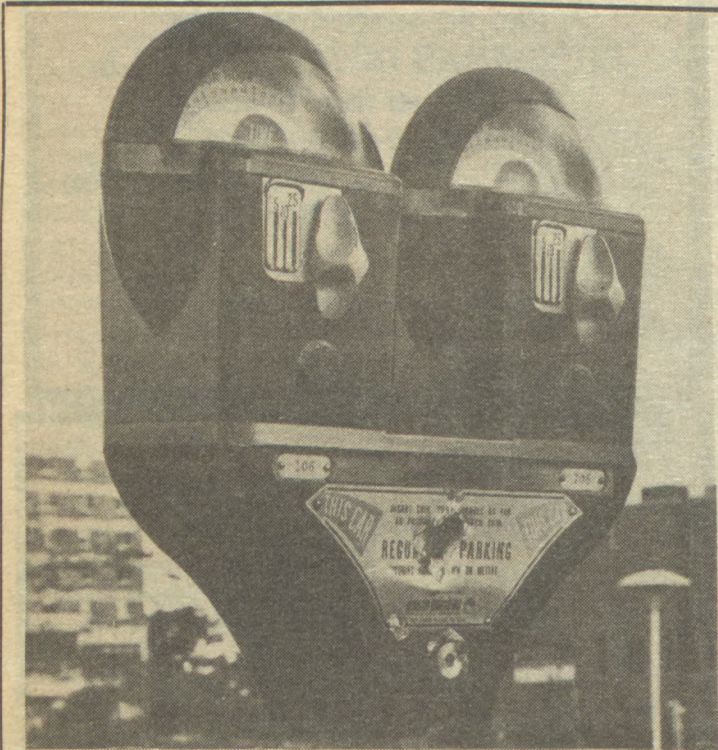


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Meters take a fall

This fall, parking meters on campus have been disappearing faster than the leaves from the trees. According to OU's Director of Public Safety Richard Leonard, there are at least three groups that have been turning OU's metered lots into free parking areas.

On October 2, Public Safety officers stopped two Pontiac residents on campus and found them to be in possession of an OU parking meter. The pair now face a felony charge, breaking and entering a coin operated device.

Leonard would only identify the pair as male non-students, ages 17 and 18. Leonard said that since the parking meters cost over \$100 each that there is a possibility that the university might not replace them. (Photo by Phil Foley)

New drinking age debated

By Ellse D'Haene
Sail Staff Writer

A debate Wednesday about Proposal D brought out some conflicting surveys and opinions by representatives for and against raising the drinking age to 21.

Paul Bailey, Director of Coalition 21, began the debate by stating two basic reasons he is in favor of the change. "I believe we can save lives on highways in Michigan," said Bailey. His other reason was: "We know that the 11-14 year olds have been receiving most of the alcohol from 18-20 year olds, causing a trickling effect."

Bailey cited evidences from the "Age of Majority Accident Sheet," stating that "drinking 18-20 year olds, involved in accidents has risen 41.9 percent over the period between 1972-77."

In opposition to this, Eddy Shepard, Co-Coordinator of Activities for the Michigan License Beverage Association, said, (reading from literature by MICAR), "The theory of the anti-drink forces seems to be that they are on the side of the diety and can tell any wild tale they wish," and "they have been telling wild stories (referring to statistics)," said Shepard.

Shepard also said that, "alcohol-related accidents could mean the person in the accident had as little as one drink." Shepard also said, "the proportion of crashes among 18-19 year olds is proportionately in other age groups."

Shepard said he didn't believe that there is a trickling effect from the 18-20 year olds.

"Seventy-five percent of alcoholic beverages are taken home. For consumption, trickling down effect must come from homes," he said.

The audience of 130 persons was more sympathetic towards Shepard's position, giving Shepard more applause and support, than Bailey's.

During the question/answer period Bailey was apologetic with his answers saying, "You probably won't be satisfied with my answer but..."

"In one particular instance, Bailey was asked the question, 'If I can be trained to kill in a war, why can't I have a drink?' Bailey cited various statistics about the high alcoholic rate among the army and then said, 'I can't see the connection between alcohol and being a better soldier.' Shepard then responded, 'he skirted around the question again.' The audience applauded.

