

Students "uptight" since Proposal D

By Karen Wiecha
Staff Writer

More than a year has passed since Michigan residents approved Proposal D stating that only individuals who are twenty-one may possess or consume alcoholic beverages. In that year, Oakland University has suffered symptoms of "dry weekends", "SOS—OU Sucks on Saturday", and illegal beer runs.

Jack Wilson, Dean of Student Life, said, "The major effect that I have seen because of the change in drinking age is that students feel

uptight when talking to their resident assistants (R.A.), professors, and my staff. It makes our job much harder.

"When an R.A. walks into a room to talk to a floor member about classes, a date, family problems, or whatever, and the student has a beer in his or her hand, the atmosphere is already tense. The student wonders what the R.A. will do and the R.A. wonders if he or she should warn the person about illegally drinking."

WILSON said students are misaiming their anger at the

University staff when they should be directing their gripes to Congressmen or forming committees to protest or repeal the law.

One such committee, formed mainly of Hamlin ninth floor (Penthouse) residents submitted a revised hall residence keg policy and had it approved by Wilson in late November. As opposed to the beginning of the school year when no kegs were allowed to be brought into the dorms, 21-year-olds and older now may purchase a quarter barrel on the weekend after

obtaining R.A. and head resident approval.

In the past year the no-keg policy had not stopped certain floors in the dorms from having parties. Since the start of the fall semester, though, there have been between 5-10 violations resulting in removal of kegs. These illegal gatherings caused R.A. division in opinions on having kegs in the dorms. Feedback to head residents was that the parties got out of hand, there was too much noise in the halls, people were destructive, and personal possessions often were reported missing or stolen the next morning.

THERE are R.A.s who feel the parties do not have to run along those lines. Mark Holcomb from the ninth floor of north Hamlin Hall believes that the keg policy will be successful on his floor, and it could work even for the 18-20 year olds.

"If floor members have a good rapport with their R.A., then they will respect his or her wishes that the alcohol be contained in the

rooms along with the noise and music," said Holcomb. The two-year R.A. has allowed his floor to purchase a keg but told them beforehand his requirements and rules.

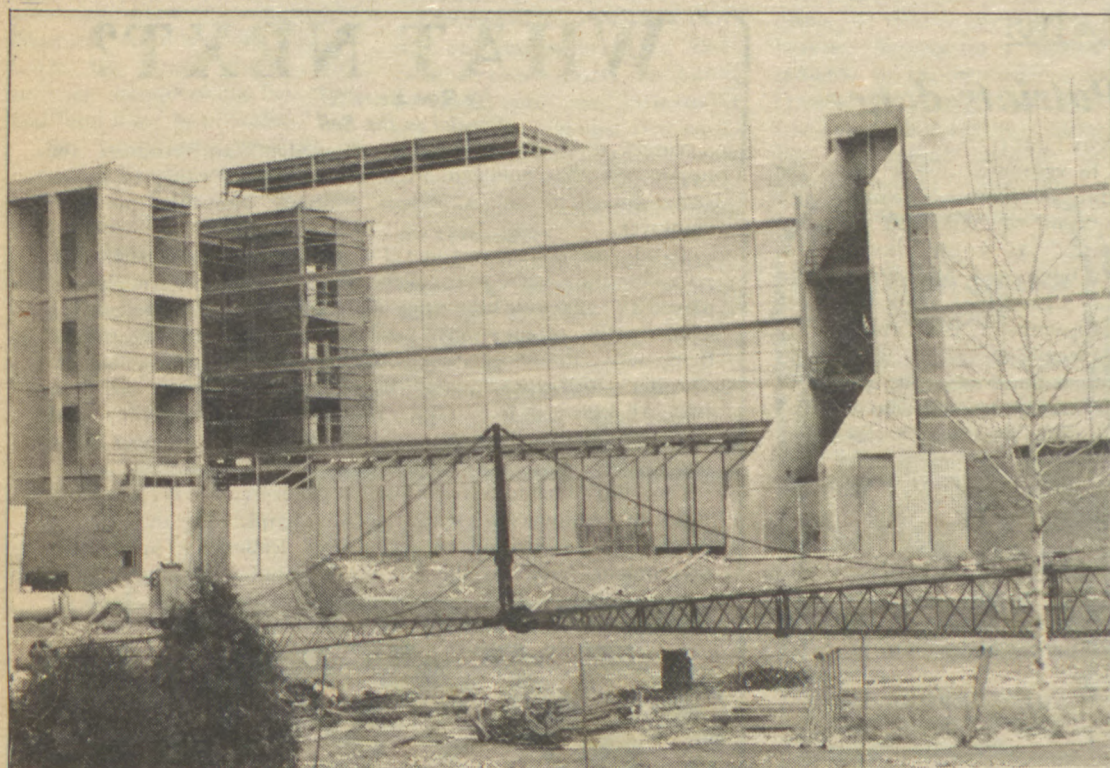
"Other R.A.s don't do that," Mark said. "Usually R.A.s allow one party but don't work with the people to make it successful."

