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Thruston Morton Here Students to Operate Own FM Radio Station



Sen. Morton, not a candidate for re-election this year, spoke less on issues and more on the importance of the two-party system. He termed the lopsided Democratic majorities in Washington as not in the best interests of the nation. The Kentucky Senator urged that more Republicans be elected to Congress because, historically, Congress "is more productive" when it is more evenly balanced. He predicted that the GOP would gain 44-50 seats in the House of Representatives and 3-6 seats in the house.

The Oakland audience heard both men express support of the Dirksen amendment which would allow nondenominational prayers in public schools. Sen.

Griffin in supporting the clergy-condemned amendment to the constitution, declared that the Supreme Court had gone "too far in prohibiting all types of prayers in schools".

After the speeches, Sen. Morton told this reporter that moderate predictions that they were unable to stop the 1968 GOP national convention from being a re-run of 1964 were unfounded. He claimed that the moderate philosophy was broad enough and popular in the GOP that it would triumph over the conservative ideology.

The Griffin-Morton speeches were the first of a series of appearances political candidates will make at Oakland this fall.

FM radio is coming to OU. Director Jay Korinek stated this week that preparations are progressing normal for the low-powered Frequency Modulation station. It now needs a commitment for funds.

The station, planned by Korinek and Arnold Krueger of the Oakland Audio Association, is to be a non-commercial, educational enterprise. The facility will broadcast much of the news of the campus, rock and roll, folk and classical music as well as special lectures and informed commentary. It is emphasized that the possibilities are almost unlimited.

Because the opportunities are so great, the responsibility is retained by authorities at the top. Chancellor Varner or the Board of Trustees will have final control of policy.

As soon as decisions are made here, application will be made to the Federal Communications Commission for a license to operate. Such a license for a university owned station requires that one person have responsibility for operations. This makes it difficult to delegate authority to a broadcast policy board which administrators would like to see

created.

Korinek hopes to get an advisor, a student manager and a student staff with the students working on the University payroll.

The broadcast frequency is likely to be from 88 to 92 megacycles with less than ten watts of power at first. As sponsors become more confident, the power will be increased in order to reach Rochester and Pontiac. Initially, programs will be beamed only to the campus and the immediate neighborhood.

In the early weeks it will be on the air six hours a day in the afternoon and evening. The hours will later be extended.

Studio site possibilities are the OC basement quarters of the OAA or a room in Vandenberg Hall. Construction should take two months so broadcasts cannot begin before the middle of the winter semester.

Expenses are estimated at \$8,000. This includes transmitting and studio equipment, an antenna tower and the remodeling of a studio area.

The newly instituted admission charge for Wednesday night dance will pay part of the equipment cost.

Roots Robbed: At Standstill

Short hours after the Urban Roots premiered their first record to a capacity crowd at Oakland's opening mixer, all of the group's equipment was stolen.

Pontiac police estimate over \$4,000 worth of instruments was taken when thieves broke into and rifled the Roots' station wagon on a main Pontiac street Saturday morning.

Gone are guitars, amplifiers, and electric piano, drums and microphones. Ironically, the theft occurred the day of the Root's first RCA Victor release, "You Make My Heart Ring".

Because of the loss of their equipment, the Roots were forced to cancel their next recording session.

In an interview with Stu Goldberg, the Roots' drummer-public relations man, the Observer learned of their dilemma.

"The session was to be a very important one for us," Goldberg stated. "It is essential that a recording group have

a second record ready for release immediately in case the first is a hit and public demand is great."

Referring to the group's stolen equipment, Goldberg commented, "We wish the thieves had realized that these instruments are the tools of our trade; without them we are at a standstill."

Dave Brubeck Quartet Comes on Strong In Meadow Brook Concert Series Opener

by Mike Honey

Supporters of jazz say it's the best music in the world. I was once skeptical of such a statement, but someone changed my mind.

Dave Brubeck came to Oakland Saturday night. I, for one, was completely awed.

