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She receives fan mail everyday, last week she received five dozen red roses, and was asked to autograph somebody's stomach.

No, it's not Pamela Anderson Lee, it's Olympic champion Shannon Miller.

Miller, 19, and her coach Steve Nunno appeared on campus Oct. 21 as the second speakers in the 1996-97 Student Life Lecture Series.

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Last week was a jumble of emotions for the women's soccer team as it beat Northwood University last Wednesday and Northern Michigan University Sunday to clinch the GLIAC title.

OU dropped NU 4-1 and NMU 8-0 as the Pioneers held its conference rivals to one goal over the entire seven game season.

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VPAA search continues in secret

By JAIME SHELTON
News Editor

The second search committee for vice president for academic affairs (VPAA) was held in secret again.

Despite objections by reporters from THE OAKLAND POST and The Oakland Press, David Downing, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and chair of the VPAA search committee, asked them to leave its second meeting Thursday, saying the meeting was once again closed.

Circuit Court Judge Gene Schnelz said OU violated the state's Open Meetings Act (OMA) by conducting a presidential search last year in secret and issued an injunction in April 1995 requiring OU to hold all meetings open.

Even last week's Washtenaw County Circuit Court ruling requiring U-M's board of regents to hold search meetings for a new president open did not sway OU to conduct its VPAA search in public.

"The meeting is closed to protect

the confidentiality of the applicants," said Downing. He admitted no applicants were yet in the pool, but said the purpose of the meeting was to finalize the schedule for future meetings and to discuss the job description of the VPAA.

General Counsel to the Board of Trustees Susan Geritts said OU feels it operates within the state's open meetings law to hold the VPAA meetings private. She said the OMA does not apply because the VPAA search com-

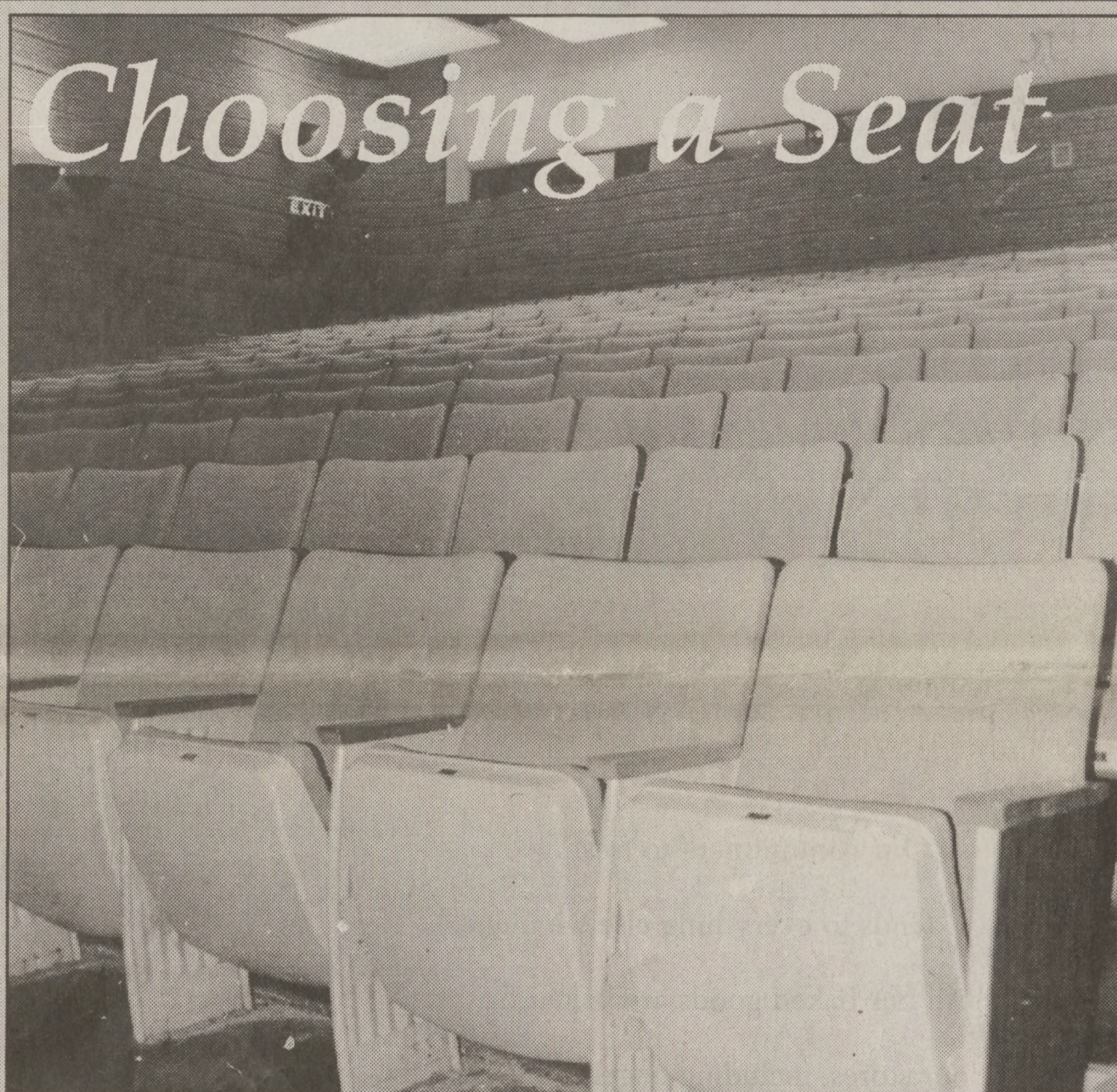
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"The meeting is closed to protect the confidentiality of the applicants,"

- David Downing
VPAA Search Committee Chair



Choosing a Seat



Post Photo / Nelson May

COMFORT NEEDS: Current seating in the Varner Recital Hall and the Studio Theatre was installed in the mid-1960's and is in need of improvement.

Seat replacement drive put on hold

By MICHAEL METZLER
Staff Writer

Music, Theatre and Dance's (MTD) innovative campaign to replace 30-year-old seats in the Varner Recital Hall and Studio Theatre was forced to take a back seat to the all University Fund Drive.

MTD's chair, Carol Halsted got the idea last year to launch a fund raising drive called "Take YOUR Seat" in a nine month effort to raise

\$100,000 to replace the 450 seats in the recital hall and 130 seats in the Studio Theatre. The seats were installed in the mid-1960s.

The idea was backed by the MTD faculty and Halsted sought approval for the project (which she says she got) from the development office, the fundraising arm of OU. However, with flyers printed and ready to mail in early September, she was told by the development office to hold back until after the All University Fund

Drive. The fundraising office evidently was fearful her campaign would divert donations.

OU's development office denied knowledge of the flyer controversy. "I haven't heard anything about that," Gwen Forrest of that office said.

Halsted refused to comment on the development's office motives, "I don't want to muddy the waters," she said.

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Fraternity involved in nation wide research

By SUZY SCHOLZ
Assistant News Editor

Five OU students spent 40 hours gathering data to create the Oakland County Cost of Living Index which will be part of a nationwide index.

The project, which had the students visiting various grocery stores and gas stations across Oakland County all in the name of economics, is directed by two OU faculty members, Kevin Murphy, professor of economics and Ronald Tracy, associate professor of economics.

The students, including four from the co-ed business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi, were paid \$6 an hour to research the project the first week of October.

The students were paid through a grant given for the project from the OU Foundation.

The Foundation is a private, non profit corporation of business, civic, and community leaders who donate money to support academic programs, scholarships, development and research at OU.

Previously, Oakland County's Economic Development Department was responsible for the research, which is done quarterly.

That office only does the surveying sporadically and did not have the time to do it this time, according to Tracy. He saw this as an opportunity to get OU involved.

"I had been interested in doing this for a long time, but I could never get the university to fund it," Tracy said.

However, when Gary Russi was named the new president, he saw that the program would be beneficial to OU in creating more visibility, Tracy said. This convinced the Foundation to provide a grant, said Tracy.

OU students will continue to do the research for Oakland County four times a year—each July, October, January and April.

"The Cost of Living Index was created originally by the American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association (ACCRA) to help transferes going from community to community to help

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Negotiations Continue

Though clerical technical (CT) union leaders and representatives from OU met again yesterday to continue negotiations, no decisions have yet been made.

Union leader Susan Forgette said the two sides are moving toward an agreement. No further meetings have been scheduled at this time. Both sides have agreed to keep details of the meetings confidential while negotiations are ongoing.

After 18 bargaining sessions in early September, a mediator was called in to help bring the two sides to an agreement. Negotiations began when the union reached a stumbling block on a major lan-

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FACULTY CONCERNS: Members of the University Senate listened to and questioned members of the ad hoc committee Division I athletics last Thursday.

Senate grills committee about Division I jump

By LEE MCPHERSON
Staff Writer

The fact finding committee on NCAA Division I athletics faced some moderate Senate grilling Thursday as it continued its full court press on the jump from Division II.

Speaking for the six-member group, Vice President for Finance and Administration Paul Bissonnette stressed that the university's growth, and how that growth could be stunted by continued association with the GLIAC conference, is a major factor

to consider in the move to Division I.

He noted that ongoing NCAA restructuring will make a shift into Division I significantly harder in the future. "Timing is the issue. The restructuring is coming to closure. The move will benefit those who move."

Bissonnette, who led off the discussion during the good and welfare section of the meeting, repeatedly stated that OU was not considering football or hockey as a part of the move. His comments were meant to

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It's a good morning for Tim Hortons.



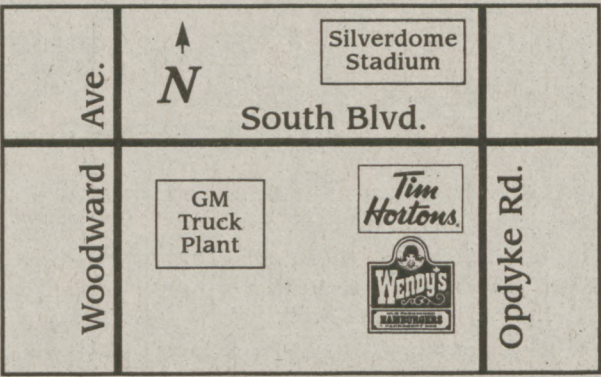
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CAMPUS NEWS

Cable TV expensive for residents

By CHRISTY GROVE
Staff Writer

For OU's 1,074 (plus about 100 staff) residence hall students, cable was supposed to be a refreshing escape from the world. It was rigidly fought for, but when the realities of the outside world entered this campus, students found out cable might not be such a bargain.

In fact, TCI does not really offer a bargain for struggling students, charging \$49.90 for Basic Plus. TCI calls this their cheapest package, and it includes 90 popular channels (MTV, The Weather Channel, TNT

etc.), installation, a cable box, two of TCI's movie channels, a monthly cable guide, and your choice of HBO, CINEMAX, or The Movie Channel.

Students looking for a bargain may think they have found it with TCI's most basic service, but think again.

For \$10.58 a month students can enjoy all the luxuries offered by their antenna service, which allows students to view local channels they already get. Unless students have an overwhelming desire to watch 24 hours of the Rochester School District channel, the antenna service

will only succeed in putting a strain on the pocketbook. Rochester residents pay \$11.15 for the same service.

"I won't get it. The prices are ridiculous. TCI calls it basic cable, but the channels are really pointless. ... Why pay all that money for regular television," asked Laurence Virden, junior, electrical engineering.

The average Rochester resident pays \$33.71 for Basic Plus which includes about 85 channels, a box and a remote. Installation is another \$33.47, but can be a higher depending on the subscriber's address.

Even though resident students

pay less than Rochester residents, the price of cable is still out of reach for most students' pocket books.

"I've had it before, but it's too expensive for me by myself," said Jennifer Fraser, senior, elementary education, Hamlin Hall.

Students and directors fought last year to have cable in the residence halls because they thought it would increase residency, but the opposite has occurred. This year residency is at 1,074. Last year it was 1,113.

Perhaps this is because, for many students, television is not a



Post Photo / Nelson May

STANDARD TV: Some students in Anibal Hall believe cable TV costs too much money.

Dean retires in January, replacement is expected by the end of the month

By JAIME SHELTON
News Editor

After 11 years of service, Dean of Graduate Studies George Dahlgren is calling it quits and retiring on Jan. 2.

"It's just that time in my life," said Dahlgren, age 67.

