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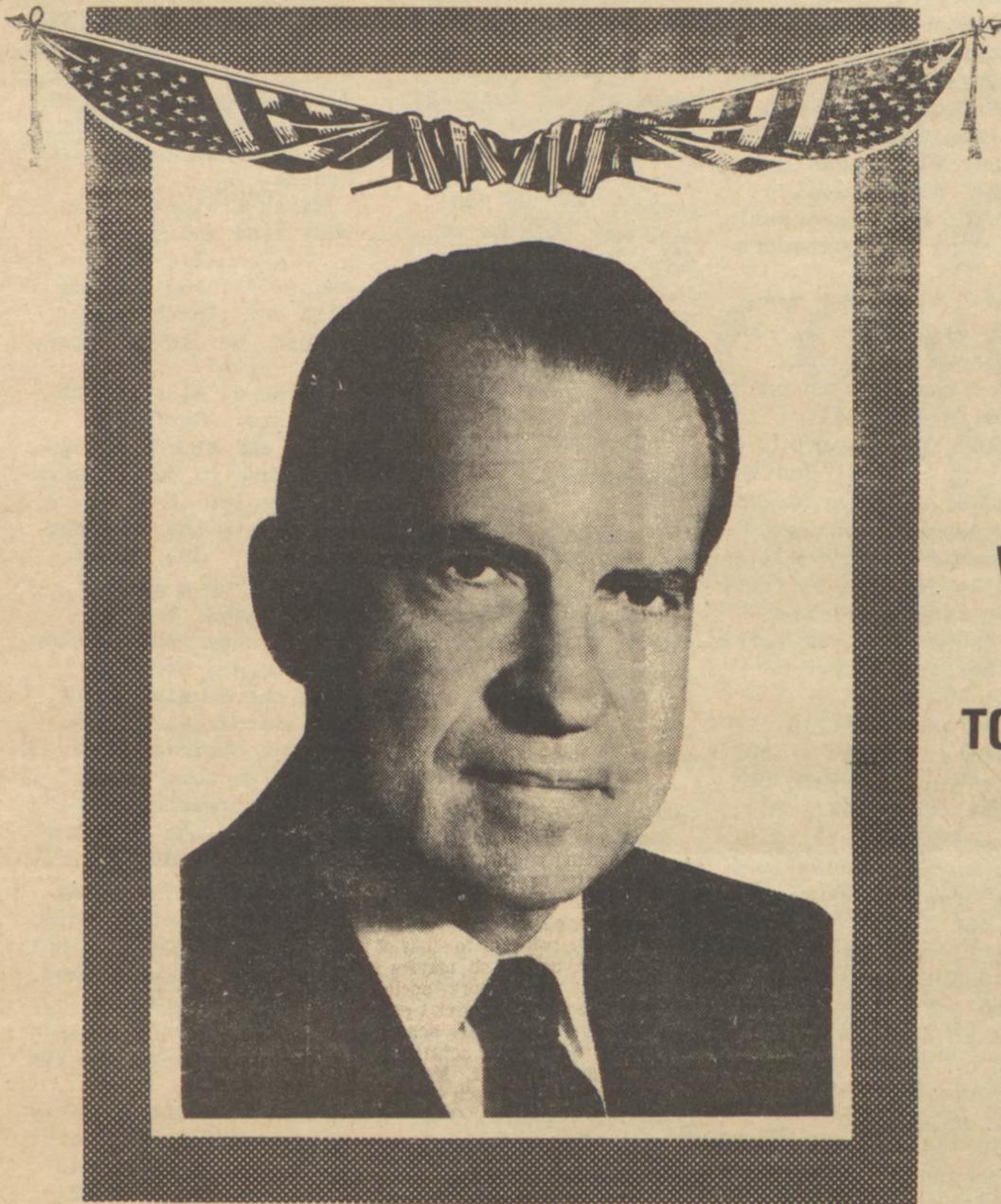
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**WE DEDICATE
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**TO OUR BELOVED
PRESIDENT**

Richard M.
Nixon

PSALM OF NIXON

Nixon is my shepherd, I shall
not want.
He leadeth me beside the steel
factories.
He restoreth my doubts in the
Republican party.
He guideth me to the path of
unemployment for the party's
sake.

I do not fear evil for thou art
against me.
Thou annointest my wages with
freezes, so that my expenses
runneth over my income.
Surely poverty and hard living
shall follow the Republican

party and I shall live in
rental houses forever.

Five thousand years ago, Moses
said, "Park your camel, pick
up your shovel, mount your
ass, and I shall lead you
to the promised land."

Five thousand years later, Roosevelt
said, "Lay down your shovel,
sit on your ass, light up
a camel, this is the promised
land."

Today, Nixon will tax your shovel,
sell your camel, kick your
ass and tell you there is no
Promised Land.

