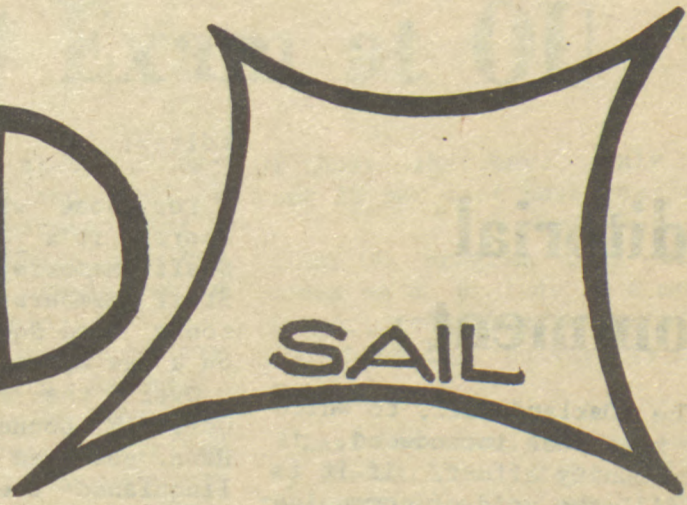


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O'Dowd welcomes new paper

by Lisa Mills

One person on OU's campus who is very optimistic about the new university newspaper is President Donald D. O'Dowd, who stated that, "Publishing a newspaper is a tremendous undertaking."

When asked what a student newspaper should accomplish, O'Dowd said, "I suppose it has a variety of roles. I have always thought that the most important was simply information about where the institution is, what's going on, what are its accomplishments, triumphs, and a variety of other things."

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Campus-wide strikes averted Faculty, secretaries reach agreements

by Donald Fuller and Thomas Hawn

Many faculty members may soon be taking home more pay pending a ratification vote of a recent tentative agreement between Oakland University and the American Association of University Professors (AAUP). The Clerical/Technical Association-United Auto Workers (CTA/UAW) local 1925 ratified their contract by a vote of 137-3 with three abstentions Sept. 4.

According to the faculty agreement, wages will be increased an average of \$1000 in take-home pay, a 5.8 percent hike. CTA employees: departmental secretaries and technical staff, will receive

an across-the-board wage increase of 5.1 per cent retroactive to July 1, 1975, in accordance with provisions of the 1974-75 contract.

Other highlights of the AAUP agreement include the establishment of an "agency shop" for full-time faculty. Under this plan, all full-time faculty members must either join the AAUP with full membership, or pay dues

to the union and waive its representation. This clause now insures that the AAUP is the official bargaining agent for the faculty, a situation which has not been concrete in the past.

The CTA/UAW contract provides for a 100 per cent increase in the contribution made by the University to the employee Career Development

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At the recent student/administrative tug-o'-war, President Donald D. O'Dowd (hard-hat) strained and V.P. Kenneth Coffman fell (above); while Stan Schwarz (life jacket) and John Lawton savored the anticipated victory in the New Student Week affair. (Photos by the Observer & Eccentric)

Letters to the Editor

Editor:

Editorial Comment

The Oakland Sail, to which you have been introduced, is a community effort. If it is to fill the void of communication that is present on this campus, it will take a group of people to act, react, and to interact as a community.

Whether you read it, write for it, gripe about it, or even praise it, you are still an intricate component of the community, and, therefore are an essential participant in this publication.

I am not referring only to those of us who have so diligently worked at putting out this first issue, but rather to all of you who will, in some way or another, relate to this endeavor.

If this publication is to succeed where previous ones have failed, the Sail definitely needs the entire university support.

Terry Kalausich

P.S.: Our efforts, in the long run, may turn out to be quite a "voyage," but we eventually hope to bring everything into "focus!"

For those who are keeping score it's ex-Executive Staff Members-3, Original Staff Members-1. John Lawton's "God Squad" has taken on a new appearance.

Over the summer months, Gerard T. Donnelly, Thomas R. Hawn, and Fred Jensen all relinquished their positions on University Congress' executive staff for various reasons.

