

WHY ELECTION INVALIDATED

Remember the January Congressional election?

Remember it was invalidated? Remember why?

James H. Bullock, chairman of the Election Validation Committee, listed the reasons for invalidation and offered a few recommendations for future elections in a

memo sent to President Donald O'Dowd.

The irregularities in the election causing its invalidation were listed as:

- * the Vandenberg polling station required ID cards validated for winter semester. OC station did not.
- * Hours were set so

that OC polling station was open several hours longer than Vandenberg station.

* Lists used to verify enrollment contained over 200 ineligible voters, some of whom voted.

* Oakland Prep Students were informed of the election later than

time required by the Congress Constitution.

* Election ballots were left unprotected in the OC after being printed.

The Elections Validation Committee announced in its memo that because of "the uncertain rancorous, and distrustful at-

mosphere" of the last election they should offer recommendations for future elections.

Their eleven recommendations to Congress included a revision of the constitution, uniformity in all voting procedures, closer

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ANOTHER FIGHT

University Congress was again struck with a walk-out attempt as its membership voting block balance was unequal at its last meeting.

The issue at stake was Ms. Jennifer Jickling's presidential status as her office expires next week.

With the balance of votes not in their favor, Greg Sutter, Robert Thornton, and Warren Westfall walked out of the meeting, calling quorum. This ended the meeting momentarily as quorum was not then present.

Ms. Jickling immediately followed the members and returned a few moments later with the three congressmen.

With quorum present once again the meeting continued. Congress voted to accept Ms. Jickling as president until election of a new one by the student body.

The walk-out thus proved unnecessary as Ms. Jickling was the candidate supported by Sutter, Thornton, and Westfall. Deena Heide, Chairwoman of the Election Committee, reported to the Congress on the Congress elections to be held March 21 and 22. Petitions are available at the Con-

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Dr. Benjamin Spock who spoke at Oakland University last Wednesday, Feb. 14.

Grads Get Grade Screw

O.U. GRADES
MAY BE
DEVALUED

Oakland students may find it more difficult to get into graduate schools in the near future.

According to Jerry Soloman, student member of the Faculty Senate's Academic Policy Committee, a recent proposal from that committee would in effect "devalue" the grades of many OU students.

The proposal would lower the value of Oakland's numeric grades when converted to a letter grade. Such a conversion is required for applications to all Medical and some Law Schools.

The new conversion system would make grades ranging from 3.6-4.0 an A, 3.0-3.5 a B, 2.0-2.9 a C, and 1.0-1.9 a D.

The system presently used by the Pre-Medical Advisory Com-

mittee is considerably more generous. It has A's ranging from 3.5-4.0, B's are 2.6-3.4, C's are 1.6-2.5, and D's are 1.0-1.5.

There has been no official university-wide conversion scheme in the past.

The reason behind the proposal is that Oakland grades are too high. A table prepared by Dean Howard R. Witt, chairperson of the A.P.C., shows that 25% of all grades awarded at OU are 3.5 or better.

Under the present conversion system, that would mean 25% would be A's. An additional 34% of all grades fall into the current B range.

"True, Oakland grades are high," admitted Soloman, "but this is part of a national trend." Soloman cited the Fall 1972 report of the Office of Institutional Research (ORI) as evidence of this.

"Oakland grades have

V B FLOOD

Dorm students had to eat in the Oakland Center Sunday after water sprinklers magically came on and ruined food and shorted out electric circuits, in Vandenberg Cafeteria,

The trouble started when water pressure activated sprinklers that were located in a

storage room full of canned goods. When the door of the room was opened water flooded out of the room. Appliances then short-circuited.

Food Service then moved to the Oakland Center at about 11:00 in the morning, and not a moment too soon as a hot water pipe located near the elevator at the dock in Vandenberg cracked, leaking into another storeroom containing flour and other ingredients for the bakeshop at the cafeteria.

Food service continued as usual in the O.C. all day.

The trouble was reputed to be because of heating problems that occurred the day before



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Commuting (THE HARD WAY) Made Easy

Not many folks know what commuters can do here at O.U. I decided that it would be interesting to write a descriptive essay about commuters from the "outside looking in."

From a distance commuters seem to arrive on campus around 7:45 a.m., totally saturate the grill, the pool room, North & South

Election

The retake of the University Congress Elections will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, March 21st and 22nd.

Candidates may pick up petitions and the information guidelines at the University Congress office 176 SFH. Deadline is March 5th at 5 p.m. No petitions will be accepted after that time.

Polling places and their times for the election have not yet been established. Further information will be forthcoming.

Foundation Halls, and other buildings between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., and finally leave the campus in a massive exodus, consisting of a mountain of cars, and the gentle roar of a jungle full of lions.

Stereotype? Of course.

I have many friends who are commuters, and they range from mothers who drop their children off at the Child Care Center to individuals who work at the YMCA, local newspapers, and office buildings.

When you get to know members of the "silent majority" you soon realize that their apparent predictable behavioral pattern is only "skin deep." They are people, and they laugh, complain and debate campus and national issues, study for their classes, eat meals, and participate in campus activities.

