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University celebrates black history

By NICK CHIAPPETTA
Staff Writer

Black Awareness Month is an ideal time for blacks and whites to try to understand cultural differences, according to those involved with the event.

"If we are to survive we ought to learn to co-exist with each other and learn from each other," said Egbert Henry, biology chairman and head of the month's committee.

THIS YEAR'S theme is Education: Foundation for the Future. The month begins with a lecture by James Meredith, the first black to graduate from the University of Mississippi, and ends with an African fashion show Feb. 24.

Henry quoted Martin Luther King Jr. in explaining the month's purpose: "We either have got to learn to live together as a people or we will perish as fools."

He also said the events should make "all people aware of all other people," emphasizing that many blacks and whites never really come into contact with each other.

Involvement could be higher, some committee members said. In a panel discussion held early last week, David Herman, dean of students, said, "Not enough white students or faculty participate in the month, but we are trying to bring more people into activities. It is not just for black students but for all students to learn."

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Truck left in wrong gear causes roll

By DAWN SCHAFFER
Staff Writer

The truck that rolled from the parking lot behind Varner Hall on Jan. 21, loaded with 12 barrels of PCB toxic wastes, was not a result of mechanical failure, state police said.

The truck was left in second gear, making it possible for the truck to roll if pushed from behind, said Sgt. Charles Culton.

NORMALLY WHEN parking a truck or car, the gear is left in reverse or first—the heavy gears, said Alan Miller, assistant vice

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Fire call

Auburn Hills firefighters prepare to combat the fire in a Van Wagoner House room Jan. 28, while Public Safety Officer Bob White (left) looks on. The fire was caused by an overheated toaster oven.

An overheated toaster oven caused a fire on the sixth floor of Van Wagoner House Jan. 28 at 5 p.m.

The female resident accidentally left the oven on and left her room. The oven overheated and caught fire to the desk and carpeting, said Mel Gilroy, assistant

director of Public Safety.

Two Public Safety officers were notified by Central Heating, and called a dispatcher. Auburn Hills Fire Department was then called.

The entire dorm was evacuated for about one hour. Damage was minor, but in-

cluded a desk, carpeting and personal property, Gilroy said.

Head Resident Tom Dakes said the resident will probably be fined for any building damage.

Toaster ovens are not allowed in dorm rooms and the resident could face disciplinary action, Dakes said.

The Oakland Post / Eric Kurtcyz

Blanchard's budget request curtails money for higher ed

By CATHERINE KAZA
News Editor

State colleges and universities, including Oakland, could be facing severe tuition increases and program cuts this fall if Gov. James Blanchard's recently proposed budget is adopted.

"This is the worst recommendation for higher education in years and years," said Sen. William Sederburg, R-East Lansing and chairman of the higher education subcommittee.

THE BUDGET proposes a 1 percent increase in operating funds for colleges and universities, from \$1.023 billion to \$1.033 billion.

Oakland's share would increase to \$31.35 million from \$30.86 million.

"Tuition will be up over 10 percent at every institution" if there are not layoffs, Sederburg predicted.

Robert McGarry, vice president for finance and administration at Oakland, said the budget was "a total shock. We were expecting something in line of the past few years."

Sederburg said in recent years, state colleges and universities have fared well under the governor's budget recommendations.

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Students take longer to complete degrees

More 5,6 year
graduates

By BILL TUCKER
Staff Writer

A four-year college degree is no longer the standard. A degree now takes usually five years or more to complete.

In 1987, only 28 percent of the undergraduates completed their degrees in four years. Forty percent took five years and 30 percent took six or more years, according to David Beardslee, director of institu-

tional research.

In 1985-86, 28 percent took four years, 42 percent five years and 29 percent six years or more. This is in sharp contrast to 1981-82, when 45 percent took four years, 33 percent five years and 21 percent six years.

BEARDSLEE SAID reasons include lighter class workloads, increased credit requirements and introduction of the general education program.

Steve Betts, a senior science and electrical engineering major, said, "Some general education classes are good, but some only brought my grade point down."

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Many changes in majors possible cause

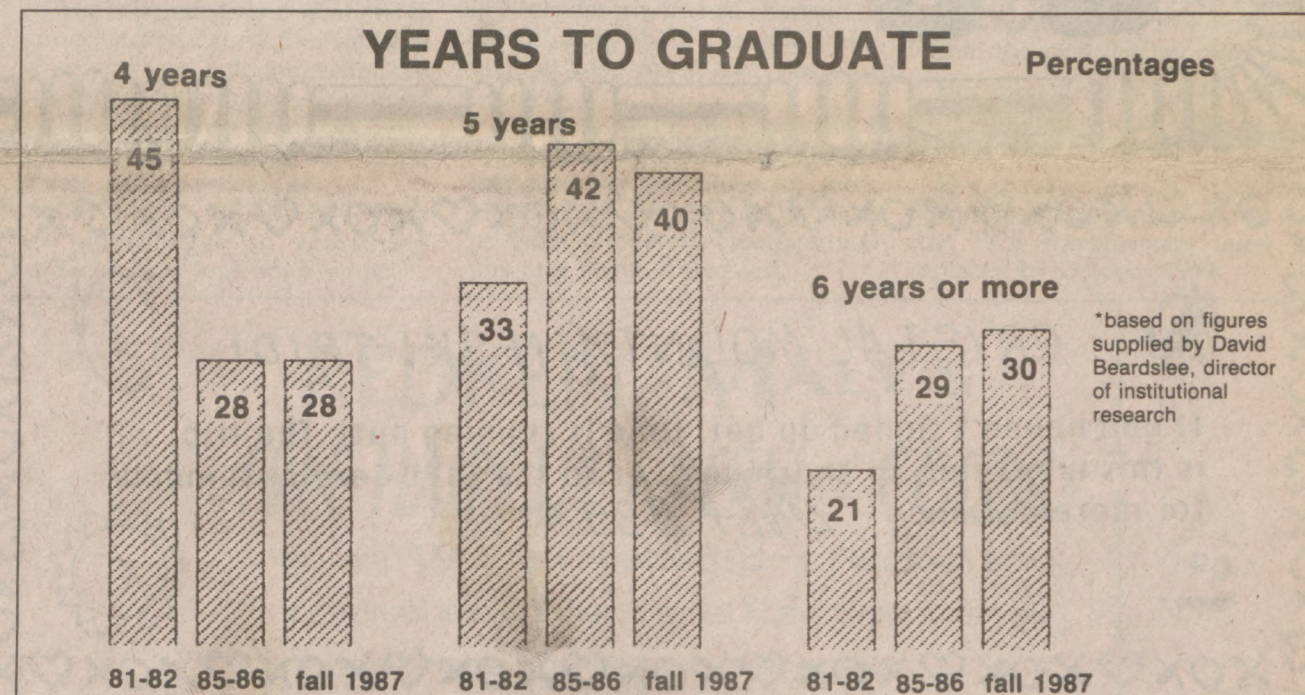
By MARK MC DOWELL
Staff Writer

Changing majors is almost as popular as changing clothes.

About 80 percent of college students in the country change majors at least once, estimated Carole Crum, assistant director of academic services and general studies.

An unofficial survey of 25 students showed Oakland is no exception. Only six are in the same major they started, and five are undecided.

No official change of major



statistics from the registrar.

REASONS FOR changes varied among students. Blair Stieber, a senior transfer from Macomb Community College and a political science major, switched from an accounting major "because I was just getting bored with it. Then, I had the idea of going to law school after I got my bachelor's in political science, but now I'm just going to get my bachelor's."

While Stieber transferred from

the business school, Katie Kazarian, academic adviser, said many students are entering. She estimated that the office sees up to 50 students per week and at least 40 percent are inquiring about the program.

"There's a lot of pressure on the students because they think they can't get a job without a business degree," Kazarian said. "It's very hard, there's a lot of student anxiety out there."

SOME OF this anxiety results in many undecided students. Ronald Somerville, associate registrar, said nearly 20 percent of all Oakland undergraduates are registered as undecided, 1,700 out of 10,000 in fall 1987.

Rosemary Robinson, advising coordinator for arts and sciences, said it's frustrating to have that many students undecided about their majors.

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Women's studies provides different view

Gender bias targeted by faculty

By CLAUDETTE ZOLKOWSKI
Staff Writer

Women's studies is not about radical feminism, those involved are quick to point out.

"It's not about men exploiting women...our goal is to get the gender bias out of general education," said Rebecca Warner, assistant sociology professor and acting coordinator for the program last semester.

The program at Oakland is offered as a concentration, consisting of 28 credits in the women's studies department. Most of the classes are cross-listed.

Warner said lack of awareness of the program is a problem. "As acting coordinator I identified a real need for visibility," she said.

Virginia Blankenship, assistant psychology professor and acting coordinator, said, "It's crucial for women to examine these issues to see how their world has been shaped by male-oriented activities."

WARNER MENTIONED crime history classes, which have traditionally ignored female crimes such as prostitution.

"Political science has ignored women since it's been around, and that's half the population," said Brent Steel, assistant political science professor and women's studies faculty committee member.

Albert Meehan, assistant sociology professor and committee member, wants to offer a course on women in the criminal justice system. "Because there are women as police officers, correctional officers and criminals...there's a lot to look at how they broke into the professional aspect," he said. "It's a fascinating topic," said Blankenship.

"I enjoy (the classes) very much, I find that it's relevant to me, being a woman," said Shelley Svenson, senior.

HOWEVER, MEEHAN said, "I don't see it exclusively as a program for women by women."

"Perspective is repeatedly mentioned about women's studies."

"It's definitely different," said Patty Keene, senior. "The class is taught from the women's perspective rather than the same old male perspective."

In other classes there is no mention of women in history. Upon tak-

"Despite the Virginia Slims commercials, women are still at a disadvantage in our society."

Albert Meehan, women's studies faculty member and assistant sociology professor

ing a women's studies course "you find out 'Wow, there are women involved.' It's pretty enjoyable," said Cheryl Chiodini, senior.

MOST UNIVERSITIES have some sort of women's studies program, Warner said.

Blankenship said few schools have a full women's studies department.

"We have a very dedicated faculty, that is the strength of the concentration," Blankenship said.

