

# CONGRESS MOVES SLOWLY

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## CO-OP HOUSE IS SUCCESS

told to L. Hadley  
Some of you may be wondering whatever happened to the group of students sitting at the table in the OC, petitioning for a co-op dorm at OU. Since commuters come in such little contact with residents, we at the newly established Anibal House Co-op would like to inform you about us.

We have found that ignorance breeds unfounded notions about our Co-op.

At this time last year none of us who worked to establish the co-op believed that it would really exist this fall. It was founded, by a group of sophmores and freshmen. Work started on the program during winter semester 1973, drumming up support from the students to prove that there was definitely a need at Oakland for a co-op.

After many sore throats, we went to the board and presented a proposal for a co-op dorm. A group of fifty students supported us at the meeting. It was an experience that none of us will ever forget, and one that we will never regret.

### TRUSTEES GIVE OKAY

The Board of Trustees

gave final approval for the co-op plan at their May board meeting. That is when the work began. The core group of students had to contact the rest of the interested co-op students to let them know that the program was accepted.

We had a deadline of June 1 to reach capacity or they would not let our program continue. At times the numbers were close to not letting us continue, but they accepted us. When we moved in last week, we had a waiting list for males to get into our co-op house, and a few spaces left for females.

What we are doing in the building called Anibal House is living in an atmosphere which is unbelievably fantastic. The building had no maintenance staff assigned to it. The co-op members mop the floor etc.

When you have to clean the building, you have a great deal more respect for it. No more sweeping dust out into the halls because it will be your turn one day to sweep the hall. So now if you drop something, you pick it up.

We have no Resident Assistant on each floor, just students. We do have what we call the  
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(photography by Nicholas J. Vitale)

## BEER BUST A BIG SMASH IN OC

### BEER PARTY- A GAY CELEBRATION

A "Happy Hour"--indeed it was.

With only an I. D. Card and a smile needed for admission, folks were given a delightful treat last Friday afternoon of cold beer and snacks, good live music, and a cast of hosts and hostesses that were as lively and attentive as the "Shoobie Doo" group.

Sponsored by Residence Hall and O.S.O., the event was held in an

effort to enhance student awareness of college happenings and to expose just one of various avenues in the form of entertainment offered at O.U.

It certainly proved to be a success, thanks to the number of folks present, as new friendships were established, old ones rejuvenated and a merry time was had by all.

Look for another similar party to be coming up this semester.

## THIS WEEKEND !!!

Oakland University will hold its "Fall Weekend" celebration for the OU community and the public from Friday, Sept. 21 through Sunday, Sept. 23. A carnival with rides and games and a concert by

the Ike and Tina Turner Review highlight the activities.

The carnival will be held in parking lot M directly behind Vandenberg Hall

## Congress Fills Vacancies

Vacancies in the S.A.B. and the Congress were filled respectively by Harold Chin and Henry Carnaby.

Congress unanimously approved the all approved the allocation of \$68.25 for ten thousand pre-printed front pages for Congressional record. President Rick Lind hopes to publish 20 editions at 500 copies each.

Congress also voted unanimously to allot \$40.00 for the purchase of a certain chemical so that the Sickle Cell Anemia program can be reinstated this year.

The Constitution drawn up by Steering Committee Chairman Emsley Wyatt was reviewed, and with some minor changes, unanimously approved. The students now must vote to accept this revision, and the Board of Trustees must then ratify it.

Congress voted not to pay \$2,000.00 for the student directories. Congress is certain that the students will pay the \$.60 price for the booklet, and plans instead to use the money as a partial contribution to the Village Project.

Except for a number of minor confusions, Congress proved in its second session that its first was not fluke.

# CONGRESS

# MANY DECISIONS-LENGTHY MEETING

As the mythical Phoenix, the Student Congress arose from the ashes of last year's stormy impotence and the election invalidation, and returned, perhaps young and invigorated to begin the new school year.

