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## Congress Sets Budgets

The University Congress last week passed its Fall semester budget, changing substantially the disbursement of the Student Activities Fee monies.

Previously, most of the \$5 per student fee was primarily given outright to student organizations.

Under the new plan, the approximately \$19,000 available will be divided on a percentage basis as follows.

- 15%—(\$2,700) Club operations
- 15%—(\$2,700) B.L.C. operations
- 15%—(\$2,700) Univ. Congress operations
- 55%—(\$11,000) Campus operations

Just Friday, the first three stages of the fee allocations were completed, as the Student Activities Board determined how the club operational monies would be divided (see accompanying list).

"We conceive of operational monies as those funds used to run an organization and service its membership," said President Ron Carlson. "This money will pay for phone bills, office supplies, etc. and fund activities of an organization that are internal affairs, primarily for the enjoyment of the membership."

The remaining step is the disbursement of the programming fund. This money

will go to specific large projects proposed by organizations that according to the resolution of the Congress "must involve the participation of several hundreds or thousands of students beyond the membership of the organization." These projects must be open activities and strictly in accordance with the title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

"In Stage two we hope to make organizations service the whole student body. We think stage two will make

organization plan better, increase the number of events for students to attend, and increase the amount of action per dollar spent on activities," estimates President Ron Carlson.

"It's a new concept I believe will improve student life in a very obvious way. This budget, coupled with the establishment of a Concert-Lecture Series Committee, and a minority or organizations allocations policy, shows this Congress is moving a long way in reordering priorities."

### Club Operational Allocations Fall 1971

Artist's Guild	\$ 42.00
Black Liberation Caucus	\$2767.00
College Republicans	\$ 350.00
Conservative Coalition	\$ 10.00
Draft Counseling	\$ 110.00
Inter Faith Council	\$ 100.00
Jewish Student Association	\$ 76.00
Multi-Frequency Dome Club	\$ 25.00
Music Club	\$ 76.00
Oakland People Against Racism	\$ 276.00
Off-Campus	\$ 60.75
Oakland Christian Fellowship	\$ 10.00
O.U. Defenders Club	\$ 30.00
Photography Club	\$ 241.00
PLEA	\$ 121.00
POEAT	\$ 367.20
Oakland Backpacking Soc.	\$ 20.00
Rochester People's Paper	\$ 40.00
Ski Club	\$ 57.15
Tolkien Soc.	\$ 20.00
War Resisters League	\$ 110.00
Womens Caucus	\$ 195.00
Workers League	\$ 10.00
WVW	\$ 202.00

This list contains monies allocated for operational expenses only; money for projects will be allocated throughout the semester.

## GRILL GOES ORGANIC

Starting today an organic food section will be added to Oakland Center's grill service. The service is being contracted on a two week trial basis through Chuck Larson of Organic Foods in Detroit.

Most of the organic foods which will be sold in the grill will be brought in fresh from California and Texas, according to Larson, since these are the places where he has existing contacts.

Explaining why he thinks organic foods are important,

Larson stated, "The thing that affects your head most every day is the food that you eat, because your head is influenced by your body chemistry which is most directly influenced every day by the foods which are put into your body." Larson says that he has been intensely involved with organic foods for several years, and is also doing a health food concession stand at the Cinderella Ballroom in Detroit.

Dave Carter of Catering Management made the original arrangements with Larson, and explained that he chose Larson to supply the foods and run the section because he seems to be more interested in the educational aspects of organic foods than in making a large profit.

The problem that currently exists with instituting cooked organic foods in the residents' cafeteria is the lack of personnel who are

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## CENTREX: a savings?

By Doug Cleary  
Greg Daft

Resident students of Oakland University were asked to sign a contract for phone service under Michigan Bell's CENTREX system this week.

This system offers several advantages over the previous one. Under the CENTREX system, with an unrestricted phone (at the same rate as the semi-restricted service), direct-distance dialing and world-wide service are possible. With semi-restricted service it will be possible to reach inter-campus phones, and numbers in the Rochester, Pontiac and Lake Orion areas.

Although Oakland signed the Centrex contract with Michigan Bell in 1969, the individual resident contracts were only recently released. The cost of the system to resident students will be a total of \$16.65 per person accepting the service, regardless of how many persons are using a particular instrument.

The student contracts at this fixed rate cover the period from November 13, 1971 until May 2, 1972.

