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Few differences in presidential platforms

Students promised a strong voice in Congress

By PAM BRYANT
Staff Writer

The race for University Congress President attracted three candidates this year—a somewhat larger number than in recent elections.

Limiting the voter's choice is the fact that the candidates—Alan Frampton, Michael Rubino, and Zachary Shallow, are basing their campaigns on nearly identical platforms.

All of the candidates have expressed the intent to reestablish a Commuter Council and reinstate the Students' Rights Committee to a standing committee of Congress. However, Frampton, a junior, said he will work to institute a Students' Bill of Rights to the Constitution,



ALAN FRAMPTON

and appoint a representative from both Commuter Council and the Area Hall Council to executive staff positions on Congress.

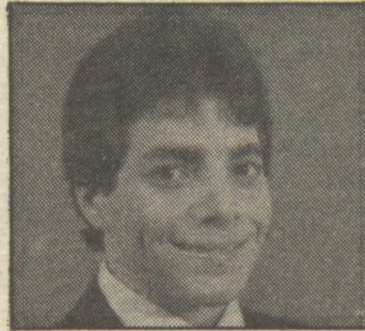
ANOTHER issue all of the candidates have raised, deals with the money received through parking fines. Presently, OU is



MICHAEL RUBINO

paying Public Safety officers to patrol the campus, but the funds collected from the parking fines are being turned over to Pontiac Township.

"It will require an ordinance change (to get the money to come back to OU), but I am willing to



ZACHARY SHALLOW

undertake that," Shallow, a junior, said. The other candidates echoed the same sentiment. Rubino added that the situation now is "ridiculous."

Each candidate had high praise for the departing administration of current president Jane Hershey.

They expressed a desire to continue her lobbying efforts in Lansing to prevent further cuts in funding to higher education.

The Hershey administration did draw some criticism, however from two of the candidates.

"JANE IS a hard worker (but) the touchy issues aren't being pushed to the limit," Rubino said.

"We've put our two cents worth in, but so far student voices haven't been too well heard," Frampton said.

Rubino also said that the Congress "is no longer responsive (See CONGRESS, page 3)

•The race for Congress seats draws more than the usual number of candidates. For more, see page 3.

Spirit rock?

Vandals Thursday night defaced this large rock located within the Hamlin Circle. The rock has been painted in the colors and with the insignia of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. Tim Stokes, vice-president for the Kappas, claims that neither the fraternity, nor any of the pledges were responsible for the action. Margaret Chapa, assistant director for residence halls, says the incident is still being looked into; Public Safety however, has no leads. Could this be the start of a new tradition at OU?



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Residence Halls

A series of dorm fires are cause for concern over safety

By MARK CALIGIURI
News Editor

Second in a series on housing.

As a loud droning noise fills the night air, two students sit back relaxing on top of a brown trash container, strumming guitars and playing familiar songs.

Dressed casually, one wears running sweats and tennis shoes and the other, a worn pair of jeans, top-sider shoes and no socks. The two musicians begin to draw an impromptu crowd of students who start singing along to the music being played.

At first, this gathering could easily be mistaken for one of the numerous parties that has occurred at OU this fall. However, that loud droning noise is not a typical party sound, but rather an all too familiar fire alarm piercing the night air.

INDEED, THE scene which

happened earlier this year in Hamlin Hall—the largest of the residence halls dormitories—represents what has become a common, even accepted, way of life for many on-campus students.

And, as much as the drills in the middle of the night have etched their mark on students' lifestyles, so too have the routine nightly checks made by residence halls assistants (R.A.s), locked up incinerator rooms, and smoke detectors placed above elevator doors—all methods introduced by residence halls, administrators attempting to deal with unexpected fire safety problems.

According to Margaret Chapa, assistant director of residence halls, these things have become part of a routine that the administration hopes will significantly reduce the occurrence of fires.

"It has taken a while for people

to become adjusted (to the new rules regarding fire safety)," Chapa said. She indicated that maintenance personnel often propped open incinerator doors while doing the work inside, causing one such rule to be ignored—that of keeping those entrances closed at all times.

CHAPA ALSO indicated that staff members would be given extensive training in "hands-on" fire safety programs. "We have had staff members take extensive training with an in house 'expert' concerning fire safety," she said.

Apparently, some of these safety measures seem to be working. According to Chapa and Mel Gilroy, an OU Public Safety investigator, the occurrence of fires has decreased significantly in the first few months of this semester.

"We have had a decrease in (See HOUSING, page 3)

Job prospects good for '82, employers say

By RON KUNTZE
Staff Writer

Despite Michigan's high unemployment rate and slow job market, career prospects for many of OU's 1982 graduates will be good.

According to area employers, this year's recession has had little effect on the need for graduates with majors in computer science, electronics, engineering, finance, chemistry, and accounting.

David Gauss, Ford Motor Company's superintendent of recruitment placement in tractor operations, says that most of the job market is "soft," but certain degrees, particularly in the computer science field, are "as strong as ever, perhaps even stronger." Gauss has hired many OU students in the past. He says OU has "one of the better computer science departments."

GAUSS BELIEVES that today's employment emphasis is on specialization. A bachelor's degree in computer electronics or mechanical engineering, or a master's degree in financial analysis or business, are specialized fields which many firms are in the market for, Gauss says.

Today's banking institutions, for example, are primarily looking for graduates with a bachelor's degree in finance, accounting, and personnel management. Robert Gondek, manager of the Hampton Plaza office of the Bank of Commerce, said that there is also a growing need for people with a computer background. "With the modernization of banking procedures, we find ourselves relying more and more on

computers," Gondek said.

The computer industry itself has not been overly affected by the employment crunch. A spokesman for one firm, who did not want himself or his company mentioned, said that they look for persons with graduate experience in data processing and business administration. He said that grades are not nearly as important (See JOBS, page 5)

Demand for co-op students also high

By MARIANNE POULIN
Staff Writer

After the classes are done, and the pomp and circumstance is over, students must wander out into the world and start looking for a job. With a rising unemployment rate—especially in Michigan—this doesn't seem like an easy task.

But one program on campus may make the search a little easier. Cooperative education gives students a chance to step into tomorrow's job market today. Working for either small businesses or large corporations, students earn money while learning.

THE PROGRAM offers two types of plans: an alternating model, which allows students to work full time for one semester then return to classes for the second, and then back to work for the third; or, students can work out (See CO-OP, page 5)

INSIDE

•Student leaders from across the state meet with legislators in Lansing to discuss budget cuts. See page 3.

•A look at the Meadow Brook Theatre behind the scenes. See page 11.

•Both the men's and women's swim teams are hoping to make waves in national competition this year. For an in-depth look, see pages 13-15.

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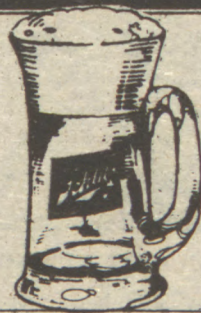
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