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Greenhouse loses campus legend

More labor needed on grounds

By CATHERINE KAZA
News Editor

John Wendland, a campus greenhouse legend, took his hat off as the 'geranium cowboy' to return full-time to groundskeeping.

Wendland, who's worked in the greenhouse 15 years, was removed because he was needed on university grounds, according to Richard Moore, associate director of campus facilities.

The 54-year-old Royal Oak native has been at the university for nearly 18 years.

THE GREENHOUSE, built in 1914, is located next to the Dodge Farmhouse and Katke-Cousins golf course.

"If it wasn't for his interest, it would have closed up a long time ago," said Kimberly Zelinski, horticultural and landscape technician for Meadow Brook Hall.

"It was more than a job, it was my life," said Wendland in a recent interview. "The plants became my babies."

He first worked with plants at his parents' house. His expertise in geraniums led to two flower show exhibits at the Detroit Institute of Arts in the last two years.

THAT KNOWLEDGE of plants, while helpful, is not needed as much since the university has been deemphasizing the greenhouse for several months, Moore said. "We do not need anybody there full time."

Six months ago, Moore recommended to Alan Miller, campus facilities director, that the university close the greenhouse.

However, volunteers from local gardening clubs found out about the decision and negotiated with the university to keep the greenhouse going. According to Mary Maclean, volunteer coordinator and horticultural chairwoman of the Rochester Farm and Garden club, greenhouse volunteers have increased 20 people, to 32, since Wendland left.

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(above) The 'geranium cowboy', John Wendland, tends to the plants of his nickname recently. (below) Wendland checks the germination of seeds he has planted, with surrounding plants.

Volunteers pitch in to keep building open

By CATHERINE KAZA
News Editor

The campus greenhouse has again been saved from closing because of extra volunteers.

When the university recently considered shutting down the historical site, area garden club members agreed to help more, since the only full-time greenhouse employee, John Wendland, was moved back to grounds.

The greenhouse is located next to the Dodge Farmhouse and Katke-Cousins golf course. It was built in 1914 by John Dodge for his wife Matilda, who later became the benefactor of Oakland after marrying Alfred Wilson. Originally, its purpose was to grow flowers for Matilda Wilson.

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Marriott plans expanding campus food services

By ALISA NASS
Staff Writer

Vandenberg Hall and the upper level of the Oakland Center will have a new look and more food services in fall if \$850,000 in proposed renovations by Marriott are approved by the board of trustees.

Marriott's proposals were part of a bid for a five-year food services contract. The current contract, which expires in April, is held by Marriott.

Trustees approved negotiation of

a new Marriott contract over six companies March 9. The contract will be submitted for board approval at its next meeting.

"We think we are going to offer what the customers want so the potential to recoup our investment over the five years (of the contract) will be good," said Carl Bender, food service director for Marriott.

ONE PLAN is the construction of a snack bar and a convenience store on Vandenberg's lower level, where the multipurpose rooms are.

Plans for the addition, the Beer

Lake Yacht Club and Ship's Store, include a patio and indoor dining area.

Proposals for the OC include a deli-pizzeria and formal seating in the Oakland Cafe, located where the Oakland Room and Lunch Basket Deli are.

The Wild Pizza will merge with the proposed pizzeria. The cafe would be located behind the pizzeria.

"In order to have successful food service you need to have good location, so we felt it was important to

be located on the upper level," said Bender.

WITH THE proposals, the Iron Kettle, located downstairs in the OC, would become the Hot Shoppe Grill and would focus on breakfast and lunch.

Although plans are not final, Bender said a food bar might be installed.

"Right now you get bottlenecked. We're going to eliminate that by having other offerings elsewhere," he said.

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Residence halls separates floors by majors

7 floors designated

By ALISA NASS
Staff Writer

Seven floors in Vandenberg and Hamlin Halls will be separated by academic major, starting in fall.

Administrators say this would allow students in a certain major to have more interaction with each other.

All students, regardless of major, will be able to live on the designated floors and students already living there would not have to move, according to Jean Ann Miller, residence halls program coordinator.

The floors would allow "a commonality to study, work on projects together and learn more in their field," said Miller.

ANOTHER FEATURE is that students would have an adviser assigned to the floor in their major.

The Hamlin floors are 2 and 3 north for business and accounting majors and 7 and 8 south for engineering and computer science majors.

In Vandenberg 3 and 4 west for health sciences and 2 east would be co-ed for students at least 23 years old.

One of the reasons these floors were chosen was because of a higher turnover rate of students.

"We're not inconveniencing them (students), we are just giving them another living experience," said Miller.

MILLER SAID, "It's really going to take three to four years to really get it going." She also said incoming freshmen would probably be most affected.

The program is similar to other universities, including University of Michigan-

Ann Arbor, said Miller.

The idea of a program here was proposed by Jack Wilson, associate vice president of student affairs, Eleanor Lewellen Reynolds, residence halls director and herself, Miller said.

It was then presented to house council and Area Hall Council representatives to be taken to students for discussion and reactions, she said.

SOME RESIDENCE halls students did not understand the program, still others had opinions.

"I think it's a neat idea because it gives people the chance to communicate without conflict (such as schedules)," said senior Kathy Talaski, a marketing major.

Senior Kerry Unger, a human resources development major, said, "if you live with just people in your major you don't get a variety of people."

State schools raise tuition

Oakland hike highest for spring

By DAVID HOGG
Staff Writer

While Oakland is only one of many Michigan public universities to raise tuition during 1987-88, its recent 9.65 percent hike is the highest for spring.

The spring increase is \$5.50 per credit hour, from \$51 to \$56.50 for freshmen and sophomore state residents.

Decreasing state appropriations was the main reason for the hike. Oakland raised tuition 6.54 percent last summer.

An Oakland Post survey of the 14 public state universities showed University of Michigan-Dearborn is the only one that has planned a specific increase for next year. John Mason, director of financial aid, estimated a 7 to 8 percent increase for undergraduate state residents.

MANY SCHOOLS anticipate fall increases this year, but amounts will vary depending on the state budget. Anne Mervenne, ad-

ministrative assistant for state Sen. Doug Cruce, said it was too early to say if Gov. James Blanchard's proposed budget will pass the legislature unaltered. She said legislators were facing a governor who believed "universities have too much fat in their budget."

Other than Oakland, Michigan Technological University and Eastern Michigan University were the only schools that announced a spring increase. MTU's was 7.5 percent, from \$51.25 to \$55. EMU's was 6.3 percent, from \$47.75 to \$50.75.

DURING THE past year, Central Michigan University and Lake Superior State University increased 6.1 percent, CMU from \$49 to \$52, and LSU from \$43.75 to \$52.75. The lowest fall hike was 4.5 percent at Northern Michigan University. The average increase was about \$2.60 per credit hour.

Wayne State's 5 percent hike was only its second in five years, the first being 2.5 percent.

The school with the highest tuition rate was the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, which

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University considers computer use fee

By BOB MC MURRAY
Staff Writer

A computer use fee, like those at the University of Michigan and Western Michigan University, may be in the future for Oakland students.

Business and engineering school faculty and administrators, and the provost's office, are discussing this informally, according to Associate Provost William Connellan.

Discussions are "very tentative," he said, with no cost estimate or a timetable.

WILLIAM HAGA, manager of academic services in computer services, said, "The university wants to do some big things in academic computing...Over the past 10 years we've fallen behind other universities in the state in the range of services we offer to faculty and students."

Haga said discussions are about university goals in academic computing and how much money would be needed. He said he expected some answers in late August. "I can't see a fee being put in place in the near future," he added.

Don Hildum, chairman of the academic computing committee, said the fee has to be approved by the administration and the board of trustees. He said several small com-

mittees were working with Electronic Data Systems advisers to develop plans to update and expand services.

"At present, we're looking at prices and determining how things would work together," said Hildum.

HILDUM LISTED several objectives in academic computing: more microcomputers—for greater accessibility, the replacement of a mainframe Honeywell computer, and developing a campuswide network.

Haga said the university now supports computer facilities with money from general operating funds, government grants and the private sector. Budget Director Patrick Nicosia named three areas where general funds are spent on computers: academic and administrative computing and an overall coordinating system. This year's budgets for those were \$631,200, \$1,644,000 and \$225,000, respectively.

CONCERNING STATE money, Haga said, "Oakland has had very little success getting money from the state. The amount we're getting has not kept up with inflation."

John Tower, associate dean of business, said Oakland often receives money privately, but this

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Mime work

Mime Rob Reider (right) demonstrates balloon design for Bradley Wolschleger last Monday in the Oakland Center. Reider's visit was sponsored by the Student Programming Board.

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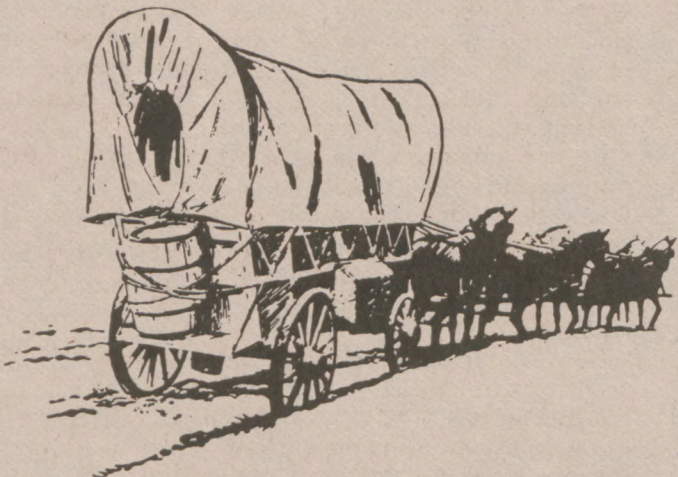
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ATTENTION EDUCATION MAJORS

Do you have any concerns that you would like to address. Dr. Sharon Muir and Dean Pine will be at the March 28 University Congress meeting, in lounge 11 of the O.C. All are welcome to attend!!!

