

University Congress Presents...

# SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE

"ITS YOUR CHOICE --- ITS YOUR VOICE"

## PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES



GORDON YOUNG running for the Office of President and re-election to University Congress

Every semester there is considerable discussion about University Congress and its past failures. Usually these discussions have been interesting, but have never pointed out a solution to the problems of Congress.

Reorganizing Student Government: because student participation is a must for our government to work it is necessary for a total change in the present functioning of Congress. First, we must inform you of the many events, committees, and issues presented to Congress. Second, we must find a means of removing heated discussions which have amplified personality conflicts and destroyed many a good meeting. To solve this I propose we do more work in committee thus removing conflict out of the spotlight

while placing the issue at hand in a focal point.

Activities on Campus: in the past activities have been basically the responsibility of clubs and organizations (they receive 55% of the budget). As we know these clubs have funded few campus-wide programs. It is time funding shifted to produce activities for you and not just a few students.

On January 30 and 31 you must elect a representative, elect a plan of action to serve you.

### Be There To Vote Wed. and Thurs., Jan. 30 & 31

EMSLEY WYATT running for the Office of President of University Congress

As University Congress President, I would work for increased student participation in the affairs of this University. This participation would come at three levels; Academic, Policy Making, and Social.

It would come on the Academic level from the three Student Senators and the student representatives on the Academic

Policy Committee. These appointments would not be made lightly as they have in the past, but given the careful scrutiny they deserve.

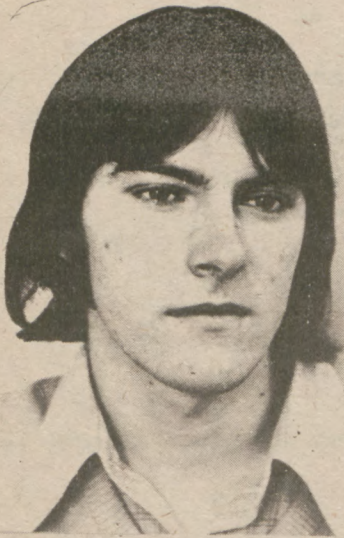
It would come on the policy-making level from the student representatives on Senate committees, Area-Hall and Commuter Council, and from the Congress itself. Upwards of 90% of us are voting-age adults, many work full-time, many are married with families, many have served in defense of this country. We are, practically speaking, a community, if you will, a small town. Yet we have no real voice in making our "laws". In order for this to change, the underlying doctrine of father-knows-bestism must be discarded. In non-academic affairs, the voice of the "taxpayer" should be heard above all others.

It would come on the social level from the Congress President, the Executive Assistant, the Student Activities Board, and the Concert-Lecture Series Committee. The CLSC would function as originally intended, with the proceeds from successful big-name concerts going to finance lectures of the William Buckley-Benjamin Spock variety. Also, in the area of social life is the Village proposal. I firmly support the Village and would devote a major portion of my efforts as Congress President toward making it a reality. Congress would be in the



forefront of fund-raising activities. This is to be preferred to the direct allocation approach as money raised is matched by President O'Dowd. Although parties can and will constitute a major part of campus social life, they will be considered a beginning rather than an end in themselves. Events that are meaningful as well as entertaining are needed if anything is to be brought about besides a feeling of temporary euphoria.

I run for University Congress President not because it looks good on a med. school application or to soothe a shattered ego but because of a heartfelt commitment to Oakland University and its students. I ask for your votes, not just for myself, but for eighteen congressmembers dedicated to accomplishment rather than to obstruction. The return on that investment may pleasantly surprise you.



GERALD ALT

No platform submitted.



CHARLES BARSHAW running for University Congress

My platform is complete and utter apathy. In this way, I feel I can best represent a majority of the student body.

Apathy has long been established as one of the major assets of Oakland University, yet so often Congressional candidates and other misguided students have pledged to change this campus and to create student interest and involvement in O.U. Yet, as should be abundantly clear by now, they have failed pathetically.

I, then, think it's time that we realize that apathy, when viewed in its proper perspective is not really that bad at all. In fact, by carefully ignoring this issue, it would be possible to cultivate apathy to a height unparalleled since the invention of pre-registration.

