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Administrators Wilma Ray-Bledsoe, Jack Wilson and Lee Anderson respond to students' questions at the University Congress forum held Wednesday.

## Trustees disagree with proposal that could put student on board

BY CATHERINE KAZA  
Staff Writer

While the student voice is important, several Oakland Board of Trustees members don't believe voting representatives are necessary to gain influential student input.

Wallace Riley, chairman of the board, said that there is "not much merit to student(s) serving on (the) board."

"What kind of voice do they need?" he asked.

Board member Patricia Hartmann said that students wouldn't have a stronger voice as members. "Oakland is already fairly open to talking to students."

The Michigan Collegiate Coalition, the statewide student government representing the 15 four-year public institutions of higher education in Michigan, is working on a proposal for student representation on the governing boards of the state's colleges and universities.

## Tuition pays for more than course instruction

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Tuition and fees can easily run \$900-1,000 for a full-time upper-division student, leaving many where it goes.

According to Pat Nicosia, director of Budgeting and Financial Planning, tuition and fees make up 36 percent of the university's revenue; state appropriations contribute another 60 percent, and the rest consists of miscellaneous money.

Also known as the general fund, the money is budgeted through the Board of Trustees every year.

Because of the unexpected increase in students this year, the budget is being revised and will be released Nov. 12.

The proposal to add two student representatives to the eight-person boards would require a state constitutional amendment.

MCC's president, University of Michigan student Mike Margolis, said he expects to issue a final report on the student regent issue in January.

Some board members have doubts about the usefulness of student representatives. "How effective would a student board member really be?" asked Robert McGarry, treasurer to the board.

Hartmann added that "not much more (would be) accomplished than is accomplished now." She said, "I don't see any harm...I don't see any great pluses."

In addition to effectiveness, potential problems with student members include continuity and conflict of interest, according to those associated with the board.

Board member Phyllis Googasian said that self-interest may be a problem, "not to say I think (a

student) couldn't take a position that would be in the best interests of the community."

While students may be able to accurately represent the needs of other students, Googasian points out that the role of a trustee includes making decisions for the university based on the entire picture.

"It's a whole lot different having to make decisions based on all the information," she said.

McGarry said that the fact that the student represents a group on campus "does not lend itself to objectivity."

"He (the board member) should be an outsider looking in," he added.

The term of the student representatives could also be a problem, according to McGarry, who said that some board issues take years to resolve.

Hartmann also thought the two-year terms of the students, as opposed to eight years for other members, would put stu-

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## Administrators, students discuss issues at forum

BY ANNE HOOPER  
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The first University Congress forum held Wednesday in the Oakland Center's Fireside Lounge allowed students to ask administrators about university policy on curbing enrollment, tuition, the alcohol policy, and President Joseph Champagne's new house.

The university does not have limitless capabilities to support increasing numbers of students, said Admissions Director Jerry Rose.

Rose said the University Senate passed new admissions standards for transfer students. They must have a 2.5 grade point average instead of a 2.0.

Rose said the university is reducing admission by about one percent per year for the next couple of years. The purpose of this policy is to maintain the level of quality for students already here.

He said that freshman requirements have not been raised and that stricter transfer admissions have not had much effect on minority enrollment.

One student asked about the university's policy of raising tuition when a student reaches junior status.

Jack Wilson, associate vice-president for student affairs, said that six of the 15 state public four-year universities also follow this practice.

Wilma Ray-Bledsoe, vice-president for student affairs, said that for a long time Oakland did not raise tuition after the first two years.

She felt that raising tuition for upperclass students took the burden off freshmen and sophomores who are in bigger classes and are less likely to take advantage of university programs.

One student raised concerns (See Forum, page 3)

