Campus MD's competency questioned

By Roger Opipari Mark Clausen

In response to numerous complaints and rumors about the quality of health care provided by the Graham Health Center, the Oakland Sail recently undertook a limited survey to determine the validity of the charges.

The charges, many directed against Graham Health Center staff doctor Ralph Wigent, included recommendation of outdated treatment, diagnosis with insufficient examination, incorrect diagnosis and painful handling of a patient's injury.

Such charges are "absolutely ridiculous" and unfounded, according to Wi-

Laura Gradowski, a 22year-old political science owski's complaint, checked major, said Wigent diagnosed the health center's records her problem as a urinary tract infection on the basis of what she told him, without examining her adequately or testing for infection.

She also said he gave her free samples of an antibiotic without instructing her

on its dosage.

Wigent, denying Ms. Gradand said she was tested for infection on her first visit and the tests were positive, indicating an infection was present. He said he prescribed Gantrosin.

When Ms. Gradowski return-(continued on page 2)

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THE OAKLAND UNIVERSITY STUDENT OF TODAY - - unlike the 1950's boppers or the 1960's radicals, is quieter and more "Today's students are attuned to the process of learning.

more sophisticated and knowledgeable," says OU President Donald D. O'Dowd. For a pictorial glimpse at Oakland's campus life and students of yesteryear, see page 3.

Re-writes reviewed

By Roger Opipari

A proposal that would prohibit students from using an assignment in one class to fulfill requirements in any other class was considered by the University Senate at its meeting March 17.

The proposal, if adopted, says that if a special project, such as a research



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paper, original essay, or book review has been completed for a course in the past or is currently being done for another course, the student cannot use that project for another course, unless he receives the instructor's permission.

The change was detailed in a report from the Academic Conduct Committee (ACC). If adopted, the change will be incorporated as part of the University Policy Statement on Academic Conduct, which regularly appears in the schedule of classes.

Peter Bertocci, chairman of ACC, said if the change becomes effective "it will not be enforced until students become familiar with it."

In other action, the Senate approved adoption of a graduate studies program in music leading to the degree of master of music.

Editor's Opinion

In response to the letter from Mike Nelson and Terri Chiaverotti in the Sail's March 14 issue concerning the Learning Skills Department, one point should be stressed. It seems inconceivable that two seniors are qualified to determine who is illiterate at this university and therefore advocate the abolition of the Learning Skills Department.

Not to offer freshmen writing classes would hinder the students' chances for advancement in obtaining the necessary skills for future writing needs. If in fact certain students did not receive proper literary skills in high school, the abolition of the Learning Skills Department offers no solution to this problem. Students should be able to advance the learning process

at the university level.

Not every student can be qualified in each subject. Because someone doesn't understand basic math, doesn't mean they should not be allowed to enter OU, or be called a math "illiterate."

These students are not in a position to judge the qualifications of their peers. The admissions department employs qualified personnel to admit students to OU and it is their job to

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-- Beth Isenberg

University doctor--

(continued from page 1) ed two days later complaining of the same problem, Wigent said he tested her once more for infection. The tests were again positive and he changed her medication to Macrodantin, giving her free samples of the antibiotic.

Wigent said he thought he was actually doing Ms. Gradowski a favor by giving her free samples of Macrodantin, an expensive drug.

Ms. Gradowski made no mention of a second visit to the health center in her complaint.

Kenneth Cole, a 26-yearold history major, said Wigent misdiagnosed his injured wrist as fractured and offered to set it in a cast when x-rays later prov- directions to the injured ed his wrist was only sprained.

Wigent said Cole's allegation was "a lie." He said he never told Cole his wrist was broken for certain and that he sent him to Crittenton Hospital for x-rays because he wasn't sure.

He said he offered to put Cole's wrist in a cylinder cast, a temporary cast to immobilize it and prevent further injury until other treatment could be administered.

Chris Poel, 18, a psychology major, said he went to the health center with an injured knee. He said Wigent caused him much pain by moving his knee around when he examined it. Wigent then wrapped it incorrectly and told him to return in two weeks, he said.

Poel then visited his family doctor who diagnosed the injury as torn ligaments and put him on crutches, he said.

"I know of no way to check out a knée injury other than stressing it," Wigent said responding to Poel's complaint. Stressing is a method of assessing cartilage damage by applying pressure in various

Wigent said no significant damage to cartilage was shown when he stressed the knee. He said he wrapped Poel's knee correctly and even showed him how to wrap

Wigent said he suggested Poel use a pillow-splint to keep his knee relatively immobile and alleviate pain while he slept.

