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CANDIDATES TALK

COLD POP ON THE WAY OUT?

by Steve Kaplan

Picture this scene if you can: It's a rough day and you're in the mood for a cold pop, knowing that the cafeteria is closed. As you reach the destination of the machine, you see a sign in its place reading, "Sorry, machines removed due to vandalism."

The above scene seems unlikely, right? Sure enough, as we all seem to know, the machines overcharge and possibly make 100 percent profit on each sale. Also, vending machines are a fixture around here. Loyal, they stand at major building intersections, awaiting the clink of your coin. The thumping of a can sliding down the machine track into your hands is like music. It's a well-known sound, recognizable from many feet away.

And this is where the problem lies. Our trusty vending machines have become the victims of much abuse. Not just verbal and physical
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by Charles Barshaw and Larry Hadley

In many elections, the problem for the voter is to discern the man of truly giant stature from the three foot tall mid-get with a ten foot shadow. The problem in this Congress presidential election is deciding which shadow looks taller

Congressmembers Emsley Wyatt and Gordon Young are running for the not so highly esteemed position of president, and both presented their views to this reporter in two highly unorganized interviews.

Both supported campus activities presented by Congress. "If the students start seeing money returned to them and activities grow," Young stated, "that will draw people back to the campus, to the student organizations, and to student government."

Wyatt fairly echoed this sentiment when he said that Congress will become more respectable in the eyes of the students "when they can see their dollars flowing back to them."

Despite this seeming identical platform, dif-

ferences do exist. One good example stems from a recent Congress decision to spend \$2500 for a Ralph Nader lecture to be given later this year. This commitment, though, according to figures quoted by Congressman Young, will put the Congress \$1500 in the hole.

"I think Ralph Nader is an excellent idea," said Young, "but there are better things and more important things we should remember, and one is that we are a service organization for students." And that function might be impaired, he implied, if Congress were to go bankrupt.

Wyatt, on the other hand, is convinced that the expenditure is not foolhardy, and stated that if only 500 students attended the Nader lecture, it would have been worthwhile.

Congressman Wyatt is aware that some critics of his have remarked that he could not be an effective president because he could not work with the Administration. He replied to the charge by stating that it was "a bunch of peanut butter."

"There are Administrators who are sincerely interested in furthering things for the students. Those people might not like me, but the point is there is only one student Congress President, and if I were that president, they would have to deal with me."

He described his viewpoint as "healthy skepticism", and despite an antagonism between some

university personnel and himself, he said that one needn't fight city hall by battling, but that much could be accomplished through direct communication.

Gordon Young saw alliance with the Administration as an essential goal for Congress. They have control over the Congress funds, and President O'Dowd "can cancel our concurrent power with the Administration anytime he wants," but more importantly, conflict between the two bodies is unnecessary.

Yet Young is also a politician. He knows that any show of defiance on the part of Congress would result in certain defeat. Not until Congress has total student support can they make any claims on the university. "It's better," said Young, "to vote one way and lose an issue than to vote the other way and lose ground."

Congress itself, despite flashes of potential, proved only to be a breeding ground for personality conflicts. Both candidates realize that something must be done, but that something differs with each.

Young sees a total reorganization of the Congress structure as essential for its success this year. Instead of weekly meetings, he proposed meetings be held once every three weeks, with committees working
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OPEN STATEMENT

To those of you who have given me many of your biting criticism and hearty compliments concerning my article on Campus Life-- (Focus; Dec. 5) I thank you. As for my being relieved from my job at the Admissions Office I am at this time going through the correct channels to retain my former status. I will not retract any of my opinions as stated in my last Commentary as I believe them to be valid and still very close to the solution, regardless of the cries of "racist" or "pig". My purpose was and is to produce stimulating thought through my presence here at this paper. I ask for your support in my endeavors, whether you agree or not with my views on campus life. You must surely believe in the right to ones own beliefs? The results of my quest will be published here for all to see. I will not be contained in what I have chosen to call my quest for what is right!

James A. Cumber

Legal Aid Available

Students with legal contentions are reminded that free legal aid information will be available starting January 21. Appointments can now be made at the Office of Commuter Services, 118 Oakland Center or by calling 377-2020, 8-5, Monday through Friday. The Legal Aid Information Service is sponsored and funded by the Commuter Council and is under the direction of the Oakland County Legal Aid Society.