Bailey's comment, "this is not a wet and dry issue," was challenged by Shepard, who said: "It is a wet and dry issue, his (Bailey's) associate (referring to Allen Rice II, Executive Director of Michigan Council of Alcohol Problems.) would like it to go to 25- or perhaps total prohibition."

After the debate the two men were available for comments. Shepard commented that there are always, "these holier than thou people who want to stop people from doing things."

Bailey said: "It (the proposal) won't have a dramatic impact on you (students)," but, "the real impact of this law will be on the children you bring into the world."

Congress in the red; exact figure unknown

By Robln O'Grady
Sail Associate Editor

A deficit that could range from \$250 to over \$1,240, and the spending policy that brought it about, was discussed by Congress at their Wednesday meeting.

Mary Sue Rogers, executive assistant, presented the congressional expenditures to date and a comparative list of the previous year's spending.

Rogers made the presentation to clear up Congressmembers' questions concerning a projected \$1,240 deficit in this semester's ledger. At a prior meeting, congressmembers were leary of allocating funds because of the deficit.

The \$1,240 figure does not include the last three weeks of advertising in the Oakland Sail, an additional \$800, plus any other unbudgeted expenses incurred between now and December.

"We will have no more than a \$250 deficit," said Gary Foster, Congress president. "I believe that will be

the maximum deficit we could end up with." Foster later said, though, that the \$250 deficit "is something we are shooting for."

CIPO's student organizations bookkeeper, Amy Snipes said, "I personally think it's going to be more than \$250. It's impossible to know about everything coming in and there are a lot of costs that can be overlooked."

"Gary's \$250 dollar figure is pulled off the top of his head," said Congressmember Don Fuller. "He doesn't seem to be prepared to do the same type of thorough job (figuring finances) as Mary Sue (Rogers) did."

"I don't think it's bad we have a deficit," said Snipes. "It's a shame, but not a bad thing."

"In the past a lot of people spoke of Congress' books as being secretive...but they're not," Snipes continued. "I'll be glad to show anyone the books, they're always open. But no one ever comes to look at them."

"I think the fact that we've allowed the deficit to surface, so that Congress can deal with the situation, kind of dispels that rumor," Snipes said. "It's not an all of a sudden deficit, it's a deficit that's been building."

Snipes stressed that the blame should not be placed

on Foster alone. "Congress hasn't stood up and ordered Gary not to spend another red cent. Until they do that, what can they expect?" she added.

"I don't think Gary realizes there's a bottom of the well," Fuller said, expressing concern over the \$2,500 spent by Congress on WOUX and Sail advertising.

Foster justified his reasons for the ads saying, "We have a great need to make ourselves known to the student body. There's also a need to support the only two media on campus."

Foster also admitted that WOUX approached Congress at the beginning of the year with a financial problem. Foster decided that in order to help WOUX and still benefit Congress \$1,500 worth of air time would be purchased.

According to WOUX General Manager, Gerry Gajewski, the station was in debt \$1,300 when he took over the job.

"I was unaware of our financial situation because finances were handled by the general manager. I was the program director at the time."

"Once it became clear I was going to be the next general manager I took a long serious look at what our

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Salary rebate cuts Congress' deficit

'Joe (Euculano) has worked to keep me from getting the master fund ledgers...he has been holding information regarding (payment of) his salary'--Gary Foster

By Mark Clausen
Sail Editor in chief

University Congress will get some aid to help overcome their financial deficit later this month when \$2421 is returned to their accounts.

The money, according to Congress President Gary Foster, is a rebate for an overpayment on its share of Coordinator of Student Organizations, Joe Euculano's salary.

Foster said that Congress was to pay one-half of Euculano's salary up to \$5000, under terms of an unwritten agreement between Congress and the administration five to eight years ago. The \$2421 was an unauthorized transfer from the Congress account for Euculano's salary, a portion which should have been paid by the university, he said.

