# Being 'in' at the local disco

age man-on-the-street is admitted into Southfield's so-called exclusive

ewspaper. Biographical info: Agent hasn't Biographical info: Agent hasn't danced since the hully-gully went belly up and thinks Calvin Klein is lead singer with the Chipmunks. Agent is known to wear brown shoes with gum soles.

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Stach paper hag from cheapo hamburger stand under seat as parking lot attendant approaches to park car. As ignition is turned off and agents walk away, engine keeps coughing due to run-on problem. Run-on problem makes parking lot attendant look askance at whicke.

Entering the chi-chi establishment, we are met by a Phil Coughon, doorman, who stands behind a wooden pulying the chi-chi establishment, we are met by a Phil Coughon, doorman, who stands behind a wooden pulying the chi-chi establishment. We are met by a Phil Coughon, doorman, who stands behind a wooden pulying the chi-chi establishment. The same than the chirch carved into it. Coughon is sorty to inform this agent that we will not be admitted because aforementioned agent neglected to wear a stait coat, so the control of the chirch coughon informs us. "Men must wear a jacket and women must have suitable evening wear." Female cohort told her attire is acceptable.

In subsequetal conversation the following day with general manager John Rogers, Hearn that more formal attire is expected to be worn on weekends. I'm also lodd that on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays a reservation — which must be made in person ahead of time — is expected.

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which must be made in person ahead of time — is expected.
We take this to mean suit coats, not sport coats and dresses, not fancy pants. Reservations are needed if the establishment is crowded.
A half hour after being denied entrance into establishment, we return with this agent in white sport coat. This time doorman willing to take \$3 cover charge from each of us but refuceant to be interviewed about admission policy.

BECAUSE both of us are on duty, we order non-alcoholic, but trendy, glasses of carbonated water substance known as Perrier. Bill for two tumblers of fizzy water comes to \$4.50, lime included. Music not as loud as we were led to expect in briefing. Most of the disco

tunes, we discover, have "Boogie" in title. "Get down" is also popular theme. Disc jockey Gizelle St. John Informs that "Boogie with Me" by a group called Poussez is the biggest song at the moment among Oscar's regular "And they love 'Ho Stuff' by Donna Summer," she adds. When Ms. St. John goes home, does she listen to disco, much like a mailman goes home and takes a walk!"

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WITH THE help of his companion and frequent visitor to the disco, Harvey Fink of Southfield, Marvin Taylor was admitted a sun sport coat and years admitted a sun sport coat and pack to Festion without a dense.

Fink was asked if he approved of the exclusionary admittance policy that almost kept his friend out.

"No, that doesn't bother me," Fink said "Twe been in similiar situations. A great deal of life comes down to who you know and what you know. If I was in that position fleir comes down to who you know and what you know. If I was in that position fleir comes down to who you know and what you know. If I was in that position fleir comes down to who you know and what you know. If I was not the pack of the come of t

Bonds declined to be interviewed on ne sociological significance of disco Bonds declined to be interviewed on the sociological significance of discomusic, explaining that he came to Oscar's to meet former Detroit Lion Mel Farr on a business matter. Farr, an auto dealer, couldn't make it so Bonds chatted with three women and a man at the bar.

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Rogers, Oscar's general manager, said while "there is a little bit of an aura" about the place, the club doesn't use the same admission policy found at Studio 84.

"Our policy here is basically make "Our policy here is basically make reservations in person, especially on your busier nights when you have to lighten up the policy. Certain people tend to make reservations and certain people that the policy certain people continue," as with the policy certain people continue, and the policy certain people certain

I asked Rogers whether a nerd dressed in white shoes, polyester slacks

daddy of exclusionary disco clubs, the only luminary to be found at Ocarry well in advance would be admitted into Thursday night was Bill Boots, TV Ocarr's on a busy night Would a neck newscaster, eiting at the end of the bar who followed the rules be excluded for in the singles section after the 11 pm. n. meeting the beautiful peole (BF.)

"I KNOW what you're angling for,"
RNOW what you're angling for,"
Rogers said. "We've had enough press
and publicity comparing us to Studio
54's policy. We try to be as selective as
possible without offending anyone. I
think that for the people who come
here often, we owe them this.
"If somebody's acting a little weird,
we don't want him in to offend them,
but it's not like that at Studio 54 which
has a person in a tur admitted one mintue and a person in blue jeans the next.
Here, if people dress properly and
know how to conduct themselves and
make a reservation in advance, they'll
be admitted."

With that, my sociological fact-findign mission was complete. I sturged the
dregs of my fizzy water and headed out
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dregs of my fizzy water and headed out into the night to ponder problems like cars that refuse to turn off.



Disco time at Oscar's happens five nights a week. But just what are it take to be indued thin enough to enter the portals of the does it take to be judged hip enough to discoteque? (Staff photo by Gary Friedman)



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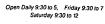
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