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SAB severely cuts appeal requests

By Dave Ross

The Student Activities Board took a hard line in its appeal hearings October 24. The board granted only \$125 of the \$1510 requested by the five groups who appealed their fall allocations.

Intrepid Souls requested an additional \$355 for a ball and dinner party. SAB granted them \$100 for the ball.

The Human Interaction Center was granted an extra \$10 for operating expenses.

SAB also granted \$15 for publicity to the Society of Automotive Engineers. They had requested \$95 for transportation, publicity and lectures.

The Association of Black Students requested \$300 for the Powell Lecture Series and a newsletter. Philo said the board felt the request was not justified and decided to turn it down.

Students for the Village requested an additional \$750 for their coffee house. SAB also denied their appeal.

Philo said the board felt that since the Village already had \$7000 from the "Check Yes" campaign at registration they should not be allocated any additional student fee money.

"If their goal is to have activities in the lower level of the Barn," she said, "they have the choice of using the 'Check Yes'

money."

Philo said the board members had indicated they would not fund the Village for the winter term either. She said any organization receiving that much money should not be allocated funds from SAB.

Elizabeth Mar, President of Students for the Village, said, "As a student organization promoting campus programs, we feel entitled to SAB funds."

"We are a legitimate student organization, and a
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Trustees pass projects

The Board of Trustees approved the Capital Outlay Budget program, and approved a water project for the East Campus at their meeting Wednesday. The top priorities on the Capital Outlay Budget Request were the new Classroom/Office Building (COB II), the Library addition, and a new science building. Top priority for remodeling was the work needed in Hannah Hall to convert classrooms into lab space.

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COB II was listed as top priority because there are 2000 more course enrollments this year than last, and

according to O'Dowd there isn't an unused classroom on campus between 6:30 and 10p.m.

According to Kenneth Coffman, Vice President for campus and student affairs, after the state legislature approves the funding project, "We will be able to start construction within eight weeks." Ideally, the building will be completed in two to three years. However, as President Donald O'Dowd said, there doesn't seem to be any solution for overcrowding in the immediate future.

The science building is still in the early stages of development. Coffman said the approval of this request could raise questions about the Hannah Hall remodeling project.

The remodeling would have a more immediate beneficial effect because it can be finished within one year of legislative approval, but the science building will take until at least 1982.

The remodeling will involve converting classrooms into laboratory space. O'Dowd said the lack of lab space is limiting growth in related sciences.

The East Campus Water
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An old student helps to set record blood drive donation (top photo) while two old administrators get a pie in the face to cap a record alumni telethon (bottom photo).

Welfare topics discussed

by Toni Simonetti

The Urban Affairs Center sponsored a Welfare Reform Conference October 26 to present and analyze President Carter's plan for reform of the welfare system and to provide an opportunity for discussion for concerned citizens.

Among the speakers at the conference were Jacqueline Scherer, assistant professor of Sociology and Anthropology; Dorothea Harrington from the Social Security Administration; Ladoria Smith, chairperson of the Oakland County Coalition of Welfare Rights Organizations; and Selma Goode from the Michigan Welfare Rights.

The Welfare Reform Act,

HR 7200, proposed by the Carter Administration in August, 1977, states that existing welfare programs will be consolidated into one federal/state administered cash benefit program. Food stamps and similar subsidies are among the programs being eliminated.

Also included in the proposal would be subsidized employment and negative income tax programs for the unemployed and underemployed--those employed, but not receiving enough to raise their income above the poverty level. The new proposal would gradually replace the existing programs over a three year period and cost an additional \$2.8 billion.
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feed-back

In the October 14th edition of the Oakland Sail, there was an editorial on the lack of enthusiasm from the current generation on political affairs. The author of said article stated the reason for the apathy to be greed and selfishness, and beseeched the youth of today to "get it together."

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He felt the maxim "God is Bread" untrue.

I wish to address the author, his proponents and all who feel that the only way to handle a problem is to: stand up and yell, picket, hold sit-ins, set themselves afire, bomb buses, kidnap heiress, assassinate their opposition, or perform other radical actions to "prove their cause." What have you gained by such methods except sore throats and feet, death for yourself, no transportation, higher taxes, and prison. Did any of these actions exert your goals? If stopping the Viet Nam war is an example, please stop yourselves and think.