FINAL EDITORIAL

In last week's letters to the editor column, we make what they call in the trade a "boo-boo". We messed up Charlie Barshaw's letter. He wrote us a letter lamenting his housing assessment. Well, your editor-in-chief as well as Focus' business manager got nailed for "excessively dirty" rooms, too. We are both steaming mad about it. My roommate and I distinctly recall making a special effort to make sure that our room was clean. We spent some time before sweeping it out and dusting and cleaning up in general to make sure that we weren't assessed. We had been duly warned that the University would do its darnedest to get our \$25 housing deposit away from us. Since it is illegal now for them to retain it, they came up with a new trick, and here it is.

RA from last year (our Homer Kennedy) and he said that he inspected our rooms, as well as Kay Warren. Well, Doreen Bieryla was head Resident at that time, so I don't know how Kay Warren got into it; she was long gone. What I think is that Housing is just playing more games with us to get our money, since people obviously aren't flocking to the residence halls. Evidence that Housing is starving for customers can be found on page seven.

 This is our year-end issue, as we have to shut down so your diligent ? newspaper staff can study for their finals. Focus has gone through a lot of changes in 1973, and in the fall of 1973. Of course our management has changed, everybody knows that. Also, our format, content, staff, and editorial policies have all undergone revisions. We hope that the paper has been consistently improving. I know I've said all this bull before, but we really do want to serve the University Community. We really do care about you the students, and about what you think. We hope we can find a place for your ideas in our newspaper.

 Finally, this is the Christmas Season. I hope we can all try and ignore the plastic trees and shiny tinsel and find out what it's really all about. It's the celebration of the birth of Christ. That means a lot to me as a Christian, as well as many others. For Jews, Hanukkah has another meaning. While I'm not Jewish and don't fully understand its meaning, I still respect it for the occasion it is. To people of other faiths as well as those of no persuasion at all, I hope that Christmas can be at least a renewal of the spirit of giving, and of brotherhood. Maybe Im' making Christmas sound like all things to all people, but in a way, it is. It's celebrated all over the world, in many different ways. In whatever way you choose to celebrate it, the entire Focus staff wishes you all the joys of the season.

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LETTERS-LETTER

Dear Editor:

I'm appalled at the blatant sexism displayed in the blurb on the "Party" (Dec. 5, page 6). Evidently Focus represents only half the college population, and prostitutes the other half.

Ben Turner

(Editor's Note: When he's right, he's right. That blurb was sexist. But the slant of this paper is not intended-ly sexist. We try to provide a forum for all points of view. Which reminds me, we don't have any columns written from a feminist's point of view. We would welcome such a column if only someone will write it for us. Any takers? L.D.H.)

Dear Editor:

I was originally going to write a bonafide article about this problem that I have, but after I discovered that you don't leave the microphone dangling near the recorder because all you can hear later is the tape recorder humming and clicking, I decided instead to just cop out and write to you.

I read last week in Focus about a poor soul who was charged \$10 for "Housing Damages". It turns out that she was charged for leaving her room "excessively dirty". That, I thought, was fine. She probably had left her prized dirt collection under her bed and had failed to clean up after that case of macaroni and cheese had mysteriously exploded several months before.

Me, I was all set. Having heard rumors that such charges were being sallied forth upon the unfortunate dormie, my roommate and I swept the floors and threw away all the garbage and even wiped all the fingerprints off of the blood-stained...

But today I received my bill, and lo and behold, I too had been nailed. My roommate (of this year), also found

himself in the same excruciating position, and the funny thing about that was that his room last year had been used as a "model" room; one of those rooms where all the prospective Oakies went to see what Oakland University night life was all about.

We went to the office, where, as Steve, (my roommate) had predicted, the two receptionists knew very little about anything. In fact, they told us that Mitch Livingston and Bob Stocker had inspected all the rooms, which Mitch later denied.

Mitch Livingston was very kind and he did give a considerable amount of time talking with us. In the end, though, he did not prove very helpful.

First of all, let me say this. Residence Halls and Mitch Livingston have to put up with a whole lot of shit. And that's the word for it, shit. So, unfortunately, do a lot of dorms rooms, too, although they tend to show the marks a bit more than the Housing staff.

Residence Halls has several choices. They can do as some other schools reportedly do, and charge the incoming occupant for damages incurred by the outgoing resident. Whether this is strictly legal or not is anybody's guess, but it can and is being done, much to the detriment of the students and the dorms.

Or, as an alternative, one can charge the outgoing resident for his own mess. This has always been OU's policy, but recently a law was passed which outlawed deposits on rented rooms. Thus, now instead of deducting the damages from the impounded deposit, the university must approach the student directly.

This they are doing, and Mitch admits that it's going to be painful for some.

All this I totally agree with. If a person does not take care of his room, he should be charged.

But the problem lies in the fact that all

rules and systems of enforcement are fallible. Sometimes an innocent person gets accused. And the whole problem is, that in this case, he has no recourse. None whatsoever.

As we talked to Mitch, this became absolutely clear.

When we were leaving last spring, our Resident Assistant made sure that the room was in good shape before he checked us out. Following that, janitors checked each room again and compiled a list of those that were "excessively dirty".