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There is a paid secretarial position open for University Congress. Applications are now being accepted in the Congress office, 19 O.C.

There will be a Public Relations Committee meeting Wednesday March 16, 1988, at 2:30 p.m. in the Congress office.

UNIVERSITY CONGRESS REPORT



NEWS BRIEFS

Enrollment decreases

Winter enrollment decreased 95 students from 1987-88, or .8 percent.

According to a recent report by David Beardslee, director of institutional research, total credits is down 3.1 percent, or 3,613.

Full-time undergraduate student enrollment is down 3 percent, from 3,940 to 3,822. For masters students, the drop is 7.8 percent, while Ph.D. and specialist students increased 36.7 percent, from 36 to 50.

Phone machine, keyboard stolen

An IBM personal computer keyboard valued at \$200 was stolen from an office in Wilson Hall sometime between March 14 and 15, according to Public Safety.

Police said there were no signs of forced entry.

A \$95 answering machine was stolen from a Dodge Hall office

between March 3 and 4, according to Public Safety.

The machine was locked in the office employees drawer, and the only people with keys are employees and maintenance. No signs of forced entry were apparent.

Presidential candidate lectures

Paul Simon, Democratic presidential candidate, will speak about his campaign Friday, March 25.

The speech, from 12 to 1 p.m. in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms, is free and open to the general public.

Faculty promoted

Six faculty members were recently promoted to full professor, effective in August.

They are: Dolores Burdick, French; Michael Chopp, physics; Esther Goudsmit, biology; Dean Purcell, psychology; Bhushan Bhatt, engineering; Ravi Parameswaran, management.

Corrections

Due to an editing error, in a March 14 front-page article about the organization of the Jimmy Carter lecture, Paul Franklin's incorrect title was given. Franklin is chairman of the Student Life Lecture Board. Nicole Young should have been listed as a board member.

Last week's What's Happening gave the wrong title for Rabbi Marc Blumenthal's speech on *Fashioning Jewish Responses to AIDS*.

In a page 3 graph about tuition rates March 14, increases were based on 1977 rates.

Tuition

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charges \$106 per credit hour for undergraduate residents. The lowest rate was \$43.75 at Lake Superior State University.

FERRIS STATE University, like other schools, thinks a fall increase is likely. "We hadn't raised our tuition rates for five years, but we had to raise it 5.4 percent this fall, and we will have to raise it again in the fall of 1988. We just don't have enough money," said Philomena Mantella, director of financial aid.

Blanchard's budget proposal will go before the state subcommittee on higher education March 28, according to Kathy Wilbur, administrative assistant for subcommittee chairman Sen. William Sederburg. She said it was possible that the governor's recommendation of a 1 percent higher education increase would increase to 2.5 percent. The earliest decision would come July 4, she said.

Marriott

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If approved, construction would begin in May and end in fall, said Bender.

A COMMITTEE has been working on the different companies' proposals for more than a year, said Jack Wilson, associate vice president for student affairs.

Wilson said of the six other companies bidding on the contract, "No one else suggested anything close to the renovations Marriott was talking about."

TUITION RATES

(per credit hour, undergraduate residents)

University	Current rate
Michigan-Ann Arbor	\$106
Grand Valley	69
Michigan-Flint	68.50
Michigan-Dearborn	58.50
Oakland	56.50*
Michigan Tech	55*
Saginaw Valley	54.50
Western Michigan	54.25
Central Michigan	52
Eastern Michigan	50.75*
Michigan State	49.25
Ferris State	49
Northern Michigan	46.25
Lake Superior	43.75

*Including recent winter and spring increases
Compiled by Dave Hogg and Bob McMurray

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SHE WAS active in gardening, Wendland said, and liked geraniums as well as cut flowers. Some of Wilson's plants remain, such as a 70-year-old Jade tree, and a lemon tree that still bears fruit.

After Wilson's death in 1967, the greenhouse started to deteriorate and the university considered closing it. Students and volunteers organized to keep it open, Wendland said.

Now, the seven-room greenhouse supplies flowers for the university's landscape, as well as for special events, such as weddings at Meadow Brook Hall and graduations.

SEVERAL THOUSAND visitors tour during Christmas, Wendland said.

Volunteers from area gardening clubs have put in 1,500 hours a year in labor. "If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't have the flower beds you've had in the past," said Wendland.

About 15 years ago, Wendland became involved with the greenhouse, later developing into a full-time job. "I was put into the greenhouse to help it," he said. Over the years, the university has been "putting Band-Aids on it."

WENDLAND SAID the university has money to keep the greenhouse open. "It can be done. There's money out there. (They're) just not anxious to go out and get it."

House

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doesn't allow for a regular budget process. He said the business school received more than \$1 million in computer equipment over the past 18 months. "It would be more rational if we could set aside money every budget period to replace equipment and acquire new technology to make available to students. A fee of some sort would allow us to do so."

"The grants we receive to purchase new equipment may not always be there. We need a more reliable funding source," said Tower.

"If you want to buy new equipment and expand services, you have to finance it somehow," said Haga.

MOST STUDENTS were skeptical about the need for a fee. Sophomore Kristin Seasword, a communications major, said she had doubts about whether the

university would use the money wisely. "I'd want it written out where the money was going," she said.

Lynda Pringle, a freshman studying theater, said she didn't use the computers available on campus. She said she would support a computer fee of "\$10 at the most."

Senior Stacy Maxim, an accounting and finance major, said she thought there shouldn't be an additional fee charged to every student to support computer services. "If you don't use them, why should you have to pay for them?"

Sophomores Paul McDougal and Maurice Satterwhite, both communications majors, said they wouldn't support a computer fee. "I think students are paying enough," said Satterwhite.

McDougal said, "It's rough paying right now, there are a lot of extra things we're paying for now... It seems to me the university already has a lot of money floating around."

Georgia Kerby, director of registration at Western Michigan University, said it charged its first computer fee in fall 1987. Kerby said a student taking seven or more credit hours pays \$50 per semester, those taking less than seven pay \$25. Fieldwork and internships are not considered in the calculation of credit hours, said Kerby. She said fees enhance student computer services.

SOPHOMORE STEVE Benedittini said he uses the computers in Varner Hall often and has had no problems with the services.

Haga said a computer fee would assure students that the money was going to improve and maintain computer services. He said students at the University of Michigan pay \$100 per semester - \$150 for technical majors - in computer fees.

"Having a computer fee, as opposed to a tuition increase, assures students that the money is going to computers, not some place else," said Haga.

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MILLER SAID closing the greenhouse has been mentioned before as a potential cost savings, but is staying open because of the volunteers. "What can be more economical than volunteer labor?" he said.

Wendland said volunteers contribute about 1,500 hours a year in upkeep.

The Rochester garden club has \$3,000 to \$4,000 invested in the greenhouse in an alarm system and repairs, Maclean said. She compared the all-volunteer structure to Cranbrook's. "It's a new challenge for us," she said.

Zelinski said she would have liked the university to consider outside support before moving to the new system.

CAROL RALSTON, a volunteer for 10 years at the greenhouse, said, "I felt really bad, (about Wendland) but he's lucky to have a job."

Maclean agreed. "The greenhouse is a luxury. (The university) has to get costs down," she said.

The greenhouse costs about \$9,600 per year in utilities. Closing the greenhouse and purchasing flowers from outside sources would definitely save money, Moore said. "The greenhouse doesn't have to be there for OU to have flowers," he said.

With Wendland back on grounds the university can begin a "more intense beautification process," he said. Wendland will still take care of the flower beds in summer, Moore said.

WENDLAND IS skeptical about the volunteer venture. "There's a lot of things they can do, a lot of things they can't," he said. Before, Wendland was responsible for watering plants, maintenance and overseeing the operation. "There is no one now in the greenhouse who knows how to run a greenhouse," he said.

While he accepts his return to his role as groundskeeper, Wendland has bad feelings about his removal. "I was shocked and hurt, to put it mildly," he said. Supervisors knew about his impending move three months before telling him, but had to work out details before he was notified. "Why did it take them that long to tell me?" he asked.

He also questioned the seriousness of budget problems, when campus facilities is adding personnel. Miller said the only new position in his department is an accounting clerk's, although several have been "reprogrammed" or upgraded. He could not estimate how much this cost, if at all.

Moore said many people think workers are being added because of the reshuffling. "For the most part, we're playing Chinese Checkers with people," he said.

THE JOB reorganizations are a "healthy exercise long overdue at OU," Miller said. They have improved scheduling and made better use of resources, he said.

"A lot of changes (are happening) throughout campus facilities... I've never seen morale so low," he said. "He (Miller) is trying to run the university like a military operation."

Wendland feels his own talent was wasted. "I feel like a dead person sometimes," he said.

More than anything though, Wendland is worried about the greenhouse's future. "My fear is that they want to close the greenhouse. That would be an end to tradition."

