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Election Results

Bruce Goren, PIRGIM-Oakland Elections Commissioner, announced Tuesday, March 6 the following results of the PIRGIM-Oakland Board of Directors Election.

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| 1) Don Johnson | 109 |
| 2) Jerry Lucas | 105 |
| 3) Marc Smith | 73 |
| 4) Jerry Solomon | 66 |
| 5) Joyce Lenhoff | 65 |
| 6) Greg Rose | 65 |
| 7) Dan Kinsella | 60 |
| 8) Dan Karagozian | 48 |
| 9) Bruce Stone | 46 |
| 10) Jim Miller | 44 |
| 11) Bruce Goren* | 1 |
| 12) Bob Cordy* | 1 |
| 13) Steve Kaplan* | 1 |
| 14) Robert Mitchner* | 1 |

*write-in candidate

The first seven, Johnson, Lucas, Smith, Solomon, Lenhoff, Rose, and Kinsella were elected to the Board.

Board Elects Officers

The newly elected PIRGIM-Oakland Board of Directors met for the first time last week and elected Don Johnson to
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ANOTHER CONGRESS ELECTION

The Congress Election is next Wednesday and Thursday, March 21 and 22.

Polling places will be in the O.C. each day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and at Vandenberg Hall, with times there not yet announced.

Campaigning is at a sluggish start but is

expected to perk up and get hot and heavy this week.

Challenges by Rick Lind and others have been issued for a University wide debate on issues but no reply has been heard as yet, for the challenge is to be thought in jest, by other candidates.

Soph Killed on I-75

Gregg Purrenhage, a sophomore member of Oakland University's soccer team, was involved in a fatal auto accident on I-75 late at night on Thursday, February 22. A car crossed the median and struck his vehicle head-on, killing him instantly.

Gregg was a 1971 graduate of Lakeview High School in St. Clair Shores. He was one of the Huskies' top runners in both cross country and track during his sophomore and junior years, before a back injury put him on the sideline as a senior. Several times he placed in the top ten finishers

in state-wide meets. A member of the National Honor Society, Gregg was very involved in school activities and wrote the sports column for the school newspaper.

Gregg came to Oakland in the Fall of 1971 and turned his athletic interests to soccer. He made valuable contributions to the team in his two years at the half-back and fullback positions, and he also became the coach of a Little League soccer team during the summer. Several of his teammates and Coach John Motzer visited the funeral parlor and attended the funeral.

CASH CRISIS THREATENS

NEW ANALYSIS-OU BUDGET

Oakland University is facing budget disaster. If current trends remain unchanged the University will be forced into severe financial cutbacks at all levels in the coming year.

Several conditions have led to the development of this situation. For the past several years the University has been faced with fiscal problems. Yet with enrollment dropping and costs rising, the administration is concerned about operations.

The possibility of a tuition hike has not been ruled out. No decision has been made as to the future of tuition. But, the student is the final source of funds for the university. And as its customer the

for operating night surely be passed on.

A major section of the problem lies in the system of measurement used by the state legislature. This educational yardstick is known as a Fiscal Year Equated Student (FYES) and is a measure ment of credits produced at all levels.

Funding by the legislature is based upon the number of FYES produced by each school in the state. Yet as the number of students goes down, dragging down the FYES total, sucking it down faster is the trend of student to go to school part time and work the remaining time. So those students who do go to class take less credits than students have done in the past.

The problem of FYES

funding by the legislature added to increased salaries, cost, for operational items and decreasing enrollment is the heart of the problem.

The only solution seen, at present, is an increase in the student enrollment and tight budgeting to stretch funds. As has been mentioned, the decision to hike tuition has not been ruled out. The question about tuition rates will remain unanswered until new funding comes from Lansing sometime in June or July.

MORE MONEY?

President Donald D. O'Dowd gave University employees a somber look at the next year at Oakland University at an

open forum last week.

Money problems and the lack of admissions for the next year were the main points of a series of lectures given by the higher administrators of Oakland University at that forum.

It was made clear that Oakland University would suffer a severe loss of funds because of lack of students next year and the following years. The number of transfer students com-

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NOTE

All student employees are requested to provide the Student Employment Office with a xerox copy of their social security card.

Congress: An Analysis

by Charles Barshaw

Both Manana Melane and Gregory Janks are members of the current, strife-ridden Congress. Neither is running for re-election.