But just what is "excessively dirty"? The problem is that there are so many ways to mess up a room that a definition becomes very nearly impossible. Mitch admits that the Housing Department set up no guidelines; that the janitors made that decision as they saw fit; and thus that the charges were assessed based strictly on the list compiled by the janitorial staff.

So there were no guidelines. But let us say that there were. Let us say that the Residence Halls and compiled a list of things that the checkers should watch for.

Let's say that. Who, then, can say whether these janitors would have followed these guidelines at all? Who can say, in fact, just what in the hell the janitors DID do? Certainly not anyone in the Housing staff.

Now, personally, I think janitors are tremendous people. I had never any doubts concerning their honesty or their industriousness.

But when I, me, am accused of leaving my room "excessively dirty" when instead I should have been awarded a statue of the White Tornado, I am more

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James A. Cummer's Commentary will not be in this week's Focus as he will be featured every other week. Commentary will return in this space next issue.

LETTERS:

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Middle Class Financing Discussed in XEROX Special

inclined to doubt the unknown janitor's integrity than my own.

Let's face it. Janitors are people, too, and as such, can misread room numbers and get lazy and not check them all, or even claim that a clean room is dirty and spend hours sweeping up the imaginary dust. As my roommate hypothesized, maybe they just picked out every other room as being dirty.

Vengeance might even be possible. Last year, one friend had amassed a huge beer wall of Bud which was toppled mysteriously towards the end of the semester.

The avalanche was swept into the hall, and from that time onward, our janitor never spoke to us except to make low grunting sounds and threatening gestures.

Laugh if you want, but it's possible, for no one from Housing supervised the room inspection.

Mitch mentions that possibly next year someone will tag along, but for the present this simply does not help. Mitch also promised to try and contact our old RA for a verification of our story. But, he admits, he can't possibly track down all the RA's and check out all the grievances. So, we're stuck.

It all comes down to this. The residence halls do and should have the right to make residents pay for any damages incurred in the dorms. Granted.

If students are guilty of such dirty deeds, they should have to pay. Granted.

But, when the students do not think they are guilty, they should have some kind of appeal and not two semesters late, either. Mitch Livingston will do his best, I'm sure, but I find very little consolation in that, for in the end I am convinced that I will have to pay.

My suggestion, then, is this. That residence halls come up with some kind of definition, however vague, about just what the hell "ex-

cessively dirty" means, and give the dorm students an idea of what the room should look like when they are about to leave.

Also, there should be some kind of residence halls official who will inspect or at least supervise the inspection of the vacated rooms, or even better, inspect the rooms before the students depart.

I mean, \$10 is not that much (groan), but it hurts both the pocket-book and the pride when one is called a pig on his bill.

ThOINK you,
Charles Barshaw

Publishers Note: Both Larry Hadley and myself have been assessed \$10 on the same "Catch-22" charge. Our position is as follows: if anybody in this university thinks they can prove their allegations, they are welcome to try, but in the meantime, I would not plan on putting that \$20 into your budget, because the chances of your getting it back are about the same as this paper becoming affluent. NIL! ZILCH!

The Publishers

Focus is going to be need people next year. We hope that you can join us. If you like the paper, then want to be a part of it, then we welcome you. If you can't stand the paper and want to improve it and put your money where your mouth is, then c'mon over. And if you really hate us and refuse to associate with us, at least offer a few helpful suggestions and criticisms.

Yes, Kathy, Bill H. did sing caroles at the Focus office Monday night.

And yes, Becky, Bill H. did serenade Kathy later on; with harp, lute and shawms.

Poor kids and rich kids can go to the college of their choice. Middle-class kids cannot.

That paradox, and why many colleges face financial difficulties, will be probed in "The College Money Crunch", an NBC News special to be sponsored by Xerox Corporation Thursday evening, Jan. 3, 10 to 11 o'clock (ET) over the NBC Television Network.

It will mark the first of a number of special programs that Xerox plans to bring to the nation's viewers during 1974.

Edwin Newman, reporter for "the College Money Crunch", will point out that the cost of higher education is soaring-- up to \$5,500 yearly at some schools.

Very rich parents can afford such costs. The very poor can qualify for financial aid. But many middle-class young eliminated from the

Federal guaranteed loan program by the government's recent budgetary cutback, can no longer afford to enroll in the higher-cost private colleges or universities.

Many colleges too are caught between rising costs and shrinking enrollments. Eliot Frankel, executive producer of the Xerox special, says it will focus in part on little Belknap College in New Hampshire, which "goes out

of business" at the end of the current semester.

Some private institutions are flooding high schools with direct-mail promotion literature and recruiting high-school seniors via telephone. "We operate almost like college football coaches striving to recruit the best high-school athletes," says one administrator. "It's almost like selling soup."

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FINAL CONGRESS NOTES

Presented below are brief summaries of the November 12, 19, and 26 Congress Meetings.

On Monday, November 12, though a number of hefty issues were brought up, very few were actually resolved.

