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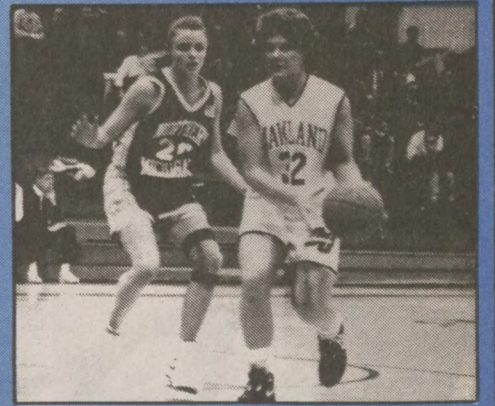
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MAKING A PLAYOFF RUN

Women hoopsters tied for third place after two wins and loss.

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Briefly ...

Fischer nets position

Trustee Andrea Fischer was unanimously elected first vice-chair of the Michigan Republican Party last weekend at the annual convention in Cobo Hall. There were no other candidates.

Fischer began working for the Republican Party as a volunteer for Ronald Reagan in the 1980 election and was put in charge of ticket control for the first Reagan inauguration. She later did advance work for then-Vice President George Bush and served on the White House staff as Bush's deputy assistant for scheduling from 1984 to 1985.

In 1989 Fischer served as the finance director for Governor John Engler's gubernatorial campaign.

Last year Fischer finished last behind Betty DeVos and Ronna Romney in a heated three-way battle for the National Committeewoman to represent Michigan in the National Republican Committee.

Hall of honor inductees

The OU athletic department inducted new members into its hall of fame Saturday night. The banquet and ceremony, held at Meadowbrook Hall, honored former OU athletes Chris Howze (men's basketball, 1983-86), Steve Larson, (men's swimming, 1984-87) and Teresa Vondrasek (women's basketball 1980-83). In other presentations, Ray Melick received the community service award and the George Wibby award went to Jack Wilson.

VP searches continue

OU's vice presidential searches continue at different rates of progress this week.

The search for vice president for academic affairs draws nearer to closure as the search committee has presented President Sandra Packard with four potential candidates. The president said she hopes to present the Board of Trustees with her choice for the position at its March 4 meeting.

The search for vice president for Finance and Administration continues as the search committee filters through its 232 pool of candidates. It plans to narrow the pool from 14 to 20 candidates by the end of March and present the list to the president at that time.

The search for a vice president for university relations has been reopened. National ads have been placed and the committee plans to begin screening candidates on March 15.

Dates to remember

Today - Mitch Albom lecture, Oakland Center Gold rooms, 2:30 p.m.

Today - Emery King lecture, Hamlin Hall lounge, 7:30 p.m.

Today - The Airborne Comedians, O C Crockery, 8 p.m.

Tomorrow - ABS's "All Black Male Academics" lecture, OC Gold room C, noon

Friday - Dance with Innovation, OC East Crockery, 9 p.m.

Saturday - OU basketball vs. Saginaw Valley State, Lepley Sports Center, women's game 1 p.m. and men's 3 p.m.

Tuesday - Midnight Breakfast, Vandenberg Cafeteria, 11:30 p.m. - 1 a.m.

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Brightway plans to be presented to Packard

By GARY GRITZINGER
Staff Writer

Designed to improve the safety of students, faculty and staff who walk the campus at night, plans to complete the pedestrian Brightway path should be presented to President Sandra Packard by the end of February.

"We've spent a tremendous amount of money on the Brightway in the last few years," OU Police Chief Richard Leonard

said adding that about \$240,000 was spent to improve the lighting system in the past five years.

OU Senior Architect Khales Dahr has been putting the finishing touches on a proposal that will complete the path which has been operating at two-thirds completion for approximately four years.

Dahr estimated that it will cost the university \$50,000 to light a path leading from the small dormitories of Anibal and

Fitzgerald to O'Dowd Hall and south along Pioneer Drive to Varner Hall and to install high pressure sodium lamps along existing paths, which will complete the project.

Currently, a north-south Brightway path runs from the residence halls south to the Oakland Center, North and South Foundation Halls and continues past the library to Dodge and Hannah Halls.

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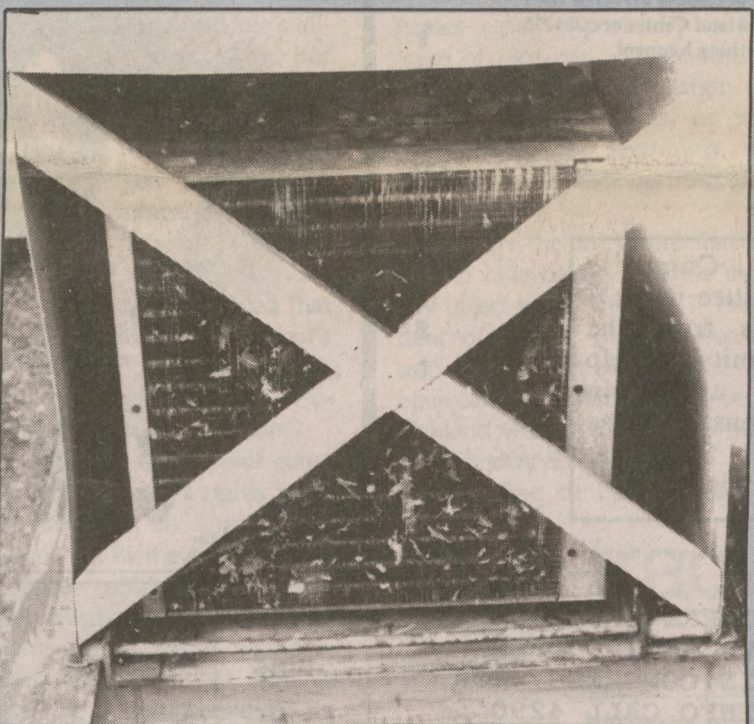


The Brightway path leads to Varner Hall.

The Oakland Post/Clive Savage



The pigeons living on top of Dodge Hall may soon cease to exist if orders go through to feed the birds poisoned corn.



This air duct exhibits the years of pigeon abuse

The Oakland Post/Clive Savage

Pigeons poised for a poisoning

By ROBERT SNELL
Staff Writer

Nothing compares to Central Park.

If the pigeons nesting on top of Dodge Hall do not think that way now, they will after pecking at poisoned corn supplied by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The estimated 75 to 100 birds living on top of the engineering building prompted complaints from two biomedical science professors seeking a solution to the biting stench and possible respiratory illnesses that are disrupting their workplace.

"It's a horrible problem," Giblin said. "The heat from the refrigerator is an ideal breeding area. They are breeding here and their droppings are all around... somehow we have to get the lab so we can use it."

After meeting with OU's work control center and consulting with bird control specialists, landscape

architect Albert Nordheden is close to selecting a plan that will kill the birds.

The plan calls for feeding the pigeons corn and eventually coating the kernel with a pesticide, called *chloro-p-toluidine*, that will kill the flock. The entire procedure will cost the university just over \$500, according to Nordheden.

The pesticide prevents the bird's kidney from functioning, thereby, rapidly crippling the bird until it dies of uremic poisoning. Death usually occurs within 48 hours, according to Glenn Dudderar a wildlife specialist at Michigan State University.

"I hate to kill anything," he said. "I feel bad when I run over a squirrel but there are times when something has to be done. We're going to kill them off as humanely as possible. Nobody wants to go out here and kill anything if there wasn't a serious problem."

Nordheden enlisted the help of

biomedical science professors to hook the birds on the corn before the DNR implements the pesticide. Presently, the professors, concerned about a negative public reaction to the pigeonicide, have stopped feeding the birds.

"We're waiting to see what happens with the story and if we're going to get hundreds of phone calls up here," Frank Giblin associate professor of biomedical sciences said. All I want is the pigeons gone." Currently, the U.S.D.A is awaiting word from Dudderar to proceed.

"I'm kind of in a holding pattern," Doug Parr, the state director of the division of animal damage control for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture said. "We're waiting to hear whether the university wants to proceed or not." "Pigeon control is a fact of life in almost every urban setting. "One

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Post owners delay legal action against OU's board

By DEBORAH DZIEWIT
Editor in chief

The owner of *The Oakland Post*, the Oakland Sail Inc., decided after a plea from OU's president to delay filing a lawsuit against the university's Board of Trustees for alleged violations of the Open Meetings Act until after the next board meeting March 4.

The Oakland Post's board voted to give a committee charged to study all trustee and university committee meetings a chance to meet and give its recommendations to the full Board of Trustees.

President Sandra Packard addressed the newspaper's board last week, asking that it delay legal action and give the Committee for Open Meetings an opportunity for "getting a positive resolution ... a constructive resolution."

"I don't want to see this as a family at war," she said. "We don't need to be our own worst enemies."

After long debate, most members of the Sail Board agreed that waiting until the next board meeting before taking legal action would not hurt their case.

However, the Sail Board requested that a letter be drafted immediately to the Committee for Open Meetings chair Ronald Horwitz asking the committee to split the issues in order that the committee focuses on the critical question of opening trustees' committee meetings first.

"A quick recommendation on

fort rustees to resolve opening its committee meetings. *The Post* has been formally trying to get access to meetings since last April.

