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Students rally against state-wide tuition hikes

By David Ross

It was an amazing spectacle as over 800 students from colleges throughout the state met in Lansing to protest against high tuition. The students blocked traffic for several minutes as they marched down Michigan Avenue to the steps of the State Capitol. Sirens screamed as the state police escort sent by Governor Milliken blocked traffic for the marches.

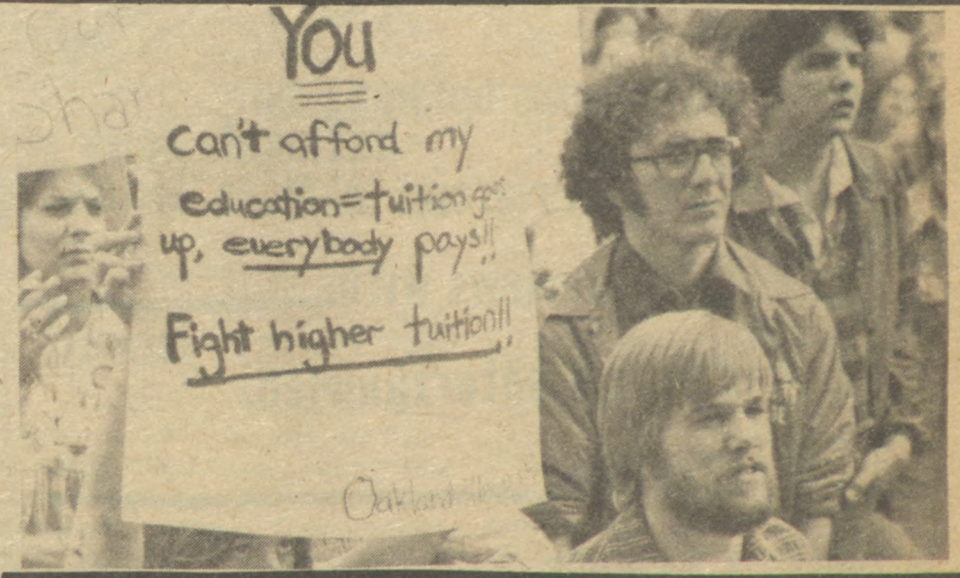
The march and rally were organized by Students Associated for Lower Tuition (SALT) and the Michigan Higher Education Student Association (MHESA). It came in conjunction with a boycott of classes scheduled for Oct. 13.

Speakers representing

several student organizations from senior and junior colleges and universities throughout the state addressed the loud and enthusiastic crowd from the top of the Capitol's steps. Chants of "fight the hike!" often rang from the crowd.

Twenty-six Oakland University students boarded the bus University Congress had chartered and went to Lansing. The general feeling among O.U. representation was one of great accomplishment. As one student commented, "It would have been nice to have twenty-six hundred from Oakland, but twenty-six people in the right is enough."

Several activities and speakers were assembled at



Oakland University students join state-wide rally in Lansing against higher tuition. Over 800 students participated.

O.U. to encourage students to boycott classes. Speaking to the crowd of over one hundred students were President O'Dowd; Rich Allen, from the State Bureau of Budget; Dave Prout, from the Research Committee on Student Tuition; and Weston

Agor, from the Michigan Department of Education.

University Congress President Don Fuller commented, "I was extremely impressed with the rally. I think its going to be a stepping stone."

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Richard Adams 'Watership Down' author speaks at OU

Richard Adams, author of the phenomenal best-seller "Watership Down," will lecture under the sponsorship of the President's Club Lecture Series Oct. 22 at 12:00 noon in Oakland Center's Gold Room.

Adams was born in Berkshire, England, the third child of a doctor. He was seven years younger than his closest sibling and so recalls himself as being "a rather solitary little boy with an enormous fantasy life."

If any of these feelings of solitude still remained in 1940, they vanished with

his "upper-middle-class" way of life when he interrupted history studies at Oxford to join the army and serve as the "most timid parachutist the British Army's ever had."

Mustered out of the army, Adams graduated from Oxford and immediately went into the Civil Service where he spent the next 25 years and eventually rose to assistant secretary in the Department of the Environment.

In his spare time, he visited in the Berkshire Downs, studied the flora and fauna of the surrounding countryside and practiced

his bird calls. He played 'shove ha'penny" at the Crooked Billët pub, read, attended performances of plays by Shakespeare and created tales about two rabbits named Hazel and Fiver to amuse his daughters.

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Richard Adams

OU students review Ford/Carter debate

By Marcia Lewsley and Dave Prout

In an unscientific random questioning of OU students by Oakland Sail staff reporters after the second televised Presidential candidates' debate, 40 percent of those questioned felt Jimmy Carter was the victor.

More significantly, 30 percent of those questioned had no strong opinion on either candidate or didn't watch the debate. Among these were students who were

unimpressed with both candidates and felt the debate did little to bring out issues. Many expressed feelings of "mediocrity" towards both candidates.

A final 30 percent voiced opinion that President Ford had shown promise over Carter in the foreign policy debate.

Some students expressed views that the debates were unfair in that whatever Ford stated would be taken as of (continued on page 3)

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Our Reader's Views

The following letter is from Lawrence D. Hadley, an OU alumnus and former editor of Focus Oakland.

Dear Editor: I noticed in the September 22nd issue of the Sail that a controversy has arisen regarding the fountain in front of Kresge Library and the accompanying "Saints and Sinners" sculpture. I expected as much. In 1974, a similar controversy arose when a member of the board of trustees donated a large sum of money for the golf course.

Then, as now, students assailed the University, asking why money was being spent on "frivolous" things like that, when college costs were escalating, and money was (and still is) desperately needed for academic programs, library books, scientific equipment, the list is endless. In both cases, the point being made is a good one.

