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Riegle speaks on candidacy

By Annette Veginski

Donald Riegle Jr., appeared Friday at 1:30 in the Sunset Room of the Oakland Center to discuss his recent decision to run for the U.S. Senate.

Riegle gave several reasons for his interest in the U.S. Senate seat. One factor is that he feels Phil Hart's example of independent thinking must be carried forward. He also feels strongly about challenging the seniority system in the Senate. Another motive is his present dissatisfaction with the workings of Congress, and his belief that he can run the strongest democratic ticket in the election.

Riegle feels there is a need to elect a new president but does not believe any present candidate to be satisfactory. He is opposed to any appointment to the Supreme Court by an unelected president. This poses a unique opportunity, he feels



Rep. Donald W. Riegle

for the people to have direct influence on the appointment, by means of who they elect in the next presidential election. Now that reforms have been made in the funding of political campaigns to cut out big business, Riegle feels that more than ever it's mandatory that the public contribute and participate in self-government.

Riegle noted the serious condition of our economy, calling it "a strategic political move" that allowed unemployment to rise in order to cut inflation. He believes that no attempts to remedy the situation will be

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Students asked to aid in bicentennial planning

During the Bicentennial era, the city of Pontiac is planning to utilize the energy and opportunity of celebration and initiation in an effort to further the integration of community spirit. Frank Mazza of Pontiac is the coordinator of the activities of the Pontiac Bicentennial Celebration Committee.

With the new Pontiac Stadium hovering over its remnants, a downtown beautification plan to the tune of \$700,000 recently was approved by the City Commission, which means a total face-lift. It is hoped that in the near future, a rapid transit system be constructed from the downtown area to the Stadium and then perhaps onto Oakland University.

In an attempt to involve the local campuses in the celebration and revitalization, the Pontiac Bicentennial Celebration Committee, is now exploring the possibi-

lity of off-campus credit for Oakland University students for the purpose of field work and community experience.

The projects under consideration are the following:

Town Meeting '76 - think tank day presented by the Institute of Cultural Affairs to bring all elements of the community together to brainstorm, investigate, propose and refine programs to combat the plagues of the Pontiac community.

Bicentennial Minute - a daily spot to be aired over WPON to trace the past city headlines, announce calendar events, and stimulate the community through broadcasts with a revolutionary flair.

Governor Moses Wisner Carriage House & Conference Facility - The Pontiac Bicentennial Celebration Committee

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Book Co-op organized

By Beth Isenberg

Have you sold any textbooks back to the University Bookstore lately? If not, let University Congress Book Co-op Research Committee lessen the blow you are going to receive. You are going to lose 50 to 90% of the price you paid for every textbook and paperback purchased through the bookstore.

According to members of the committee and Bill Marshall, director of the Oakland Center, the goal of this group is to determine if there is a "harm" to the Bookcenter/Oakland Center if University Congress establishes a used book exchange. The form of this exchange will be a listing service available to sellers and buyers.

Chairperson of the Book Co-op Research Committee, Mike Jay expressed the need for

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Fire engine dispute resolved

By Lawrence D. Hadley

Due to protests from Lansing, Pontiac Township will house its \$250,000 hook-and-ladder fire truck at its own firehall instead of at OU's new Public Safety Service Building.

When OU received funding for the building two years ago it was aware of Pontiac Township's intent to buy the truck. No storage agreement had been made at that time.

Pontiac Twp. Fire Chief Arthur Peterson states that an agreement was made to store the fire engine there when the building was under construction. The university retracted its offer after it

became aware of strong opposition from the Executive and Legislative branches of the state government, through their central agencies. The offer had stood until two or three weeks before completion, President Donald D. O'Dowd said.

The fire apparatus is capable of use for rescuing students in the large dormitories (Vandenberg, Hamlin, Hill, Van Wagoner) should they be trapped in the upper floors when fire broke out.

Pontiac Twp. originally considered the purchase several years ago when Oakland was building the large dorms. It would have other uses in Pon-

tac Twp's multiple dwellings and warehouses, Chief Peterson said.

OU had been requesting its own fire equipment for several years, O'Dowd said. The request is still entered with the state, but its chances are slim, owing to the recent budget cutbacks.

The argument against OU storing the fire engine was based on precedents against units of the state government giving assistance to local governments. An example mentioned by O'Dowd was the case of the University of Michigan paying the city of Ann Arbor \$1 million per year for police and fire protection. The legislature stopped its practice as Ann Arbor was getting tax rebates from the state based on the number of students in their dormitories.

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Editorials and Letters to the Editor

Congress is the representative body of the student, but without a greater input from students there is a serious question as to its real authority. Without serious and consistent contact with students, commuter and resident, black and white, male and female, Congress cannot function with full efficiency.