"March 4 is our line in the sand," Jane Briggs-Bunting, lawyer for the Sail board, said. "We've done everything we can, but we cannot afford to let any more time slip by and continue to be excluded from

critical committee meetings which will be looking at tuition, fees and other areas."

But not everyone agrees that waiting until the March 4 meeting before filing a lawsuit is the best answer.

Margaret O'Brien, *The Post's* senior editor and also a plaintiff in the suit, disagrees with the Sail Board's decision to wait.

"I think we are foolish to wait on this," O'Brien said.

"The board has been given eight or nine months of opportunity to show some sign that they are taking this concern seriously."

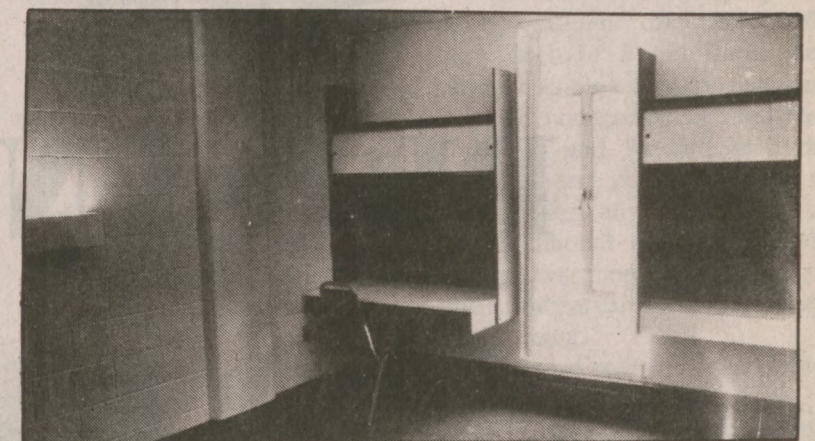
"I have seen no such sign. By waiting, the Sail Board will allow two more committee meetings to be held secretly, in effect, saying it's okay. That is inexcusable," she said.

"We don't need to be our own worst enemies."

Sandra Packard
President

the Board of Trustees' subcommittee issue would allow the Board of Trustees to conclude that aspect of this matter at the March 4, 1993 meeting of the Board. Other meetings and committees could be evaluated at a later date," stated in the letter written by Sail Board chair David Herman.

The Sail board's sentiment is that the March 4 trustee meeting will be the cut off date for waiting



A model room from the new 21 and over dorm at Hill House.

The Oakland Post/Clive Savage

Hill slated for conversion

By MELISSA LAROSE
and CARRIE DELONG
Staff Writers

OU residence halls students who are 21 and older will soon have a new home.

Hill House is being renovated to accommodate juniors and seniors who are 21 years of age and older.

"We have too much traditional housing," Eleanor Reynolds, director of residence halls said.

In September, Reynolds met with House Policy Committee members to discuss ways in which OU student living could be enhanced.

Committee members suggested creating a Greek house or a 21 and over building, however, residence halls students were not as supportive for the Greek proposal.

Surveys were sent to all residence halls students who would be eligible to live in the 21 and older building to see if there was enough interest.

According to Reynolds, the response has been "overwhelmingly yes."

"I have got overwhelming support from students who would be eligible to live there," Reynolds said.

However, Reynolds said come next fall, current Hill residents who are not 21 and over will be forced to move into another residence hall.

But many Hill residents are angered by the fact that they will have to give up their home.

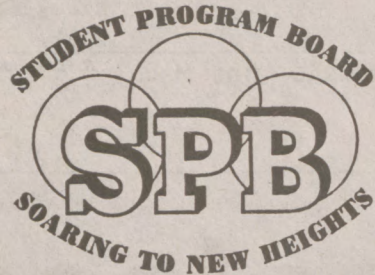
Bob Holdridge, an 18-year-old

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ABOUT THE STUDENT PROGRAM BOARD (SPB)

The Student Program Board is a standing committee of University Congress and is the largest programming organization on campus. SPB consists of volunteer students and a chairperson who select and plan quality entertainment in the areas of films, lectures, dances, recreation and special events. Individual committees also meet once a week and are open to all Oakland University students. If you are interested in becoming involved with SPB, visit the SPB office at 19E Oakland Center or call 4295 for information. Help make something happen!

The Student Congress Elections Committee needs 3 (three) students from the Oakland community to help conduct the upcoming Congress elections. Please contact Jennifer Schutt at 370-4290 for more info.

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Upcoming March events

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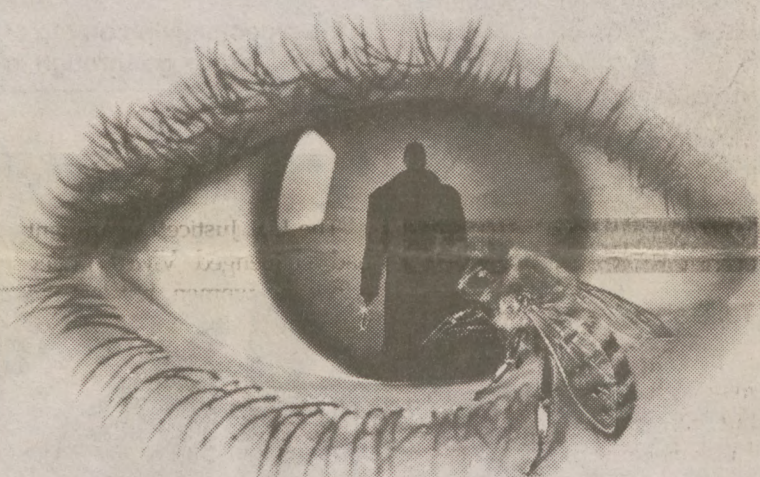
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Feb. 8 - 5:30 p.m. A 19-year-old Van Wagoner female suffered a \$164 loss in clothing after she returned to the hall's laundry room to find her clothes were missing from two dryers. According to the report, the clothes were left unattended for more than two and a half hours, after the dryer's cycle was completed.

CRIME WATCH

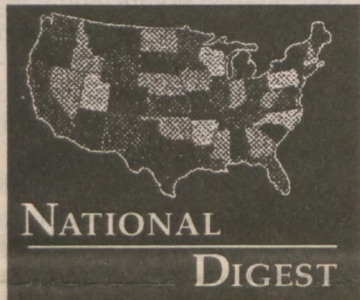
By BRYAN LUXON

Feb. 9 - 11:10 p.m. Upon returning to her Bloomfield Hills home, a 22-year-old OU female remembered she had left her book bag and its contents valued at \$50 in the vending area of Hannah Hall. The female checked with custodians in Hannah, the following day about the bag to no avail. Later, while at home, the female received a call from a male (who would not identify himself) who said he had found her bag and contents while walking in a park near 16 and John R roads. The male met the female at a near by 7-11 store, where he then took her to the trash bin, where she recovered her property.

Feb. 11 - Sometime during the morning. OU police have another incident to report to the State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigations in accordance with the Hate Crime States Act of 1990. Apparently a custodian entered the second floor men's restroom of Kresge Library and discovered three piles of human feces on the floor. According to the report, one pile of feces had pencils stuck into it and a nearby wall had written in ink, "This is what I think of niggers". Any persons with information pertaining to the incident are urged to call the OUPD desk at 370-3331.

Feb. 12 - 2:30 p.m. A 19-year-old OU female was attacked while returning to her room by an unknown male wearing a ski mask and dark coat as the elevator door opened on Hamlin's eight floor, south tower. According to the report, the attacker threw the female up against the wall, cutting her face with a sharp object. The female then escaped to her room and the assailant left the area.

Feb. 11 - Sometime during the evening. A Hamlin female returned to her 1987 Chevrolet Spectrum parked in the North lot to find that her door had been pried open and over \$300 in property had been stolen. According to the report, a black leather briefcase/bag, tan Liz Claiborne purse, biology book and Powerhouse gym membership card were taken.



Talk show woos students

BALTIMORE (CPS) - He may not be a David Letterman, but Dr. Shin Lin of Johns Hopkins University and his hot new talk show are attracting students in droves.

Lin, the associate dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at the university, is teaching the wonders of biomedical research to his students in a talk show format every Monday night.

"One night I was watching Johnny Carson - I was a big fan of his - and I thought that his format might solve my problem. So I'll be like Johnny, or maybe like Oprah," he said.

"The point of this course is to allow the undergraduates with no background in science to come and be educated in an entertaining way," Lin said. "There will be a minimum of graphs and charts. It's not all fun and games, though. There will be serious science."

Court upholds policy

RICHMOND, Va. (CPS) - A federal appeals court upheld Virginia Military Institute's all-male admissions status, but ordered the state to guarantee the rights of women.

The U.S. Justice Department had challenged VMI's policy admitting women, but lost the court case. It went to the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, which ruled that the state-run military school's exclusion of women "is justified by a legitimate and relevant institutional mission."

However, the appeals court said that women's rights must be protected in some way. Judge Paul Niemeyer wrote that the state could "establish parallel institutions or parallel programs, or it might abandon state support of VMI, leaving VMI the option to pursue its own policies as a private institution."

The school contends that its mission of producing citizen-soldiers would be damaged if women were allowed entrance into the school, located in Lexington, Va.