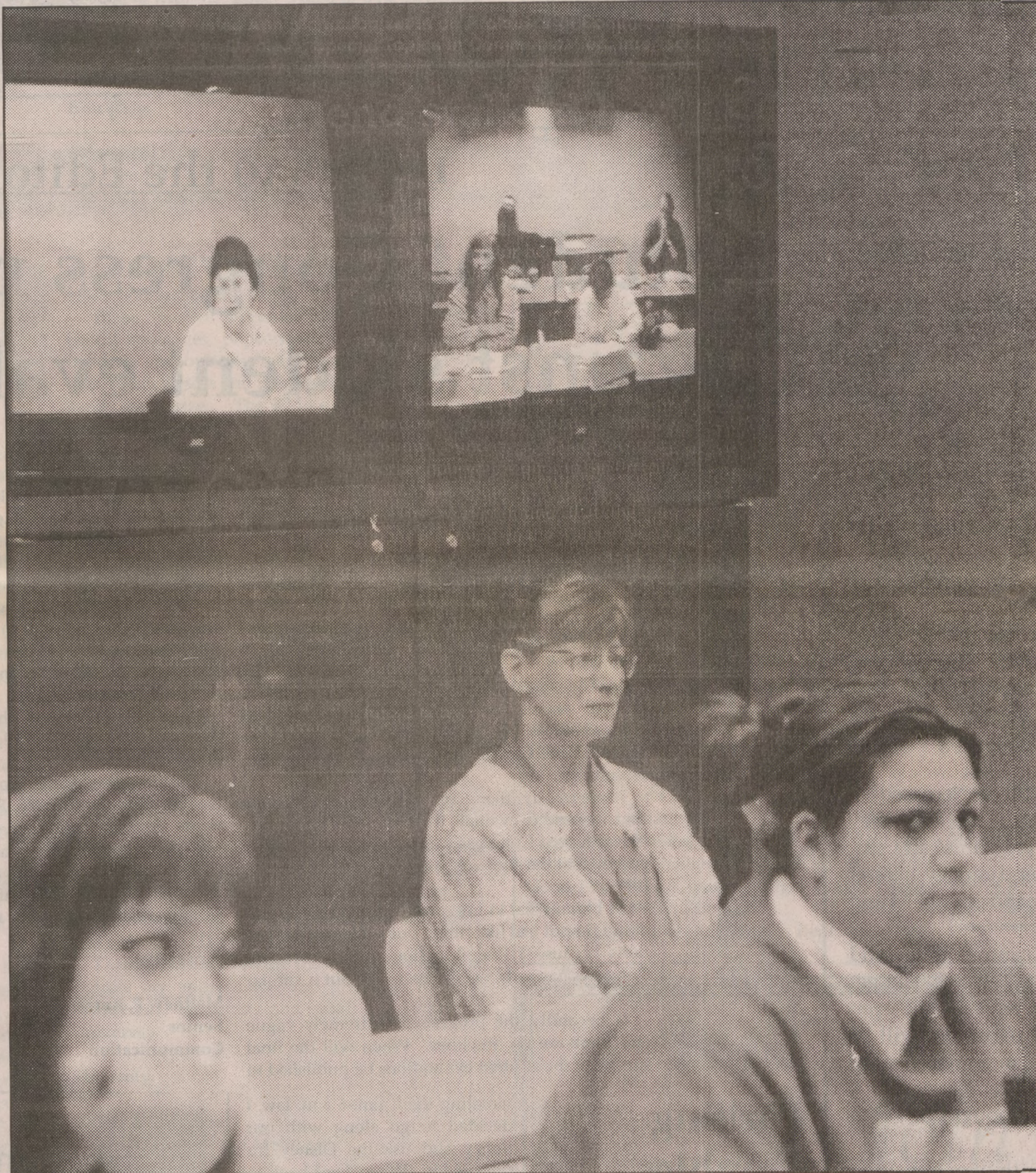
Dahlgren has agreed to stay on as a part-time consultant to Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs William Connellan during 1997. As consultant, Dahlgren will earn \$750 per month to provide advice during the move into the science and engineering building this spring.

Currently, no one has been named to take his place as acting dean.

Connellan said that he plans to ask the university community for its advice when selecting a new acting dean. Connellan is hopeful that a replacement can be named before the end of the month.

The retirement came as a surprise to some faculty, including Virinder Moudgil, chair of the Biological Sciences department. Moudgil served with Dahlgren on various committees and has worked with the graduate department over the years.

"I was surprised. ... he ran that office with high standards. He brought a lot of class to the department. I will really miss him," Moudgil said.



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CLASS VIEWING: Trustee Ann Nicholson sat in on Professor of Communication Shae Howell's distance learning class on Monday. Howell's class, Special Topics in Communication, interfaced with others in Mackinac.

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Student tells police ex-boyfriend stalked her

When a 26 year old OU student went to her morning class in O'Dowd on Oct. 14, she found a large flower arrangement waiting for her.

The card attached to the flowers was addressed to her and signed by her ex-boyfriend.

The flowers were from a man the woman dated earlier this year while attending Western Michigan University (WMU). When the woman tried to break off the relationship after two months, the man assaulted her.

The woman filed a report with the Kalamazoo Township Police Department concerning the assault.

She moved back to the Detroit area at the end of WMU's winter semester. The woman told OU Police the man continually tried to contact her throughout the summer, and each time she told him to leave her alone.

When the woman received the flowers from him last week, she said she began to feel nervous and sensed

her ex-boyfriend might be in the area.

After class, the woman said her fears were confirmed. As she left O'Dowd, she said she noticed her ex-

The woman told police she saw him following her and waited for her twice more that day. She also told the police she fears for her safety because of her ex-boyfriend's potentially violent nature.

Pay phone stolen

While on routine patrol of Meadow Brook Music Festival grounds Sunday, a Palace security worker noticed the door to the first aid station was open.

The worker found that the pay phone that hung on the wall in the station was gone. She also found the stage door unlocked and open as well as the two side gates by the stage.

OU Police found nothing, besides the phone, missing from the first aid station, which was neat and orderly.

Police said there were no signs of forced entry.

boyfriend following her. She tried to run and hide from him in the basement of the OC, but he eventually cornered her, she said.

The woman again told police that despite her requests for the man to leave her alone, he did not cooperate.



Chrysler grants \$1 million for science programs

By CHRISTINE TANK
Special Writer

A \$1 million grant was given to the science and engineering projects at OU on Oct. 12 by Chrysler Corporation.

The grant, the largest sum ever donated by Chrysler to OU, is to be distributed to the school over a five year period.

Though the grant will be applied to activities at the new science and engineering building, specifics have not been worked out yet because OU and Chrysler are still in negotiations about which programs the grant will benefit.

Previous donations from Chrysler, which total \$ 500,000, have been divid-

ed among OU's Meadow Brook Theatre, the schools of Business Administration, Engineering and Computer Science and have also benefited distance learning programs.

In an effort to support a higher education in Oakland County, Chrysler has continuously backed programs on campus. Chrysler and OU have a partnership that brings in thousands of dollars to OU through its faculty and student

internships, educational seminars, academic enhancements, training and recruitment.

In continuing effort to support OU's graduates, Chrysler currently employs

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EDITOR'S VIEW

Division I shift about more than athletics

The sound of leaves crunching on the grass, the faint aroma of hot dogs burning on a grill accompanied by the roar of a crowd in the stadium near by. These are all things people associate with autumn on college campuses.

Football season is noted by many to be the best time of year in college, regardless of whether or not the team is even any good.

Unfortunately OU only has the crunching leaves.

However this could all change if Oakland decides to make the leap into Division I athletics.

Although the football or hockey team are not likely for at least 10 years after the Division I transition there would be basketball soccer and softball. The energy it could generate is amazing.

Making the jump entails more than just getting a popular spectator sport's team.

Just knowing that the current sports we have are now competing at a higher level may spark interest and get students excited about attending matches and meets.

Residence Halls students would be tempted to stay on campus over the weekends because they want to make sure they see the 'big game' and students in general may start to spend money here at OU rather than buying tickets for sports at U-M and MSU.

Going Division I should bring campus to life and help spark interest in OU in general. It will help get the school's name out and may help recruit even higher enrollment (and as stressful as that will be when trying to park, it will bring in a great deal of revenue to the school).

Not everyone is excited by the thought of going Division I.

People don't want to deal with the transition stages, including losing the ability to officially compete for a couple of years. This will be rough for student athletes and it's understandable why they may be upset, but in the long run OU will be competing on a much more prestigious level.

Some are upset because they believe that this leap will inevitably bring football or hockey to OU violating OU Founder Matilda Wilson's dying wish. It's a fun legend, but nowhere in Wilson's will does it ever state that OU should participate in contact sports.

Others are afraid it will damage academics. This is unlikely since OU's athletes tend to have higher g.p.a.'s than many.

Students will still attend class as regularly as they do now, but many will have a common interest with other classmates to discuss.

It is said that 75 percent of college students' time is spent outside of the classroom there's no way they can spend that entire time studying for classes.

But, why not give them something fun to keep them around campus.

It's not impossible to get a true college atmosphere on a commuter campus. It can be done. People stuck around for WOCO didn't they?

All it takes is something to spark people's interests.

Going Division I may be just the thing OU needs.

OPINION



Letters to the Editor

Student Congress member against student evaluations

Dear Editor:

Recently Oakland University Student Congress passed a bill which creates a program for student evaluations.

The cost of this program is \$2,500, without the cost of adding a paid position for the person that will direct the student evaluations and at this time this is a bad idea for OU and it is a waste of your money.

The reason it is a bad idea is that in the past, student evaluations never worked and Student Congress went behind students' backs by not letting students vote on this topic by a student referendum.

Currently there are professor evaluations that are used to evaluate the professors for tenure. Now Student Congress wants to pass out another survey that the students will probably not want to fill out.

I know that in my own experiences as a student I do not feel like filling out professor evaluations because I find it tedious. Now Student Congress basically wants me to fill out a similar survey.

Secondly, the program is extremely vague and there are no timelines. When will the final survey of the student evaluations be published to

the students. If history repeats itself, then the evaluations shall be published about a year after they are taken.

Lastly, the Student Congress broke its own Constitution when creating this position, because they created a paid position on Congress without bringing it to a referendum.

The representatives that created this bill said that the students were in full support of student evaluations yet they would not let the student body vote on it in a general election. Clearly this is unconstitutional and the students should speak out on this topic. I know that I was outraged when this bill was passed and if I were you I would be outraged too.

Don't get me wrong, the student evaluations concept is a noble idea and if Congress would have planned it out better then possibly it would work.

But Congress wanted to get this passed now because it is the hot topic around the country. If Congress would have listened to the students instead of themselves, then just maybe Student Evaluations would have worked here at Oakland.

These are just my views as a Student Congress Representative and if you would like more information then either E-mail Congress at Congress@oakland.edu or me at mpkarran@oakland.edu.

Sincerely,

Matthew P. Karrandja
 Senior
 Communication

Evaluations Ineffective

Parking Troubles Continued

Dear Editor:

I would like to start by saying that I realize complaints about the parking situation have been beaten to a bloody pulp. However, I must get something off my chest before I graduate from the 'Harvard-o-the-midwest'.

This is my fifth year at Oakland (which makes me wise not lazy) and in such time, I have received two parking tickets and had my car broken into once. Not bad.

My problem is this; In order to leave your car here overnight, you must park in the dark, small and virtually neglected overflow lot. There are a few very small signs that instruct students that parking in the big lot is not allowed from 2 a.m.-6 a.m.

Now I'm not sure what's going on at those times that requires service of the entire lot (perhaps it's the pseudo-cop rollerblade tournament) but I've suffered immeasurably because of this policy.

After receiving my ticket for

violating the 2 a.m.-6 a.m. law, I decided to go along with our policy and use the Disney for thieves lot. When I got back to school the next morning, my car was sans radio and passenger side lock. The total cost for my replacements totalled \$300.

These events have led me to discover the following mathematical breakthrough (however, I do major in communication so let's not be too critical).

Now, a parking ticket runs you \$20, which is pretty reasonable. My stereo and lock cost \$300, fairly average. However, it has occurred to me that I might as well park in the big lot, where the campus cop stays all night, and take the \$20 ticket.

Through simple division, I have concluded I could receive 12 parking tickets before exceeding the cost of replacing my stereo again. Sure, tickets are a real pain, but a small price to pay for security.

On the other hand, maybe OU Police should put just a tad more emphasis on protecting students and a little less on prosecuting them. Just a suggestion.

Sincerely,

Jeff Zinger
 Senior
 Communication

Student Complains About Computer Labs

Dear Editor:

I have come to the conclusion that the computer facilities here at Oakland University are terribly lacking of the ample amount of computers and user help.

Every time I go to the computer labs there is always a line of students waiting to get a chance to use a computer. Then as always, 1/3 of the computers are not set up right, not working properly, or not being used for the right purpose.

I often see many computers with a student's computer account still logged in, or a program that is crashed due to misuse. Due to that, students get discouraged and possibly cannot finish their computer lab assignments.

I suggest that Oakland University invest in its future to become a class 1 school, and revamp the computer facilities.

