

# EXTRA ELECTION ISSUE

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## OUR PRIMARY CONCERN?

by Richard Hubbs

"Our primary concern is in creating an effective and stimulating community of learning. Everything else is secondary to this . . . there are no football or basketball teams, fraternities or sororities, ROTC, or physical education courses."

Thus Oakland University, then known as MSU-Oakland, in its 1963 freshman bulletin, closed the door to several activities typical to other campuses, including intercollegiate athletics. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, in donating their land to the University, included the no-athletics condition to keep the University free from nonacademic distractions.

But student activists at OU in the early '60s, before their discovery of politics, concerned themselves with getting OU involved in intercollegiate athletics. After great deliberation, the administration of Chancellor Durwood Varner allowed the trial introduction of a limited sports program to the campus. Students discovered that they could cheer or ignore teams that competed with other MIAA colleges in soccer, cross country, basketball, swimming, baseball, golf, and tennis. Cheerleaders, involved with intercollegiate athletics without being an integral part of the program, appeared in OU uniforms for the first time. Freshman Terry Lamb of Kinde, Michigan, is a current cheerleader concerned with the role of athletics at OU and the traditional student apathy connected with sports.

"I think that most of the students here have pretty much the same attitude towards

sports that they did in high school," Miss Lamb said. "Many care enough to come out and support the teams actively, but the majority are apathetic and just don't want to get involved."

She feels that a loss in "school spirit" is a casualty of the maturity process: that in growing up, the college student looks upon his high school activities and emotions as almost infantile and sophomoric. One way of maturing is to stop yelling at games or rallies, or showing any support for an athletic team.

The Oakland student is unique, she feels, because he attends a school where little emphasis is placed on sports. "In high school, some kids go just to be involved in sports and not for an education. Here, it's different. At OU, they are here for an education in the first place -- any involvement in sports is voluntary. OU has enough sports that any athlete can participate." She thinks many students came to this university to avoid physical education programs obligatory at other schools.

"I don't think that the program is entirely adequate for the needs of athletes on campus," Miss Lamb said. "There are still people who would like to get on competing teams, but could not make it on the intercollegiate team for different reasons." A stronger intramural program could remedy this.

Oakland is also one of the few state schools that does not have an intercollegiate football team. OU does have football's European cousin, soccer, but many students miss the weekly grid battles, including Miss

Lamb: "I would really like to have it here. There can be a way figured around Mrs. Wilson's condition against it, like the one figured out for basketball, if enough people really wanted it."

### 5&10

The second group of resident students have moved on campus.

Ten men have moved into the vacant farm house, Residence Hall Number 2, just west of the Student Center. . .

The Hall has six bedrooms [and] . . . has been partially furnished by the University. The men will do their own house-keeping and laundry. . .

The only drawback of the new Hall is its compulsory physical fitness program, which consists of keeping the coal furnace in the basement stoked with coal.

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America is at the crossroads in Vietnam. We are either on the verge of at least a partial settlement or we are about to become even more involved in the war.

In 1965, 1,385 American soldiers were killed in Vietnam. American forces rose from

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the copyboy's column

### Fragmentation Balm

Having prematurely come out of hibernation this month to rejoin the community, I presently find myself in the unfortunate position of having diffused myself right out of all my favorite pursuits. Oh, to be busy. Join the magazine and get a press card. So that if I forget who I am (or how vital to the maintenance of the community) I can look and see it in red letters. Very nice.

You know, there comes a time (some-

times) in the course of the week when good fortune permits one to relax and review the week's proceedings. In these moments of solitude it all becomes clear that all the rap and activity that went down in the last 165 hours, purposeful or no, did not reflect the true mind.

With all the environmental action projects on campus, there is still one kind of pollution not yet covered: talk pollution. To walk in the grill, in the halls, in the snowbanks; and to hear all of us rapping each other to death with lies that we, in our saner, aloner moments, recognize as such: this truly is insanity.