Robert McGarry, university comptroller, was involved on the original agreement was for a straight 50-50 split...But that was

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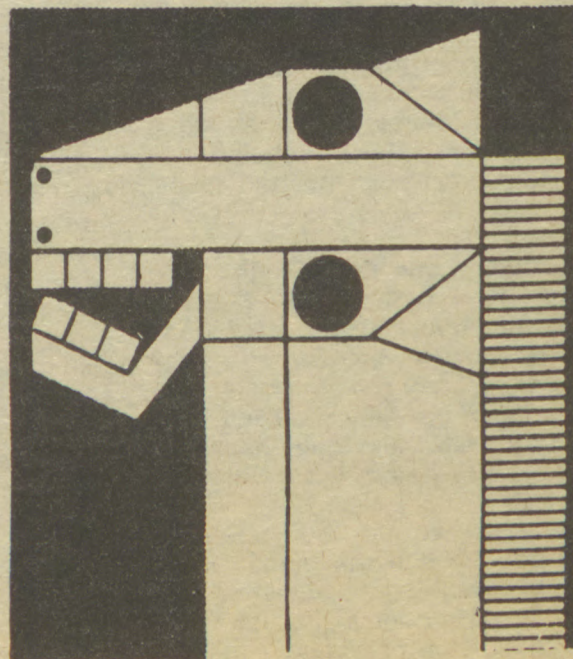
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'Squid' aids heart research

OU lab studies magnetics

By Sheba Bakshi
Sail Staff Writer

In a field one-quarter mile south of Hannah Hall research is going on which may someday be able to diagnose heart disease. In the Kettering Magnetism Laboratory, Norman Tepley, professor of Physics, is researching the use of an extremely sensitive magnetic detector called "Squid" (short for Super Conducting Quantum Interference Device). This detector is held directly over the heart to pick up magnetic signals, keys to diagnosing heart problems.

The Kettering Magnetism Laboratory is in the shape of the letter "T" and built of non-magnetic materials to ensure freedom from magnetic and mechanical disturbances.

In one wing of the building, is a large system of Helmholtz coils. These are used to neutralize the earth's magnetic field and keep it constant around the work area of the cylinder where the "gyromagnetic" research is carried out.

Charles F. Kettering, after whom the laboratory was named, invented the self-starter for automobiles. He was the Director of Research at General Motors, where he worked on his hobby, research on magnetism.

He was helped by Gifford G. Scott, senior research physicist from the Physics Department at General Motors. After Kettering's death in 1958, Scott continued his research at the General Motors laboratory.

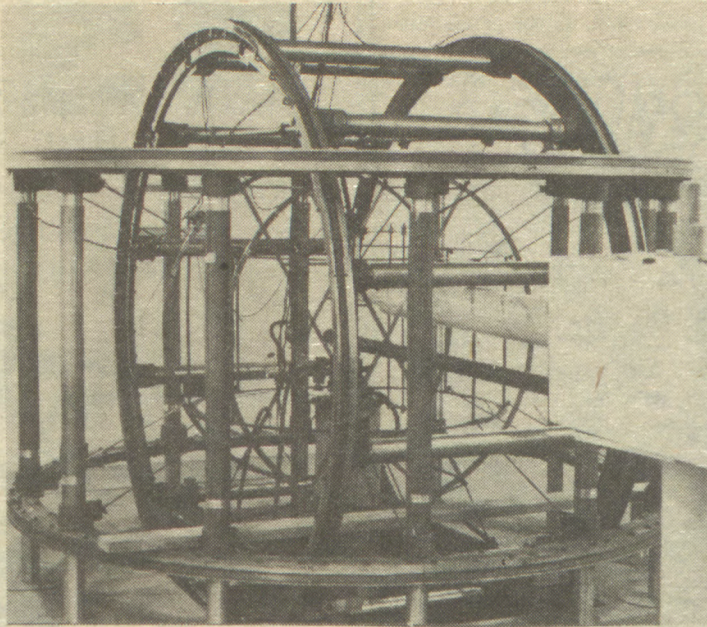
In 1963, the Kettering Foundation donated \$70,000 to build a laboratory where Scott could continue his research.

"The three main reasons why OU was chosen," said Robert Williamson, Professor of Physics at OU, "was because it was nearer the General Motors Research center in Warren; it had a huge corn field in a remote area where there would be no magnetic disturbances; and the lab would continue to be used by the faculty and students after Scott retired."

