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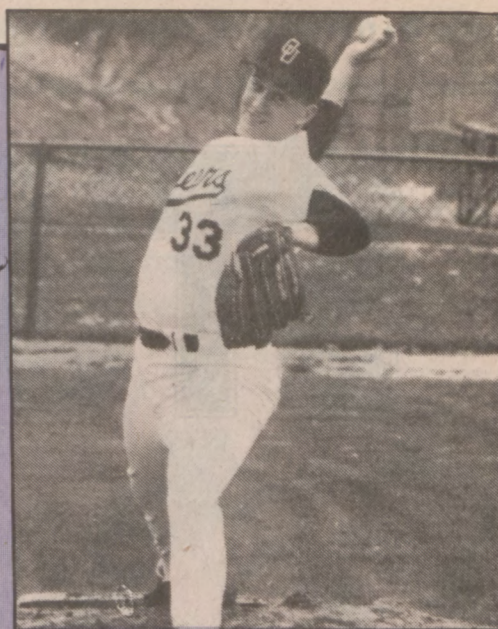


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Every cloud has a golden lining for members of Golden Key Honors Society, which honors students who excel academically, "And no pocket protectors!"
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First-year Head Coach Steve Lyon will rely on speed and pitching to make claim to the GLIAC title in 1994. The Pioneers are off to a 10-5 start, 2-0 in the league.
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The Oakland Post

Tuition rate expected to balloon soon

8% hike projected

By ROBERT CARR
News Editor

Students at OU will probably see their tuition costs go up by 8 percent, starting this summer, regardless of an apparent increase in state appropriations.

The vote for state monetary help will occur this summer, and it has been speculated by Oakland's administration that the Higher Education appropriations committee in Lansing will vote a 2.3 to 4 percent increase in aid to colleges throughout Michigan.

However, a tuition hike is still expected, no matter how much is given to these schools, according to Paul Bissonnette, vice president for finance and administration.

"We expect about \$800,000 in aid," said Bissonnette. "That's not very much money when you're dealing with a \$75 million budget."

He said that part of an increase would go toward infla-

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Ethnic diversity arrives at OU

By ERICA BLAKE
Staff Writer

A new class requirement which explores American ethnic diversity was added to the list for those students entering Oakland University in Fall 1994.

This requirement, which has been in the works since the

University Senate approved the legislation in April of 1992, can be fulfilled through courses which have been approved by the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction.

"There are various ways of looking at ethnic diversity, there are multiple perspectives,"

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The Director of the Office of Minority Equity Glenn McIntosh hopes the new classes will enhance ethnic understanding.

'Jane, how do you stop this crazy thing?'



Kathleen White and Danielle Miller test out their rollerblades on Beer Lake's bridge last week. Students and Ground Maintenance workers (below) seized an opportunity to go outside last Thursday and Friday and enjoy temps of 75 degrees.

"I played a lot of Frisbee and just stayed outside because I knew the weather was too good to last."

Rick Allio
Freshman



"I felt like a male peacock for the first time. I was able to spread my wings and show my true colors."

Brendan Tully
Senior

Inter-racial dating still viewed in bad light by peers, family

By LARRY V. WEISS
Staff Writer

When interracial love blossoms, bigotry can wilt the relationship, or make love grow stronger.

Spike Lee's movie, *Jungle Fever*, shows the saga of a Black/White love affair doomed to failure. Lee, who refuses to date white women, concludes Bensonhurst and Harlem can never reconcile.

Despite that kind of attitude, love still con-

quers. Last year *Jet Magazine* reported 246,000 interracial marriages exist in the United States.

Yet the rising numbers of interracial couples do not indicate a lessening of racial prejudice, heads still turn even at Oakland University.

"I've dated the whole rainbow ...I get stared at all the time," said Michael Simon, 19, a communications major at OU.

Simon is also the newly elected student congress president. He recently attended a

forum on interracial dating. Simon, who has "dated more people of non-African descent" took some heat for his views at the conference.

