

# O.U.'S FUNDS SLASHED

If budget information received from the Governor's office proves to be accurate, Oakland may well be forced not to grow any larger in the next few years. This forewarning was part of guidelines for revision of 1972-73 appropriations requests sent to the University last week by John Dempsey, of the Governor's Budget Staff.

In his letter to Oakland, Dempsey indicated three conditions that should be figured into each university's request. They are:

- 1) maximum salary increase of 4%
- 2) Two percent allowance for non-salary inflation (supplies, books)
- 3) One percent of gross budget (approx. \$120,000)

to expand minority group programs.

Although not mentioned in the letter, the University has learned that it shouldn't plan on any enrollment increases for at least the next year.

The primary reason for these restrictions appears to be the bleak overall financial picture in the state. As no

tax increases are considered likely in the next year, education is one of the prime areas for budget-paring. Expectations of wage limitations being set by Nixon's Wage Board is cited by Dempsey as a factor, as well.

All of the restrictions, if remaining in the final University budget for 1972-73, would force Oakland to

operate on even a tighter austerity program than is presently the case. The picture looks especially bleak in the area of physical improvements.

Oakland has had three new buildings on the "high priority" state construction list for over two years. If these budgetary projections are accurate, construction may

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### Refunds Changed

By Ken Guilbault

Approximately 150 students will lose up to \$18 in refunds per class dropped this semester. This is due to the quiet implementation of a new graduated refund policy by the Registrar.

The new schedule was approved along with the new tuition policy adopted in September. Under the new plan, rebates decrease 10% per week beginning with the first full week of classes. This week, for example, students are receiving only a 20% rebate. Previously, students received a 100% refund for the two weeks and 50% until the end of the 7th week of classes. (See accompanying chart.)

Students were not directly informed of the change. Notices were sent to all faculty members and advisors, but not to the students. A random check indicated that, even so, some advisors are still giving out dates from the old schedule. The only information on drop refunds that was sent to students was a copy of the obsolete schedule which was enclosed with the president's letter regarding the strike settlement.

Even the administrators involved in implementing the policy are confused. Tom Atkinson, Director of Administration Services, told *Focus* last Thursday "Because classes had begun before the plan was drawn up, the new schedule cannot be implemented until January."

However, a check with the Registrar's Office showed that they were already using the new rebate policy.

At first, Atkinson said that he would authorize the refunds if the students involved felt that they had lost money due to the administration's failure to publicize the change.

However, after consulting with John DeCarlo, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Atkinson changed his story and told *Focus* that he initially felt the new plan was unfair to students because of the lack of publicity. He therefore went by the old policy, and refunded 100% of the course fee until October 5th. The new schedule calls for a rebate of 70 to 80% for this period.

Ruggles switched to the new schedule on October 6th. He felt that, by this time, students should have been informed of the

change. He said an article appeared in the *OU* and notices were put on bulletin boards throughout the campus. However, in a check of campus bulletin boards, no such notices were found.

One further complication caused by implementing the new schedule on October 6th was that those students who dropped courses between October 6 and October 12 received an extra 10%. However, all the students who dropped courses after this date received less than they expected.

The reason for the change, according to Atkinson, is to encourage students to drop courses as soon as possible. This would allow available seats to be filled by those who wish to add classes. He emphasized that it was not the intention of the Board of Trustees to cheat the students by lowering the refund rate.

Percent of Tuition Refunded

	old plan	new plan
before classes begin	100%	100%
1st week (9/22-9/31)	100%	80%
2nd week (9/31-10/5)	100%	70%
3rd week (10/6-10/12)	50%	60%
4th week (10/13-10/19)	50%	50%
5th week (10/20-10/26)	50%	40%
6th week (10/27-11/2)	50%	30%
7th week (11/3-11/9)	50%	20%
after beginning of 8th week (11/10-)	0%	0%

### Strike Causes Exodus

The Office of the Registrar reports an enrollment drop of 255 students for the fall semester, at a cost of approximately \$135,000 in tuition monies. William Sturner, Asst. Pres. for Planning, in explaining the drop, stated that the effect of the strike on enrollment was "clearly substantial."

Of the total new students expected, 199 (9%) new freshmen and .33 (5½%) transfer students failed to register. There was no decrease in returning students.

Sturner said that many new freshmen, upset with the postponement of the semester, withdrew from OU to attend other state colleges and universities, most of which were battling for increased enrollment.

An attempt is being made to regain as many of these "strays" as possible, but thus far has met with little success. The University hopes to make up in part for the low fall enrollment by pushing winter semester admissions.

### CENTREX Rates Adjusted

By Greg Daft

Amid continuing confusion this week concerning the CENTREX telephone system, a couple of new developments have arisen. Rather than a base rate of \$16.65 per person accepting the service, the base rate has now been changed to \$30.00 per instrument, regardless of the number of persons using the telephone.