MANY students feel the law change has not affected their ability to purchase alcohol. One student claims he drinks more now because getting the alcohol is a challenge and he enjoys the adventure of fooling the salesclerk. One 19-year-old said she can get alcohol practically anytime she wants.

The Oakland Center (O.C.) policy for the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages at social events, in accordance with the Michigan State Law, has limited functions which can be scheduled. The policy states that, "at events where alcoholic beverages are to be (continued on page 3)

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'You can see yourself in the shine...'

O'Dowd Hall: OU's newest building aquired some its outer mirror shell during the semester break. When finished, the building promises to be a "bright" addition to the campus.

(Photo by Brian Kaufmann)

Candidate loses by one vote

Congress rejects E.A. choice

University Congress greeted Gary McMahan, its new President, at the first 1980 meeting with approving votes for all of his nominations except his choice for executive assistant.

Woman escapes abduction attempt

A man attempted to abduct a woman early yesterday morning in the Vandenberg parking lot.

THE MAN approached the woman at approximately 3 a.m., held a long, silver rod against her side, and threatened to kill her if she didn't follow him. According to Public Safety, the woman who is not believed to be an OU student, began to scream and the assailant put his hand over her mouth. She bit his hand, and the man fled.

Public Safety is continuing its investigation.

approve James Green, McMahan's personal choice for executive assistant. Green needed a majority of the votes (7); he received 5 in favor, 5 opposed, 2 abstentions, and 1 non-voting. Since there was a tie, McMahan voted in favor of Green's approval. The vote was still one short.

The administrative staff members approved were Mike Perry, head of the Student Activities Board (SAB); Mark Maiberger, Chairman of the Concert Lecture Board (CLB); Larry Tomlinson, (former executive assistant), Elections Commissioner; and Dean Waldrup, Financial Assistant.

STAFFS were also approved for the SAB, CLB, O.U. Research Committee of Student Tuition (OURCOST), Student Rights, and Steering Committee.

Congress voted to join the Michigan Higher Education

Student Association. Salary increases were then voted in for the Executive Assistant, SAB Chairperson, and CLB chairperson. The \$6.25 increase raised the bi-weekly salary to \$62.50 for each.

MCMAHAN made a request for recommendations on a new executive assistant. He later said he is considering the recommendations he had received but plans to nominate Green for another vote at the next meeting. McMahan feels Green ran along with him in last semester's election and wants to put his name up for approval at least one more time.

McMahan said he did not know the reasons Green was not approved. "The whole thing is kind of a question," McMahan said. "I think the real reason will come out next week."

Assisting in this story was Corinn Reynolds, Staff writer.

New law causes financial aid delays

Students were forced to wait from two to four hours for their financial aid awards due to a new law which prevents dispersion of money before the first day of classes.

The law, Middle Income Assistance Act also increased the number of students eligible for aid, adding to the long lines and confusion.

STUDENTS READ and studied while waiting their turn.

Marian Czarnik, a student waiting for financial aid, said "Trust Oakland to find a procedure that takes three hours longer than the old one." This was the third time she had waited in line because she didn't "have a two-hour block open" in her schedule to sit and wait.

Another financial aid recipient, Jane Leffel, had been waiting for 25 minutes and expected to wait another 15-20 minutes. "The financial aid is worth it, but this (the new program) stinks."

The eight member staff of financial aid and student accounts

worked up to 14½ hours a day to cope with the increased volume of students.

"Many students failed to read the instructions on the financial aid forms fully," said Gladys Rapoport, director, Financial Aid, which added to the long wait.

