Union Open House Draws Crowds Despite Showers

By VERNON NAHRGANG

A crowd of curious people wandered in and out, up and down the floors of the Union yesterday, stopping to see a swimming exhibition, a half-dozen sports cars and the "best-dressed" dogs on campus.

The occasion was the Union's open house, now an annual affair, where newcomers and oldcomers get a free look at the facilities housed in the red brick building.

It was outside the building where the most constant crowds were found, standing around staring at the brightly-colored sports cars with blue and silver "Please do not handle cars" signs on them.

Showers Brief

Only a few brief showers halted the onrush of auto onlookers, but nothing stopped the intermittent blasts from loudspeakers luring passersby into the Union.

"Stick around awhile!" the speaker blared. "There's much more to see at your Michigan Union Open House."

And, a few minutes later: "Ladies and gentlemen, the dogs are beginning to arrive!"

So, as at a carnival, everyone took the barker's advice and headed for the ballroom, to see the fraternities' best-dressed dogs.

After a short exhibition of the songs the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon liked to sing "in the friendly confines of our house," the two dogs were exposed to the audience.

Show Farcial

With the admission that the show was "a bigger farce than planned," the emcee presented the Gold Cup to Dagmar, out of Trigon, judged the "best-dressed".

Second prize went to the only other entrant, Cesar of Phi Sigma Delta, who sported the Ivy-League look: repp tie and a belt in back.

Slightly more successful yesterday afternoon was the showing of the best-dressed human beings.

There the local clothiers showed a polite audience just what is in style these days.

Most people weren't impressed. Many thought last year's show was better, and one coed summed it up with, "Not very good. (Yawn) But at least I know what I should be wearing now."

Couples Brave

While the shows were going on and while dance instructors gave free lessons, a local dixieland combo bleated out some dixieland in the North Cafeteria, where a few brave couples danced and many more were content to watch.

On two floors young ladies passed out free drinks (ginger ale) to all comers so they wouldn't go home thirsty.

Also open were the new Union Student Offices, bare but for a few desks and television facilities.

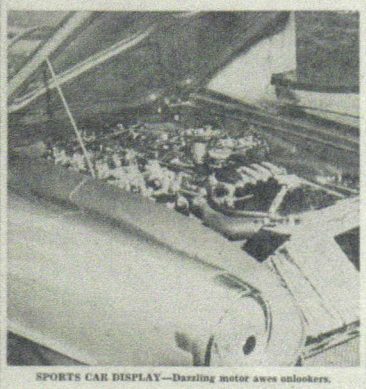
Climaxing the afternoon were some marching band members who actually rang the rafters (with five trombones, five trumpets) with a few "Fight!" arrangements.

Even the tired audience joined in with a couple hearty "Fight!"s" before taking a last look at the rain-spattered, bright red sports cars and calling it a day.

For those who didn't get as much as they expected for nothing, the afternoon was not spent in vain. They could take home free calendars of events for the school year, listing, among other events, all coming Union dances.



MICHIFISH SWIM—Delicate parasols rise from the water.



SPORTS CAR DISPLAY—Dazzling motor awes onlookers.

Eradication Of Poverty Is Forseen

"In gearing public welfare to our changing economy, we must raise standards in public assistance and Social Security," a University of Michigan public welfare administrator said in an address to the Northeast Regional Conference of the American Public Welfare Association here yesterday.

Prof. Wilbur J. Cohen explained, with the growing national income, "We can afford to improve our public welfare programs. We must readjust our sights to the steady growth of our economy," he added, "and eradicate the depression psychology of a restrictive economy."

Professor Cohen also suggested that poverty can be abolished "in our country in our lifetime." This is possible, he said, because poverty could be abolished at the cost of about $10 billion and this is the sum that the economy is going to increase per year cumulatively in the future.

"Can't we start to think about how to eradicate poverty without taking anything away from anybody?" Professor Cohen asked.

In conclusion, the professor said that the people in public welfare must be willing to pave the way to do the hard jobs others are unprepared or unwilling to do. "There are many difficult tasks ahead of us," he said, "but progress is a force which is changing the face of the globe, and we believe that want can be abolished and poverty eradicated."

Professor Cohen is professor of Public Welfare Administration in the U-M School of Social Work.

May Sponsor Cinema Guild

Cinema Guild has announced that petitioning is now open for campus organizations wishing to sponsor films.

Interested groups may obtain petitions in Quonset Hut A and must submit completed forms by Friday. Interviews will be held next Saturday.

The Guild also announced an opening as assistant manager. The positions entails the booking of films and supervision of the Architecture Auditorium staff. Applicants should be planning to remain at the University for at least two years. Petitions for the position may be obtained from Mrs. Callaghan, 1020 Administration Bldg.

HEALTH SERVICE:

Need for Medical Aid Leads To Overcrowding

By JAMES SMITH

Few students at the University consider the staggering job done by the University Health Service.

Last year during the regular session alone the Health Service received 120,490 clinic visits. The largest number of calls paid to the Health Service was for the purpose of X-ray examinations.

Although each student entering the University is given a chest X-ray, last year 16 students were found to have contracted tuberculosis.

Acute respiratory infections are the cause of the next greatest number of visits to the Health Service.

The third largest cause of student calls is gastrointestinal upset. Last year both of these were at their lowest in five years.

Along with the increase of students which it must serve, the Health Service is increasing its facilities in every possible way.

They have widely increased t. their consultant service, their pharmacy, and particularly in their X-ray department. Last Monday the Health Service X-rayed the astonishing number of 2500 students.

Never before have they been able to X-ray more than 1500 students in one day.

The Health Service has been expanding, but not building. They are now overcrowded, and it is predicted that the present Health Service building will soon be inadequate.

The fourth floor, previously used for storage space, has now been converted for office use.

Also in the line of expansion, the outpatient service is now immediately available in the infirmary from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

This service is at a slight extra cost to the student because of the necessity of keeping a doctor.

Dorm Radio Hams Contact Whole World

By EDWARD GERULDSEN

"CQ . . . CQ . . . CQ . . . CQDX . . . From WBPGW, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan . . . "

". . . WBPGW . . . This is HRIBO in Honduras . . . How do you copy? . . ."

". . . HRIBO . . . This is WBPGW . . . Your signals are Q5 and S9 . . ."

So it goes at a typical broadcasting session of the South Quad Amateur Radio Club, call letters WBPGW, in their shack up on the ninth floor of South Quad.

WBPGW, broadcasting at 120 watts power, has contacts throughout the world—from Canada to South America, from Europe to California. The log gives evidence of transmissions to at least 18 countries outside the United States, including such faraway places as Nicaragua, Honduras, Gualemala, Brazil, Ecuador, Uruguay and Venezuela in South America, and England, Austria, Germany and Belgium in Europe. Moreover Northern Rhodesia, South Africa, New Zealand, Cuba, Trinidad, and of course the United States are on the list.

The station is equipped for both voice and code transmission, and is a member of the Amateur Radio Relay League, a world-wide organization of "ham" operators.

Though not in operation at the moment, WBPGW is almost certain to go on the air sometime this semester. Bruce Bevelheimer, '57, was president of last year's club, which included about 15 members. A number of the members are ham operators on their own as well, with their own stations at home.

The club uses equipment loaned by it's members. The transmitter used last year was owned by Marshall Badt, then a senior in the pharmacy school. The receiver was the property of Al Krafve, '57E. Badt's private call letters are W8PBV.

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