Among the most important of these was the Constitution issue. Earlier this year, Congressman and Chairman of the Steering Committee Emsley Wyatt drew up a new Constitution which was accepted by a 2/3 majority in Congress and was to be placed on a referendum in the following weeks. However, days before the referendum was scheduled, President Rick Lind, after consulting with Dean Woodard and members of the Association of Black Students (ABS), vetoed the measure. In a later meeting, Congressman Wyatt recalled his motion

After almost 2 months, Congress finally approved a bill, set forth by Gordon Young, which will establish a Constitutional Committee. This committee would consist of five members (two of which will be elected by Area Hall and Commuter Council, respectively) and a non-voting chairman, and would be put in charge of drawing up a new constitution.

a new constitution.

Another problem plaguing this Congress since the beginning of this semester was resurrected, as Congress once more reviewed the "Grade Conversion Question."

A very brief history for the ignorant. Last year, the Academic Policy Committee (APC) came up with a grade conversion scheme to replace OU's antiquated system. The Senate approved it, but Congress did not, and drew up their own to prove it. A motion by Jim Sherry earlier this year that Congress accept the original scheme was passed by a narrow margin, and Rick Lind exercised his veto several hours after the meeting.

Meanwhile, the new APC derived another formula (a seeming compromise between the two systems) and submitted it to the Senate. On the 12th, Congressman Bruce Campbell asked that all past motions be overridden, and Congress consider all the proposals once more. Keith Sirlin then proposed that the APC's newest scheme be adopted, but after much heated though unconvincing discussion, the measure was defeated 7-6.

Jim Sherry, "Senate Scheme Champion", then

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Send only \$2.00 (\$2.25 for Rush Service) - cash is O.K. - to Information Sources Co., P.O. Box 982, Dept. ST, Carpinteria, Calif. 93013. Don't order unless you expect to lose 20 pounds in two weeks! Because that's what the Ski Team Diet will do!

CONGRESS ABOLISHED? UNICAMERAL SYSTEM PROPOSED

A proposal to centralize university government in one University Council was read by the Senate for the first time at their Nov. 13 meeting.

Its purpose is to create one single 65 member forum to advise President O'Dowd as well as formulate policy subject to his and the Board of Trustees approval. This is opposed to the tri-body government now in existence composed of the University Senate, Student Congress and the Academic Policy Committee. The proposal gives representation also to Public Safety, Hourly Staff and Clerical-Technical people.

The head of the Council would be the University president, who like all other central administration personnel, would not be entitled to vote. Voting membership would be composed of thirty faculty, twenty students, ten administrative-professional (excluding central administrators), two clerical-technical, two hourly staff, and one Public Safety representative. The membership would be divided into four causes; Faculty, Student, Administrative-Professional and Staff. The Staff caucus includes all clerical, hourly

and public safety representatives.

Voting on ordinary business would require only a majority of the quorum present. Voting on substantive measures would require a sixty percent positive vote of those members present.

Essentially, the present governing bodies would retain their powers or voice. There would be a Student Affairs Committee with a requirement that at least fifty percent of the members be students. There also would be an Academic Affairs Committee with a requirement that at least fifty percent of the members be faculty. The basic difference would be that the motions proposed would be subject to approval by the entire body. This is different from the autonomous power existed by the present Congress, Senate and APC.

This would go far to relieve the ping-pong effect of major proposals that at present bounce back and forth from Congress to Senate to APC. Vice President and Provost Frederick O'Bear voiced the concern over central administrative personnel being allowed action

only as non-voting ex-officio members. Another senator voiced the opinion that the

proposal was a play for power on the part of students. The document was not voted upon at the November 13th meeting but is scheduled for a vote at the next meeting.

Free Legal Aid Offered

The Board of Trustees voted to reimplement a free Legal Aid Program for University students Winter semester 1974. The proposal, introduced by the Commuter Council was approved at the December 1 board meeting. Funding for the program will be supplied by Commuter Council.

This legal service is preceded by a similar program initiated by the OU Defenders Club, in Fall, 1971 and abandoned the following semester for a myriad of reasons.

The new service will be a satellite of the Oakland County Legal Aid Society and will be staffed 15 hours per week by student intern attorneys (third year law students). The role of the intern attorneys will be to assist students in identifying legal alternatives which might be elected in resolution of a problem.

Any student who meets

the prerequisite of indigency established and determined by the Oakland County Legal Aid Society will be eligible to use this University Service. It is assumed that most Oakland University students would be classified as indigent.

Before taking advantage of the service, qualified students will be asked to sign a waiver acknowledging that the legal counselors are not practicing attorneys and

cannot take legal action but can point out referral agencies that can be of help.

Further information about the Legal Aid Program is available from either the Commuter Council or Office of Commuter Services.

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boxes telling you to call such and such a number for a cheap, easy, quick abortion. You turn on the radio and it seems every other song is followed by a solemn announcement informing you where to call for an abortion. Well, people, please don't be foolish enough to call them. These guys who advertise are out for a fast buck and will get it even if it messes up someone else. They won't give you adequate care such as counseling, proper facilities, concern, or follow-up. You don't see advertising for tonsillectomies, do

you? Yet people have them done every day at reputable places.