Commuters do plan and participate in activities sponsored here on

campus. One only has to go over to the Oakland Center, walk to Commuter Services (118 Oakland Center) to see that there are a large number of commuter activities. Under the supervision of Beth Coggins, Director, and James Wu, Assistant Director, Commuter Services offer the following activities and services:

1. Ride Pool

A plan where commuters share rides to and from campus. The advantage to participating in this program is that students can split the parking sticker. The \$26.00 normally charged to one individual is divided by the students who ride together in the car. Students participating in this plan receive prime space in the lots directly opposite North & South Foundation Halls. If you are not a member of a ride pool, a list of individuals interested in forming new ones is available in 118 O.C.

2. Volunteer programs
A list of local agencies interested in having students volunteer some of their time is also available in Commuter Services.

Commuters gain practical experience in local agencies related to their academic majors and interests.

3. Lockers

Tired of lugging all your books around campus, or running to your car between classes? Rent a locker! It costs only \$2.50 per semester with a \$5.00 deposit.

4. Parking Problems

If you have a complaint to register about a parking ticket you can pick up an appeal from the Commuter Service Office. Information about procedures for appealing parking "hassles" can be retained from the office personnel.

5. General Hassles?

The Commuter Service Office is not only a place where you can relax, read good magazines, and find out

what activities are being scheduled for commuters, but commuters can also get information pertaining to any problems they may have. The office's main objective, as stated by Mr. James Wu, is to "make the commuter's stay on campus as pleasant and comfortable as possible."

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sigma xi

A lecture on the newly discovered "magnetic glasses" and examination of their properties will be given by Professor Henry O. Hooper of Wayne State University in a Tuesday, Feb. 20 Sigma Xi lecture at Oakland

The 8:00 p.m. address in room 190 Hannah Hall is open to the public.

The program is sponsored by the OU Sigma Xi Club.

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J.C.C. CALENDAR

NEW FORM FOR FALL

For all those who missed the Arabic movie played at the Det. J.C.C., the holocaust exhibit on the Fireside Lounge and the "Youth Committee for Peace and Democracy in the Middle East" luncheon last week, never fear-there's more to come.

Ulysses

will be shown at the Free School(at Main Branch J.C.C.) at around 8:00 or 8:30.

Mon.4-5:30 Rabbi Kagan's Mystique of the Mitzvah (open to all)

Mon. 7:30-11:30 Israeli Coffee House in the Abstention.

Mon. 8-10:00 Israeli Folk Dancing(Detroit Jewish Center-6 1/2 & Meyers)

Tues. The 'Bet Cafe' (Coffee House) in Detroit. This runs from 8:00 pm on-16845 Muirland (about 5 blocks east of Livernois, 1 block south of 6 mile) Thurs.

8-10:00 Israeli Dancing at the 10 mile Jewish Community Center (10 mile & Church-near Greenfield)

Fri. Uneg Shabat at 8:30 at the 10 mile J.C.C.

Sun. Bnai Moshe Single's Dance (call Bnai Moshe at LI89000 for more info. or Gordon Silverman Service Dept. of the Main J.C.C.-DI14200.)

So far as we know that's all that's happening this month which is out of the ordinary.

QUEEN - BISHOP AFFAIR AT OAKLAND U.

MICHIGAN STATE CHESS TOURNAMENT AT OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

On March 3 and 4, Oakland University, in cooperation with the Michigan Chess Association, will be sponsoring the Michigan Junior Championship Chess Tournaments.

There are three separate divisions in which students, faculty, staff, and their families are urged to participate.

The Junior Championship is open to everyone 21 years of age. Those who enter play six rounds, at 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, and at 9:00 a.m., 1:00

a.m., 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. The entry fee is \$3.00, and no membership fee is required.

A variety of trophies and prizes will be awarded. This should be an especially exciting event - - at least one 4-year-old expert is expected to enter the competition.

The Junior Sponsors Tournament is open to all older Oakland University students, fathers, big brothers, uncles, and friends who bring the junior players, and to any others who wish to contribute to the junior tournaments. A trophy will be awarded to the

winner.

All together, young chessplayers of Michigan will be competing for more than thirty trophies, and prizes, including a trophy to the top finisher for each age and to both the youngest boy and youngest girl to win a game.

Registration for all three events takes place on Saturday, March 3, before 9:30 a.m. in the South Cafeteria of the Oakland Center. You may also register at the Campus Ticket Office,

Air Waves

By the WABX Air Aces

The Rolling Stones, according to New York's Village Voice tabloid, are going to sell "Rolling Stone Beer." Stones' spokesman Marshall Chess, reports the Voice, says that the cans will carry the red "lips and tongue" symbol trademarked by the Stones. No comment yet from Chess.

In Los Angeles, the Stones benefit for Nicaraguan earthquake victims netted nearly \$517,000. Santana and Cheech & Chong appeared with the Stones. The whole thing, start to finish,

was organized in 9 days.

