



O U PLAYS

DEMOCRACY

by Cass Woloszynski

On January 16 Jennifer Jickling presided over a meeting of the Elections Committee (comprised of SAB members not running for office and interested congressmembers not seeking re-election). The main topic of the meeting was the resignation of seven (7) black candidates from the congressional election and the threatened resignation of ten (10) congressmembers.

Ms. Jickling pointed out to the Election Committee that without sufficient candidates running to fill a

complete congress that the elections scheduled for the next day must be postponed. The committee then voted to open the poles at the scheduled time, rationalizing that write-in candidates would fill the positions.

However, Ms. Jickling proceeded to inform the four (4) members present how the three (3) absent members would have voted if present and cast her own vote, although she is chairwoman and non-voting. Ms. Jickling was taking the matter to Congress and the Elections Committee could do nothing

about it.

That evening, the Congressmembers ran through the events leading to the election.

Greg Janks, ex-chairman of the SAB, announced the SAB decision of when the election would take place (Jan. 17, 18 in Vandenberg and OC) and what kind of ballot boxes would be used.

The University community was notified of the upcoming election via a memo by Mr. Janks in early December.

Also brought up at the meeting was a constitutional requirement which reads "candidates must submit a petition
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The results of the election were pending the stormy Election Validation Committee session Monday afternoon.

The meeting Monday afternoon was a strained one with everyone who wanted to make their stand felt raring to be speaking to the chairman assistant, Provost James Bullock. Almost all points of view were expressed and some of those not at the meeting, like Greg Janks, were approached later in the evening.

There was no decision Monday and as Jennifer Jickling and other sources foretold, other meetings (closed session) beginning with one today at 4 p.m., would be

necessary. Meetings closed to the public would be held each day following until the decision could be reached.

Here are the preliminary winners:

For President:	
Rick Lind	283
Jim Ciullo	125
For Congress:	
Jim Sherry	779
Emsley Wyatt	743
Bill Wolf	667
Robert Perakis	635
Penny Leonard	579
Gary Kaufman	542
(write-in)	
Jerry Lucas	378
Ron Williams	370
Mike Foley	326
Tom Latondress	306

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An Interview With Lind...

by Larry Hadley

I interviewed Rick the first day of the election, and I asked him the very same questions I asked Mr. Ciullo.

Lind wants to be congress president because he's seen how Congress works, and feels that the people currently involved in Congress are incompetent. Our elections reflect that. We have financial injustices in our system of allocations our system of allocations. And, we've become so caught up with allocating funds, that Congress has lost its direction. It should be a lobbying force, championing student interests, not arguing over petty hassles.

Lind pointed up some examples. He said that in a recent poll, over 60% of the students wanted major concerts here, and would be willing to pay \$5 a throw. But the Concert-Lecture series can't even get half-way decent groups,

let alone big names, because it's underfunded.

Lind also said that students pay a \$16 "miscellaneous" fee at registration, but are never told where it goes. If students pay it, students should get the benefit from it, and at least know where it goes.

In Lind's estimation, the whole problem boils down to the fact that students aren't totally informed about Congressional doings. Focus prints articles, but it doesn't have the space to print every last detail, how various members voted, and so on. So, Lind proposes a Congressional record, which would totally inform the students about Congress. It would contain every last detail.

Lind also wants to initiate a referendum that will allow students to explicitly determine where their activities fees go. This would clear up the petty financial hassles.

Thirdly, Lind would like Congress to get back on the track as far as their duties, He wants them to be a lobbying force against the administration. He would like to see penalties for absenteeism at meetings, to cut down on quorum hassles.

Finally, Lind wants Congress to be the "Ralph Naders" of the University. It should investigate into parking fees, the miscellaneous fee (and its use), a complete accounting of all fees. Then, this will be a better place for everybody.

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SENATE

by Bob Knoska

The University Senate in it's latest meeting sent back to committee a motion that would have formed a program for a Bachelor of Science Degree in Community and Human Development. The Senate sent back to the same committee a move to make the establishment of a University Center for Community and Human Development.

The cause of the move was discussion of the proposed school by the members of the Senate and how provisions to run the school were ambiguous. A question, principally by Professor Marz of the Political Science Department, of where the future graduates would get jobs, was also raised.

As the debate went on, the fear of many of the supporters of the school, was being justified, that is, of the idea of the school making headway, but the proposal failing. This prompted the

passage of the move to put the school for Human and Community Development back to the planning stages and to keep the idea fresh. It was done by an all but unanimous vote.

In other business the University Senate authorized the initiation of the Master of Science program in Management proposed by the school of Economics and Management and approved by the Graduate Council. At the same time the Senate was informed by President O'Dowd that similar action was being initiated by the State Board of Education so the Senate's work would not be in vain.

Action taken by the Senate also included the taking votes making Mrs.