For the September 10th agenda, 18 proposals or issues were listed, and 16 were actually discussed during the two hour long meeting.

Don Johnson, chairman of the Student Allocations Board, announced that \$5590 was allocated to various organizations over the spring and summer months, and that \$1000 still remained and could be transferred and used for the fall and winter semesters.

### TURNER CONCERT

Homer Kennedy, chairman, and he claims, only working member of the Concert-Lecture Series Committee, revealed details about the upcoming Ike and Tina Turner Concert to be held on September 23 in the Baldwin Pavilion.

The approximate total cost of the project, he noted, would be \$20,500, with a projected "sell-out" netting \$30,000, resulting in a profit of about \$9500.

However, Kennedy admitted that the profits might amount to even less. Should there be a sell out, Mr. Doug Woodard requested that more uniformed guards be present to prevent any gate crashing, in which the cost for public safety could

triple.

The effect of the student discount on the profit cannot as yet be determined, but undoubtedly it, too, will reduce the margin of profit. Also, Kennedy announced that he had hired a warm-up group, the Chip Stevens group, for \$250.

However, with a current budget of \$12,000, even the comparatively small profits of \$5,000 would help in the funding of future CLSC projects.

### NEW CONSTITUTION

Emsley Wyatt, chairman of the Steering Committee, revealed a revised Congress Constitution. Among the more striking changes are:

Rescheduling the elections from the beginning of the Winter Sem-

ester to the beginning of the Fall Semester, a move, recommended by the Elections Validation Committee following last year's election fiasco.

Election by a two-thirds majority in Congress of an Elections Commissioner (as opposed to the present system placing the elections in the hands of the Student Activities Board), who would be given total responsibility for elections.

Redefining the student voting power so that, as before, the student would be allowed 18 votes, but unlike the past, he would be allowed to vote only once for each candidate. Wyatt stated that this would, in effect, "Make Congressmembers more responsible to more people."

Voting on this proposed Constitution will take place during the next meeting.

### GRADE CONVERSION UPDATE

Last spring, President Donald O'Dowd proposed a new, stricter grading system in place of the standard system now in use. Both Congress and the Senate must vote on this proposal, and President Rick Lind is confident that both assemblies will veto the bill.

About assuring the Senate's negative vote, Lind said, "what I'm suggesting is that we construct the Academic Policy Committee in other words, elect people that we want to reinforce our scheme. We already command four of ten votes.. it looks

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# MAJOR FALL SPORTS IN HIGH GEAR

Oakland's Fall line-up of Intercollegiate sports is off to a flying start. And if you didn't read it here, you may have never known.

Traditionally, the OU athletic teams have existed for the benefit of the few dedicated athletes that don't mind laboring in anonymity.

The majority of the student population is unaware that such teams exist, and the recreation facilities are nothing more than the place one must go to for an easy 2 credits in tennis or golf.

Such is the plight of a commuter school. The only signs of life

on campus over the weekends are the poor suckers in the dorms. And they'd be gone too, but for lack of a ride.

This year, with the expansion of the women's sports program and the inclusion of the men's Athletic Conference, the teams in the newly formed Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, the undermanned Phys. Ed. staff has given more students an opportunity to participate in a first rate Intercollegiate sports program. The type of program at least deserving of student support.

Soccer and Cross Country are on tap for this fall in the men's division.

The Soccer team, coached by John Motzer, plays its first match on Sept 1. Anyone interested in a tryout can find Mr. Motzer any day of the week after three p.m. on the soccer field.

Cross Country gets underway this month under the direction of John Osyler. The Warriors will compete in the new six-team GLIAC

### WOMANS PROGRAMS THIS YEAR

The women's sports program has come a long way in a short time under the direction of Kathy Williams. There will be girls teams in six sports this year depending on participation. There are openings in every sport, which will include tennis, swimming, basketball, volleyball, golf and bowling, and interested women should contact Kathy Williams immediately.