If elected, I will do my level best to remain as completely uncaring as the rest of you, and I would ask you for your vote, except that I really couldn't care less.

GALE BLANK running for University Congress

I would like to see some changes in both the Congress and the University as a whole. It is my wish to see a more unified student body. I feel each of us must try to accomplish this goal. Not one of us is better than the other.

There are many problems I would like to see Congress attempt to rectify. One of

these is the parking situation, both commuters and residents are having a great deal of difficulty in finding parking places. I would like to see this changed.

Another problem, which does not include all of the students, but is still, very important, is an issue about scholarships. How many of you have lost scholarships because you didn't have enough credits? Many students have lost scholarships because they were unaware of stipulations of their scholarships I would like to see these stipulations explained to the students and given to them in writing.

I feel the most important thing is for Congress to be truly representative of the students. Congress should accomplish the goals which are the goals of the students. I feel I will owe it to work for you.



STEPHEN E. CANNON running for University Congress

My platform is simple and clean cut, I am running to improve the system of justice on campus. Justice in the aspect that students have the right to be represented by a Congress that is ready to put down the administration for the benefit of the students. Since I have been associated with Oakland Univ., I have been interested in "campus Politics". I have also served as a Congressman last year and have been appointed to serve on the present Congress since the start of the semester. I am also active in our school newspaper FOCUS: Oakland; my column is called "Joke-land the Luni-versity". I think

my views are well-known. In the up-coming election, I ask for your support, because you would not want a 6'7" loser walking in your midst would you?



HENRY CARNABY running for University Congress

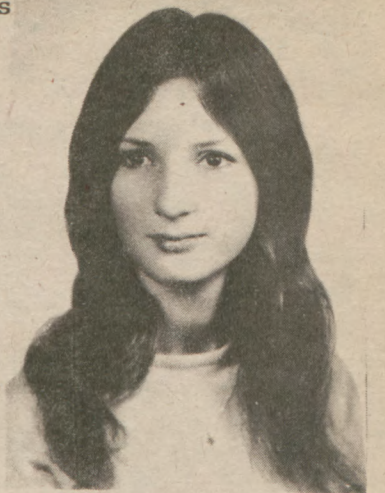
I believe that University Congress has been a failure to the students. As a past Congressman I have seen a body that should act as an agent for student action, perform more like a ratification board for Administrative policies. I think it is about time we stopped approving plans like raising the grade conversion scale and started doing things for the students.

It doesn't take long to see just how much students get pushed around in this place. At the same time Congress has never tried to offer any objections to the cattle-market registration has become, never tried to question Glen Brown's parking system when an open system is what we need, or even drafted a letter of protest to Housing for their policy I suggest that is exactly what Congress should have been doing this past year.

The majority of Congressmembers in this school are caught up in themselves. They worry more about seeing their names in the paper and getting good recommendations for law school than they do about student opinion. They were bought by the University (ala Student Life Scholarships) to be good little students. They are so good they make me ill. I am not one of them.

The biggest thing Congress does handle is the distribution of student activities fees among various student organizations. The main complaint is always about a few organizations that secure large sums of money, like the Association of Black Students and the Student Enterprise Theatre. Organizations that I think perform damn well for the students. At the same time nobody ever notices organizations like the Students Against Terrorism that do nothing to speak of. We should distribute money to organizations on the basis of what they do for students and quit complaining about who got the most.

I hope that the new Congress will try to remind the Administration who pays their wages and who this school is supposed to be for. An even if it doesn't I would like to be on Congress to let them know somebody doesn't like them.



KAREN CUNNINGHAM

No platform submitted.

COLLIE DAVIS

No platform submitted.

GARY ELLIOT running for University Congress

Many of last years promises to the student body of this school were not kept this year. I feel that this should not happen again. A small group of persons seemed to have been very good at talking about programs and



GARY ELLIOT

even joining the Congress committees. They seemed to join every committee that they could get on, but they followed through with little or no action. If elected my main objective is that none of this will happen again.