Orton new Chairperson of the Academic Standing and Honors Committee, making Mr. Barmard the replacement for Dr. Tomboulian on the Steering Committee and action for a final vote to approve the proposed 73-74 calendar to be recommended to the president.

And ... Ciullo

by Larry Hadley

I talked with Jim the Monday before the election, to find out just exactly what he stood for and hoped to accomplish, should he be elected.

I first asked him why he wanted to be the University Congress President. He responded that he sees things that could be happening at Oakland, but aren't. He would like to see the student body unified, not factional; he would prefer that the students worked together toward a common goal, instead of fighting each other. He feels that when the students are fighting among themselves, they are playing right into the administration's hands. That way, the students ignore all of the cute stunts that the administration is pulling, instead of trying to do something about them.

He hopes to increase "social awareness" as far as blacks and whites not mixing socially goes. He thinks that there is almost a class system at

Oakland, and that it defeats the purpose of having a student body altogether. He would rather see students unified, working against the administration, instead of being complacent with administration policies, and fighting each other.

I asked him how much power he can expect to have, should he become president. He feels that it all depends on how much support he gets from the students. If the students don't support Congress and the president, nothing will get done. But how can student support come about? He stated that social awareness, which will lead to social unification. After social unification, political unification will have to follow. He feels that the administration knows this too, and that's why there is such a lack of major or (minor) social events on campus. After all, father knows best.

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Kay : A Eulogy

by Charles Barshaw

Brothers and sisters, we are gathered here today to mourn for our sister, dear Kay Warren. We all knew her, we all loved her, and now that she has left us for a better world, we all grieve for her and pray that she has found a better life somewhere up there.

Ah, it makes a teardrop cloud my eye as I recall dear Kay, and I think of all 480 of her poor children, now left alone in Vandenberg. My heart throbs heartlessly when I think of her last words, "I have personal reasons for leaving. It has nothing to do with the faculty, students or administration." Yes, friends, until the bitter end, she contended that she liked working here. (Sniff)

But we must not dwell on these sad events, but find solace instead in those happier days, days that so faithfully etched sweet Kay unto our hearts forevermore. Oh, how she loved to watch her children play:

how she loved to see them prance lightly down the halls on their adorable roller skates at three o'clock in the morning; how she enjoyed hearing the sweet music of their laughter as they gently heaved watermelons and old ladies down the staircase; and how she adored their whimsical pranks: setting off fire-crackers, fire-alarms, and fire-water parties.

And now she's gone. But let us not despair, let us not mourn and weep. No, we must continue onward, to live as Kay would have wanted us to live.

Our brother Mitch Livingston, you all know Mitch; Mitch here's got to take over for the dear departed Kay Warren until that time that the Almighty Lord provides us with another who might ascend that mighty throne of Head Resident.

And Mitch here says that he's trying just as hard as he's able to find a new Head Resident, cause Mitch says he's awfully busy, and doesn't have the time to change all those little rascals, and he's getting a hangover just from looking at all those bottles.

But it's hard work my friends, very hard work to find another like sweet Kay Warren, and I think that all of us

should add a few more prayers tonight for good old Mitch.

Why, do you know brother Mitch has to do, friends? He has to go out and search world and find someone with a Master's degree or a Bachelor's degree with comparable experience, and not only that, but they've got to have experience in Residence Halls and they've got to be able to plan the programming for all the residence halls on this campus.

Still, friends, the Lord is with us, and Mitch says that soon he might find a replacement. He told me that he has some of his own contacts, and he has some files on some individuals who were interested in the job, and Michigan State, yes friends, Our Father Michigan State has sent us some possibilities.

And so, my brothers and sisters, on this sorrowful day, I ask you to turn from the sadness and see the joy. Know that Kay Warren is happy now, is one with the Universe, and pray brothers, yes I mean Pray, that one day we too might discover the secret passage that leads the hell out of here. Amen.

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with at least 20 student signatures 14 days prior to the election." If the election was held as scheduled, it would have been in direct violation.

After two (2) recesses and five (5) votes the Congress decided to postpone the elections for one week.

January 23, the next election Committee, five candidates became questionable candidates when the signatures on their petitions could not be verified as Winter Semester students. After careful investigation these candidates were cleared.

It was also discovered on January 23 that Alvin Lewis, marshall for OC voting on Wednesday, was not a registered student. Therefore, Lewis could not be in charge of the polling place. Ms. Jickling stepped in immediately as marshall and

spent the evening calling people and asking them to man the polls in the OC.

The days of the election arrived, and true to Oakland tradition very few students turned out to vote. This year's turn out was just over 400. With so few voters there was an over abundance of election workers (not an O.U. tradition).

Noteable to the election were these:

1. Voting places were manned by either all white or all black workers.
2. Students voting in Vandenberg were unable to vote if their ID was not validated even though their names were on the master computer list.
3. Darlene Flack was walking within 50 ft. of Vandenberg poll with an "Election Fraud" sign urging students not to vote.
4. On Thursday the poll was not opened till after 12 noon even though it was supposed to open at 8:00 a.m.