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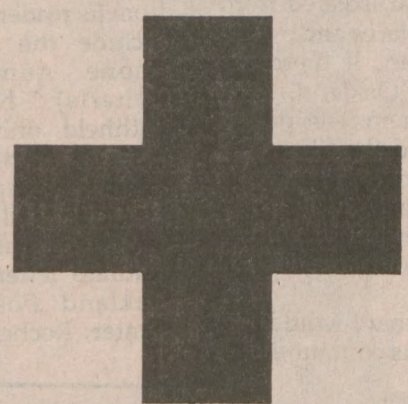
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U.S. troops don't belong in Honduras

President Ronald Reagan's obsession with the Contra rebels reached a new extreme last week when he decided to send 3,200 American troops to Honduras. This foolish decision is something the American public should condemn and urge Congress not to support.

Whether Reagan decided to send troops to the area to gain new support for his cause, to draw attention away from the embarrassing Iran-contra affair, or to throw a wrench into the peace treaty negotiations, American troops have no business in Honduras.

THE ADMINISTRATION claims Honduran President Jose Azcona requested the troops after Nicaragua's army crossed its border March 15 in pursuit of Contras. (Most of the Contra bases are located three miles off the border.) But the Sandinistas have crossed into Honduras several times before and we have not responded by sending 3,200 troops of the 82d Airborne Division accompanied by the 7th Infantry Brigade.

The Reagan administration has long supported the Contras, even to the point of calling them "freedom fighters." But according to numerous public opinion polls, the public does not share this enthusiasm for the Contra-Sandinista war.

WITH HIS LATEST MANEUVER, Reagan is going to attempt to get \$48 million in "emergency" aid for the Contras. This new package includes weapons, something Congress did not support earlier. Reagan's decision to send troops to Honduras seems like nothing more than a new strategy developed to gain support for an unpopular cause.

Peace negotiations between the Contras and Sandinistas were scheduled to take place this week. Hopefully the United States troop deployment will not interfere with these important talks.

The American people do not want to be at war with Nicaragua. The Nicaraguans want peace. Reagan's decision to send 3,200 American troops helps neither side, and only confuses negotiations. Congress must agree and put an end to Reagan's senseless and potentially dangerous action.

Lepley needs to enlarge, improve

Students have long complained about the inadequacy of Lepley Sports Center. When Athletic Director Paul Hartman accused it of being the worst athletic facility in the Great Lakes Conference, it seemed Oakland administrators would get the message — we need a better sports facility.

Lepley was built in 1963 when only 1,279 students (compared with about 12,500) attended Oakland. It was made for intramurals, since there were no varsity teams at Oakland then.

TODAY, 25 YEARS LATER, we have 11 varsity teams, intramurals plus professional teams all wanting to use the facility. It's time administrators realize this and do something about it.

It seems Oakland University is at the stage in its development when many of its original structures need to be improved. A good example is Kresge Library. Built in 1961 for the use of 5,000 students, Kresge is inadequate for a growing school with more than twice the number of students it was intended to serve. Kresge is currently being enlarged. Hopefully this will happen with the athletic facility, too.

Oakland needs a better athletic facility, even if it means it would have to fund the improvements itself. Students should support fund raising campaigns, if necessary, and University Congress, student body's representative, should make improving Lepley Sports Center one of its main projects.



* EXCEPT PROTESTING PALESTINIAN TEENAGERS

Death of loved one is frightening

In the house where I used to live, there was a picture of me when I was in the third grade hanging in the dining room. Several years ago I started to look at that picture.

At first I thought it was just that I was a cute kid, and the recollections were pleasant. Later I realized I was looking for clues about how I changed. There was an important difference between me then and now. Back then I wasn't scared.

LOOKING BACK, I can see a progression of events. My grandfather died when I was 19, about three years before I began to notice the picture. When he died I rationalized that he had lived a good, long life. There was no need to grieve for him. Even now though, I miss him. I would not say we were close. Believing he would be around for forever, I took him for granted. As one of my early heroes, he represented the qualities of gentleness and quiet strength I have tried to develop in myself.

Recently I learned that my grandfather's mother died when he was 14. He must have learned at that young age that no one is around for forever. The price of pain he must have paid for that knowledge frightens me.

IN COMPARISON, I have received only hints that death can enter my life. However, those

hints were painful enough to bring me to pause. I have felt no hurt so pervasive as losing someone I love.



Bob McMurray

In the midst of that hurt, there is some solace in recalling the wonderful times shared with those who are absent. I wouldn't want to rewrite my history to avoid meeting them and thus preclude the pain of their leaving. I can dry my eyes and go on, but it's harder to shake the fear of being hurt again.

THAT FEAR CHANGES how I approach people: every relationship that becomes important

in my life also becomes a future source of pain. The further I travel with someone into my soul, the deeper the sense of loss will be when that person is gone.

Ironically, I learn about pain and fear, creating new relationships and improving old relationships is becoming more attractive to me. The best moments of my life are shared with those I love. For this reason I don't regret making the investment of love. Given the opportunities for happiness, I would not choose to return to a third grade outlook. It is frightening, but there is too much to be gained from not taking people for granted.

THE FEAR will probably always be with me. I hope to have the courage to continue making those investments of love with that fear present, because that process is my life.

As for my youth, I didn't lose courage as I grew older, there was no need for it when I was younger. Perhaps that's why I missed the subtle lesson of my grandfather's life for so long. Eventually we all face the same ordeals and the strength to get through comes as quietly as tears. Knowing this, it's not necessary to add to the suffering by being less than gentle.

Letters to the Editor

Student says women love old-fashion men

Dear Editor,

I couldn't help but feel I should congratulate Bob McMurray and salute him on his article, "One of Love's Great Mysteries is the boyfriend," for confessing his suffered humiliation due to rejection from "prospective love interests." I understood your viewpoint with a few minor exceptions, however, and I think you should be aware of them.

First of all, I will take the initiative to answer your question, "Are girls born with boyfriends?" Well, since I am a female and have been around for 19 years, I can say that I wasn't born with a boyfriend. In fact, I am currently single. Why? Because I haven't found a man out there for me who has the same old-fashioned morals as I do.

This brings me to my second exception to your viewpoint: some young women love old-fashioned guys who give them flowers and execute practices of chivalry. (And I'd like to add that one doesn't have to be a male chauvinist to do so.) If you feel comfortable with a lady like that, don't give up hope in finding her. I believe there is someone in this world for everyone, and that means that "someone" will accept everything that you have to offer — including flowers — with gratitude. Not only will she accept you, but she will return your gestures of love with tokens of her own love for you.

Finally, I commend you on the positive ending to your story. I'm glad that the happiness you experienced while in love has produced the incentive for you to fall in love again, even if her eyes are brown... like mine.

Lisa Zbikowski

Music major feels isolated in Varner

Dear Editor,

There is a good side to stacking up college credits: getting close to graduation and taking courses of real interest to one's academic goals. But the reason I'm writing to you is because of the flip side. As a music major, I find myself exclusively in Varner Hall this semester. It's great academically, but I feel somewhat isolated from the many people, places and events on campus. I mean, if there are 12,000 students at Oakland, I see only about 150 of them. This paper, bulletin boards and the like, help open up communication, but still I feel like I'm missing all the little things that you never hear about. Others may find themselves in the same situation.

It is in this light that I would like to invite the campus community to

attend the shows put on in Varner. Very often, the attendance is almost nil for these fine events, and they're really worthwhile.

In relation,
Guy Sferlazza

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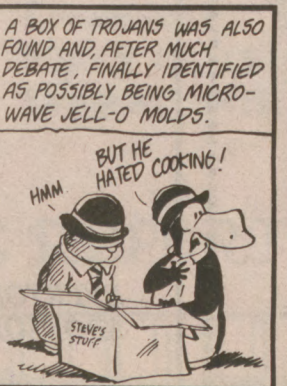
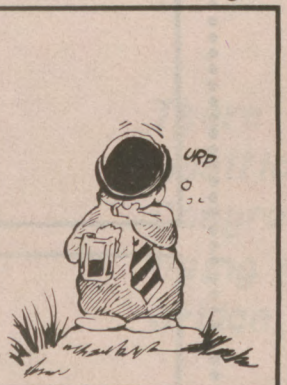
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Admission is free.

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Japan Focus

Alice Sano from Ann Arbor displays her Koto. She played the instrument Monday as part of the Center for International Programs' weekly recognition of Japanese culture.

Women's History Month lacks student recognition

By DAWN SCHAFFER
Staff Writer

Although National Women's History Month is recognized on campus to promote knowledge, many students remain unaware of it.

"The only reason we heard about it is because our professor is a chairperson," said Sonja Earles, junior.

"I don't think people care. Even a woman who has the things we fought for doesn't care until she loses them. Until she's hurt, she's not aware," said Barbara Rosalik, member of the Oakland chapter of National Organization of Women (NOW).

This is the second year of Women's History Month on campus, previously the school had a Women's History Week, said Rosalik.

SHE ADDED that March 8 is International Women's Day.

Lack of student awareness may be due to lack of funds to publicize events on campus. This year's budget for Women's History Month was between \$1,000 to \$1,500 according to Rebecca Warner, Women's History Month committee member.

"The media isn't promoting Women's History Month as much as Black Awareness Month," said Terri Kristoffy, senior. It's not in the *The Detroit News* or the *Detroit Free Press* either, she added.

On campus, Black Awareness Month had an approximate budget of \$7,000 this year, said Paul Franklin. Funds were also supplied

by organizations for their own related activities.

FRANKLIN ALSO said that Women's History Month may not have sought student sponsors, activities seem to be geared toward staff rather than students.

Some people believe that interest in Women's History Month is

growing. Broner said "We're the other side of history." Women are left out of history books that present the history of man, she added.

Warner said, "We need to read diaries and look at the history of art," to see women's achievements in history.

OAKLAND STILL needs to total-

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Barbara Rosalik
National Organization of Women

growing.