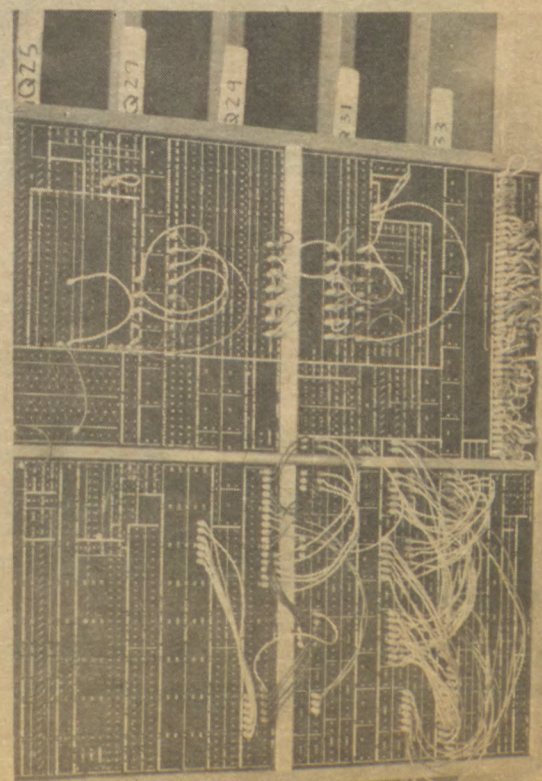
Funds for the CENTREX

system are coming from other places as well. An installation charge of \$8.80 per phone will be paid out of the O.U. general fund. All will be paid for from the O.U. operating fund.

While Housing must pay a total tab on the CENTREX system of \$17,000, that office estimates that approximately 1,200 resident students will subscribe to the system, and therefore cover the cost.

Plans of payment schedules or other methods of utilizing the system do not extend past the May 2, 1972 end of contract date, no decision has yet been reached as to what will be done for the summer months when the phones will not be in use. Any student input or suggestions as to how the plan might be better works during the 71-72 school year would be appreciated by the Director of Housing, Mr. Jack Wilson.

While CENTREX is a new concept to Oakland University, the same system has in the past been successfully utilized in most other major sized universities throughout the state.





## EDITORIALS

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## LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Editor:

This fall when I first arrived on campus, I thought that Oakland would be a place where unbiased objectivity would be allowed and encouraged to thrive—a place where ideas and concepts would be judged, using reason, not emotion. I was wrong. The political culture here at Oakland discourages intellectual thought. An idea is judged, not using reason, but rather through such subjective criteria as who says it, and whether it's "left" or "right".

To be more specific, this campus is dominated by leftist students who seem to pride themselves on their inconsistency and irrationality. A prime example of their faulty logic is their attitude toward the draft. The activists at this University are strongly against the

draft (and rightly so, because it is wrong), but they are also very pro-government controls in the free market (socialism). Any sensible person who believes in reason and objectivity can see that the draft is wrong for the very same reasons that socialism is wrong: each is an example of government intervention into an individual's life. Individual rights are the *Sine Qua Non* of a civilized society. An individual is not free unless he is free of *all* unjustified (physical force included) economic repression. It's unfortunate that the young leftists, at this university, have become just like their so-called antipode—the John Birch Society, in that they are both dominated philosophically by inconsistencies and irrationality.

Steven J. Mariotti



"Expert here says large state correctional institutions are dehumanizing. I wonder if he ever went to a state university."

## RING-A-DING-A-LING?

By Doug Cleary

Oakland University dorm students are having an ultimatum shoved down their throats. CENTREX is coming, and if you don't like it don't communicate. Because of the contract with Michigan Bell signed two years ago, students find themselves opening their purses once again.

Come November 13, CENTREX will descend upon us, and Housing will ask payment. Housing has estimated the number of students that are going to accept these machines at 1200. They then divvied up their payments to Ma Bell that many ways, and came up with \$16.65, that amount each of us has been asked for.

It has been noted that many students feel this is an excessive amount of money.

Whereas, the entire "old" system was paid for out of the operating budget of OU (only partly reimbursed by Housing), only the non-residential phones are being paid for this way under CENTREX (although all installment charges are being paid for out of OU's general fund). The dorm students are expected to pay their own way. It makes you realize how expensive these black boxes are.

For use of a phone until May 2, 1972, each person in the room must pay his or her \$16.65. This means payment for that one phone in your room could total from \$16.65 to \$99.90, depending on how many suite-mates one has. The reasoning against the glaring inequities to Hamlin's six-man suites is that if each phone were to be paid for, divvied up amongst the people who use it, inequities to single man rooms would be greater. A question of accounting, unverified outside of Housing.

It is true, folks, that one will be able to dial direct, lessening those long distance charges around the world, and that simple calls to Rochester won't cost a dime anymore. Students, however, are adding up their calls to Rochester and their possible savings on long distance calls, and discovering that \$16.65 is a pretty large figure.

However, welcome Ma Bell to the campus. She is here to stay (at least for the length of our contract). She is connecting you with the outside world. She is saving the University plenty of money. And all your tax will go to war. Welcome?

## War Lives!

By Barry Zajac

In case you've been misled, the war is not over. Because the war is not dead, the anti-war movement lives.