Girls tennis will be offered for the first time on an intercollegiate basis, and it is a fall sport for the ladies. The women open up their season at Windsor College on Sept. 22. Swimming workouts start in a couple of weeks, with the first meet slated for November 1. Basketball also gets its practice sessions underway in a couple of weeks. The golf and bowling teams have not been formed as of yet, but they will be part of the program if teams can be mustered. The girls will have

their own six-team league this year. The Southeastern Michigan Women's Athletic Conference is made up of Oakland, Sienna Heights of Adrian, Marygrove, Madonna, Mercy and Concordia of Ann Arbor.

The school administration has been effective in keeping OU's athletic program as low-key as possible, protecting our image as a school for brains and not jocks. Despite this fact, the Phys. Ed. staff has done remarkably well in providing a solid program, a program that could use a little support, not only on a participatory level, but on the spectator level as well.

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optimistic, and I have recommended to Dean Wit that we are going to stick with our conversion scheme."

### HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Congressmember Jim Sherry announced that on October 6, OU, MSU, UM, and WSU would hold

four rotating workshops and receive a meal.

Since Oakland's Congress is responsible for the area of "student rights and responsibilities" and "programming", it was proposed that a Student Speaker Program be initiated, in which a student possessing knowledge in a certain subject might be paid to

travel to various high schools to lecture. A booklet filing a list of student speakers and various sundry informations about scheduling concerts and the like would be put together and distributed to the student council officers attending the conference.

Congress voted unanimously to accept responsibility for this program.

### VILLAGE PROPOSAL

Dick Wentworth discussed the Village Proposal, concerned with preserving the Barn Theater and the surrounding buildings, and using these existing structures and building others which might supposedly house the chess club, a pub, workshops, offices, extended gardens, and as he stated,

other "almost limitless possibilities."

He revealed that President O'Dowd would match student contributions dollar for dollar up to \$10,000, but elicited a groan when he stated that revitalization of the Barn itself would run \$30,000. Wentworth emphasized that unless students showed concern for the project, no national grants would be received.

### COMMUTER SERVICES NEEDS YOU!

Do you have time or skills to volunteer? Commuter Services-118 OC is anxious to place students in volunteer positions in hospitals, schools, day care centers and other community efforts. Get involved! Interact and learn about the world outside Oakland!