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Keith Stolte	263
Dave Cheresch	252
Daryl Boatwright	206
Jim Harries	121
Dave Gallup	94
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Howard Wright	90
(write-in)	
Fred Mercer	58
(write-in)	



Look for a helluva Focus next week!!!!

EDITORIAL

by Bob Knoska

The University Congress Elections have come and gone and it looks like it really won't go away. With fewer than 450 people voting in the election there should be no cause for any candidate to rejoice. Nobody wanted to vote in an election like this one.

There were mistakes made. The one important one was the mistake of having the election not far enough after the deadline for petitions. Others were in the non-considerations of the Oakland Prep students voting or of the Royal Oak voters (but no one would ever consider the Royal Oak voters because they were for the most part adults and commuters, they just wouldn't even count; no one made a fuss over them. The non-public tone of the elections were a shame, too. One would think that even Congress students did not want a turnout, as they did not as a group, make the elections public knowledge. For the most part, the elections weren't known about and, for the most part, attempts to make the election public were put down. A mess to say the least.

The attempts to campaign were good by those who wanted to campaign. Even though issues weren't discussed there was no problem for presidential candidates to put their name up on a wall. There was trouble getting out and talking to commuters about the issue. The average people only saw pictures and slogans they did not think

enough of them to vote.

Finally the issue of the non issue was brought in. The issue of Sherry and Wolf talking of the BLC and the appropriations of that organization. Non-members of the BLC (there are no specific membership rolls, reportedly all Black students can be members, non-members or whatever and the organization is a collective one, no one person speaking for the organization) saying it was racist to question the organizations the organization's funding. That in itself was to be an "issue."

When the question of the date of the Congress elections came out Black and White candidates pulled out of the election. It was a fine show and one thought calculated to get the whole of the election invalidated; in itself that should do the job.

But now there was an election and the folks running it were on opposite poles. There was even the I.D. mystery that made people okayed by computer lists provided by the business office not eligible to vote. That was created by both sides who were working together not being able to work together.

But now that the election is over it will probably be invalidated, which will be fine with us. The "facts" show us that there were no Black candidates so there was no "Black vs. White" no outright racism. The "facts" show us that the election was run poorly, and the "facts" showed that only about 400 people took an interest to vote.

The darndest

thing is that the facts have showed that Oakland University students have refused to get together even to work to have an election and through their childlike behavior wish to be labeled as racist, unlistening, unfeeling, and totally unwilling to take care of the thousands of dollars in fees that are acquired by the university. Since everyone wants things their way it would serve all of us if the university took over the Congress appropriations. Or maybe while the students play around it will be May before the mess of the Congress is fixed up to a workable order. THEN, THE MONEYS CAN SIT IN A BANK AND ROT.

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To The Students of Oakland University

It seems as though there has been a breakdown in communication between the two peoples of Oakland University; i.e., the Black and White. This is evident just by seeing some of the kind of people who wish to be elected to our congress; people who accuse others of racism while being the worst kind of racist themselves. I am talking about the team of Wolf and Sherry.

They talk about students (white students) getting backbone when they really mean "backlash"! They speak in a manner that is pleasing to the eyes and ears, but we all know what they are trying to say "put the niggers (black students) in their place".

Furthermore they fail to specify what or where that place is if there is such a place. But, in any way shape or form, Sherry and Wolf are against the Black students. It is apparent how little they know about the Black students or the affairs between Black and White students on this campus by their first effort to criticize congress's allotment of 33% of their money to four Black student organizations. However, as anyone can see, 33% is not a lot of money between four organizations. They then allege that no Whites could get into these organizations I feel that this is a lot of bull for the simple fact that if a student wishes to join these student organizations there would really be no stopping them from doing so. It seems apparent that these students have no desire to join these organizations in the first place.

I object to people who

really don't know what they are talking about who wish to speak for the people as a whole. Wolf and Sherry can do more harm than good by causing a lot of unnecessary agitation between the students.

I feel that if they were to be elected to congress they could be the ones to keep many good ideas from coming about. They could split the students worse than it may already be and set this university back a few years.

I, as one, feel, that any student or students who are not for the students as a whole, should not have any say so in student affairs. They could only hinder the students from growing as one.

Signed,

A concerned student

(Name withheld by request)

NOTE

In six years there have been quite a few of the rare and not so rare breed of animals called editors and publishers . . . right now Focus: Oakland is under that new management.

We have lost the services of Wendy Lull, Paul Axinn, and Xenia Psihas. They were great workers and they will be missed.

The change is something for newness. Lots of chaos will result for a while but Focus will come out often.

The "head" is Bob Knoska, a 2-year vet of the rag, and a couple of newcomers, Larry Hadley and Bob Pociask. They will do well, so enjoy your Focus.