SHEA HOWELL, assistant communications professor and women's studies faculty member, said, "I think people, both men and women, need to have a sense of the history of what women have been struggling for."

"It provides a kind of bridge for the feminist ideas developed in the 60s and 70s into the 80s and 90s,"

she said.

Careers for students with a concentration in women's studies vary depending upon their major, Warner said.

"I have one student working at the Haven (a shelter for victims of domestic violence) and she claimed to have learned a lot from women's studies," Warner said.

CHIODINI, WHO is taking the Women in Work course, is using her women's studies background in a job she has working for a family planning clinic.

When the program began in 1981, 46 students were enrolled. Last fall the total was 39, Blankenship said.

Between those years, enrollment dropped into the teens and picked up again in recent semesters.

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Blood

The Oakland Post / Paul Paris

Senior Amy Aylesworth tries not to look as registered nurse Mary Lou Jones takes a pint of blood Jan. 25. The drive resulted in 222 pints of blood donations from 101 commuter students, 93 residents, and university employees.

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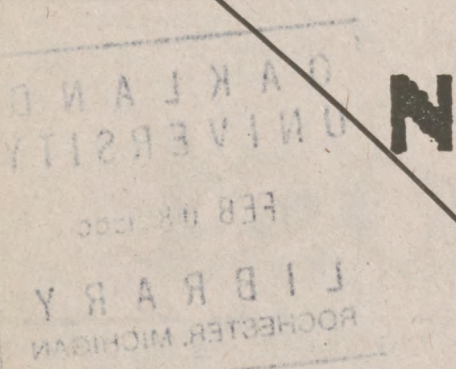
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Interested in serving on the Faculty Senate? There is a student representative seat that will be filled at the University Congress meeting, February 8, 1988. For more information contact Al Alper at 370-4290.

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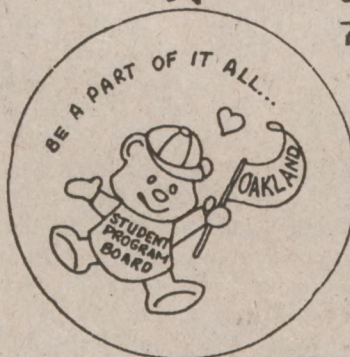
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Where's the Vulcan? Don't forget to look for the Vulcan on campus on Thursday, February 4. The first 3 people that find him will receive 3 free tickets to the special showing of Star Trek III: The Search for Spock on Sunday, February 7 at 7 pm. 201 Dodge, \$1.00 admission.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Vandenberg site of recent thefts

Vandenberg Hall had two recent thefts. In one, a camera valued at \$100, a headphone radio and headphones were stolen sometime Jan. 21 from residents.

The same day, a Nikon 35 millimeter camera was stolen. The resident said her door may have been unlocked because her suitemate was moving out.

Gas line breaks

A broken gas line resulted in a leak during construction near Dodge and Hannah Halls Jan. 28, causing the evacuation of hundreds for almost two hours, according to Public Safety.

Construction workers using a back hoe struck and ruptured a line during library project construction shortly after 11:30 a.m.,

said Mel Gilroy, assistant director of Public Safety.

The Auburn Hills Fire Department was called. "It could have been dangerous. We're pleased it wasn't a more significant incident," said Gilroy.

Consumers Powers utility workers went through the buildings with a sniffer to decide the leak had been sealed before allowing people to reenter the building at 1:15 p.m.

AHC president quits position

Area Hall Council president Deborah Ciupak recently resigned, leaving vice president Michaelle Finch as acting president.

Finch would not comment on Ciupak's resignation.

Presidential elections are Feb. 4 and 5. Finch said results would be known Feb. 9.



Violin virtuoso

Beth Widner (right) practices *Symphonie Espagnole* with the help of her instructor, Sharon Stanis. Widner rehearsed the piece from Lafayette's string quartet in Varner Hall last week.

The Oakland Post / Paul Paris

Degrees

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Betts started school in fall 1982 and plans to graduate this summer.

Some think the reasons lay with students' attitudes. Harvey Burdick, psychology professor, said students stay longer than four years because they are "caught between the values of the university" and their own.

STUDENTS DO NOT come to the university to develop a way of thinking, he said. "(It is) more important to make money."

Robert Fink, director of counseling at Graham Health Center, said, "Some students just don't plan

well enough ahead. They choose majors that they can't get into.

"Fears of failure or success cause procrastination which causes difficulty with finishing courses."

Some students become attached to the university, especially if they come from troubled families, according to Fink. Fear of adult responsibility may also cause students to stay at school longer, he said.

Freshmen interviewed said they planned on a short stay at the university. Scott Fenner, who plans to major in engineering, said he expects to graduate in four years.

SEL EREN, a human resource and development major, said he'll be done in 4½ years. "Higher tuition makes it harder" to stay more

Budget

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For 1988-89, the 1 percent increase comes in the form of a need-based \$15.9 million tuition assistance program. The fund was based on the percentage increase and one-time spending of this year that was redirected, said Kevin Riper, deputy director of the state management and budget office.

Under the proposed budget, Oakland will receive slightly more than \$500,000 for the program, Riper said.

MANY THOUGHT the tuition assistance program was no more than a token gesture.

"It's a misnomer," said Richard Miller, executive assistant to the president for government relations at Central Michigan University. The money each institution receives is part of the general operating budget, and would be for tuition only. "It is not even a cost of living increase," Miller said.

MC GARRY AGREED. "It creates an additional problem (since we) can't use it for general operating needs," he said.

Roberta Palmer, director of state relations at the University of Michigan, said while higher education's allotment was disappointing, the whole budget was flat. It increased .3 percent. U-M was hoping the increase would at least cover the rate of inflation, from 1 to 4 percent, but "unfortunately it was on the low side."

"Double-digit tuition increase is certainly a possibility," she said.

Most are waiting until the budget is reviewed by the legislature and finalized sometime in the summer. Sederburg said the present sentiment in the legislature is "(we) think we will want to rewrite the budget totally—it's not a very sound budget."

Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, and member of the state subcommittee on higher education, said the higher ed allotment is "fair in view of cuts of other departments."

PCBs

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president for campus facilities and operations.

The PCBs were left in the truck because the contractor, Electrical Service Corporation of Farmington Hills, did not have signed papers that would allow them to transport the hazardous wastes, said Miller.

"PCBs being left unattended was very well covered in meetings. They were very lucky," said Miller.

"If the PCBs would have spilled, it would have contaminated the soil, and the soil would have to have been removed," said Ben Okwumabua, district supervisor with management of the Department of Natural Resources.

PCBs ARE used in electrical transformers. Those in the truck were pumped from transformers in North Foundation Hall and Varner.

To date, transformers have also been removed in the Oakland Center, Lepley Sports Center, and Hannah Hall. Those in Dodge Hall and Wilson Hall will be removed within the next few months.

The transformers are located in each building near the electrical service vaults.

The university is spending \$316,000 and obeying a federal law that PCB transformers must be replaced by October 1989.

Month

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BLACK AWARENESS Month started in 1926 as Negro History Week by the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History. In 1978, the association named February Black History Month.

In February, 1980, interim president George Matthews named February Black Awareness Month at the university.

The BAM committee has been budgeted \$7,000 for this month, said Paul Franklin, coordinator of campus programs.

Staff writer Susan Palazzolo contributed to this story.

Women

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"We now average between 40 to 50 students per semester," Blankenship said.

"As much as it is possible we try to involve students in our activities," Blankenship said.

"Without a home it's difficult to build (student) involvement," she added.

Blankenship hoped to create a women's center on campus, but budget cuts discouraged this.

MALE INVOLVEMENT could be higher, most agree. "There should be more men in the women's studies program...women's studies isn't just for women," Meehan said.

"I dislike the fact that not many males take the class," Chiodini said. "In one class there was a man raising his daughter alone and he offered a new perspective," she added.

Warner said many of the men who take the classes have the attitude, "I'm interested, but don't label me (a feminist)."

"Despite the Virginia Slims commercials, women are still at a disadvantage in our society," Meehan said.

Corrections

In a Jan. 25 article about sand use on snow, the first sentence should have clarified that sand does not melt snow, but provides traction.

The outline on Jan. 25 for the picture of the Roadhouse team winning snow football should have said Jamie Shuell took the picture.

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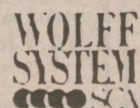
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PAUL MITCHELL SYSTEMS

The description for the Village Project check-off in both the schedule of classes and the check-off donation card indicated that the Barn Theatre still benefitted from the check-off funds. The Barn burned down in August, and the remaining part of the building was torn down in December.

The Barn Board of Directors regrets this inconvenience to anyone who felt that the information misrepresented the true facts. It was not intentional.

To accomodate those students who voluntarily paid a dollar for the Village Project and who desire their dollar back, refunds are being offered. To receive a refund, a student should go to the Student Accounts Office. Payment will be verified and then the student will be given a form to take to the cashiers office to receive the refund. All refunds must be collected by February 26, 1988.

The Barn Board will be considering the future use of the Students for the Village funds and the Village Project checkoff system.

Reverse racism taints BAM

FEBRUARY IS Black Awareness Month and for the last several years *The Oakland Post/Sail* has unjustly been accused of being a racist paper every February. Apparently this year is proving to be no exception.

The *Post* has been accused of being racist because of three main points: we fail to cover enough minority-related events, the events we do cover are negative and we never have any minority writers. All of these accusations are false.

In January the *Post* ran numerous articles on Martin Luther King Day and Black Awareness Month. The Jan. 11 issue contained one article supporting BAM, the Jan. 18 issue contained a front page story on Martin Luther King Day, a second article supporting BAM plus a mini-article under What's Happening. The Jan. 25 issue contained a front page photograph on the Martin Luther King Day march and three-mini articles on upcoming BAM events.

NO ONE COULD ACCUSE the *Post* of failing to cover BAM or Martin Luther King Day considering the large number of articles that ran within three weeks. But some complained because the *Post* didn't cover a speech Jan. 18 by Warfield Moore, a 36th District Court judge in Detroit.