"I was called a weak link in the chain to keep the black race strong."

Race is a volatile issue when the social focus occurs.

But the real pressure comes from parents. And it doesn't matter whether they're black, white, Asian, Arabic or Indian, mom and dad

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Briefly...

Kilbourne Lecture

Dr. Jean Kilbourne, internationally recognized authority on the media, advertising and sex roles, will be on OU's campus on April 5 to speak about "The Naked Truth: Advertising's Image of Women," a lecture that examines the perpetuation of women as sex symbols and other negative images in advertising. Tickets are available at the CIPO service window in Oakland Center's lower level.

Human Rights Rally

A human rights rally in memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. takes place at noon on Tuesday, April 4 outside the Oakland Center.

Summer Scholarship

The English Speaking Union is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to anyone who wishes to take part in British Studies at Oxford University this summer. Call Prof. M.B. Pigott at ex. 4131 before April 8 for further information.

Search team pursues new VP

By EILEEN OXLEY
Staff Writer

The search continues for a new vice president for student affairs to replace Wilma Ray-Bledsoe who resigned from the position last November.

A 17-person committee composed of student and academic affairs personnel, faculty members, students and one Board of Trustee are still screening applicants and will invite candidates to Oakland University's campus during April, according to the chairperson of the political science department and search committee chair, William Macauley.

"We are holding the information confidentially at the candidates' requests," he said. "I don't think the final decision will be made by the board of trustees until sometime in May,"

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segment in which both students
and staff are welcome to perform.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

MURDER MYSTERY II

Last fall's murder mystery had such
a great response SPB and STAGE
decided to do another one.
This one will be a masquerade with
a Mardi Gras Theme.

Friday, April 8
Meadbrook Hall
8:00pm

Tickets \$3.00 at the CIPO service window.

FILM

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Friday, April 8 and
Sunday, April 10
Dodge Hall both nights
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MAINSTAGE

THE SPENCERS
These two magicians will be
performing David Copperfield
style illusions.

Thursday, April 14
Varner Recital Hall
8:00pm
Free Admission

OU students rally, lobby in Washington D.C.

By MELISSA LAROSE
Staff Writer

Oakland University Student Congress representatives, committee members along with students from across the country rallied with Rev. Jesse Jackson in Washington D.C. for National Student Lobby Day March 21.

United States Student Association brought students together to teach them lobbying skills which they applied when they met with aides to government officials.

Students met with the aides to share ideas and gain support on issues they felt were

important to them such as financial aid, student representation on schools' governing boards and the violence against women act.

Michael Simon, Student Congress' director of legislative affairs and president-elect felt the most important issue at hand was budget appropriations.

"The most important issue to me would be the appropriations for the fiscal year '95," Simon said, explaining that 1.8 percent of the federal budget goes to education.

The Jeffords-Dodd Amendment will increase this allocation one percent every year until education funding becomes ten percent of the federal budget.

Students rallied with Rev. Jackson on the front steps of the Capitol for this reallocation also known as "re-cut the pie".

"Coming from a student perspective, I welcome the idea," Simon said.

Simon explained that the conference was to inform students about legislation that affects them and to teach lobbying skills.

"We started making appointments with aides back in January," Simon said. "We met and talked about which workshops we would go to and which issues we felt strongest about."

"I think the biggest accomplishment we got was that people we met last year remembered us. We stood out from other Michigan schools because we got our points across and we were organized. It makes us look good. We knew our facts."

"We talked to the aides and asked them to support us on certain issues," Amy Rickstad, student congress president said.

Rickstad met with Larry Rosenthal, aide to U.S. congressman Dale Kildee from Mich., to gain support in her effort to get a student seat on OU's board of

trustees.

"He felt it was a necessity and couldn't understand why we didn't have it," Rickstad said. "The majority of the people we met with were very receptive to the idea."