We need many more computer terminals which allow access to E-mail and Netscape, and more standard PCs that run our favorite windows programs.

Also needed are tutorials, guides, or simple 'how to' informal classes, to help the computer facility users utilize the computer in the correct way.

Until thought is put into these matters, the computer situation here at Oakland will get worse each semester with our growing student body.

Sincerely,

Brian Wightman
 Sophomore
 Engineering

Letters to the Editor

Dating letter sparks retaliation and rebuttal by male OU students

Being PC Causes Intimidation

Dear Editor:

I am writing this in response to Janelle Koger's letter, printed last week under the heading "Dating possibilities lacking at O.U." My response to the letter is as follows:

1)Is this not the era of the 90's woman? What's wrong with the women asking the guys out for a date? Most men I have talked to about this would be flattered, and impressed if a woman asked them out.

2)In a world where political correctness is spiraling completely out of control, more and more men are reluctant to approach a woman due to the possibility of saying the wrong thing. You can't even pat

someone on the back when they do a good job, or compliment someone these days without getting slapped with a lawsuit.

3)The 4-5 years that one spends in college are most likely going to be the busiest and most stressful of their lives. Between attending lectures, doing homework, and being involved in student organizations, many students don't have the time, money, or energy left to find that special someone, and even less time to spend with them, if they find them.

I agree with Ms. Koger's idea of a news feature on dating, but in addition, perhaps it would be fun if one of our student organizations could develop some type of a "single's" event(s) in the future.

Sincerely,

Pete Knoll
Sophomore
Electrical Engineering

Fear of Rejection
not the Issue

Dear Editor:

Last week I read the Letter to the Editor about 'dating possibilities lacking at OU' and I was outraged.

First of all, the female that wrote the letter stereotyped all of the males on campus by basically saying guys don't know how to date. That men here at Oakland are scared of rejection. In my personal experiences on this campus, I have never been afraid of rejection.

As for the creativity of dating, I know that I am very creative and romantic when it comes to dating.

Here's a couple quick suggestions of things you can do on campus. Take a midnight walk to Meadow Brook Hall, through the woods and walk the grounds of the mansion. When you do that

you will see many pretty leaves and deer tracks. Another idea is to go by Lepley and lay on the big hill and gaze at the stars. In my personal experiences, movie and dinner is boring and doing fun things is in.

To my friend who wrote the article, maybe it's not the guy's fault. Are you scared of rejection, isn't this the '90s? Why can't the female ask the guy out? Why must it always be the guy that asks the female out? I have a recommendation for you and anybody else that feels this strongly about the lack of communication between the sexes. Take Communication 327, 'Gender Communication' and you can learn about interacting with the other gender.

These are just my views and not necessarily the views of other men on this campus. If you agree or disagree with my commentary then E-mail me at MPKARRAN@Oakland.edu.

Sincerely,

Matthew P. Karrandja
Senior
Communication

Introducing OUSC Members

Dear Editor:

On behalf of all the new members of Oakland University Student Congress (OUSC), I would like to introduce myself and our legislators for the 1996-1997 school year.

Since no story was dedicated to our being appointed, I felt it was imperative for me to let you, the students of Oakland know who we are and what we do.

My name is Chuck Archer. I am a freshman and a history major. Last month I was appointed to the OUSC as a Representative. OUSC meets every Monday at 4 p.m. either in the Fireside Lounge or the Oakland Room in the OC. All students are welcome to attend.

Members of Congress include: an Executive Branch consisting of President Garrick Landsberg, Vice-President Carla Lynn Sabbagh and Cabinet members Shajan Kay, Stephanie Goodrich, Nirva Civilus, Bridget Green, Diana Pletz and Kathryn Kumeisha.

The Legislative Branch, or Representatives

are: Donny Aird, Bryan Barnett, Lonnica Batties, Lisa Belanger, James Bonadio, Jason Brasfield, Julie Bristol, Lynette Buffa, Paul Caradonna, Matt Cilibrise, Jim Crocker, Jarrod Dixel, Kevin Early (Faculty), Ken Eagle, Rob Flanagan, Barry Gray, Mike Glaser, Matt Karrandja, Raymond Landsberg, Hemant Mahamwal, Dave Moroz, Brian Potter, Jonathan Raiss, Sarah Sherman, Jenna Solomon, Walter Tornipilsky, Kelly Woods, Rachel Yank, and myself.

That list may seem overwhelming. My goal is to inform you that we are here to serve your needs.

There is not one member of Student Congress that does not believe our number one priority is to make your college experience an enjoyable one. Feel free at anytime to contact us. Our office is located in 19 OC, across from the Bookcenter.

We as representatives are ready and willing to take any of your concerns into consideration.

Remember you have a voice don't be afraid to use it! Your opinions are exactly what we fight for.

Sincerely,

Chuck Archer
OUSC Representative
Freshman

Thank You WOCOU workers

Dear Editor:

Almost three weeks ago we all attended WOCOU II activities and events and since then we have had time to catch our breath; take down the OU tent; clean up the Kiddie Kourt; put away the magic tricks; take down the stage from the bridal show, and put away the twister board. Now I would like to recognize some very special people who made the "Magic of WOCOU II" so successful.

The "Magic of WOCOU II" was tremendous success for Oakland University. It took place on the weekend of Oct. 2-5 1996. It also took a great deal of hard work and dedication of very special people all of whom had one common goal in making the "Magic of WOCOU II" a huge success. These people are Paul Franklin, Don Ritenburgh, Dawn Coraci, Raymond Landsberg, Garrick Landsberg, Jean-Ann Miller, Robin McGrath, Diana Pletz, Kelly Morgan, Kim Carlsen and Richard Fekel. Please join me in congratulating these students and staff for all of their hard work and commitment they had for the "Magic of WOCOU II."

I would also like to give a very special thank you to some student organizations who assisted me with the Kiddie Kourt II. These student organizations not only worked the Kiddie Kourt but they made the Kiddie Kourt fun and entertaining for the many little pioneers who visited campus during WOCOU II. These student organizations were: Association of Black Students; Chi Alpha; Golden Key National Honor Society; Physical Therapy Club; United Students for Christ;

Residence Halls Community Relations; Residence Halls Conference and Residence Halls NRHH.

These student organizations served cotton candy, sno-cones, popcorn, passed out WOCOU balloons and buttons, magic wands, magic bubbles, painted faces and manned the mystery box of candy and prizes. The Kiddie Kourt was also a success because of the variety we offered, for example: Mickey Mouse, Rick Caver, Party Pop Inn, Diamond Investigation and Security (a child identity program), Marilyn Broderick from New Students Programs and Ian Houston from The Oakland Post.

I would also like to thank some students who helped with the Bridal Show sponsored by the CIPO office and Jacobson's in Rochester and Birmingham. The "Magical Bridal Affair" added and extra special touch to the "Magic of WOCOU II". One hundred and fifty people attended this event. The students who worked behind the scenes made the bridal show a huge success. These students were the backbone of the bridal show. Please allow me to say thank you to Bridget Green, Angelo Loria, Nicole Mallory, Alysia Robertson, Nada Sater and Rula Sater. You are the best!

Of course none of this would be possible without the assistance and support from the CIPO staff. Hats off to Dessie Welker, Lorna Selberg, Maura Selahowski and the many students who worked to make WOCOU II a success.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to express my appreciation and gratitude to these wonderful students and staff of Oakland University.

Sincerely,

Felicia B. Bumpus
WOCOU Committee Member
CIPO

Invitation to Join Senate Committees

Dear Editor:

Every year the University Student Congress is responsible for appointing students to about 14 different university Senate Committees.

The students that sit in these committees are often the only student voices that the faculty and administrative members hear.

University Senate Committees are important because they are where most of the University Senate's work is initiated.

Currently we have about 10 positions on these committees that need to be filled so that the students' voice will be heard.

Anyone interested in these committees can contact me, Shajan Kay at 370-4290 or stop by 19 OC.

Sincerely,

Shajan Kay
Sophomore
Human Resource and Development
Administrative Assistant, OUSC

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would like to extend its thanks to the kind ARAMARK workers who helped them out the other day. It was truly appreciated and did not go unnoticed.

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Search

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mittee is not entrusted with governmental authority.

"Why should it be open? (By holding the meetings closed), there is an opportunity for frank discussion among the committee members," said Geritts. She also said that this discussion could be "about any business of the committee."

The OMA requires all public bodies, including committees, to hold open meetings.

Geritts argued that the VPAA search committee is not empowered to exercise a governmental function so it does not qualify as a public body.

Geritts also said that the U-M ruling has no bearing on the VPPA search because that decision is restricted to Washtenaw County.

"Even if it did apply here in Oakland County to Oakland University, the fact (is) that the decision turns on a presidential search and focuses on a governing board. ... In Oakland's case we have a group of individuals who are not the governing board meeting, and they are not meeting to review candidates for the position of president," said Geritts.

Though she said she has not read the court's ruling, Geritts said the U-M decision should have no impact on the upcoming OU's injunction appeals decision. The Appeals Court ruling

is expected within three to 12 months, she said.

Downing said that once the committee chooses finalists, the names of all applicants will be disclosed to the public and open presentations will held on campus.

Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor Gary Tunis is keeping a watchful eye on the committee to make sure it complies with the law by investigating a complaint filed by attorney Jane Briggs-Bunting on behalf of THE POST.

He said his office should decide next week on whether to challenge the secret search committee. Under the OMA, the county prosecutor and state attorney general, as well as private citizens, can go to court to enforce the law.

Costs

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them figure out their costs," said Tracy.

As part of the research project, the students were responsible for pricing items found in the "market basket".

A market basket is a collection of goods put together every three to five years by ACCRA. It is targeted to a mid-management standard of living in a wide variety of urban areas.

The 59 items that compose the market basket range from food like a T-bone steak to staples like household cleaners, as well as utility costs, mortgages and rent, said Murphy.

Twenty-eight of the items in the market basket can be bought at a grocery store. ACCRA selected 10 different grocery stores in Oakland County for the students to price the products.

After the county information is gathered, Murphy and Tracy

will review it and then send it to ACCRA. ACCRA compiles the data with 310 other urban areas in the U.S. and sends the finished reports to all participating cities and other interested groups.

Tracy and Murphy did the same field study back in July to see what the process would be like for the students. By doing it themselves first, they were able to determine where students would have problems in the research process, said Murphy.

Additionally, Tracy and Murphy are working on the July study, which is part of a measure of inflation index for the county.

The preliminary reports for the inflation index are wrapping up, and the first report should be finished by next week, said Tracy.

By taking the data collected in July by the two professors and comparing it to the data collected by the students in October, Murphy and Tracy were able to determine the degree of price change on the three months, according to Murphy.

"We found that Oakland County's rate of inflation is consistent with the national average of 2% (annually)," said Murphy.

Murphy also added that the report shows the food index for Oakland County actually decreased by 3% over the 3 month period.

Murphy says the reports will help consumers visualize changes in the cost of living. "It's hard to see the big picture until someone puts it in a report," he said.

Murphy and Tracy see the project as an excellent opportunity for students of any major to enhance resumes since the report is seen throughout the nation.

"This gives students an idea of how this kind of research is undertaken. We found it enlightening," said Tracy.

"These kind of experiences look good on resumes. Students sometimes don't realize how important it is for them to diversify their work portfolio," Murphy said.

Seats

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She did hold back temporarily, but now the seat campaign is in full swing.

For a donation or pledge of \$500 minimum, you can have a seat with your name on it—literally. A plaque will be fastened to the "purchased" seats. Front row seats require a \$1,500 commitment, the second row costs \$1,000. The amount can be pledged and paid over a three year period.

The "Take YOUR Seat" campaign will continue through April.

"We've been doing very well

so far," said Halsted, who originated the idea which was endorsed by the department. "More than \$10,000 has been raised so far."

The Recital Hall is used for concerts and the gospel choir. For outside groups, rental costs run \$500 for up to three hours of use. The recital hall seats 450, the theatre 130.

OU junior David Battani, economics major, sometimes attends Varner plays.

"It's a great idea. I'd like to see Varner have the same kind of prestige as Meadow Brook (Theatre)," Battani said. "But Varner has always seemed comfortable, no matter what shape the seats are in."

Studio Theater plays attract about 5,200 audience members for its four plays each year. The Recital Hall seats about 10,000 attendees each season.

Curtis Armstrong, an OU alumnus and star of the mid-80s series Moonlighting bought a first row seat. He is on the honorary committee for the fundraising drive. Halsted has also contacted the office of Baywatch's David Hasselhoff, another OU alumnus, about a donation.

Purchase of a seat or donations of any amount towards the Take Your Seat project are tax deductible. For information on how to donate, call (810) 370-2030.

Senate

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placate campus-wide speculation and some faculty concerns.

He also brought up an economic argument stating the NCAA annually contributes \$39 million to Division I schools as opposed to \$11-12 million for Divisions II and III.