Chris Cantwell, 19, a biology major, saw Wigent

for an inflamed shoulder joint. He said Wigent recommended an injection of cortisone which he refused. Instead, he said he went to his specialist who told him that cortisone injections are "old hat." His doctor gave him an oral medication that corrected the problem, Cantwell said.

"Cortisone is not 'old hat, " Wigent said responding to Cantwell's complaint. "It is still the primary treatment for some bone and joint conditions." He said that although oral medications are now available, cortisone is still used. One of the disadvantages of oral medication, said Wigent said, is that it goes through the blood stream whereas cortisone is injected directly into the affected area.

Cantwell, when informed of Wigent's response, said that according to his doctor cortisone is still used but only as a last resort because of dangers involved.

Responding in an interview with Sail reporters to the charges made against him, Wigent said, "If I felt you fellows represented a consensus of opinion, I wouldn't hesitate to leave."



A FAR CRY FROM TODAY'S BEER BASHES, Oakland students circa 1959 relax during a beatnik party.



DURING A 1972 PROTEST DEMONSTRATION an Oakland student (above) sets fire to the American flag, a drastic change from the carefree 50's. A 1966 tug-of-mud (below) gives students a chance to get down to the nittygritty of college life.





STUDENTS OF THE 50's found university life a new and different experience. Born during the 30's depression, many were the first in their family to attend college. "Most students in the 50's were naive and accepting. They let the college define college for them. They tended to let the university tell them who they were and not find themselves within the university," says President Donald D. O'Dowd.





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Other housing payment increases will include a \$30 jump in the price of a single room (\$928), a single room option will go from \$100 to \$125 and a single room only contract for



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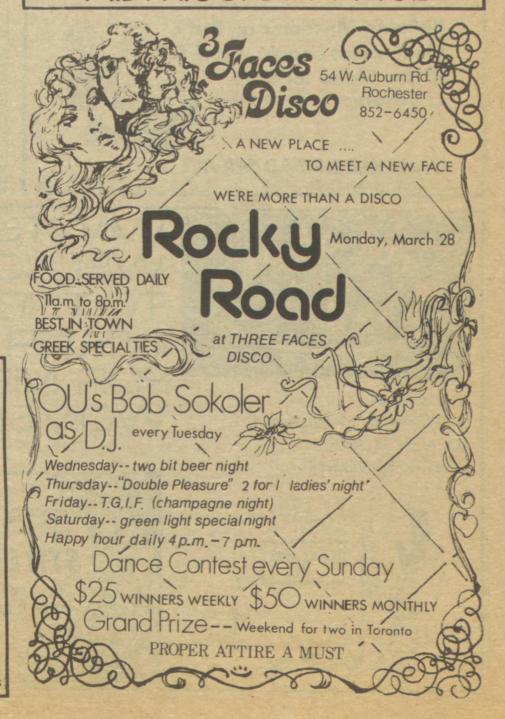
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Netters have court date with Central

Don't be fooled by the men's tennis team opening its season at the Rochester Hills Racquet Club on March

Michigan Tech ventured southward and crushed the OU Netters, 8-1, but the "real" season opener is this Friday at Central Michigan.

"Tech was down here looking for a match so we played them," said coach Lee Frederick. "They already had played three or four games before playing us."

Not making excuses, first year coach Frederick is working his players in preparation for their 30-game schedule.

Trying to create a respectable program at OU will be Frederick's major concern in 1977.

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"We're a nothing to these other schools, so we're gonna travel because they won't come here," said a realistic Frederick.

Frederick's remarks are based on the team's lack of performance in the past and he has accepted the challege to attempt a turnaround.

"Usually a collegiate team will play 12 or 14 matches a year, but by playing 30 we've created a chance for these guys to improve," he

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Returning are seniors Jay Cherubim and Rick Farr, and sophomores Marc Berke and Brad Newman.

Newcomers include freshmen Bill Boyajan, Marc Fowler, and Jerry Konowalsky, juniors Dan Hoag and John Ylvisaker, and sophomore Rick Mims.

Fighting for the number one and two singles spots are Berke and Mims.

Frederick sees a realistic shot at perennial conference power Wayne State in the

GLIAC tournament at the season's end May 13-14 at Northern Michigan.

The Pioneer netters are home for consecutive weekend matches against Elmhurst, Northeastern Illinois Ferris and Lake Superior on April 15 and 22.

OU to host AAU

OU will host the 1977 Michigan AAU Girls State Basketball Tourney April 1-2.

Dieters brothers spark big innings

Brothers Bob and Jim Dieters sparked explosive innings which led to two more wins for the Pioneer baseball team in Panama City, Florida on March 21.