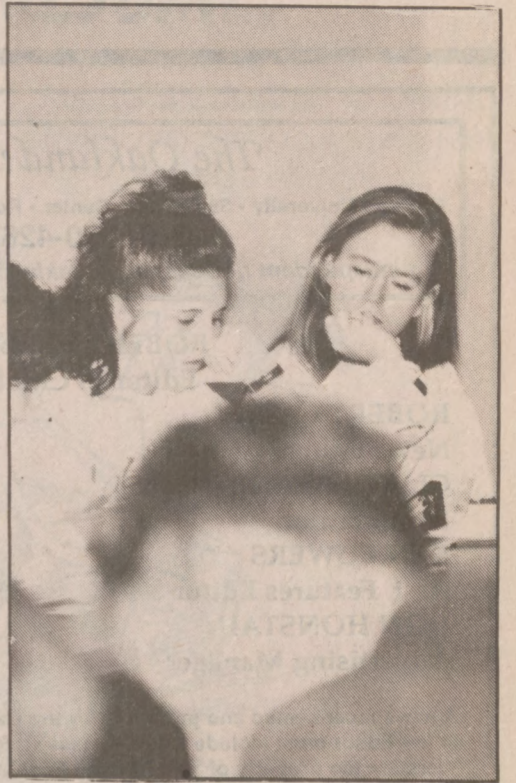
She attended a workshop which dealt with getting student representation on schools' governing boards.

Rickstad's next step is to speak to the Board of Trustees at the April 7 meeting about her research and findings in getting a student seat.

"I told them what we were doing at Oakland and got names of students who attend universities with students on boards of trustees," Rickstad said about her meetings in Washington.

Both Simon and Rickstad expressed positive and negative aspects about USSA.

"The leadership of USSA is very effective however, I saw a lot of things wrong with the organization."



Tuition

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tionary increases, such as utility costs going up, that affect the school each year.

Also, a large portion of the raise will go directly to the teachers.

"Collective bargaining for faculty is coming up, and that is probably the biggest part of the budget," Bissonnette said.

"We have to sit down with the board of trustees this summer after the vote, but as it stands there will be an increase."

"No one wants tuition raised, but rather than jumping to conclusions, I think students should look at other university's tuition hikes and question our administration as to what the rationale is," Amy Rickstad, the current student congress president said.

Some students were more candid in their criticism.

"I think it sucks, personally," said Stephanie Honemann, a freshman English major. "I don't think it will make anything better. How do we know it's not going to go to President Sandra Packard's expense account?"

"The state only pays for 50 to 51 percent of the campus' operation," said Packard in explaining where the money goes. In a previous speech to the Oakland University Senate, she said the money for the school also comes from grants and loans, along with the school's own general fund.

Mike Dillon, a freshman engineering major, questions the amount of the raise.

"If they say the raise will be about 8 percent, and inflation is usually less than 5 percent, where is the other 3 percent going?" he said.

Love in the Afternoon



While the birds and geese return to activity, thanks in part to warmer temperatures, a couple enjoy a moment alone after a long day of classes.

Search

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Macauley said.

Macauley and several OU student affairs departmental members returned from Dallas last week where they attended a NASPA conference for professional members of the association. But Macauley was there for one reason only, to continue his quest for candidates.

"They (the student affairs members) were there as members of the association; I was there for the search and to meet people and get the word out about the position," he said.

"I interviewed a lot of candidates but I don't know if any of them will apply—I wish they would all apply."

"Ask me in two weeks," Macauley laughed.

Most of the candidates presently under consideration have been found through two sources: an ad placed in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and interdepartmental memos to OU staff asking for nominations. But OU's new student affairs vice president could also come from word-of-mouth or what Macauley calls "churning the water."

"On a search at this level it's not unusual for another institution to hear about it through the institutional grapevine,"

Macauley said.

The Department of Student Affairs, located in North Foundation Hall, handles various student services including the administration of housing, food services, student governance and special advising. Dean David Herman, who is acting vice president of student affairs, said the department has been "very busy" since he took the position under his wing Jan. 10.

