

Closing Park Doesn't Solve Kids' Problem

EDITOR:

In the weekend (Oct. 3-4) issue of the Observer, I read with interest and concern the possibility of closing Whitman Park at earlier hours.

I am one of those "terrible teenagers" who hangs around the park. Sure there's dope up at Whitman, but while you're at it don't forget about the schools. Anyone who doesn't think there's dope in the high schools and junior highs is out of his mind.

Kids go up to Whitman to meet their friends. Where else can we go so cheaply? Drivelines cost \$2 or more, and we get

READERS' FORUM

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kicked out of restaurants for "loitering." If prices were lower, maybe we could afford to go places.

No one goes up there to "harass" citizens. We go up there to have fun. Don't you think if the park

does close earlier, we will find some place else to go?

Teenagers are going to be around as long as the world is here so why doesn't someone find us a place we can go to have fun and be together without closing it down? If people really cared, they would help us out. Closing the park is no way to solve problems.

We're not as bad as you make us out to be. Thanks for listening.

SUE FRAZER
Garden City

Coed Urges: Help POWs

EDITOR:

I hope that you will be able to print this information in your paper because it concerns a very real emergency that can be met by Americans all over the country. I know of the Observer Newspapers because when I'm not in school I live in Farmington.

Here in Texas there is a "Write Hanoi Today" campaign. There are over 1,500 prisoners of war in Vietnam. Of these, about 22 have been murdered—only nine have been released. Some of these men have never been able to write home. Their families have no idea if they are alive or dead. Many are wounded and very sick. The conditions of the North Vietnamese POW camps are horrible. The men are undered-sometimes locked up for years!

We recently had a meeting

on our campus with wives of these POWs. One woman was present whose husband has been missing for six years and has heard no word from him.

What I am asking is that you ask the readers of the Observer to write Hanoi. The president of that country will listen to American citizens if they care enough to write these letters.

Letters should plead for these men to return home. Also, ask that Vietnam comply by the agreements of the Geneva Convention, which they did sign! Ask that the American Red Cross be allowed into these camps.

This is the only hope that these men have! The president will listen.

Letters should be addressed to: Office of the President, Democratic Republic of Vietnam, Hanoi, North Vietnam.

Each letter will cost only 25 cents for postage. Certainly that isn't too much to ask. If you need more information, you could get it from my mother, Mrs. Anna Francisco, 33386 Fendit, phone 476-1167.

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She Doesn't Like UN

EDITOR:

We still have too many emotional school teachers telling our kids that the United Nations is the hope of the world. If it is, we've had it.

HELEN ROOD
Plymouth



CARRIERS OF THE YEAR for the Observer Newspaper group were honored guests at a dinner sponsored by the Livonia Elks and Grand Exalted Ruler Howard White at which trophies were awarded for being the best in the seven areas covered by ONI. With trophies are: (rear row from left) Dana Dahlka, 28815 James, Garden City; Craig Brown, 15740 Levan, Livonia; Glenn Clark, 46676 Danbridge, Plymouth; and Mike Smith, 7462 August, Westland; (front from left) Circulation Manager Larry Darnell, Bruce Ake, 23161 E. Ranch Hill, Southfield; Randy Rodriguez, 25770 Jennifer, Redford Township; and Steve Bergstrom, 30200 Fiddlers Lane, Farmington. The dinner and presentations were the highlights of International Newsboy Day celebrated last Saturday. (Photo by Ralph Evert)

2 Area Residents Elevated By Bank

MSU Houses Most Students

Two Observerland residents are among nine officers of the Bank of the Commonwealth who have been promoted to assistant vice president.

The area men who have been elevated are Michael Gaujanian, of 31182 Spring Valley Dr., Westland, and Ronnie R. Pieper, of 38251 Ross, Livonia.

Others promoted include Michael Kirila, Charles E. Arnold, John M. Gasparovic, Albert J. Huntoon, Thomas C. Marsden, John K. Lane and Mrs. Irene H. Blatchford.

Gaujanian joined the bank in 1953 as a teller. Before his new promotion, he was assistant cashier and section officer. He attended Detroit Institute of Technology and graduated from American Institute of Banking.

Pieper joined the bank as assistant manager in 1966. He was named manager and assistant cashier and section

officer in 1969. He attended University of Michigan Graduate School of Banking.



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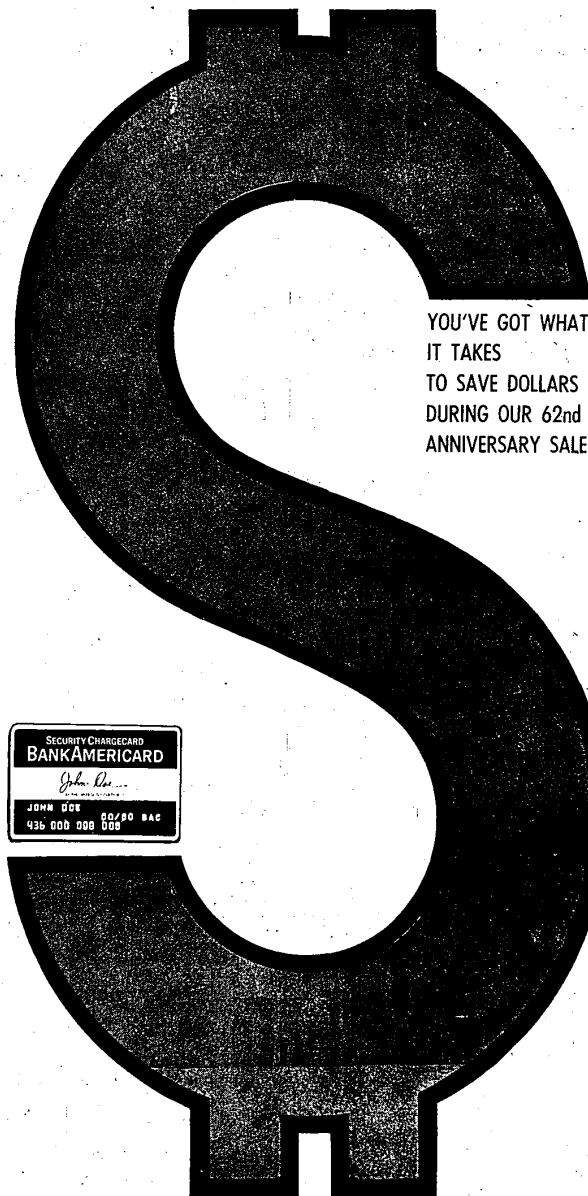
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