VMI and The Citadel in Charleston, S.C. are the only state-run, all-male schools in the country.

Newspaper stops naming rape victims

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. (CPS) - The student newspaper at Marshall University will not print the names of rape victims this semester after triggering an outcry last fall when it published a rape victim's name.

The Parthenon's new editor, Greg Collard, overruled the board's January decision to print the name of woman who was raped during the winter term. In doing so, Collard remanded the paper's policy to publish a victim's name in September 1992.

The previous editor, Kevin Melrose, went along the seven-member student editorial board and printed the name of a rape victim in September, and said that he would not back down from printing names in the future. Several campus groups condemned the newspaper for violating the woman's right to privacy.

J. Wade Gilley, president of Marshall University, created a student-faculty committee to oversee the paper and select the editors. While Collard was the first editor to be selected by the board, he said that there was no pressure to not print the name.

"I understand the intellectual arguments, but it's not just practical at this time. Having the policy was dysfunctional. I had to protect the interests of the paper," Collard said.

Campus Spotlight

Winter wonderland



The Oakland Post/ Angela King

Mother Nature displays her wintertime wrath on OU by coating a bridge on the grounds of Meadowbrook Hall with layers of treacherous ice and snow. Yesterday, the Oakland campus received over six inches of snow.

Congress supports GALA petition for equality

By MARY LOWE
Staff Writer

OU's Student Congress (OUSC) met Monday and approved a resolution in support for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance's (GALA) efforts to petition the OU Board of Trustees to include a clause regarding sexual orientation in its equal opportunity policy.

The board's policy encompasses equal opportunity in the areas of race, sex, age, handicap, color, creed, national origin or ancestry, marital status, or veteran status, yet seemingly excludes gays and lesbians from their contract.

"We are the last group that it's safe to hate because people morally object to our lifestyle," President of GALA, Michael Petroni said. "Oakland can become the open campus that it claims to be...If Oakland were to do this, it would be a landmark decision."

According to Petroni, such a

clause regarding sexual preference does not exist in board policy for any of the colleges or universities in the state of Michigan. The University of Michigan is also working toward implementing such a policy.

Petroni stressed the significance of this student resolution in the advancement of the acceptance of gays and lesbians into the OU community and the world community as a whole.

"I hope it will encourage gays and lesbians to come out more. I hope that this policy will allow gays and lesbians to walk on campus without being harassed or beaten," Petroni said.

In the knowledge of a recent increase in campus crime, Dean David Herman spoke to OUSC regarding the institution of an escort service.

"We're concerned, we don't want Oakland to have any crime," Herman said. "In a community of 12,000 we are going to have some

crime."

If OUSC decides to initiate such a program, it would provide students with an escort to and from campus buildings to eliminate fear and curb crime.

Herman also collaborated with OU's Athletic Director, Paul Hartman to propose the formation of a committee to investigate the recreational centers of Bowling Green University and the University of Toledo.

"Some day Lepley will have to be renovated," Hartman said. Herman and Hartman suggested that Congress create a committee of students and appropriate approximately \$1,000 to compare and contrast the two recreational centers.

The board would take into consideration the ideas, opinions and research efforts of OUSC members when considering renovation efforts.

Congress has not approved such a committee. It is, however,

taking the words of Herman and Hartman into advisement.

Congress member William Paschall proposed a resolution to appropriate \$1000 to Umoja magazine for its spring issue. The resolution will go through a second reading next week. Many Congress members commended the efforts of the magazine. "I think the elimination of ignorance is the beginning of the elimination of prejudice," Mike Ayoub said. Paschall is an editor for the campus magazine.

"It's to present the African American student's political view. It isn't separatist and it's not an attempt to unite...We're not multicultural. Our primary function is to present the views of the African American student. The focus is for equal treatment and equal opportunity," Paschall said.

In other business, election petitions will become available March 8 and mandatory orientations will be held March 10-17.

Non-traditional students mobilize at OU

By TOM MULLIGAN
Staff Writer

There's a difference in the faces of the students at OU in the last few years.

They're older.

The age of the average OU student is 26, according to the Institutional Research office.

Older, or non-traditional students over the age of 25 now comprise 38.9 percent of OU's total student population. They are gaining in numbers, and influence. They even have their own student organization.

The Non-Traditional Student Association was formed a year ago by Ginny Lane and Robyn Rayford, both students majoring in psychology who saw more and more students like themselves at OU: older, juggling a job, marriage, and children in many cases while pursuing a degree.

Lane and Rayford put together the club charter last spring, and became certified as a student organization in time for the beginning of fall semester. The two women share the presidency of the club.

"The membership has grown substantially," Rayford said. Lane concurred, saying "When we put up flyers announcing the formation of the club last fall, we got 60 calls expressing interest."

Today, the NTSA has around 100 members, but only "35-40 active members," Lane said, defining active as regular attendance at meetings and involvement in functions of the group.

The hardest task for the group has been to define the "typical" non-traditional student. Lane said she and Rayford kicked it around, but couldn't come up with a definition without excluding too many people.

"Now we say if you think you're a non-traditional student, you probably are," Lane said. "We don't want to exclude anybody."

The group has had a busy year so far. Their activities have included a Christmas party in the Oakland Center with a live DJ, several fund raising ventures and attempting to make the university community aware of their existence.

"The more of us that come together, the more political power we have," Rayford explained.

The NTSA have begun to utilize some of their power, by pushing for changes in scheduling classes, making registration easier for students with children, and trying to bring child care service on campus for students with classes who can't leave their kids anywhere else.

The administration has been listening. OU President Sandra

Packard termed the NTSA "wonderful," and said the group reflects her philosophy that "education is a lifelong process. You're never too old to return to school," she said.

Because of lobbying by the group, student orientation will now include a non-traditional student as an adviser to help incoming non-traditional students.

Lane and Rayford plan on working and doing whatever it takes to keep alive the concerns of non-traditional students, including holding more social events so the members can get to know each other better.

Rayford reflected on a reason for the group's existence.

"When we graduate," Rayford explained, we want to look back on OU and have beautiful memories of the university, the professors, and the friends that we've met."

OU cockroach population reduced

New extermination management program takes effect

By PETE CORRADO
Staff Writer

Surviving nuclear tests, the ice age and global warming all are feats the cockroach has managed to pull off since the beginning of time.

Surviving OU is proving to be another story.

Roaches, which have proven to be a pest problem in the past in OU residence halls and food service areas, have all but seemed to disappear in the last year.

"I haven't seen any in quite a while," student Ruel Ramos said. "When we went on Christmas

break, they exterminated the whole place."

This debugging is due to an "Integrated Pest Management" program that was formulated by Eradico, OU's official extermination company.

"We've had a lot of success with our IPM. And quite frankly, a tremendous amount of cooperation from the folks at Oakland University, who have followed our sanitary and mechanical recommendations, such as filling in holes and plugs," Eradico's Ferndale branch manager Chuck Russell said.

OU and Eradico have been

aggressively exterminating areas in the dorms and food service areas to keep the cockroach population dormant.

Cockroaches, which in some cases can be linked to the transmission of diseases, are widely viewed by their human nemesis as disgusting. They are also scavengers, feeding on garbage or human food which they contaminate with their excrement.

While the coast seems to be momentarily clear of cockroaches, some students have unpleasant memories of them.

"I remember eating in the cafeteria when I lived up in the dorms

two years ago, and sometimes they (roaches) would drop from the ceiling when you were trying to eat," Bob, a former Vandenberg resident, who didn't want his last name to be used.

"I haven't seen any at all this year and I heard the school was using a different extermination company, which is good. But I still don't eat there," he said.

Virginia Streetman, an OU maintenance worker, agreed as she emptied waste baskets in Wilson Hall.

"I haven't seen any at all this year, which is a good sign," she said.

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OUR VIEW

No more excuses: Time to answer calls for openness

The committee to study the effects of opening committee meetings campus-wide will hold its first meeting at 8 a.m. Friday. We encourage the community to attend this open meeting in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center and wish the committee the best of luck in their efforts to examine the role of every little committee on campus.

Of course we hope the committee will return a report that encourages openness, and many committee members have already indicated that they will, but we wonder, really, if the committee has any legitimate purpose. It appears to be more like a treadmill running the gerbils fast and hard, but getting them nowhere.

The group that can best answer the effects of opening the committee meetings of the Board of Trustees, is the board itself. There is little that this small group of faculty, staff and students, which have been shut out like the rest of the community, can tell the board about its committee meetings.

The question, "Why do you chose to close your committee meetings," has been put to the board very clearly on more than one occasion. Yet, members still refuse to answer it. Instead they appoint a committee, which is really not qualified to address such a question, to answer it for them.

This whole issue is about accountability. We want the board to be accountable for both parts of the decision making process — the vote and the deliberation and discussion that goes with it. However, board members refuse to even hold themselves accountable for closing meetings to the public, relying instead on statements like, "It's been this way for 17 years," or, "We believe we are operating within the requirements of the law."

If they believe that meetings should be closed, they should have the guts to say it and be prepared to give good reasons to a community that disagrees. If there are no good reasons, which we doubt there are, the meetings should be opened immediately.

Now why in the world does a committee have to be appointed to study something as simple as that? Clearly, it has been created as a graveyard to bury the issue under six feet of bureaucracy.