"Things are going very well," he said. "We're working on the new rec center, we've finished the budget for the year and we're setting goals for next fall. Things have moved along pretty nicely."

Class

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Robert Eberwein, Interim Chair of the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction said.

"Some courses and certain sections of others will satisfy both general education and ethnic diversity requirements," Eberwein said. "All that they (the courses) need is a minimum of three weeks devoted to ethnic diversity."

The quest to begin a required course in ethnic diversity was initiated by students in the Association of Black Students and the organization of Hispanic students who recognized a need for students to be exposed to cultural and ethnic differences.

The University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction ruled out immediately offering one specific course, but gradually trimmed down the proposal.

Glenn McIntosh, director of the Office of Minority Equity said that diversity and pluralism are important aspects in education.

"We're preparing students for tomorrow, not today, and students of tomorrow are going to be employers and employees who will have to deal with a diversified work force," McIntosh said.

Reaction to the newly implemented courses is mixed.

"The people who need it the most probably won't take it, but...making it a requirement may start complaints by those who are taking a class they don't need, freshman Gab Gazoul said."

March 21 - 6:22 a.m. Racial graffiti was found scrawled across another toilet stall at Oakland University.

The message of hate, specifically "GO HOME N—S" was found written with a black marker in a men's restroom on the 2nd floor at Varner Hall. The custodian reported it had not been there the last time she cleaned the stall.

Later that night, at 11:30 p.m., a Residence Assistant at South Hamlin Hall found "KILL WHITIE, RACIAL WAR 94" written on the wall on a back stairwell in Hamlin Hall.

The phrase was also penned in black magic marker.

March 24 - 10 p.m. Thieves removed two silver plastic hubcaps from a 1993 Saturn that was parked in the North parking lot.

The caps were only removed from the left side of the car.

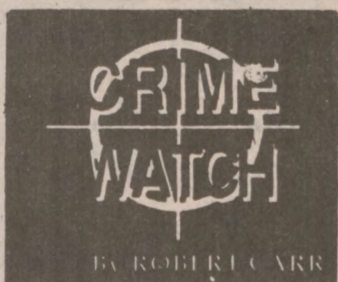
The owner said she has no idea who would have stolen her \$45 hubcaps.

March 25 - 10:22 p.m. An unknown person(s) ripped the light switch out of the wall on the 5th floor of East Vandenberg, shorting out the entire light system in the hallway area of that floor, including the EXIT signs.

March 24 - 1 p.m. A 39-year-old female student was verbally accosted by male student on the 3rd floor steps of South Foundation.

She said that when she politely greeted the man on the stairwell, he screamed obscenities at her and made obscene gestures.

The police have not been able to contact the male student, but the woman said she knows the man from a class they had together four years ago. She said that the man does not like her because she is very liberal, and he is very conservative.



Women's History Month Celebrated

By JILL ROBINSON
Staff Writer

Oakland University recognized Women's History Month in various ways, from kicking back on crutches and discussing the female view to having a mock trial over a date-rape case.

On Wednesday March 30, 1994, there will be a panel discussion on the Superwomen Syndrome, held at 5 p.m. in Vandenberg Hall's Pioneer Room. Speakers include the Director of Equal Opportunity, Cathy Rush, Director of Residence Halls, Eleanor Reynolds, Jean Ann Miller, assistant director of residence halls and Assistant VP of Academic Affairs, Dr. Virginia Allen.

On March 22, 1994, a march, "Take Back the Night", was held to bring women's issues to the forefront.

Lisa McRipley, coordinator for diversity awareness in the residence halls called "Take Back the Night", "A chance for women to come together and stand up to violence." There were about 30-40 participants and several student spectators.

"It was very empowering to know that we are not alone, this is not an individual issue, everyone walked around campus with candles and blew whistles," McRipley said. "It gave me a feeling of strength that this many people are supportive of us."

Other speakers were Professor of English Susan Hawkins, instructor of rhetoric, Leslie Bodden-Vaughn, Omar Brown, the president of the Association of Black Students and Mike Petroni of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance.