The state doesn't regulate abortion clinics and will give free abortion counseling along with referrals to the three clinics which give a woman the treatment necessary to have a position experience when she needs an abortion.

If you ever find yourself requiring an abortion, my advice would be not to call the numbers you're bombarded with in the media. Instead, call 964-0838 (Michigan Clergy Counseling) or 377-3784 (Community House) for information. It's for your sake.

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THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS

December 19 - February 28

Secret Witness Plan Offers \$500 Reward for Information

A Secret Witness program, similar to that of the Detroit News is being planned for Oakland University. If a secret witness tip leads to an arrest and conviction the witness will receive \$500.

The details of the program are not yet planned. The most important consideration is to protect the identity of the witness.

One plan is for the witness to give, by phone or mail, a six-digit number. If the tip leads to an arrest and conviction, the witness should make contact again using the number as identification. Arrangements to transfer the \$500 reward will be made according to the witness' instructions.

Dudley Woodard, Dean for Student Life, says

the program is needed to help control drug-related crime on campus. "We believe most of the crime is drug related. Anyone dealing in marijuana is very susceptible to rip offs."

Woodard says crime on campus has not increased over last year but it hasn't improved either. "From my sources I am led to believe marijuana dealing is the most common. Chemical use had decreased."

Woodard says most drug crime is not reported. "Someone who has a pound of marijuana ripped off isn't going to report it to me. Only those who are very scared and feel threatened report their loss."

Woodard says the secret witness program is not a method to end drug abuse. Rather he feels drug use will be more discreet and protect those not involved. "If people continue to be indiscreet we will be forced to take extreme measures. We have to protect those uninvolved."

Woodard emphasized crime and drug abuse have not greatly increased. He says the program is needed to prevent drug traffic from gaining a "foothold" on campus.

To aid the secret witness program Resident Assistants in dorms have renewed their commitment to help control it. Woodard says, "the University will rely on internal measures and only turn to outside agencies as a last resort."

Girl's Basketball

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Kathy Williams' team as she was able to substitute freely throughout the game.

Freshman Virginia Rutt from Lake Orion led Oakland scorers with 14 points and sophomore Terry Rainsier added 11.

Oakland's six foot center Diane Zatkoff from Warren grabbed ten rebounds for the winners.

Swimming

con't from page six last year. They include: Tony Daly, Gary Lauinger, Paul Karas, Larry Christiansen, Rod Mitchell and Bob Jenrow.

OU placed third in a six team field at the Notre Dame Relays, November 30th. In that meet, the medley relay team of Lauinger, Brooks Mitchell and Nichols, broke the record for that event in their first time out this season.

Van Fleet is assisted by Rich Peine in leading the team which competes in the Motor State Conference. Other schools in the conference include: Marshall of W. Virginia, Notre Dame, Northern Michigan, Wayne State, Ferris State, and the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.

If you find the time, or get a chance, you should stop by and soak up the action, and support the swim team at the OU pool.

Coach Williams states that "our press forces the opposition into mistakes and we can usually capitalize on them."

The team's leading scorer has been Virginia Rutt with an average of 13.3 points and eight rebounds a game.

Diane Zatkoff has averaged ten points and ten rebounds a game.

There are 13 games remaining on the schedule including a tournament to be played at Grand Valley State College on January 26th.

Football

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University to have a football team." Christopher adds, "Student support is needed."

Christopher admits it will take time to develop a football program. Oakland's first football team would probably face freshman teams from other universities, perhaps playing their home games at Rochester Adams High School football field.

The next step could be grandstands to surround the soccer field. Or maybe Oakland could play in nearby Pontiac Stadium, which will seat 80,000; or maybe even get into the Big 10 (Big 11?); or maybe even play in the Rose Bowl.

Anything's possible. But right now, varsity football at Oakland is just a freshman's dream.

WHO'S WHO IN WATERGATE TAPE SCANDAL?!

H.R. HALDEMAN TOOK THE TAPES HOME, ROSEMARY WOODS ERASED THEM, ARCHIBALD COX GOT FIRED FOR WANTING THEM, ATTORNEY GENERAL RICHARDSON WAS FIRED FOR BEING HONEST ABOUT THEM, RUCKLESHAUS RESIGNED IN PROTEST, JOHN ERLICHMAN, VICE PRESIDENT SPIRO, DWIGHT CHAPIN AND JOHN DEAN ALL RESIGNED UNDER FIRE AND GOT INDICTED, CHARLES COLSON (EX-DRILL SARGENT) CONFESSED HE'D STEP OVER HIS OWN GRANDMOTHER FOR NIXON, SENATOR INHOUEYE MUMBLES "ERLICHMAN'S A LIAR", REPUBLICAN SENATOR GURNEY THROWS A FIT, NIXON PROMISES "NO MORE BOMB SHELLS" TO FELLOW SENATORS THEN BOMBS WASHINGTON BACK TO THE STONE AGE WITH LIES LIES WHILE PRESS SECRETARY RON ZIEGLER SAYS ALL PRECEEDING STATEMENTS ARE "INOPERATIVE" THEN GETS YELLED AND SLAPPED AZ AT BY THE GREAT WHITE FATHER TO "GET RID OF THE PRESS!!!!" AND JOHN LOVE GETS FIRED. NOW WAIT A MINUTE, HOW DID JOHN LOVE (THE EX-ENERGY CRISIS CZAR) GET INTO THIS WHO'S WHO IN WATERGATE BUSINESS? WELL, ONCE AGAIN, EX-GOVERNOR LOVE PROVES THE POINT, "DISAGREEING MEANS DISCHARGE" IN KING RICHARD'S PALACE.