Therefore, we feel the first thing the committee to study committees should do is tell the Board of Trustees that on March 4 it should address the concerns of the nearly 1,600 petition signers and all of those represented by the University Senate, University Student Congress, Residence Hall Council and the executive boards of the AP Assembly, Alumni Association and AAUP by opening its committee meetings to the public.

Chairman Ron Horowitz said in a meeting last week that the chances were slim that his committee to study committees would have a proposal ready for the March 4 Board of Trustees meeting. We hope they concentrate first on the board's committee meetings and make every effort to have a recommendation on those meetings ready.

Some may feel that we should be more supportive of this process since it could, down the road, lead to openness. It could. However, based on the way the board and its administrative support staff have handled this, it is more likely to lead to the same doors that have been closed and locked for 17 years.

President Packard has been attempting to mediate the dispute and recently asked the board of directors of this paper to give the committee more time before filing a lawsuit. The newspaper board is giving the university one last opportunity to address the issue at its March 4 meeting.

We hope the Board of Trustees takes advantage of the generous, but truly undeserved, offer by the newspaper board. And if the board lets such an opportunity slip away, we hope the Sail board will finally move ahead with a lawsuit.

There are no more excuses to be given.

Opinion



WOUX responsive to students' needs

The reason for the existence of a radio station of OU and the reason brought forth to the FCC for obtaining an FM educational license is contained in our mission statement. It reads:

WOUX, the Oakland University campus radio station, has as its purposes: First, providing an educational experience for the students who work at the stations; second, providing programming that attempts to represent and serve all Oakland University students; and third, providing programming consistent with the educational purpose of Oakland University and the needs of the community outside the university.

Currently, we are executing our mission statement with the following programming:

Music that is responsive to the interests of OU students. Surveys have been conducted in the past and we are currently executing a more comprehensive survey of OU students.

Our present music format includes—alternative music, speciality shows consisting of: classic rock, techno, hard rock, metal, jazz, country (1 hour), Polka (per request of The Oakland Post).

We provide news updates at the top of every hour. In addition, we also provide sports at the bottom of every hour and entertainment at fifteen after the hour. We also give Public Service Announcements throughout the day, as well as broadcast special programming.

Our speciality programming

includes broadcasting OU's basketball games. We cover all men's home games, and selected men's away games; as well as selected women's home games.

Recently, we broadcasted a tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. in recognition of this birthday.

At the present time we are in a building phase and are striving each day to provide programming to best serve our audience.

Our current goals include: increasing professionalism of our on-air talent; providing music that is responsive to the diverse interests of our audience; providing more comprehensive news coverage at the university level; expanding sports coverage; and providing more specialized programming.

As a student organization, we welcome input and participation from all students as well as working with any organization. We have departments in news, sports, entertainment, promotions, etc.

Students who are interested in learning to DJ on the air must take SCN 280 and SCN 281 with Gene Fogel. Students with past DJ experience are welcome to submit an audition tape to be considered for a time slot.

Our programming is only as great as the level of volunteer students participation allows it to be. Please stop by to talk with us if you are interested in what we really are all about.

MIKE FLEMING
General Manager, WOUX

Earned income credit can help at tax time for working poor

At tax time, what you don't know can hurt you. Especially if you are one of millions of American workers living at the low- or moderate-income level. If you don't know about the Earned Income Credit (EIC), you should. If you earned less than \$22,370 in 1992, and had a child living with you for at least half the year, you may be eligible for up to \$2,211 from the EIC.

As we all know, 1992 was a tough year for the American family. Unemployment rose and more people lived in poverty. Millions of working parents lost their jobs and, as a result, earned far less than they did in previous years. More and more American workers were turned from middle-income into moderate-income parents or even into low-income parents. As a result of the recession, thousands of working families now qualify for the EIC for the first time in their working lives. But many of these newly eligible workers are unlikely to know about the EIC.

The Earned Income Credit is a tax credit for working families that had an income of less than \$22,370 in 1992 and at least one child living at home for more than half the year. The credit is available both to married and single parents.

Here's how it works: The maximum basic EIC is \$1,324. Families with two or more children get an additional benefit of up to \$60. An extra benefit of up to \$376 is provided to families who had a child born in 1992. And families that pay some or all of the premiums for a health insurance policy that covers a child receive an additional benefit of \$451. A family that qualifies for all three extra

benefits can receive a total EIC of up to \$2,211.

Last year, the Earned Income Credit put \$11.3 billion in the budgets of nearly 14 million low- and moderate-income American families. Most working families earning between \$6,000 and \$14,000 now qualify for a credit of at least \$1,000.

Eligible families can benefit from the EIC even if they owe no federal income tax or have no income tax withheld from their paycheck. In return for filing a tax form they may get a check from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for up to \$2,211. And, if a family does owe income tax, the EIC reduces the amount of taxes paid.

Most eligible families receive the EIC payment in one large check from the IRS. However, some families may opt to receive the EIC a little at a time, in their regular paychecks, to supplement their earnings throughout the year and to help pay the monthly expenses.

It's easy to see why the EIC enjoys strong widespread support. The Clinton Administration, the business community, social service organizations, elected officials and labor leaders all hail its objective. In an effort to increase the program's popularity, AFSCME this year continued its long-standing practice of writing every governor to request participation.

By increasing the income of working families, the Earned Income Credit reduces the demand for public services provided by state and local governments. In addition, the Earned Income Credit generates additional income that boosts local economies and helps increase the purchasing power of low income consumers.

Furthermore, the EIC benefits boost the effective return that employees receive for their work, at no additional cost to employers. Clearly, it's a great program of which more people need to be made aware.

To receive the EIC, eligible parents need to take two simple steps. First, complete a federal tax return (either form 1040 or 1040A; do not use the EZ form). Next, attach a form called a Schedule EIC. Help is available to families who have difficulty filling out their tax return or the Schedule EIC. Families can obtain free help over the phone from IRS operators by calling 1-800-829-1040 during regular weekday business hours. If the line is busy, families may listen to a recorded EIC message by calling

the IRS "teletax" service 24 hours a day at 1-800-829-4477.

In addition, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is available now through April 15 as a source of free, on-site tax help for low-income families. VITA volunteers, who are trained by the IRS, will be stationed at local sites across the nation—in shopping malls, community colleges, churches and libraries. The IRS hotline (1-800-829-1040) can give you the location of the VITA site nearest to you.

The EIC—it's easy, it's available, and it's up to you to qualify. At tax time, what you know can help you.

GERALD W. MCENTEE
President AFSCME, AFL-CIO

Soldier says no to military gays

I wish to respond to the article written by Deborah Dziewit in the February 10 issue regarding the banning of gays in the military. I must admit, Ms. Dziewit's use of flowery language was impressive, but was lacking in thought. It is ironic that she accuses America's citizens of being cloaked in "ignorance and irrational fear" about the debate over allowing homosexuals in the army when, in fact, she is very much ignorant of the issue herself.

May I ask you a couple of questions Ms. Dziewit? Have you ever been a member of the armed services? I have. I spent six months on a tank in Operation Desert Storm. Have you ever been sexually harassed by a homosexual whom you were forced to live with? I have. My first line super-

visor was gay. In fact, his crude remarks and flirtatiousness caused great conflict within our platoon, especially during showers. I could probably go into more detail, but you wouldn't print it.

Many people refute this by saying that not all homosexuals would behave this way. Nevertheless, would you expect me to behave any differently if an attractive woman was assigned to my tank. Perhaps you would like to be on my tank Ms. Dziewit.

President Clinton was never in the army. Before he decides what he thinks is best for the military, may he should ask those who would be most effected; a front line soldier.

DEREK RIETHMEIER
Student

Features



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Fun in the sun provides an escape from it all

Yes, it's my last semester here at OU. 18 continuous years of schooling are coming to a close.

I can't even begin to describe what a great feeling of relief I'm experiencing. Sure I'm worried about my future and am clueless as to what I want to do, but my days of higher education are almost over and that is good news enough.

I will no longer be forced to take general education courses that are of absolutely no interest to me.

The countless papers, being written at the very last minute, will soon be a thing of the past.

Yes, this is my last semester and I can think of no better way to handle it than by giving it the respect it deserves — major blow-off status.

I'll admit, my entire scheduling procedures for the last two years, have been skillfully planned to allow for complete freedom from having anything to do with school related matters.

This semester is completely devoted to what matters most to me at this moment — having fun.

Now, I don't know about anyone else, but I would have absolutely no problem handling that task on my own. I could easily find worthless activities and needless thoughts to take up my mind and demand my thoughts.

But, someone, somewhere, made even my last semester of college easier to blow off than I ever thought imaginable. That someone, is the person who created the holiday entitled "Spring Break."

Just think about it. The creator of this excuse for time off knew exactly what was being done.

Skillfully placed in the center of the semester and within the crappiest season of the year, Spring Break creates an outlet for something to look forward to.

From day one of this semester, my every thought and attention has been directed towards planning my vacation. The countdown began as I entered my first class and today, has finally reached single digits.

Instead of reading books, studying notes or writing papers, I spend my time shopping for clothes, working on a base tan and rubbing in the fact that I'm leaving, to those that will be stuck around here.