I plan to work constructively with my fellow Congressmembers and remove some of the inequalities and strengthen some of the few powers that Congress has (through the grace of the administration). A few of the boisterous members of Congress of the last term did not feel that Congress should support the beer bashes that have been co-sponsored by them for as long as I can remember. This is one of the few places that residents and commuters get together and they are against it. Also I feel that the students were unduly wronged especially the upper-classmen by the way that Congress backed down to the Senate on the grade conversion scheme. Many of the students that had A's and B's were robbed of these grades by the difference in the two schemes.

I have been a student at Oakland for three years. I have lived in three dorms and I have also commuted. I know the needs and problems of many of the students on and off campus and I will try to fulfill those needs of the students of Oakland University.



FRED JENSEN

No platform submitted.

STEVE KAPLAN running for University Congress

A candidate for Congress needs more than promises. Promises usually last as long as the last word spoken in them. What is needed though is enthusiasm for the job with a genuine concern for student affairs.

Oakland University appears to inhabitants of other schools as a good non-exciting school. Now this in itself may seem trivial but where it does not speak the truth lies the problem. One way to promote campus activity is by having activities that one would have to think twice about before passing up. These occurrences, to be held on Fridays, would begin in the afternoon, leading up to the evening, and would eventually draw people who don't attend here.

Therefore, what I propose is happenings sponsored by University Congress to commence on Friday at 2:00 p.m. This would be held in four stages; that is each month would present four different events, as redundancy can turn into boredom. Some ideas to be spewed out and thought of include more beer bashes, free 'ganster movies', sock hops, rap sessions, trivia contests, etc. But the excitement of it lays in whatever we make of it.

Oakland University can become more than just an institution of learning. It's beauty is all around, starting with its uniqueness. Rather than

just being a mess of buildings we have a different foundation enabling one and all to get acquainted with everything in two years or so Oakland can and will be a school of spirit, and hopefully in time seventh graders will aspire to attend here as their dream.

I could make many promises, but rather than do that, as a Congressman I will initiate having suggestion boxes located at different areas of campus. Each idea will be personally answered and looked into providing a forum for students. What the University Congress should be is an easy access for Oaklanders to find out information and be able to relate to it. Stuffy people it will not have, but hopefully those of warm heart and enthusiasm for all around here.

ROBERT MARTIN KOLLAR running for University Congress. Junior-Resident Member-Standard Assessments Board

In an election it is the custom of candidates to present his (or her) constituents with his ideas, thoughts, and beliefs that will eventually become known as his platform. I will not attempt such an audacious feat. I see no reason why I should produce a platform that will contain eloquent phrases, borrowed quotes and empty promises. If I did, I feel I would be wasting your time as well as my own. We both realize that promises are easily made and much easier broken or forgotten. Instead, I would rather relate to you why I have now decided to seek the position of a congressman.

I am tired of the performance of Congress (or should I say its lack of performance) and the apathetic attitudes of students toward this body. In each of the three successive years I have been at Oakland, Congress has continually out-done itself in becoming a bigger farce. A perfect illustration of this is the past elections. I am sure we all remember last

year's elections much too well. The continued impassive position of students toward these conditions, however, will not improve the situation. I, for one, would like to work for a desirable Congress, after all the purpose of Congress is to serve us! This is my "platform", if you wish to call it that.

Don't be apathetic this time-VOTE!



ALAN LEVENTEN, running for University Congress

At publication time, the status of Mr. Leventen's candidacy was in question. He is a Congressional candidate. However, the Editors were informed by the SAB Chairman, Grant Battle, that he is not a presidential candidate. We accept no responsibility for any misunderstandings. The Publishers.

Although I truly believe that most of the present members of Oakland University Congress have good intentions in their service, there exists a basic difference in the philosophies of some of them and mine. This difference is beautifully exemplified between my opponents for the Presidency and myself.

These individuals are outstanding in their contribution of rhetoric at University Congress meetings. Their concept of Congress is that it is divided into two groups: a. the workers, b. the leaders. They, of course consider themselves the leaders and thus not subject to work. Although I find this philosophy amusing, I feel it lacks in its output to the students. They spend hours boring most of the Congress about the virtues of Committees and Constitutions and the rights and wrongs of even the most basic of things.

But comes time to use their intellect for proposals to truly benefit the community, or to do physical labor, they disappear.