## Faber permitted to run for Congress president

BY TIM MARINE  
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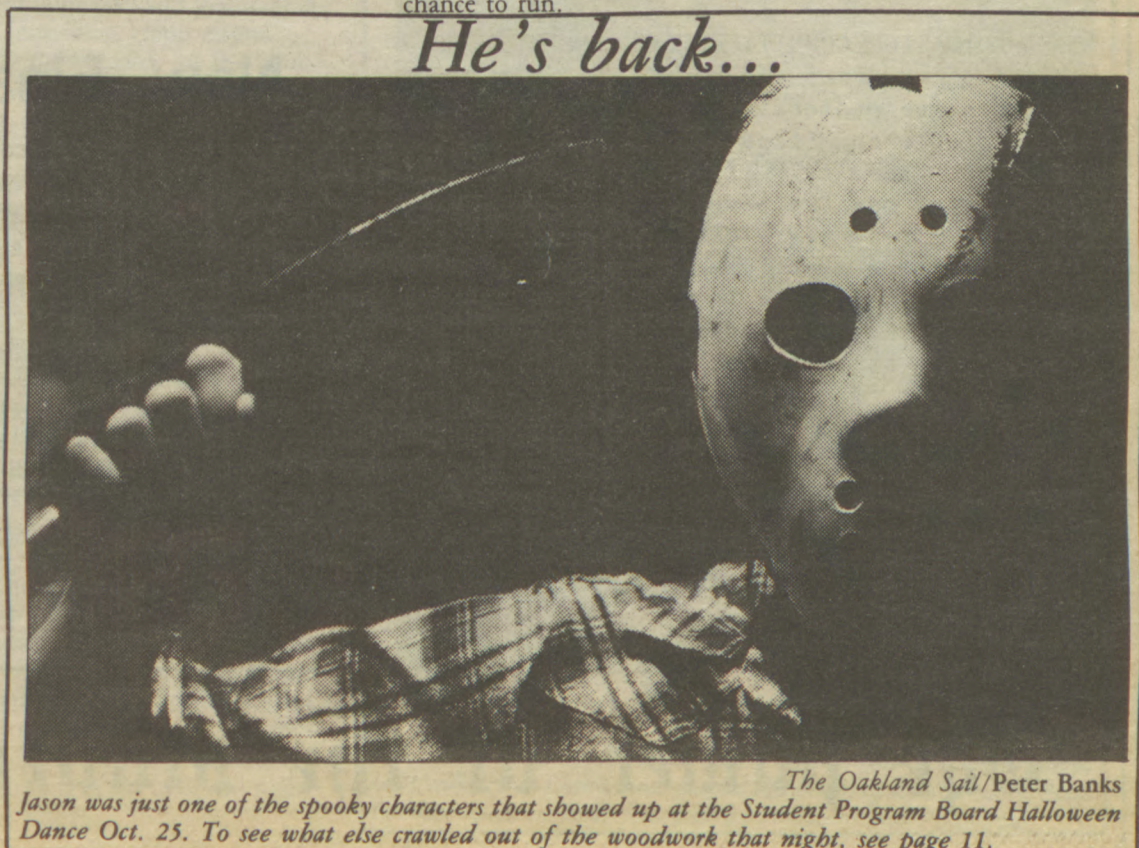
University Congress overruled its Elections Commission in voting Oct. 27 to allow Congress member Keith Faber to run for president in the Nov. 10-12 election.

The 16-1 vote, with five abstentions, followed debate over Faber's involvement with the commission earlier this year. The commission voted 4-0 earlier on Oct. 27 to deny Faber the chance to run.

Committee and Elections Coordinator Craig Harris said that even though Faber wasn't officially appointed to the commission, he was one of its five members for at least three meetings and voted in commission decisions.

"In Article 8, Section 3 (of Congress' constitution), it states...an election commissioner shall not be able to seek office (in an election) in which he's involved," Harris said.

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Jason was just one of the spooky characters that showed up at the Student Program Board Halloween Dance Oct. 25. To see what else crawled out of the woodwork that night, see page 11.



# University Congress Report

## BE AN INFORMED VOTER !



Several referendums will be proposed to the student body this coming election on November 10, 11, and 12. The congress, of course, is bound by its constitution. Any changes to the constitution must be approved by YOU, the general student body. The referendum is the tool with which the congress can ask for the student's approval. The following are explanations of those that you will see on the ballot, and those that you might see.



The ELECTIONS COMMISSION is a committee of congressmembers and students at large who organize and implement the congress elections according to set guidelines. The charge of the Commission is in the congress constitution, where specific commission guidelines are established.

DO YOU BELIEVE A STUDENT WHO SERVES ON THIS COMMITTEE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO RUN FOR AN ELECTED OFFICE IN AN ELECTION THEY HELPED TO ORGANIZE?

The proposed referendum will define the limitations of such a student's eligibility to campaign.

Another referendum will increase the number of election commissioners from five to seven in order to increase the committee's effectiveness and efficiency.

The VALIDATION COMMITTEE is composed of students and administrative professionals. The purpose of the committee is to review the election results. If deemed so, the committee has the power to invalidate a recently elected official. Since elections are traditionally held late in the fall semester, there would be no time in which to hold another election. Remember, your elected congress representatives are students who need to study for final exams too!

The proposed referendum will allow a congress election to be held earlier in the fall semester in order to allow for such an invalidation.