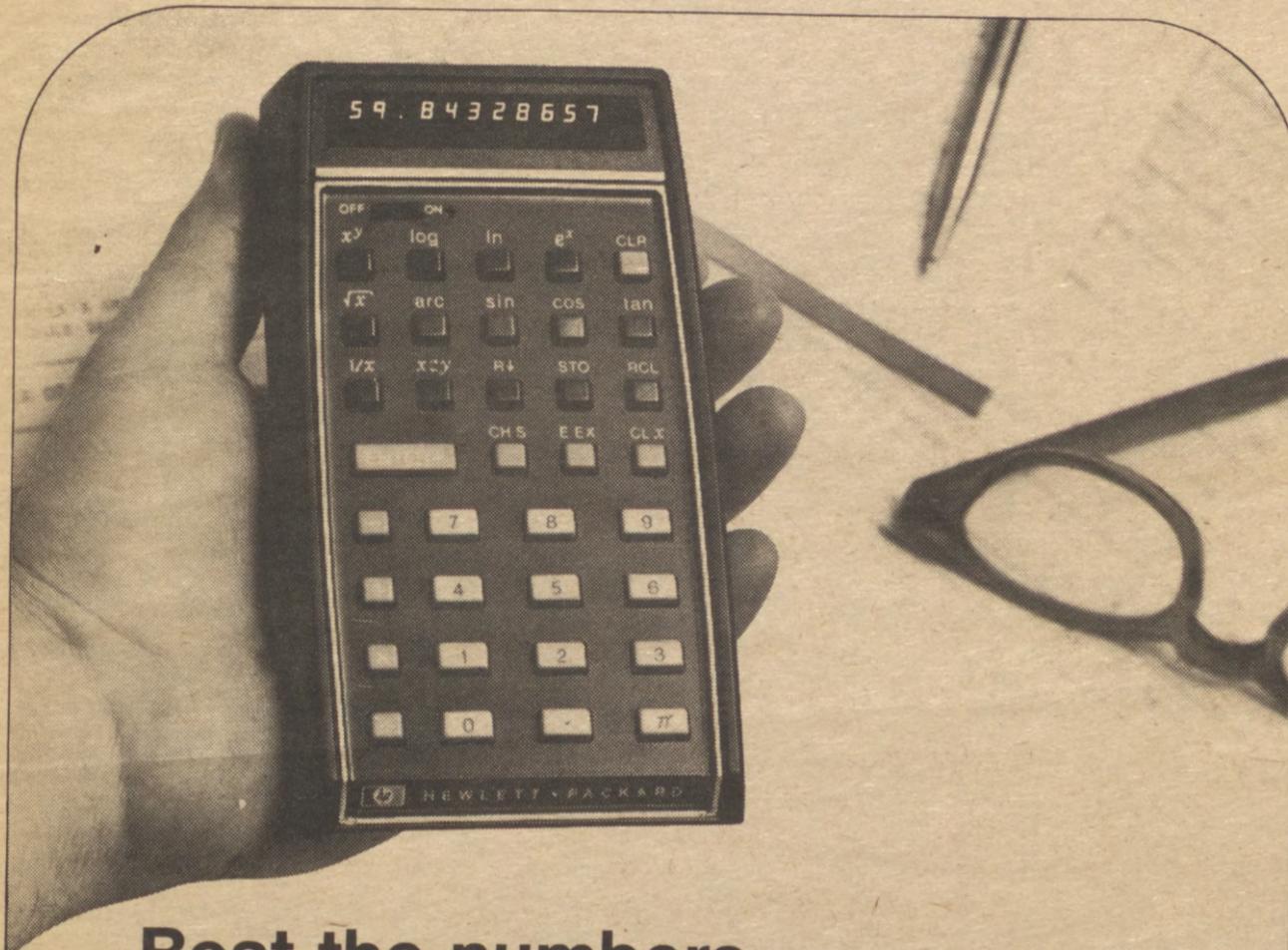
### BUT I THOUGHT WE DIDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT POPULATION GROWTH ANYMORE

"But I Thought We Didn't Have To Worry About Population Growth Anymore-Misconceptions About Current Trends in Population" will be the subject to be discussed by Dr. Richard Goldfine when he addresses the Greater Oakland Chapter of Zero Population Growth. The monthly meeting is open to the public and will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 8:00 PM, at Birmingham Unitarian Church, Lone Pine and Woodward Roads.

### SIMS

The International Meditation Society will be presenting a free, public lecture on the technique of Transcendental Meditation as taught by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi on Thursday, Sept. 20 at 2:00 and again at 7:30 in the Gold Room C. All are welcome.

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# Editorial: Random Thoughts ...

Let's pull a funny and interview editor whosits today, and find out what is going on at FOCUS: Oakland.

*Just how was your summer?*

All right, if you like to work and not spend much money. The work was hard and so was the pay but "that's the breaks" as they say.

We were glad to get back, very glad actually, but we're sure that will wear off in a very short period of time.

*Do you think the new food service will last out the year?*

We haven't had a food service that hasn't lasted out the year so far, but that is not answering the question.

This year a new company is here and things should be rather interesting. Saga, the new company, seems to be rather interested in staying around the Oakland University campus. There has not really been the hard line management tactics as has been the case in the previous two catering companies. Also, from all reports, summer food on campus was pretty good. We hope that things stay that way.

*Boy, after last year's bomb on Szabo you're being pretty nice. Who else are you praising this early in the morning?*

Well, it looks like we can do some more of that at this hour.

It seems like the Senate, Board of Trustees and even the Congress' CLSC could use some applause.

