

The Oakland Sail

Oakland University/Rochester, Michigan/Vol IV, No. 20/January 29, 1979

Members critical of office allocations

Student groups want more OC space

By Robin O'Grady
Sail Associate Editor

Several members of student organizations are complaining about office space allocations for student groups in the Oakland Center (OC).

Members of Repolitik, WOUX, the OU Ski Club, and the Order of Liebowitz contend that OC space is allocated inequitably and unfairly.

The majority of their charges are focused on Joe Euculano, assistant director of CIPO, who prior to his promotion in November, was coordinator for student organizations.

According to Robert Anderson, off campus coordinator for Repolitik, a political activity group, student discontent with office space allocations is growing.

ANDERSON SAID when several different organizations request office space CIPO and the coordinator for Student Organizations must decide how the space is allocated and that's when the problems start.

"The situation is one that CIPO doesn't want to deal with at all, and I don't blame them: deciding who gets the bigger offices than who and who gets one office over another."

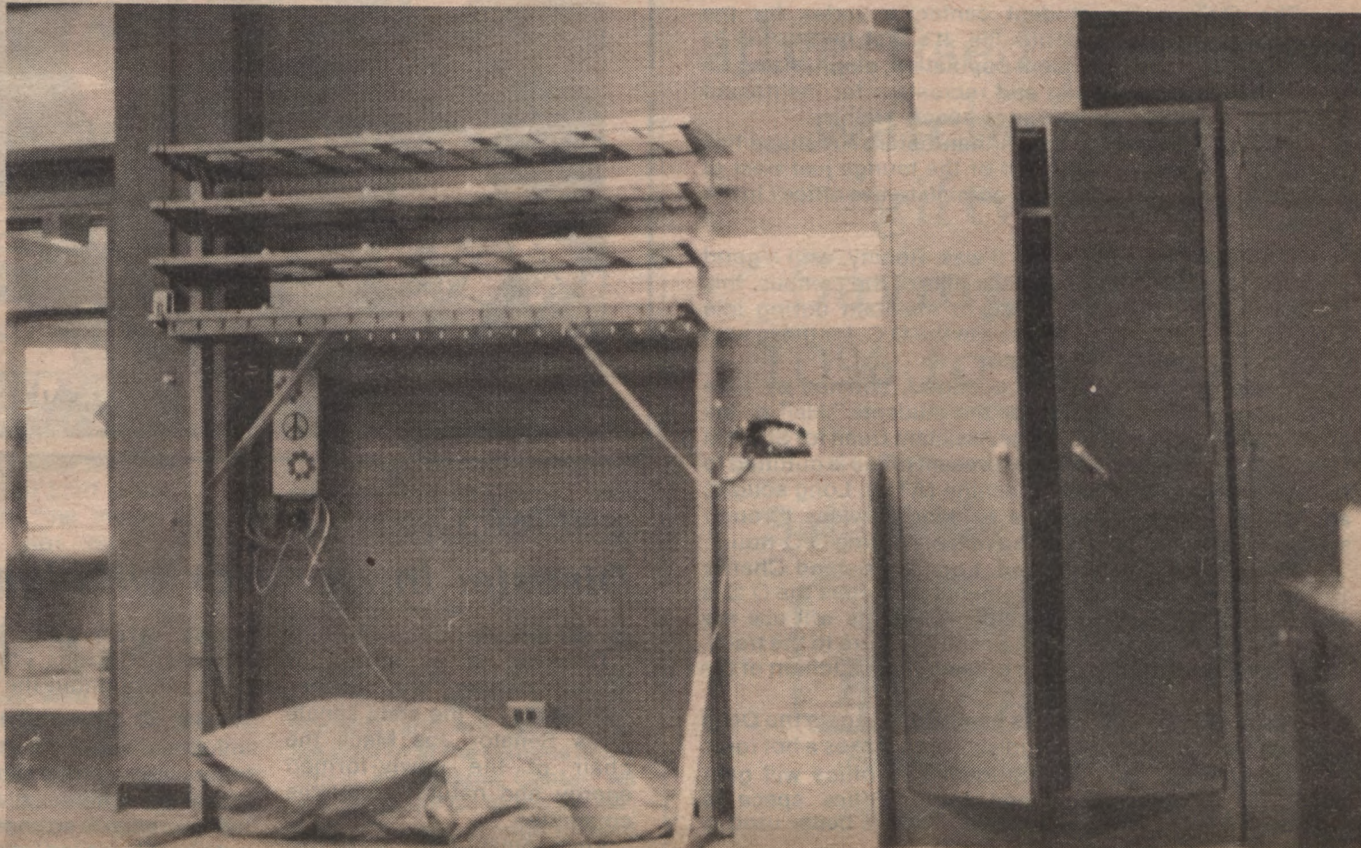
He criticized Euculano for sidestepping the issue of space allocation.