"Women are the mothers of this earth, they need to be treated with respect," said Brown. "A man who abuses, neglects or misuses women, in my opinion, is not a very educated person."

Along with "Take Back the Night", other programs were hosted in the Oakland Center.

Two seminars focused on rape and gave preventative tips.

Also, A mock date rape trial was staged with Director of the Honors College, Brian Murphy acting as the prosecuting attorney.

Post wins design award in California

The Oakland Post won its first award for journalistic excellence in over a decade last month at a national conference of college newspapers and magazines.

The Association of College Newspapers selected *The Post* over 80 student newspapers, with a Best of Show Award for outstanding design at its national conference held in Marina Del Rey, CA.

"At the beginning of the year I didn't think we'd produce consecutive issues let alone an award-winning one," the *Post's* Editor in Chief Robert Snell said. "I think this year's staff is hungrier than year's past and our paper definitely reflects that."

The conference was attended by Snell, Features Editor Daryl Pierson, and Staff Writer Christina Walkons.

First and second place awards went to *The Orion* of California State at Chico and *The Lumberjack* of Northern Arizona University.

"We were the only small paper to win an award which was a nice surprise," Snell said. "The most impressive aspect of the award was that the entire paper was judged, not just a certain section, so everybody who was involved with the paper's production second semester deserves this award."

Former Senior Editor Joe Pickering, who graduated last fall and played a major role in the paper's success, was not surprised at the accolade.

"I'm glad that what Rob and I had designed last summer was recognized on the national level," he said. "This shows that *The Oakland Post* can compete with the big dogs."

Sports Editor Eric DeMink agreed.

"This is probably the best thing that has happened to this paper since I've been here and that's a long time."

Opinion

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ANOTHER VIEW

Apathy could mean pink slips for food service employees

Editor's Note: The Oakland Post occasionally exercises its editorial privilege and publishes viewpoints in space reserved for the Editor's opinion. The following viewpoint comes from a faculty member concerned over the fate of Marriott Food Service workers.

Oakland University is intent on removing 39 percent or 24 of the women and 44 percent or 15 of the blacks from the unionized work force of AFSCME and will, in effect, eliminate their jobs.

They are all food service employees. Nine of the endangered employees are men. AFSCME has approximately 147 active members. The 33 Food Service employees, 24 women and 9 men may be forced from employment at Oakland University.

Why could this happen now? There are two contracts involved. One is between Oakland and Marriott and it expires in April 1996.

Marriott guarantees a minimum "flat fee" to Oakland for each year of their joint contract, including \$90,000 to Oakland for 1994 and \$95,000 for 1995.

Full-time Food Service workers are employed by Oakland and paid by Oakland with funds generated by the Marriott food service operation.

The second contract is between AFSCME and the OU administration. Current negotiations involve a wage reopener that began in October, 1992 and has been stalled by the administration's team which insists upon eliminating Food Service workers as OU employees.

These employees are not highly paid. In 1992 the median salary for the women was \$8.41/hr. None earned over \$11/hr. according to data in a 1993 report "The Status of Women at Oakland University."

The 1993 report's purpose, as requested by President Sandra Packard, was to identify specific areas where women are disadvantaged, and to identify actions that could be taken to correct problems.

If Food Service employees lose their AFSCME contract rights they may lose their jobs.

No longer will they be OU employees with rights to transfer to vacant or new positions within the university. Many are loyal Oakland folk: 10 have between 8 and 27 years of service.

They will lose not only their livelihood, but health and dental benefits, life insurance, and pensions.

This will be devastating: of the total 33 women and men, 24 are the sole providers of their families, 13 have dependent children living at home, 11 are 50 years-old or older.