Each belongs (whether by choice or not) to a rival faction of Congress, Manana to the black and as she terms it, "radical" party, and Janks to the white "conservative" party. Recorded below are their views of this past Congressional year.

HOW IT ALL STARTED

There seems to be little disagreement from either as to the origin of the present chaos. Several years ago, Congressmen Steve Schultz and Ron Carlson drew up a constitutional by-law guaranteeing an allocation of 15% of all student monies to Black organizations based on the fact that the Black community comprised that same percentage of the Oakland student population.

During the summer of 1972, though, there was redefinition of student monies as those allocated after Congress had received its guaranteed 20% (10% for the Contingency Fund and 10% for Operational Costs) and the Concert-Lecture Series had been given its 25%.

Janks, as one of the members of this group, explained the move as being a "parity" thing. "The proposal wasn't intended to be racist. Student Congress and the Concert-Lecture Series benefit all students, while all the other organizations serve a comparatively smaller number of students or in-

terest groups." Thus, he said, the 45% is theoretically servicing the entire student body, so that only the remaining 55% available to the other organizations should rightfully be considered as "student monies". In short, Black organizations should receive 15% of the 55%, for the other 45% would benefit them, as well as all students, through Congress and Concert-Lecture.

The Black interest group, however, saw this move as a direct assault on the funds of the Black community. Manana says that this move would "cut what had been given Black interest groups in half. Historically, we had always received more than we got this year."

Thus, a conflict of interests (and interest groups). In one of the first Congress meetings of the Fall 1972 semester, this proposal was voted on, and despite a decided majority of the Black voting bloc, or as Janks stated, "the stacked Congress", it was passed.

Says Janks, "[President] Jenny Jickling didn't really like the proposal, and kept reminding the Congress that they were to vote on 15% of the 55%. But they (the Black interest voting bloc) weren't really paying attention, and were sitting in the corner talking. Then Steve Schultz took the floor and gave ten minutes of double-talk until everyone was totally confused about what we were voting on."

Manana presented a somewhat stranger story, claiming that "When the new guidelines for the SAB were presented, everyone realized what was being voted on, but

somehow during the vote the Black voting bloc voted wrong." To

preserve their funding, Janks claimed that the "stacked" Congress appointed a Chairman of the Board, and Manana a member.

THE SAB HASSLE

Indeed, it appears possible that Janks' allegations about a "stacked" SAB were correct. Five of the seven members were black. While many White Congress-members saw this as "playing politics", the Black interest group in Congress saw it rather as an attempt to win back what was rightfully theirs. As Manana states, that would ensure that Black interest groups would not be "totally squashed".

The SAB, then, despite Janks' disagreements, pronounced the Black Liberation Caucus the only real Black organization. Thus, BLC received the 15% of the 55%, and with the other "Black" organizations (The Third World Information Bureau, the Black Political Prisoners' Education Campaign, and the Management and Economics Community) received a total of 33.8% of the 55%, or 18.6% of the whole.

Manana, however, explained the move from a different perspective. "Some of the managers on the MEC are White, and the Third World Information Bureau asked Jim Wu to be their advisor. And, when the BPPEC had their carnival last semester, both Black and White students were recruited, so the BLC was the only real Black interest group."

With this as a beginning, the relationship between Chairperson Janks and the SAB steadily deteriorated.

Stated Janks in his Fall 1972 SAB report of the Chair, "There were some hostile attitudes on the Board which were quite counter-productive. Some members prided themselves on intimidating their fellow members and on being generally overbearing at meetings when it was clear to all that there was no reason for such tactics (this is amateur militantism at work)."

However, explained Manana, the counter-productive attitudes were those of the Chair himself. "He would talk about too many classes, or that he had to go to work, so we had to bend our schedules entirely to meet his time schedule. (Indeed, Janks gave one of his reasons for resigning the Chair at the end of the Fall semester as being increasingly conflicting commitments of school work and job with his SAB responsibilities.) He would also find it

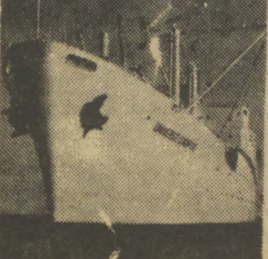
necessary to veto things he didn't agree with, despite the fact that the majority voted for it."