Rather than look to next year and wonder what classes I'm going to have to take, I am fully concentrating my efforts on finding out where the best places are to hang out at in South Padre, Texas.

Sure, I know my vacation will only last for nine short days but Spring Break has an after effect as well.

When I return, I won't be tempted to study or worry about life for awhile because there will only be 41 short days until the official last day of class.

Just enough time to tell the stories, share the pictures, and start planning my graduation party, or, better yet, my summer vacation.

Policy may soon go up in

SMOKE

Campus-wide ban on smoking raises questions

By ELIZABETH SCHNEIDER
Staff Writer

Recent political trends are telling America to "put people first" and this fad may soon play a role in changing OU's current smoking policy throughout campus.

The policy, as it stands right now, involves a simple designation of smoking and nonsmoking areas by placement of signs and ashtrays.

But, the overall compliance with this policy raises some questions.

Most importantly, is the issue of protecting the rights of nonsmokers, who feel violated when exposed to second-hand smoke,

as well as recognizing the rights of smokers.

According to George Gamboa,

professor of biological sciences, students are not following the current policy.

"Students are smoking in the halls and stairways, causing nonsmokers to be forced to hold their breath to and from classes," he said.

Students also agree that the policy isn't being observed.

"People don't pay any attention to the signs in the Oakland

Center. You can walk through there on any day and people will be smoking wherever. I don't even think that some people realize that there are designated areas," Junior Kari Smith said.

Gamboa believes a solution is on the way.

The campus developmental environment committee, for the past couple of months, has recommended to the student senate that smoking be completely banned from the university, including the dorms.

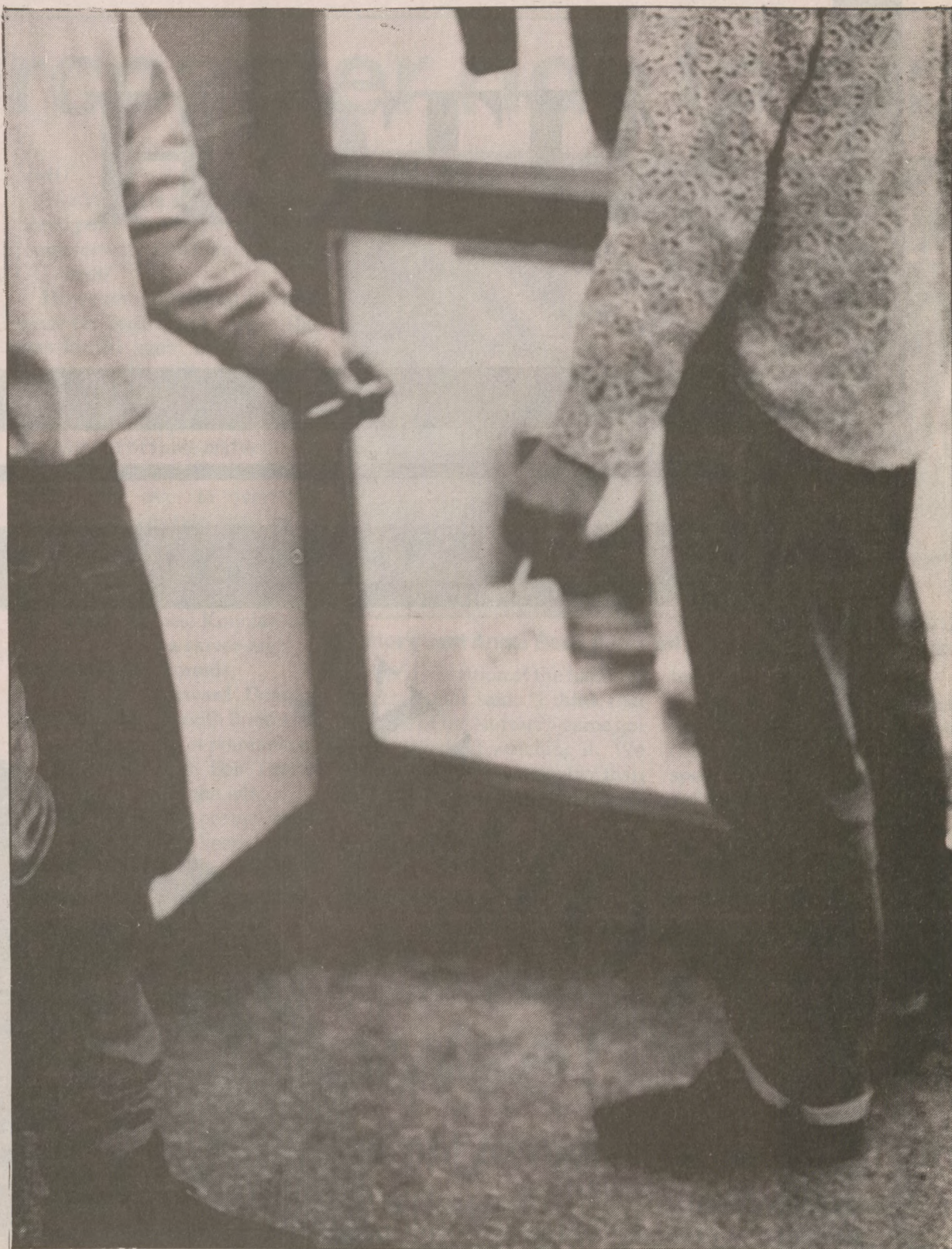
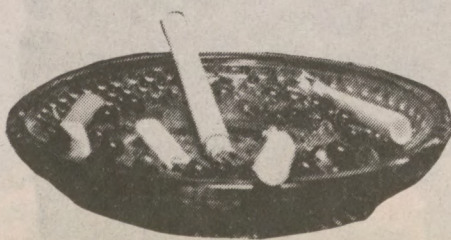
Other universities, such as the Detroit College of Law, have already taken such measures.

According to the American Journal of Medicine, second-hand smoke kills 53,000 nonsmokers each year and is a major cause of indoor pollution.

Exposure to cigarette smoke can cause eye and throat irritations, headaches, rhinitis, coughing, sneezing and nausea.

In addition, passive smoking is the third leading cause of preventable death in the United States, behind direct smoking and alcohol abuse.

Based on a series of studies, the surgeon general concluded that the separation of smokers and non-



The Oakland Post/Angela King

Seeing students smoking throughout the Oakland Center and other buildings on campus may soon become a thing of the past if the recently proposed policy passes.

smokers, using the same air space, does not eliminate exposure to passive smoke.

These studies have influenced the call for change at OU, but the prescribed transformation may have many smokers feeling their rights are being infringed upon.

However, employers and heads of institutions may feel forced to make the changes anyhow to protect themselves from impending

lawsuits. The results of these lawsuits have already been filed against companies like Western Electric and New Jersey Bell Telephone because of their alleged, "failure to provide a safe workplace."

In a majority of such cases, the courts ruled against the employers.

"If an employer is made aware of the effects of passive smoke and

still does nothing about it, then he's kind of in a pickle," Gamboa said.

A positive side can also be found for smokers if the policy is implemented.

Several studies have shown that smokers smoke less when work-site smoking bans were implemented and that these bans were accepted by smokers once they were in effect.

GALA seeks awareness, anonymity

By BONNIE WHETSTONE
Special Writer

The fact that January was gay awareness month may have gone unnoticed by many students at OU, but not by members of the Gay And Lesbian Alliance, the homosexual support group on campus.

The group first began in 1981 as the Alternative Lifestyle Support Group, but faded out and eventually died in 1987 due to lack of support.

In September of 1989, the group witnessed a rebirth as GALA and currently boasts a membership of about 40 students.

However, James (not his real name), president of GALA, feels his organization still suffers from anonymity by students.

He feels their lack of publicity and awareness is mainly the result of the groups use of anonymity for protection because members fear being discovered and judged solely on their choice of sexuality.

"The students in the group have a genuine fear that they will get bashed," he said.

To become part of the group

is no easy task.

Before students are allowed to attend meetings, they must contact the organization by phone, then participate in a private interview with James.

According to James, this secrecy is only to protect group members.

Tasks such as hanging posters and handing out flyers in the Oakland Center is difficult for members and is usually done in the early morning or late at night.

"I can't walk into the Oakland Center holding my boyfriend's hand or put a poster up or do anything that students take for granted," James said.

GALA holds monthly meetings, sponsor condom week, hold seminars on AIDS and is active in the HIV testing service at the health center.

"We're doing as much as we can," a senior OU student and member said.

However, James hopes to offer more educational services and wants to see students become more open about their sexuality.

"I wish that students that are gay, would come out. Keeping it to themselves will only make it worse," he said.

He also stressed that being gay is not a disease or a choice, but a lifestyle.

Not alone

OU's Gay And Lesbian Alliance is not alone. Other Michigan universities have homosexual support groups on their campuses as well:

- **Macomb Community College**
- **Walsh College**
- **Central Michigan University**

All of these universities offer homosexual support groups that differ in qualification standards.

- **Michigan State University**
Offers an Alliance of Lesbian-Bi-Gay Students. Offers members support groups and rap groups Monday through Thursday of each week.

- **Wayne State University**
Has a Gay and Lesbian Alliance Union. Standards require that members must be self-admittedly gay or lesbian in sexual preferences.