Moore spoke on a Monday. Because of deadline considerations, usual policy at the *Post* is **not** to write an article about a speaker who comes to campus on a Monday or Tuesday unless that speaker is of such prominence a large audience (like that for Coretta Scott King or James Meredith) is expected. The reasoning behind this policy is keep the news as fresh as possible. The *Post* tries to avoid covering an event that will be at least a week old by the time of publication.

In order to avoid not covering Monday or Tuesday events at all, the *Post* tries to run a preview of an event, like we did with Martin Luther King Day. We also often follow up the event with a photograph and outline, like we did with the Martin Luther King Day march.

LAST YEAR *The Oakland Sail* published an article about a sorority and fraternity that were suspended for alleged hazing violations. Both of the Greek groups were black, and because the article came out in February (Black Awareness Month) the *Sail* was accused of racism. A newspaper has an obligation to cover the news regardless of what time of the year it is or whether or not the article may be interpreted as negative. Unfortunately people tend to forget this.

The third accusation the *Post/Sail* receives every January and February is that we never have any minority employees. This also is false. The *Post* has had black writers and photographers, and is in fact always looking for more. While we have tried recruiting people in the past from the Association of Black students, we are limited in what we can do. We can't force people to write for us. To a large extent, it's up to people representative of all groups to come in and ask to work. We're always looking for new people.

IT SEEMS RIDICULOUS that every February the world suddenly becomes black and white. People are no longer writers who work on the student newspaper, but black or white writers; speakers are no longer guest speakers but black guest speakers or white guest speakers.

Black Awareness Month should be a time of recognizing the differences and similarities between the races. It should not be a time of name calling, racism or prejudice. It's a shame some insist on making the month a time for bitterness and racial tension each year.

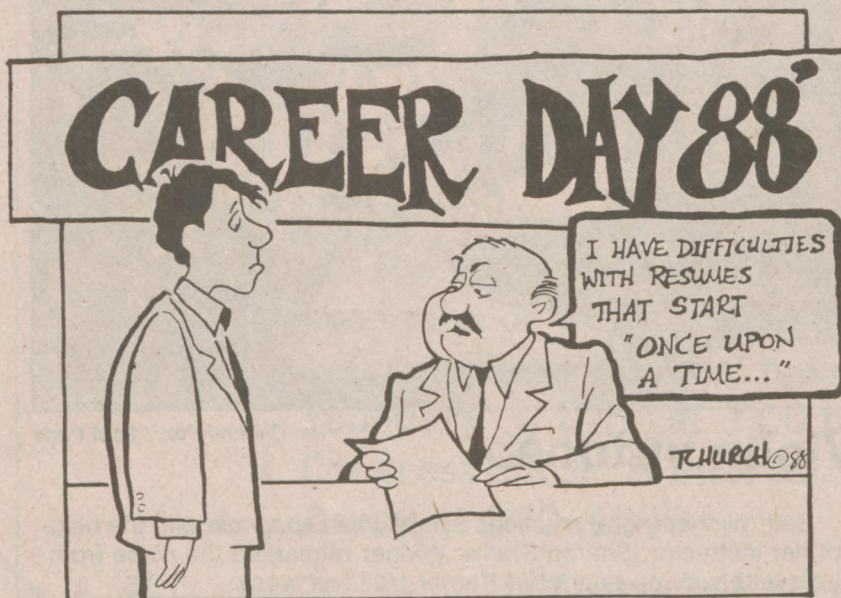
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Sex, food motivates human race

VIEWPOINT

Bob McMurray

Bob McMurray is a journalism student in his first semester at Oakland.

I had given him a doughnut he would have shut up.

Why was I sitting in his class? To fulfill a prerequisite for a degree necessary for a job that will get me lots of money for lots of food to feed females who may go back to my place for sex, preferably with me. One round-about way of getting laid but hey, life would be pretty dull without some variations on such a simple theme.

Can you imagine the ferocious clamor those genes must be making inside the bodies of celibates? I can. The struggle they must have had making that vow of celibacy. Think of the protestations those who prac-

tice birth control must put up with. AIDS adds a new dimension to that. Many guys must stall before putting on condoms. "Okay, I might get AIDS and die without it, on the other hand, if I wear it, my reproductive chances are drastically reduced." A great dilemma for those genes.

Given the steady state of our food supply, sex is the driving force of American society. A fact that the advertising industry has picked up on. An especially offensive commercial in this category shows a couple making the first moves toward sex and one person says, "I thought you had a headache." The other answers, "I did, but I took --"

Sex and food: it is an idea that could make public speaking a snap. Just think of your audience as a bunch of bunnies.

History and the arts take on a new meaning in this framework. Even before this idea introduced itself, I've thought maybe there would not be war if everyone had regular meals and sex. On the other hand, maybe Shakespeare never would have written a word without some type of carrot dangling before him.

Why am I writing this? I'm hoping some female will invite me to dinner.

Present day religious cults that emphasize heavenly values over getting all the food and sex you can get away with are obviously perversions of earlier religions. It's frightening how easily the importance of sex and food has been obscured as we tried to create more variations.

Humans are complex creatures and our genes know we have to be kept amused, or confused. We've got all these capacities that can be used and yet the only thing we're here for is to spread genes. We surely are freaks of evolution. It's like buying a Lamborghini to drive around town: our excess brain capacity must have something to idle on. So we build cities, watch TV, write novels, paint pictures, kill each other, fall in love, play games, educate our young, pay taxes, go swimming, choose a career, travel the world and all the other things but it all come down to the search for sex and food. Makes good sense to me.

Viewpoint is a column open to students, faculty and staff interested in writing about an unusual personal experience or a national, state or local issue.

If interested in writing, stop by or call The Oakland Post at 370-4265 and ask for the editor in chief.

Letters to the Editor

Right to free speech should be practiced with self-restraint

Dear Editor,

Letter writer Wes Knoch (Jan. 25) is right in suggesting that frivolous charges of racism and the like can be a form of intellectual terrorism and have a chilling effect on free speech. And certainly no one should lose a job merely for expressing a reasoned opinion in an inoffensive manner. But should we conclude from his letter that the principle of free speech permits us to say anything we want, any time we want and not be confronted by others if our utterances are deemed erroneous or offensive?

People who make controversial remarks in the public arena should be prepared for vocal opposition. And those who represent highly visible and/or public institutions should be especially careful, lest what they say or the way they say it reflects badly on those organizations.

Jimmy the Greek was fired because of his ill-founded and insensitive references to black people undermined his bona fides as a sports commentator and vitiated his value in the role to his employer (CBS). The U-M's Dean Steiner has been criticized — but not fired by the way — because coming from a

highly placed university official, his statement suggested a policy position which many find unacceptable; moreover, his allusions cast aspersions on other respected academic institutions. Both men should have given more thought to what they were saying and how they were saying it.

The right to free speech does not absolve one of the necessity for expressive self-restraint and the duty to think before speaking.

Peter Bertocci

Professor sociology/anthropology

'Post' fails black fraternity with insufficient coverage

Dear Editor,

Upon reading your Jan. 25, 1988 edition I was shocked and outraged to find that there was no mention of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, which Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity sponsored. The honorable Judge Warfield Moore Jr. from the 36th District Court in Detroit spoke to over 300 students and staff in the Crockery. Once again *The Oakland Post* has shown little or no regard for the positive functions black students of Oakland University organize and implement.

It is beyond reason that you would consider this event unworthy of any mention. There was no acknowledgment of the significance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day because your staff saw this event as unimportant and the lecture that Judge Moore gave as not news worthy. Your newspaper has succeeded in further alienating the black students. You had the opportunity to bring an awareness to the entire university community and you did not fulfill your obligation to the students, faculty and staff.

In February 1987 your newspaper did not hesitate to put on the front page the story that Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Kappa Upsilon Chapter, has been suspended for alleged violations of Oakland policies. Now, when my fraternity does something positive for the Oakland community, your newspaper didn't print a word about our program.

The Oakland Post is continuing to cast a negative light on my fraternity and all of the black Greeks by printing everything negative and nothing positive. Your newspaper failed the students by not presenting them with the history behind a black man who made a positive impact in America. Your newspaper failed my fraternity by not covering the lecture given by a prominent local jurist and Kappa man. Your newspaper has failed to meet the needs of the students and has further perpetuated the myths

that black fraternities only haze and party. Kappa Alpha Psi is a proud fraternity and this chapter is proud of its accomplishments.

Our chapter has a national reputation and is known all through the fraternity. We are going to continue to present a positive image of black Greek life with or without your help.

Sincerely,

Gary G. Watkins

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

When snow storms hit, sand better than salt despite mess

Dear Editor,

Concerning the front page article (Jan. 25, 1988) on use of sand on campus; sand does not melt ice and snow as the lead sentence states. The purpose is to provide traction for pedestrians and vehicles. Sand does that very well, indeed. For the first winter in more than 10 years I've been able to walk across campus, up and down outdoor ramps and to and from my car with equanimity.

Salt does melt ice and snow, but they freeze again. In the past years the walks and parking lots have been especially treacherous in mornings and evenings. There was no way salt distribution could counteract this problem. Salt is corrosive. How much did road repair cost, compared to repair for "walk off" mats at the Oakland Center. As for carpeting, why not put down more runners during the winter term. I fully understand that those people in charge of building upkeep are dismayed by the endless mess. Salt is a problem too, but less visible and more long term.

Please keep on using sand, this winter and in the future.

Sincerely,

Esther M. Goudsmit
Biology Department

BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed

Dan Rather event not unique, media attacked often

Recently the media has once again come under attack. This time for Dan Rather's handling of his interview with Vice President George Bush.

Criticism of the media is nothing new. In fact, public opinion of reporters probably ranks below that of used car salesmen. And since the growth of the electronic media, people have found there's no hiding behind a live camera.

In many cases the media does exploit certain topics. In its quest for the ultimate story, it may take a small incident and blow it out of proportion destroying a very respectable person or organization.

But good journalism also exposes issues that some people are trying to cover up and other people should know about. Where would

we be if Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein had not exposed the Watergate scandal? Contrary to former president Richard Nixon's current popularity with those who are not old enough to remember exactly what happened, he did a lot. Most of which was both against the law and professional ethics.

G. Gordon Liddy, Nixon's former security adviser, once said that if Nixon handled the affair differently he could have become a dictator. I often wonder how much of what really went on never made the papers.