"IN THE PAST years my experience with people who are handling the office space is that they think it's better to leave their office and take a vacation than choose this group over that group. That's the system they've chosen to use, it's developed over the year that (student) offices are a taboo subject," Anderson said.

According to Anderson, Repolitik requested use of an adjoining office, which had been vacant for several months, Euculano told Repolitik that there was no available space. Overcrowded conditions forced Repolitik members to store equipment in members' dorm rooms.

When asked why Repolitik was not given the vacant office next to theirs, Euculano said; "Repolitik has done a real fine job and they're obviously busting out at the seams. But anyway I did it would have been arbitrary. So instead of doing that (giving Repolitik the vacant space) I opted to take on a major task of reorganizing the office procedure, and consequently I did not give that office

(continued on page 8)



THE FOYER OF the annexed student offices, located in the northeast corner of the Oakland Center basement, has been termed the "ghetto" by some students. (Photo by Chris Van Meter)

Edges opponent by 39 votes

Recount confirms Tomboulian

By Jay Dunstan
Sail News Editor

After more than two and one half months, a recount has confirmed Alice Tomboulian (D-Lake Orion) as state representative from the 61st district.

Tomboulian edged Republican Jim Conlen by 39 votes according to recount statistics. She succeeds Melvin Larsen (R) who lost his bid to unseat Richard Austin as secretary of state.

"I'M PLEASED that the uncertainty over the election has ended," said Tomboulian. "Although I've already begun working on various projects in anticipation that the recount wouldn't change things, it's a lot easier to continue knowing

that I am definitely the state representative from the 61st district."

Even before the recount was finalized, Speaker of the House Bobby Crim appointed Tomboulian Vice-Chairperson of the House committee on Conservation, Environment, and Recreation.

Tomboulian will also serve on the Towns and Counties Committee, the Civil Rights Committee and the Committee on Constitutional Revision and Women's Rights.

"I'M VERY eager to begin working with the Conservation Committee," Tomboulian said. "One of the major concerns the committee will probably be addressing is the Wetlands Legislation in which I'm keenly interested." The legislation calls for the preservation of all wetlands from future development. She said land resource management will be a key legislative concern relative to conservation.

Tomboulian's husband, Paul, is chairperson of the OU Chemistry Department.

The 61st district includes the Townships of Addison, Oxford, Pontiac, Oakland, and Orion as well as the northern half of the city of Pontiac.

Still baffled by LS rules? New time limit clarified

By Gall DeGeorge
Sail Features Editor

Passage of recent University Senate legislation has not changed the writing proficiency requirement itself, only the deadline for fulfilling it.

Here is the criteria which must be met to fulfill the writing proficiency requirement according to Learning Skills department Chairperson Peter Evarts.

STUDENTS ENTERING OU WITH LESS THAN 32 CREDITS

Students who entered OU during or after fall 1978 must fulfill the requirements outlined below before the completion of 48 credits. Students entering before Fall 1978 must meet the same requirements anytime before graduation.

All students should take a standardized test, administered by the Learning Skills department (LS) to evaluate writing ability. The test changed this year, said Evarts "from a wholly considered, subjective test...to a standardized test that measures inputs into the language process."

There are four parts to the test: measures logical relationships test, a reading comprehension exam, an essay, and a grammar and structure test.

DEPENDING ON test scores, students either meet OU's standards of writing proficiency and are exempt from taking any LS classes, or must meet the standards by enrolling in one or more courses.

About 80% of the students tested place into LS 100 and must then progress, said Evarts, to LS 101. Students must have a passing grade of 2.0 or better in LS 101 to fulfill the requirement.

In certain cases, LS instructors may submit names of students having completed LS 100 and who are considered proficient. Those students may then be exempted from LS 101.

(continued on page 4)

VOICE YOUR OPINION

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION: Do you feel that faculty members are accessible for Student academic and advising needs? HOW STUDENTS VOTED — YES: 40% Comments: "Faculty pay no attention to advising needs." NO: 60% Comments: "Where are they?" "Their office hours are never kept."

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION: Would you like to see a student on the Board of Trustees, Oakland's governing body? Yes or No.

TO VOTE CALL 377-3098

Sponsored by University Congress and The Oakland Sail

SIDELINE

Swapping for a bank - worth it?

