stated that during the bombing pause of January, 1966, not a single bona fide offer to negotiate was received from the Communists. If Ho Chi Minh, like the U.S. government, truly desired negotiations, he could easily communicate this to Washington. Until that time, however,

Adair thought bombing should be continued.

In his conclusion, Adair said he felt that the morale of the Communists was greatly aided by draft card burners and demonstrations such as the Washington rally.

He stressed that the U.S. must convince its enemies that it will stay in Vietnam. "A stand once taken has to be maintained."

During the congressman's speech about twenty student and faculty protesters politely held up



Ambassador Chou Shu-Kai

blems in Vietnam's political structure were originally caused by French Colonialism.

Their system frustrated attempts at local administration or self government and intensified regional differences.

In addition, little or nothing was done by the French in the way of health, education or welfare for the Vietnamese people.

The Communist effort is aimed, he said, at using Vietnam



Thomas Casstevens

signs such as "End U.S. Imperialism" and "The Draft Reeks." Anti-war literature was also distributed.

Arthur Collingsworth, research associate for the Strategic Studies at Georgetown University, criticized the Johnson administration's handling of the war.

Although he felt the U.S. must remain in Vietnam, Collingsworth

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