The politics of Congress have bogged the operations of the body into a quagmire of repetition, ineffectuality,

and petty bickering. The need for new ideas, fresh blood, and different perspectives in Congress is desperate. Congress cannot function properly without a high number of students involved, both at the polls and at the meetings.

Congress has, in the previous year, moved into a new, dynamic period. The creation of OU/Students Associated for Lower Tuition, the involvement of students in the budg-

et process, and the creation of the Student/President Advisory Board, student involvement in the collective bargaining process and the food service contract negotiation all attest to the growing influence of Congress.

In order to maintain this growth, Congress must have a greater number of students involved, particularly at the voting booths. If there is any hope of Congress further increasing the voice of stu-

dents in the administrative affairs of Oakland, Congress must be given a mandate from the students and must have a high level of student involvement.

Gary A. Foster, Congressman

(Editor's note: The views expressed in the above editorial are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent those of the Oakland Sail.)

The next issue, which will be our Holiday issue, will not be out on the stands until Wednesday, Dec. 10.

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Editor:

I am writing this letter with reluctance. Not because I don't feel the things that are stated, but that I had to write it because no one else would. Certainly, the association of my name with yours is as conspicuous as it can be.

All I heard before you ever published your first issue was, "Gee, won't it be great to have a quality student newspaper around again!", and "Finally we'll have an adequate means of communication!"

All I have heard since you have published your first issue has been, "Dammit, they've misspelled my name!", "Look, they've forgotten some of the page numbers!", and, "Hey, they've left out a line in this story!"

Conceptually, the Oakland Sail is exactly what every one has always wanted a student newspaper to be: A quality publication, that serves as an adequate communication vehicle. Now that they have what they have conceptualized,

all they can do is bitch about petty drivel.

Because no one else can say it, and not because of who I am relative to you, I think you and your staff have done an excellent job at establishing what has proven to be a student community newspaper that exceeds everyone's hopes, even though they may not let you know about it.

Gerard T. Donnelly, student

Editor:

May I take this opportunity to thank the Oakland University community for its support of the Florynce Kennedy lecture.

Dorothy H. Davis
Program Chairperson
Women's Potential

All letters to the editor must be correctly signed, an address given and limited to 350 words in length. Names may be withheld for adequate reason.

School of Engineering
Oakland University

Seminar

INTERVIEWING FOR A JOB

Thursday, November 20, 1975

3-5 p.m.

Room 202 Dodge Hall

Sponsored by Committee for Students and Young Engineers-Engineering Society of Detroit. K.A. Meade, Seminar Chairman.

THE CAMPUS INTERVIEW

Walter Good, College Relations Program Manager (retired), Ford Motor Company.

Discussion

THE JOB VISIT INTERVIEW

Wayne B. Middleton, P.E. District Engineering Manager, Administration and Personnel, Michigan Bell Company.

Discussion

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER IN PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND CONSULTING

Theodore D. Dziurman, P.E., President Oakland Chapter, Michigan Society of Professional Engineers.



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Student reps. to act Sun on income tax increase

By Donald R. Fuller

Michigan Students Associated for Lower Tuition, representing over 225,000 students from ten state four-year colleges and universities, will decide Sunday whether to support an income tax increase to overcome the state financial deficit.

In a meeting earlier this week, a committee was directed to develop a position paper based on information compiled by SALT research committees. That report is due Sunday at 11:00 a.m., when representatives from Central Michigan, Eastern Michigan, Ferris State, Grand Valley State, Lake Superior State, Michigan State, Oakland, University of Michigan, Wayne State, and Western Michigan Universities

meet in East Lansing to take a stand on the tax question.

Other SALT business: A resolution was unanimously passed in support of the maintenance of Monteith College, an inner-college of Wayne State University. Monteith has recently been under fire by the WSU administration reportedly in an effort to decrease spending at the University.

Gary A. Foster, research coordinator for Oakland University/SALT, introduced the measure supporting Monteith and added, "Quality education throughout the state has been the concern of Michigan/SALT and the efforts to eliminate Monteith College is a direct assault on the wide range of high quality education that the students today are demanding.

"Should Monteith College be closed, similar programs at U of M, MSU, OU, and other four-year schools will soon be feeling the pressure. Closing this type of college at any of the state schools will be to deny students an opportunity to pursue the kind of education which will serve their needs," he added.

Riegle

(continued from p. 1) taken until the presidential election is at stake, and that actually, crucial decisions should be made now.

Representative Riegle also discussed recent foreign policy, an area in which he believes the public has been misled by presidents of both parties, stating that he has "lost the ability to be trusting with our foreign policy representative."

Riegle discussed his change in party affiliation, which he attributes to the fact that although he began as a Republican, his father's party, throughout his career his ideas, practices, and voting had become more similar to the Democrats.

At present, Riegle is serving his 5th term as U.S. Congressman for the 7th district in Flint, where he was born and raised.