So were about 3,000 other people.

"We play the music that seems to us to communicate best with the most people while retaining our message," said Brubeck during the intermission. And they certainly did communicate. Brubeck received a standing ovation as he left Baldwin Pavilion at performance's end.

I am no jazz buff, but I am no deaf-mute either, and after hearing and seeing such a performance as was given Saturday night, I have no choice but to join the ranks of jazz addicts.

The talent displayed by each member of the Brubeck Quartet left the spectators dazzled and flabbergasted. Awed is the word.

Joe Morello has to be the world's best drummer. The world seems to think so, according to jazz polls. According to the drum solo I witnessed Saturday, he HAS to be. Fantastic is the word.

Bass player Eugene Wright

was no slouch, either. Not to mention Paul Desmond on alto sax (although apparently not at his best in the cool evening air), and Dave Brubeck himself.

They say jazz is soul music. Brubeck's jazz certainly is that. The quartet ran the gamut of moods and emotions, from the enchantment of Brubeck's "Forty

Days" to the humor of Wright's bass solo.

The quartet alternately left the audience gaping in amazement and applauding with delight. Unbelievable is the word.

There is good jazz and there is obscure jazz. Brubeck's jazz is neither of these. His is the best in the world.



Joe Morello autographs picture for admirers during intermission of the Meadow Brook Concert Saturday at Baldwin Pavilion

US Senators Robt. Griffin (R-Mich.) and Thruston Morton (R-Ken.) spoke at Oakland University Sept. 12 and displayed a sample of the campaign tactics Griffin will use in his bid for election to the US Senate this fall.

Thruston Morton, ex-chairman of the Republican National Committee and present chairman of the Senate Campaign Committee, filled the role of "crowd drawer" for the relatively unknown Griffin.

Sen. Griffin's short speech covered every conceivable campaign issue from prayers in public schools to inflation in an attempt to test his positions against the reactions of the audience. The Republican candidate dwelled extensively on the controversial Landrum-Griffin Bill. Apparently feeling the need to clarify the effect of the much condemned labor law, Sen. Griffin described it as the rank and file union member's "bill of rights."

Sen. Griffin also expressed concern over "galloping" inflation and the President's efforts to halt the increase in the cost of living. He predicted that unless the government increases taxes, reduces spending as well as maintains high interest rates, inflation will continue uncontrolled.

In connection with inflation, the Senator expressed concern over what he termed the President's "unwise priority lists" which call for decreased in federal spending for education. Griffin, a sponsor of the Nat. Student Loan Program and a proponent of loyalty oaths for loan recipients, stated that education should enjoy federal priority above all other projects including the space effort, highway beautification and the War on Poverty.

A Verbal Event

Literate students of Oakland arise: an informal literate riot is scheduled for this Friday, September 16.

This student-faculty reading of poetry, prose, drama, etc., from Ginsberg to Robert Service (and Milton, maybe?) will be held at 8 p.m. in Matilda Wilson Theatre.

Among those reading: Tom Fitzsimmons, Norm Susskind, Don Downing, Greg Paxson, Norm Harper, Lee Elbinger, Tom Towler, Marty Williams, Will Coffin, Barbara Carrick, Norm Hale, and John Blair, who will serve as master-of-minimal ceremony.

"Verbal Event" is sponsored by the Oakland Observer. And, being an anti-bourgeois affair the whole bloody show is free. Support the word.

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SACC: Great Grey Centipede

An interesting phenomenon on our campus has been for some time a conspicuous lack of any representational student government. The student activities handbook describes many campus groups and lists government among them.

But an aspiring student leader finds that the only animal even closely resembling a government is a great grey centipede called SACC.

The Student Activities Co-ordinating Committee evolved from many futile attempts at political structure. Oligarchy and fascism have been considered, but anarchy has proved to be most workable.

SACC is the board that dispenses money for all clubs and sponsors various student activities, e.g. Mrs. Wilson's birthday, Meadowbrook Series, Dave Brubeck, etc...