First the Senate for working this summer and doing some fine work as far as okaying programs and getting them ready for fall. This has never seemed to happen before and there is welcome relief in these quarters.

Next, the Board of Trustees made some hard decisions that may have gotten them out of the financial jam that the University was in. Tuition was raised but maybe it can be lowered as it was before. Who knows? What was important was that something was done to raise funds after the budget cuts.

Finally the Congress has stuck to its guns and recommended to President O'Dowd that the grade conversion scale that was recommended by the Senate not be instated. That was good news, since the Congress is supposed to be on equal terms as far as this type of recommendation goes. Congress did not do much else this summer but that was at least something. They had better get on the stick.

*What are you thinking about Congress and what they're doing right now?*

## FOCUS RIDES AGAIN...at OU

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  - Laura B., we miss you

Since Congress says that they are for providing a service and some other useful help, it would be nice for them to provide the student and faculty/staff directory, especially since everyone wants the book but doesn't want to pay. It would be useful for all of us and quite a bit of help for the whole community here, not just one group. And we know Congress would love to mend fences. *Have you seen the new constitution of Emsley Wyatt?*

Yes, and it does seem interesting, but for the part of splitting 18 votes into one per candidate. The 18 votes and group block vote was installed so that all the voices on campus could be heard and not out-numbered. The best part of the "Wyattution" is having an election commissioner in charge of the election instead of the SAB. That is a fine idea and one that should always be in effect, if only as an amendment.

*I know you must be out for the count now. Why else are you happy?*

We must be happy about the CLSC Large concert with Ike and Tina Turner. This is some of the music that quite a few of us get it on to. It should be a huge success but even if it isn't at least people will be happy with it. Also S.E.F.S. has some really great movies coming like Easy Rider, and Butch Cassidy, and they'll be here in a very short time.

*Do you want to close on a good note?*

We certainly do wish to close on a good note and that may happen.

Even the dorms are looking good this year and University drive looks good. We hope the Co-op dorm works out and bunches of other things that look good now stay good.

Since it is early though, it is time to get some shuteye for a while. Catch ya later.

## COOP con't from page one

Resident Manager. He lives in the Head Resident's Apartment with his wife Judy, and baby daughter Jessica. His name is Dan Pfeiffer. Both of them are two of the most fantastic people anyone would want to know. They don't know how truly grateful we are that they are with us in this new program.

In each wing of Anibal House are two kitchens where the food is prepared for our group. meals. Lunch and dinner are served 7 days a week at a cost of \$10.00 to co-op members. The majority of us do eat lunch and dinner together. The menu and the food have been excellent. Last week's menu included steak on one night to pizza, to a complete turkey dinner--while the dormitory students were having hot dog dinners. We prepared our own meals which is an experience. Cooking for approximately sixty students makes you learn fast.

The feeling in the building is one of true togetherness. For only being in there for just over a week, we have a complete governing and food buying system. It really gives you a good feeling when you see the milk truck pull up to the building, making a delivery for you.

The people are all friendly and understanding. I don't think we could have started with a better group of students to set the co-op up. The class range is from sophmores to graduate students, as freshmen are not allowed in the program. The variety of backgrounds make living in the co-op a beautiful place.

We all feel this program is going to succeed just by the people's attitude living in the co-op. This experience is not only educational, but also truly rewarding to each person living in Anibal House Co-op. We would not trade it for anything.

# LAṬINO "Blood" Shown

Blood of the Condor, will be shown Monday, Sept. 24 at 12:30-2:30 in the Gold Room of the OC, and from 7:30-9:30 at 201 Dodge Hall.

Winner of three International awards, it discusses the Bolivian Indians and their exploitation by foreign as well as indigenous minorities.

For Mexican-American Week, Harvest of Shame, the famous CBS Documentary, will be shown on Oct. 22. Yo Soy Chicano will be shown on the 26 of Oct.; Memories of Underdevelopment will be shown on Nov. 7., and on the 26th of November, Mexico: The Frozen Revolution will be shown.

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