EDITORIAL: Wyatt Is Our Choice For University Congress President

The publishers of *Focus: Oakland* endorse Emsley J. Wyatt for President of University Congress. Both Robert Pociask and myself consider him the most qualified person available for the job.

Wyatt's strongest point is the experience he's had on University Congress. It's as simple as that. In three years time, he has obtained a thorough understanding of the system we have at Oakland. He knows how it works (or doesn't work) who makes it work, and why. Three years on Congress have taught him that much.

His qualifications regarding committees, don't matter all that much. They are about the same as his opponent's, only they've been over a longer span of time. What matters more is the basic philosophies involved. Mr. Wyatt's opponent is concerned primarily with committees, policies, and procedures. Wyatt is concerned with getting things done. He's shown this during his tenure at OU as a congressman. He practically rewrote the Constitution, even though it was vetoed. He worked with Gary Oyster to keep the small dorms open, no mean feat. All of this requires a good deal of effort.

Wyatt's opponent wants to change somewhat the machinery of Congress so that more can be achieved. Wyatt himself has definite goals in mind, in terms of projects that he wants to accomplish, however possible. You can make all of the policy and procedural changes that you want; they don't mean a damn thing unless you intend to do something with them.

Wyatt sees what we have, and feels that changes are necessary. Bearing this in mind, he has definite goals in mind. He wants Congress to be involved with fund-raising for the Village, for instance. While campaign promises are always easy to make, we are willing to take Wyatt and Young both at their word. On the assumption that they both will try earnestly for everything they say, we still prefer Mr. Wyatt. He realizes that this campus needs more of a social life in order to get going, among other things.

By social life, more than just parties is meant. A total social life is what is needed. This includes lectures, concerts, films, as well as parties. This campus is still quite embryonic in this respect, and more of a social life is needed if this place is to truly become a living, breathing university.

Neither candidate is making unrealistic promises. It is merely a question of which set of promises (or philosophy, which is the originator of these promises) will do more to benefit the students of Oakland University.

We feel that Mr. Wyatt's ideas and plans will do the best job. We urge you to vote in this election. We would ask that you vote for Emsley J. Wyatt for University Congress President.

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AHC Plods Along; Action Upcoming?

by Mary Ellen Harper

Last week's Area Hall Council meeting seemed just to be your run of the mill affair up until the very end. All the business on the agenda had been finished and then a young man in the corner started asking questions. The basis of his queries was asking Area Hall Council what position they maintain on helping students who get involved in the run around of OU's judicial boards. For the next 20 minutes the meeting was more or less out of control and everyone had a position. Doreen Bieryla, Hamlin Hall's Head Resident, reviewed the procedures a student goes through if he is accused of a crime or is having trouble with any of OU's policies. The young man in the corner came back with telling how the student has virtually no rights and that the channels of judicial review at OU are unfair. Now AHC members wanted specific instances to justify his point but it was agreed that names shouldn't be mentioned.

Diane Aboulafia, AHC representative from Vandenberg, then gave her interpretation of the hassle at OU with a deadend at the ombudsman's office. Doreen Bieryla suggested the idea that AHC should

consult with President O'Dowd through Steve Lovett, AHC's representative on the President's board, in the selection of an ombudsman. President Sandy Johnson also reminded the Council that many problems can be aired to the President through Steve Lovett. The conclusion of the argument was with Kent Goodwin saying "It's about time Area Hall Council got off their asses and did something." Agreement was the general con-

census and the first step in this direction was motioned by Diane Aboulafia who agreed to write up a booklet for OU students on which ways to turn when you're in a hassle. Area Hall agreed to support such action and meeting was adjourned.

The incident that occurred at the meeting was reminiscent of a previous discussion Area Hall had before semester break on "What is Area Hall Council?"