"Billion Dollar Babies," Alice Cooper's next album, caused some minor hassles: as a result of the album poster showing the group surrounded by real money, the Treasury Department and Alice had to run through a number because of laws regulating printing pictures of real \$. Alice flew to Washington himself to get the OK. And if anyone cares, Alice's waist-length jacket ornamented with nine stuffed rats with red

LATINO'S TO HELP PONTIAC

The Latin American Student Organization on campus is planning a project that would take them into the Pontiac community for the purpose of helping the Spanish surnamed families understand the fundamentals of a college education.

Its purpose is to help the Latin community and get students into college for a higher education. Once the plans are put into action, the group may have some motivational power on campus.

As of now, with only twenty-five active members, the organization cannot get involved in many administrative

This is a copy of what the new registration form will look like.

It looks much like the Old form with the advisor and class schedule on it but the grids for each class are noticeable additions to the form.

Checks for the ID number and last name are also made so that a student need not get screwed into the mistake of the offices that he is someone else. Student numbers having 5 or less numbers will begin with zeros on the form to make them fit to the form of the grid for that.

OPERATION: LATINO

problems because of the low number of members.

With their offices of president and other officials vacant at the present time, the group is trying to come up with formal plans for this project. They have been working with the new chicano recruiter, Russell Hernandez, because of his experience as a resident of Pontiac, with his help and the help of the entire organization, they will be able to recruit enough students to be a population worth mentioning on campus.

In order to supply the community with information about the university, the organization needs interpreters. They instituted a work study program which supplied members of the club with jobs in the

organizations office in the O.C. These students are now working on letters to be sent out to the parents of students interested in Oakland. They will be written in both English and Spanish. Once this is done, the organization will be ready to go into the homes of these people and help them understand what Oakland is all about and what advantages their children can have at college. Informed sources in the club say that this is the most important problem at the moment. Once this problem is taken care of, other topics can be approached with the object of solving them so that the community can work on bringing Chicano students to Oakland.



Pop ART on Campus

"American Realism Post-Pop" is the theme of a significant and appealing art exhibition to be staged at Meadow Brook Art Gallery, Oakland University, opening Sunday, February 18 at 3 p.m. The exhibition will continue through Sunday, March 25.

The artists represented in the Post-Pop art exhibition at Meadow Brook Art Gallery are Tom Blackwell, Robert Cottingham, Richard Estes, John Kacere, Noel

en, John Salt, and Paul Staiger. Their works were introduced through "Paintings from the Photos" at the Riverside Museum in New York during 1969-70; "22 Realists" at the Whitney Museum, New York in 1970; and "Realism" at Documenta 5, Kassel, Germany in 1972.

The exhibition at Meadow Brook includes other realists who established themselves since the early sixties. They include Richard Artschwager, Jack Beal, John Clem Clarke, Alex

Katz, Malcolm Morley, Lowell Nesbitt, and Philip Pearlstein.

Meadow Brook Art Gallery is located across the hallway from Meadow Brook Theatre on Oakland University's campus. The Art Gallery is open Tuesday through Friday 1-5 p.m., and 7:30- 8:30 p.m. (only when there is a Meadow Brook Theatre production); Saturday 2-6 p.m.; and Sunday 2-6:30 p.m.

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POEMS

Bill Teters won the university wide AFSCME AFL-CIO election by beating Johnella Andrews, incumbent president by a 4-1 margin, Jan 25. In a tally of 81-20, Teters won with a reform-the-union campaign.

Teters also ran a vigorous campaign, shaking hands and getting campaign literature to lounges and over timeclocks to let members know that he wanted the job.

Other officers elected in the AFSCME vote were Ethel Singleton, secretary, John Wendland, Chief steward, John Straub, vice president,

Brazilian pianist Flavio Varani will preform the Chopin Piano Concerto No. 1 in E Minor as featured soloist for the Oakland University Orchestra winter concert Wednesday February 21 at 8 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall. His performance of the work with the Maracaibo Symphony in Maracaibo, Venezuela last month received critical acclaim.

The OU Orchestra under the direction of David Daniels, associate professor of music, will open the concert with Richard Wagner's "Siegfried Idyll."

The Creative Writing Club is off and running. With a grant of \$1350 and a brand spanking new office (59 Oakland Center) the group hopes to issue a free publication, to the university community, late March or early April. The club, according to William Hunt, president is to:

1. provide a chance for writers to act together and discuss their work with other people, offering criticism or publication information.
2. Publish a collection of poetry, prose, short stories, Photographs, and drawings solicited from club members and the university community.

Hunt, in an interview indicated that eventually he would like to invite speakers to give presentations on writing styles, the short story, and various literary techniques. He be accepted for the publication. If you are really into photography, and would like to submit some of your work, see Bill (129 A Hamlin Hall on campus) or call 377-2706.

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Geoffrey Brace

'Grow and be strong,'
how many times have I heard
those words, But how many
stand like Pillars only to crumble
into ruin with just one fall.
Better it is to sway; growing out
of mire without fear of your origins, using
The slime for nuturance, like the lotus,
spreading your pure form before the Sun,
delighting even saddest and
lifting us all with your
casts in the depths
and your eyes
upon our hearts.

You could lead me through the day
And help me with my heart,
That would be so good for me
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Shines upon your hair,
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