Bissonnette also stated that because the NCAA annually contributes \$39 million to Division I schools (as opposed to \$11-12 million for Divisions II and III), and that the NCAA is restructuring so as to make it harder to jump divisions after the end of the year, that it is imperative for OU to move now. "Timing is the issue. The restructuring is coming to closure. The move will benefit those who move."

After outlining the chronology of the group's existence, Bissonnette left very little doubt as to his feelings about remaining a Division II school.

"Obviously, where the GLIAC goes has some bearing on who we get associated with, and who other institutions think we are...I'm not very sanguine about being represented by...well I'm sure they're good institutions so I wouldn't want to be quoted to badly on this...Ashland, Mercyhurst, and Gannon...I don't think that's like us, and I don't think that's probably where we'll be in the future," he said.

The three original members of the committee, Bissonnette, Athletic Director Jack Mehl and NCAA Faculty Rep. William Macauley, had just completed separate visits in the last two weeks of Division I-AAA institutions. All three schools had made the jump from Division II at some point in their existence. Division I-AAA institutions, as opposed to I-A and -AA schools, generally do not have football. If they do, it is on a non-scholarship basis.

The institutions the ad hoc group visited (the University of California at Santa Barbara, the University of South Florida, and the University of Maryland Baltimore County) all claimed

benefits from making the jump.

"The two most talked about benefits were enhancement of student life and the growth in number of resident students," Macauley said of his visit to UMBC.

Echoing those sentiments over the phone Monday, Mehl, having visited USF, said, "The most significant impact (at USF) was the enhancement of student life, as a result of the move. It positions the university strategically with its institutional academic peers and provides an external visibility."

Bissonnette, who visited UCSB, said, "The enhancement of student life is the notion that there will be a place for all of that (variety of activities on campus). Students with varied interests can find a lot of activities without going far to find them, and we'd like to have that kind of accessibility at OU."

The group used the Senate to talk about external visibility and the revenue that results from that. Said Mehl, "In Division II we're not marketable. We're so invisible that we can't capture t-shirt sales, for instance."

USF representatives reviewing OU's projections for Division I-AAA advised Mehl that OU's "revenue projections were conservative. USF generates about \$600,000 in external revenue."

As Bissonnette ended his remarks and asked for questions, David Bricker, a Philosophy professor, was the second Senator to address the group. In a prepared statement which he read, he expressed concern over the fact-finding process, saying, "We're being drawn into the discussion very late in the game," he said. Of the added emphasis on athletic excellence being a trademark of Division I schools, he said, "The culture of Division I is winning. I deplore the notion that winning is everything."

Abraham Liboff, a Physics professor, had additional concerns. Speaking from the back of the room, he said, "I have a long memory, and I remember full well the promises that were made at the time the golf course was installed. We were supposed to share the revenue that was generated by the golf

course, but that money never materialized. The monies from Division I would be such that those profits would never come back into academic affairs, that money would be self-perpetuating."

Bissonnette conceded that point. "I believe you're right," he admitted, stating that most programs that generate funds will put the money back into their own programs. "The successful programs don't necessarily generate money that go right back. There's a secondary impact, it's not very abstract," Bissonnette said.

The impact is donor dollars from alumni or their parents who forge strong ties to an institution through activities like athletics. "I can tell you, and I can demonstrate for you, the success of many programs where many individuals found their niche. They found some particular niche their sons and daughters participated in. They became involved with the institution. They gave large sums of money to the institution outside of the sport that they were particularly interested in," Bissonnette said.

"We have in my old, my former life built many academic facilities and supported many academic programs from people who came about in just that way."

Bissonnette added that this was based on good administration and governance. With those two elements strong, he said, "you don't lose track of students. Because students will be good in Division II, does not mean they won't be good in Division I.

As if finalizing the move, Mehl said, "You should consider the quality of the people we're taking into this endeavor. In alluding to Bricker's earlier comments, he stated, "Pete Hovland (OU men's swimming coach) exemplifies the very best elements of winning and what a competitive experience can mean to students and student athletes. He's produced three straight national champions and has the top-rated academic swimming team in the nation. And Pete is just an illustration of the many fine coaches that we have here."

Union

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guage change in the contract, namely wording of job postings.

Both sides continue to talk

almost daily to resolve the conflict.

The union has only consented for a strike vote only several times within the past 20 years. A strike vote, however, does not necessarily mean the union will strike.

Local 1925 CT union members have continued to report to work since their contract ending in late June. Union members continue to wear white ribbons symbolizing solidarity and honesty.

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FEATURES

Gold medalist shows moves

Life at the top for an Olympic gold medalist

By JEANNE KIRKALDY
Assistant Features Editor

She receives fan mail everyday, last week she received five dozen red roses, and was asked to autograph somebody's stomach.

No, it's not Pamela Anderson Lee, it's Olympic champion Shannon Miller.

Miller, 19, and her coach Steve Nunno appeared on campus Oct. 21 as the second speakers in the 1996-97 Student Life Lecture Series.

The Lepley Sports Bubble was filled with more than 400 interested OU students, faculty and young area gymnasts eagerly anticipating the skills demonstrated by Miller.

"I think that it was really great to meet Shannon because it has always been my dream to be an Olympian," said Bob Chryczyk, Communication junior and Co-Captain of the Cheer Team. "It was a thrill to see the affect she has had on the youth in the US after being in the Olympics."

On Sunday, the duo appeared at the Palace for The John Hancock 1996 Tour of World Gymnastics Champions.

Tickets for the tour sold out long before the event. "It was the largest crowd to ever watch a gymnastic event other than the Olympics," said Nunno.

The appearance here on campus

was the fifth appearance in five days. "This is a little more interesting because we get to talk about our experiences," said Nunno. "I just want to lighten up."

In eight days Nunno and his wife are due to have their first child, a girl.

Nunno was waiting for his pager to go off anytime but admitted, "I've been to four Olympic games, and I've never been so nervous."

Nunno has been Miller's coach for 11 years. With all the time the two spend together it wouldn't be silly to think they might share some what of a father/daughter relationship.

When asked this question the two gave each other a funny look and Nunno answered, "We have a partnership. We're in this thing together. She falls down, I fall down, She does well, I do well."

Nunno's job as Miller's partner is to create a plan to accomplish the goals that she sets for herself.

"Shannon's success was not by accident it was through a very careful thought out plan of events that her parents and I and she thought out each year," said Nunno.

Nunno recommends doing two things to be successful, "You have set a goal, and then you have to have a plan to attain that goal."

One thing that Nunno uses to find out the goals of his gymnastic students is to have them write out a goal card.

Miller's goal card read, "I want to be an elite, and I want to make it to the Olympics."

"She didn't know what she was get-

ting into," said Nunno.

By 1988, Miller entered her first International competition in Puerto Rico, and by 1990 she was winning at International competitions.

In 1992, Miller was one of the seven U.S. gymnasts who competed in the Barcelona Olympic games. Miller took home two silver and three bronze medals.

"To win an Olympic gold medal is just a phenomenal feat in gymnastics," said Nunno.

At the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, Miller took home two golds. One for team competition and the other was an individual gold on the balance beam.

"It (the balance beam routine) was one of the best performances she's ever had on the balance beam, and I knew

she had it locked in and she won the gold medal as an individual," said Nunno. "She's the first American to ever win the balance beam in the Olympic Games."

In addition to Miller's total seven Olympic medals she has won eight world medals making her "the most decorated gymnast both male or female in history," according to Greg Jordan, the new director of campus recreation.

Gymnastics has been Miller's life since she was five years old. While training for the Olympics she spends eight hours of her day in the gym training.

"It's the challenges that keep me going," said Miller. "I don't really feel like I've missed anything."

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STRUTTING HER STUFF: Olympic gold medalist, Shannon Miller, performs routine at Lepley Sports Bubble.



Post Photos / Nelson Moy

WARMING UP: Coach Steve Nunno demonstrates, with Miller, the correct way to stretch out before performing.

OU first pick for freshmen

By CHRISTY GROVE
Special Writer

The twice or thrice weekly commute to Rochester may not be the dream college of most area high school seniors, but those who do come to OU say they're generally pleased.

A 1995 ACE/CIRP survey, of freshman found that 68% said that OU was their first choice. The ACE/CIRP survey is from ACT research services, and an optional OU survey which CIRP respondents may have completed.

Maybe being a commuter school does have its benefits because students are more focused on academics. The average g.p.a. is 2.92.

"I think one of the most important things is its academic reputation and its convenience...because of its Tri-County location," said Tony DeLaRosa, Academic Adviser and a 1994 Graduate, Majoring in HRD and specializing in training and development.

Reputation is not the only reason students come. "There are good teachers, and I haven't been taught by a lot of T.A.'s, (Teaching Assistant) so there's easy access to professors," said Mike Benner, 26, MSU Political Science graduate. He's is now taking classes at OU to prepare him for medical school.

"The quality of the programs is probably what is foremost in most people's minds, and that they are taught by a teacher...it's much more personalized," said Elizabeth Talbert, Director of Orientation and Placement Testing.

In fact, at OU 98% of classes are taught by senior faculty members. No introductory classes are taught by graduate students, and they teach less than 2% of other courses offered.

Students attending Western Michigan University and Wayne State University are confronted with graduate students teaching 13% of introductory courses. At Central Michigan

University, grad fellows teach 1% of introductory classes.

Proximity to home is another reason students choose OU. "In our surveys, three things often come up, and one of them is convenience. Most students are from the tri-county area and our location makes it easy for them to commute," said David Herman, Dean of Students.

In fact, in a 1995 ACE/CIRP Survey, 88% of OU Freshman lived within 50 miles of school versus 53% nationally.

"I chose Oakland mainly for the location. It seems like it's easier to keep a job because you are close to home," said Kim Kiefus, 21, Senior, Communications, Troy.

Jamilla Atlas, freshman pre-business administration was accepted to Eastern Michigan University, MSU and also OU. "Oakland was my choice because it's really close to home and my dad had only good things to say about it," she said.

The need for students to work and go to school is a reality for OU students. Last years ACT Freshman Profile found that 64% of freshman planned to work more than 10 hours per week. And 72.4% of freshmen responding said that they would have to work to pay at least some of their college funding (ACE/CIRP 1995).

Safety is another influencing factor for students. "You can get a very good education. It's a major university in a safe neighborhood," said Beena Shah, 18, Freshman, Pre-Nursing.

Students at OU probably feel safer here because the campus is small and crime rate minimal. At MSU students have to ride shuttle buses to get to their destinations. Waiting for those buses to pick students up can be a frighten-



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FIRST CHOICE AMONG FRESHMEN: Jamilla Atlas, back left, chats with friends Lena Hefferman, right and Jaime Hairston, front left.

ing and freezing experience during the winter.

Lower tuition was also a factor for 30.4% of students now attending OU (ACE/CIRP 1995). In 1996 a full-time freshman who is a Michigan resident paid \$1,628 for 16 credits plus at least \$127 in fees. Students at U-M taking 12 credits paid \$2,766 per semester plus \$89 in fees. Wayne State full-time (12 credits) Michigan freshman paid \$1,332 per semester (fees included).

Why would the typical student choose this school over U-M or MSU? Let the numbers do the talking. U-M has 23,238 undergraduate students and MSU has 31,056. On the other hand, Oakland has only 10,769 undergraduates.

"It's good because it's not a big campus and is small school oriented," said Chris Tomatti, junior, mechanical engineering.

It is so small school oriented that the student faculty ratio is 18 to 1, and its average class-size is 45. Wayne State's introductory lecture classes often have 100 students aboard. OU offers easier access to teachers in a

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Collins runs toward Olympic 2000 goal

By CHRIS TAIT
Sports Editor

Distance runners age like fine wine. The older they get the better they get.

After he ran out his eligibility last season, senior Scott Collins decided to he still wanted to compete as an individual in open races across the country.

Last Saturday, Collins drove his own car to Kenosha, Wisconsin to compete in the Parkside Invitational.

At the race, Collins competed against NCAA Division I, NCAA Division II, NCAA Division III and NAIA schools to take fourth place out of 345 runners.

In the 8K run, Collins finished with a time of 24:49, eight seconds behind the third place finisher.

"It's a very competitive race, and it's pretty much a tune-up meet for me for Nationals in December," Collins said.

He explained that the December race is the qualifying meet for the world championships.

That race will be held Dec. 7 at Stanford University at Palo Alto, California.

"That race is the biggest race of the year because everybody is trying to get on the world cross country team," Collins said, adding that the event is similar to Olympic trials.

"I improved a 1:05 from the time I ran on that course last year. Last year I placed fifth there," Collins said.

Helping Collins in his cause to qualify for the Olympic trials for the 2000 Olympics in the 10,000 Meter event, he has picked up a sponsorship from Hanson's Running Shop in Royal Oak.