"We are planting the seed of awareness. As that seed grows, we will see more participation by women as well as men," said Debbie Szobel, Women's History Month committee member.

"Over a period of time, people will realize it's the quality of the contribution, not the gender of the contributor," said Jack Wilson, associate vice president of student affairs.

THIS YEAR'S theme is *Reclaiming the Past; Rewriting the Future*.

Warner explained the theme as, "Taking control of your destiny, making sure the future isn't like the past. We'd like to have a gender-neutral history which includes men and women."

Dr. Esther Broner, author, spoke to a group of students and faculty last Monday in the Oakland Center.

ly integrate gender into the curriculum, Warner continued. As an example, she referred to a textbook formerly used on campus called *The History of Man*.

The goal of Women's History Month is "to make women and men more aware of women's equivalent place in history. That place has been nearly ignored. We have to make our place known in the present and the future," said Szobel.

Blacks, handicappers, and women are all seeking equal opportunities, said Wilma Ray-Bledsoe, vice president of student affairs. "As Robert Frost said 'We have miles to go before we sleep,'" she added.

Farther West, this month's Varner Studio Theatre production, is being billed as a feminist play.

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Campus Crusade for Christ elicits mixed reactions

By CHRISTINA FUOCO
Staff Writer

As Campus Crusade for Christ enters its third year on campus, members have the challenge of reaching people without appearing pushy.

"I don't mind (the group) as long as they don't tell me what to do," said Roxane Ambrow, junior.

"I think students may be negative towards Christ, not

necessarily to a particular group," said Dirke Johnson, local director of Campus Crusade for Christ.

Unlike other religious groups on campus, Campus Crusade for Christ is interdenominational, stresses one-to-one interaction and takes the initiative to speak to different groups around campus, according to Johnson.

THE ORGANIZATION holds events to expose otherwise non-religious students to their organiza-

tion, Johnson said.

Campus Crusade for Christ is mainly trying to reach college students, he added. One tool used to reach them is to show movies on modern issues (ie: AIDS, football bloopers, sex and relationships).

Most recently, the film *How's Your Love Life?* was shown at the Oakland Center and stirred up controversy.

The movie was about a young man who was trying to find himself

through relationships. He fell in love twice during the movie and each time it didn't work out. He dealt with this by committing suicide.

A LETTER to the editor published in the February 15 issue of the *Oakland Post*, accused the group of trying to use the movie to get students to join.

Johnson said, however, that when members passed out opinion cards for audience comments after

the presentation, they received few negative comments.

The next week a letter was published written by Steve Mandley, President of the Oakland chapter of Campus Crusade for Christ.

He replied that the movie was shown to introduce Oakland's student body to the gospel of Jesus Christ, not to increase membership.

"It (the letter) wasn't written to

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The Oakland Post/ Paul Paris

Varner Production shows Wild West in new light

By CAROL DONETH
Staff Writer

Play Review

Crocodile Dundee would have called it a "walkabout," but this one lasted a lifetime.

May Buchanan spends every last day wandering *Farther West*. "Farther West than China even. Where there are no rules, no laws, no judges," she says defiantly.

But if May isn't running from the law, she is running from herself.

Farther West, which opened at Varner Studio Theatre March 11, is based on a true story. It takes place in the late 1800s and depicts May Buchanan's struggle with the written and unwritten laws over

women of her time.

HER FRUSTRATION with men and the restrictions they pose causes her to rebel in the only way she knows how—by becoming a prostitute.

In effect, she believes, she is using them.

May's spirit, the mystery of the Old West, and the fact that the tale is based on a real person, is what makes this play enjoyable.

Tammy Machowicz gives a fine performance as the shrewd and fiercely independent May. But, unfortunately, May/Tammy lacks the flash and style reminiscent of Old West madams. She deserves to don some of the bright colors and ostentatious fabrics we hear about but never see.

HER MOST tenacious lover and partner in crime is Rick Carver as

Thomas Shepherd, who also has his moments of true talent.

Lisa M. Ugucioni, a senior at Oakland and current fourth grade drama teacher in Pontiac, also does a fine job as May's companion, Violet Decarmin.

It is Christopher Olsztyn as Seward, however, who nearly steals the show in its final scenes. After starting off a bit uncomfortably as the Constable, Olsztyn shifts brilliantly into a crazed, religious fanatic who is obsessed with May.

As in all productions such as this, setting the mood is intrinsic to the success of the performance. The period music was very effective in this endeavor, but was noticeably missing in some of the earlier scenes.

WILD TIMES, sex and violence

seem to be a natural box office draw these days, and *Farther West* offers all of the above.

However, pre-recorded sex with one-dimensional characters on the big screen is a bit different from a live assimilation 15 feet before the audience's eyes.

The play is billed as being for mature audiences only, and that caution should not be disputed. Even with the players reasonably clothed, the instance of a near rape at gunpoint is a difficult scene to witness.

Beyond this, Act II does not provide the drama and captivation *Farther West* intends.

As far as the publicist's declaration that "no one will leave the theater unmoved," however, the production was stirring, but not quite moving.

'Masquerade' suspense scores with audience

Plot twists never let up

By CLAUDETTE ZOLKOWSKI
Staff Writer

Movie Review

Masquerade is a suspense-drama with a touch of Hitchcock thrown in.

The movie revolves around the life of a young, rich heiress, Olivia Lawrence (Meg Tilly) who upon graduation from college moves back home to figure out what she is going to do with the rest of her life.

Tim Walen (Rob Lowe) is captain of a racing yacht which is docked for the summer in the same town where Olivia's summer cottage is.

Through what appears to be fate the two meet at a prestigious party.

FROM THEIR conversation they discover a mutual love of sailing. Consequently, their first date takes place sailing on Olivia's boat, the *Masquerade*.

Thus begins Walen's tender, yet persistent courtship of Olivia.

Masquerade is a movie about murder, conspiracy and love. The plot is wonderfully involved and twisted.

As Tim Walen, Lowe keeps the audience guessing whether he is incredibly greedy or madly in love. Unfortunately for the viewers' peace of mind, his feelings are never truly known until the final scene.

TILLY PLAYS the naive rich girl excellently. She never shows doubt in Tim's devotion to her. When a

distrustful uncle asks her to allow a check into Tim's past, Olivia denies the request with "I need him more than he needs me." She believes what she says.

As Olivia's antagonistic, drunken, nasty step-father, Gateworth, John Glover is wonderful. The audience is able to hate him from almost the moment he is seen on screen.

From the first time Olivia and Tim go out, Gateworth begins ranting and raving at her about going out with "the help" and "disgracing the family."

Officer Mike McGilly (Doug Savant) appears as the poor, love-sick guy looking out for Olivia's well being.

MIKE AND OLIVIA have grown up together. When they were 12, they dreamt of marrying each other.

When Olivia first returns from school Mike asks her to marry him and she declines.

"I guess some dreams don't die," Mike tells her.

"Wrong dream, Mike," Olivia replies.

Another element in the film is Kim Cattral as Tim's rich, married lover, Brooke Morrison.

BROOKE'S CHARACTER is the opposite of Olivia's in the respect that she is suspicious of every move Tim makes.

The audience never gets a chance to make a decision as concrete as Brooke's and Olivia's. The plot keeps throwing in shockers.

Masquerade is fantastic at keeping the audience wondering what will happen next.

Differences between dorm students, commuters remain disputed

By CLAUDETTE ZOLKOWSKI
Staff Writer

The "controversy" surrounding the difference between commuter and residence hall students continues.

No one seems to agree what the differences are between the two groups; some deny one exists at all.

"Traditional college students (ages 18-21) participate in traditional college activities," whether they are residence hall students or commuters, said Wilma Ray-Bledsoe, vice president for student affairs.

"If you were to pick a student out of my class and ask me if he was a commuter or residence hall student, I wouldn't know, they all look the same to me," said Harvey Burdick, psychology professor.

HOWEVER, some students believe there are visible signs that give away differences between residence hall and commuter students.

"Commuters are more fashion conscious," said Denise Essmacher, a two-year residence hall student.

"The (commuter) girls are better looking," said Chuck Velez, sophomore, who lives in the residence halls.

Another way to tell the difference, according to freshman Jenny Strnad, is to look around in 8 a.m. classes. The dorm students tend to get out of bed about five minutes before class begins.

SOME FEEL commuters and residence hall students undergo different experiences.

Commuters have to learn to manage their time better than the residence hall students, according to David Herman, Dean of Students.

Most agreed involvement on campus is valuable for commuters, but residence hall students tend to be more active.

"If a commuter doesn't get involved, then he doesn't have a college experience," said David Walby, former president of Commuter Council.

HE FELT that most commuters avoid involvement. "The only time they spend on campus is between classes...I've seen people sitting in their cars eating lunch or studying," said Walby.

For residents the campus "is their home away from home," according to Jean Ann Miller, program coordinator for residence halls.

"Commuters, except for their academic life, don't have as much invested in the university," she said.

If a student gets involved in just one activity it opens a lot of doors to other organizations and meeting other people, according to Walby.

ONE REASON commuters avoid extra activities is lack of time to come to campus for them.

Students, both residence hall and commuters, usually work. But commuters have claimed that because most residence students work on campus they don't have to make the extra effort to come back to school that a commuter would.

According to Bledsoe, talking about a difference between commuters and residence students is

difficult because there are three different populations of commuter students.

Some commuters are the same age as students living on campus. The second population is the graduate student, and the third is the returning, more mature student, Bledsoe said.

SOME SAY that experiencing both modes of campus life is important.

Those students who switch from commuting to living on campus, find it more convenient not to drive in the winter, according to Bledsoe.