By Gary Foster
Sail Special Writer

In Fall 1978, OU students began to pay \$6 more to support the Oakland Center (OC); \$16 per semester from each of us to provide for student use of the building. It is fringe cost to our necessary academic expenses, voted down by a 2 to 1 margin of students voting in a Congress referendum.

The O.C. is the student center; a vortex for the nonacademic side of campus life. Its first purpose is to serve the needs of our student population, emphasizing on commuter services. Eating and recreation for the nomad student is available, as is lounge space. Hmmm.

Perhaps less lounge space than before? A shape has appeared, knitting through half of the lounge just west of Charlie Brown's. An office? An administrative office? In the middle of a lounge?

YES, AND A NICE lounge it was. Roomy, with a good view of the fountain and the back hills of the campus, this lounge was an excellent place to maintain during idle minutes. No better space existed in the O.C. for those who enjoy the scenery of our campus.

It seems a trade-off has occurred, deemed by wise administrators as "the best for the students." Half of the lounge has become an office for Assistant Dean for Student Life Cindy Livingston, while her present office is outfitted to service an automated teller machine (ATM). Long sought, an ATM will give on-campus banking services through several local banks, and will be available during O.C. hours.

THE ATM IS badly needed. Location behind Charlie Brown's meets security requirements and offers the O.C. a place to handle building receipts. Students will use the ATM, benefit from it; there is a positive feature to the trade. Does the loss of lounge space outweigh the addition of the ATM?

Yes or no, the change has been made. Again the Dean Jack Wilson's strategy of nondiscussion makes a hot topic an accomplished fact. The Student Life office will gain exposure, considered a good thing. Office space is well used if there is student 'traffic', and is better used if 'traffic' can be increased.

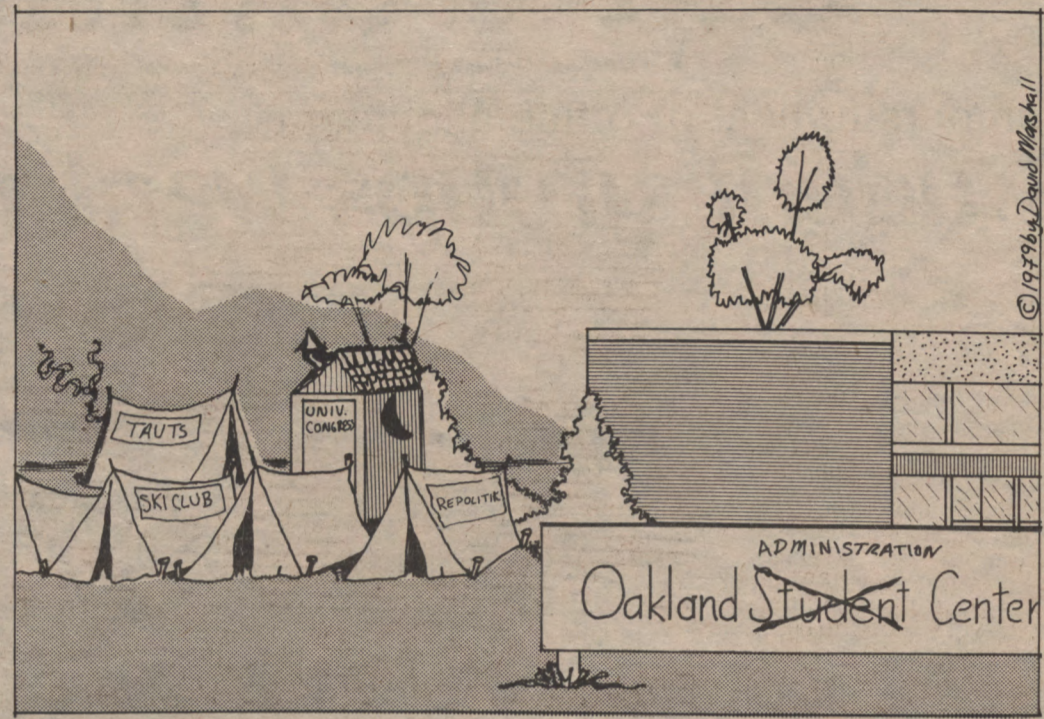
Largely, the change will make the Dean of Student Life very obvious to passer-bys. This is exposure, and re-enforces the position of the administrator in the building. Now, important visitors to campus will see the student life office and think "What manner of person commands so grand an office?" Later, these people will meet the dean and remember him.