I feel insulted and so should you if you think the current generation is greedy or selfish; both are intolerable attitudes. You, the past generation(s), should feel insulted, because one generation learns from another and therefore you, as our instructors, are equally to blame.

Actually, everyone should be proud of all our generations because we have learned from a recent mistake. There are more expedient and rational methods to have your opinions heard. I am taking such a course now by writing to this paper. Another good method is writing our representatives and informing them that one would appreciate action on any matter. The third way is door to door, and town meetings, to have groups of people discuss problems. That way all become informed and are able to rationalize solutions to problems and suggest to leaders.

Who in their own mind can deal with an individual who resorts to extreme methods except to label them either immature, a lunatic, or both.

Next time, individually or as a people, we find fault or disagreement, I hope we can act democratically. By putting to use our free press, governmental representatives, and rights to open negotiations, we can find a more viable way of achieving our desires goals. Democracy is something we've always had but have often failed to use.

-Patti Taube

Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to men in the OU/Rochester area. From two men who are in the process of sharing what it is to be a man in emerging 21st century America. We have discovered that there is a long list of topics that we feel are important to discuss and/or come to grips with, that can help us to better understand who we are, and who we want to become. What we are interested in is becoming more sensitive human beings, and learning how to become more caring persons.

OU/Rochester men are invited to the first gathering of Men's Potential, in the OU/Rochester area. Men of all lifestyles are welcome. We are interested in discovering and learning about the variety of lifestyle alternatives open to men.

Can we increase the understanding and sensitivity to the women and men in our lives? Can we as persons discover what personhood is, and what it can become for us? We can discover a new richness in being men, and emerging as persons, in this changing society and world.

We want to share with men who have different understandings of their personhood, and what it is to be men. Would you come and share your thoughts and feelings with us. We will meet on Monday, Oct. 31 from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m., and

unique one," she said, "because we embrace the goals of the Village concept. If the SAB wishes to question the use of the 'Check Yes' dollars we welcome them because we feel our decision concerning 'Check Yes' money is always in the best interest of the Village Project."

According to Mar, the Village received only \$3080 from the 'Check Yes' campaign. She said the Village had a total of \$6088 in its account including the 'Check Yes' dollars.

Mar said the Students for the Village decided at the very beginning of the fall term to use all 'Check Yes' money for construction and renovation of the Village. Fliers used to promote the

every Monday thereafter at 323 West Fourth Street in Rochester (S.E. corner of Fourth and Oak Streets). For further information contact Dan McLay at 628-5468 or Alan Wayne Frink at 651-5281.

Dear Editor:

I appreciate the article on the Arts & Sciences Assembly (A&SA). Reuben Torch, Dean of Arts & Sciences has anything possible to avoid seating students in the A & SA, and has resisted any student participation in Arts & Science matters.

Dean Torch claims he knows of no election of students to the assembly. I would suggest that Dean Torch is better informed than he pretends. The last university congress election, Feb. 1 & 2, 1977, included an Arts & Science ballot for assembly seats, in accordance with all congress & assembly guidelines. The results were validated one week later.

These facts have been brought to the Deans' attention. The university congress office has notified all relevant administrators of the February election results. That Dean Torch chooses to refute this is both irrelevant and indicative of the Dean's attitude towards student representation.

Gary Foster

Appeals - continued

Village say the Village includes the yellow barns behind Dodge and Hannah Halls and "The Village Project is a plan to renovate and restore these buildings for student use."

The Village is currently working to raise approximately \$15000 for the construction of rest rooms in the lower level of the Barn. President O'Dowd has said he will donate \$8000.

Appeals that are denied by SAB may be taken before Congress for reconsideration. Mar said she plans to use that option.

SAB chairperson Philo said, "I am not against groups appealing to Congress. Sometimes, that is where a major decision has to be made."