"On snowy days residence hall students seem to be more on time

than the commuter students," said Sharon Howell, assistant professor of communications.

"Living with someone brand new, who is very like or different from you," is a major adjustment that students who live in the residence halls must make, according to Miller

OTHER ADJUSTMENTS, according to Miller include getting used to Marriot food, living with 40 people on one floor and being confined to one room.

Most students "who begin their career (living on campus) and move into off-campus housing continue to participate," Bledsoe said.



Crusade

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stand up for Campus Crusade for Christ, it was because she went about attacking a student organization without the appropriate facts. It's something she wrote in the heat of the moment," said Mandley.

SINCE THE GROUP has been on campus, it has had three main goals, according to Nancy Schmitz coordinator of student organizations for CIPO.

First, to provide an environment that encourages personal, spiritual growth through one-to-one, small and large group meetings.

The second is to effectively train students in sharing their faith and leading bible studies as well as communicating spiritual growth principles to others.

Exposing students to an accurate presentation of the claims of Christ all over campus is the third goal, Schmitz said.

WHEN MEMBERS get together, they do everything from sing to

playing Bible "Win, Lose or Draw," according to Mandley.

People around campus have their own conceptions about religious organizations like Campus Crusade for Christ.

"On the national scale, I've heard of some chapters of Campus Crusade for Christ that were pretty radical," said senior Steve Medley.

"I heard some were bible beating, fire and brimstone, evangelistic chapters. Being a Christian is fine, if they're not beating it down your throat," added the former Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship member.

"I think they're great. In this day and age, students need direction in that area, spiritually," said Donald Green, graduate student.

"I think it's (the organization) an excellent idea, as long as people can respect other peoples attitudes and beliefs," said Eric Condic, library employee.

Campus Crusade for Christ meets Tuesday evenings in the Oakland Center.

Mighty Mouse becomes national campus cult

(CPS)--Jimmy Daniels has a secret.

The 34-year-old University of Mississippi journalism instructor gets up early on Saturday mornings to watch Mighty Mouse. "It's the only reason I get up on Saturdays," said Daniels. "I watch Mighty Mouse and then go back to bed."

"I never talk about it here," Daniels said in the office of *The Mississippian*, Ole Miss's campus paper. His colleagues wouldn't understand.



"It's something you keep to yourself until you find someone else who's a fan. Then you get together and ask which episodes are their favorites. I'm corresponding with some students at the University of Missouri about the show."

Daniels shouldn't be all that lonely: *Mighty Mouse: The New Adventures*, created by adult cartoon veteran Ralph Bakshi and a staff just out of the California Institute of Art, is becoming a hit on many college campuses.

When today's Mighty Mouse saves an orphanage from demolition by balancing it on an adjacent lot not slated for redevelopment, he's apt to observe, "Too bad they'll have to pay twice the property tax, but at least I saved the day!"

Or when Cat Paw the Merciless

lands in a space ship to conquer Mouseville, there's no victorious armed resistance. There's only apathetic shoulder-shrugging from the citizenry, which lets Cat Paw atrophy by his own boredom while porking out on bad pizza and bad television.

"The humor is almost political. The satire is wonderful," said University of Nebraska senior Peggy Brown, an animal science major. "It's aimed more at adults than children."

"It's hilarious," said Daniels, who calls Mighty a "Saturday morning David Letterman. It's the best thing on Saturday morning television, much better than the robot stuff. Like Letterman, he's hip and irreverent."

These days, for instance, Mike Mouse -- Mighty's alter ego -- works on an assembly line with

other rodents, coping with '80s nihilism and sober careerism.

"ANOTHER DAY, another discharge of duties demanded," the boss tells the factory rats, "and let's take delight in it, shall we? Just remember, we have schedules to meet, orders to fill, productivity to produce. I know you'll all do your best, as usual, and, as usual, feel free to do even better."

Mighty's emerging campus popularity doesn't surprise Bakshi, who began as an animator in the late 1950s for the original Mighty Mouse and co-features like "Deputy Dawg" and "Hekyll and Jekyll," and who later made his name on a series of X-rated cartoon tales of sex, dope, racial bigotry and violence: "Fritz the Cat" (1972), "Heavy Traffic" (1973) and "Coonskin" (1975).

Women

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Director Blair Anderson said, "It deals with certain kinds of questions that are tied in with feminist concerns."

Upcoming campus events recognizing Women's History Month include a get-together for women faculty and students from 3 to 5 p.m. today in St. John Fisher Chapel.

A residence halls program, *For Women Only*, will present a panel discussion and question/answer session at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Multi-Purpose Room of Vandenberg Hall.

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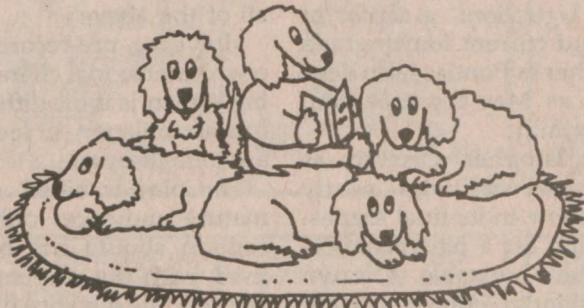
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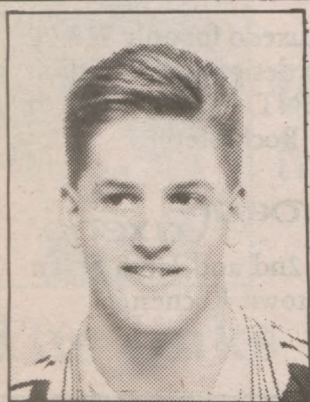
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Mark McDowell

Who took 2nd place?

(Editor's note: Mark McDowell is a Pioneer tanker who went to nationals with the team.)

This time everyone will remember who took second place.

Last week the tankers packed their bags and made their annual migration to the NCAA swimming and diving championships. This year to Buffalo, N.Y. where they were hungrier than ever for a taste of gold. Instead, the gold rush that started in California two years ago stayed one more year...but the vein is running out.

A mere 52.5 points separated Oakland from the winners, Cal State-Bakersfield, compared to 247 the year before and even more in 1986. But points aren't the only thing that determine a champion. For four long, exhausting, emotional days, Oakland's men showed what a champion really is. They outswam, outcoached, outclassed, and outlasted by far all 19 teams present, including some very tan and very blond teams from Florida and California.

"Look at how white they are," a swimmer from California said as we started to take off our sweats for a pre-meet warmup. But how strange the California and Florida swimmers look, we thought, piling into their vans wearing two shirts, one sweater and two jackets in 45-degree Buffalo. They were still shivering as we unbuttoned our spring coats to enjoy the weather.

Anyway, the meet didn't pass without its moments. Oakland panned enough individual gold to keep the Bakersfield boys on their toes. Mark VanderMey won three events, Hilton Woods captured another and Oakland won two of three relays.

However, the real excitement was in the bleachers where the OU parents and students, some 250-300 strong, were going nuts.

Pompons were shaking, feet were stomping, hands were clapping and waving, and cheers and screams became almost deafening at times...all from the OU section. It was an impressive sight. Even Athletic Director Paul Hartman and President Joe Champagne were getting in on the hysteria.

Mrs. Swoboda, mother of Oakland transfer and backstroke Rich Swoboda from California, summed up the Oakland swimming team best at the post-meet banquet. "When I came to the national meet in Long Beach last year, I was really impressed with Oakland's team. They were all so white and bald and their parents came to cheer for them."

"It's just a matter of time," was this year's battle cry. The Roadrunner, Bakersfield's mascot, sparked an idea from Jim Surowiec, a sophomore breaststroker, for shirts depicting Wile E. Coyote on a starting block wearing an OU bathing suit. We wore the shirts throughout the meet.

The rivalry between Oakland and Bakersfield is heaped with tradition. Ernie Maglischo, mentor of the Roadrunner squad, used to coach at California State University at Chico where one of his superstars was a swimmer named Pete Hovland. They won numerous national championships together until Maglischo left and took the head coaching job at Oakland.

Once again, in 1980, Maglischo, with the help of assistant coach Pete Hovland, took the national crown. Maglischo left Oakland for Bakersfield, a school that didn't have a swim program, and in two years won another national crown in 1986. Since then, Pete and Ernie have been the class of Division II swimming, each receiving coach-of-the-year honors this year and last respectively.

It's a fun rivalry though. Pete and Ernie are good friends as are most of the swimmers from Oakland and Bakersfield.

It was a great year. We may not have brought home the gold, but at least this time we gave Bakersfield a sore neck from looking over their shoulder. And this time we showed that we are the real winners, the true champions. It's just a matter of time before those 52 points disappear and Oakland starts its own goldrush.

Tankers place 2nd at nationals, VanderMey, Woods set records

By SUSAN STOKES
Sports Writer

Returning from Buffalo, N.Y. last week, the men's swim team brought with them a silver trophy.

The trophy, representing 344.5 points, is the symbol of Oakland's second-place finish in the NCAA Division II national championships.

The Pioneers finished second last year too, but 247 points behind Cal State Bakersfield. This year the Oaklanders finished just 52.5 points behind Bakersfield.

Four Oakland tankers were among the top-20 individual scorers at the meet.

Along with setting three meet records, Mark VanderMey led all individual scorers with 48 points. Tied for 10th were Eric Strom and Eric Dresbach with 30 points each.

Freshman Hilton Woods, fifth with 28 points, would have had 43 points had he not been disqualified from the 100-yard backstroke for missing a turn.

At the end of the second day of the four-day competition the Pioneers were in first place. Close on Oakland's tail, however, was three-time national champion Bakersfield, the eventual meet winner.