Information compiled by
Misty Paquette

Mentor program provides glimpse of college life

KEN POWERS
Staff Writer

Middle school students learned that college life was more than keg parties, bad food and hard classes after visiting OU on February 10.

The King-Chavez-Parks College Day Program introduced students from Courtis and Drew Middle Schools in Detroit to the college experience.

The students listened to administrators and OU students, who served as mentors, tell them what to expect when they come to college.

Evelyn Moore, a counselor at Drew, said that the students responded well to the student-mentors.

"I especially liked how the black mentors served as role models to the students. When they told the students how they overcame the negative obstacles that stood in their ways, it made the students feel that they could come to college and succeed too," she said.

Leon Robinson, student coordinator, said that he tried to project a positive example for the students as well as relate to them.

"I tried to let the students know that all of the mentors have made some of the same mistakes that they've made because we are all human. I think that the reason why the students liked us is because they saw that minorities from the inner-city can succeed too," he said.

In addition to learning more about the academic aspect of college, the students also got a chance to tour the university and observe the students on campus.

Annie Bowen, science teacher at Drew, believes the students were excited about observing the social aspect of the college atmosphere.

"During the whole bus ride the students were so excited but they didn't know what to expect. So, they tried their best to act like college students when we arrived," she said.

Robinson believes that it is important for middle school students to get an early glimpse of college life.

"If students keep hearing the message that college is important and they actually see black people like themselves on a college campus, it will make their future academic lives much easier," he said.

Moore said that she already sees a positive change in the students' attitudes toward school.

"After the students saw the intelligent mentors tell them how they have become successful in college, I believe that they will start taking studying seriously," she said.

MITCH ALBOM

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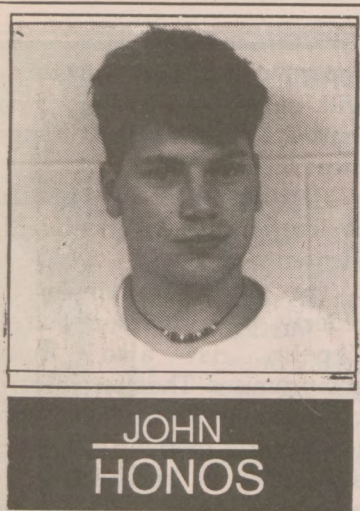
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Seeking afterlife

Having held its destiny in their hands last week, the Pioneers proved that they are not capable of controlling it.

At least not yet. The men's 1993 basketball life is slowly ebbing away and no cure is in sight.

Though their fate is not written in stone and still hangs in the balance, they are facing stiff odds to play a day past the regular season.

And if they do, one thing is true, they will have to beat two good GLIAC teams and last years league champion, Wayne State in the last game of the regular season.

In Oakland's last four games, they faced the top three teams in the conference and the league's last place team. They dropped the games to the GLIAC elite and beat the basement dweller.

This was the time, late in the season, that the Pioneers were suppose to come together and establish themselves as one of the GLIAC's finest.

This was the time where the Pioneers of preseason, of players once from varied and diversified origins and only a nucleus of four returning players, would unite and using the season as experience, play as one.

That was the preseason grand plan.

The man with the plan, head coach Greg Kampe, has to be wondering what is happening.

What happens in the idyllic world and what happens in reality are two different things as the Pioneers are finding out.

While the Pioneers are searching for a pulse, the newly resuscitated Wayne State Tartars have by-passed the Pioneers, with two crucial GLIAC wins, and assumed, for the time being, the last position for entry past the pearly gates and into the post season after-world.

And if they cannot wake from this semi-comatose state, the Pioneers are in danger of falling into a slumber of Rip VanWinkle proportions.

And when the Pioneers do wake up from dreamland and wipe their eyes of the Sandman's residue, restless Grand Valley could very well be ahead of them. Quelling the Pioneer optimism and evoking a sense of Pioneer pessimism save for the "there is always next year" type of philosophy.

But, the season is not over, nor are the Pioneers dead.

There is still a pulse, but that certain life force found within all teams is dormant and must be awakened for the Pioneers to find passage to the next level.

You can be sure that the 12 men who comprise the Oakland University basketball team will do their best to reach that higher ground known as March madness.

And you can be damned sure that Kampe is trying to resurrect and find that pulse in time for that transient and elusive life after the regular season called the post season.

After writing this, I received a fax late Monday night from Ferris State as we were getting ready to go to press. It said that Oakland had just dropped another game to the Bulldogs putting them in a fifth place tie with Grand Valley.

The alarm clock is ringing.

Sports

OU on a rollercoaster ride to top

By JOANNE GERSTNER
News Editor

This season has been a funky cycle for the OU women's basketball team.

They start the season full of hope.

Things fall apart and they amend their hope to mild optimism.

They play terrible basketball and wonder what's going wrong.

Now, bringing themselves full circle, back to the full of hope part, last week the Pioneers lived up to some of this season's advance praises, defeating Northern Michigan in an overtime thriller, and losing a hard-fought game to Michigan Tech.

Last week matched OU with the top teams in the GLIAC and the country, with Northern Michigan being second in the league and seventh in NCAA Division II and GLIAC leader Michigan Tech occupying the fifth best national slot.

The Pioneers played the NMU Wildcats last Thursday at Lepley, handing them a 105-99 single overtime loss.

OU's reputation for being a three-point bombsquad exploded in this game, as OU buried 17 treys on 41 attempts.

In the first half, both teams played equally, pretty much answering each other shot for shot. However, NMU began to pick up the pace in the latter minutes, pulling away to minor lead at the end of the half, 45-38.

However, in an unbelievable display of three-point shooting, OU fought back in the second.

From 10:06 to 5:30, Pioneers junior guards Angie Bond, Doreen Belkowski, Patty Robak and sophomore guard Kelli Krajniak combined for six treys.

Despite these long range offensive pyrotechnics, OU led at junctures by a one and two point margin.

In the waning seconds of the game, OU's free throw shooting accuracy became critical.

Down 88-84 with 59 seconds left, OU junior center Leshia Sadler was fouled while attempting to shoot a three-pointer, thus giving her three throw attempts.

Sadler came up big for the Pioneers by sinking all three and drawing OU to within one of

NMU.

The Wildcats scored an additional point on a free throw from junior forward Lisa Jamula to lead OU, 89-87.

However, lightning struck twice for Sadler and OU, as she was fouled again in the act of shooting a three, this time with only four seconds left in the game.

Again, she responded by making two out of three and sending the game into overtime at 89-89.

OU took over in overtime, throwing down two treys from Belkowski and Robak, and six points from Krajniak.

As has been her way in the last two week's games, Krajniak led all scorers with a career-high 31 points and 10 rebounds.

Sophomore forward Deanna Richard added 17, with Bond and Belkowski scoring 14 points each.

OU Head Coach Bob Taylor was effusive about the win.

"Northern's like a heavyweight puncher, they just keep hitting you, but we didn't go down this time," he said. "I thought that we played good defense and had good shots."

On the theme of possible Pioneer revenge from this season's



The Oakland Post/ Angela King
Junior guard Angie Bond fights off defender to release the shot.

earlier decimation at the hands of NMU, Taylor said, "I think that the tape of the Northern game got them ticked off watching it. We all knew that we were better than 34 points worse than Northern."

The next recipient of OU's hospitality at Lepley was Michigan Tech, who handed the Pioneers a 68-62 loss on Saturday.

Once again, OU played at par with the GLIAC elite. However, the difference in this game was OU's inability to sink shot at-

tempts.

Only down by one at the half, OU dug its own grave by going cold offensively for second half spells of two and three minutes.

Despite the difficulties, OU still was in a contending position to win the game at 4:13, when Bond knotted the contest with a three-pointer from the top of the arc.

But inopportune fouls by Richard, Sadler and Krajniak put MTU on the free throw line, where they

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Still a pulse!

Eller and Kann attempt to revive fading Pioneers

By JOE PICKERING
Copy Editor

The Pioneers aren't dead yet.

With its third consecutive loss followed by a desperately-needed win, the OU men's basketball team still has a pulse in the race for a fourth-place GLIAC finish and final spot in the conference tournament.

OU's losing streak hit three after a 72-62 loss to second place Northern Michigan on Thursday, Feb. 11, which was the culmination of defeats by the league's leading teams. OU lost to current third-place Ferris State and co-GLIAC leading Hillsdale last week.

The Pioneers were up, 6-2, early on, but quickly fell behind Northern, and trailed by a 10-point margin numerous times during the first half.

After several attempts to whittle down NMU's lead, the Wildcats foiled OU by maintaining a 39-32 lead at halftime.

The second half saw the Pioneers tie NMU twice, but OU could not muster up enough to overcome the Wildcats, as they pulled away in the closing minutes to

win by 10, 72-62.

Junior forward Tom Eller and senior center Dennis Kann once again led OU in scoring with 22 and 16 points, respectively. Five Wildcats scored in double figures to outmuscle the Pioneers, led by center Mike Gibala's 21.

The loss enabled Wayne State and Grand Valley State to slip past OU in the GLIAC standings, which left the Pioneers in sixth place and in dire need of a win against last-place Michigan Technological University on Saturday, Feb. 13.