ONE PART of the new law resulted in as much as a 150 percent increase in the number of students eligible to apply for aid. The Basic Education Opportunity Grant (BEOG) raised its limits on how much a family can earn to enable more middle income families to apply for the grant.

An employee of the department said that there were not enough qualified people to handle the 2500 students applying for money.

Financial Aid pick-up has been extended to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 18, and the late fee has been waived, for financial aid students only, until after Friday.

(Contributing to this story were staff members Mary Ellen Burke, Dawn-Marie Weber and Brian Kaufmann.)

Theft, fire mar 'peaceful break'

By Mary Ellen Burke
Staff Writer

A theft and a small fire marred the holiday break for Public Safety.

"Christmas break was relatively quiet," said Mel Gilroy, Investigator for Public Safety.

A color television set was stolen from a Vandenberg lounge. The incident was reported on January 6. Public Safety officials say the

television was stolen some time between 11:40 p.m. on January 5. The cost of the television set was estimated at \$300.

ON JANUARY 2, a small fire occurred in the Katke-Cousins Club House located on the East side of campus, when an ember fell down into a wall while workmen were doing some repairs. The fire resulted in minor damages to the golf course club house.

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EDITORIAL

Polygraph tests have no place in rape cases

Prosecuting a case of rape is enough of a traumatizing, draining experience for the victim, but the use of a polygraph test can turn it into a rehash of a nightmare.

The decision by the Detroit Police Department to halt the practice of administering polygraph tests to rape victims should be applauded, with the hope that surrounding suburban communities soon follow suit.

Women have fought long and hard to have rape recognized for what it is: a crime of violence.

ALTHOUGH Michigan adopted legislation four years ago that still considered some of the most progressive in the country, delineating degrees of criminal sexual conduct, the use of polygraphs took that legislation a few steps backward.

Women have fought long and hard to have rape recognized for what it is: a crime of violence. Yet, while legislators, police officials and prosecutors maintain that, yes, they do understand, their insistence on the use of polygraphs belies their assurances.

THE PERSONAL difficulties encountered by victims of rape or attempted rape during the prosecution of a case should be recognized: at least one OU student, who was the victim of an attempted rape in October is familiar with them.

She was not forced to take a polygraph test, and said she was treated well during the investigation, but is not kept aware of the progress of the case. She is much more aware now, she said, of cries for help that could be lost in the general noise on a dormitory floor.

Again, rape victims should be treated with understanding, not prosecuted with polygraphs.

Poor planning adds to financial aid confusion

OU students receiving financial aid who were forced to wait two to four hours for their awards can split the blame for the inconvenience between the federal government and the Financial Aids Offices and Student Accounts offices on campus.

The Middle Income Student Assistance Act was greatly needed by families who earned too much money to qualify for financial aid, but not enough to pay for rising college costs. Although the act enabled more students to receive aid, the clause prohibiting dispensing the awards before the first day of classes created a huge backlog of recipients on all campuses.