Gerry Donnelly, former chairman of the Student Activities Board resigned due to time restraints on his academic schedule and has been replaced by Laurel Wisniewski. Tom Hawn's position as ombudsperson was vacated upon his graduation, with that seat on the staff yet unfilled. Fred Jensen was mysteriously and swiftly removed from the executive staff by Mr. Lawton over the summer for reasons not yet known publicly. Speculation has it that Fred was fired because he couldn't afford to reside in Rochester over the summer, choosing to live and work at home, while John Lawton desperately needed an executive assistant. Donald R. Fuller is the new executive assistant.

The only original member of the executive staff remaining is James J. Bier, chairman of the Concert-Lecture Board.

Yet another major figure who has just recently resigned is Raymond Torongeau,

former Congress Steering Committee chairman. Ray quit due to a definite lack of potential in Congress, and considered it a waste of time "steering" a student government that doesn't even know what direction it wants to go. Ray's seat as chairman has been filled by J. Michael Schluckebier.

There seems to be a definite trend here. Those persons who by the nature of their job are required to work with John Lawton as president of the University Congress all seem to have left. What about Jim Bier you ask? Jim is the only one who has remained rather professionally aloof from Lawton and is not required to work as close to him as the others

were.

I think the former and original Executive Staff is trying to non-verbally express their feelings for John Lawton. I think that they have done a rather effective job of it. I just wish I could have expressed mine in a little more blatant way in this article, but I think that you know what they are.

Sincerely,

I. M. Laffin

(Editor's note: This article was received and signed as it appears above. The views expressed are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent those of the Oakland Sail.)

Shackett Fills vacancy on Steering Committee



For the second time since its inception, the University Faculty Senate has approved the nomination of a University Congress-member to a seat on the Senate Steering Committee. John Shackett, a member of Congress and a Student Senator, filled one of six vacancies on that committee on Sept. 18.

In essence, the steering committee calls Senate meetings and provides direction for that body by deciding the agenda items to be discussed at Senate meetings.

OTHER CONGRESSIONAL ACTION:

Laurel Wisniewski has been approved as the new Student Activities Board (SAB) Chairperson replacing Gerard T.

Donnelly who resigned Aug. 31 due to educational commitments. The SAB's main function is to allocate a portion of the student activities fee to student organizations.

Also, Congress has decided to continue the ombudsperson program it began last Winter. The vacancy caused by the graduation of Thomas R. Hawn, is scheduled to be filled at tomorrow night's Congress meeting.

A letter is currently being drafted denouncing the lack of switchboard service after 5:30 pm and on weekends. The letter will be sent to members of the University administration including President Donald D. O'Dowd.

Vacancies filled at the last Congress meeting included those on the Concert/Lecture Board and the recently-formed Committee on Commuter Affairs. New CLB members are Rosemary Chase, Pat Renshaw and Rudy Ochs. The CCA is composed of Ruby Srika, Don Carr, Joan Pugh, Rudy Ochs, J. Michael Schluckebier and Karl Davis.

Many unfilled student positions still remain on Congressional and Senate committees. For a complete list and explanation of service requirements, call the University Congress at 377-3097. The office is located at 19 Oakland Center.

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Refugees Prepare for MD Exam at OU

by Steve Neef
Oakland University is home for six Vietnamese refugee doctors. They are participating in the pilot of a proposed series of programs de-

signed to resettle refugee physicians who came to the United States during the Vietnam evacuations.

The doctors and their families are living in Hamlin

Hall. They are studying English, science, and medical science in preparation for a medical exam which is required to gain residence in American hospitals.

Dr. Moon J. Pak, Associate Provost of Health Sciences, is the director of the new program. The doctors arrived after Pak was contacted by the International Rescue Committee, a privately funded resettlement organization.

The committee asked Pak if he could find a place at Oakland for them, provided that they assumed the costs. Pak, with the cooperation of the University, devised a plan whereby the physicians could stay and study during the 1975-76 school year.