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COMMENTARY

As our world revolves, energy in every form, is used to substantiate this movement. I refer now to each intricate aspect of life; from the drenched plant life of algae to our own race of homo-sapiens. In the case of man, it seems to me that we have begun using our energies over abundantly thus causing the ever present "shortage" or "energy crisis". I, for one, do not question the honor of these shortages as we will undoubtedly have them in our future. Instead, I have found solace in the arena of answers-trying to re-condition my personally controlled environment through various methods. With this in mind I should like to mention a few possible solutions that I have pondered which just may aid in our quest for the continuity of modernities comforts and conveniences

As we all know, television takes up a vast amount of energy to produce the trash it spews forth. My idea would consist of limiting the amount of time a television station could broadcast. This also would include our use of

radio, except in the case of emergencies. I would limit the t.v. station to 6 hours of broadcasting per day or 42 hours per week, to be used any way the station saw fit. Not only would we be drawing energy

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ONWARD THE STRUGGLE



by Nbuzi Mtu

This article is part of a series of articles in which I will attempt to describe the effect the world situation has had on the Black Student Movement. In particular, the movement of students here at Oakland University.

This particular article concerns itself with what I call my general outlook. I have labeled this part of my outlook the Universalities of the Black Struggle.

During the sixties, the Black Movement made perfectly clear the fact that the movement has a validity and vitality of its own.

SNCC is probably most representative of the above statement. The conflicts that SNCC had with its white members weren't simply based on "racial lines". SNCC was the first to raise "Get out of Vietnam". The white members in the organization who refused to recognize the need for Black independent politics, were some of the same people who thought that the war in Vietnam and the Civil Rights Movement should not be spoken of in the same breath.

The majority of Black SNCC workers saw the picture clearly at that point. If they were

going to have an effect on the way America exploited Black people, they realized that they would have to take a decisive stand on the war in Vietnam because it was a war on an oppressed people. This position had to be one that denounced the oppression and exploitation of all people.

Another situation these Black SNCC workers had to grapple with was the fact that white liberals in the organization constantly took flakey or superficial philosophical stands on fundamental questions concerning the Black

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Brown Speaks

The Office of Commuter Services has done it again!!! As a continuing monthly program, this office has arranged for representatives of the University administration to sit down and discuss their individual job roles as they affect the University community.

Here is your opportunity to find out, firsthand, the who's what's and why's regarding the policies on the campus as they affect you directly or indirectly.

Nursing

TO ALL STUDENTS WHO ENTERED OAKLAND FALL SEMESTER, 1973 WITH THE IDEA OF GOING INTO THE NEW OAKLAND UNIVERSITY NURSING PROGRAM.

On Wednesday, January 30, there will be a required meeting for all students who entered Oakland University fall semester, 1973 with the

SAB

by Joyce Henderson

The Student Allocations Board (SAB) has run smoothly this year, unlike past semesters when the Board was the vortex in a whirlpool of confusion. Much of the credit for this must to to SAB chairman, Grant Battle. His administration has concentrated primarily on developing plans for the 1974 Congressional elections. The proposals and general function of the organization are briefly as follows:

1. The first proposal is to "take the polls to the people". (provided Congress will allow it)
2. They are attempting one flawless (and valid) election.
3. They hope for equal opportunity of campaigning (they would not like to see a president buy his office-must Oakland have another Nixon?)
4. They would like candidates who intend to run for Congressional vacancies to present their platforms concerning the administrative aspect and Congressional business, which will be compiled and printed in an SAB Congress election issue.

In the past, Congress has attacked money al-

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Dialogue IV will feature Mr. Glen Brown head of the Campus Development department who can discuss past, present, and future building plans and parking facilities. To further complement this area of discussion, Mr. Earl Gray will be present to discuss those parking and traffic policies which relate to his job.

Dialogue IV will take place February 6, 1974, at 12:30 in Lounge II of the Oakland Center.

idea of getting into the new Oakland University Nursing Program which will begin fall semester, 1974. The meeting will be in Room 156 North Foundation Hall at 3:00 p.m.

Only students who attend this meeting will be considered for the program.

locations which the SAB is in charge of dispensing. The Board is under the jurisdiction of Congress, who must approve of the operation. There is not a fault or charge that has been placed on the SAB concerning its allocations except that some individuals feel they didn't receive enough money. "Well," said Grant Battle, "We operate on a small budget, trying to fill the requests of 80 or more organizations".

When inquiring of Mr. SAB Chairman whether or not he would consider running for Congress (He has a very good political record at Oakland. As a transfer student from Oakland Community College he overcame certain obstacles and was elected president of Area Hall Council during his first semester here at Oakland. He became a member of Congress and also was elected on the SAB Board.) he modestly answered "only if enough ^{the darndest} nest people ever, may the best man win with an honest platform, for in these troubled times honesty is the key to success and a good efficient Congress."