"I ran a race on campus and after I finished the race they asked me if I'd be interested in running for them," Collins said.

In addition to getting running supplies at cost, Collins has also benefited from the training and coaching of Keith Hanson, a co-owner of the running shop.

It was Hanson who first approached Collins about running for the shop after the Spring Sprint Forward, a 5K race held last May.

"When I got done running for college, it was hard to stay motivated. Working with Keith has helped me stay motivated and focused," Collins said.



Photo Courtesy/John Brabbs

RUNNING STRONG: Scott Collins kicked his way to a fourth place finish as an individual at the Parkside Invitational last Saturday as he strives to achieve his dream of qualifying for the 2000 Olympics this December.

MTD premieres 96-97 season with magical tale of friendship



Photo Courtesy / Department of Music, Theatre and Dance

TALE OF MAGIC: *The Secret Garden* tells the tale of love, friendship and a mystical garden. Dickon, left, played by Kevin Hughes and Colin, middle, played by Sean Mitchell help Mary, right, played by Jennifer Ripari, discover the wonder of the mysterious garden.

By ANDREA NOBILE
Special Writer

For first-rate musical entertainment close to home look no further than OU's campus.

The Department of Music, Theatre and Dance will kick off its theatrical season this year with the musical *The Secret Garden*, beginning Friday in the Varner Studio Theatre.

The cast will perform the story, based on the popular children's novel of the same name, of a little girl named Mary, her family and friends, and the magical discovery of a secret garden.

"The basic theme is new life and rebirth; the coming of spring. Hurt souls are healed," said director Michael Gillespie, adding "the story is appealing. It's one of those books for children that has great appeal for adults, too. The music

emphasizes this adult appeal."

With musical direction by John Doyaras and set design by Carol Stavish, the atmosphere of this production promises to be interesting.

The scenery is a complex feast for the eyes, in which purple and blue hues abound along with seemingly every other color of the rainbow.

"The scenery and costumes are going to be very lush. Carol has been frantically painting, with the help from students and Meadow Brook Theatre," said Gillespie.

Stavish said the painting crew used Impressionists as inspiration for painting, primarily Monet.

"We've come to a pretty good point [in the past two weeks] where we've actually come together as a cast" said Kevin Hughes, freshman majoring in musical theatre, who plays Dickon, Mary's friends. "It's a great experience."

Even with the director being gone for a week and a half to deal with a family death, Karey Hart, sophomore theatre major who plays Martha, said rehearsals have not fallen behind. "We're right on schedule" she said.

Gillespie is pleased with the production. "I'm really thrilled with the

cast and quality and caliber of their singing" he said. "It is going to be beautifully sung."

Technical crew member Chris Nobels, sophomore majoring in technical theatre, said "after everything comes together it will be a work of art."

Hart said *The Secret Garden* is a rather recent show and very popular, "so people might say 'oh, let's go see that,'" recognizing the name.

Ticket sales are going really well she said, adding that the Oct. 26 show is about sold out, however tickets are still available for other performances.

Still, Gillespie advises to call for tickets early because space is limited in the Studio Theatre. "We may be turning people away at the door" he said. "If you can get a ticket, don't miss it!"

The Secret Garden opens Oct. 25 and runs every weekend through Nov. 10 in the Varner Studio Theatre, located on the first floor of Varner Hall. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8:00 PM and Sunday performances at 2:00 PM.

Tickets are \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$10 for the general public. Tickets are available one hour before performance time at Varner Studio Theatre Box Office.



REBECCA DEVANTIER
Special Columnist

Driving perils in the life of an OU commuter student

I commute to school three days a week. Sixty-four miles round trip each day.

The drive isn't the part that bugs me, it's the other people on the road.

Oh, there's all sorts. Hot shots, creepers, old people in huge cars, and of course scaredy-cats.

The hot shots are (stereo typically speaking) usually young (16-25) males. They are the ones who think they can merge between an oil tanker and a station wagon while going 75 mph.

Doesn't quite work. They are also the same people who weave in and out of traffic and scare the old people in huge cars.

The hot shots drive fast cars and hit on the people next to them in traffic jams.

But the hot shots should be forced to own a Pinto and drive a car pool three days a week as penance.

On the other extreme we have the creeper.

The creeper's main trait is whipping out in front of your car really fast and then leveling off the speed to about 27 mph.

Why do they feel it is necessary to come to a dead stop before turning corners?

Creepers also stop to let people on the expressway. These people's average speed is 32 mph, including top speed on the freeway.

A good solution would be to give them the hot shots' cars with the cruise control set on 45. The speed will gradually be increased as they can handle it.

Next we have those who have been on the road the longest.

Old people have huge cars probably because their eyesight is failing and the bigger the car, the easier it is to see.

Many old people are hard of hearing, so they can't tell when their turn signal is on or if it should be off.

Consequently, they give the other drivers the impression that they're driving around the whole world and always turning left.

In Jerry Seinfeld's book, *SeinLanguage*, he summed things up nicely about old people in huge cars, "...they drive so slowly. I would think the less time you have left in life, the faster you would want to go. I think old people should be allowed to drive their age. If you're eighty, do eighty. If you're a hundred, go a hundred. They can't see where they're going anyway, let them have a little fun out there." Bravo!

And finally, we get the scaredy-cats. These people are petrified, plain and simple. They always drive with their hands at ten and two and they sit so close to the steering wheel, they can see under it and not over the dash board. They drive in the right lane and turn on their turn signal a half mile before they actually turn.

Intersections frighten them. They begin to brake while the light is still green, and usually stop at a stop sign and wait for a mile gap between cars to pull out.

While these people are passengers, they are notorious for using the imaginary brake.

A fitting punishment would be to send them to their own private nightmare in which the cars don't have brakes and driving lessons are taught by Michael and Mario Andretti.

That's not to say that the rest of the people who don't fit into any of these categories, myself included, are perfect drivers.

Maybe it would help if certain people had their own roads.

Maybe yearly driving tests should be made mandatory again.

Better yet, maybe Secretary of State, Candice Miller should sit in a car with some of these people while they take their tests.

Give the gift of life

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY
Assistant Features Editor

It's that time of year again, for driving miles and miles to visit and exchange gifts with family and friends over the holidays.

It's also the perfect time to give a gift that could save lives, donating blood.

This year's annual blood drive hosted by CIPO and Red Cross of Southeastern Michigan will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Oct. 28-30.

On Monday and Tuesday the blood drive will take place in the Fireside Lounge and on Wednesday in Annex 3 in the basement of the OC.

To be eligible to give blood one must be in good health, weigh more than 110 pounds, be at least 17-years-old and have an iron count of at least 12.5 grams or more.

Some factors that may prohibit donating blood are being pregnant, having hepatitis, heart problems or HIV and AIDS.

Nationally, donations have been decreasing gradually.

"We're always low (the blood supply), and with the holiday season people don't have the time to donate," said Red Cross Supervisor, Tekla Hacker.

It's important to donate blood before the holidays because "businesses shut down and schools close and that's where we get all our blood," said Lisa Raycraft of the Red Cross.

"We're really trying to buck the trend here at OU," said Paul Franklin, Coordinator of Campus Programs.

"We're generally consistent with the national trend. Unfortunately, the national trend has been down, causing problems for hospitals."

So far, 99 have signed up for appointments to donate their blood.

"The Gospel Choir, National Association of Black Engineers, Sigma Gamma Rho, and Zeta Phi Beta Inc. were a big help in signing people up," said Sharon Mickens, Human Resource Management Junior and Programmer for CIPO.

Walk-ins are more than welcome,

however, appointments are encouraged and can still be made by calling or coming down to the CIPO office by tonight.

"I found more women willing to sign up than men," said Mickens. "A lot of people said they were going to walk in because, at the time, they couldn't make an appointment."

Donating blood is simple and takes little time. The procedure itself will take approximately one hour. Of that hour, it takes only ten minutes to draw one pint of blood.

"It's important for people to realize that for donating one pint of blood, there's a possibility for helping three individuals," said Franklin.

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For further details or questions contact Paul Franklin or Sharon Mickens at (810) 370-2020 in the CIPO office or just stop by, roll up a sleeve and give a little blood.

OU EVENTS

An abandoned missile silo run amuck with mutant workers is the theme of **SILO X**, the haunted house on the corner of University and Adams is open now until Halloween night on OU's campus.

Check out pieces taken from the Manoogian Collection, **The Trompe L'oeil Tradition in Contemporary Realism** now through Nov. 24 at the Meadow Brook Art Gallery.

The month of October at noon in the Fireside Lounge provides an open forum for **Political Issues** with different topics daily.

Folk singer Dar Williams will be showing off her guitar skills at 8 p.m. on Oct. 23 in the Varner Recital Hall. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$12 for general public.

The **Chamber Music Ensemble** will perform Oct. 24 at 8 p.m. in Varner Hall.

Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic tale of friendship, love and understanding comes to life as MTD performs *The Secret Garden* Oct. 25 and running through Nov. 10.

The fifth annual **Murder Mystery** sponsored by SPB will baffle it's sleuths on Oct. 25.

The Women of OU show off the latest fashion at the **Fashion Show/Luncheon** Oct. 28 at noon.

Donate for a good cause at the **OU Blood Drive** on Oct. 28 through Oct. 30 in the OC.

MUSIC

A mix of country punk, psychobilly, hyper honkey-tonk and ferocious speed twang hits the Magic Bag in Ferndale with **Jason and the Scorchers** Oct. 24 at 8 p.m.

An evening with Canadian rockers **Rush** at the Palace Oct. 25 at 8 p.m.

THEATRE

Apartment 3A, a comedy by Jeff Daniels tells the story of getting a new apartment, meeting new friends and falling in love at the Purple Rose Theatre running through Nov. 24.

Halloween fun for all at the Marquis Theatre in Northville for the comical melodrama **Halloween Soup** running through Oct. 27.

Shakespeare's classic comedy **Taming of the Shrew** begins Oct. 18 at the Hilberry Theatre.

Shakespeare's romantic comedy **All's Well that Ends Well** opens the Bonstelle Theatre Oct. 25.

Follow the exploits of a Jewish girl trying to fool her parents in the comedy hit, **Beau Jest**, running through Oct. 27 at Meadow Brook Theatre.

Six actors perform 57 different roles in the comedy **The Dining Room** at the Hilberry Theatre running through Nov. 23.

ART

What can be done with everyday products? The DIA exhibit **Re(fuse)- Good Everyday Design from Reused and Recycled Materials** running through Dec. 14 shows the interesting art options available with just a little imagination.

OTHER

The Jewish Student Organization of OU will hold **Fourth annual Hayride and Bonfire** Oct. 27 from 7-10 p.m.

The classic Halloween flick the **Rocky Horror Picture Show** will be playing at the Magic Bag in Ferndale at 11 p.m. all props are welcome!

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October 23 & 24
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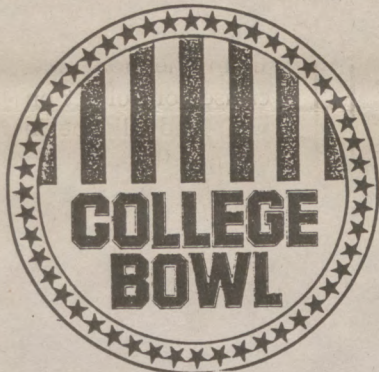
London and Paris

Oakland University will explore London and Paris. The annual international trip will depart Oakland University May 5 and return May 14. Oakland students, employees, alumni and thier guests will be able to sign up. The cost is only \$1445 and includes: roundtrip airfare, lodging for nine nights, daily continental breakfasts, several tours, and much more.

Look for information at the CIPO Service Window or call Dewald Travel @ (810) 528-9900. Information brochures will be available on Monday, October 28.

Coming Soon College Bowl

Oakland University has entered a national competition in the game known as College Bowl. College Bowl is one of the pioneering TV game shows. The game is played by two teams of four persons competing for points. They get points by answering toss up or bonus questions (a team can only answer a bonus question if a team member answers a toss up question correctly.



Look for demonstrations matches to be held in November. The campus tournament will be held in January. Entry forms will be available November 11 at the CIPO Service Window. The winners of the campus tournament will be sent to the regional competition. The winners of the Regional Competition will be sent to the National Championship.

-Announcing the Fall Leadership Series -

"Your Passport to Leadership" will be held every second and fourth Tuesday from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Meadow Brook Room of the Oakland Center. All student leaders and students are invited to attend. The series will cover topics on Effective Meetings, Conflict Management, Time Management, Stress in Leadership and Delegation. You can sign up at the CIPO Service Window. This is your passport to Leadership at Oakland University.

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Grant

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"This is an extremely successful program with no end," said Trustee Dennis Pawley, executive vice president for Chrysler manufacturing.