The most unusual aspect of this student group that apportions thousands of student dollars for these activities is that they are appointed, not elected.

And they are appointed for an indefinite term. Originally when the group was organized as

the Student Finance Committee, the hopes were that a more representational body could be elected. Rather than gradually dying away, SACC has become more solidly entrenched through no fault of its own. It has acquired the reputation and prestige of being "the" group on campus, powerful in all areas of student affairs, yet responsible at the polls to no one.

Recently another attempt was made to more fully involve students in the decision-making of the university. The scene was a student conference at Haven Hill. After moralizing, and intellectualizing, all that was decided was that another meeting was in order.

The whole lack of student action concerning government is startling, but not entirely unexpected. Every major college has difficulty running a good student government. And there is no sense in having student representation unless it is good.

But it would be refreshing to see someone step out of the massive student void and make a definite commitment to at least a rudimentary form of student self-government. N. Hale



"I could understand the registration line, the bookstore line, even the cafeteria line, ... but this is ridiculous!"

Reporter Sees War-Torn Vietnam

by Marc White

Marc White, Observer News Editor, spent the summer in Vietnam working for the Associated Press. Here he records his impressions upon his return.

Vietnam is a strange land. It is neither black nor white, nor clear and simple. At best it is different shades of gray, at worst a political and military enigma.

Saigon was once known as the "Pearl of the Orient." Though a war is in progress she displays a mask of gaiety and normalcy. But it is impossible. While you sit and eat your dinner, you hear the sound of artillery on the outskirts of the city, and the rumblings of convoys. The sounds of roaring fighters on their way to deliver a message of death to Ho Chi Minh and the north go on 24 hours a day.

There's a war on in Vietnam, though it's not declared, and when you travel anywhere you fly, because the highways, railroads and bridges are blown to bits. When you fly you see the bones of those who did not make it.

Many criticize the job the press is doing in Vietnam. They say the facts are being withheld from the American people. They are. But we are fighting the most difficult and confusing war in our history. There is friction between the military and the press. The press is given a continual run-around. The South Vietnamese government, a prime target of the press, does all it can to annoy correspondents. Mistakes are and will be made. They have been in all wars.

We can not measure the fighting by the standards of conventional warfare. No areas are captured and secured, there is no definite front, and few large battles. We claim a victory and the next day one of our bases is mortared.

Casualty figures are extremely confusing. We count bodies. But who's to say who is a peasant or a V.C. There are no uniforms. Brother fights brother. It is most dangerous to wander through a Viet Cong infested jungle looking for bodies to count.

Are we doing anything in South Vietnam besides demolishing a country? We have brought medical care to over 5 million people in a country where there are about 200 doctors for 20 million people. We have tried to educate, to experiment with new agricultural methods. But all this does little good when we continue to injure the people we are trying to help.

Leaving Vietnam for New York turned out to be more of an exchange of hazards and problems than I suspected.

Making helicopter assaults and walking with Vietnamese and American troops a hundred miles, on various operations seemed at best a risky proposition. But New York Taxis, expressway driving and the switch back to American food posed problems of their own.

I left Vietnam unscratched. I got bumped by a car on my second day back, and find driving more horrifying than mortar fire.

The enjoyment of bidding goodby to the seven day, 70 hour week is obvious. But getting used to a steady diet of American food

is something else. Chinese dishes here are mostly unrecognizable and virtually inedible by standards in Southeast Asia. People pop live insects down their throats just like candy and snakes and dogs are considered delicacies and eaten raw.

On the other hand, it's difficult to describe the gastronomical joy of a good milk-shake or greasy cheeseburger.

And it's nice not to use bottled water, look for scorpions in your boots or have to decide whether the 20 cent bottle of beer in Saigon's bars is worth the trouble of having all those young hostesses sidling up to you in hopes of getting a glass of Saigon whiskey (tepid tea).

Solutions to the war? There is one. All the people in the United States must begin worshipping the things we really worship anyway: cars, television jewelry, clothes, money, and overtime.