The same can be said for Iran's Islamic Revolution. What really happened? What about Jim and Tammy Bakker — how much more money would they be reaping from innocent people if the media had not ex-



Nick Chiappetta

posed them? Getting them off the air was a masterpiece in the art of journalism. The media exposed everything right down to an air conditioned dog house. But maybe the press did not do such a good job because the Bakkers are supposedly coming back stronger than ever.

But then there are cases like Judge Ginsberg. Ginsberg did not have to tell anyone (especially a reporter) that he smoked marijuana in the late 1960s. Being in public office he surely knew that a comment like that would spread through media like foul language spreads through the bleachers of Tiger Stadium.

The same can be said for Gary Hart who literally challenged the press to spy on him. What an idiot! Any moron knows (especially someone running for president) never NEVER challenge the media at anything, especially when you're guilty to begin with and then lie about it. Hart's challenge was like signing his own death certificate.

Hart tried to manipulate the media, something that should never be done unless one has an "ace in the hole" like Vice President George Bush did in his recent interview by Dan Rather.

Bush knew exactly what he was doing. He purposely baited a trap

for Dan Rather in order to get rid of the wimp image the media had impressed on him.

He did not have to do the interview, he knew what questions were going to be asked and he remained perfectly calm throughout it; expertly making himself out to be the "underdog who held fast to his beliefs" even though he never stated what his beliefs actually were.

His "ace in the hole" by the way was when he brought up the fact that Rather was no better than he since Rather walked off the air for six minutes.

The result of this incident is that Bush is stronger than ever in the polls and he is no longer considered "a wimp" even though he is still the same person.

The Oakland Post doesn't get exclusive interviews with the country's vice presidents or presidential candidates, but even we know what its like when people try to exploit the media. For instance we

may write 10 positive articles about an organization, but once a bad article is printed that even remotely pertains to that group, the members of it will scream that we have a personal vendetta against them.

Good news is boring and if everyone else wants to look at the world like *Entertainment Tonight*, that's up to them, but the press has an obligation to print the truth and the truth is not always good.

Plato said ignorance is the root of all evil. Newspapers were started in a free society to combat ignorance. People never seem to understand that.

This is not to say the media is not guilty of lying, but in order for it to function in the "real world" or at a university, a newspaper must be allowed to make its own decisions. If it doesn't then it defeats its own purpose... to expose truth.

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The Black Awareness Month Committee would like to thank the following organizations for their parts in planning the activities: Academic Skills Center, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Association of Black Students, Bookcenter, CIPO, Collegiate Gentlemen, Delta Sigma Theta, Financial Aid Office, Gammettes, Kappa Alpha Psi, Marriot Food Service, Oakland Post, Oakland University Gospel Choir, Office of Student Affairs, Omega Psi Phi, Placement & Career Services, Residence Halls Programming, Scheduling Office, SHES, Student Life Lecture Board, Student Program Board and the Women of OU.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL CIPO AT 370-2020
DESCRIPTION OF EVENTS ON PAGE 8

What's Happening

Crimes of the Heart: The Pulitzer Prize winning play will be presented by the Oakland University Center for the Arts.

The performances will be Feb. 5-7, Feb. 12-14 and Feb. 19-21 in Varner Studio Theatre.

Call 370-3013 for ticket information.

Mainstage Double Feature: Impersonator Tony Domenico will precede Variety in Motion, a two-member performance company.

The show begins at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Crockery.

Philanthropy Day: The Greek Council will sponsor the event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday in the Crockery.

Carnival games and prizes will be offered, and Miss Teen America will make an appearance.

Each participating group will contribute their proceeds to the charitable cause of their choice.

Cholesterol Testing: The free testing will be sponsored and administered by Henry Ford Hospital.

It will begin today and last through Sunday.

Call 652-1152 for more information.

Photomontage: An exhibition of over 50 works by 14 contemporary photographers will be on view from Feb. 2 through April 2 at Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum.

For more information call 645-3323.

The Man Who Envied Women: This film kicks off the 1987 Whitney Biennial Film Exhibition at the Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum.

The 1985 movie will show at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the museum.

The Mask Man: FAUSTWORKS from Bethlehem, Connecticut will use masks, costume pieces and props to create thirty characters for the Youtheatre at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

The show will be at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday.

Call 832-2730 for ticket information.



Courtesy of Meadow Brook Theatre.
Paul Deboy and Linda Gehringer play the leading roles of Brick and Maggie in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*.

Play covers serious matters despite humorous material

By DOC ROSS
Staff Writer

Tennessee Williams' Pulitzer Prize winning *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, now playing at Meadow Brook Theatre, is enjoying a revival, and in a strange way, fits in with the current vogue in baby films.

Review

True, Williams' work could never be considered light-hearted comedy, but he does make us laugh with him. He is as desperate to address the big questions of morality, human nature and social acceptance as his character Maggie is to stay on the hot tin roof.

There are at least three versions of *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* for stage and screen. Meadow Brook has chosen the hit Broadway version which has changes suggested to Williams by director Elia Kazan.

In this version there is some hope of resolving at least part of the conflict, but the play is still very much open-ended.

Williams leaves many unanswered questions, and each

character gives a different version of the situation. The audience never gets a definitive story about the Maggie/Skipper/Brick triangle. Also, it never knows if Big Mama is sincere in her love for Big Daddy, or just after control of the plantation like Gooper and Mae.

There is a lot of realism both in the writing and playing of *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, but the realism is constantly undermined. Bird calls, exploding fireworks and other clever juxtapositions give the play an unreal quality and remind us that we're in a theater, not a bedroom.

The ensemble work well together, underscoring the tensions within the entire family as well as the individual conflicts. Linda Gehringer as Maggie is nervous and quivering. She changes emotions at every turn, trying to keep her cool in a tense, hot situation.

Phillip Locker as Gooper, the slick, shifty southern lawyer, is the man no one should buy a used car from. He plays this small role with great finesse. When Big Daddy smells the unhealthy air of mediocrity, Gooper knows his scheme has failed before it is spelled out. The audience senses his disappointment and embarrassment even though his back is turned.

He is not ashamed, however, and maintains the smile and walk of a man satisfied with life.

The oppulent, airy set is the work of Meadow Brook's resident designer Peter Hicks. Its thin curtains, many doors and spacious outdoor gallery emphasize the lack of privacy in Big Daddy's castle.

Characters traipse through and around the room eavesdropping and intruding on intimate conversations. Voices are heard from everywhere, and screaming, obnoxious children are always under foot, making this open set seem close and stifling.

The set looks hot because of the bright lighting, but the actors fail to follow through with this enough to enhance the steamy atmosphere.

Two notable exceptions are Brick (Paul DeBoy) who looks like he's sweating even when he isn't, and the sexy opening scene in which Maggie undresses and seductively wipes and powders herself dry.

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof plays at the Meadow Brook Theatre through Feb. 21.

Class taught at Greenfield Village give teachers historic perspective

By KAREN MASLOWSKI
Staff Writer

Hands-on lessons ranging from soap-making to the development of automobiles are covered in the practical social studies class taught at Greenfield Village.

The extension class, ED 597, was formed to teach students about the cultural and technological evolution of America, according to Roderic Righter, professor of education.

Righter, who developed the class, has been the instructor since 1973. It is mainly for people who already have a teaching degree, but some seniors can get in with special permission, he said.

Righter got the idea for the class while noticing teachers leading field

trips at Greenfield Village. He felt the teachers weren't taking full advantage of the facilities.

In 1972 he suggested teaching a class there to give teachers a better background on the history of American culture and technology.

After collaborating with Dr. John Wright, director of education at the Edison Institute, and James Van-Buchove, director of public programs, Righter was able to begin the class for Oakland.

"I can't say enough good things in terms of their cooperative efforts in this endeavor," said Righter.

The class has become increasingly popular, and at one point 51 students enrolled in one class, he said. This year, 27 students are enrolled, an ideal size according to

Righter.

The two-semester class meets on selected Thursdays and Saturdays from September to May. Passes are issued to the students for admittance to the facilities at Greenfield Village. Students may use their passes during both terms as needed.

The program is more expensive than regular four-credit classes. A \$50 lab fee per term is required along with the regular off-campus tuition.

During the first term, areas such as power usage, transportation, and home life in America are covered. Crafts are emphasized in the second term: weaving, spinning, soap-making and fireplace

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The Oakland Post/Paul Paris
Professor Helen Kovach and Krushka are good friends.

Dog becomes popular personality on campus

By BOB MC MURRAY
Staff Writer

A poodle named Krushka has become a standard feature on fourth floor Wilson.

Several years ago, Profesor Helen Kovach-Tarakanov got the dog because she was lonesome. Later, she worried about him becoming lonely, so she brought him to work.

Kovach has been at Oakland since it opened in 1959. Now in semi-retirement, she teaches Russian language and literature three days a week. She also devotes time to supporting the Slavic Folk

Ensemble: a performing group that features the songs and dances of Slavic people.

Krushka, the English equivalent of the Russian word for "bread crumb", was born in December of 1983 and teamed up with Kovach in March.

He was a small puppy; Kovach used to carry him to her office in a knit hat. Walking into work with his master Friday, his tail was wagging constantly. He was wearing a blue sweater that covered soft, curly fur.

He will stand occasionally for at-

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Students form group to write creative magazine

By DAWN SCHAFFER
Staff Writer

With hopes of producing a creative writing publication, an English club has been formed on campus.

The club is actually a revival of a group that tried to organize last summer. "We'll expand on their idea," said Alisa Clapp, president.

Clapp's plans for the club include attending local dramas and musicals. She also wants to hold informal meetings to talk about authors and works of literature, in addition to putting out a publication.

The organizational meeting drew approximately 20 people, Clapp said.

"It's a good turnout for the first time. There's a big interest out there," said Evalise Auberg, secretary.

The club is open to all majors, "It's wrong to think of it as an English major club," said Assistant Professor Kevin Grimm, faculty sponsor.

The club plans to see *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* as a group. Assistant Professor Bruce Mann, whose specialty is American drama, will speak to the group before the performance.

"It's not a common thing to see a dramatic play with your friends, usually you just go the movies," said Auberg.