Mr. Battle is not running for Congress. Distribution-Garry Reinart, Keith

The first item of business on Congress' agenda for their January 23 meeting was the filling of a student position on OU's energy committee. There were three nominees: Congressmembers Bob Peebles and Gerry Alt, and Focus editor Larry Hadley. Each of the three candi-

dates gave brief presentations stating their qualifications. Voting was done by secret ballot, with Hadley carrying the vote.

But the biggest piece of news to come out of the meeting was the decision to bring Ralph Nader to speak at Oakland. Don Johnson

CONGRESS

PUBLIC SAFETY

by Sheila MacDonald

Mr. Earl Gray, director of Public Safety, feels a higher degree of visibility, beneficial to campus security, could be obtained by a Student Marshall Program. Students would serve as an auxiliary branch of Public Safety. If they observed anything that was a criminal act or could lead to one, they would inform Public Safety. If anyone had been the victim of a crime, all he would do is look for the uniform of a Student Marshall and inform him of the crime. This program is already at Wayne State and has worked at many other universities. The Student Marshalls would have no power at all to make arrests or question anyone.

Mr. Gray feels the students would not resent this program. He feels it is for the good of the students. Most people become aggrieved about an organization when they don't know its function.

As for the officers, a prospective Student Marshall's background would be delved into. They would get psychological testing and be scrutinized for any undesirable character traits, such as a desire to "get" someone.

The prevention of drug traffic on campus is mostly left up to outside institutions. Oakland is a state supported institution, so any organization outside campus can apprehend anyone in the University community. Often if a warrant comes in from another organization outside campus, it is usually given to Public Safety, since they are more familiar with the

made the proposal, as Nader is to be in the area in the near future. There was much debate over whether or not to bring Nader or to stage a major concert. A vote was taken, and it was decided to bring Nader to OU. The lecture will be paid for with Congress funds, as the CLSC is broke.

University.

Mr. Gray doesn't believe in bursting in a classroom to get a student on a warrant. The student has only been accused of the crime and not convicted of it. Even if he is found innocent, the stigma of arrest is hard to overcome. For the same reason, Mr. Gray doesn't believe in releasing the names of people arrested for crimes.

Mr. Gray feels the drug situation on campus is not bad. Most students are repelled by hard drugs. Marijuana is another story. However, according to the Controlled Substance Act, marijuana is illegal and Public Safety will make arrests of marijuana users if they have to.

More signs will be put up in Hamlin circle emphasizing the 15 minute parking limit. Mr. Gray says students have been abusing the privilege. As demonstrated by the fire in Van Wagoner, if there is a need to get to the dorms quickly, it can't be done if there are cars parked in the circle.

Most crimes are the result of students in the dorms leaving their doors open or unlocked, or commuters leaving car doors unlocked. Girls in the library will leave their purses unattended. Often a person will pass by with no intent of taking anything, but if he sees an open dorm door or an unattended purse, he will take his opportunity. The student has no idea who took the article, and therefore Public Safety has no leads in recovering it.

Often people have trouble describing the object that was stolen.

A good idea is to put your driver's license or social security number on your valuable possessions and keep your doors locked!

If you even see anyone loitering around with no apparent purpose, or looking in cars, report him to Public Safety. Then if a crime does occur, there will be a suspect. Pay attention to the clothing when giving a description of a criminal or a potential one. A physical description can often describe many people and causes unnecessary rancor when people fitting a general physical description are stopped and questioned.

If you are nervous about something, call Public Safety. They would rather answer a call of no validity than be called after a crime has been committed. The best way to get a crime solved is to get information from different sources. Don't be afraid to give information. Unless it is absolutely necessary, Public Safety will not divulge where they got their information.

Mr. Gray doesn't believe in publishing crime data for the month, week or whatever. He feels this only causes hysteria and paranoia. So far this year crime has dropped 62% from last year.

So keep your valuables protected, your doors locked, report any suspicious happenings to the police, give any information you can. This way, crime will drop even more. That will make those of us who don't wish to be the victim of a crime much better off.