Exposure will be insured by a wooden sign of raised letters, lit by floodlights. Nowhere in the Oakland Center is there such exposure. Indeed, every other office will be magnificent in contrast, reassuring troubled students who could not find their way without the floodlights.

The trade-off is complete, but discouraging. Students gain the ATM and lose half of a lounge, while Dean Wilson gains position and exposure. Administrative office space encroaches on student space, putting the O.C. more into administering space for students and less into administering student space.

Without the exposure, the trade is fair. But it was a lounge.

The Marshall Arts



LETTERS...

Disaster in store for Michigan environment

To the Editor:

Disaster is in store for Michigan energy and environment policy if the state senate gives Senator Joe Mack the chair of the newly-formed energy and natural resources committee.

Environmentalists "do to this country what others would have to do with bombs," Mack says. He has stalled or scuttled environmental protection bills, while campaigning to weaken existing environmental laws.

HIS CONSERVATION committee for the last four years has been a continual source of frustration.

With the combining of energy and conservation into one Senate committee, Chairman Mack would sabotage the state's ability to deal with critical issues in the coming four years. Michigan's legislature must act soon on solar energy, energy conservation, consumer protection for utility customers, and other issues that Chairman Mack would be sure to block.

Senate John Hertel is vying with Mack for the seat. The advisory committee on committees has recommended Senate Hertel. But Mack, second-ranking in seniority among Democratic state senators, will muster votes on the Senate floor when the issue comes up January 29 or shortly after.

THE PUBLIC Interest Research Group in Michigan (PIRGIM) is actively lobbying for Senate Hertel as chair for the committee. Lansing PIRGIM staff members are visiting state senators, and a delegation of Ann Arbor groups coordinated by PIRGIM's University of Michigan chapter has met with Senate Majority Leader William Faust.

Senator Mack is opposed by the Sierra Club, Common Cause, Environmental Action of Michigan, East Michigan Environmental Action Council,

West Michigan E.A.C., Michigan Citizens Lobby, and others throughout the state.

PUBLIC CONCERN is what influences senators most, and letters to your state senator can make the difference. Because the time span is so short, a brief note hastily mailed today will be more effective than a longer letter penned later.

Write to your senator at the State Capitol, Lansing.

The vote on who chairs the energy and natural resources committee will set the stage for policy progress or legislative lethargy in the next four years.

-Steve Freedkin
Executive Director
PIRGIM
Lansing

Credit hour switch explained

Dear Editor:

Is OU switching over to a three credit system? What effect will it have on the students if we switch over? As the student representative on the committee that is looking into putting us on a three credit system, my main concern is representing the students and what is best for them.

Some of the people against moving to three credits feel that

A hearty thanks

To the Editor:

The Oakland University Alumni Association extends hearty thanks to the OU students who donated their time to the Alumni Telefund in December. Student participation was a key factor in the success of the 1978 telephone solicitation campaign.

Over \$24,000 in pledges was raised, representing a significant increase over last year. Alumni Fund dollars support many aspects of the academic program at Oakland, including library books, undergraduate research, scholarships, and loans. Additional funds are allocated to cultural concerns, such as the Village, and athletics.

The enthusiasm and sincerity of the students were a basic part of the success of the venture. Once again, we are reminded that students are the heart of the university.

Sincerely,
Alumni Association
Board of Directors

this system will foul up scheduling. To take fifteen credits, students would have to take five and not four classes per semester.

Many students may have to take only twelve credits per semester, and end up going to school during spring semesters.

I have been approached by commuters who have shown concern at trying to fit five classes into one or two days. A three credit system means more classes and less credit given for each one.

IF THERE are more classes, more money may have to be spent on books. Students will probably have to take more tests and write more papers per week.

Some students are afraid that the faculty will not lessen their workloads for three credit classes. They are also afraid that if teachers have to teach more classes, the overall student/faculty ratio will increase.

People in favor of moving over to three credits feel it will give the students a broader education.

Colleges and schools within the University would be able to fit in a few more needed courses in their programs and the students would have a greater variety of class choices as long as the schools and colleges didn't add too many more required courses.

If you would like to find out some more information leave your name and number in University Congress office (7-3097) and I will try and get in touch with you.

Kevin Appleton

The Oakland Sail

36 Oakland Center, Rochester, Michigan 48063

Mark Clausen
Editor in Chief

John F. Spears
Business Manager

Robin O'Grady
Associate Editor

Stu Alderman
Sports Editor

Carla Mitchell
Chief Photographer

Gail DeGeorge
Feature Editor

Jay Dunstan
News Editor

Marilyn Trumper
Productions Editor

Jane Briggs-Bunting
Editorial Advisor

Staff Writers and Reporters: Sheba Bakshi, Elise D'Haene, Daryl C. Fortier, Susan Lenart, David Marshall, Ree Moorhead, Maureen McGerty, Joseph Quackenbush, Dave Robinson.