I think a little apathy at this point would be in order; therapeutic catatonia, self-induced by a vow of non-movement unless truly moved, non-speech unless provoked by a feeling so powerful -- a truth so true -- that it wells up and bursts out in an outward display so spontaneous as to be genuinely, undeniably real.

Yes, in the midst of movements and sons of movements; a life of non-movement, reinforced by the testimony of solitude. And for humble openers,

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The Article appearing on this page concerning the University Congress Elections is subject to two last-minute changes which are important enough to warrant this insert.

- 1) ID Cards will not be punched but must be presented upon turning-in the ballot.
- 2) The Congress President will be elected if he has the highest number of votes and at least 33% of all ballots cast.

VOTING TIMES and LOCATIONS are as follows:

	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Oakland Center	8 - 4	8 - 4	11:30 - 5
Dodge Hall			8 - 11:00
VB. East	4:30 - 7		
VB. West		4:30 - 7	

+++ANY STUDENT CAN VOTE AT ANY POLLING PLACE AT ANY TIME+++



# ~EDITORIAL~

FROM A PUBLISHER TO HIS READERSHIP  
RE: SOME POLITICIANS AND THEIR CONSTITUENCY

## I: The Big Idea

Election time. Traditionally, this is what the press lives for. Mass media, like politicians, begin with the premise that they can speak to the people, represent the people; in truth, both see themselves as personifications of The People.

In the beginning, the people are not in on the identity-change that makes a citizen turn politician or publisher. It is merely one individual's perception that he is in some way larger than one being. After that, he goes out to form his constituency, or inform his readership that he does stand for them.

And then — you buy it or you don't. Raise your hands: how many think

— that a black man can represent blacks and whites?

— that a Silent Majority President really can represent the Silent Majority and the Vocal Minority?

— that a freak really can represent freaks and straights?

— that the College Republicans really can disburse your \$30,000 where it should go?

— ditto, People for the People?

## II: Smaller Ideas

Of course, we exaggerated a little. There are candidates and candidates. Some actually do represent more of you than others. How do you tell them apart? First, pick up a *Focus: Oakland*, and see what they say about themselves. Now go back and reread the first two paragraphs of this editorial; then follow us one more step.

There are platforms that embrace more than one side of an issue, or a community. Related to publications, this is called a "neutral editorial policy", as opposed to "partisan" or "independent" editorial policies. A neutral publication, by the way, is not any more "wishy-washy" than is a surgeon, who operates on all without respect to his patient's color or political affiliation. We all respect him for that; without question, we expect if from him. Because we know that his commitment to Life transcends his political or social motivations.

A journal can be like that also. It can be committed to bringing a community accurate and complete information, intelligent criticism, carefully weighed and impartially reported; and it can expect the community to regard it favorably for doing so. This is not to deprecate the partisan journal for consistently supporting a program it finds beneficial, nor the independent publication for selectively choosing to support good programs.

Politicians who advocate a consistently good program are worthy of your support. Politicians who carefully mold their programs in accordance with the times are even more valuable to us. But those who, like the surgeon, are guided by ideals higher than even

the political -- they are not politicians at all. They are statesmen. Grab them.

## III: Back Home

Now you might want to reread our candidates' platforms. If any one sounds like a surgeon, he's your man. Maybe he can perform the delicate suture of the University Congress to the University Senate (a graft which has once already failed to take).

If no surgeon, then choose a doctor, who can at least diagnose accurately.

If no doctor is available, maybe next time you'd better run yourself.

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## And Now a Word...