In late October, or early November, the SAB in the persons of Manana Melane and Grant Battle threatened at a Congress meeting to impeach him, calling him, "Incompetent, inconsiderate and inadequate." (that raised Janks' ire "I wouldn't have minded if they had given some reasons, but she [Manana] and Grant Battle would just get up in Congress and say, 'I think Gred Janks is inadequate.'") and to which he replied in a Focus: Oakland Unclassified Ad, "I hereby swear to the fact that I've never had a sexual encounter with Ms. Malane (and I think she'd agree!). Ergo, how did she come to the conclusion that I am 'Inadequate'??? SAB Chair. (which raised Manana's ire just as much).

Although the SAB never impeached Janks, he resigned on December 22 due to his above-mentioned commitments and

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PIRGIM attacks gas price signs

KELLEY'S OFFICE PROMISES ACTION ON DECEPTIVE ADS

In order to stop deceptive advertising of gasoline prices by station owners the Michigan Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division will cease and desist orders and, if necessary, file complaints in court.

Announcement of this action came as a result of a survey of gas stations done by the Public Interest Research Group in Michigan released last week.

The results of the survey confirmed the assumption that deceptive advertising is widespread.

PIRGIM found, in their Ann Arbor, Detroit East Lansing, and Grand Valley survey, that:

*More than half of the stations included in the survey charged a different price for gasoline than advertised.

*Of those advertising only one grade, nearly

a third gave the price for sub-regular, rather than regular or premium as motorists would expect.

*Of those advertising two grades, nearly half gave the prices for sub-regular and regular, instead of the expected regular and premium.

*Despite a Michigan law requiring that fractional cent signs be at least half the size of whole cent signs, many were tiny or missing entirely.

PIRGIM report alleges widespread violation of Michigan's deceptive ad-

vertising and weight and measures laws.

"We're glad to have the promise from the Attorney General's office to act against some of the most flagrant violators, and we hope that we'll have a solution," project leader Roger Telschow said.

PIRGIM is now lobbying for passage of the tougher Michigan Consum-

er Protection Act now pending in the Judiciary Committee of the Michigan House of Representatives.

This law would allow action to be taken by individuals as well as the Attorney General in cases of deceptive practices. It also allows suits for damages, and injunctions to stop illegal practices.

MD's rapped too

Michigan doctors led by the Michigan State Medical Society have been accused of boycotting and discriminating against Medicaid patients.

The accusations were made and substantiated in a report by the Public Interest Research group in Michigan, as a result of investigation carried on in Ann Arbor, Detroit, Lansing, and Pontiac-Rochester.

As a result of the report PIRGIM has sent a letter to the State Licensing Authority.

PIRGIM found that 50.1% of doctors who are taking new patients will not accept new Medicaid patients; and 16.4% of doctors, and 13.3% of osteopaths surveyed who have treated Medicaid patients are now refusing to see former patients without cash payment.

Medicaid is a state operated program which pays medical bills of welfare recipients, and those not eligible for welfare who cannot afford health care.

The findings of the

report are confirmed by a letter, made public by PIRGIM, from the MSMS to the American Medical Association. The letter reports that 40.1% of MSMS doctors had refused to sign up for Medicaid, and an additional 15.6% of Michigan doctors had signed up but withdrew at the urging of the medical society.

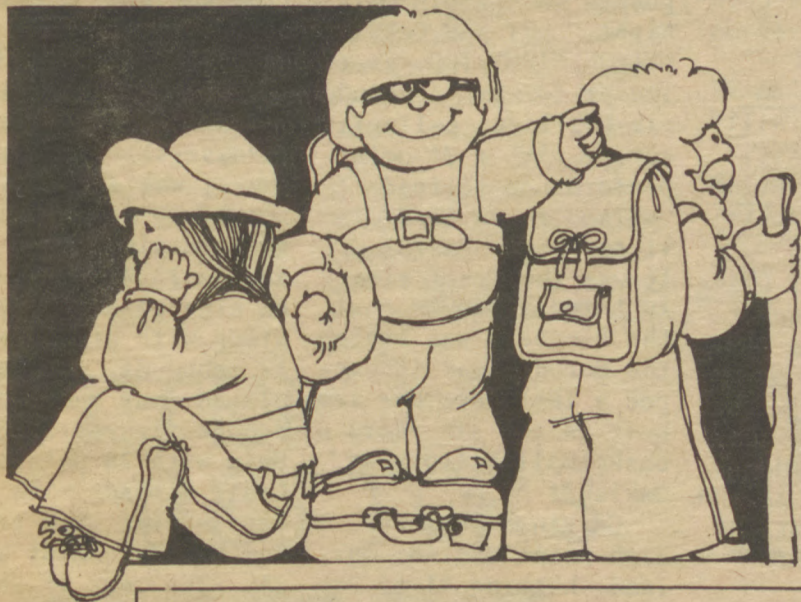
"Doctors don't need public patients. There are enough private sector patients to fill his day," MSMS lobbyist Bruce Ambrose said.

