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## Student Group Spearheads Drive

### Editorial

## No Room For Apathy

A spontaneous student movement has arisen almost overnight on the Oakland campus. Aimed at influencing passage of Senate Bill 685, the supplemental appropriation for small universities, has generated more hard work, enthusiasm, orderliness, direction and responsible action than any other movement in the history of Oakland University. Quite possibly because the drive is toward a positive goal for the good of the whole community.

Passage of Senate Bill 685 will assure sufficient funds to purchase library books, match National Science Foundation grants for laboratory equipment, pay faculty salaries for summer term, bolster Health Service facilities -- it will improve the universities financial situation in a myriad of ways.

The Committee for 685 is attempting to demonstrate to pertinent legislators that the public sees a need for the expenditure of these funds in this manner, that their constituents dislike having politics mixed up with education. Only if these public servants can show that they have the support of the people can they afford to cross party lines and vote the money needed so desperately by Michigan's small universities.

The obvious question is "What can we, as students, do to influence this legislation?" The Committee for 685 does have the answer: sign the petitions, write to the legislator from your home district (listed on this page) urging passage of the bill, and write a letter for your parents to send to the appropriate legislator using the data supplied by the Committee.

The stakes in this game are high, and every one at Oakland stands to profit by its passage. We strongly urge that ALL students, faculty and staff join the effort to get back what we were almost promised. Sign the petition; take the few minutes necessary to write the letters. Oakland can be proud of the unity demonstrated in this effort, whether or not it is successful, and the chances are excellent for winning.

## Circulate Petitions, Letters To Push Appropriation Bill

An all-out drive to pass Senate Bill 685, the supplemental appropriations bill for small universities, roars into high gear today as the OU "Committee for 685" begins its petition and letter writing campaign.

Hurriedly formed last week by a small number of local student leaders, the Committee's membership had mushroomed to

more than 40 by the first of the week.

Stressing the importance of responsibility and integrity in all the Committee's actions, Chairman Marty Reisig has called an all-student meeting for 4 p.m. today to inform the student body of the situation and the attempts being made to assure passage of the bill, which has

been vetoed twice by Governor Romney.

Chancellor D. B. Varner has been invited to explain the University's position in relation to the legislation.

The committee will circulate petitions within the university community. Every signer will be given an information sheet on which to base letters to the legislators whose votes are involved.

Petitions will be presented to the lawmakers at a special meeting on campus Tuesday, Nov. 23. Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson will make the presentation.

Efforts are being made by Committee subchairman Tom Volgy to arouse the other institutions covered by the bill to take similar action. Several students groups on the campuses of Central, Eastern, Western, Michigan Tech and Ferris have expressed interest in the Oakland drive. As the Observer went to press it was not known whether any large scale movements would be initiated there.

Thursday and Friday of this week a committee headed by Bruce Chadwick and Rob Surovell will circulate the petitions. Petitioners will be stationed at strategic points in every building and parking lot on campus.

Surovell stated, "We're going to need a lot of help on this. Volunteers can sign up anyday between 3 and 5 in the SACC office."

Chairman Reisig said Monday, "The cooperation we've received on this thing has been unbelievable. Every step of the way people have been falling in line."

"We need only one vote in the Senate and three votes in the House. We're trying to show the utmost of respect for these men. This is a non-partisan effort."

The Committee has enlisted the aid of the political science department as advisors in the effort to avoid making political mistakes.

In addition to the campus effort, the committee will circulate petitions in the local area.

Various student organizations have pledged to help defray the expenses of the campaign. Dorm Council unanimously committed itself for \$75; Student Library Committee; \$100, Hill House, \$25. SACC will consider a donation today. The other house committees are expected to make similar contributions. The Observer has extended use of its offices and telephones to the Committee.

## Library, Science, Police

### Hurt By Senate Bill Veto

Oakland's budget has been cut by \$280,000 due to the Governor's veto of Senate Bill 685 which would have appropriated \$1.2 million to be distributed among eight small Michigan colleges.

One area specifically affected by the veto will be the library. The library will lose \$25,000 which would have been spent on

books only. At seven dollars per book, this deprives the library of about 3,600 books. According to the library staff, Oakland's gross collection is 32% deficient of minimum standards; however, the American Library Association has computed the collection to be 52% deficient according to national standards. Also, affected by the governor's veto will be government grants. If a school reduces its budget more than 50% over a two year period, the national government will make a proportional reduction in its grants. Last year's library budget was \$200,000 and this year's budget will be \$75,000.

In the sciences, especially chemistry, there is a \$10,000-\$20,000 deficit. Matching grants such as those available by the National Science Foundation require that Oakland has \$25,000-\$28,000 on hand before they give matching grants. Thus, money that would have otherwise gone to the library will be allocated to the area of the sciences to secure these grants.

Concerning the chemistry department, there is a tremendous lack of equipment; facilities are inadequate, and \$8,000 is needed to equip two laboratories now virtually unequipped.

Police protection of students, faculty, and campus grounds will also be affected by the veto. Carlos Corona, director of personnel, has found it necessary to spend the entire year's budget in six months to supply substantial protection to the campus. As of now, he is running on a deficit.

Funds presently allocated allow Corona to hire an officer for only 8 hours of a 24 hour day. Corona feels that \$40,000 would completely supply his department.

## Cost Of Baby Boom Not Met In Michigan

The post-war baby boom hit and Oakland, along with seven other state universities, responded.