Editor's Opinion

At 14 I could do homework only while simultaneously watching TV, listening to CKLW, and discussing Friday night's dance on the phone. Seems my concentration needed anything but silence at that point. Now I find it nearly impossible to read without some degree of peace and quiet. I've either learned how to study or I'm prematurely senile.

So, I go to the library when I need to concentrate. A library is supposed to be quiet, isn't it? I think that's what they told me.

Enter any other university in Michigan and you can hear the "click" of the thumb-tack stuck in the sole of your shoe. Ah, silence! But enter Kresge Library at OU and the talking is so loud you have to go back and make sure the sign said "Library" and not "Oakland Center."

The first time I was faced with this situation I excused it. Maybe everyone had a bad day and couldn't sit still.

Second time around I thought maybe not everyone needs silence to study--perhaps I was asking too much.

After three years of

nothing but "bad days" at Kresge, I've concluded that some OU students use the library as a meeting place instead of as a resource.

I have no quarrel with library socializing as long as it doesn't interfere with my studying. My silence doesn't intrude on library socializing. Loud socializing does, however, keep me from comprehending what I'm trying to read.

Perhaps university librarians don't enforce the silence rule we were all (supposedly) taught throughout elementary and secondary school because they assume that college students shouldn't have to be reminded to be considerate. Perhaps they are assuming too much.

Why is OU's library so much louder than others? Why don't people who want to talk while they study rooms designed for this purpose? Do OU students really need librarians to remind them to be quiet because people are trying to study? I'm left wondering if common courtesy is a lost art.

-Kathleen E. Roggow
Feature Editor

Welfare -continued

Harrington discussed the present system of welfare, claiming it is "bewildering and demeaning to recipients," provides inadequate job opportunities and work incentives, and is susceptible to "fraud, error and abuse." She said the new proposal would eliminate many of these problems through better quality control, computerized income evaluations and eligibility equity.

Smith argues against the new proposal. She said there would be "no sensitivity coming out of computers," and that many people are still hungry and will still be cold this winter in spite of the new proposal.

Smith was successful in arousing the audience and the awareness increased during Goode's presentation which also criticized the

new proposal. She supported the new program rather than provide better benefits for recipients. "Doesn't raising a family have any monetary value? Or social value?" The audience reacted with cheers of approval.

The audience was given a chance to respond to the speakers' comments and to ask questions near the end of the conference. Many unanswered questions and comments were made: "We cannot survive on \$2.30 per hour," and "It's the tax system that needs reforming," and "If a social worker doesn't like you, you'll get less money."

The meeting was ended with many of the audience's questions still unaired.

Faces in the crowd



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News Analysis

By Mark Clausen

On Wednesday Oct. 19 Project Unity, a subcommittee of Area Hall Council, sponsored a discussion concerning problems students encounter in the residence halls.

About 130 people attended the meeting in the Hamlin lounge and some seemingly important points were brought out in the discussion.

Members of Area Hall Council used re-enactments of five real problem situations in the residence halls to stimulate discussion. The audience was then asked by mediator Bobbie Minor what the problem was. After the situational conflicts were established he asked what some possible solutions were.

Minor led a relatively unstructured discussion. Although the method generally meant the loudest voice spoke the most, it brought out some interesting ideas. Many of these strayed from the "formal" agenda of topics.

Perhaps the most significant discussion centered around a major concern of Project Unity: race relations. Many students--black and white--stated they felt many whites on

campus were in fact afraid of blacks. Some said this led blacks to display aggressive behavior toward whites and try to take advantage of the situation.

The discussion itself seemed partial evidence of the contentions. Blacks dominated the dialogue even though the audience was racially balanced.

The audience's solution to this seemed to be familiarity and communications between the races in terms of honesty and efforts to get to know members of the other race.

This year on campus I have felt a general polarization between blacks and whites. Each seem to be divided into their own closed subgroups and cliques. Campus life will be much better when these groups get together.

It seems that, discussions like this are a step in the right direction. Thoughts and feelings can be expressed in this setting which don't usually come out in regular dorm living.

The discussion helped me to learn a little bit about "the other guy" and how to relate to him better. And to me, that's what campus life is all about.