The publication the club is planning will include writings of the members and others, including poetry, essays, and short stories.

Clapp said she hopes that everyone on campus will read the publication. Hopefully, she said, there will be no charge or a minimal charge for the publication, which will probably come out two or three times a year.

"So far the publication is really vague and open to anything," said Auberg.

"Everyone has their own idea of what the publication should be," said Clapp. "Everyone will have a small part in the publication," she added.

Auberg said the club is for students who like to write, they will be able to get recognition and "a lot of constructive things could come out of it."

"It's a connection board for English majors and people who want to know what others think about teachers and classes," said Auberg.

The club's first fundraiser will be a used book sale in March.

The next meeting will be from noon to 1 p.m. tomorrow in room 126 of the Oakland Center. For students who attend night classes,

a second meeting will be held from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. Feb. 10 in room 125 of the Oakland Center.

This is not the first time Oakland has produced a student magazine.

A magazine, *Kontruse*, was published from 1961-1965 by students. In 1967 students changed the name to *Kontuse*, and did not affiliate the publication with Oakland, nor receive financial support.

Kontruse included "X-rated" poems and a picture of a nude woman, sitting in a chair, on the cover.

Other Oakland clubs relating to English literature and writing were the Creative Writing Club, 1974; Creative Writers, Inc. 1977-78; Letters from Earth, 1974; New Saratoga, 1978-79, and the Tolkien Society, in 1968 and 1970-71, which encouraged the appreciation of epic literature, emphasizing Tolkien.

Eight students, art history professor spend fall semester in Vienna

By FLORI ROSENBERG
Features Editor

As part of the first group in a new travel abroad program, eight students spent fall semester in Vienna, Austria for Oakland credits.

The Vienna trip is the first program sponsored by the Midwest Consortium for Study Abroad, a council of eight colleges and universities. A total of 32 students participated last fall.

According to Margaret Pigott, Oakland's coordinator for the consortium, MCSA was formed to offer students international travel with their school's credits.

"Students could never get that kind of educational opportunity at Oakland," said Pigott. The program shows students that they are part of the world, not just Michigan, she said.

Students who participate pay a program cost of \$4,498, according to Pigott. That amount covers tuition (16 credits), room and board, registration fees, transportation in Vienna, excursions, theater tickets, museum passes and insurance.

Pigott said that the payment does not cover the students' airfare, which is under \$600 for a round trip.

Participants are offered six classes to choose from each semester. In the fall, Charlotte Stokes, associate pro-

fessor of art and art history at Oakland, taught two classes for the group.

"It's a very exciting way to teach," said Stokes. Instead of showing slides of paintings or sculptures, she could bring her classes to the real thing.

Students could pick from Stokes' art history courses, European history, modern Viennese literature and German classes.

The program, said Stokes, offers the best of both worlds. Students can explore another country, and they are with a group that takes care of each other. Parents appreciate that, too, she said.

One of the participants, Gretchen Donelson, said the students and teachers became very close. As a result, the classes were casual and relaxed, she said.

The Viennese teachers spoke English, and the students and teachers were given their own building or "mini-university" to use.

The students spent most of their time together, said Donelson. "There were only 32 of us, and we were all best friends."

Donelson said being immersed in a foreign culture was nerve-racking at first. "It was terrifying," she said.

Donelson remembers trying to eat in a restaurant

with two other students in the group. It was their first day in Vienna.

They ordered the only item on the menu they could understand: soup, which came with bread.

Unfortunately, no one told them that in order for their irritated waitress to total up the bill, they were supposed to keep track of how many pieces of bread they ate.

Then there was the matter of figuring out the Viennese currency. "It was a mess. We were ready to go home," said Donelson.

But, by the second month most of the group had adjusted, she said.

Another student, James Carey, said the trip made him appreciate what he has in America. "Vienna is like the U.S. was 50 years ago," he said. "They're still living in history."

The students were provided housing with local families. Carey said the woman his group stayed with had trouble understanding the students' lifestyle; she was in bed by nine every night. They eventually found an apartment to stay in.

The program also sponsored excursions for the students including trips to Venice, Salzburg, and Prague.

Some students went on side trips of their own.

Donelson took a 170 mile train trip to Prague alone to meet her pen pal. After that, she can handle anything, she said. "You could drop me in the middle of anywhere...I learned to adjust to change."

Shopping was an educational activity in itself, especially grocery shopping, said Stokes. The stores are specialized and small with a warm atmosphere, she said. "You establish a very personal relationship with the shopkeepers."

Stokes said one store-owner gave her a mini-sewing kit for Christmas.

Although she enjoyed the trip, Stokes said, she might try something different next year. "There are many other wonderful places to go, maybe China."

The other Oakland students that made the trip were Ann Greene, Barbara Hallman, Beth Hoerauf, Bonnie Hurwitz, James Prehn and Diane Smith.

Next fall, 28 students will spend the semester in Vienna through the consortium, ten will be from Oakland. Richard Goldstein, professor of political science, will also be going.

According to Pigott, there are still openings for students. For further information, she can be reached at 370-2154 or 652-3405.

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Dr. Henry and friends will perform great jazz classics in an old-fashioned "jam session." It doesn't get any better than this!

Monday, February 1 Inauguration Ceremony
2 p.m.
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Admission: Free
This event is the kick-off program for Black Awareness Month. The ceremony will include an address by James Meredith, the first black student to attend and graduate from the University of Mississippi, as well as the awarding of the prestigious *Focus and Impact Awards* to several individuals who have made significant contributions to the advancement of education.

Tuesday, February 2 State of Education
12-1 p.m.
O.C. Fireside Lounge
Admission: Free
A panel discussion about the state of education. Where does education stand and what do we need to do to improve it? How will the problems which education faces affect future generations?

Friday, February 5 Changing Demographics
12-1 p.m.
O.C. Gold Rooms
Admission: Free
Andrea Dean of the U.S. Census Bureau will discuss the changing population of the United States with emphasis on the Detroit metro area. Discussion will center on how the changes will affect education.

Sunday, February 7 Moss Brothers
7-9 p.m.
O.C. Crockery
Admission: Free
Gospel music at its best!

Tuesday, February 9 Financial Aid Changes—Impact on Higher Education
12-1 p.m.
O.C. Fireside Lounge
Admission: Free
A panel discussion on the impact of financial aid changes on higher education. How will these changes in the Reagan era affect students' accessibility to higher education?

Wednesday, February 10 Detecting Racism in Children's Literature
11 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
O.C. Exhibit Lounge
Admission: Free
This event will examine the sensitive issue of racism in children's literature. How does racism in children's literature affect the behavior of children toward those who are different from themselves? An exhibit of children's books which promote the understanding of racial differences will be on display.

Thursday, February 11 Southern Cuisine Night
4:30-7 p.m.
Vandenberg Cafeteria
Southern Cuisine Night features a "traditional family dinner." An old-fashioned, sit-down meal for the Oakland community to get together for great food and sparkling conversation with your "home away from home" family.

Friday, February 12 Kappa Alpha Psi Provincial Step Competition
8 p.m.—1 a.m.
O.C. Crockery
Admission: \$3 Greeks & O.U. students, \$4 guests
Members of Kappa Alpha Psi from throughout the state will perform in their annual cane competition. A dance will follow the step competition.

Saturday, February 13 SPB Valentine's Day Dance
9 p.m.—1 a.m.
O.C. Crockery
Admission: Free
Bring your loved one or come by yourself... maybe cupid will strike! Have a great time and dance the night away. Open to all Oakland University students, employees and Alumni Association members. Students may sign up one guest in advance (by Friday, Feb. 12) at the CIPO Service Window.

Sunday, February 14 Afram Jazz Ensemble
7-8:30 p.m.
O.C. Crockery
Admission: Free
The cool sounds of jazz will be filling the Oakland Center Crockery when Oakland's very own Afram Jazz Ensemble performs. The Afram Jazz Ensemble is sure to please music lovers of all types.

Monday, February 15 Lecture: Marva Collins
3-5 p.m.
O.C. Crockery
Admission: \$1 for students, \$2 for faculty & staff, \$3 for public.
Tickets are available at the CIPO Service Window. Ms. Collins founded the Westside Prep School in Chicago in 1975, where she has repeatedly demonstrated her ability to transform "unteachable" ghetto children into accomplished readers. Her success is so amazing a film, "The Marva Collins Story," was made about her accomplishments.

Tuesday, February 16 How to Teach Your Children to Learn
12-1 p.m.
O.C. Fireside Lounge
Admission: Free
Ron Kevern, assistant vice president of Student Affairs, will discuss ways to help our children become better learners; to identify and overcome learning problems and how to motivate students to want to learn. Certainly parents should come, but also those who want to be a parent in the future should attend.

Wednesday, February 17 Oratorical Contest
12-2 p.m.
O.C. Gold Rooms
Admission: Free
Presentations will be made on the theme "Education: Foundation for the Future" as student orators compete for cash prizes. Entry forms are available beginning January 18 in the CIPO office and are due February 10.

Thursday, February 18 Lecture: Joseph Greene
3-5 p.m.
O.C. Crockery
Admission: Free
Joseph Greene is president of the Organization of School Administrators and Supervisors. While principal of Redford High School, Mr. Greene gained a reputation for being a tough and caring disciplinarian. His well-publicized accomplishments warranted a visit from the Secretary of Education William Bennett.

Thursday, February 18 Robert L. Donald Literary Contest
Awards to be presented at Joseph Greene Lecture
Students compete for cash prizes in short story, essay and poetry categories. Assistance available at Academic Skills Center. All entries are due Wednesday, February 10, in the CIPO office.

Thursday, February 18 Talent Show
8-11 p.m.
O.C. Crockery
Admission: \$2 in advance, \$3 at the door
Oakland University students will display their talents during this fun-filled show. Bands, singers and other acts will be featured. Come share in the excitement!

Friday, February 19 Coffeehouse
8-11:30 p.m.
O.C. Abstention
Admission: Free
This annual event features student performers demonstrating their talents in singing, drama interpretations and other activities.