The change in rates is a result of a re-evaluation of the penalty clause of Oakland University's contract with Michigan Bell.

According to Mr. Jack Wilson, Housing Director, the change in the rates system has increased the number of student contracts returned to the housing office. The people who are

most greatly affected by this are residents of multiple man suites. For a six-person suite, the rate per person is now reduced from \$16.65 to \$5.00.

With this change taken into consideration, the deadline for returning contracts to the housing office has been extended to noon of Wednesday, Nov. 3, 1971.

All contracts returned after this date will automatically be given an additional fee of \$8.80 for telephone installation, and will be billed the standard monthly rate of \$4.80.

As of November 1, 491 student CENTREX phones had been contracted, leaving a potential 189 instruments which have not been contracted for service.



# EDITORIALS

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## REVERSING RACISM

Dear Editor:

It has been charged in the past that Oakland University is an instrument of "White racism". It now appears obvious that this is not the case at all—it is now a tool of black racism. I refer, of course, to the ridiculously large appropriation given as a bribe to the organization called the "Black Liberation Caucus".

Racism is a form of collectivism which advocates that value judgements referring to the worth of a particular human being made not on the basis of the person's character but on the basis of his connection with a certain racial group; It is obvious that the University Student Congress made the allocation to the afore-stated organization purely on the basis of the organization's claim to represent black students on this campus. It does not have to be stated that \$2,767 is an absurd amount for simple oper-

ations of an office; the appropriation speaks for itself.

It has been rumored that the leaders of the organization in question have threatened violence if their appropriation was not substantial—this cannot be verified.

What can be stated, however, is that the money was not given on the basis of the efficacy of the organization.

Whether the appropriation was made on the basis of liberal masochism, fear of violence, or simple political logrolling is a moot point—the fact remains that it was given on the initial premise of racism.

Racism cannot be combatted by more racism. The logical contradictory of racism is individualism. The sooner that this is recognized—the sooner racism, white and black, will end.

Sincerely,  
Gregory J. Clark, Chairman  
Committee Against Student  
Terrorism

## Out Now, Nov. 6

WHERE WILL YOU BE ON NOVEMBER 6TH?

The following is an open letter to young people in Michigan. The National Peace Action Coalition has called for anti-war demonstrations in 17 major U.S. cities on November 6th. The Nixon administration and the news media are saying that these demonstrations will be the last because, as they see it, the war in Vietnam is ending, and the antiwar movement is dead. They say that young people are tired and demoralized, and that they have realized their lack of power. According to the press, Americans have decided that there is nothing else that can be done to stop the killing in Southeast Asia.

We say that young people, who have been the backbone of the opposition to the American presence in Vietnam, and who have scored significant victories against continued U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia, will be in the streets on November 6, as they have been in the past, providing leadership and energy for the antiwar movement, which now represents the overwhelming majority of the American people. The organized antiwar movement, by bringing millions of people into the streets in opposition to the war, was the force that sent LBJ back to Texas, the force that shut down hundreds of campuses in May, 1970, compelling Nixon to terminate the invasion of Cambodia, and it was the antiwar movement that forced Nixon to begin withdrawing troops at the snail's pace that is now in effect.

Nixon claims that he is winding down the war, and the newspapers have faithfully printed that American casualties are at a record low. This indicates, however, not that the war is coming to an end, but rather that the color of the body count is changing. Do we cease to care once it can be shown that most of the bodies slain or mutilated are Vietnamese rather than Americans? Is an air war a remote matter—except for the immediate families of the fliers shot down? Nixon is still testing the will and resolution of the antiwar movement, as his tenacious resistance to the Mansfield end-the-war amendment has

Nixon wants you to stay home on November 6, so that when he makes his speech on Vietnam in mid-November he can claim the support of the American people for his policies in Southeast Asia. We cannot fall into Nixon's carefully laid trap.

Actually the Administration is on the defensive as it clings to a last stand foothold in Saigon. And the time for a new offensive by the peace movement, rather than a cry of despair, is now. U.S. out of Southeast Asia! Out now, November 6! Detroit Coalition to End the War Now,;

Student Mobilization Committee, Black Moratorium Committee



## DON'T PAY!

By Barry Zajac

With the great number of commuters and the implimentation of the Centrex phone system on campus, the idea of war tax resistance may find increasing prominence in students' minds.

Originally, the federal imposed phone service exise tax was scheduled to be dropped completely in 1969, after being lowered to 3% some time before. In April, 1966, it was decided by Congress that the 10% tax be reimposed.

Representative Wilbur Mills, who managed the legislation through the House said "It is clear that the Viet Nam and only the Viet Nam operation makes this bill necessary." (Congressional Record, February 23, 1966.)