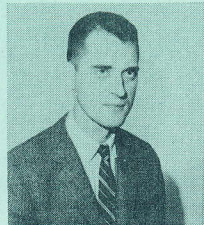
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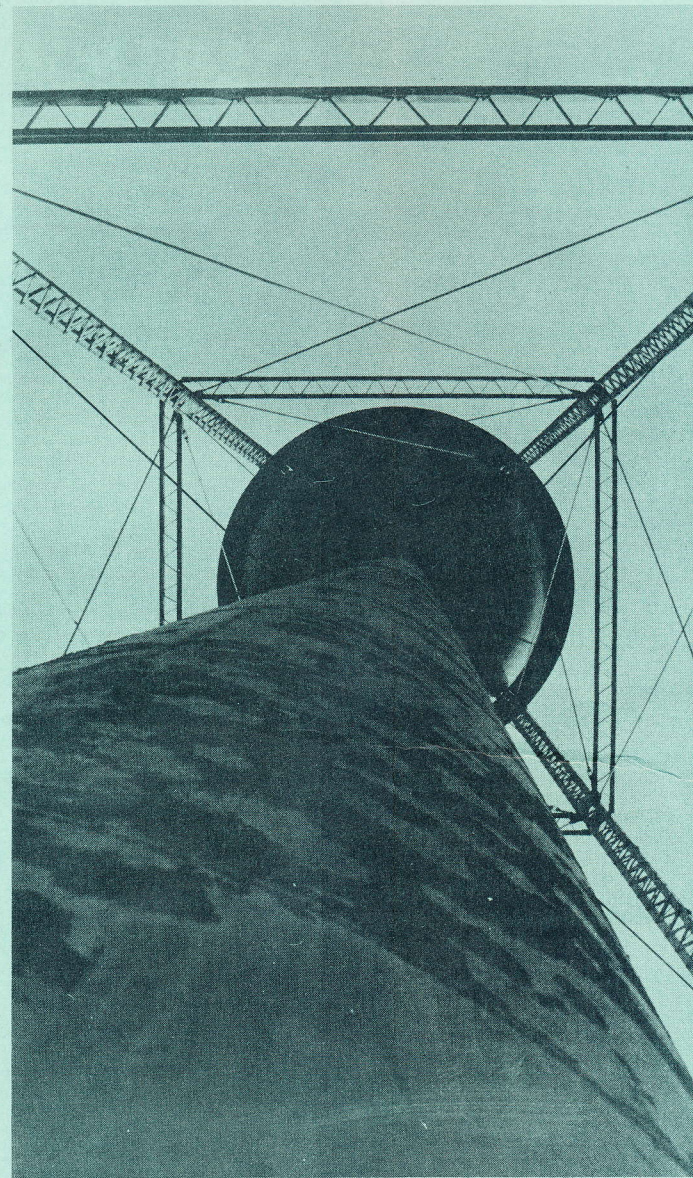


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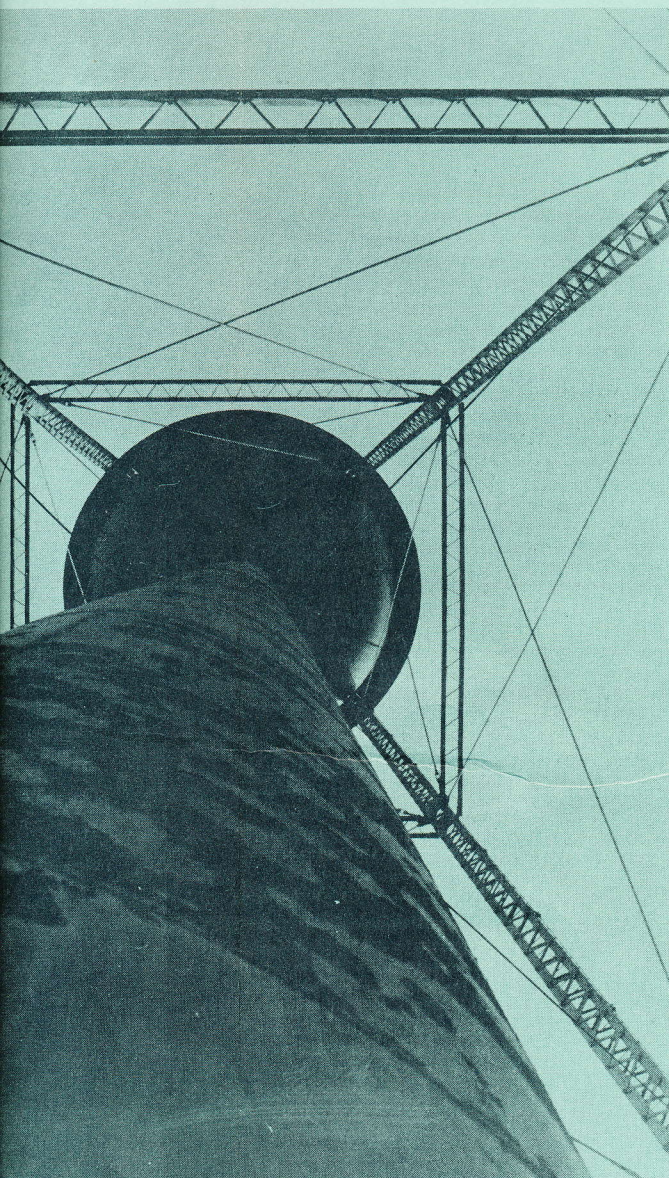
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# \$30,000: Will You Blow It?