Staff Photographers: Timothy Barnard, Daniel Hatfield, Chris Van Meter, Chris Ouellette, Robert Redfield, David Stein, Mark Truman.

Business Staff: Richard D., William Ditty, Terri Lynn Hale, Dorothy Hamer, Robin Kren, David Marshall, Pamela Kay McKinley, Martha Porter, Lauren Riegel, Dave Ross, Lori Zoet.

Board of Directors

Marion Bunt
Jerry Dahlman
Don Fuller

Helen Schwartz
Diane Tate
Mary Sue Rogers

Jack Wilson - ex officio

Russian pianist comes to OU

Ree Moorhead
Sail Staff Writer

Youri Egorov, the twenty-five-year-old pianist *Musical America* called "one of the most sensational and genuine new talents to emerge in many years," will appear in concert at OU February 9. The concert, to be held in Varner Recital Hall, is the latest offering in the OU Music Department's International Series.

"Pianists of technical excellence are a dime a dozen these days, but those of Youri Egorov's imagination are still at a premium," wrote the *New York Daily News*.

It has been said that his unorthodox style kept him from making the finals at the 1977 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. Even so, his ability was sufficient to convince the Van Cliburn Foundation to raise \$10,000 to finance his New York debut in January 1978. Within two months of Egorov's debut every available slot of his tour was booked. The OU concert is part of his second recital tour in the U.S.

Born in the Soviet Union in 1954, Egorov studied at the Moscow and Kazan Conservatories. He won awards in both the Margurite Long-Jaques Thebaud competition in Paris (1971), and the 1975 Queen Elizabeth Competition in Belgium.

It was during the latter competition that he decided to leave Russia, but was unable to defect due to the political

climate. Not until 1977 was he finally able to defect from Russia. Egorov is now a Dutch citizen.

Tickets for Egorov concert

are available at the CIPO box office. General admission tickets are \$6, and tickets for OU students and senior citizens are \$3.



PIANIST Youri Egorov

'Bluegrass Benefit' at Varner

By Kent Newman
Sail Staff Writer

Detroit, "the motor city," is usually not considered a suitable subject for most poets and writers—or musicians.

Apparently, the Original Bluegrass Opera of Detroit does not agree, the five young musicians who make up the performing part of the Original Bluegrass Opera of Detroit. The stories the group will use in a benefit concert for the United Way are the work of Bud McKirgen.

"He tells a story about the auto workers of Detroit," said Terry Harwell, a representative of the United Way.

The Original Bluegrass Opera will appear February 1 in Varner Recital Hall at 8 pm.

Tickets are \$2.50 general admission, \$1.00 for OU students and are available at the door or at the campus ticket office, 49 Oakland Center. All proceeds will go to the United Way of Pontiac North-Oakland County.

Congress sets "Long Range" goals for '79

By Sheba Bakshi
Sail Staff Writer

Congress President, Mary Sue Rogers and Congressmembers have set up certain long-range goals for the 1979 Congress and stated them in a memorandum released this week.

The members will lay groundwork to decide how to achieve these goals.

The goals, divided into four groups, have been perceived by Congressmembers as being the most important issues to be dealt with.

THE FOUR GOALS are: to provide services for students; to represent and advance the needs of students; become a decision making body for students; and make OU more efficient for student needs.

Congress will strive to become a decision-making body for students by improving its reputation, by being more informed about other groups at OU and by recommending and shaping policies and procedures.

"CUT RED TAPE" is one of Congress goals to make OU more efficient for student needs. One idea is to develop a bus system from the dorms, setting up an "action line" committee and conducting surveys.

Ad-hoc committees will be formed by the Congressmembers to deal with each goal.



Congressional and Senate Committees are now open. Call 377-3097 for more information or stop by the University Congress office, 19 Oakland Center

SALE

Store-wide reductions on nationally advertised jewelry, watches and giftware Savings from 10% to 50% off

Sale Ends January 31

ROBERT R. ROSE
RR Jewelers

Family Jewelers Since 1908

336 Main, Rochester 652-2400

AREA HALL COUNCIL

presents:

TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER

A Statewide Conference on Leadership and Assertiveness

February 10, Oakland Center
\$7 per person

Preregister through the CIPO office, 49 O.C., or AHC office, 403 Hamlin Hall.