Lost:

Reward. 35 mm Mamiya Sekor camera with Minolta lens cap. Left in car by hitchhiker travelling north on I-75 Friday, Nov. 14, 1975. Please contact Mike Lane, 1-616-946-7669. Leave name and number where you can be reached.

Classified ads can be placed in the office of the Oakland Sail or at the Office of Student Organizations. The cost for placing an ad is \$.10 a word; minimum charge \$1.00.

Eastern Michigan University

An affirmative action employer is seeking Graduate Assistant and/or Teaching Fellow applicants for the Winter Semester 1976 in the following departments: Physical Education, Psychology, Sociology, Administrative Services & Business Education, Accounting and Finance, History, Speech and Dramatic Arts, Management, Biology.

Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree, be accepted into the department's degree program and have an undergraduate academic record that exceeds the average of students currently admitted.

Send resume to the appropriate Department Head, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan, 48197.

Book Co-op

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student involvement in this attempt to see that students are not cheated out of their money when reselling and buying used books in the bookstore.

A possible solution to this situation would be to have a student transaction center where students make a list of the books they will sell. These lists would be posted in a special room in order of subjects. The student will then be able to buy the book he needs at a reduced price of the owners choice.

The problem remains, however, whether or not the Oakland Center bookstore will

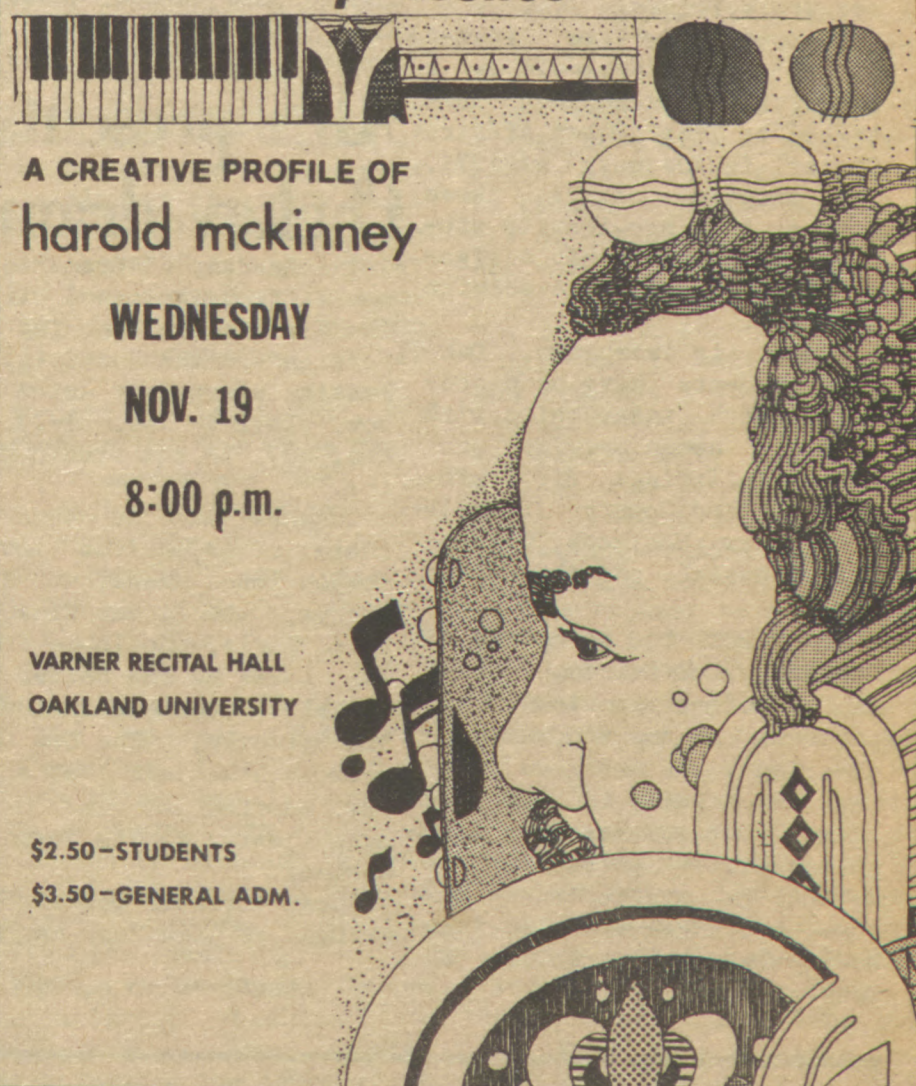
lose out because of this kind of event. The people of this committee would like to see some fair results come out of this seemingly unfair operation of the buying and selling of used books in the bookstore.

If anyone is interested in joining the committee or giving any helpful suggestions call Mike Jay at the University Congress Office at 377-3097.

TONIGHT!

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