"Last season it was more of a dual meet between Cal State-Bakersfield and ourselves," said Pioneer coach Pete Hovland. "This time there was more competition from the other teams as well."

For senior co-captain Mark VanderMey the meet went well.

"Everyone had to swim their hearts out in order to get there," he said. "Everyone gave their 110 percent."

The meet was a chance for the tankers to overcome some of this season's setbacks.

Sophomore sprinter Scott Seeley suffered a collapsed lung last semester, sidelining him for most of the season. In a sense his illness was a benefit, said Hovland. "With Scott as a sprinter, it kept him from being overtrained."

Making his national qualifying times at the conference meet, Seeley swam in the 100-yard freestyle and the 400-yard freestyle relay in Buffalo. Seeley finished ninth in the 100 freestyle. VanderMey said "(Seeley) barely qualified at GLIACs. He amazed everyone with his time."

Rich Swoboda had what could have been a bad year too. He was out most of the season with mononucleosis. Competing in the 400-yard individual medley, the 100-yard backstroke and the 200-yard backstroke at nationals, Swoboda swam while unknowingly suffering from bronchitis and pneumonia.

And then there was the matter of Woods' goggles falling off, causing the missed turn and the disqualification.

Almost certainly costing the Pioneers 15 points and a second-place finish in the heat, Woods said, "My goggles filled with water. I couldn't see the wall. I turned over before I touched the wall."

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Joe Cooper (left) interviews freshman freestyler Hilton Woods for *Inside Look*, a cable sports program that can be seen on channel 74 in Rochester.

Lady tankers cruise to 6th place finish as Schermer qualifies for Olympic trials

By RALPH ECHTINAW
Sports Editor

Despite a bit of faulty officiating, the Lady Pioneer tankers placed sixth with 187 points at the March 12 Division II national meet.

The team lost a fourth-place finish and 22 points in the 200-yard medley relay on a bad false start call, according to coach Tracy Huth.

"It was handled improperly by the head referee," he said.

The false start call is supposed to be made by a person watching the lane, then verified by the head referee.

In this case, the head referee made the call himself, then asked the lane referee to verify.

Not only did the practice violate meet rules and procedures, but the lane referees were merely college

student volunteers who knew little about competitive swimming, according to Huth.

They can't make "clear judgments," he said. Huth filed a protest which was promptly rejected. "They protected the referee," he said.

Huth said the worst part of it was seeing the head referee explaining the proper procedure to the lane referees the next morning. That day the head referee called three more false starts (none on the Pioneers), each with the same illegal second verification from the lane refs.

"For the remainder of the meet our girls were scared to make relay starts," said Huth. "I was too."

Despite the referee blues, Huth seemed pleased with the results and said, "We earned a lot of respect (from the other teams). I

think they can see it. We're creeping up on them."

Last year at the same event the Pioneers finished 11th with only 70 points.

Nancy Schermer, a 24-time All-American, swam in the maximum seven events for her last hurrah as a Pioneer. Schermer, a senior, placed second in the 100- and 200-yard freestyles and third in the 500-yard freestyle, qualifying for Olympic trials next July. She also held down spots on four relay teams.

"She knew what she wanted to do," said Huth. "Anybody who makes Olympic trials in this country is in an elite field."

Four Pioneer freshmen went to the meet: Dana Kennedy, Lisa Guilfoyle, Sue Novitsky and Jill Thompson. "I was kinda scared,"

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The Oakland Post / Ralph Echinaw
Senior Nancy Schermer qualified for Olympic trials at the Division II national championship swim meet.

Golf team to come out of hibernation, new coach Busam stresses "short game"

By TOM COOK
Sports Writer

The arrival of spring means it's time for the Pioneer golf team to swing into action.

The team is led by first-year coach Glenn Busam. Busam takes over for recently departed Ken Allard. Allard left for a PGA teaching pro position at the Birmingham Country Club.

Although new to coaching, Busam is no

stranger to the program. He attended OU and played on the team himself between 1982 and 1985.

The team is co-captained by seniors Mark Bruttell and Paul Deckard.

Busam said he expects a good season and a high finish in the Great Lakes Conference.

"We have the best chance of winning the conference championship since 1976 when Oakland last won it," said Busam. "I don't

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Baseball team gets overhaul with new coach

Only seven players return from last year's 4-28 team

By DAVID HOGG
Sports Writer

For the 1988 baseball team the emphasis is on change.

The Pioneers take 19 new players into the season, along with a new coach and attitude. Last year's squad was 4-28, with two of the wins coming by forfeit.

First-year coach Paul Chapoton was an assistant under Rod Righter on last year's team. Righter resigned at the end of last season.

Chapoton said he will stress defense and pitching, Oakland's biggest problem areas last year. He also promises an "entirely new approach to baseball."

The Pioneers have only seven players returning from last year's squad including just one pitcher.

"We are a very young team and experience is probably our biggest weakness," said Chapoton. "We have had a tremendous amount of

turnover since last year."

Oakland will play an expanded schedule this year, adding 10 games to last year's 32. The season opens March 30 against Findlay College at home.

Here's a position-by-position look at the 1988 Pioneers:

Catcher: Co-captain sophomore Dave Walczyk will start. Walczyk is an all-around player with good hitting and defensive skills. He was Oakland's leading conference hitter last year and possesses what Chapoton called "an excellent arm, one of the best arms in the state."

Dave Arnold and Allan Youman will back up Walczyk.

First Base: Chris Takemoto will start. A power hitter, Takemoto will bat cleanup for the Pioneers. A sophomore, Takemoto transferred here from Northwood Institute. He's not a great defensive player though. "Defense is not his strength," said Chapoton. "Chris is

in the lineup for his bat." Sophomore Eric Jorgensen will back up Takemoto.

Second Base: The team's only senior, Tom Zerona, will play here. A contact hitter, Zerona will start the season batting second. He's also a solid defensive player, according to Chapoton. His two backups will be freshmen Tony Mosely and Mike Gunn.

Third Base: The team's best power hitter starts the year at the hot corner. Dave Spzak is the team's strongest hitter, according to Chapoton. "His job is to drive in runs. He isn't a bad defensive player and he's working really hard at it." Backing up Spzak will be sophomore Damon Salisbury.

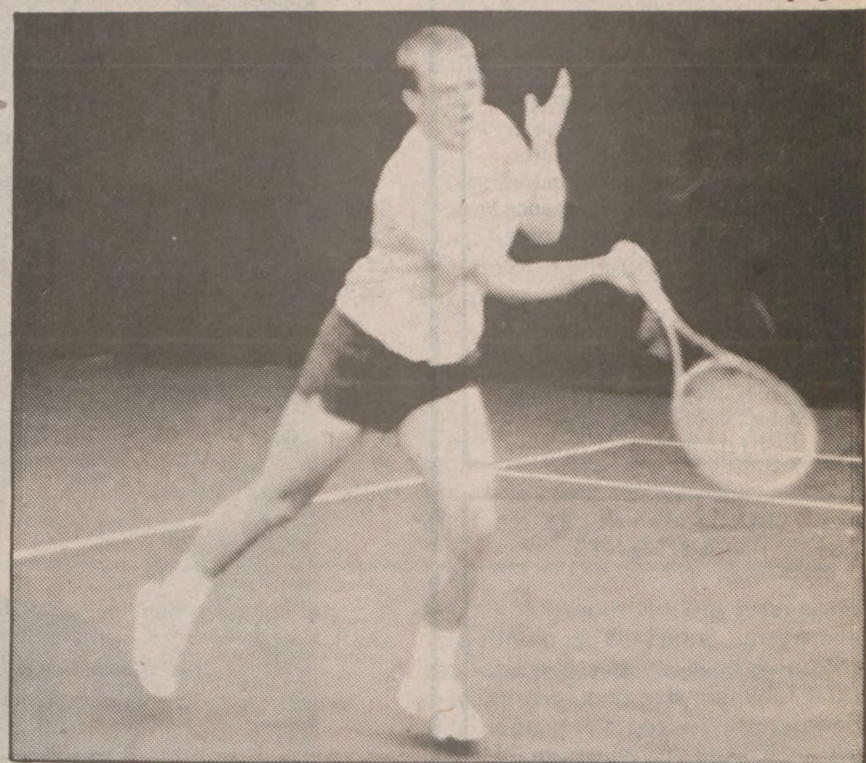
Shortstop: Tim Bradley, a sophomore transfer from Albion, will start. Bradley is a good defensive player, and like many major-league shortstops, not a hitting star. That doesn't bother Chapoton

though. "At shortstop we aren't looking for offense as much as we are for defense." Eric Burhard backs up Bradley.

Left Field: Dennis Milobar and Randy Bailey will platoon here, Milobar against righthanders and Bailey against lefties. A transfer from Olivet, Milobar is one of the team's best hitters, as well as a decent defensive player. Bailey, a sophomore, will also pinch hit, pinch run and be a defensive replacement for all three outfield spots.

Center Field: Junior co-captain Rob Alvin will start, and hit third. Alvin, who also plays basketball, has recovered from a late 1987 knee injury that caused him to miss the hoop season. Alvin adds good defensive skills to his hitting and is a good runner. But it remains to be seen whether the injury will slow him down.

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The Oakland Post / Ralph Echinaw
Rick Cummins is the lone freshman on this year's version of the Pioneer men's tennis team.

Men's tennis team hopes to perform better than last year

By MARK SPEZIA
Sports Writer

Optimism parades through the ranks of the 1988 Pioneer men's tennis team as the squad is bent on turning around last season's record of 1-8 overall and 0-5 conference.