PIRGIM charges that Medicaid patients have been used as pawns in a

series of meetings between the MSMS and the Department of Social Services. The group demands that representatives of Medicaid patients be admitted to these negotiations in order to protect their interests.

Under Michigan law, turning away Medicaid patients is grounds for a law suit against individual doctors and the MSMS, if conspiracy can be proved. However, PIRGIM reports that the ex-patients are fearful that they will not be treated by any doctor if they sue the profession.

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work THE SERPENT. The play will run in the Barn Theatre on the campus of Oakland University, beginning March 16 at 8:30 PM and continue through March 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25.

This ceremony was originally produced by the Open Theatre of New York City and it is a brilliant and fascinating tour de force in contemporary improvisational theatre that explores the Book of Genesis, and relates it to our modern experience with an elo-

quence and power which has earned it recognition as a milestone of the new American drama.

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AIR WAVES

by the WABX Air Aces

More on the Ringo Starr film being shot on the Isle of Wight: others starring in the film are Stevie Winwood, Jack Bruce, the Everly Brothers, Nilsson, Keith Moon and Peter Townsend. Should hit the States sometime during the summer. And "Billy the Kid", being filmed in Mexico, includes James Coburn and Jason Robards as well as Kris Kristofferson and Bob Dylan. Dylan's recording the soundtrack with Kristofferson's band. Added film thrills: story is that Leslie West and Corky Laing (most of West Bruce and Laing, to say the least), will play Mafia bodyguards in "Family Honor" flick.

Four drunks hopped up onstage with Elvis Presley while he was performing in front of 1,800 people in Las Vegas--Presley and bassist Jerry Scheff did the old karate chop number on 'em, and the security guards carted them off.

RUMOR CENTRAL: Is Claudia Lennear the inspiration for the Stones' "Brown Sugar"? She's a former Ike and Tina Turner Ikette,

Air Waves

travelled with Mad Dogs and Englishmen, and has her own first LP out.

Weird and funny Richard Pryor (see Wattstax: superflick) will star in his own screen play, Black Stranger, which, according to him, is a voodoo western." Sure.

Takin' Care of Business: Sha Na Na will do a radio commercial for Schlitz beer; Elton John's Crocodile Rock is a gold one; the 12,000 tickets for Grateful Dead's two concerts at Nassau Coliseum sold out in a little over two hours; And, Heaven help us, the Osmonds have captured the record for most gold records in one year: 11. The best the Beatles ever did was nine.

Rob Reiner, (All in the Family), is co-writer for a movie starring Flash Cadillac and the Continental Kids: it's called "A Rock 'n Roll Kind of Love."

UPCOMING CONCERTS:

Sha Na Na and the Persuasions, March 15 at Masonic; Loggins & Messina, Masonic, March 16; the BeeGees at Masonic March 20; B.B. King in Grand Rapids the 22nd and Ypsilanti the 23rd; James Gang at Ford March 25; Iggy Stooze, also at Ford, March 27; Edgar Winter, same place on the 30th.

BB Bounces Out

PIONEERS END SEASON ON A WINNING NOTE

The basketball season came to a close at Oakland University last Wednesday as the Eastern Michigan Hurons were the guests on "Carvin Melson Night." IT WAS CARVIN MELSON NIGHT TOO, as the senior forward concluded his brilliant collegiate career with a 34 point performance to lead Oakland to an 88-77 victory over Eastern. It was the first time in three attempts that the Pioneers had beaten the Hurons, and it capped a 15-11 season--the best in the six years of basketball history at Oakland.

