

### Band Builds Energy

# Sinclair Follows A Tough Act

By KATHY MORAN

It was a big build up for a big letdown.

After the rock band "Mixed Generation" worked a group of students to the point where some were dancing on the tables, political activist John Sinclair took over the stage at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College for a big comedown.

Sinclair, who was recently released from jail where he was serving a 10-year sentence for possession of

marijuana, was brought to the Farmington campus by the student newspaper, Recorder. A standing-room-only crowd assembled to hear him and the band.

"THE BROTHERS of Mixed Generation got the energy so intense in here that it's a comedown to have me talk," the chairman of the Rainbow Peoples Party (former White Panthers) said.

He was right.

It's hard for any speaker to measure up to such a high note

that the band left on. But Sinclair didn't add much excitement.

He urged students to work together for whatever changes need attention — but declined to make suggestions on where to start.

"Look around you, see what has to be done, see who's there to do it, and get together and do it," he said.

"Everybody sits around talking — Ain't no sense in talking now — it's time to get moving," he told the students. When pressed for

suggestions, Sinclair told them he was busy doing things that needed to be done in Ann Arbor and that it was up to the students to find out what has to be done in their own area and to do it.

"People live wherever they live and they've gotta deal with the problems where they live," he said.

SINCLAIR DID tell them they need communication centers to let people know what's happening and to avoid duplication and wasted efforts.

He cited the Recorder as the communication center on the campus and urged students to put their support behind the paper.

Currently the weekly tabloid is under a probation imposed by the OCC Board of Trustees for use of four-letter words.

Sinclair cited the probation as repression from the administration.

"Whenever someone tries to do anything, the administration is down on them. It used to be they'd do that to people who were smoking

(marijuana), but if you look around, you'll see that didn't work," he said.

Former Recorder editor John Morris told the students, "Obscenity isn't the thing, they want to shut down a political center."

STUDENTS WHO expected Sinclair to relate some of his experiences during 2½ years in prison went away disappointed.

"Being in a penitentiary is like being in a high school where you can never go home," Sinclair said in his only reference to that portion of his life.

He commented on how things had changed during the time he was cut off from society, saying people seem to have "tightened up" and concerned themselves with just survival.

Now his direction is to get people activated again. He is busy doing things in Ann Arbor like teaching a class in community control of prisons, organizing a food cooperative and urging people to work together for changes.



PLAYING POOL HALL tough guys are (from left) Mike Shannon of Ferndale, Dave Ackroyd of Farmington and Jeff Schnudeberg of Southfield. They'll be seen in the play, "The Brick and the Rose," being presented in J-180, of the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington. The play will be performed at 8:30 p.m., Feb. 17-19 and 24-26 and also at 2 p.m., Feb. 19 and 26. There is no admission charge.

## Builders' Show Preview Set In Suburban Malls

What's new and exciting in the 1972 parade of idea homes and apartments in metropolitan Detroit?

Residents of the seven Observerland communities and surrounding districts will have an opportunity to view models of the idea homes in a special preview of the 1972 Builders Home, Furniture and Garden Show at the Livonia Mall starting Saturday (Feb. 19).

The mall show is the third and last of a series staged in large shopping centers with the thought that it would build interest in the Cobo Hall show starting March 18 and continuing through March 26.

THE MINIATURE shows at the malls are sponsored by the Builders Association of Metropolitan Detroit and its affiliate, the Apartment Association of Michigan in cooperation with the managements of the shopping centers.

The show at Livonia Mall will display scale models of all "idea homes," the "house of nails" (basis of a \$20,000 contest at the Cobo Hall event), and more than 100 commercial exhibits of home products and equipment.

Prices of the idea homes range from approximately \$20,000 to more than \$80,000, exclusive of furnishings. Basic prices do not include necessarily the land, landscaping, drapes, carpeting etc.

The first of the three mall shows was held in the Oakland Mall, the second in the Pontiac Mall and now the finale in the Livonia Mall.

SHOW OFFICIALS reported large crowds attended the first two and are looking for more than 200,000 during the eight day run. The Livonia showing ends on Feb. 27.

Area builders participating in the Cobo Hall show include: Allstate Homes Inc., Westland; James S. Bonadeo,

Plymouth; Consolidated Development Co., Southfield; Curtis Building Co., Livonia; Duke Building Co., Farmington; Hauser-Fonville Inc., Livonia; HRS Building Corp., Westland; Meyerson Building Co., Farmington; Nosan Building Corp., Farmington; and Fred Green-span, Plymouth Township.

James L. Babcock, B.A.M.D. president and member of a pioneer home-building family on Detroit's east side said some 400 builders are represented in the membership of B.A.M.D., which has more than 800 regular and affiliate members.

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