"We're going to be good this year, considerably better than last year," said first-year coach Jim Pinchoff.

"We have a pretty good chance to win the (Great Lakes Con-

ference) to tell you the truth," echoed Tom Norum, one of four newcomers to the team.

Lone freshman Rick Cummins added, "We'll come out on top if everyone does what they're capable of doing."

Returning from last year's squad are senior Rob Martin and Sophomore Mike Graff. Other additions to the team are Paul Vrzal and Mike Corey.

Martin, whose singles record last

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The links beckon

This year marks the centennial celebration of the game of golf. One hundred years of "grownups chasing little balls to beat them into holes surrounded by some of the best real estate in the world."

One hundred years of confused wives, disappointed kids, lost friends and perplexed players.

What is the state of the game this year? Golf is growing in popularity in nearly every socioeconomic group. I think it has something to do with the "graying of America." With everyone playing golf, of course, we're all getting older faster. Sociologists explain the rise of the game by noting how society has accommodated golf-addicts, by electing them to political office.

People going nuts

Psychologists say more people are going nuts. Psychiatrists and other doctors are on the course. They say, "When's our tee time?"

I've been playing "the ancient and royal pain" for two seasons now. It started out innocently enough. My brother and I went to a driving range one Saturday. I don't recall ever again making a conscious decision to go golfing. It just happens. I blame peer pressure. Last year my family bought me a set of clubs. I thought they loved me.

My tolerance for the game grew quickly, I think because of a chemical imbalance in my brain.

Apes banging away

Golfers frequently refer to "that one shot that keeps you coming back." This evokes images of all those apes banging away at typewriters until one of them has written a Shakespearean play. It's true though. Out of 150-200 shots, I can usually get one hit that turns out well. The other eight holes are complete disasters.

Those of us who follow the flight of little white balls know how a good hit feels: the closest thing to orgasm one can have in public. That's what keeps me coming back.

I admit it: I love the game. It may be unrequited love, but I have no regrets. I only get nervous when golf fantasies start to edge out sexual fantasies during non-peak mental moments.

Unnatural acts

What is so engaging about the game is the requirement for such a fine balance between skill and magic. When I took lessons the instructor said the golf swing is one of the most unnatural movements in sports. That was a part of the attraction: I consider myself an unnatural athlete. The sad part is, since I've started working on the unnatural act I've added several strokes to my game.

Advice on golf is a cherished tradition. Those who have insisted on giving lessons to me while playing have left the course walking only because there are no golf courses in prison.

There is a romantic element to golf courses that is hard to convey. Maybe it's the scenery. Maybe it's the fresh air. Perhaps it's the bloody slim chance of ever being successful. After all, romance is at least 25 percent frustration.

No landscape in the universe changes as quickly as a golf course. If ever I manage a good hit, I'm walking in Avalon. One fluff later and I'm on the beach, looking like a fool trying to kill a sandcrab.

Tickets to Hell

I used to think golf was a microcosm of life. Now I know I was wrong. Golf is not anything like life; if it were, the suicide rate would be much higher. In golf, the uncertainty principle prevails even among objects that can be seen. On the golf course at least, Nietzsche was right: God is dead. People don't earn their tickets to Hell through misdeeds, they pay their green fees.

Lepley called worst sports center in conference

25-year-old facility was built only for intramurals

By ANDY SNEDDON
Sports Writer

Lepley Sports Center is the worst athletic facility in the Great Lakes Conference, according to Athletic Director Paul Hartman.

The majority of OU coaches agree. "There aren't too many schools, even smaller ones, with an athletic building this small," said soccer coach Gary Parsons. "It's not much more than a high school gym."

The problems with Lepley stem mainly from its smallness. It was built exclusively for intramurals in 1963 when there were just 1,279 students here. There were no varsity sports here then.

Today Oakland accommodates 12,500 students and 11 varsity sports.

"There is no question any university of Oakland's size needs a bigger facility," said Bob Lees, manager of facilities at Lepley.

Between classes (scheduled in Lepley), the Detroit Pistons (who practice there) and the Pioneer varsity teams (who also practice there), there isn't much time or space left for average, everyday students to use the facilities.

"Athletics is one part of education," Hartman said. "We need more and better facilities for the students."

Lees and Hartman agreed that constant use has taken its toll on the 25-year-old structure. Maintenance has become a problem along with parking, weight room and locker room size, among other things.

The size and condition of Lepley also have an effect on recruiting. "It's not a positive point," said Lees, assistant men's basketball coach.

Men's swimming coach Pete Hovland said better facilities would help in recruiting. "Teams with nicer facilities attract more top-notch kids...but there's a lot more to it than that."

The need for a new building has been recognized for some time in the athletic department and is finally being recognized by the rest of the university.

"I've had general discussions on the subject with students and the president," Hartman said.



The Oakland Post / Ralph Echlinaw

The 25-year-old Lepley Sports Center has been called the worst athletic facility in the Great Lakes Conference.

Hartman will meet with a University Congress committee today to discuss the subject.

Karen Banker, committee chairman, said congress intends to find out if students want Lepley refurbished or the OC enlarged, and if students would support a fund-raising pledge program to pay for the work.

"We pay an academic fee and we can't use (Lepley) when we want to," Banker said.

Hartman said the university hasn't decided what its needs are yet, "a small addition or a large one."

Hartman said there haven't been any discussions about an entirely new athletic facility. But, "There have been overtures on a separate pool and community center," he said. "We're exploring

possibilities with local community organizations."

Hartman said he's taking a conservative approach. "We don't want to grab too much; we want to be reasonable."

Whatever the case, financing a facelift of Lepley will have to be internal, according to Robert McGarry, vice president of finance.

The state of Michigan won't appropriate funds for an athletic facility unless it's for academic purposes. Since Oakland doesn't offer a physical education major, the prospects for state aid are grim.

In addition, Lepley will have to wait in line behind other projects such as a science building, which is already on the university drawing board, and a general classroom building.

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see us finishing any lower than second, but we should end up winning it. Hopefully we'll get a bid to the NCAA championships in Missouri."

The season opens April 8 with a tournament at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.

Over spring break Busam and six team members took a trip to Alabama to get in some early practice. Making the trip along with Busam and the co-captains were John Cavazos, Rich Dagenais, Ken Mittelbrun and Dave Wieme.

While down south the team played an exhibition match against Alexander City Junior College. Oakland lost by

more than 30 strokes to a truly international team. Alexander boasts of players from Japan, Australia, Sweden and Canada.

Despite the loss, Busam said he's impressed with his team's play.

"They played well considering who they had to play and the (short) time they had to get ready," he said. "I wasn't worried with how they played during the match. I was really pleased with how they played during the week."

Wieme led the way with a 77 against Alexander. Dagenais finished with an 82, while Bruttell and Mittelbrun each shot 85.

With a break in the weather the Pioneers should be able to get some practice at Katke-Cousins before the start of the season.

Rounding out the team are Mike Erskine, Jim Finley, Greg Kroetsch, Scott

Morely, Brian Root and Todd Stevens.

Busam is planning more practice time for the team this year than in the past.

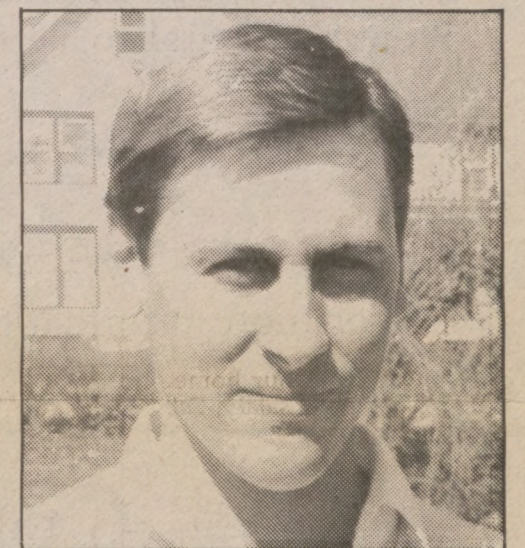
"This year they will be down here practicing at least four times a week," he said.

There are two areas Busam said he will concentrate on when helping the players.

"I'll work mainly on their mental game and their short game," he said, i.e. sand play, chipping and putting. "Concentrating on those areas the most is what will make you a good player."

The team will need to play its best if it hopes to dethrone Ferris State University this season.

"They're always the toughest," said Busam. "They're the one everybody is taking the shot at."



The Oakland Post / Ralph Echlinaw
Glenn Busam, who played golf for Oakland from 1982 to 1985, is the golf team's new coach.

Hardball

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Right Field: Last year's utility infielder, Bill Franzen, is this year's starting right fielder. Franzen is another contact hitter the team's best returning batter. He will see some duty in the lead-off spot against lefties. "(He's) not a brilliant fielder but solid," said Chapoton. Franzen is backed up by freshman Ron Ciurla, who also plays center and left.

Designated Hitter: The Pioneers have no regular DH but will start the season with a platoon of Mosely and Gunn, with Mosely leading off against right handers and Gunn against southpaws.

Starting Pitching: Oakland has six starters. Three are freshmen and two are community college transfers. The only returning pitcher is sophomore Chris Foster. The other three regular starters at this point are Pat Sadowski, a transfer from Macomb CC, Duane Moore from Mott CC and freshman

Jeff Dorfman, all righthanders. The only lefthanded starter is freshman Scott Fenner. "Eight of our 9 pitchers are new so it's kind of hard to tell how good they are, but we are 300 to 400 percent better than last year," said Chapoton. "Our pitching last year was an absolute disgrace."