Carvin Melson was the high-point man for Oakland, hitting 13 of 20 floor shots and eight of nine from the line for

a total of 34 points. He was joined in double figures by Craig Coney, who hit eight of 13 from the floor and ended up with 19 points and Larry Walls made five of his seven shots from the field to finish with 10 points. Center Ron Brown was the game's leading rebounder, grabbing a total of 16 missed shots.

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There was good news for Oakland fans from the JV game too, as Oakland's freshmen defeated the EMU JV's by a 76-71 count. Both teams made 34 of 59 shots from the field, but OU hit 8/10 from the line compared to the Huron's 3/3. Steve Serra topped Oakland with 19 points, including three free throws--all on technical fouls, while Gary White scored 16 points and grabbed nine rebounds, and Kevin Williams scored nine points to go along with his game-high 12 rebounds. Eastern placed four men in double figures: Roger Seim with 28 points, Craig Simpson with 16, Pete Miller with 14 and Tom Hammerschmidt with 11. The rest of the team only contributed two points, however, while Oakland had a total of nine players get into the scoring act. The victory gave Oakland JV's a record of 6-8 for the 1972-73 season, but there seems to be plenty of talent to help next year's edition of the varsity team.

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This bodacious little woman with the big boobs takes the raunchiest garbage in the guise of songs from the last four decades, recycles them, polishes them up and they become the campiest little cuties ever to leave the pits. Like "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" a trashy little song by the Andrew Sisters. Puh-Leez!

Miss Midler was destined to become a great dramatic star but the frustrations led her to sing in places like the Continental Baths in New York (not to mention the Limelight) fulfilling the void that Broadway left in her life.

Soon she became the darling of the tubs, singing her way into the hearts of all those divinely decadent gay boys. (Well it worked for Roberta Flack).

The word quickly



BY HOMER YOUNG-KENNEDY.3.1

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spread like V.D. in a Masters and Johnson clinic and the baths became the week-end playground of the "tray-chicy", rich, straighter folks who just had to see this sassy little girl with the Orphan Annie frizz, pot rouge, and "RED RED" lips.

Having proved herself as not only the last of the truly tacky women (I mean plastic flowers) but a uniquely fresh singer on the Tonight Show with songs like "Chattanooga Choo Choo," flamed her way across the stage at Philharmonic Hall on New Years Eve

in diapers no less, she embarked on a tour of tackiest cities in America. Packing them in cheek by jowl, the crowds cheered her on with a storm of applause and laughter.

Midler's voice projects every shade of meaning in a song, and her face can be read right up to the top balcony. With deadpan spirit, she can turn a vapid little ditty like "Chapel of Love" into a gorgeous campy put-on, like Andy Warhol transformed the Cambell's Soup can.

(continued from page 1) bined with the number of new freshmen at Oakland will decrease enough for Oakland to be cutting back on many projects was the crux of the information given by David Beardslee, Director of Institutional re-

search. Residence halls had been given another gloomy picture with Dudley Woodard telling of increase costs and some steady yet small progress in improving dorm life.

Tom Atkinson described the financial crunch that financial aid would go through due to Nixon politics and the effect of making college harder for minorities.

Provost Obear, Robert Swanson, Jerry Rose also gave presentations.

O'Dowd also appealed to all campus employees for public and active support for ideas to identify more students to get them to Oakland and for carrying out his programs.

O'Dowd described the crisis as one that should not have escaped the university but did due to bad planning and bad situations that the university couldn't avoid. He explained that the university could get through this crisis only by a major overhaul of many programs and re-evaluation of those now in effect.

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its chair. Marc Smith was chosen to be Vice Chairperson and Jerry Lucas was named Signatory Agent. Johnson, Smith and Lucas were also selected to represent the campus organization on the PIRGIM state Board of Directors.

In other actions, the Board reluctantly approved an administration plan for collecting the \$1.50 voluntary PIRGIM fee for fall semester advance registration. This method will have PIRGIM supporters filling in a special "PIRGIM Code Number" on the new Course Request Form rather than checking the "YES" box on a PIRGIM CARD as was done this semester. The number

may be used in place of a class section number on any one of the class grids on the form. Johnson expressed fears that the more complicated method may result in fewer students electing to pay the voluntary fee.

Another meeting, scheduled for March 12, will have been held before this issue is available. The Board will hear detailed descriptions of all projects that PIRGIM-Oakland is involved in, select a treasurer, and plan strategy for the upcoming registration at that meeting.

