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Congress saga, elections continue

Complex lacks student support

By Shajan Kay
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At their Monday meeting, Student Congress addressed several important resolutions.

Phil Fredrick, Legislator, sponsored a resolution to request that the bookstore provide Congress with a list and the prices of the books it sells.

Congress wants the list so that it can be more effective in orga-

nizing their annual bookswap.

Congress next addressed a resolution in support of a Multi-Purpose Complex on OU campus. The resolution in favor of the complex failed after discussion whether students favored the proposal.

The next resolution was a resolution showing Congress's lack of support for the Multi-Purpose

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Q&A with candidates

By SHAJAN KAY
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The three presidential candidates in the Student Congress race that takes place this week presented themselves in an interview, shown here in a Q&A format.

The candidates are Michael Ott, Carina Moore and Nick Mitchell.

Post: If elected to the position of Student Body President/VP what would be your first official action?



Ott
(running mate: Linda Hickmott)

MO: "My first official action would be to get everybody to meet and start with goal setting from that day forward."

CM: "Reorganize the budget."

NM: "Bring together all administration that has a direct effect on Congress and sit them down with myself and Rob and basically have a chat to develop

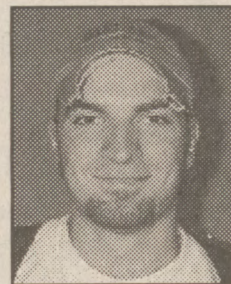


Moore
(running mate: Adam Kochenderfer)

some sort of working relationship. Congress has had a rocky year because we had a bad relationship with the administration. My first goal would be to take that gap and make it narrower.

Post: What would you most like to accomplish if elected?

MO: "I would like to see leadership brought back and a



Mitchell
(running mate: Rob Filer)

greater sense of pride so that Congress is their more for students and not just a resume builder"

CM: "Getting more of the student population involved in what Congress does."

NM: "The biggest thing that I would like to change and to say that I helped out on is to make

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SPB and Residence Halls hosted its annual Casino night Saturday

VEGAS college STYLE

Photo by Tom Bressie



Nobody went bankrupt Saturday as the chips changed places in front of casino patrons in the OC Gold Rooms. OU students had fun at gambling tables playing black jack, roulette and other games of chance.

Cola wars loom at OU

By SHAJAN KAY
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Attention Coca-Cola Drinkers! Your days of enjoying a cold refreshing Coke between classes could be numbered. There is a rumor floating around campus that Pepsi has solicited the University to become the exclusive provider of soft drinks on campus.

Eleanor Reynolds, director of University Housing, confirmed discussions are under way.

She said, "My understanding is that campuses ... contract with a pop distributor to only sell their product on the campus, kind of like an exclusivity arrangement. So if it's Pepsi Cola or Coca Cola, then the university contracts sell only their products on campus in exchange for certain (favors)."

Reynolds said "(the beverage distributors) usually end up making contributions to athletic events. They could give scholarships, there is a whole list of things that the company gives in exchange for the right to be the exclusive provider of their pop on campus."

When asked if she knew when any type of change would be made, Reynolds indicated that she didn't; however, she said she knew that discussions about it were under way.

The push for so-called "pouring rights" evidently came with the new Rec Center and the existing relationship with Pepsi on the Walton-Adams marquee.

Barry Neuberger, assistant athletic director, said that various factors determine the amount of financial support provided by the soft drink company. These factors could be the number of students, the number of beverage dispensers, or a variety of other factors. Neuberger also added that the University can respond to different offers and make suggestions about what it would like.

Neuberger pledged there would be university-wide input before anything is finalized.

Some students have already voiced reservations at a House Council meeting in West Vandenberg Hall

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Senate reviews proposed amendments

By TANIA PREPOLEC
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The University Senate held an open forum Thursday to discuss proposed amendments to its constitution, to be voted on at the April 15 meeting.

The forum was led by Joel Russell, chemistry professor and one of the 11 faculty members who drafted the amendments.

The forum focused on the current Senate structure, the proposed amendments for a faculty Senate, and mainly faculty comments and concerns.

Prompted by the handling of the golf course issue without proper consultation, the amendments endorse raising the number of elected faculty

in the Senate from the current 43 out of 61 slots, to 50 out of 53 slots.

The three non-faculty slots would be occupied by the provost, one administrative professional and one student representative.

According to the constitutional reform document, a University Council would also be established to "ensure that all governance bodies are appropriately consulted."

The proposed Council would consist of the Provost, the Senate president, the AP Assembly president and the Student Congress president, the document stated.

Some individuals voiced their approval to the proposed amendments.

"Faculty need their own clear, dis-

tingutive voice in university governance," said Ron Cramer, education professor.

"We seek this forum not so we can control (university governance), but so our interests, concerns and positions can be unambiguously articulated to the (university) community," he said.

"If we did have a faculty senate, then we would be better able to focus our attention on academic matters," said Physics Professor Abe Liboff.

However, others were opposed. "We wanted better communication within the faculty, but we're getting that at a very great cost," said English Professor Jane Eberwein.

According to Eberwein, a faculty senate "closes out other people by

diminishing their representation."

Not enough research has been done to "consider alternative governance models and find out why faculty senates succeed or fail at other colleges or universities," she said.

Eberwein proposed the idea of a faculty caucus within the Senate.

A faculty caucus would be "a model that allows for faculty-only deliberation but then maintains the communication we now have with the larger university," Eberwein said.

A caucus would bring faculty members together at their own discretion, to discuss Senate-related issues amongst themselves, she said.

It would not be a separate committee, she added.

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FAST FACTS

• Classes in Advanced RAD Training (Rape Aggression Defense) are offered in a four-meeting sequence April 6, 8, 13

and 15 in three-hour sessions at the Rec Center, from 7-10 p.m.

The sessions, open to women only, will be presented by OUPD Officer Terry Ross.

To attend the Advanced RAD classes, participants will have to have Basic RAD as their prerequisite.

To register, call Officer Ross at (248)370-4244 ext.1004 or e-mail him at RAD@oakland.edu.

Limit is 12 participants per class.

• Kresge Library is sponsoring two separate workshops to assist in surfing the Internet, and evaluating subject lists and search engines.

The first will be today from 1-2 p.m. and the second on Thursday, April 1, from noon-1p.m.

The workshops will be held in

room 225A, Kresge Library.

Admission is free and reservations are unnecessary.

Contact Shawn Patterson at (248)370-2493 for more information.

• Honors College is sponsoring a lecture entitled "I go inside, I go out -": A Sense of Space in Contemporary Poetry." It will be presented by Mary

Ann Samyn, special lecturer in the department of Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism, Tuesday, April 6 from noon-1p.m. in room 112 Vandenberg Hall.

• There will be a Board of Trustees meeting Thursday, April 1, at 2 p.m. in the Gold Rooms, OC.

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