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HUMAN POTENTIAL

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The following schedule has been developed:
Six-week Sessions----
Tues. and Thurs. 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. with

Margaret Chapa (7-3262);
Tues. and Thurs. 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. with Cleveland Hurst (7-3268).
Twelve-week Sessions----
Wed. 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. with Rosalind Andreas (7-2020);
Tues. 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. with Judith Keegan (7-3260);
Wed. 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. with Ingo Dutzmann (7-3352).

To sign up for any of the above sessions, please call the designated leader. Groups will be limited to ten participants.

For additional information, please contact Miss Patricia Houtz, 101 North Foundation Hall, 377-3340.

Varsity Runs Streak to Six

Oakland's varsity basketball team stretched its winning streak to six by downing Northwood Institute and the University of Illinois-Chicago Circle last week.

The Pioneers had no trouble with Northwood, beating them 111-84 at Northwood.

OU led 48-34 at the half and kept the lead throughout the game.

Five men were in double figures for the Pioneers. Walt Johnson scored a career high of 30 points. Larry Henderson had 16 points and eight rebounds. Frank Nesbit added 15 points. Larry Pierce and Kevin Williams each scored 13 points. Williams and Pierce had nine and eight rebounds respectively.

Gary Johnson led Northwood with 30 points.

Chicago Circle gave Oakland a struggle but the Pioneers came out on top, 76-72, Saturday in Chicago.

OU led 37-32 at half-time, but Chicago Circle caught up early in the second half.

The teams traded points for most of the half. With 53 seconds remaining in the game,

Football

Varsity football at Oakland?

Freshman Jim Christopher of Birmingham believes it could be a reality in two years.

Christopher is seeking the signatures of 3,000 OU students who would like to see varsity in-

There is a certain young economist named James B. Harries that wants to see his name in the paper, so here it is. And by the way, John Hurd II is hung up on confidence intervals, so nyeeahhh!!!!!!!!!!!!

Oakland was down, 72-71. But Larry Pierce sank two free throws putting Oakland ahead. Oakland increased their lead in the final seconds.

High scorers for OU were Larry Pierce, 24 points; Walt Johnson and Larry Henderson, 14 points each; and Frank Nesbit, 10 points.

Friday at 7:30 in the Sports and Rec. Building, OU faces Michigan Tech.

Saturday at 2:00 is Oakland's big game against U of D.

U of D defeated Michigan, 70-59, to remain undefeated. The game will be played at U of D.

Girls Win Fifth

Oakland's women's basketball team will seek its sixth consecutive victory when they face Macomb County Community College Wednesday at 7:00 in the Sports and Rec. Building.

The women cagers added their fifth win with an easy 48-32 romp over Sienna Heights College of Adrian last Wednesday.

It was another lopsided victory for coach to page five

at OU ?

tercollegiate football at Oakland. "I believe Oakland, sooner or later, is going to grow into a major university."

Christopher says, "And since all big-time universities have intercollegiate football teams, I think Oakland should have one."

Christopher has yet to seek administrative or faculty support.

"The first step is to demonstrate that there is interest at this uni- to page five

Swimmers

The OU swim team was swamped twice last week losing 79-43 to Eastern Michigan and 71-42 to Illinois State.

Freshman Paul Karas set school records in the 1,000 yd freestyle and the 500 yd freestyle against EMU.

Other OU firsts went to Pat Nichols in the 50 yd

Then on Wednesday, Dec. 19, the last day of exams, OU meets Lake Superior State at 7:30 at home.

On Dec. 27-29, Oakland will participate in a six team holiday tournament at Marshall.

FOCUS SPORTS

JV Takes Two

The JV rolled up two victories in as many games last week when they eliminated Shaw College 114-102, and crushed OCC Highland Lakes, 113-81.

Mark Sulek led the JV with 23 points against Shaw and Ben Lawrence took the scoring honors with 30 points against OCC Highland Lakes.

Swim Preview

The 1973-74 OU swim team, coached by Corey Van Fleet, should be able to keep their heads well above the water this year.

The OU tankers finished one game under the .500 mark last year, but Van Fleet says they're better this year.

"We have a real balanced team this year. Our only weakness is in diving, but it's improving", said Van Fleet.

The OU cast is headed by Charles Gillis and Tim Brooks, who were both Junior College All-Americans last year.

Brooks was also the National Junior College Champion in the breaststroke.

Fred Gehub, Bob Socia, Byron Gibbs, Charles Rusella, Pat Nichols and Mike Karas form the nucleus of the returning starters.