When it became apparent last spring that the baby boom would force state universities to exceed their enrollment predictions or else deprive several hundred students of college educations at this time, the schools opened their doors with the expectation that the State Legislature would come through with additional funds for the added students, according to D. B. Varner, Oakland's chancellor.

The Senate, following up on earlier assurances, introduced a general supplemental appropriations bill, which included \$1.2 million for Oakland, Eastern Michigan University, Western Michigan University, Central Michigan University, Northern Michigan University, Ferris State College, Grand Valley State College, and Michigan Technological University.

Passed with immediate effect by the Senate on May 18 and the House on May 21, the part of the bill affecting the state universities was line item vetoed by Governor Romney of July 8.

Romney, in his veto message, stated that he had vetoed the bill because: 1) the state had appropriated a record amount for higher education for the fiscal year 1965-66; 2) the additional revenues needed to finance this bill, as well as others, will not be available unless new sources of income are developed; and 3) that the students were not, in fact, on campus.

A slightly different bill, which would pro-rate the funds if they proved insufficient on the fiscal-year-equated-student basis (which is the basis for normal appropriations), was introduced in the Senate on September 28 and passed by a 32-3 margin on October 5. Voting against the measure were Senators Beadle (R), Lockwood (R), and Rozycki (D). The House passed the bill on October 14 by a 79-14 margin.

Lt. Gov. William Milliken, acting governor while Romney was touring Japan and Vietnam with several other governors, vetoed the message on October 28, stating that supplemental appropriations of this sort would "undercut the value of future planning."

Democratic leaders in the Senate and House have made plans to reconvene the Legislature December 9 to override the governor's veto.

## Letters Help 685 Passage

Below are the names and addresses of the Senators and Representatives of the districts pertinent to the passage of Senate Bill 685.

### Senators

Farrell E. Roberts  
2486 Lafayette Drive  
Pontiac, Michigan

Robert J. Huber  
4909 Beach Road  
Birmingham, Michigan

### Representatives

Clifford H. Smart  
555 West Walled Lake Drive  
Walled Lake, Michigan

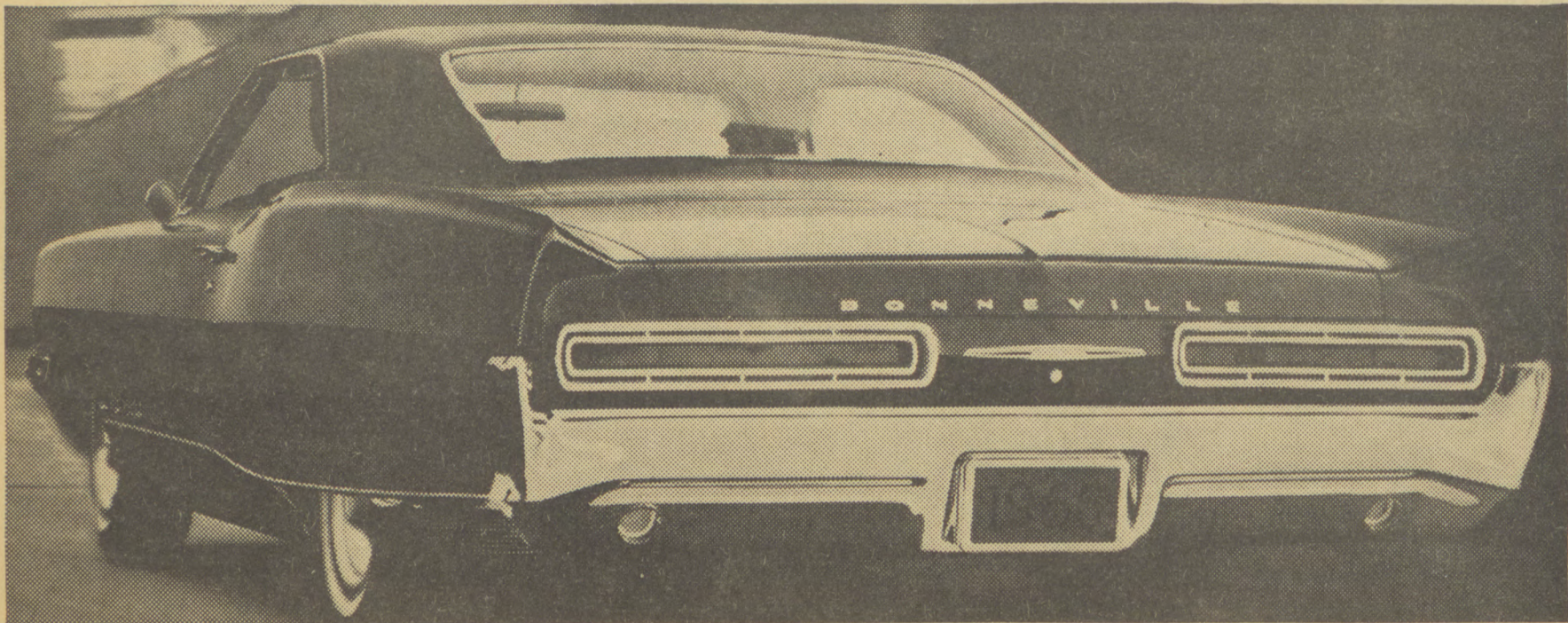
Raymond L. Baker  
32718 Grand River Avenue  
Farmington, Michigan

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2757 Windemere  
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