In the University Congress' recent past, there have been instances where a mid-term congressional vacancy has not been filled due to an inability for a candidate to receive a 2/3 vote from congress. This is the required voting procedure in the constitution.

The now active congress believes that if the voting rules for congressional vacancies were to be deterimed in the BY-LAWS instead of written in stone in the constitution, voting procedures would be greatly streamlined. However, this would mean that the future congressional assemblies would be able to change the vote requirements at will.

DO YOU BELIEVE THE STUDENT CONGRESS SHOULD HAVE THIS RIGHT?



## New Financial Aid Program

The Financial Aid office has applications available for a new state sponsored financial aid program. The program is entitled the Michigan Adult Part-Time Grant Program and is only for independent student attending school part-time (3-11 credits). Please see your friendly Financial Aid Assistant in 161 NFH for further information, or call 370-3370.

Get to know the presidential candidates! The Association of Black Students is sponsoring a congressional forum. The following five presidential candidates will be there to answer questions and present their platforms:

- Keith Faber
- Sean Higgins
- Sue Jezewski
- Randall Straughen
- Robert Waters

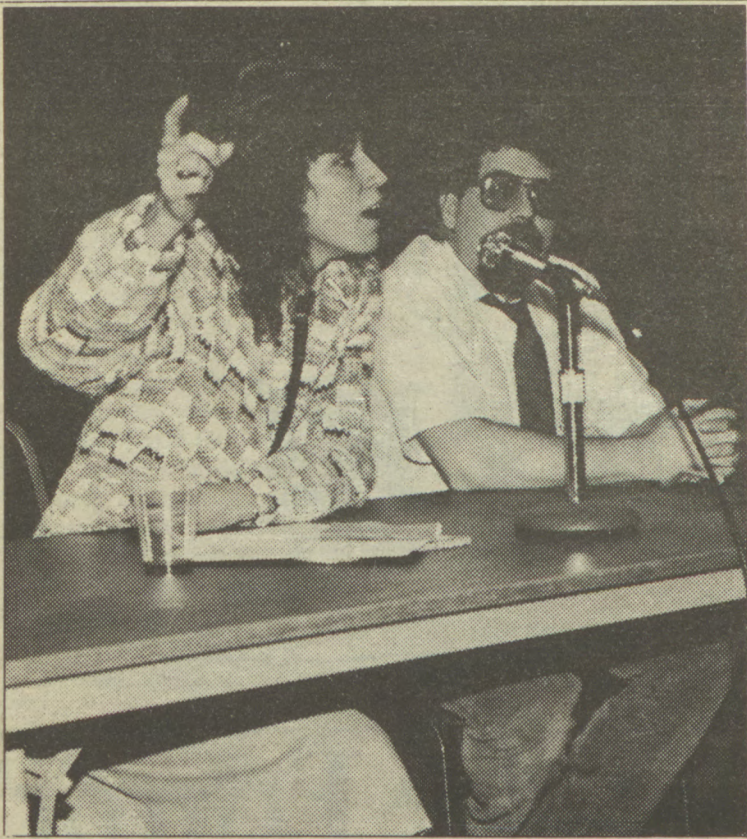
The forum will be held in the Lounge II of the Oakland Center on November 5 at 7:00 p.m. Earlier that day there will be a debate in the Fireside Lounge at 12:00 noon.

Those interested in becoming a congressmember for the Winter semester must organize a write-in campaign. A write-in campaign requires that your constituents actually write your name on their ballot in order to vote for you.

In addition, you must fill out an Academic Request Form in order to ensure you have met the required grade point average. Forms are available in the congress office, 19 Oakland Center. Remember the elections will be November 10, 11, and 12.

# The power of the students is their voice





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Cameron Brunet-Koch and Paul Franklin of CIPO address students at the University Congress forum held Wednesday in the OC.

## Congress

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Faber said he avoided any conflict of interest between his commission involvement and running for elected office when he told Harris he would stop attending commission meetings, at Harris' request, on Sept. 11.

"He (Harris) made it clear there wasn't any conflict" (at that time), Faber said.

There were no minutes from the commission meetings Faber attended, and Faber said he's not sure he voted in any commission matters. Both Faber and Harris agreed he took part in no decision affecting the upcoming election.

"I contend the intent (of Article 8, Section 3) is very clear—not to have an election run by someone running in that election," Faber said.

Harris later gave the first reading of a proposed change in the constitution that would prohibit anyone who served on the commission from January to December from running in the election that year.