Sunday, February 21 Family Day
1-10 p.m.
Oakland Center
Admission: Free
Students and their parents, faculty and staff are cordially invited to attend a variety of programs, activities and events on the campus of Oakland University. Food service will be provided and the OU Gospel Choir will be contributing in song to the event. Also featured will be an African Art Exhibit.

Tuesday, February 23 Importance of Education to Careers and Success
12-1 p.m.
O.C. Fireside Lounge
Admission: Free
Does education really have an influence on the success a person has in a chosen career? How much more can one expect to earn by graduating college or high school? Is a good education worth it? Come and join this interesting discussion.

Wednesday, February 24 Women of OU Brown Bag Lunch Lecture
12-1 p.m.
Room 128-130 O.C.
Admission: Free
Beverly Thomas, principal of Renaissance High School in Detroit will speak on the problems associated with running a high school in the city of Detroit. How will these problems affect the quality of students produced?

Wednesday, February 24 African Fashion Show
6-8 p.m.
O.C. Crockery
Admission: Free
Join us on a voyage back to old Africa! Models will display clothing of various African tribes. This show is an exciting conclusion to the month.

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PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, a scholarly society, was founded by Carter G. Woodson, a black historian, in 1915, for the purpose of preserving the history and culture of black Americans; and
Whereas, the Association, in 1926, proclaimed the week in which Abraham Lincoln's birthday falls each year as Negro History Week, because it felt that the history and culture of black people was being ignored; and
Whereas, the Association, in 1978, proclaimed the entire month of February as Black History Month to celebrate and remember the contributions and struggles of black Americans; and
Whereas, the Oakland University black community has joined in this celebration and designed programs to focus attention on the life and history of black Americans so as to bring about a greater awareness in the Oakland University community of the contributions of black Americans; therefore
Now be it Resolved, that February is hereby proclaimed as Black Awareness Month at Oakland University in keeping with the intent of the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History; and
Be it further Resolved that the entire university community is encouraged to join in this celebration and participate in the activities planned by the Black Awareness Month Committee.

Proclaimed by Dr. George T. Matthews, Interim President,
Oakland University, Thursday, February 7, 1988

Counseling center offers valuable services to students, community

By FLORI ROSENBERG
Features Editor

Although a counseling center has always been available on campus, most people feel hesitant to take advantage of it, according to Dr. Robert Fink, director of the counseling center.

"Almost all people feel nervous coming in," said Fink. The myth that counseling is only for crazy people still exists, he explained. People think "things really have to bad to come here."

However, said Fink, the clinic is for anyone who wants to resolve a problem. Reasons for going have included depression, relationship problems, family problems, and trouble choosing a major.

The people who come to the clinic are trying to help themselves, said Fink. "They recognize that they're stuck," he said.

"Sometimes students come in, and all they know is they feel unhappy," said Fink.

Counseling provides a broader look at problems, he said. With it, people can pinpoint what is bothering them.

According to Dr. Bela Chopp, associate director of the center, counseling breaks down into two parts. First it helps people unders-

tand themselves. Then it helps them develop strategies to cope with their problem.

When people first realize something is bothering them, they often go to their friends, Chopp said. "Friends can be supportive, but can't always help in just the right way," she said.

Sometimes, friends share the same problems, said Chopp. They may empathize, but cannot always offer answers.

In other cases, friends offer their solution to a problem, said Chopp. That may not be right for every situation. "A counselor helps you figure out your own ways of dealing with problems," she said.

"In the process, you also discover what your strengths are," Chopp continued.

When people do come to the clinic, their natural inclination is to flee, according to Chopp.

She feels participants need give themselves a chance to develop a good working relationship with a counselor. This involves building trust and respect for each other. "It's something that cannot be determined in one meeting," she said.

At the other extreme, some people expect to solve their problem in one session. "It's important to

clarify expectations right from the start," said Chopp.

"Another thing that makes people uneasy about coming is the fear other people will know," said Fink. All meetings are confidential, he emphasized. "Nothing goes on your permanent record."

Fink pointed out that confidentiality frees people to bring out more about themselves.

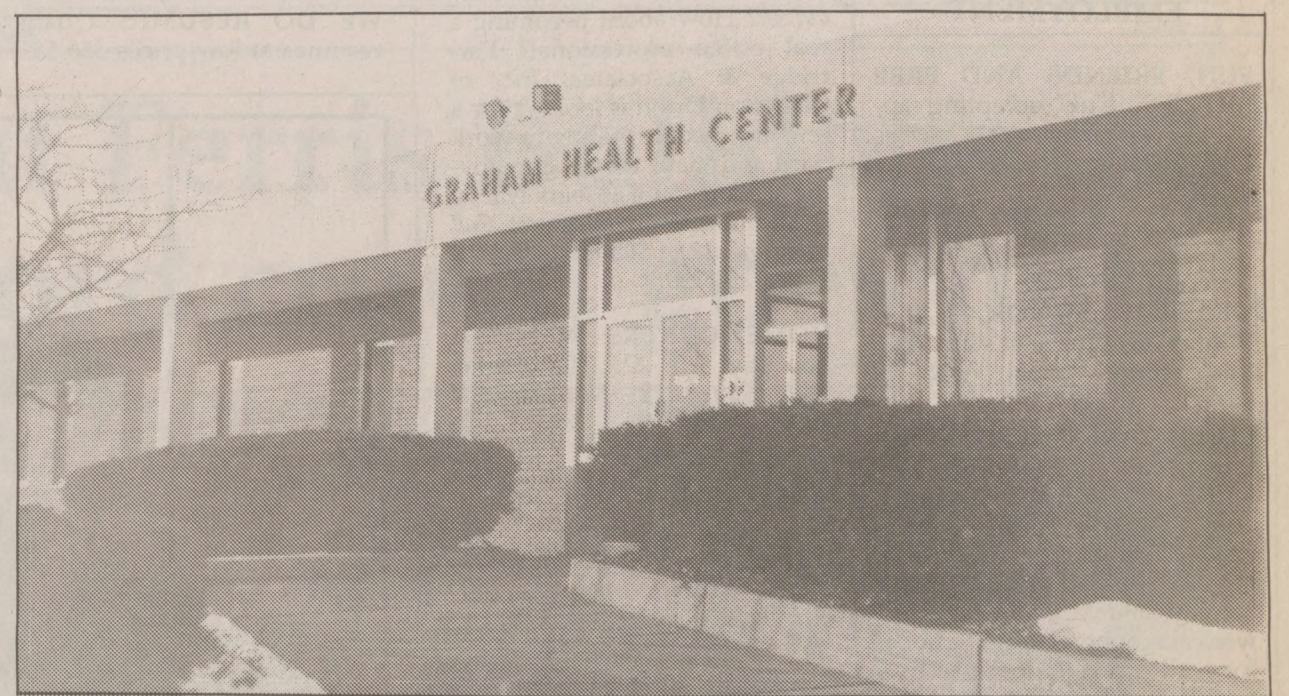
Continuity is another factor of counseling that helps participants feel comfortable, according to Fink. He said most people who use the clinic come once a week for 45 minute sessions. "It's nice to be able to depend on that," he said.

Depending on the person, 14 to 15 sessions at the clinic are average, Fink said.

"Basically, we don't do time-limited counseling. Whatever time it takes, we will stay with you," said Chopp.

The clinic, which is partially self-supporting, is for the university and the community. Full-time students are charged five dollars per session. Others are charged according to a sliding fee scale.

If the expense is a problem for some students, said Fink, an adjustment can be made. He said a fee is an important part of the counseling. "Even if it's one dollar a ses-



The counseling center is not affiliated with Graham Health Center though they do share the same building.

sion, paying makes students take it more seriously.

Chopp emphasized that money should not hinder anyone from using the clinic. "A student is never turned away just because they cannot pay the fee."

Besides regular counseling sessions, the center offers specialized services.

Career testing is available, but Chopp stressed that it is for people who are very confused. The testing is intense and includes counseling.

Specialized counseling is offered to anyone who has experienced a traumatic experience or loss. Fink listed the loss of a parent, chronic illness, or divorce as possible reasons for the counseling.

Other services include psychological testing, marriage counseling, and support groups.

Requests for appointments can be made over the phone or in person, said Fink. Appointments are usually scheduled within two weeks, except in emergencies.

For further information call the clinic at 370-3465.

Greenfield

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cooking.

An example of a past session is a day devoted to the Autumn Harvest Festival in America. During the session, students toured Henry Ford Museum and discussed the event from threshing wheat to food preparation.

Students appreciate the lack of

texts and the hands-on situations, Righter said. A project is assigned during the second term rather than using exams that try, but fail, to cover the vast material, he added.

Past projects have included making picture books for children, inventing teaching games and writing bibliographies for future students in the class.

"It's one of the best things I've done for teachers," Righter said.

"I love it! I can't get enough of it," said Dee Dee Lombardo, a

substitute teacher taking the class.

The Saturdays are long, but the time spent is worth it, Lombardo said. However, she suggested changing the practice of holding back students' fall semester grades until both semesters are finished.

Over 550 students have participated in the Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum class since it was formed, according to Righter.

Dog

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tention and doesn't hesitate to make himself at home in Kovach's lap.

Bonnie McNeill, an administrative secretary, said she thinks the dog is multi-lingual. "He seems to understand the different languages...or it may be the tone of voice."

His "native tongue" is Russian, the language Kovach uses most when talking to him. She said Krushka learned English while he was taking obedience classes. He has also picked up some Spanish from a retired Spanish instructor who takes care of him when

Kovach travels.

Janet Harris, the modern languages department secretary, spoke about the dog with fondness. She recalled getting a Christmas card from "Kovach and Krushka."

She said it was strange having the dog around but she got used to it. "He's really the department mascot...He's very well-behaved and patient, he'll stand by the Xerox machine while she goes about her business."

Jennifer Martorana, who works in the language lab, said the dog follows Kovach wherever she goes. She described Krushka as very quiet; he rarely barks at the people who come and go. "I haven't played with the dog...my supervisor does sometimes."

Kovach has become closely associated with her dog. When she

doesn't bring him in, her co-workers ask about him.

Kovach said Krushka is a popular attraction with her students and those in the Ensemble. "He never interrupts rehearsals...Sometimes he gets excited with all the dancing, like he wants to dance with them."