Then we'll organize holidays for each religion (Color TV Week, Money Sunday, Cadillac Eve, etc.) and there will be no more wars. Every body knows it's immoral to kill another country's soldiers during a holiday truce!

But back to reality. There is a feeling by a large group of our citizens, that if reporters just reported good news, things would get better.

But democracy does not work that way and never can.

error:

The first line of Here's to You, in last week's Observer should have read "innest that counts" rather than "illness" although we often equate innest with illness.

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Short Hints On Long Nights

by Joe College

Research indicates that studying is a nervous habit which can be cured by sleeping. For those insomniacs among us (also known as the Walking Dead), there are other cures which have been handed down to the Observer from inspired upperclassmen.

We print a few of these diversionary tactics now as a pub-

lic service: skateboarding on tall buildings; taking long strolls on the Wilson Estate; girl-watching, boy-watching (either or both, depending on one's own tastes); playing flush-me-if-you-can in the johns; killing flies with shaving cream; playing hide-and-seek with the campus cops; playing Fun Games in Vietnam.

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YD's Endorsees

Lose in Primaries

Oakland's Young Democrats refuse to make excuses for the election losses of the candidates which it endorsed for the August 2 primary.

Elections Coordinator Ken Weingarden stated this week that the organization seeks to pick winners who take policy positions which are most acceptable to a majority of YD's.

Endorsements alone do not attract many voters, but indicate that volunteer workers are forthcoming from the organization. Candidates who appear to have no chance of winning are not supported, however.

Formal endorsements were made this year for Jerome Cavanaugh (Senate), Walter Schmier (Circuit Court), John Lama (7th Senatorial District), and Paul Livingston (14th Senatorial District). All lost except Livingston.

Cavanaugh's fate is well known. Schmier came in eighth in a field of 22 in a race for six Oakland Circuit seats. Lama faced Raymond Dzendzel, Senate Majority Leader, who had the financial backing of the UAW. Lama made a much better showing than the previous opponent to Dzendzel in spite of his liberal stand on campus speakers.

Pre-primary endorsements have been a source of friction for some time in the state-wide Young Dem's.

Notices - Events

Attn: Seniors

Any students planning to graduate December 1966, April 1967, or August 1967 must complete a diploma card. The cards are available in the office of the registrar.

SDS

The Oakland Chapter of Students for a Democratic Society will have its first meeting Tuesday, September 20, at 10:00 a.m. in the Gate House. All interested students cordially invited to attend.

Dems

The Young Democrats will hold their first meeting on Sept. 21 in room 125 of the Oakland Center. All students interested in working for Democratic candidates in this fall's elections should attend.

Young Marrieds

The newly formed Married Students Organization will meet for the first time this trimester Saturday, Sept. 17 in the Oakland Room.

The "meeting", to which all married students (or otherwise) are cordially invited, will consist of a treasure hunt and Road Rallye. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be awarded.

Chamber Music

The Meadow Brook Chamber Orchestra will play Wednesday, September 21, at 8:30 p.m. in Matilda Wilson Theater.

Tickets for students will go on sale immediately for \$2.00 at the office in the IM Building.

USMC Here

The U.S. Marine Corps Officer Selection Team for Michigan will visit Oakland Sept. 19 and 20.

For further information, contact the team at the OC between the hours of 9:00 and 5:00 p.m. when they are on campus.

Guild Tryouts

The Meadowbrook Theater Guild is seeking singers, dancers, and the like for its first fall production in the Little Theater.

The play, entitled *Boyfriend*, is a campy roaring twenty-ish musical promising bounce, vitality, and Batman humor.

Auditions will be in two divisions, singing and dancing September 26 and reading September 27. Director Tom Aston expressed the Guild's desire for new faces and talent. He urged that all who are interested attend. The Theater Guild is a University organization and the broader its base of support, the better.

The opening of *Boyfriend* will be November 17 followed by performances on the evenings of the 17th and 18th.

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