BETTER BETTORS



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Pre-Seminarians from all over the state are being invited to attend. Also, local campus mini-

NOMINATIONS FOR WILSON AWARDS

Each year senior students (one female and one male) are selected to receive the Matilda R. and Alfred G. Wilson Awards. The students selected are judged on their contributions as scholars, as leaders, and as responsible citizens of the institution, noting especially if they have given evidence of an interest in the social problems of our community and our society.

MEDICAID (continued from page 3)

PIRGIM surveying of doctors was done by student volunteers who called doctors and asked four questions: Is Dr. _____ accepting new patients?, Will he accept payment through Medicaid?, Have you ever had, or do you currently have Medicaid patients? Are you keeping your current Medicaid patients?

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sters are being extended invitations to lead discussion groups, lecture on certain topics, and spend one night on campus with the group.

The purpose of the conference is to study the role of the Christian ministry in our time. The conference will give Pre-Seminarians, here at Oakland University, a chance to meet different individuals who, like themselves, are also considering the ministry as a profession. Since there is a considerable amount of confusion and "soul searching" about the pastor's or priest's relationship to social issues, theology, and liturgical worship, such a congerence comes at an extremely crucial time.

For more information contact either Ralph Brown, Earl Johnson, or Phillip McPhee. Messages can be left at the Inter-Faith Center Office, 69 Oakland Center, or one may call 377-3740.

The Pre-Seminarians, the Society for the Academic Study of Religion, and UMHE are planning the following activities:

1. New Testament Greek and the Bible
Scheduled to be held each Wednesday at 12 noon. The discussion leader will be the Reverend Thomas J. Hurley of St. Phillip's Episcopal Church. The first meeting is March 14, 1973.
2. Ancient Hebrew and the Bible
This informal gathering, like the Wednesday meeting, will be held in the Inter-Faith Center Lounge. Kol Ami will be the discussion leader. This group will begin to meet Monday, March 19, 1973, and every Monday thereafter the meeting is

scheduled to start at 12 noon. Anyone interested in these topics are encouraged to attend, bring a lunch.

For those Pre-Seminarians, who are unaware of the normal meetings at 9:00 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, I encourage you to attend.

ABC

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March 21 11:30 p.m.

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Analysis Cont.: THE GOOD, BAD, AND THE UGLY

the unhealthy relationship with the SAB.

ELECTION #1

If one is unaware of the function of the SAB it is to allocate money to Student Organizations AND also act as the governing force over the Congress Elections.

Yep, that explains it.

On January 16, the day before the scheduled elections, hundreds of posters charging "CONGRESS ELECTION A FRAUD!" bloomed in the O.C. Behind this effort were a number of the Black Congressmembers and candidates.

One of the most convincing arguments given was the fact that the election, if held as scheduled, would be unconstitutional due to a rule which stated that a period of two weeks must elapse between the filing deadline and the election. The filing deadline had been January 10.

Janks explains that "everyone had been unaware that we were violating the constitution." Janks said that he had selected, during an SAB meeting, several dates for the election off the top of his head, until, by general consensus of the group, he arrived at January 17 and 18.

Manana concurs that "Janks haphazardly set the date of the election," but added that "I can't recall a general consensus of any kind."

During the impromptu Congress meeting that occurred that night, Manana and Battle again

charged Janks with incompetency and accused him of running the elections totally on his own without the consent of the SAB.

Janks hotly contests this charge, stating that only two changes in the elections were made without consulting the Board.

One dealt with a 6 to 8 p.m. voting period he added on to the O.C. polls which he thought would benefit the night students, and which he failed to bring up to the Board because it had been proposed at a Congress meeting after the final SAB meeting before the election. However, he failed to tack on those two extra hours to the Vandenberg polls which eventually proved to be one of the reasons the Election was invalidated.

The other, he stated, was done in direct opposition of the wishes of the Board. He sent out letters to various faculty and staff members asking them if they would be available and willing to supervise the elections if they were needed. The Board wanted the election completely student-run, but he explained "I did this to insure unbiased elections, which I was not sure we'd have otherwise. Congress, after two hours of debating, finally moved the elections back another week, thereby insuring its "constitutionality." Ensuring its what?