by Richard Hubbs

When was the last time you threw away over \$30,000?

Oakland University students have that opportunity on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week if they decide not to vote in the new University Congress elections. The allocation of over \$25,000 collected in activities fees from students at winter term registration, plus over \$6000 from last semester, is the problem of the student allocations committee of the soon-to-be-elected Congress.

Several organizations are waiting for major appropriations from the activities fund in order to meet expenses and operate. At the present time, however, the sorely needed monies are tied up in University red tape while the organizations are treading water in lieu of spending.

Ingo Dutzmann, head of the student organizations office and formerly assistant director of commuter and campus programs, has very close ties to both allocations and the impending elections. He told *Double Exposure* about the effects of the election on student allocations to several organizations which expect to request fairly large sums.

"The ABS has several major programs," said Dutzmann, "including tutoring and day care centers, for which they need money. A new group on campus, the Community of Reconciliation, needs money to rent a house for its base of operations. The Commuter Council has an impetus for increasing its programs, including its close ties with the new commuters service office. Off Campus and the Town Hall Concerts need money to arrange musical entertainment and concerts for students." Dutzmann also expects *Double Exposure*, *Focus: Oakland* and the College Republicans to request

sizable sums.

Unfortunately, these allocations were the concern of the ill-fated original University Congress elected October 28-29, 1970. A relatively small number of Oakland's 7000 students, a total of 1020, turned out to elect a president and assembly. A pair of Oakland students, Howard Victor and Al Jastrzebski, brought out charges against the results of the election; they charged gross irregularities, including ballot box "stuffing," undue influence by certain individuals, campaigning near polling places, improper check of candidates' eligibility, and mistakes on the ballot, including misspelling names of two candidates. Only two members of a seven-man election committee put in an appreciable amount of effort, and despite their tremendous efforts to keep the election legitimate, it was a fiasco.

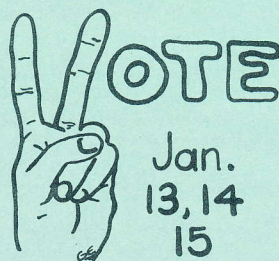
Dutzmann elaborated on several precautions being taken to prevent a repeat of the problem. "A set of procedures has been set up and will be followed," he commented. "Guidelines regarding campaign practices such as no electioneering within 75 feet of a poll booth were approved Wednesday by a five-student group. Offenders will be brought before the student conduct committee after the election for proper penalty."

He added that although ballots may be taken from the polling station, only one ballot will be accepted from a student later. His ID card must be presented and will be punched at that time to prevent casting more than one ballot.

In order that the president receives a clearcut victory, a change in the original practice states that the winner needs a simple majority -- at least 50 percent of the total plus one -- instead of a plurality of 33 percent. If no single candidate receives a majority, than a run-off between the top two vote-getters will be held to determine the winner.

