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EXTRA

Last Friday afternoon a group of students known as the Committee for 685 met to discuss what Oakland could do concerning Lieutenant Governor Milikan's veto of the Supplementary Educational Appropriations Bill. This Bill called for the allocation of 1.2 million dollars to be distributed among small colleges in the State of Michigan who had exceeded their enrollment predictions. These schools include Eastern Michigan, Ferris, Central, Western, Northern, Michigan Tech. and Oakland.

Of this 1.2 million dollars Oakland stood to gain about 280,000 dollars. Chancellor Verner had predicted a thirteen percent increase in student enrollment for this semester but when registration was over we had a 36 percent increase. With all of these extra students Oakland is in sore need of this 280,000 dollars that was vetoed.

The loss of this money will greatly effect the library which sorely needs every penny it can get with a graduate program beginning at Oakland. Faculty salaries will be effected in the summer semester as will the National Science Foundation's Grant. Plans for expanding the University Security patrol as well as the proposed health center may well have to be abandoned due to lack of funds.

The library, whose budget was \$200,000 last year, will operate on a budget of \$75,000, a loss of more than 50%. They could have bought 3,600 books with the money from bill 685. This would help to alleviate the critical shortage that our library now has. Presently our librarians estimate that we are 32% short in

the number of books that we should have for minimum standards. The American Library Association estimates we are 57% below standard. Any reduction in their budget ~~also~~ of more than 50% over a two year period also causes them to lose money from the Federal Government.

The National Science Foundation requires that Oakland University produce \$25,000-\$28,000 to match Federal grants which will be withheld if this money is not produced. This amounts to a loss of \$50,000 or more. These grants are considered to be of primary importance therefore money otherwise allocated to the library and other departments must be transferred to the Science department to cover their lack of funds.

Another area that demands immediate attention is Mr. Corona's security department. At the present time the faculty students, and University grounds are subject to burglaries, personal attacks, and vandalism of all sorts. Flooding and fires could go for hours undetected due to the lack of manpower for patrolling. As of now there is a security man on duty only 12 hours a day. There is no vehicle equipped to handle any emergency on campus. Funds from this bill would increase, at least to a minimum the quality of security on campus.

The administrative offices presently have the same number of people working for the university as they had two years ago. Very few improvements have been made in this area, although we now have twice as many students and twice the work load.

The Committee for 685 is an all student committee, with full administration support, trying to act in a responsible

er in convincing state representatives and senators of Higher Educations need for this appropriations Bill. This committee plans to carry out their goal through student support from this campus and from other campuses in the state of Michigan. Already letters have been sent to student leaders on other campuses informing them of Oakland's intentions and asking for the support of their universities and students.

The committee for '685 will circulate petitions to be signed by students and interested citizens and business men in the Oakland area. The committee also will have a letter for students to send home to their parents asking them for their support and letters to be sent to their state representative and senators. This Wednesday there will be a meeting for all students in the Gold Room at 4:00p.m. Chancellor Verner has been invited to attend this meeting and has accepted. At this meeting the committee will formally state their plans, and will inform the students what they have already done towards achieving their worthwhile goal. Above all the committee will ask students for the support they deserve and need in carrying on this campaign.

Since the legislature will reconvene on the 9th of December and the individual parties will caucus sometime before this date this does not leave the committee much time to accomplish their goals. Nonetheless, these students feel the benefits that could be reaped are well worth the work, time, money, and effort that such an endeavor would and will entail. In order for this committee to stand any chance of seeing their goals materialize in this short time the student body of Oakland will have to wholeheartedly back this committee and give them all the help they need. Students will be needed to circulate petitions both on and off campus. And above all every student will have to send the letter home to his or her parents asking for their support.

Anyone interested in the committee's activities should contact Bruce Chadwick, 2778, room 518 Phyve--Tom Volgy, 2772, room 512, Phyve--or Marty Riseig, 2792, room 612 Phyve. This committee meets every day at three o'clock in room 130 of the Oakland center and everyone is invited and urged to attend these meetings.

The Observer will be out Wednesday morning with a special edition covering the plans of this committee and how they are developing. We urge that everyone take the time to attend Wednesday's meeting and learn all you can in how you can help this committee along. A cause of this nature merits everyone's support.

D.C. IMPROVES SAT. TRANSPORTATION

At Dormitory Council's regular Monday meeting, the representatives voted another improvement in the Saturday transportation program. On the first Saturday of each month the University car will now be available to go to the Detroit Public Library, Wayne University, and the Art Museum. On the other Saturdays the car will be available to make trips to Northland. The cost is 75¢. Every Saturday, however, the car will go to its usual spots; Pontiac Mall, Birmingham bus station, and Rochester.

In other business the council voted seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) to aid the Committee for "685".

It was reported by the committee chairman of the Vending Machines Committee, that new can pop machines should be installed by December 1st. The new machines are supposed to be better served.

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SUPPORT THE COMMITTEE FOR "685"

H1 F1 Club Dance this Saturday from 8:30 to 1:00 in the Gold Room.

Did you know that Egypt with an average of one suicide every 17 days, has the lowest suicide rate in the world?

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