INVALIDATION #1

Greg Janks surmised that "some people de-

ecided that they weren't going to like the results of the election, and were sure they would not after the election."

Whether they decided before or after the election isn't too important. That someone did dislike the election, though, is certain, and Chairman Jim Bullock and the Election Validation Committee mentioned an overwhelming number of things to make the election unlikable and invalid.

Both Manana and Greg agree that there were a number of things wrong with the election, but Janks charged that nevertheless, "Some people resorted to complete untruths, blatant lies and sabotage to get it thrown out."

Manana, on the other hand, confesses that she "knew of no conscious attempts to sabotage the elections, because there were enough things wrong with it to ensure its being invalidated anyway."

Still, it is Janks' contention that there was some foul play, and that, he hints, was done by certain special interest groups. "One party more than the other in Congress screams and yells when they don't like what's going on. Now, you can find something wrong with any election, but I think if six or eight Blacks were elected, and as many things were wrong with it [the election], it's 10-1 that it would not have been invalidated."

Yet this is all history now. The election, and its invalidation might leave an unpleasant taste in the mouths of some, but it is done now. As for the future...

THE FUTURE

The future, to Janks, looks increasingly like the past. The Congress he states, will most likely remain at its confusing state, unless it is a "stacked Congress". "The only way I can see the new Congress getting something done is if it's stacked, if it's all black or all white. They might not make everyone happy but at least they'll all agree." (The seeming contradiction of this year's stacked Congress, which did nothing spectacular, and the stacked Congress he proposes, was explained by him as being because the Black majority in Congress did not take advantage of their superiority of numbers this year, and often, many members of the Black voting bloc were absent from the meetings.)

Manana, too, sees what will be a somewhat similar fashion. As in today's society, "when a person has a certain interest, they want to see it given full consideration."

And to Manana, as to Janks, this seems to be the main attribute of Congress, that it consists of at least two

special interest groups. The disturbing aspect of this, is as Manana sees it, that one interest group cannot prosper, except at the expense of the other. "In order for this Congress not to completely wipe out black interest groups on campus, there would have to be a majority of Blacks elected. Just look at the students elected this time (Election #1): You have Sherry, Wolfe, Lind and Wyatt, who are, in my opinion, conservative, who believe in the law and order thing. If this element is a majority on Congress, I can see the Blacks as a group being totally squashed.

The future. One hopes fervently that it will not resemble the past, yet what hope is there if one can only achieve a goal through sheer force of numbers? It doesn't seem likely, at this stage of the game, that Congress members will learn to cooperate and communicate, but then, one can still hope. And one can still vote. There is an election coming up on March 21 and 22.

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EDITORIAL

It's Congress election time, time to forget commuters again. Since the lazy bastards won't vote, let's give Congress to the Residence halls.

Congress is failing rapidly. If there is no new blood in the Congress it will cease to be anything meaningful (if it hasn't already.)

A question of quandaries then approaches.

If the new Congress is to be viable there has to be student participation. In the past, Congress has gotten the base of its support from the residence halls. Commuters will have to participate in this election or the Congress can just about forget it and call itself residence appropriations council.

The idea of commuter participation brings itself to the other even less palatable idea of having minority voices in the Congress silenced

because of mass commuter voting. Since the residence population houses a goodly sum of the minorities that go to Oakland University, it would seem that increased Commuter participation would accomplish that silencing. Focus does not wish to see that silence occur but it also sees the need for a viable Congress and that has not occurred with the Commuter voice lacking.

The whole situation seems to be one that Focus should not worry about, as the normal tradition of no one voting at the election is likely to occur and that is just part of Oakland University.

Focus just wonders why people have not thought about the future here. And hopes that students, for whom this university is built, don't get the proverbial screw.

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Szabo Changes

Phil Spangle, in charge of complete Szabo operations at Oakland University, resigned from his position and left Oakland Friday. He gave two weeks of notice.

Spangle, in the job less than 6 weeks, left Oakland and Szabo for a job more to his liking in Florida in a chain of restaurants called the Red Lobster.

Spangle's successor was unnamed as yet although he was to come from an institutional background.

In other developments with Szabo and Oakland University, Don Sheldon, Szabo regional-vice President of the region that Oakland University is in, was on campus this week to begin preliminary negotiations with administration to try and work out details of what would be needed if the Szabo contract is to be renewed next school year.

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