The one and only reason that I'm running for this office is that I'm tired of their rhetoric and their attitude of being more intelligent than thou thus exempting them from positive work. If elected, I will continue in my work to involve students more on campus, to establish a full credit first-aid program in the Biology Department to fill distribution requirement for non-majors, to establish Student Life Scholarships for commuters as well as resident and to recruit Big Brothers and Sisters for underprivileged children from the Student Body.



CATHY LIND running for University Congress

I refuse to promise anything, because involvement is my goal. Throughout the past year I have been greatly involved in Congress but I was hindered from total involvement because I was not a member. This year I hope it is different. One thing I will definitely support and that is more free on-campus parties.

There is no limit to what Congress can do. To name a few, we could remodel Vandenberg in the Waldorf Astoria, Beer Lake could be turned into a tropical paradise, the O.C. could become a 24-hour discotheque and bar, the candy at Charlie Brown's could be free and Varner Hall could be moved in closer to the other buildings to save the students the long walk on cold winter days. These are the realistic plans for O.U.



ADRIAN MANIGAULT running for University Congress

I, Adrian Manigault, am running for Congress to help bring about a better standard of Campus and Commuter life. I feel that the administration on campus is not quite together with the ideas of Oakland students, and I feel that the Student Congress is better suited for the student body's needs. If I am elected into Congress, I will try to keep the promises I make. My platform is based on five major ideas that I am concerned with. These five ideas on which I base my platform on are:

- I. To try and bring about activities involving getting together the commuter and resident students through different activities, like, parties, sports (intramural), projects, etc.
- II. Finding out where University money is being allocated to.
- III. Supporting the Village through funds, projects, etc.
- IV. Help unite University Congress with other forms of Student Government like Area Hall Council, House Council, etc.
- V. Try to bring about to Oakland successful concerts.

ROBERT MAURICE MITCHNER running for University Congress

I have been attending Oakland University for the past two years, during this time I have become very much aware of many of the social and political problems confronting the students.

I believe the major problem of Congress has been that it has not included the students in on their political activities. For the most part, I sincerely believe Congress has not only created a superficial barrier between themselves and the student population, but has also been most profoundly non-responsive to the student needs.

In Congress, I shall attempt to bring the government for the students so that we might be able to serve the University knowing what the students desire. I will also concern myself with getting the students involved in the social interactions on campus, and erasing the existing apathy and polarization among the students.

MICHAEL

No platform submitted.



JOHN SHACKLETT

JIM SHERRY

No platform submitted.

DEBBIE VAN LEUVEN running for University Congress

To try and give the commuter students a feeling of community at Oakland University is the main reason I would like to be a member of University Congress. Al-



DEBBIE VAN LEUVEN

low me to introduce myself to you. My name is Debbie Van Leuven and I commute to OU from Milford. I am also a transfer student coming to this campus in the fall of 1973 from Oakland Community College, Highland Lakes Campus. My major is sociology and I am hoping to go into juvenile casework.

I had a good deal of experience in student government at OCC. On my home campus I was secretary for the Student Congress, chairperson for

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the Student-Faculty Finance Committee and a member of the Student Conduct Board. In the scope of the larger college I was a voting member of the All College Budget Council and a delegate to the American Association of Community and Junior College conference in Anaheim, California last February. I received the honor last spring of being among those named in Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for 1972-1973.

Having worked so closely with both the governing and fiscal bodies of a college I feel I have a real understanding of what makes or breaks a program and what is the

best and most efficient way of getting things done. My experience on the Budget council convinced me that students should know at all times for what purpose and program their dollars are being spent. I was also a proponent of having a percentage of athletic funds spent on women's athletics.

As a transfer student, I feel I can add new ideas and perhaps be more objective. And as a commuter student coming here from a strictly commuter

BILL WOLF

No platform submitted.

## Voting Procedure

In voting in this election, you must have a validated ID card. You can get your ID card validated at the Registrar, in North Foundation Hall.

You have only one vote for president, to be used for one of the candidates.

You have eighteen votes for Congress-member. You may distribute them among the candidates in any manner you wish, ranging from one vote each for eighteen different candidates, to eighteen votes for one candidate.

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