Van Fleet also got

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freestyle, and Tim Brooks in the 200 yd breaststroke.

The 400 yd medley relay team of Brooks-Karas-Larry Christiansen-Rod Mitchell set an OU school record, but lost the event, in the meet against Illinois State. Gary Lauinger also set a school record in the

SPORTS LINE

by Rick Mills

The Oakland Varsity Basketball picture is taking shape nicely so far this year, and a win this Saturday over U of D will lend clarity to the image.

Oakland's Pioneers currently sport a perfect 6-0 mark; The U of D squad is undefeated and a showdown between the two unbeaten is a delicious possibility.

To make it happen Oakland must win against a rugged Michigan Tech squad on Friday, and Gene Bolden is not taking the Tech squad lightly.

Although Michigan Tech is 0-3, all their losses have been by three points or less.

The Tech forward line averages 6 ft. 7 in. and that is cause for concern for Bolden and the small Oakland squad.

The Pioneers demonstrated against the Denmark Nationals that they can handle a tall team. The OU front line crashed the boards at both ends of the court and rarely gave up a shot inside all night.

They'll have to keep up that kind of work if they want to beat Michigan Tech and U of D. The Titans also average 6-7 across the front and have proven they know what to do with it via a convincing win over the University of Michigan.

Coach Bolden is planning only minor adjustments against U of D. "This week we'll work on individual and team skills on breaking the press", Bolden said.

As for the game Bolden commented, "Our only game plan will be to control the ball on offense and make them work harder on defense.

The Pioneers and the Titans both have a game to play before their meeting on Saturday, so the possibility of both teams being undefeated is still in doubt. It is not a major issue, but perfect records would add an extra dimension of excitement to the game.

Also, publicity being what it is down at the U of D Memorial Building, you can bet Dick Vitale will have the press out in full force to cover the slaughter of Oakland U. The Pioneers could cash in on a lot of free publicity with a win.

Undefeated or not, two hot teams will go at it tooth and nail, at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15, at U of D Memorial Building, and the loser gets the cold shower.

splashed with an outstanding group of Freshmen, all which placed in the finals of the State Class 'A' Championship as high school seniors to page five

Intramural Basketball

The first Thursday of the winter term marks the beginning of Oakland's intramural basketball league. The captains' meeting is Jan. 10 at 4:00 sharp.

One or two representatives from each team must attend this meeting if they wish to play in the league.

A meeting for those OU undergrads interested in refereeing winter league ball will be held Jan. 10 at 7:00.

200 yd backstroke.

Other firsts against Illinois State went to Paul Karas in the 200 yd freestyle and the 500 yd freestyle. Pat Nichols in the 50 yd freestyle, and Larry Christiansen in the 200 yd butterfly.

OU's next meet will be here, Saturday, January 5 at 1:30 pm.

Commuter Council's OAKLAND-IN-ACTION

Oakland-In-Action is a student task force that solves problems, gets answers, and stands up for your rights. If you have a problem we can help solve, call 377-3098, or submit it to Oakland-In-Action, 118 OC, Office of Commuter Services.

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Q. The crosswalk between the O.C. and the dorms is hazardous because the cars won't stop for pedestrians. Is it possible to have a sign placed there in order to enforce this?

Pat Moylan

A. Earl Grey of Public Safety agreed that it is hazardous and said that international signs were on order to warn motorists of the pedestrian crossing. He referred us to Dick Moore of Maintenance who assured us that the signs would be installed by December six. We checked on December seven and the signs were installed.

Q. A problem exists with the student payroll. Whenever the secretary screws it up students must wait another two weeks to get paid. It isn't right that students should have to suffer for someone else's mistake.

Anonymous

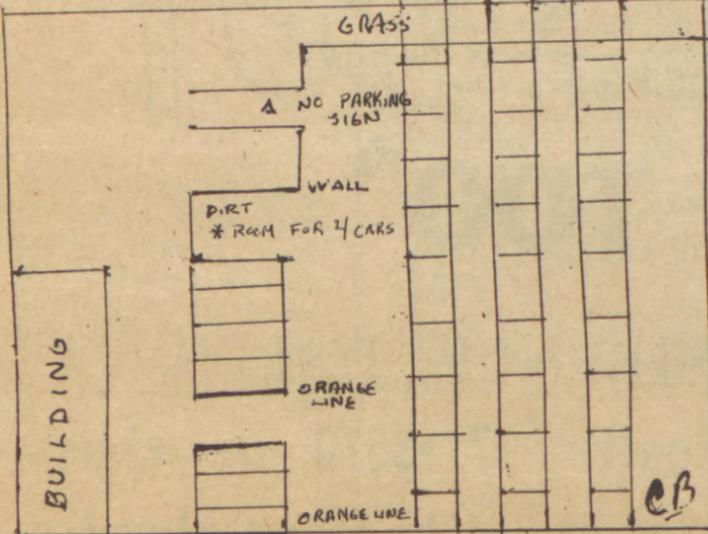
A. Go to the Financial Aid Office (205 Wilson Hall) and fill out an application for a short term loan. Loans due to payroll irregularities can only be drawn on money due you--not on expected earnings.