Thanks to the "Kann and Eller Show," OU took advantage mediocre MTU and spoiled the Huskies' long trip from the northern tip of the Upper Peninsula with a sound 84-71 beating.

Kann scored 15 of the Pioneers' first 25 points in the first half on the way to 27 for the game to go along with 14 rebounds, the game highs for each category. Eller poured in 22 points of his own before fouling out with 1:19 left, and the game well in hand.

The Pioneers never trailed on the way to the 13-point pummeling and played the type of basketball head coach Greg Kampe feels

his team has the capability of playing, not evident in the prior three losses.

"This was a must game and we got it," Kampe said. "I'm very pleased we won the game and the way we passed the ball around and the things we did offensively. If we get a win at Ferris (Feb. 15), then all of a sudden the world's happy again and we're back in it. The game's a funny game."

Kampe concluded his remarks with complaints of the officiating for and against his club, saying that it's the worst that he's seen in 15 years.

"We rebounded really well today and didn't allow them any second shots, we shot the ball well and put it in the hole," Kann continued. "When you add those things up it really changes the way we look and the way we play."

OU has four games left to make up for ground lost in the recent three-game losing streak. Pioneer hopes for post-season play hinge on each game being treated as a must-win situation, and players, coaches and fans all know what must be done.



The Oakland Post/ Angela King
Junior forward Tom Eller drives hard to net for layup versus NMU.

Ferris State 77, OU 73

OU 70, Ferris State 57

Tom Eller and Jeff Plank led the Pioneers in the loss each with 17 pts. OU never led in the game, but pulled to within three on a Plank 3-pointer with 55 seconds left. OU trailed by as much as 18 pts. in the 2nd.

The women fared much better as Doreen Belkowski led the Pioneers with 16 and Kelli Krajniak chipped in 13 pts. After a slow 1st half start the Pioneers rebounded and led by as much as 21 in the 2nd.

Boyd proves to be big fish in big pond

By ERIC DeMINK
Copy Editor

Talent comes, and talent goes, and more often than not, a great talent is hard to find.

In the case of Carl Boyd, however, a great talent found Oakland University.

Shining through a fabulous four-year swimming career, the senior from Mt. Pleasant, Pa. has garnered some pretty impressive victories and times, and has impressed many people along the way.

Boyd, for his legacy has accumulated three individual national championships, is a 15-time All-American, and is the current title holder in the 100 yard backstroke.

When he swims at the Nationals in March, he will be looking to add to his feats, though, that doesn't necessarily mean winning everything. Said the modest Boyd, "I am not as concerned with winning individual championships as much as I am swimming as well as I can."

It is that kind of unselfish attitude that has allowed him to become one of the premiere swimmers in the NCAA Division II.



The Oakland Post/ Clive Savage
Senior sprinter Carl Boyd prepares for his national title defense.

"Carl possesses all the fine qualities that you look for in an athlete," said Pete Hovland, head coach of the Pioneer men's swimming program. "Desire, work ethic, dedication... these set him apart from most others. He is very receptive to ideas and willing to learn, but just as importantly, leads by example."

Boyd's successes have evi-

denced this. His excellence in the 100 and 200 backstroke events have put him in the top three in the country.

To watch him thrash GLIAC (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) foes one might wonder where his competition is coming from.

But Boyd seems to have had a jump on most tankers, having

swam for almost 16 years since he was four or five years old.

For as long as he can remember his mother has been involved in aquatics and so did she indoctrinate him into it at that early age.

Boyd's actual journey did not begin until the age of six when he first started swimming competitively.

Boyd, early on at the age of 12, became disgruntled with the tank and quit for two years citing "burnout". As he said, "It just took up too much of my time."

Eventually the hunger returned and so did Boyd to the pool. His prep career began as a sophomore at Mt. Pleasant Area High School located just outside of Pittsburgh.

The big problem was that the school lacked a men's swim team, as swimming took a backseat to other sports such as wrestling or football.

Still, Boyd persevered. With the existing women's team he practiced and swam solo. That is until, the school decided it was going to fill in the pool with cement, and make a big wrestling room out of the natatorium.

That's when things got dire and that's when Boyd's father and

coaches stepped forward to save the day. Their combined efforts persuaded those who would nix the program to recant.

Eventually, with the growing support and encouragement of these individuals, a small men's team developed and prospered.

When Boyd was a sophomore, his father and mother separated, and his mother moved to Flint, Mich. to take an aquatics director position at the YMCA. Boyd, though, stayed at home to finish his studies.

With an exceptional high school career under his belt, Boyd was a hot property much sought after by recruiters. He was an All-stater in the 200 individual medley and 100 backstroke for three years, and finished second in the state championship in the 100 backstroke. Hovland described him as "a big fish in a small pond coming out of high school".

Boyd was approached by local Division II schools such as Edinboro State University and Clarion University. He was also lured by larger schools, the likes of Pennsylvania State University and the University of Pittsburgh. But on a

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CIPO THIS WEEK

(Campus Information, Programs and Organizations)

CIPO Programs

CIPO Programs offers a variety of programming which we hope the OU community will find interesting and enjoyable. Upcoming programs include:

STD's

Dr. Margaret Grossman of OU's Health Enhancement Institute will discuss what college students need to know about a variety of sexually transmitted diseases **Thursday, February 18 Noon in the Fireside Lounge**. Those who attend will probably walk away with at least one bit of information which they did not know prior to the presentation.

Art at Noon

This Art at Noon segment features 3D sculpture with Thaddius Mirochne of Chelsea, Michigan. Come and see art like you have never seen before. Tad will be in the **Exhibit Lounge Monday, February 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Tribute to Thurgood Marshall

A panel discussion will lead a tribute to Thurgood Marshall **Tuesday, February 23 Noon in the Fireside Lounge**. The program dedicated to the first African-American to serve as a Justice of the Supreme Court and the legacy he left us. Many have called him the greatest lawyer of this century and few argue that he has done more for equal rights in the United States than any other single individual.

The Poetry of Langston Hughes and Maya Angelou

If you liked Maya Angelou's poem given at Clinton's inauguration, you will love this program. Readings of some of the best poems written by African Americans will grace the **Fireside Lounge Thursday, February 25**.

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The Student Life Lecture Board and the Student Program Board, with the generous support of Barnes and Noble Bookstores are pleased to present the best sports writer in the country, **Mitch Albom to Oakland University Wednesday (TODAY!), February 17, 2:30 p.m. in the Gold Rooms**. Not only will he share his observations about sports and the humor and drama around it, but will also sign books in the book store. There will be no admission charge.

Dr. Betty Shabazz - Widow of slain civil rights leader Malcolm X will be here **March 29, 1993 in the OC Crockery at 2:00 pm**. Tickets will go on sale February 22.

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Path

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The east-west Brightway lights a walkway from the northwest parking lot along the sidewalk between North and South Foundation and continues across the center of campus to Lepley Sports Center.

There are currently high pressure sodium lamps illuminated to the level of the current Brightway path concept along the sidewalk between the Oakland Center and North and South Foundation Hall.

The original proposal has been before the University Senate Committee on Campus Development and Environment for two years. "We reviewed a proposal about the parking near the small dorms and the back of O'Dowd," Geoff Brieger, chairman of the Senate's committee on campus development and environment.

The Department of Psychology is located in Pryale Hall. Professor Randy Hansen said the area is "a mess, particularly in the winter ... the only place to walk is on the road," he said.

According to Hansen, the poor lighting is hindering the

department's ability to experiment with people and is limiting the female participation in the department's research.

"I am no longer allowing female undergraduates to work at night," Hansen said.

The grant research on the elderly by professor Harold Zepelin is also being compromised. The sleep research conducted in Pryale from 8 p.m. to the early morning hours. He said many of his subjects are elderly and can only find parking in the east lot across from married housing which is connected to Pryale by a poorly-lit stretch of sidewalk.

Pigeons

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said. "Pigeon control is a fact of life in almost every urban setting. One way or another it ends up with birds dying.

Nordheden admits that although the decision to kill the birds may not be a popular one, it is necessary to protect the universities best interest.

Apparently, the pigeons are living underneath a 15' by 15" refrigeration unit. Years of feather and fecal matter accumulation have produced a slimy green film that emits an ammonia-like stench.

Subsequently, the odor is entering the unit through structural cracks and air ducts, according to eye research professors.

According to Giblin, the lab re-

mained vacant for two years before Associate Professor of Biomedical sciences Sitaramayya Ari moved in five months ago and uncovered a most unsavory situation.

"We have to work here the whole day," Ari said. "It hurts your lungs if you are exposed to it awhile. If you are in the lab the whole day and if you open and close the room it smells for three hours."

That constant use may render the technicians susceptible to several diseases including psittacosis which may be linked directly to the pigeon waste, according to Carol Hertz, a respiratory therapist with the American Lung Association.

"There is a risk involved with it," she said. "Legionnaire's disease can't be ruled out either," an infectious respiratory illness that

is allegedly spread through contaminated water in central air-conditioning units.

"Animal control groups are going to go crazy but it's a health concern for us," Gilbin said. "They might think it's bad but they don't have to work here."

The possibility of pigeonicide has raised objection from the humane society.