Williamson also said that the laboratory and Scott's research has closely connected OU with the General Motors laboratory. This has helped in placing OU students in jobs at GM, after their graduation. General Motors also provided technical advice while it was being built.

Williamson is in charge of another project. It involves measuring the gyration that comes from magnetizing a delicately suspended cord in

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OU's Kettering Magnetism Laboratory does "gyromagnetic" research with the help of Helmholtz coils. The lab also is doing research that may someday aid in the detection of heart problems. (Photo by Dave Ross)

Local youngsters use OU for playground

By Sue Scherer
Sail Staff Writer

College students aren't getting younger, or shorter, they aren't really college students.

According to William Marshall, director of the OC, non-college students are a common and frequent occurrence on campus.

There are high school students on campus many days for workshops and confer-

ences. Some are here just to see the university. The problem stems from a third group of students. These students come from near-by subdivisions, primarily from near-by apartments.

"Those youngsters," said Marshall, "sometimes exhibit the exuberance of youth and they cause some damage."

Local schools, within walking distance of OU, fin-

'I get my ideas while walking' journalist, poet tells audience

By Brian Williams
Sail Staff Writer

"When I write I usually spend a few days walking," said Anthony Bailey. "I get most of my ideas while walking. A knowledge about a place rises up through one's feet."

Bailey spoke Wednesday, October 11 at 8 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall and Thursday, October 12 at 10 a.m. in the Gold Room of the Oakland Center. His speech was the second in the President's Club Lecture Series. This year's theme is *Human Values and the Urban Environment*.

Bailey is a poet, author, and journalist. He was born in England and holds an M.A. in history from Merton College, Oxford. Bailey is presently a staff writer for the *New Yorker*.

"We are the most urban people in history," Bailey said, "We have less contact with nature than any previous people."

Bailey said that even in the

city we are obliged to get in contact with the environment if we want to be human. "Cities can stimulate our existence just as equally as nature can."

"Walking," said Bailey, "is a creative activity allowing communication. Sitting behind a steering wheel allows little blood to circulate and causes hypertension."



Fee referenda slated

By Robin O'Grady
Sail Associate Editor

To pay or not to pay? That's the question Congress will be asking students to answer during the upcoming elections.

At Wednesday's meeting, Congress President Gary Foster said that enough signatures had been obtained to place three fee referendums on OU's November ballot. "It took us less than three hours to get enough signatures to call a referendum," Foster said.

Students will be asked to vote on the athletic fee, implemented in 1976, the \$5 Health Center fee, and the \$6 Oakland Center fee, both enacted this year.

This marks the second time students will vote on the controversial athletics fee. Two years ago, a plurality of students voted against the fee.

However, the margin of defeat was not sufficient to override Congress' recommendation to implement the fee.

"The question being raised about all three fees is whether they are appropriate as student fees," Foster said. "Whether students who do not use the Health Center, the OC, or the Sports and Rec Building should be responsible for funding them."

"This will be an opportunity for students to express their discontent with the university's practice of supporting non-academic facilities without regard to the affect and the benefit to the student body," said Foster.

"We're working now to reduce the fee, but it's still a referendum issue to see what students think they shouldn't have to pay for."

According to Foster, one (continued on page 4)



While OU hosts many youngsters for legitimate purposes, such as workshops and conferences, many local youth use the campus as an after-school hangout. (Photo by Dave Ross)

ish their school day as early as 2:15 pm, giving young students ample time to use OU as their playground.

"A lot of the kids we've run into we've picked up in the

bookstore for shoplifting," said Marshall, "some have been caught trying to break into vending machines or get refunds from attempted cigarette purchases from the machines." Some of these offenders are habitual, and known by name.

Since OU is state property, once the young offender is removed from campus or is asked to leave, he can still return. No policy has ever been set.

Marshall said after getting to know some of these students, he had found most of them come from single parent homes. Their working mothers feel they are safe on the university grounds.

Richard Leonard, director of Public Safety, said he has heard no complaints of young students creating problems. "When we do discover young people on campus that are of an age obviously not here for educational purposes, the officers are encouraged to stop and talk with them and find out if they're here with their folks or what..." said Leonard.

If the youngsters are here on their own, officers are instructed to let them know OU's campus is not the best place for them to be.

The young visitors seem to be contained to the OC.

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