Bob had four hits and five RBI's, including a bases loaded double to ignite an eight-run second inning to overpower Gulf Coast College

OU routed Ripon College, 12-6, earlier in the day led by Jim's three-run homer.

A big seven-run first inning paced the Pioneers in the Ripon game.

First baseman Dave Robinson supplied some firepower crashing a home run in each

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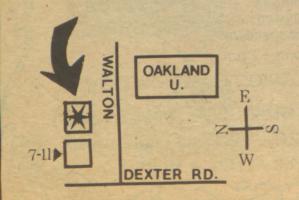
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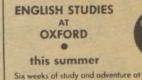


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Pioneers 5th as west coast tankers continue reign in Division II Swims

By John K. Schroder

The perennial swim powers of the west coast continued to dominate their inland opponents as proved by a 1-2-3 California finish in the NCAA Division II Championships held March 17-19.

California - Northridge,

the pre-National favorite, showed its depth in overcoming a 27 point deficit on the final day to win its second crown with 326 points.

UC-Irvine finished second, the spot it has occupied five of the last six years, with 305 points and the 1976 champion Chico State was



IN NATIONAL ACTION -- Ian Dittus gained a 4th in the 200 fly and Tim Hanson (below) was 7th in the 100.



Paul Pioneer of the Week

Mar. 16-Mar. 22

The Division II Swim Nationals at Youngstown, Ohio turned into a California split with Northridge, Irvine and Chico taking the top three spots.

It was Northridge's John Larson who turned in an out-

Muffs claim IM basketball crown

The Muffs, undefeated Diamond League winners, exploded for a 67-38 rout over the Diversions in the Intramural Basketball Championships on March 16.

Reaching the finals as the Gold League representative, the Diversions could not muster an offense against the mighty Muffs.

Once again Dwight Darwins led the Muffs scoring as he did through the quarter and semi-finals, with 16 points.

standing performance to take the 200 butterfly crown away from OU's Paul Karas.

Thwarted in his effort to defend his 1976 crown, Karas had to settle for third with a time of 1:53.23.

However, for his National showing at Beeghly Center, adding two fifth place honors to his third, All-American Paul Karas is the Oakland Sail's Pioneer of the Week.

Swimming 4:40.59 in the 500 yard freestyle and a time of 4:12.59 in the 400 individual medley gave the senior Pioneer two more honors.

Karas also swam a leg of the 400 and 800 yard freestyle relays which finished third and fourth respectively.

Finishing third in the 200 fly, the event in which Paul was National Champion at Springfield last year, was the highest a Pioneer tanker could get in 1977.

third with 290.

Clarion State (Pa.) had 146 and OU was a far-removed fifth with 134 in the battle at Youngstown State's Beeghly Center.

The California "title wave" of 1977 marked the 12th time in 14 years that a west coast school captured the laurels.

Providing plenty of seapower, John Larson of Northridge broke two records and captured three gold medals.

Larry Gates and Dave Tittle of Chico and Gary Figueroa of Irvine were double winners in the meet.

The Pioneers didn't produce a national champion, but, did have seven swimmers finish in the top 12 to gain All-America status.

As he has for the past four years, senior Paul Karas led OU with three individual honors and swam a leg in two relays.

A 1:53.23 clocking in the 200 yard butterfly was good for a third and Karas finished fifth in both the 500 yard freestyle in 4:40.59 and a 4:12.59 showing in the 400 individual medley.

Freshman Ian Dittus finished fourth behind Karas in the 200 fly in a time of

1:53.69 and captured the llth spot in the 200 yard freestyle with a time of 1:46.0.

Senior Rod Mitchell's time of 46.75 earned him a seventh in the 100 yard freestyle. A 52.28 second performance in the 100 butterfly gained an eighth place finish.

Mitchell also swam a leg in the three OU All-American relay quartets.

Swimming to an eighth in the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 54.85, Tom Boyd also added an 11th place finish in the 200 yard IM with a 1:58.74 time.

Jim Hanson finished seventh in the 100 yard butterfly and teamed with Bob Jenrow, Boyd and Mitchell in the 400 yard medley relay's seventh place finish in 3:33.67.

Jordan Hatch swam a leg in the other two All-American quartets. Teaming with Karas, Mitchell and Dittus in the 800 yard freestyle gained a fourth in 6:59.33 minutes.

Karas, Mitchell and Boyd joined Hatch in a 3:09.83 finish in the 400 yard freestyle relay which touched in third.

Women look to next year

By Kevin Dolan

A 6-2 record is good in any league but the OU-womens swim team is far from satisfied with its final mark.