"Why do you need to kill them?" Gary Tiscornia the executive director of the Michigan Humane Society said. "Killing only has a short term effect."

Standing defiantly against the health hazards and nasty odor, Ari said he will not succumb to unsatisfactory working conditions.

"There's nothing as humans that we can't accept," he said. "If people can work in the Bronx, I can work in the lab."

Home

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freshman, said that Hill was his first choice of residence and he should be able to stay.

"If we are forcibly removed from Hill House we want priorities up and beyond what we would normally receive," Holdridge said.

There were 90 Hill House resi-

dents who signed a petition against the new building.

Hill House and Van Wagoner were the two dorms being considered for the 21 and over building.


Reynolds recommends that Hill House be refurbished rather than Van Wagoner since it was already scheduled for renovations and Van Wagoner has an open floor so students from Hill House can move in groups and keep their same roommates.

Other complaints have come from students who are not 21 but upperclassmen who would like to live in this building.

"I think you would get greater participation if it was open to upperclassmen regardless of their age," Judy Weigand, a 19 year old sophomore said.

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	Wayne State	7	5	15	7
	Oakland	6	7	11	11
	Grand Valley	6	7	12	10
	Saginaw Valley	5	8	12	9
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	Team	GLIAC		Overall	
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	Lake Superior	4	8	8	13
	Grand Valley	3	10	7	16
	Hillsdale	1	12	6	15

Tankers tune up for GLIAC

By ERIC DeMINK
Copy Editor

When the Pioneer swim teams travel north to Saginaw Valley State University for the 1993 GLIAC Swimming Championship Feb. 18-21, it will mark the end of a two regular seasons that were for the most part shrouded in mystery.

In search of their 16th consecutive GLIAC title, the men look to easily extend that streak. But one might not think so, not the way their season started. With the new year however, the face took on a different complexion with the Pioneers reeling off wins in five of their last seven meets, humbling lone GLIAC foe in that run. That meet was not even close and according to Coach Pete Hovland, the rest of the league is just as weak. "We shouldn't have any trouble winning this thing," he

said. "The only battle I see taking place is for second place. It could be anyone in the bunch."

It is a totally different story for the women.

Having won the title three of the last four years, the last year the fourth was kismet for the Pioneers. Despite falling to scourge Northern Michigan University in the league championship, the Pioneers leapfrogged the Wildcats for the more exclusive National title.

The question that they must answer is what have you done lately? Breaking slow out of the gate like their male counterparts, could not have been a confidence builder for the defending three-time national champions. But by beating NMU in their last regular season meet the Pioneers seem to have inured and recaptured that team confidence. Unlike the men's championship, though, this will be a dog eat dog struggle.

Three

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converted seven out of nine at-tempts.

Sadler led the Pioneers with 18 points, with Kranjiak and Robak contributing 15 and 11 respec-tively.

One glaring fact from the game's box score was the poor performance of Belkowski, who for the first time in her three-year career at OU, was unable to score a single point in the game. She

only had three shot attempts in 22 minutes of play.

Even though the Pioneers fell short, Taylor was still hopeful for OU's potential meetings with NMU and MTU in early March's GLIAC tournament.

"We played pretty well," he said. "We got some good shots that didn't fall...We need to have all seven or eight players to be hitting on all cylinders to win, but we're close and we certainly feel that if we go on the court and play well, we can beat those teams, which wasn't the case a month ago."

Fish

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tip from his mother, he decided to give OU a look-see.

Inevitably, it was recruiting trip to OU during the Easter break of his senior year that decided things for him.

In addition to have been offered an athletic scholarship here, Boyd was most impressed with the closeness of the team which he might have lost out on at a larger school. Boyd said that "he might have been a small fish in a big pond, just another number."

"I think this was the best environment for Carl," Hovland said. "Everything he swam was golden coming out of high school, and college brings out the best in these types of individuals."

And so came the test and so did he pass, but not without trepidation or reservation. "I never realized how technical the sport was," he said. "I might have had a good stroke technique coming in, but I

didn't realize the exact science of it."

"I was a much more passive swimmer earlier on, but this program has taught me to be more aggressive."

Hovland though, feels that Boyd is a natural. "Biomechanically, Carl is very sound. He is very comfortable in the water, he has a natural feel for it."

"I would just love to have a whole team of Carl Boyds."

As well as he is swimming now, Boyd feels that he has reached his plateau. "I am peaking at the right time, I am peaking at the end."

Indeed, it is the end that Boyd will see at the Nationals. "When I graduate I'm all through swim-ming," he said.

"I have no Olympic aspirations, although my father said he would support me if I chose to continue."

"But there's no money to be made in the sport unless you're very, very good."

As much as anyone, Hovland feels that Boyd's best days are ahead of him. "Training is a good indication," he said. "I've seen him train. He has steadily improved year after year. Carl has things in the right perspective, he has the right blend and combination of all the necessary ingredients..."

Boyd is looking to graduate in the spring and hopes to go to law school in the fall. While he said that swimming has been a wonderful experience for him, he is ready to hang up the flippers. "I'm just ready to put some time aside for myself and get on with my life."



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Thursday Feb. 18	"The use of Robotics and CAD in Concept Car Design" seminar given by Dr. Yilong Chen from General Motors Research Laboratories (AGS)
9:00 - 10:30 Dodge Hall Room: 201	
Friday Feb. 19	"Biomedical Engineering Symposium" at William Beaumont Hospital. Various programs running from 8am - 5 pm. Details in 282 HH.
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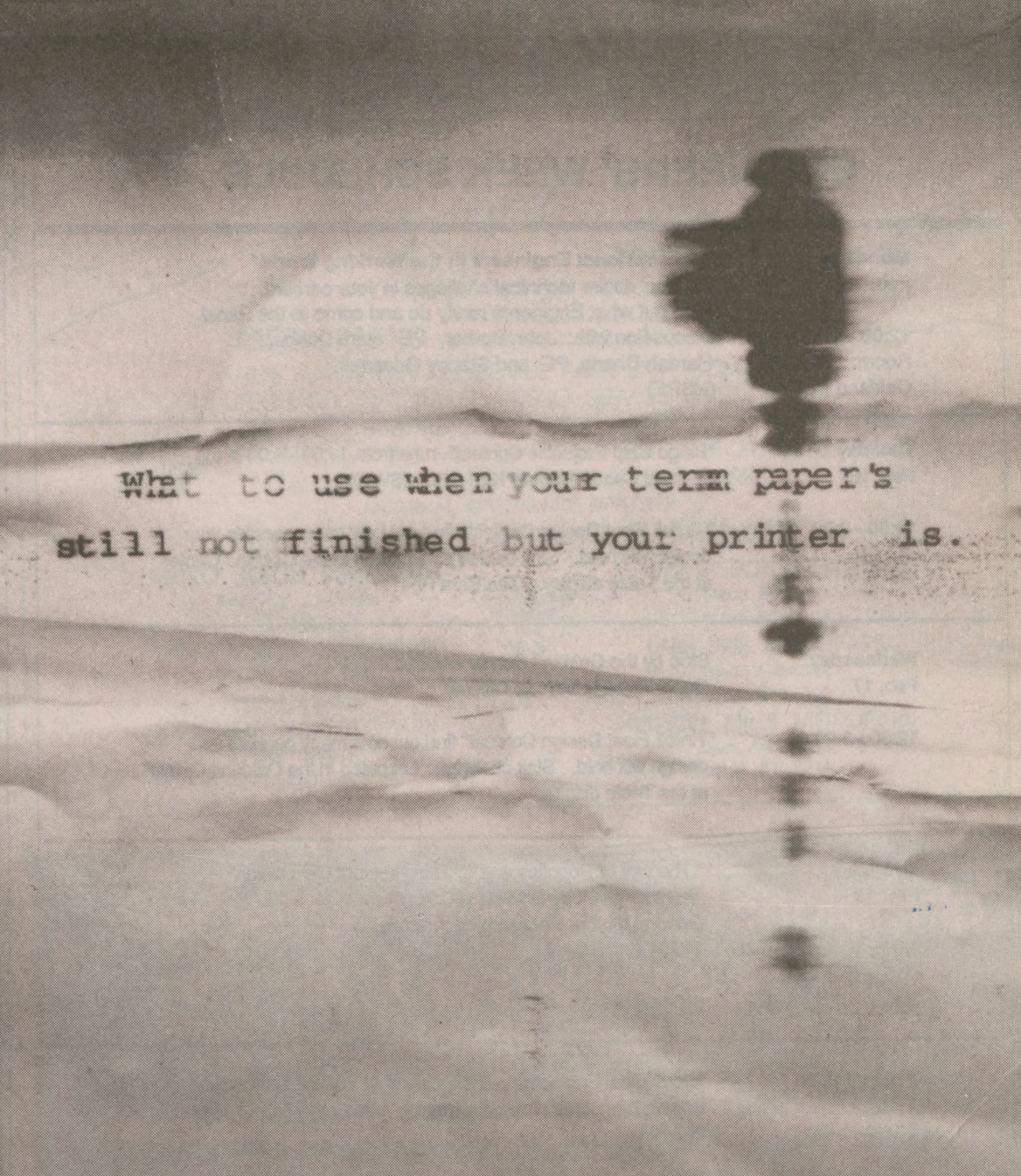
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