Loitering about the halls of the OC Wednesday, Oct. 13, I saw many others doing the same. Along the walls were assorted tables of assorted sizes for assorted causes, each frequented by an assorted number of persons.

The Gold Room was reserved for the entire day by the War Resister's League for the moratorium. Other rooms were also used for this purpose.

WRL brought speakers in from Pontiac about bussing, from People's Peace Treaty, Women's Caucus, Viet Veterans Against the War, not to mention individuals concerned with the Rochester Community, War Tax resistance, and draft counseling.

With the possible exception of the workshop on chemical and biological warfare, the program was ignored.

Upon conceding failure, WRL members were blaming poor publicity and were planning to reschedule the affair on Friday, Oct. 22.

Fruitless. It took just a little more thinking to realize that it wasn't the program that was insufficient.

The University itself is quite unrelated and isolated from reality. By holding the moratorium, WRL brought some semblance of significance to an otherwise unreal institution.

WRL will continue to make available information relevant to the anti war movement to those students who acknowledge its existence.

It is ironic that amidst the cries for relevancy and educational reform, and all other "progressive" causes, the Symposium on War, Racism, and Repression was neglected.

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# Das Hip Kapital

By Craig Karpel  
Liberation News Service

In the Marin driveway, a silver Porsche. Through the glass doors of the living room, a flood-lit pool among the eucalyptus trees. Two women and a man, swimming naked. The man climbs out, shakes himself, puts on a kimono and walks dripping into the living room. A kid walks in with an armload of wood, and begins to make a fire in an enormous freestanding copper hearth. Panama Red sits down cross-legged on an oriental rug near the fire. He is in his mid-twenties, clean-shaven, an open bottle of Chateau Margaux '61. He walks over and puts on a record on a \$5,000 stereo. It is Dave Mason's *Only You and I Know*.

'There are five Panama Reds in the Bay area,' explains Panama Red.

Which one are you?

A long draught of Margaux. Why sip it? There's plenty more. "The Panama Red."

Only you and I know. "Dig it. if the Man picks up a runner for a dealer who has scored off my runner and they threaten to put him away for good unless he tells the name of his connection, say he cracks and says, 'His name is supposed to be Panama Red.' And they say,

"Which Panama Red—there are five of those bastards.' So he says, 'I don't know fellas, *The Panama Red*, I guess.' So the Man is right back where he started from."

Dealers as heavy as Panama Red are never anywhere near the place at which physical transfer of drugs (soft ones like marijuana, hashish or a acid; of which they call 'pushers') and cash occurs. They act more in the capacity of brokers, arranging deals between suppliers and customers who do not know each other and never learn each

others' names. They deal directly with acid laboratories and Cannabis smugglers and sell to distributors beneath whom there may be one to three echelons of dealers, only the bottommost of whom sell to heads who themselves do not deal professionally.

Panama Red earns the equivalent of \$50,000 a year, tax-free, and employs a fulltime assistant at \$200 a week cash, plus expenses and all the dope he can consume.

"I figure I'm doing better financially at 25 than I would if I'd stayed

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## LETTERS Continued

[Editor's Note: In the October 13 issue of Focus, there appeared an article on Oakland Prep School, which brought a number of irate comments from Irene Robinson, Course Coordinator in the Urban Affairs Center. She felt the article failed to inform students in that it was poorly written and factually insufficient. We are therefore printing Mrs. Robinson's "correction", in the form of a letter to the editor.]

Dear Editor,

The Urban Affairs Center, under the direction of Mr. Elmer B. Cooper, is on the threshold of initiating an innovative educational program in Detroit, Michigan.

The program, called "Oakland Prep School", will teach high school dropouts many of the skills necessary for "survival" in a college setting.

One of the unique features of Oakland Prep is the "Streetworker" concept. The streetworker is an agent of concern for the student and is there whenever a student needs supportive services in any area. He is a vital link of communication between the dropout and his environment, and serves as a motivating force

in dealing with the students' ambitions.

Another unique feature of the Oakland Prep School is its intensive curriculum. Rather than focusing on traditional public school methods, the faculty of Oakland Prep School will be attuned to the real needs of inner-city youth and all curricular methods have been developed with these needs in mind.

Critics of the conventional education system have long given lip service to the claim that our schools are irrelevant and outmoded. Spouting rhetoric, however, seems to be one of our common failures. When big city school systems "push-out" thousands of students each year who cannot read, it is time to put our money where our mouths are.

The Oakland Prep School is an educational experience that will answer the cries for relevant curricula and, at the same time, bridge the widening gap between the dropout and the attainment of a higher education.

Information about Oakland Prep School can be obtained from Irene Robinson Course Coordinator, Urban Affairs Center, 120 North Foundation Hall.

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