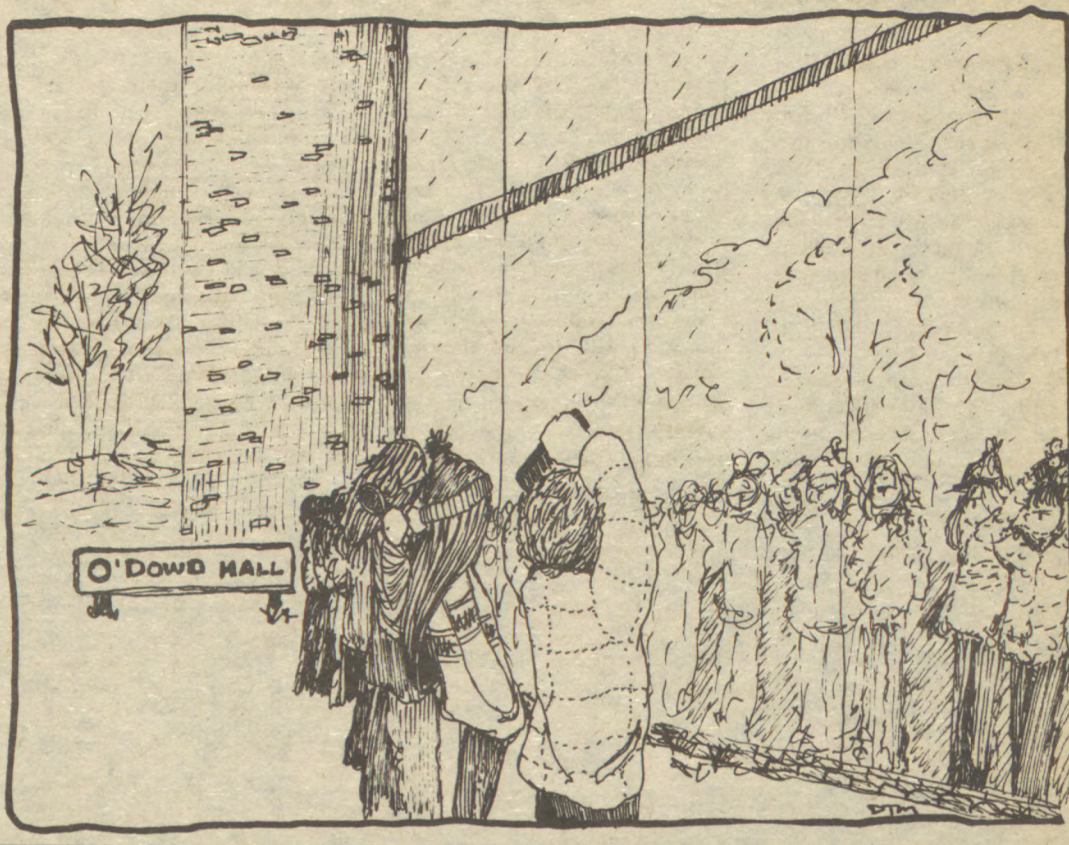
BUT THE TWO to four hour wait encountered by OU students wishing to pick up their financial aid is ridiculous, and an example of poor planning and management. The Financial Aids Office and the Student Accounts Office blamed the new law, but both offices must have been aware of the change and should have planned ahead.

Perhaps students should have been hired to help with the dispensing of the awards, just as student labor is used during Fall registration.

CREDIT should be given that chairs were provided for those waiting, and students were not forced to stand in a two hour line. But whatever the cause for the delays in processing, students, especially commuters who are on tight schedules between classes and jobs, cannot afford that wait.

Advance planning and better management would have eased the burden, both the Financial Aid Office and the Student Accounts Office work to find a better system for next semester.

THE MARSHALL ARTS



Letter

Patriots dance

Dear Editor:

In response to a letter to the editor (December 10) concerning a question of "ignorance and bad taste," I would invite Mr. McQuinn and Mr. Williams to take a good look at themselves.

December 7 "Pearl Harbor Day Dance" was a glorious commemoration to the bravery of the numerous men who believed enough in the United States to give their lives for their country. Mr. McQuinn's and Mr. Williams' ignorance of Delta Alpha Sigma's intention in celebrating the anniversary of a day laden with over 2000 Medals of Honor is regrettable, as is the singularly negative attitude these two men adopt.

PEARL HARBOR was clearly more than another self-inflicted "senseless brutality," if it was ever that. December 7 will always stand in the minds of many as a day exemplifying the American Spirit with patriotism and courage, which is more than I can say about Messrs. McQuinn's and Williams' tasteless suggestions for themes and guest lists of the fraternity's future events.

Nazi Germany, Charles Manson and the Rev. Jim Jones are not Delta Alpha Sigma's ideas of something to hold an event about; nor are their ideals in any way American.

Dave Moroz
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WHAT NEXT?

By Ron Kevern
Special to the Sail

Surely it is important for all students to recognize the importance that being involved in campus life can play in the successful attack of a college graduate upon the potential employer.

As a former college recruiter, I was always most interested when reviewing the resume of a college senior to see if the student had played an active role in campus life. All recruiters are interested in what exactly a senior student has been doing while on the campus. Being active in college student organizations often provided the recruiter with knowledge that the student being considered was a doer. All recruiters like to think that the student being considered for employment will be an active and contributing member of the employee group.

The value of being active in student government was considered highly by employers in a study that was completed by the Western Placement Association. Positions of leadership in student government spoke to the ability of a potential employee to supervise and provide a leadership role within the business or industrial setting as well as in all areas of employment.