Relief Pitching: Freshman Dave Kalist will be the long reliever. Frosh Derik Smitz and transfer John Jacoby will carry the short relieving load.

The Pioneers aren't expecting any national title this year or even a Great Lakes Conference crown.

"Last year we were at the absolute bottom," said Chapoton. "We can only go up."

Chapoton said he's encouraged by the athletic department support he's receiving. New additions this year are a scoreboard and a press box. Next year dugouts will be added, and the team will take a spring trip to Louisville, Ky. for some preseason work.

Tennis

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season was 8-3 overall and 5-1 conference, is the top man. But Pinchoff said the team has excellent depth. "Rob is number one right now, (but) two through six are real close."

Graff is coming off a successful freshman year. He wound up fourth in the conference tourney and had a 5-7 overall record, 3-3 conference.

Pinchoff said the team has been practicing seriously since early January and recently returned from a week of practice in Hilton Head, S.C.

He said the team spent about five hours each day scrimmaging against other teams. "We had a great week down there, a great thing for our team," said Cummins.

Martin and Graff will team up to form the number-one doubles team. Last season the two posted a 9-3 doubles record, 4-2 conference. Pinchoff said they work well together because Martin is a steady player and Graff, while not as consistent, provides the spark when needed.

"That's what makes a great doubles team," said Pinchoff. "When you have someone who can hold you in there until the other (player) can catch fire."

Norum and Corey form doubles team number two. Norum said the two have only been practicing together since last fall but are "gelling pretty well."

Cummins and Vrzal form the final combo. Cummins said the two are "coming along real good," and that he's starting to feel comfortable. "I've never been much of a doubles player, but (Vrzal is) helping me along."

Tankers

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said Novitsky on her first national meet. She swam on the 200- and 800-yard freestyle relay teams.

Kennedy, sidelined with mononucleosis last January, impressed Huth. "She did pretty well for as sick as she was during the year," he said. Kennedy swam in the 50-yard freestyle (finishing eighth) and on two relay teams.

Guilfoyle was second only to Schermer in number of events. She swam in two individual events and on four relay teams.

Freshman diver Jill Thompson, with a sixth-place finish on the one-meter board, continues to impress diving coach Don Mason, who predicts a national championship for her in 1990. "Jill has an incredible future here at Oakland," he said.

Mason also said he was impressed with Nikki Kelsey, who finished fourth on the three-meter board and 11th on the low board.

Huth was impressed with the

divers too. "They did one hell of a job," he said, especially since diving, "to a certain degree, (is) political." Huth said that if a diver hasn't been to nationals before (i.e. Thompson) the judges don't know the person and that hurts scoring.

As for next year, Huth will have to replace Schermer and Kristi

Results
(School records in *italics*)

800-yard freestyle relay: Fifth, Novitsky, Steyaert, Johnson, Schermer, 7:42.83.

400-yard medley relay: Third, Spicer, Guilfoyle, Steyaert, Schermer, 3:56.30.

400-yard freestyle relay: Fourth, Schermer, Kennedy, Pilarski, Guilfoyle, 3:30.03.

200-yard butterfly: Ninth, Steyaert, 2:09.24.

200-yard medley relay: Disqualified, Spicer, Johnson, Guilfoyle, Kennedy.

1,650-yard freestyle: Sixth, Schermer, 17:24.01.

200-yard freestyle: Second, Schermer, 1:49.85.

Spicer, who will graduate shortly. He said he hopes to get as many or more good freshmen recruited this year as last year.

A first-year coach, Huth recruited Kennedy but none of the other freshmen. "What we're building from this year is better than what we had last year," he said.

50-yard freestyle: Fifth, Guilfoyle, 24.23. Eighth, Kennedy, 24.32.

400-yard individual medley: 12th, Johnson, 4:42.33.

One-meter diving: Sixth, Thompson, 382.2. 11th, Kelsey, 363.45.

100-yard butterfly: Seventh, Johnson, 58.25.

100-yard freestyle: Second, Schermer, 50.50.

100-yard backstroke: Ninth, Spicer, 1:00.08.

500-yard freestyle: Third, Schermer, 4:56.88.

Three-meter diving: Fourth, Kelsey, 451.35.

100-yard breaststroke: Ninth, Guilfoyle, 1:07.97.

200-yard freestyle relay: Fifth, Guilfoyle, Kennedy, Pilarski, Novitsky, 1:37.11.

Trophy

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Woods was leading the race before the disqualification.

Despite his misfortune, Woods still swam meet-record times in the 50-yard freestyle, and with a little help from his friends (VanderMey, Mike Nation and Dave Rogowski) the 400-yard medley relay.

Later this year Woods, VanderMey, Jim Surowiec and Nancy Schermer will train under Hovland at Kenyon College in Ohio for Olympic trials in July. Woods, already on an Olympic team, will compete for the Netherlands-Antilles at the Summer games this year.

In a seven-year Oakland career, Hovland has brought four second-place national trophies and three third-place trophies to the shelves of Lepley Sports Center.

Other Michigan teams at na-

tionals were Ferris State University (24 points) and Wayne State University (2 points).

Results
(meet records in *italics*)

400-yard medley relay: First, Woods, Rogowski, VanderMey, Nation, 3:22.37.

1,650-yard freestyle: Eighth, Strom, 16:07.38. 15th, Cooper, 16:32.77.

200-yard freestyle: Third, Strom, 1:40.24. 12th, Tumey, 1:43.82.

50-yard freestyle: First, Woods, 20.23. Eighth, Rogowski, 21.01. 11th, Seeley, 21.25.

200-yard individual medley: First, VanderMey, 1:50.31. Sixth, Dresbach, 1:55.06.

One-meter diving: Ninth, Duff, 388.35 points. 13th, Knapp, 363.6 points.

200-yard butterfly: Fifth, Dresbach, 1:51.69. Eighth, Nation, 1:53.25. Ninth, Kovach, 1:53.58.

100-yard freestyle: Third, Woods, 44.85. Ninth, Seeley, 46.07. 12th, Rogowski, 46.48.

200-yard backstroke: Fourth, Nack,

1:54.78. Ninth, Swoboda, 1:55.56. 11th, Cleland, 1:56.88.

500-yard freestyle: Second, Strom, 4:30.40.

Three-meter diving: Fifth, Duff, 449.75 points.

200-yard breaststroke: First, VanderMey, 1:59.19. Ninth, Carmen, 2:08.16. 11th, Surowiec, 2:09.09.

400-yard freestyle relay: Second, Woods, Kovach, Seeley, VanderMey, 3:01.22.

100-yard backstroke: Fifth, Cleland, 53.91. Disqualified, Woods. Eighth, Nack, 52.87. 10th, Swoboda, 53.62.

100-yard breaststroke: First, VanderMey, 55.17. Second, Surowiec, 56.91. 12th, Carmen, 58.99.

800-yard freestyle relay: First, VanderMey, Kovach, Strom, Woods, 6:41.00.

100-yard butterfly: Second, Nation, 50.36. Fourth, Dresbach, 50.40. 12th, Tumey, 51.86.

400-yard individual medley: Sixth, Cooper, 4:07.97. 10th, Nack, 4:06.26. 11th, Swoboda, 4:07.21.

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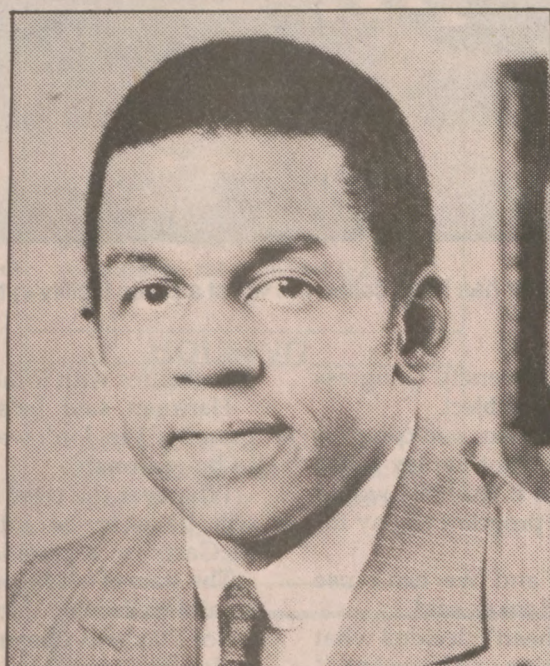
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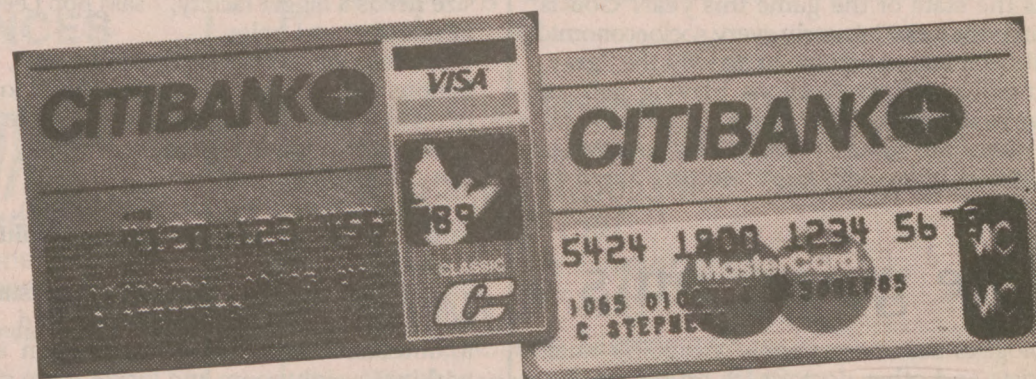
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