While she is teaching, Krushka is left in her office. "He doesn't like being alone...When it's time for me to leave, he'll stand in the doorway until I tell him to get back."

In between her classes, one of her students will take Krushka outside while she prepares her lessons.

Kovach said Krushka doesn't bark often. "It's funny, he'll bark most at little children...He's a good watchdog though, if someone pulls into the driveway, he'll start barking before I hear a thing."

Measles close Colorado campus

(CPS)—Fighting a measles epidemic, health officials put all of Fort Lewis College under a quarantine Jan. 13, keeping about 30 unvaccinated students away from the start of classes and, among other things, forbidding anyone younger than 31-years-old from attending basketball games and other campus events until at least Jan. 23.

Three Fort Lewis students had contracted rubella, a highly contagious form of measles, since Dec. 16, 1987.

Under the rules of the quarantine, students who cannot prove they've been immunized against the measles strain will be kept from

class. The Colorado Department of Health excused people older than age 31 from showing proof of immunization because they were exposed—and consequently immunized—to the disease as children before a vaccine was developed.

Students around the nation have been rocked by measles in recent years. The State University of New York at Albany, for example, was on a measles alert last year when several students contracted the disease.

Students at dozens of colleges around the nation, including the

universities of Maryland, Rhode Island, North Dakota and Mississippi, as well as Kansas' Colby Community College and the Colorado School of Mines, now are required by state law or administration policy to prove they've been immunized against measles before they can register for classes.

On Oakland's campus, Carol Linington, head nurse at the Graham Health Center said she couldn't remember any cases here.

There is not a school policy regarding measles, she said.

Alisa Nass contributed to this report.



Florida, anyone?

Pam Stevenson buys a seat to Ft. Lauderdale from Mike Morissette of the American Marketing

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Intro. to The Short Story

When Carla told me that my date was a little short, I thought she was talking dollars and cents, not feet and inches. So there I was at the door, in my spiked heels, staring at the top of my date's head.


All I could think was, how do I get myself out of this? I could imagine how my legs would ache if I had to walk around with my knees bent all evening. So to stall for time, while figuring out how to fake malaria, I made us some Double Dutch Chocolate.

When I brought it into the living room, I discovered that Gary was a chocolate lover too. Ahh, a man after my own heart. Okay, I decided I'd give him a chance. So we sat down and saw each other face-to-face for the first time. He had a nice smile.

After some small talk—I mean conversation—I discovered that we both love Updike, hate the winter weather, and both have miniature schnauzers. So, we made a date to introduce Shadow and Schatzi next week.

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Katie Cron

I must be crazy

(Editor's note: Katie Cron wrote this piece two years ago for a JRN 200 (newswriting) assignment.)

"Ready?" the director intoned. "Yes sir," I said. "Allez, fence," he commanded.

Here I am with a 27-inch long steel blade in my hand facing a woman holding an identical weapon. I must be crazy!

When a sports story was assigned, I thought fencing would be ideal. My professor knew about as much as I did about the sport, next to nothing. I thought it would be easier to cover a sport where I was on an equal level with him.

Special equipment

The first thing I learned was that fencing requires special equipment that includes:

* A plasteron, a short-sleeved half jacket to protect the underarm and for extra protection for the weapon arm.

* A long-sleeved jacket which covers the entire torso, it's worn over the plasteron.

* A leather glove which extends over the sleeve of the jacket to protect the weapon hand and to prevent the opponent's sword from entering the sleeve of the jacket.

* A mask of steel and leather to protect the head.

* A weapon, either a foil, epee or sabre, although most women fence foil in competition.

Chinese torture

After I had suited up, "Spike" (a female fencer at Oakland) started to show me the basics of fencing. First on the agenda was a form of "Chinese torture" known as "footwork."

Fencers are required to squat with their feet about 1½ feet apart and perpendicular to each other, with heels lined up. This is called the "en garde" position. The best way to get comfortable in the en garde position is to stand in it for a long time, and to pick up each foot one at a time without moving the rest of the body.

Once Spike had me in position, she went to get a drink of water and told me not to move, except to pick up my feet.

"Don't move?!" I cried.

"Yea!" she said. "And pull your butt in and relax your shoulders." I was beginning to lose some of my enthusiasm for fencing. But Spike came back and taught me the next part of fencing, the lunge.

Stretch before fencing

I was en garde with my back foot against a wall. I was told to straighten my back leg quickly while lunging forward with my front leg, always extending my weapon arm first. This is when I learned my most important lesson in fencing. Always stretch before you fence! As the muscles in my thigh screamed out in pain, Spike shouted "No, no! Try again." For the next half hour I was drilled in the fine art of lunging.

Next on the agenda for slowly killing this reporter were advances and retreats, i.e. moving back and forth along the strip while squatting in en garde. The object of this was to teach me to retreat when my opponent advanced, and vice-versa. (A handy move for dodging my opponent's blade.)

Blade! All this work and I hadn't even picked one up yet! But never fear, point control was near.

A spot of tape

A spot of tape was fixed on the wall and my object was to hit the spot 10 times out of 10 from four different starts. First I practiced a simple extension of the arm to touch the wall with my point, then a step-extend, next a lunge-extend, and last an advance-lunge-extend.

Now I thought for sure I was ready to fence, I knew how to stand, move, lunge and how to hit the target (if it didn't move or fight back).

Spike called me a wimp

That's when Spike brought up parrys, motions of the sword to get the other guy's blade out of the way and set up for a "riposte" (an attack following a parry).

At the mention of more moves to learn I looked at my watch and begged to go home.

Spike called me a wimp, but let me go home with a promise to return next week.

Pioneers put Ferris Bulldogs on leash as record crowd goes nuts

By DAVID HOGG
Sports Writer

The men's basketball team, assisted by 1,442 screaming fans, upset the nationally-ranked Ferris State University Bulldogs 90-80 in overtime last Thursday.

The largest crowd in school history, showed from the start that the ruckus it raised would be a deciding factor in the contest.

When Brian Gregory hit a three pointer to start the game, the floor was bombarded with toilet paper a la Central Michigan University, and the crowd stayed rowdy and wild until Andre Bond's clinching dunk in overtime.

Despite the crowd's efforts though, the Pioneers had to play at the top of their abilities to win this one. They led for most of the game, holding as much as a 12-point lead in the first half. But Ferris narrowed the gap to 35-28 at halftime, and charged to a 38-37 lead after three minutes of the second half.

However, Scott Bittinger, who scored only four first-half points, took over, scoring 12 in the next 5:30 to give OU a 52-45 lead.

Then Ferris came back again, tying it with five minutes left and taking a four-point lead with 1:20 to play. With only 15 seconds left, Ferris still held a 73-69 lead.

But Oakland wasn't dead yet. Brian Gregory sunk two foul shots to cut it to 73-71. After the inbounds pass, Wallace Davis fouled Bulldog Craig Chappell, who missed his free throw.

Ferris got the rebound, but a larcenous Bittinger stole the ball.

He looked downcourt and saw An-



Pioneer John Henderson tries a hoop attempt in a Jan. 20 112-111 overtime victory over the Northern Michigan University Wildcats.

dre Bond streaking toward the hoop. Bittinger rifled the ball, and after briefly juggling it, Bond laid it in with two seconds left to tie the game.

And the crowd went crazy.

"On the films we saw that Ferris

didn't get back fast on defense, so when I saw Scott tip the ball, I just took off down the floor. I thought I might get called for something, but I didn't. When I made the shot, it was the happiest moment of my life," said Bond.

The Pioneers next got a chance to

win it in regulation when 'dog Dennis Douglas hit the ceiling with his inbounds pass. Oakland had the ball under the Ferris net with one second left, but couldn't get a shot off. So the game went into overtime.

The teams exchanged three

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Pioneer tankers sink third-ranked Clarion 138-79

Cleland: 'We really broke their morale'

By SUSAN STOKES
Sports Writer

"We kicked their butts," said Doug Cleland of Oakland's 138-79 win over Clarion University Jan. 23 in one of this season's most taxing road trips.

Clarion, in Pittsburgh, is a six-hour drive from here.

Pioneer coach Pete Hovland, in an admitted attempt to demoralize third-ranked Clarion, ran up the score instead of swimming some events as exhibition as is the usual practice.

In dual meets like this one, when the Pioneers' score is so high that victory is inevitable, Hovland usually enters the last three events as exhibition.

But with Clarion that wasn't the case. Although it was possible to enter some of the last events as exhibition and still win the meet, Hovland pulled out all the stops and went for the

points.

"He felt once we had them down we should keep them down. We really broke their morale," said Cleland.

Earlier in the season Hovland said, "I don't like to embarrass a school. It isn't fair to run up the score on a team."

For only the third time this season Hovland's tankers swam every event for points. The first two instances were against division I University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

After the Clarion meet Hovland explained his rationale. "We wanted to prove something to them. When we get to the national championships they will know we are a deep team, a strong team."

Currently Oakland ranks first among division II teams, followed by California State College-Bakersfield and Clarion.

Throughout the season Hovland has kept tabs on the competition. "Part of my job is to keep on top of what's going on around the rest of the country," he said. "That way, at the end of the season and at nationals I'll know how many points we'll need to win."

Last week the tankers followed a less intense practice schedule. Hovland gave some swimmers their mornings off. "Today we're just going to flop around in the pool and get excited, pumped up for the Kenyon (College) meet," Hovland said last Thursday.

The Pioneers traveled to Kenyon in Mt. Vernon, Ohio to battle the division III national champions last Friday.

The "mini-championship" will "be a real test," Hovland said. One problem the tankers have

though is mononucleosis. National backstroke champion Rich Swoboda is having a relapse, according to Hovland.

Swoboda's progress is monitored on a week-to-week basis.

Now resting in East Lansing, Swoboda couldn't be reached for comment. "I'm the only one with his phone number," Hovland said. "Not even his teammates can reach him. We are eliminating distractions so he regains his strength."

Along with the absence of Swoboda, the Pioneers will swim Kenyon minus three other key members. Due to conflicting exams, Hovland will take three alternates along instead.

Friday the tankers will take on Ferris State University at 7 p.m. in the Lepley pool.

The results from the Clarion meet were not available at press time.