In other election news, Executive Assistant Rob Waters said Congress is sending a memo to professors asking them to encourage their students to write in candidates for Congress to feed the currently anemic pool of seven contenders for 20 Congress seats. Waters said after the meeting that three or four of the seven are current Congress members.

Congress began to discuss cumulative voting, Congress' policy of allowing voters 20 votes to distribute as they wish. They ran out of time so postponed the discussion until next week.

"Oakland is the only school in Michigan to have cumulative voting. The most common system is to have one person-one vote," said Congress member Rich Gizynski.

Congress also re-appointed former Congress member Lisa Stamps to a vacant seat. Stamps, a sophomore, lost her seat at the beginning of the semester for having too many unexcused absences. She got 16 votes to freshman G.J. LaRouche's two.

Provost Keith Kleckner told Congress that there was no residence hall expansion planned in response to the housing shortage in the dorms and in the area around campus.

Kleckner said even though there might be a five-year dorm shortage, that OU had to "guarantee 30 years' occupancy" to justify new halls.

He also said about \$2 million in low-interest loans that OU applied for to expand the number of married housing units was not coming. He said state funds aren't available for expansion.

To finish the dark dorm picture, Kleckner said 1987 federal tax deduction changes won't make a non-profit institution like OU a desirable building spot for private contractors, "especially in an area like this where there's considerable private options."

## Washed-out bridge limits access to trails

BY ALISA NASS  
Staff Writer

Access to more than two miles of nature trails lying among the hills of OU's campus has been limited by the bridge across Galloway Creek being washed out by heavy rains.

Bill Gardner, supervisor of grounds maintenance, said that his department located the bridge further downstream and will undertake the building of a new one at Gardener's Oasis, a picnic area with trails for hikers, joggers or cross country skiers.

The Area Hall Council Environmental Committee has also made past improvements in the form of elevated foot bridges over marshy areas and implemented benches along the trail, said Jean Miller, coordinator of residence hall programs. The group also rebuilt the bridge about three years ago when the other one began to deteriorate, she said.

## Forum

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about the unavailability of scholarships for students other than incoming freshmen. Lee Anderson, director of financial aid, said it's difficult to find funding for scholarships like these.

Students raised concerns about the alcohol policy being too stringent. Some of them think that a student who is of legal age should not have to drink behind closed doors.

"We have an institutional obligation to enforce the law. We make no apology for having to enforce the law," said Ray-Bledsoe.

She added that the Liquor Control Commission is being more stringent in pressuring the university to enforce liquor policies.

Wilson said the closed door policy gives legal-age students the right to consume alcohol in the residence halls. But the majority of people living in the residence halls are under the age of 21. He said that a person is 100 times more likely to develop alcoholism if he begins drinking before the age of 19.

A student asked about the

\$230,000 spent on President Champagne's new house and landscaping.

"Mr. Champagne's job is a complex and a time-consuming one that deserves adequate compensation. I think he's under-compensated," said Ray-Bledsoe.

She concluded the forum by stating that she felt it was a good way for students to voice their concerns. "We want very much to keep the lines of communication open," she said.

## Out of 300 scholarships, 230 utilized as recruitment tools

BY RALPH ECHTINAW  
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More than 300 OU students receive scholarships every year. Of these, about 230 are issued

by the admissions office, all to new students. There are 180 Student Life Scholarships which are available to incoming freshmen who live on campus. It is a \$1,000 per year scholarship, and can be renewed by maintaining involvement in extracurricular activities and good academic standing.

These scholarships are what Admissions counselor Elsie Penacchini says set Oakland's scholarship program apart from those of most other Michigan colleges and universities. She points out that a student can earn one with a grade point average in the 3.2 range, because the criterion for receiving one is involvement in high school.

Some scholarships exist for current students. They are offered by some departments and by the financial aid office.

The music, theater and dance awards approximately 50 "ser-

vice" scholarships each year to new students. They are required to perform a service to the department such as being part of an ensemble, band or chorus. The students are chosen to audition and receive awards generally not exceeding \$2,000 over four years.

The university's athletic scholarships are awarded for superior athletic ability. They range from a small award of about \$2,000 over four years to what Athletic Director Paul Hartman calls a "full ride," the payment of all college expenses (including books) for the athletes who receive it. Athletic scholarship recipients are required to maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Information about most OU scholarships can be found in the undergraduate catalog on pages 12-14.

## Mmm, mmm good



*The Oakland Sail/Peter Banks*  
Mike Condron enjoys the Pizza Eating Contest held Wednesday night in Hamlin Hall. Contestants judged the pizzas of local vendors: Pizza Peddler came in first, followed by Dominos and Pizza Hut.