The young team was gutsy every meet, besting some respected teams, most notably Big Ten Wisconsin, and only losing to U-M and Michigan State.

While gaining valuable experience under winning conditions, they built confidence when matched up against the nation's best in the Nationals at Providence, Rhode Island on March 17-19.

Freshmen Marty Connelly, Liz Hatfield and Linda Saxton; juniors JoAnn Saputo and Sue Vanderbeek; and sophomore Debbie Saputo represented OU at the Nationals won by Arizona State.

Their best performance as

a unit was the 200 yard medley relay time of 1:54 minutes by Saxton, Hatfield, D. Saputo and Connelly. Hatfield was the only qualifier in an individual event but did not place.

"They gained experience against the best women in the country. Now they can set goals for themselves. They realized everybody puts their suit on one leg at a time and they are the same or better as anyone," said assistant coach Rich Pein.

Pein is anxious for next season. "If we can get four of the ten we've been recruiting, we could replace U-M and Michigan State as the best in the Midwest," he said.

"With a good backstroker and a good breaststroker, we would give M and MSU all they could handle," he added.

Senate reviews O'Dowd independently

By Roger Opipari

The University Senate took action at its March 17 meeting to implement a confidential faculty review of OU President Donald D. O'Dowd, independent of the one currently being conducted by the Board of Trustees.

The Senate decided to act independently because it was dissatisfied with the method the Board chose to conduct its review, according to Edward Heubel, political science chairman and Senate review committee member.

The Board's review is set up so that any individual, including faculty members, can appear before the Board's presidential review committee and express their opinion on the president's performance.

Heubel suggested that the Senate's opposition to the Board's method is that certain individuals might be a political maneuver.

"The results will not be publicized because any constructive purpose might tend to be lost."

When asked if he thought that publication of the results might give them more weight, Heubel said, "The

"We didn't want the Senate to be the vehicle for representing faculty members (in the presidential review of Donald D. O'Dowd)" -- TRUSTEE RICHARD HEADLEE

reluctant to appear before the Board and express criticism of O'Dowd. He said some feel they may be putting their faculty position in jeopardy.

He said confidentiality of the review would solve that problem and would avoid making the review seem like

committee considered various possibilities and decided that this (confidentiality) would be most fair."

"In fairness to O'Dowd, we should give him the same procedural protection other faculty has. Confidentiality will help give that protection," Heubel said.

According to Richard Headlee, Board of Trustees review committee member, the
Senate wanted a greater role
in the Board's review process. He said, however, the
review process, to be valid,
should be conducted "in
light of all the needs of
the university" including
students, faculty, and administration.

He said the president's performance should be evaluated with the concerns of the entire university in mind, not just the faculty.

"We didn't want the Senate to be the vehicle for representing individual faculty members."

He said the Board's method also encourages student participation.















March 30 Stained-glass cutting demonstration by Mel Gilroy of Waldini's Leaded Glass Studio in Rochester Exhibition Lounge, O.C. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free admission.

drama

April 1 "Four by Tennessee," four one-act Tennessee thru Williams plays presented by the Academy of April 3 Dramatic Art Studio Theatre, Varner Hall 8:15 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday \$2.50 general admission, \$1.25 student admission.

April 1 "Moonchildren," a play by Michael Weller thru Barn Theatre 8:30 p.m. \$2 admission for OU April 3 students, \$3 for general public.



March 30 "How I Won The War" Varner Recital Hall 7:30 p.m. Admission \$1.

happenings

March 28 "The Art of Loving--Yourself and Others,"
fourth seminar in a Sexuality Awareness Series Hamlin Hall Lounge 7:30 p.m. Free admission.

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April 1 Rock 'n' Roll Dance featuring the band,
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2 a.m. OU identification required.

April 3 Tour Meadow Brook Hall 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$2 for OU students, \$3.50 for adults, \$2 for those under 12 and over 65.

music

March 31 Student Recital Varner Recital Hall 8 p.m.

April 1 OU Orchestra Concert, performance includes

"Danus for Summer" by OU's Lyle Nordstrom

Varner Recital Hall 8 p.m.

April 3 A program of exciting and virtuoso solo and duet lute music performed by Oakland lutanists Paul O'Dette and Lyle Nordstrom Varner Recital Hall 3:30 p.m.

lectures

March 29 "Knowledge, Values and the Engineering Profession" by Daniel C. Drucker, dean of engineering at the University of Illinois Gold Room, O.C. 3 p.m.

March 30 "The Pressure to Turn Back the Clock in Engineering Education" by Daniel C. Drucker, dean of engineering at the University of Illinois Dodge Hall of Engineering 3 p.m.