Short term loans are also available for personal emergencies (excluding tuition and room/board). A personal emergency loan can only be given if the student identifies a source of repayment. Call 377-3030 for more information. **REMEMBER:** The last student payday this year is December 14!

Q. Why after two years am I suddenly being ticketed for parking (where indicated on map) in lot B? This area is not marked "no parking" there are no orange lines indicating that parking beyond a certain point is illegal, it isn't a fire lane, it's not on the grass and appears to be four usable parking spaces. If people are going to be ticketed for parking here I strongly suggest that Public Safety tell us why and mark the area properly!

*Barbara Kochan
Shari Johnson*

A. The area in question is designated for Maintenance vehicles. There is a sign posted to that effect in the area. If you would like to appeal the ticket, pick up an appeals form from Public Safety.



* WHERE I PARKED

More Congress Stuff

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proposed that the original scheme be accepted by Congress, and after more of the aforementioned talk, the measure was narrowly passed with 7 yes, 5 no, and 1 abstention. Following this, Rick Lind again exercised his veto.

A bill concerning the extent and the power of the presidential veto also came up when Jim Sherry asked that a by-law to the Constitution be added which stated that the veto must be executed within 24 hours after the legislation was passed. This measure was defeated, but after a few helpful suggestions by ex-Congress president Jenny Jickling, Jim Sherry revised his motion to give the president veto power only during the meeting in question. This was passed.

In the meeting held the following week, Congress again tackled some tough tasks, but managed to resolve a few more problems than usual.

The Constitution Committee started rolling a bit as Congress filled it with its own members. Rick Lind was voted chairman, while the three remaining seats (excluding the Area Hall and Commuter Council seats) were filled by Emsley Wyatt, Gordon Young, and Alan Leventen.

When the new Constitution will be ready for Congressional and student approval is still extremely uncertain.

The "Grade Conversion Problem", too, seemed to be solving itself to some degree. Following the meeting on the 12th, Congressmembers Jim Sherry, Bill Wolf, Gordon Young and Keith Sirlin met with Lind, and together they reached an agreement which they brought up before the Senate the next day.

The agreement was this: (the following information will be sent with each copy of the student's transcript) That from Oakland's inception until Spring of 1971, the "Supergrade

System" (with 4.3's as an A and 0.5's as a D) was in effect; from that time until Winter 1973, an "unofficial" grading scheme (which simply lopped off the extremes at both ends of the scale) was being used; and from this time onward, the Senate's original scheme be put into effect. Thus, Lind reasons, the other schools will evaluate all the marks under the grading scheme in which they were given.

The Senate, however, tabled this proposal until later.

The Students Activities Board (SAB) appeared busy preparing for the upcoming Congressional elections. They presented before Congress a timetable for the elections and designated the elections headquarters. Congress approved this timetable, but defeated the SAB's proposal which would make the Office of Student Organizations (OSO) the only place where elections materials could be picked up. Instead, congress voted that both the OSO and the Congress Office be supplied with the necessary forms.

The problem of parliamentary procedure was brought to question, a problem which has plagued this Congress, and Congresses throughout the ages. Congressman Bob Peebles proposed that Congress Accept "Robert's Rules of Order", a neutral parliamentary system used by many legislative bodies. This was accepted.

Gordon Young then suggested that the Presidential Assistant be appointed Parliamentarian, that is, be, in effect, the umpire of this particularly embarrassing ball game, using as his guidelines the aforementioned Robert's Rules. This, too, was approved.

Rick Lind, because he is to graduate this semester, recommended that Bruce Campbell, Congressman and Commuter Council President, be elected as interim president for the

remainder of the term. Mr. Campbell was accepted unanimously.

On November 26, Rick Lind opened the meeting with a stunning proposal for the Constitutional Committee. He asked that another seat be added to this committee, to be filled by a member of the ABS. Congress, as a whole, however, took this to be a token move, and finally voted overwhelmingly to defeat the proposal.

Congress then allocated \$1000 to the Student Enterprise Theater, under the condition that this money be spent on the Barn Theatre.

Following this, Howard Aston of the Abstention presented a plea for funds on behalf of his organization. As a part of his pitch, he presented a videotaped replay of a Jonathan Round concert held earlier this year. He then requested an additional \$500 to fund additional performances for the rest of this year, and Congress, aware of their rapidly diminishing funds and the costliness of the upcoming elections (estimated to run between \$500-\$1000), nevertheless granted this request. They reasoned that, after all, next year's Congress will not mind footing the bill for an election that lands them an office.

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Tax-supported state universities can offer much lower tuition costs, but have their own problems. Anticipating steadily-increasing enrollments, some schools are already growing. By 1983 they may have up to 85% of the college student crop.

The special is being filmed at a number of locations across the country, as Newman interviews students, their parents and college administrators.

HAROLD B. RICHARDS IS ON VACATION THIS WEEK. HE WANTS TO WISH EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.