Hense, it is possible that this tax be used by a citizen to express his or her discontent with the Viet Nam war. Be it of legal, moral or political reasons, the resistance to this tax will alert the government to the individual's stand.

Thousands of individuals are already resisting this tax. The telephone company does not, as a rule, cut off phone service.

It is the opinion of Michigan Bell that this is a matter between the citizen and the government, and accordingly, the Internal Revenue Service

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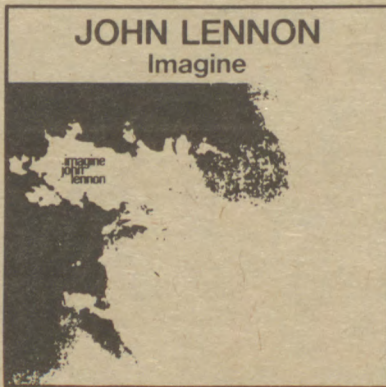
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Dear Focus:

The anti-war movement has tried to impress on students that resistance to the military as well as a racist undemocratic government is necessary. We have held rallies, moratoriums, etc. Now it appears that individual resistance, both mental and physical is needed. Hence, by putting that misleading ad by the Army's PR man in your paper, you contributed to the inhuman process of recruiting men to kill students and third world peoples.

I would hope that in the future, you will be more selective in accepting ads. I know running a hip capitalist operation is part of a private college paper of your kind but please, there must be better ways of getting money than advertising for assassins, war criminals, and destroyers of the world's ecology.

Pease,  
B. Kaiser  
Rochester.

# CHARITY?

By Greg Daft

A good example of the "things aren't always what they seem" adage displayed itself early last week in another of a continuing series called 'Harry Makes a Buck', starring CMI (Cunning Management Incorporated).

The Office of Student Organizations arranged for the November 3 fast for Project Relief for the Pakistanees in India. The arrangement was for the resident student to sign a pledge card to fast during the evening meal, and

CMI would donate the money normally spent for one meal for each student to the cause.

It was a worthy plan, and some 600 students pledged to fast that night. Sounds pretty good so far, right?

It turns out that November 3 is Steak Night. (For commuters, that may be a weird phrase.) It means that the poor resident students get solid meat thrown down to be fought over.

Anyway, it seems that

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## Tax Resist. cont.

continued from page two soon becomes involved.

The IRS sends the refuser form L-45, which is a claim for unpaid taxes. If still refused, he or she is sent form 17-A after which the IRS may legally proceed to take the amount owed, plus six percent per year interest via garnishment, savings or property, though this is very seldom done.

The \$16.65 which resi-

dents paid for the Centrex system does not include this tax since it is not charged to the University, but residents with unrestricted service and any commuter with his or her own phone will find this tax added onto their monthly bill.

If this tax is refused, each bill would be accompanied by a letter explaining the purpose of the shortage of payment to inform the phone people of your intention, and to inform the proper officials of your cause.

By theory, the more people participating in this movement the less risk is taken by each individual. The collection by the IRS is carried out at the regional level and one cannot expect them to be able to approach a very large percentage of resisters in a number of states.

More information on phone and other types of tax resistance is available at weekly War Resistor's League meetings, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the Abstention.



## Equality Not Given

By Evelyn Brooks

Liberation does not take place on Tuesday at 8:00 during the caucus meeting of your favorite minority. Oppression must be fought at every level.

Combat male chauvinism in the classroom. The fact that chauvinism has become unconscious is testimony that it is a deep rooted American institution. Make every class a conscious-raising class.

Never compromise for the sake of a relationship. It is possible to attack chauvinism without attacking the chauvinist but sometimes a choice must be made. If the relationship can only be salvaged at the price of your freedom, it will become a slave relationship—one enslaved as the repressor, the other as the repressed. The resulting strain will kill what you tried to keep alive.

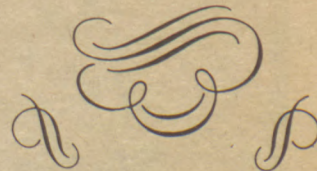
Avoid thinking that your man is the exception. No one raised in America has escaped sexist thinking. Work to make your relationship free.

Don't catch yourself falling into the paranoia pepe-

trated by the "beauty" industry (i.e. "you're a slob but let me tell you what I can do for you!"). When you've been conditioned to think that you cannot present yourself to the public without some alteration, it's easy to believe that only a "false face" is a "pretty" face. Worse things can happen to you than your ends splitting.

Attack chauvinism in the movement. Under such attack, Abbie Hoffman, and Huey Newton have retracted earlier chauvinist statements. Realize that what 'women's liberation', the media has chosen to package in Gloria Steinem's body does not portray the real struggle. Notice that Erica Huggins, Angela Davis, and Bernadine Dorhn are not making any appearances with Johnny Carson.

You can't ask someone to give you equality—you have to take it.



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