While working with faculty interns in the engineering department Pawley found OU's professors to be knowledgeable very enthusiastic about working

with Chrysler. Pawley said that this program has also contributed greatly to Chrysler's continuous improvement efforts. "(OU is) a great intellectual asset and an important industry partner," said Pawley.

President Gary Russi believes Chrysler's dedication has allowed OU to deliver education that is in demand in today's market and important to the community. This grant, he said, is a reminder of the OU's importance in Oakland County, and that OU, as well as Chrysler, is dedicated to giving students the skills that they will need to succeed in today's complex society.

Cable

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top priority in their hectic lives.

"We don't really need it because we don't watch TV all that much... We get about six channels of regular television and that is good enough," said Krystal Kaltz, junior, Spanish, Hamlin Hall.

Students do not want to pay for a service that they seldom use. "I barely watch television because I'm hardly ever home," said Sehra Qureshi, junior, physical therapy, Vandenberg Hall.

For the residents of Married Housing, the cable service is not working at all.

"The cable installer comes once a week and stares at the wires for three hours. He takes a nap in his truck and then leaves. ... The cable was supposed to be in six months ago. I called TCI cable and they said the ground needs to be thawed. It's been thawed for how many months now?" said Danna McJames, junior, elementary education.

Despite the fact that a lot of students are having problems with the cable, many are still requesting the service. "In the past two days, I've gotten 110 requests for cable..." said Bob Thompson, contractor for TCI Cable Vision.

The Residence Halls Office Manager said that an official number of students currently subscribing is not yet available.

Dean

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As dean, Dahlgren approved graduate theses, completed all of the departmental paperwork and monitored the office. He was also a key person in getting the science and engineering building underway.

Under Dahlgren's administration, graduate enrollment increased and new master's programs developed, including the new Ph.D. in applied mathematics.

Dahlgren also helped graduates receive more money in the form of stipends. Previously, the Board of Trustee was required to approve increases in stipends. Now, the president has the authority to allocate the money

in budget, which makes it more flexible for the graduate office.

Dahlgren said the highlight of his career at OU was when he hired Claire Rammel, associate dean of graduate study.

"She has revitalized, redone and rebuilt the office of graduate study... by taking us to the leading edge," Dahlgren said.

He also feels that if administrators would provide the department with adequate resources, she could take the department even further.

Dahlgren said he hinted about retirement and said that could be why he was the only top administrator who did not receive a raise, keeping his wages at \$101,125 this year.

"There's no sense in wasting it (the extra money) on someone who's not going to be here," Dahlgren said.

Gateway

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"There's no relaxing of curriculums in these courses for these students," Grabowski said.

Twenty-two students from high schools like Rochester, Detroit Country Day, Warren De La Salle and Utica Eisenhower, took advantage of the program, with each of those schools having more than one participant. They enrolled in an array of classes including HST 115, BIO 104, SPN 114 and MTH 154.

Jaron Thompson, a Rochester High senior too HST 115 and was one of five students to earn a 4.0 this summer. Thompson, for one, took advantage of OU's offer to be academically challenged.

"High school can be boring," Thompson said. "It's a little too easy for me and (for) a lot of my friends who are equally gifted. It's better to be challenged," he

added.

Although Thompson plans to enroll at OU, the Gateway program doesn't necessarily ensure that all students who venture through OU's hallways will be future Pioneers. The four credits these students earn can be transferred to other four-year colleges.

And even though the first summer is under its belt, OU has yet to determine what effect this program will have on their admissions for Fall 1997. "We fully understand that these students are not necessarily going to apply at Oakland," Grabowski explained, adding that she and other admissions advisors actively recruit these students to do just that.

Still, the early returns point to an impact at least as great as new admittees: high school students are being shown the way to college doesn't have to be a daunting one, even as they encounter a competitive academic environment.

The Oakland University Eye Research Institute Summer Undergraduate Research Program, 1997

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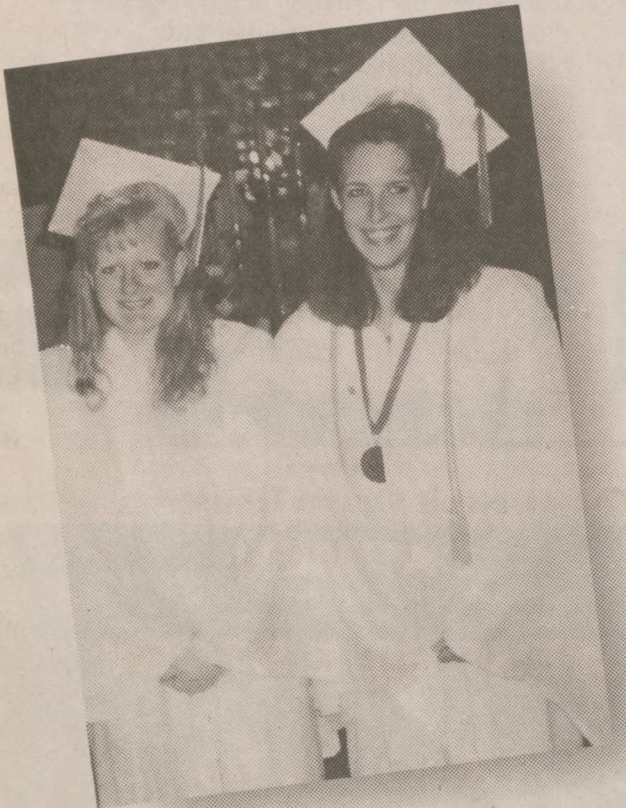
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SPORTS

Pioneers take GLIAC title

Women's soccer wins conference in third season of competition

By CHRIS TAIT
Sports Editor

Last week was a jumble of emotions for the women's soccer team as it beat Northwood University last Wednesday and Northern Michigan University Sunday to clinch the GLIAC title. OU dropped NU, 4-1 and NMU, 8-0 as the Pioneers held its conference rivals to one goal over the entire seven-game season.

The wins were bittersweet for the third-year program, having lost a crucial Northeast Region match to Lock Haven University Saturday on a 2-1 score.

"It is a big step (winning the GLIAC), but it wasn't our major goal. We wanted to make the playoffs," senior Jodi Richards said. "That was the most important thing and we kind of messed it up (Saturday)."

In driving sheets of rain that forced the Pioneers onto the auxiliary field because the main field was under water, OU battled for the victory and for a likely playoff birth.

Sophomore Stephanie Lusiner converted on a pass from sophomore Cathy Miniuk and sophomore Brooke Kairies at the 35:07 mark.

However, as the team switched ends the Lady Eagles were able to take advantage of the better field condition in its offensive zone as Rachel Clemens tied the game at 52:28 of the second half.

"In the second half we were going to the end that had more water on it," Assistant Coach Nick O'Shea said, adding that it influenced the ability to generate scoring chances but the level of effort by the team didn't drop off.

Just when it looked as if the team were headed for overtime, Heidi Hegreberg tucked the ball past Pioneer junior goaltender Krisiti McGough with 1:02 to play to lift LHU to the win.

"Our game that we chose to play was not allowed to be played on that field. We have some players that like to dribble at people and take them on - Cathy Miniuk, Stephanie Lusiner and Jessica Mrozek - and they weren't able to do that. You're running full speed

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ABOVE THE PACK: Junior Jessica Mrozek (Above) tallied a goal against Northern Michigan University as the Pioneers clinched the GLIAC title for the first time in the team's three-year history. Mrozek is third in the conference in total points (32), third in goal scoring (11) and second in assists (10). Joining her at the top of the statistical categories, sophomore Cathy Miniuk leads the conference in total points (39), goals scored (15) and is third in assists with 9. Scoring the final goal in the 8-0 rout of NMU, freshman Anna Muccino added to the GLIAC-leading team offense. For the season, OU has tallied 68 goals in 16 matches for a 4.25 goals per game average. The Pioneers have not sacrificed defense in the scoring frenzy, as it leads the conference with a .81 goals against average over 16 matches. The defensive effort is led by junior goaltender Kristi McGough who leads the conference with a .65 goals against average over 11 matches.



Chris Tait

Attainable goals, current athletes should weigh in Division I decision

The question that is trying Pioneers' souls is whether a move to Division I or not.

Talking with several current and former athletes the answer is by no means sweeping and clear cut.

In the course of the last two years the upstart women's soccer program has caught my eye.

Last Sunday's 8-0 win over Northern Michigan University clinched the GLIAC title for the third-year program and confirmed my belief that the women's soccer team is a team with talent and potential.

Only two players, graduate student Genevieve Long and senior Jodi Richards, will be lost next season which means that the majority of the team will return to make a run at the NCAA Division II Women's Soccer National Championship.

However, even if the team can't pull it all together next season, it will have at least one more shot as this year's sophomores will be seniors with four year's experience working with each other and Assistant Coach for Women's Soccer Nick O'Shea.

But wait.

If OU decides to make the move to DI and files a letter of intent with the NCAA within the next two years, the soccer program will only be allowed to play for self gratification.

This holds true for every sport at OU.

For two years there will be no Men's or Women's Swimming and Diving NCAA II Championship Title battles.

For two years there will be no GLIAC Title hunt for the men's or women's basketball teams and there will be no chance of getting an NCAA playoff bid.

With no goals to play for it is very likely that there could be a mass exodus from OU.

The goal of every athlete is to win, to win a conference title, to win a NCAA Title or become an All-American.

All of these dreams and motivations will not exist for two years if OU makes the move.

If the faces and dreams of the current athletes are not enough to swing or stay the Board of Trustees' from moving OU out of DI, then maybe a black and white snapshot of the campus would.

OU is predominately made up of career-oriented, working, commuting students who do not have the time to fight traffic to return to see a basketball game or a soccer game.

As it stands very few students can sacrifice study time, dinner or time with a loved one a weekend to watch competitive teams that have a chance to win their conference and make it into the playoffs.

How many students could find time to watch teams playing games with no meaning because no matter how many victories a team had it couldn't win any title in DI or DII?

Consider this: OU moves to DI, but it doesn't add football or hockey.

Question: What has changed.

Answer: Not much.

If the move does go forward, the athletes currently playing will suffer and the underlying questions are at what price and for what gain.

One of the biggest appeals to move to DI is that OU will become U-M or Michigan State University.

The problem there is that those school are not commuter-oriented.

Men split regional soccer matches



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ELEVATED PLAY: The Pioneers were head and shoulders above St. Joseph's College Oct. 15.

By CHRIS TAIT
Sports Editor

The men's soccer team lost a critical Central Region match against Lock Haven University last Saturday to throw the playoff race into confusion.

The loss to the Bald Eagles came on the heels of an 8-1 offensive barrage against regional rival St. Joseph's College Oct. 15.

Against the Bald Eagles, the Pioneers

struggled against the pouring rain to outshoot LHU by a 10-8 margin.

Director of Coaching, Gary Parsons said that the field deteriorate in the second half, but both teams had quality opportunities to score late in the game.

With less than 15 minutes to play, freshman Paul Snape faked out LHU goaltender Dave Hartlaub only to have a defenseman recover and clear the ball.

Then, with 1:37 to play, Kevin Floss slipped a shot past OU's junior goaltender Amir Tal.

"It was one of those games where the game was going to be decided on effort. I think that we had better talent, but

they equalized the game on effort," Parsons said.

An OU win would have placed the Pioneers in prime position for a post-season bid, but the loss dropped the team to 4-2-1 in the region.

Even though OU didn't capitalize on the opportunity to nail down a playoff spot, if OU can its last seven games a selection would be a safe bet.

•Against SJC, Snape recorded three goals, and freshmen Jeppe Lagerbohm added two and Gunnar Halverson, Viggo Anthonson and Brain Wohlsheid each scored a goal.

Tennis team wraps up its fall regular season

By CHRIS TAIT
Sports Editor

The women's tennis team ended its regular season last weekend with a 6-3 win over

Grand Valley State University

Saturday after losing to undefeated Ferris State University,

9-0 Friday.

The Pioneers hosted the Bulldogs looking to crack FSU's 101 straight dual match victories, but OU simply became

another notch in FSU's stat book.

Tennis Coach Kris Jeffery said she was a little disappointed with the way the team played against FSU.

"I thought that we could've taken a few matches," Jeffery said.

OU rebounded against the Lakers to close out the season with a victory and head into the GLIAC Championships at Midland Community Tennis Center this Friday through Sunday on a positive note.

"Grand Valley has a nice squad. We knew we had to win

that match to stay in third place. Everyone played really strong," Jeffery said.

After picking up a win at No.4 singles against the Lakers, freshman Jayne Humprey ended the season with a 10-1 record. Her lone loss came against the Bulldogs Friday.

The Pioneers finished third in the GLIAC behind FSU and Northwood University.