In light of Oakland University's current financial situation, the students are more than justified in their anger.

Unfortunately, many of them labor under a misconception or two. Many must think

that potential donors banter over drinks in the Sunset Terrace with President O'Dowd, asking questions like, "Gee, Don, what do you need money for?" with O'Dowd replying "Gosh, we haven't got a fountain yet, how about getting us one?"

Sorry, friends, it doesn't work like that. Well-heeled benefactors are known for their eccentricities, as we have seen in the last two years. It's quite obvious that when they set their minds to what they have their names engraved on, golf courses and fountains look pretty good to them.

A detached observer may remark "so what? It's their money, and a free country, besides."

This observer would like to think that these donors truly feel that this is the best way to benefit the college. How, then, do we change their minds?

We obviously have to convince potential donors that fountains and golf courses are nice, but library books, etc, are better. There is a way to convey these wishes. Oakland University maintains an Alumni Rela- (continued on page 10)



Will industry smash the bottle bill?

By Terry Kalausich

In the late 1960's pollution, ecology and environmental issues in general were predominant in the minds of many. Today, however, it seems that the advent of this decade, and the recession that followed, dealt a destructive blow to these concerns.

Now, as ever, the problems of our environment persist and demand public attention. Industrial smoke stacks, once restrained, again belch out their harmful products, our lakes and rivers hold the wastes of our way of life, and litter, such as bottles and cans, is strewn about our highways and natural areas.

In the past decade, numerous attempts have been made by citizens to halt, or at least reduce, commercial and industrial pollution, and unfortunately most of these attempts have failed.

This year, the people of Michigan are once again attempting to stop pollution; pollution in the form of bottles and cans that line the state highways costing

taxpayers approximately \$2 million annually for clean-up costs.

Whether or not their efforts are entirely successful depends upon the passing or defeat of Proposal A this November.

In addition to banning the use of non-returnable containers, Proposal A would require refundable deposits on bottles and cans, prohibit cans with flip-top or detachable openers, and establish strict fines for dealers, manufacturers and distributors who violate the law.

Contrary to popular belief,

the action to ban non-returnables is not a new issue confronting the voters of Michigan.

Legislation was first introduced in the state nearly 10 years ago without much success and action was taken once again last summer to get the issue of throwaways on the ballot.

The Michigan United Conservation Club (MUCC) sponsored a six-week petition drive last summer and collected over 400,000 signatures in what was deemed "the biggest petition drive in the history of the state." Only 212,000 signatures were necessary to get the proposal on the Nov-

ember ballot.

Groups such as the American Association of University Women, Michigan Student Environmental Confederation and the Public Interest Research Group in Michigan have all been ardent supporters of the bottle bill.

As expected, Proposal A met with much opposition from labor and industry who claimed the MUCC petitions were invalid and filed too late to appear on the ballot.

Container and beverage industries have also lobbied against the drive claiming that bottles and cans do not (continued on page 13)

Oakland Uni. hosts blood drive for students & staff

Every minute, 10 units of blood are needed in hospitals across the U.S. Blood that could make the difference between life and death for a sick child, an accident victim, or an elderly person facing surgery. The demand for blood is tremendous and is constantly rising. Oakland University students can help ease the blood shortage by giving blood during the Blood Drive Thursday, Oct. 28.

In 1975 Oakland students gave more than 370 pints of blood, the largest single amount given in all of Oakland County. This year blood drive organizers hope to collect over 400 pints.

Because of the students' willingness to give blood OU has a Total Group Coverage Plan. The plan provides blood for all OU students and personnel, their spouses, dependent children, parents and parents-in-law, and grandparents and grandparents-in-law. If the donor

is unmarried the plan provides blood for his brothers and sisters. Retirees and their spouses are also covered. Even if you leave the university you are covered for one year if you are a donor.

Giving blood is simple, quick and painless. All you

need do is sign up with a Blood Drive Donor Recruiter. Then, on Oct. 28, go to Gold Room A, B, or C. Donating takes only about 10 minutes and the whole process takes less than an hour. Most people feel no side effects and can continue their daily (continued on page 6)

Ford/Carter debate

(continued from page 1) ficial U.S. policy. These students felt that Ford was put in an unfair position by being forced to defend past foreign policy decisions.

Most all of those questioned indicated that the debates served a useful and necessary purpose in exposing the candidates. Many view the presidential candidates in a spontaneous arena. Still others felt the debates to be a convenient method of comparing the differing views of the candidates on major issues.

If the election were held today a virtual tie would occur between Carter and Ford according to the current voting preferences of students. An equal number of students voiced no preference.

Those supporting Ford gave reasons as, "Ford is becoming more polished and a better leader" or "Ford hasn't done a bad job." Other Ford supporters voiced opinions against Carter like "Carter was not pragmatic on what foreign policy should be," "I don't want defense cut" or "Carter wants to get rid of guns."

Those who support Carter gave domestic issues as their reasons like "Carter's

stress on home programs such as mental health rather than defense programs," "his message on zero base budget and tax plans," and "Carter's stress to end unemployment."

Professor Rodger Marz, of the Political Science Department, believes the debates' most interesting feature is the fact that they are taking place. Marz indicates that only an "unusual set of circumstances" would allow the debates to occur. Both candidates must feel they have something to gain, and have an excellent chance of winning before agreeing to participate, according to Marz.

The second debate showed "Carter clearly ahead," says Marz due to his effective statements and several blunders by Ford. Marz feels Ford's Eastern Europe comments were "a stupid thing to say," and a possible hindrance to his campaign.

Professor Don Hildum, of the Communication Arts Department, feels the debates are something "that should be done and must be done." Hildum criticizes the candidates for what he terms, "trying not to say anything that makes people think."



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