Asked about the advantages of the program, Dr. Pak said, "Since they are here, and we brought them here, society has the responsibility to help settle them somewhere.

"There are three advantages to this approach. First, it is the easiest and most useful resettlement plan for immigrants with medical qualifications. Also, this is a meaningful contribution to our small physician manpower pool. And, with the number of Vietnamese immigrants in this country, doctors of the same nationality become increasingly desirable," Pak said.

The exam for which the OU guests are studying is given by the Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates. The test is administered in January and June each year.

Dr. Pak estimates that about 10,000 immigrant physicians have not taken the exam

Of those that have, only about 25 per cent have passed.

The OU program this fall comes as a prelude to a much larger, federally funded plan for which the University has applied.

Last November, Pak was asked by the Michigan State Medical Society to help establish a medical review program for foreign medical graduates. This larger plan would involve 60-80 refugee physicians.

The doctors would begin a four-month term in March, 1976. They would stay at Oakland through June, preparing for the July exam. A subsequent term would begin for a new group of doctors prior to the January exam.

The government has accepted Pak's letter of intent for the program, and has requested a proposal from Oakland. Dr. Pak is confident that the University will receive funds from the \$223 million that President Ford allocated for resettlement.

After completing the ECFMG exam, the doctors are eligible for a year's internship in a hospital. Then, they must pass a Federation Licensing exam. OU has already secured a government-supported preparatory session for this exam.

After passing, the doctors may begin a practice. The end result of Oakland's proposed plan would be the complete process of qualifying the Vietnamese medical graduate to practice in the United States.

Nursing Program now in operation with new dean

by Annette Veginski
The Nursing Program underway at Oakland University is beginning its first year with much work and organization by the OU faculty and Dean Geraldine Felton. Dean Felton, who received her doctorate in education from NYU, took over the program last December.

Before a student is accepted into pre-nursing, the following requirements must be met: successful completion of two years of high school math and science with a 3.0 grade point average. The applicant is also required to take college level math, science, and english placement tests. Dean Felton said, "These are given because inconsistencies in high school education make it necessary for certain students to take remedial subjects."

A grade point of 3.0 must be maintained in order to stay in the program. Acceptance to the nursing program from pre-nursing is dependent upon successful completion of subjects during the pre-nurs-

ing year.

The first-year nursing student devotes ten hours to three different areas: four hours of clinical work spent in a nursing home, clinic, hospital or with the health department; four hours spent in the Nursing Skills Lab; the remaining two hours spent in class. The junior year focuses more time on clinical work and less in labs, while the senior year consists mainly of working with the Health Department and the Visiting Nurses Association.

The State Board of Nursing gave approval to begin the program last July. Upon graduation of the first class, the program will apply for accreditation from the State Board of Nursing. Upon graduation of the second class, the State Board will award this accreditation.

The program is open to men, approximately eight or nine of which are currently enrolled.

Parking Survey Planned

by Bob Massey
After several weeks of confusion, the University's new parking system seems to be running smoothly.

The new system, which was put into effect this semester, makes use of decals for those parking in restricted areas only. The areas affected are Ride Pool lots, Head Resident Trailer and Handicapped spaces and all loading areas.

According to Public Safety Director, Earl Gray, there is now some relief in the congestion students have been experiencing, and it looks as if

the parking will be adequate for the coming year.

A survey will soon be undertaken by Public Safety in order to determine more precisely the adequacy of the new system and of the parking areas themselves.

Gray, a strong backer of the new system, felt the old system was troublesome, saying, "The old system created animosity and put the Public Safety people in a bind."

Because of the new system, Public Safety has adopted a policy of lenience for the first week and a half of

school, allowing minor violations such as parking outside of designated lines.

In an attempt to make it easier for students to be informed about the new parking procedures, the rules were published on page nine of the student schedules. However, according to Gray, there was still some confusion as students failed to see or understand the new rules.

As for the future, Gray stated that several plans for improving parking conditions are presently under study.