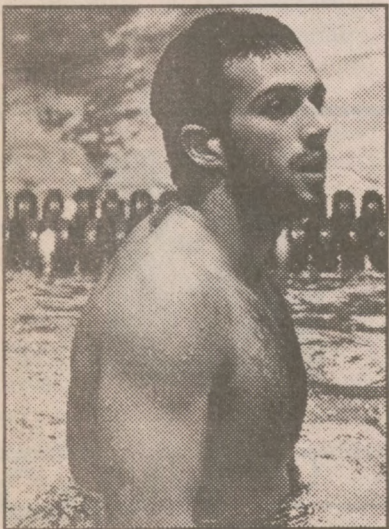
"I think physically we're ready and mentally I think that I've gotten everybody prepared for a long weekend," Jeffery said, referring to the three-day championship meet.



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DOUBLE TROUBLE: The Pioneers finished the regular season at 9-2 at both the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles spots.

Pioneer of the Week



Raffi Karapetian
Senior
Men's Swimming

Karapetian led OU to a 15 for 15 event sweep in the season-opening Pioneer Fall Classic last Saturday. He won three individual events, capturing the 50 and 100 yard freestyles and the 50 yard breaststroke and was a member of the victorious 400 yard freestyle relay team

The Pioneer sports week

Wed., Oct. 23

•Men's Soccer Team hosts Indiana-Purdue at Ft. Wayne (2 p.m.)

Fri., Oct. 25

•Women's Tennis Team at GLIAC Tournament at Midland.
•Women's Volleyball Team hosts Saginaw Valley State University (7:30 p.m.)*
•Men's and Women's Swim and Dive Teams at Bowling Green Relays (5 p.m.)

Sat., Oct. 26

•Men's Soccer Team hosts Southern Indiana (2:30 p.m.)
•Women's Volleyball Team at Northwood University (3 p.m.) *
•Women's Soccer Team at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (1 p.m.)
•Men's and Women's Cross Country at Grand Valley State University for GLIAC Championship (10 a.m.)
•Women's Tennis Team at GLIAC Tournament at Midland.

Sun., Oct. 27

•Men's Soccer Team hosts Wisconsin-Parkside (2:30 p.m.)

Tue., Oct. 29

•Women's Volleyball Team hosts Wayne State University (7:30 p.m.)*

* Denotes GLIAC game.
** Home games in bold type.

Volleyball team struggles in U.P.

By CHRIS TAIT
Sports Editor

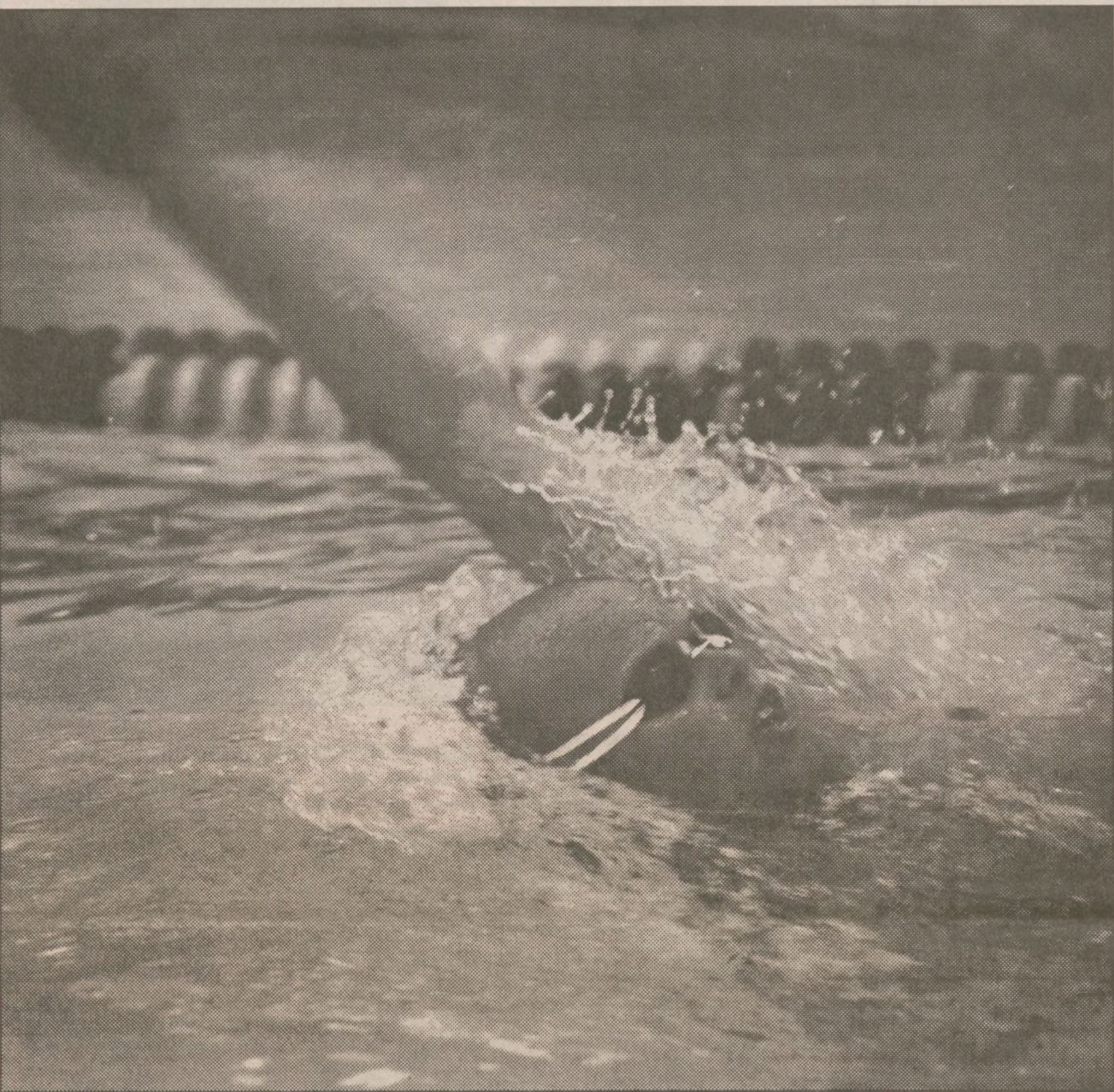
What a difference a week makes. In the space of a week the women's volleyball team went from having no GLIAC losses to having three. Before OU faced Wayne State University Oct. 15, the Pioneers had set a goal of beating the Tartars at home and on the road. After WSU defended its home courts with a 3-0 straight sets victory, OU will have to change its goal to returning the hospitality when the Tartars visit "The Bubble" next Tuesday. Things went from bad to worse for the Pioneers as it headed to the Upper Peninsula to play GLIAC North opponents.

OU chiseled itself a toe-hold in the U.P. for its three-game road trip, dropping Lake Superior State, 3-1 on Friday. However, Michigan Technological University defeated the Pioneers, 3-1 on Saturday before GLIAC leading Northern Michigan University sailed past OU, 3-0. On the bright side, senior outside hitter Danielle Milkiewicz recorded her best performance of the season against MTU with 18 kills, 10 digs and four blocks. Against LSU, sophomore outside hitter Renee Williams netted 15 kills and seven digs. The loss against WSU broke a nine match winning streak for the Pioneers and the three set loss to the Tartars was the first time OU has been swept in

straight sets this season. In that match, sophomore middle-blocker Jennifer Nagel had 14 kills for a .522 attack percentage to go along with her seven digs. •The Pioneers continue to lead the league in blocks behind the individual blocking of junior middleblocker Rachel Clor and Nagel. Clor is second in the league in blocking at 1.28 per game, while Nagel is third at 1.26. Nagel is also eighth in the league in attack percentage at .323. •The squad plays a pair of matches against GLIAC North teams. First, the Pioneers host Saginaw Valley State University at "The Bubble" on Friday. Then, the team travels to Northwood University on Saturday as it looks to break out of a tie with WSU.

The top eight

- MB Rachel Clor
- MB Jennifer Nagel
- OH Renee Williams
- OH Danielle Milkiewicz
- OH Stephanie Sasek
- OH Jessica Meadows
- S Nicole Zimmerman
- DS Christina Maniko



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FITTING IN: Freshman Ido Meron won the 200 yard butterfly in the Pioneer Fall Classic last weekend.

Men sweep Fall Classic

By BILL PETRICK
Staff Writer

The men's swimming team crushed the competition in the Pioneer Fall Classic Saturday, winning all 15 events. Leading the way for the Pioneers, senior Raffi Karapetian and freshman Yoav Ritter each won three events. Karapetian won the 50 and 100 yard freestyle events and the 50 yard breaststroke. He was also a member of the winning 400 yard freestyle relay team. Ritter won the 50, 100 and 200 yard butterfly events. The men displayed the type of ability which has helped win the NCAA II National Championship the last three years. Asked if he expected his team to

dominate this competition, Head Coach Pete Hovland replied, "With our depth, that probably would be the end result." OU also got strong performances from senior David Paxton and freshman Ido Meron. Paxton won the 200 yard IM and placed second in the 200 yard butterfly. Meron won the 200 yard breaststroke and finished fourth in the 200 yard IM. Despite his team's strong showing, Hovland did not place a lot of importance on this event. He explained that his team approached this meet as a scrimmage, and that it provided his swimmers an opportunity to refamiliarize themselves with racing against other opponents. "It's more of a practice type situation," said Hovland. Hovland said it is too early to

make any positive or negative assessments of his team. He said that he used this meet as a way of finding out what his team is good at, and what needs improvement. This has been Hovland's approach to most regular season meets. He explained that the regular season meets have no bearing when it comes time to compete for the national championship. A team could lose every single meet in the regular season, but could still compete for the national title. With this in mind, Hovland uses the regular season to fine-tune his team for the postseason. "We don't get too excited about the (regular) season," Hovland said. According to Hovland, the regular season meets are "just steps to get us prepared for the end of the season ... the national championships are everything to us."

Women's swim and dive team earns win

By BILL PETRICK
Staff Writer

The women's swimming and team won 10 out of 15 events to win the Pioneer Fall Classic, held in the Lepley Sports Center Pool Saturday. OU had excellent individual performances from seniors Gisa Alessandri and Jessie Bailey and from junior Jill Mellis. Alessandri won the 50 and 100 yard butterfly events, and was also a part of the winning 400 yard free relay team. Bailey was the winner of the 100 yard backstroke and the 100 yard IM, and Mellis won the 50 and 100 yard breaststrokes. Senior captains Jennifer Stair and Laura Juncker also had strong showings. Stair won the 200 yard butterfly and placed second in the 100 yard butterfly. Juncker was a member of the winning 400 yard free relay team and finished second in the 100 and 200 yard freestyle events. So far, the women seem to be living up to Head Coach Tracy Huth's expectations for a team concept. Huth has stressed that his team's success rests in its ability to win events through depth and not individual achievement. Although there were a significant number of OU swimmers who did well individually, the team depth played a large factor in the outcome as the Pioneers raced to second, third and fourth place finishes in their performances. This was the first intercollegiate meet of the season for OU's freshmen, but they displayed no anxiety in their performances. When asked if the freshmen swimmers seemed nervous for their first meet, Mellis said, "It probably made them more focused." Mellis said that the Classic provided a good opportunity for the squad to adjust its swimming styles to a competitive level, and it also allowed them a break from the rigors of practice. "Right now we're really tired," Mellis said. The Pioneers will get no rest, as the team travels to compete in the Bowling Green State Relays Friday. Mellis said that the meet will be fun because all the events will be fast-paced relays that will keep the women constantly moving. Mellis also is looking forward to the challenge of facing the Division I schools. "They're either at our level or above us," Mellis said.

Pioneer weekly sports standings

Men's Soccer						
School	GLIAC			All Games		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Gannon University	3	0	0	10	3	1
Mercyhurst College	2	0	1	8	3	1
Oakland University	1	1	1	7	4	2
Ashland University	1	2	0	3	8	1
Saginaw Valley State	0	4	1	1	11	2

Women's Soccer						
School	GLIAC			All Games		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Oakland University	7	0	0	13	3	0
Gannon University	5	1	0	9	7	0
Ashland University	5	2	0	7	9	0
Mercyhurst College	4	2	0	7	6	0
Grand Valley State	3	4	0	6	8	0
Northwood	2	5	0	7	8	1
Northern Michigan	1	6	0	2	9	0
Saginaw Valley State	0	7	0	1	12	0

Volleyball				
Southern Division	GLIAC		All Games	
	W	L	W	L
Oakland University	7	3	17	9
Wayne State University	7	3	14	9
Ashland University	3	6	10	17
Hillsdale College	3	6	7	16
Mercyhurst University	2	8	6	18
Gannon University	1	9	7	16
Northern Division				
Northern Michigan	10	0	19	3
Michigan Technological	10	1	18	6
Northwood College	7	3	20	3
Ferris State University	7	3	14	9
Grand Valley State	5	5	14	10
Saginaw Valley	2	8	8	14
Lake Superior State	1	10	7	16

Sports in brief			
Women's Final Regular Season Standings			
Ferris State	11	0	12
Northwood	10	1	10
Oakland	8	3	8
Hillsdale	7	3	9
Grand Valley	6	4	7
Wayne State	6	5	6
Saginaw Valley	5	6	6
Michigan Tech	5	6	5
Northern Mich	4	7	5
Mercyhurst	1	8	3
Lake Superior	1	9	1
Gannon	0	11	1

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with the ball, the next thing you're five-yards past it because it stopped in a puddle and you didn't," O'Shea said.