Membership in community organizations or clubs provided the employer with additional insight to a student other than strictly the academic performance scale. Although academic performance is considered as most important by the majority of recruiters visiting college campuses, the activity of the student while an undergraduate was given high ratings when considering elements of success in the employment search.

Because the Oakland University student is often a commuting student, he/she does not always become involved within the student life of the campus. All students are urged to become active in a student activity as it not only increases your enjoyment of campus life, but it also has a most important effect on your success in the job search.

Many students ask if activities within the community in which they live provide positive elements in the job search. Most definitely! The employer seeks an active and alive candidate. Persons who have been involved in Girl Scouting, Boy Scouting, United Fund Activities, Church Activities are considered active people, and again - that is a most positive attribute when entering the job search time of your life.

Communication skills are listed as extremely important by all employers and therefore students active in the student newspaper life on the campus are encouraged to have copies of their materials available to present.

Some students have participated in a joint publishing project with a member of the faculty and can list the experience as indeed a part of their campus life while on campus while at the same time being able to demonstrate in a meaningful way that they have communication skills.

There is no doubt that the active university student is considered positively by the employers visiting a university campus. For the undergraduate there is still time: Get Active!

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Auto accident injures Public Safety officer

By Mary Ellen Burke
Staff Writer

Public Safety Officer, Adam Garcia, was injured Wednesday morning when he lost control of a squad car while responding to an assistance call.

GARCIA WAS on duty when he was called to respond to an Oakland County Sheriff Department's call for assistance. He was traveling east along Butler Road at approximately 35 mph when he lost control of the car at approximately 4 a.m. because of slippery road conditions and hit a tree.

Garcia was hospitalized with head and neck injuries. He was treated and released five hours later.

The car suffered extensive damage.



(Photo by Brian Kaufmann)

Drinking

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served and where 18 to 20-year-old guest may be present, all alcoholic beverages must be dispensed from a room separate from the main event...and sufficient non-alcoholic beverages and food must be provided."

Dan Gustafson, president of Area Hall Council, said that AHC functions are harder to plan because of O.C. policy.

UNIVERSITY leadership of the sponsoring groups must also contend with the Michigan Bartender Law, which declares that if an educational institution serves alcohol at a social event and a student leaves the event and engages in some form of

destruction to outside property, that school can be fined as a bartender for liability.

Oakland's 20th Birthday Party was the first event of the 79-80 school year where alcoholic beverages were served. Attendance was high, but almost two weeks later the Last Chance Dance sponsored by Republicans United did not bring out dorm students nor commuters.

One person commented, "People are attracted by alcohol. Without alcohol, any social function or party seems to be a flop."

A last reflection of how dorm students below legal age are affected by the 21-year-old

drinking limit is a collection of empty beer bottles lined up along one student's desk shelf, and a display of nine different alcoholic beverage bottles on a resident's radiator, or another student who brags of emptying 11 rum bottles and 2 vodka fifths in one semester. The law doesn't seem to have affected these O.U. students.

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Officers refuse settlement

By Mary Ellen Burke
Staff Writer

Members of the Oakland University Police Officers Association of Michigan (O.U.P.O.A.M.) rejected a tentative two-year contract Tuesday by a 5-4 margin with two members absent.

Larry Johnson, president of the O.U.P.O.A.M., said the main problem with the contract is the lack of a Career Development Reimbursement provision.

This provision allows employees to take college courses in a job-related field and be reimbursed for part or all of the cost.

IN SEPTEMBER OU's Clerical-Technical/UAW Local 1925 gained a tuition remission of \$10,000 to last from July 1, 1979 to July 1, 1980. "This money is gone

already," said Ruth Eberle, C/T bargaining committee chairperson. The union will receive another \$10,000 on July 1, 1980 to use till July 1, 1981.

Members of OU's AFSCME union in the skilled trades receive a 75 percent reimbursement for classes they take, according to Dave Collins, president of the union.

THE POLICE officers' contract expired on Sept. 30. Negotiations began in August, said Johnson.

Questions about the promotional procedure from police officer to sergeant were another problem with the tentative agreement.

The next step is for the union and the university to return to the negotiating tables and come to some agreement. "But no date has been set," said Johnson.

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