Dutzmann added that a third day of voting will be included, hopefully resulting in a greater turnout. A great rush is expected on Wednesday, and those commuters who come to campus three times a week and miss voting Wednesday will get a second chance Friday.

Polling places for commuters will be in Dodge Hall, the Grille, the Fishbowl in South Foundation Hall and the public cafeteria in the Oakland Center; campus residents will vote at the Vandenberg Hall desk or at either lunch line in Vandenberg. Hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., while the booths at each cafeteria will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.



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# Two Cents

Here it is: your chance to throw in your two cents and make it count. Everyone has a criticism or two to give the community — but individual suggestions don't seem to carry much weight. Now you have the opportunity to voice your opinions en masse through our "2 cent Plan."

Each issue will call for suggestions on a specific topic. Your ideas will be forwarded together to the appropriate office, where they will receive direct attention.

We begin the series with a questionnaire about last week's registration procedure. Don't pull any punches. And if you have a lengthy idea, just clip it to this form. It'll get there.

Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

1. How do you feel about Oakland registration?

- (a) angry
- (b) irritated
- (c) apathetic
- (d) loved it

2. Would it have helped you if all the profs were there to talk to?

- (a) yes, a lot
- (b) somewhat
- (c) not particularly

3. Would it have helped if one prof from each department were there all the time?

- (a) yes, a lot
- (b) somewhat
- (c) not particularly

4. If you did have a problem, was the telephone system adequate to handle it?

yes

no

If no, why not? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you think that all students should be able to preregister?

yes

no

6. How many times have you wanted to sign up for a particular course but found it closed?

- (a) all the time
- (b) frequently
- (c) occasionally
- (d) rarely

Did you have to wait until the next semester to take it?      yes      no

7. Do you feel students who don't have the prerequisites should be prohibited from signing up for a course?

yes

no

8. What other comments or suggestions do you have concerning registration? Please be as constructive and specific as possible — if may help you next time around.

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SEND YOUR REPLY TO *DOUBLE EXPOSURE*, C/O STUDENT ACTIVITIES CENTER. WE WILL FORWARD THEM ALL TO THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR.

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23,000 to 181,329. This year's draft call is expected to average between 50 and 80 thousand men a month. . .

The alternative to continuing the war is to negotiate what would be at most an unsatisfactory settlement. To escalate the war, however, would be merely to sink deeper into the mire and risk an eventual world war. The least we can expect from further escalation is a major land war in Asia. . .

As of this writing, the current "peace-probe" appears to be little more than a political facade aimed at preparing public opinion for more escalation.

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*A people without a sense of history is like an individual without a memory.*

—R. Kotynek

The Fool, unsatisfied  
Chases  
ultimate ignorance  
rain  
wets graveyards  
libraries both

Christopher Clowery

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the rejection of those activities extraneous to life's central goals, those taken on to gratify one or another of life's make-believe needs.

And after such a retreat, what would be left? Well, first of all, time. The time to follow a truly satisfying course. Secondly, energy; the energy presently so diffused that it is hardly energy at all, but just uncomfortable nervousness. Third, we would cease polluting the atmosphere with senseless gestures and advice, and meaningless information about ourselves. Because, you see, when pushing comes to shoving, who really gives a shit? And what's more, those who do, do for the wrong reasons.

Listen. I am really happy, but that's not all. I'm going to get happier. Because this is the first and last column I'm going to write. Beginning at the close of this little adventure in pollution, the copy boy is going out of business.

Listen, please, because if you were to stop for ten minutes and think about it, you'd find this is you talking too: it's time you began to quit your lame, ego- and id-gratifying, senseless, bad-mouth, silly, time-wasting, bad-vibe, unreal, life-negating, coffee-in-the-grill bullshit, and began to start on your way. I love you all, truly, and what's more, I love myself. The New Year is here.

Resolve.

The Copy Boy