The following day, OU took out its frustration on NMU as the Pioneers scored early and often in its final home game of the season outshooting the Wildcats 33-2.

To start the rout, sophomore Jenny Grimm slipped a low header past NMU goaltender, Christy Salonen on a feed from Kairies at the 5:21 mark of the first half. Lusiner tapped in a cross from Miniuk and junior Wendy Maynard at 19:44.

After junior Jessica Mrozek banged in a Kairies corner kick, and graduate student Genevieve Long converted on a cross from sophomore Erin Gallagher, the Wildcats were staring at a 4-0 first half deficit.

In the second half, it was more of the same as Long notched her second of the game on a pass from freshman Anna Muccino at 55:34. Miniuk tallied the sixth goal of the game when she finished on a short pass from Long. Sophomore Terri Sywak drew the second assist on that score.

Sophomore Heather Hawley (from Muccino and freshman Jennifer Timlin) and Muccino (from Hawley) rounded out the goal scorers.

The game marked the final home appearances for Long and Richards.

Despite her two goal performance against NMU, Long felt that she could have done more for the team. On the season, Long has tallied six goals and six assists for 18 points.

"I'm really disappointed. I really wish that my ankle wouldn't have been messed up and my toe

— I broke that," Long said.

Although OU's playoff chances appear slim after losing to LHU, the Pioneers could earn a playoff bid if LHU wins its last three matches. OU was also helped this weekend when Bloomsburg, No. 1 in the region, lost to an average team.

"It probably eliminates us unless Lock Haven wins its next three games. That would be our only chance," O'Shea said.

In the NU game, Richards opened up the scoring for the Pioneers. Lusiner scored the eventual winner on assists from Mrozek and junior Renae Czuk. Maynard and Gallagher finished the goal scoring.

Winning the conference title is especially significant to Long and Richards who have been with the team in its first three years, not to mention the effort they both put into transforming a club team into an NCAA II program.

"We're the ones that started it. We wanted a team here. We wanted to have an NCAA Division II team here and, we worked hard and talked to a lot of people and we did it," Long said.

Although, Richards could return because she still has a year of eligibility, she says that she doesn't plan on returning.

"I've been frustrated most of the season. I've been starting to feel better about my game, but it's to the point where it's too late in the season and he (O'Shea) has to develop other players," Richards said, explaining that the choice boiled down to playing someone who was leaving versus someone who would be back next year.

"I think that with everybody being freshman and sophomores on the team almost, I think that we really helped them because we've been playing a long time," Long said, describing the benefit the she and Richards have been to the team.

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Students

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smaller setting.

"I chose it because of the friendly atmosphere on my first visit here... The welcome made me feel super comfortable, and after that it all fell into place," said DeLaRosa.

But there are significant negatives about OU, too. "There's no food on the weekend when we have swimming practice in the morning. There's no where to eat except the Oakland Center," said Erich Kelly, freshman, undecided.

"It's harder to meet people when you're a commuter because you're not always here," said Scruch.

A common student complaint lies in the lack of blacktop. "The parking lot sucks! You

have to time it when people get out of their classes to get a spot," said Nancy Miracola, freshman, pre-elementary education.

Students who have to wait in line to use a computer know what OU needs. "Maybe more technology with more computer labs. They are good, but they are also few and far between," said Anderson.

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Of undergraduate students 5,688 were between the ages of 17-22, 1,411 were 23-24, 2,178 were 25-34, 981 students were ages 35-44, 296 were 45-54, and 34 students were 55 and over.

"Oakland University is a school of diversity and that is what makes this school such an excellent place to grow and learn," said Eric Gonzalez, senior, music education.

Miller

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"I really can't think of anything I would do differently. I've had a really fulfilling life," said Miller.

When Miller returns home from touring she will continue classes at the University of Oklahoma and focus on finishing school.

As of now she is working on completing her freshman courses and is undecided on a career.

The 2000 Olympic Games are scheduled to be in Sydney, Australia, but Miller won't be there competing. "I'll be there watching," said Miller. "I want to finish school and start a career."

Following Nunno's lecture, Miller demonstrated what gymnasts call bodyshaping (important stretches) and a balance beam routine.

Also, in the lobby of the Lepley Sports Center fans had the opportunity to take pictures and get Miller's autograph.

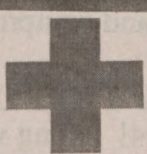
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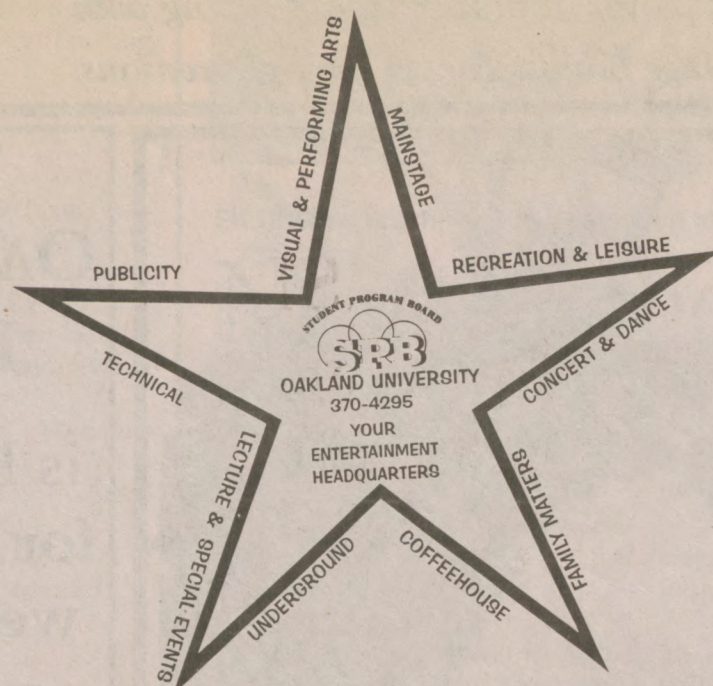
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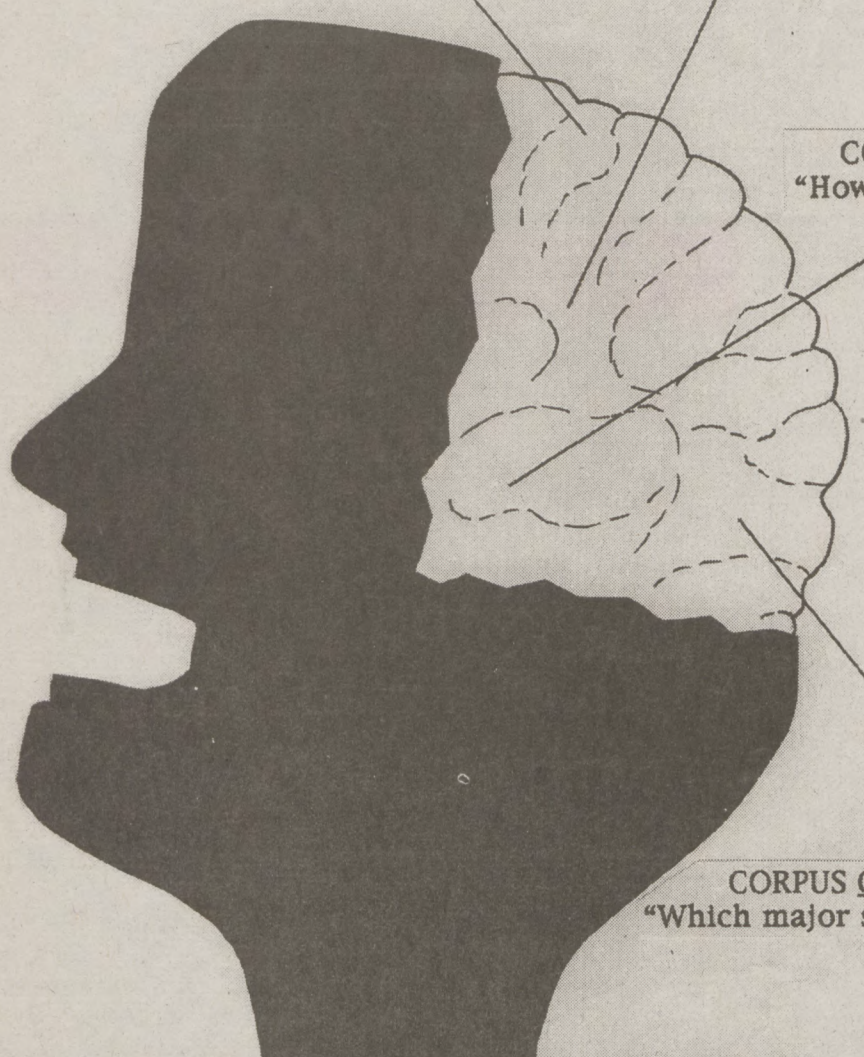
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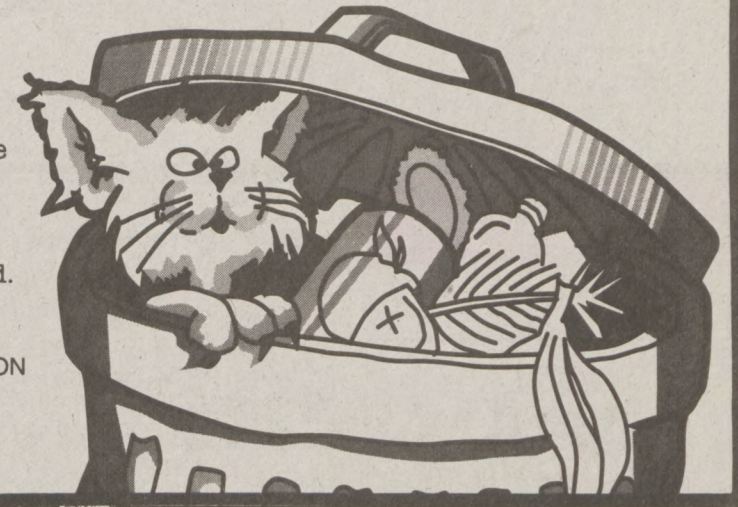
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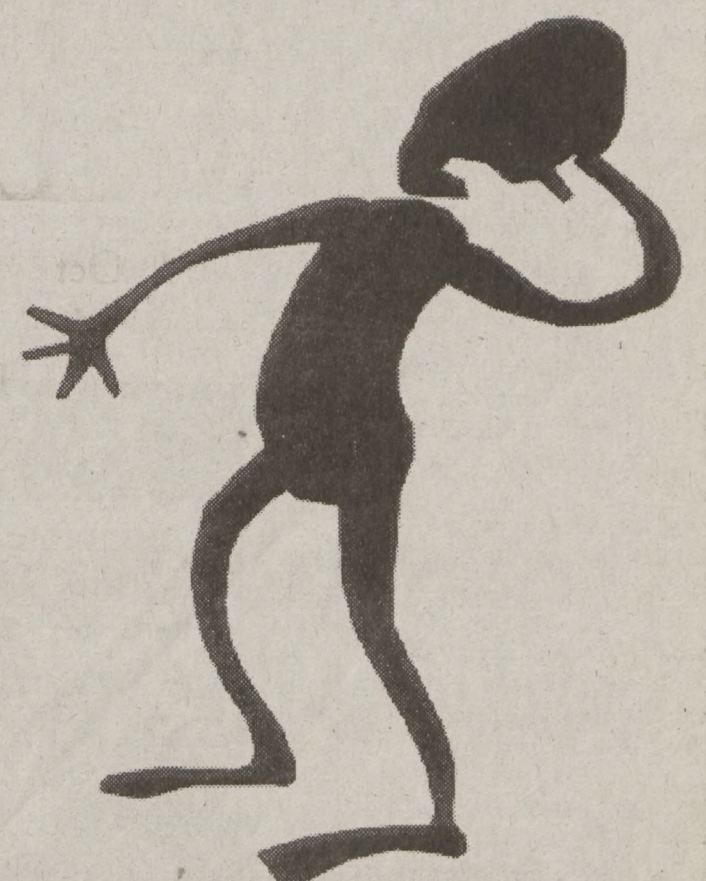
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