The 14 Pioneer cheerleaders plan to attend every basketball home game this season as well as four on the road.

Cheerleaders, pompons, pep band do their best

By TOM COOK
Sports Writer

The 1988 Pioneer cheerleaders, pompon squad and pep band hope to spur the OU hoop teams on to victory this year as well as pack Lepley with fans.

The 14 Pioneer cheerleaders, coached by Vicky Hunt and Renee Huth (wife of women's swim coach Tracy Huth), expect

to participate in all home games this season and four on the road.

Hunt, in her first year as a cheerleading coach, works in the department of Budget and Financial Planning as a budget analyst.

Never a cheerleader herself, Hunt believes "that the mission of the cheerleader is to make the fans enthusiastic,

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Senior athletes reflect on end of playing days

By SUSAN STOKES
Sports Writer

Senior year is a special time for college athletes.

It's a turning point in their lives as devout sports enthusiasts prepare to hang up their Converse All-Stars or swim goggles for the last time to pursue a career outside of Lepley Sports Center.

Men's basketball coach Greg Kampe said he sees a definite change in attitudes as his players approach their senior season. "During a player's senior year there is a greater urgency to win," he said. "They have matured and now realize that the key to success is winning. There is never any publicity printed on losers."

Given an opportunity to reflect on his days as a Pioneer, tanker Mark VanderMey will miss "a really great four years of fun and camaraderie." In VanderMey's eyes "these have been the best years of my life."

Following the season's end at the NCAA National Championships in March, VanderMey will continue his training a little longer. His goals for the future include winning a spot on the 1988 Olympic swim team.

Lady tanker Nancy Schermer welcomed a new man in her life during her final season as an Oakland athlete, head coach Tracy Huth. "Tracy has brought a whole new aspect to swimming: motivation, pride," she said.

Schermer offered some advice to incoming freshman athletes. "You've got to put your whole heart into swimming. You've got to want it. You must have discipline." Schermer, although in her final year of competitive swimming, will continue to take classes here until the spring of 1989, when she hopes to graduate. "I'll probably hang around for another two semesters," she said. "I want to do some interviewing for jobs." Schermer plans on a career in teaching.

Bryce Phillips, a walk-on hoopster from Goodrich, said he's enjoying his senior year. "The highlight for me this season was last Thursday's victory over (previously) undefeated Ferris State."

Phillips said he appreciates his experience as a college athlete. Someday in the future as he watches football with his son and the little nipper asks, "Dad, what was it like to play basketball at Oakland

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Gamecocks,
Groggery win,
face one another
in title game

By MARC MORANIEC
Sports Writer

After six hard-fought playoff games, two teams remain in contention for the intramural floor hockey championship.

Ironically, the Gamecocks and Groggery, this year's finalists, were in the same position a year ago.

Last year the Gamecocks came away with a 3-2 victory.

The Gamecocks had no trouble in their first-round playoff game, skunking the Cellar Dwellers 7-0.

According to the intramural rulebook, when one team obtains a seven-goal advantage the game is, mercifully, over.

In the Howe Division final, the Gamecocks struggled initially, but eventually overcame the Delta Force 6-2.

The Delta's reached the division final by shutting out the Charlestown Chiefs 2-0 in the first round.

Meanwhile, The Groggery players had their hands full in the Cherry Division first round.

They spotted the Seed Farm Dream Warriors the game's first goal before storming back with three unanswered goals of their own to make the final score 3-1.

The Cherry final matched Groggery with the Penetrators. Groggery beat the Penetrators 2-0 in regular season play.



The Gamecocks' Mike Martin (left, in black) and Brad Mercer (right, in black) fight for the puck in their team's 6-2 win over the Delta Force last week.

In the playoff game, Dave Smith's first period goal proved to be enough as the Groggery slipped past the Penetrators once again 1-0.

The Penetrators reached the division final by knocking off Sigma Alpha Sigma 3-2 in the first round.

For Tuesday's 7:30 p.m. championship game, Gamecocks goalie

Dave Slowik said he likes his team's chances but is leary of the Groggery's mystique.

"On paper the game is a mismatch, but anything can happen. They always seem to get the lucky goal when it's needed most."

My prediction

The winner should be the team with the hottest goaltender. Not to take anything away from the Gamecocks' Slowik, but Groggery's Russo has been the savior of his team this season and should come up with the big plays one more time.

Groggery 2, Gamecocks 1.

Lady tankers not sad
with 112-107 defeat
Did better than expected

By KATIE CALLAHAN
Sports Writer

Last year's division II runner-up, Clarion College, pulled off a narrow 112-107 victory over the Lady Pioneers Jan. 23.

"I never imagined we'd be ahead going into the last relay," said Pioneer head coach Tracy Huth. "Some people may look at this as our first loss but it was a tremendous confidence booster. With a healthy Dana Kennedy (out with mononucleosis) we could've given them a run for their money."

"The divers dove very well," he continued. "Clarion didn't put their best diver in the one-meter event because they didn't think they'd need her. They had to put her in for the last diving event though (because Pioneer divers swept the one-meter event)."

"I feel great about the meet," said sophomore Shelley Steyaert. "My roommate, Debbi Cheney, did great in the 200(-yard) backstroke. Rachel (Schaar) improved her time and Ginnie (Johnson) dropped her time in the 200(-yard) individual medley. We're really excited and we're already looking forward to next year."

"I did my best and when I'm on tapers I should go a lot faster," said Cheney, a sophomore. "This season my times have been con-

sistently better and my strokes have been better too."

Cheney said she isn't concerned with making nationals but rather in achieving a personal best in her times.

"I was shocked that we were that close," said senior Kristi Spicer. "We went into the meet mainly concerned with swimming the best we could."

Spicer has qualified nationally as a member of a few relay teams. She hopes to qualify in her individual events, the 100- and 200-yard backstroke, at the Midwest Invitational Championships Feb. 27.

"We're going to have a much better showing at nationals this year," Spicer said. "We're a much better team in terms of swimming and confidence. Last year we'd go into meets not expected to do well. Now we go in looking for a win."

When the Pioneers travel to Michigan State University this Saturday, many of the swimmers will be in the middle of their taper period (a time of more rest and reduced workouts).

"MSU will be a tough meet because of the taper blues," said senior Nancy Schermer. "In the middle of a taper your body won't respond as well."

The results from the Clarion meet were not available at press time.

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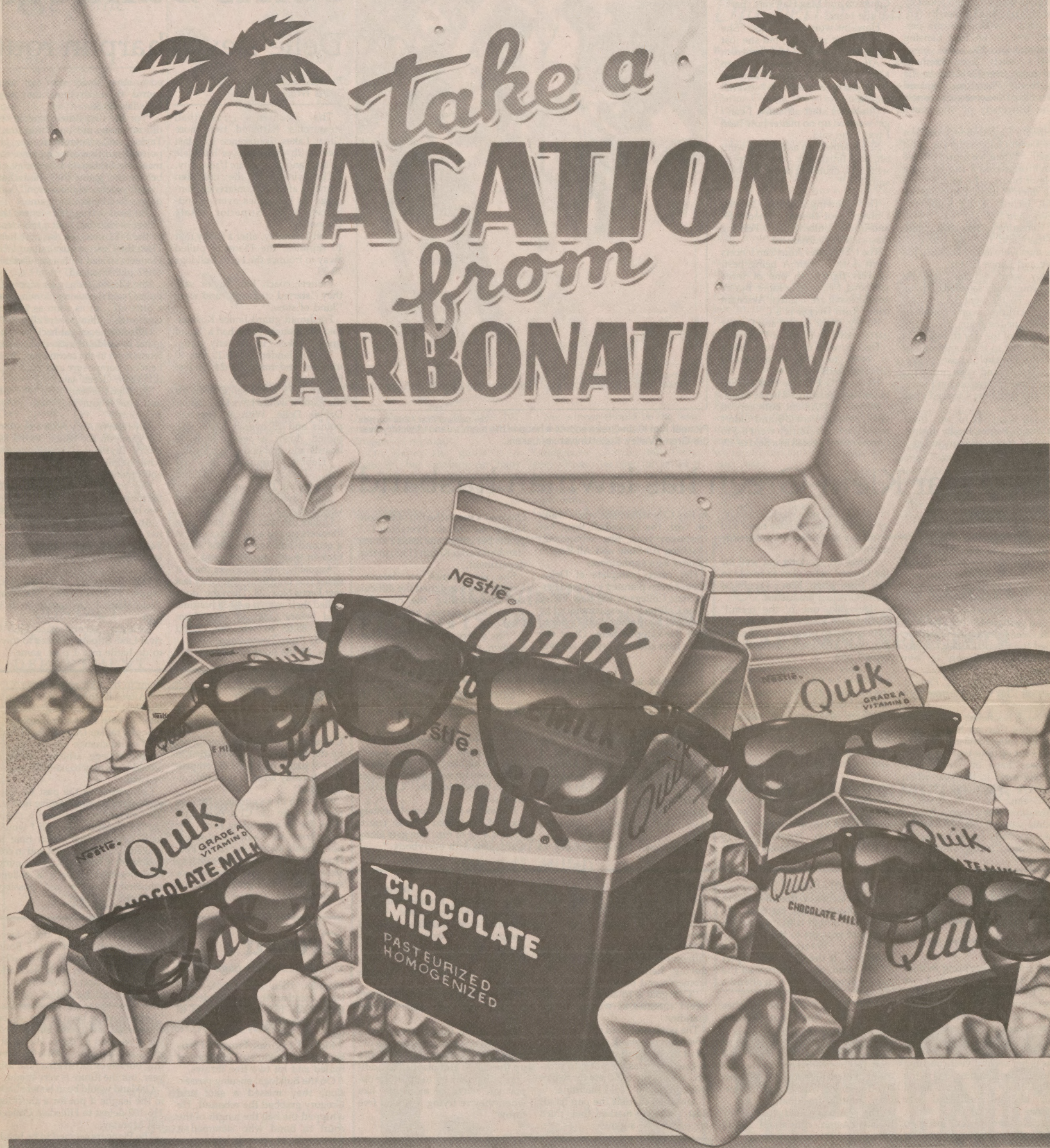
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