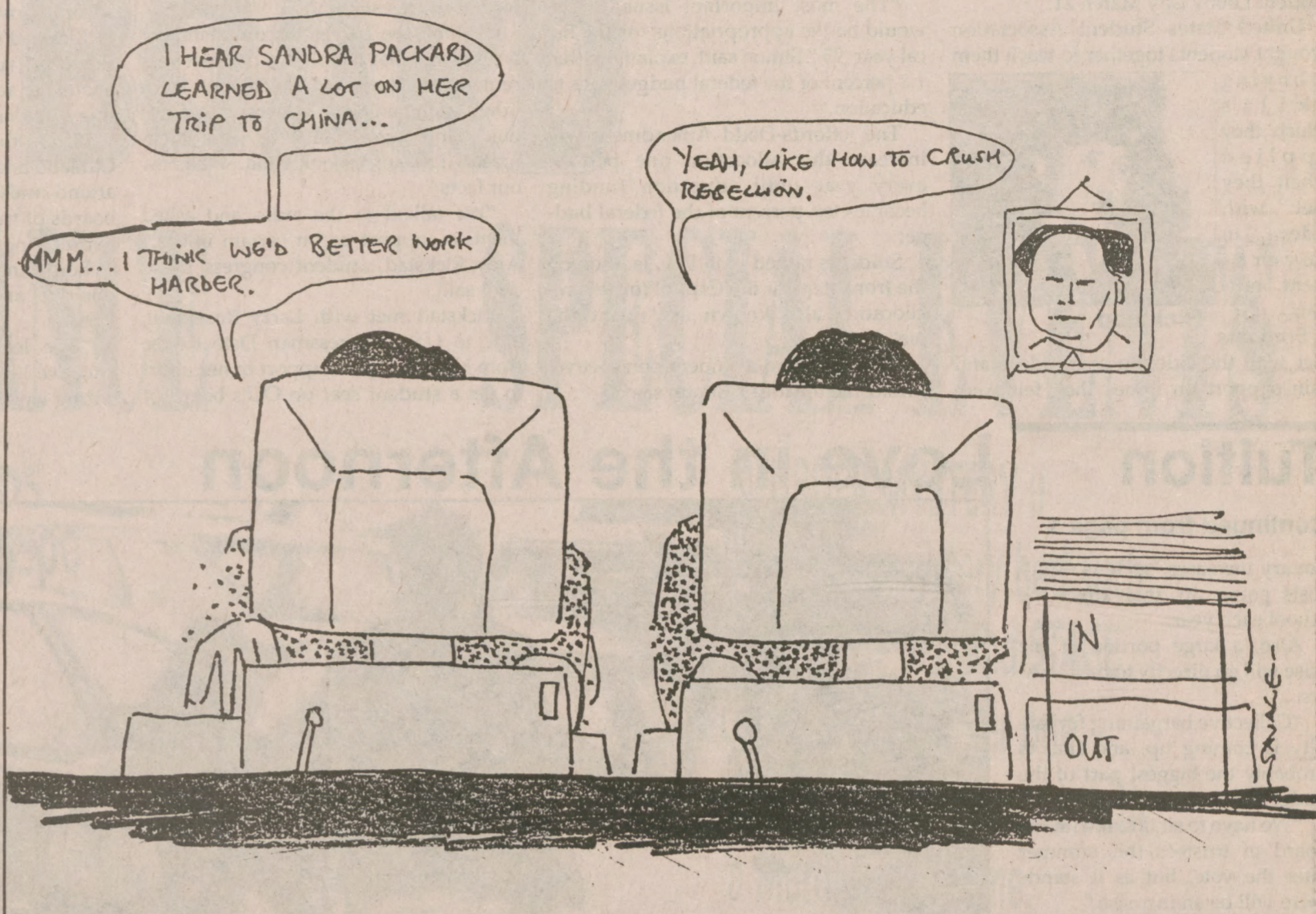
We call upon you, President Packard, to counsel the administration's negotiating team to move off this issue: to recognize the long term value of retaining loyal, hard-working employees.

Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action will take a giant step backwards: Fifteen of the endangered Food Service workers are black and 24 are women.

Sincerely,

Esther Goudsmit
Chair
AAUP Committee

AN OVERHEARD EXCHANGE IN A TYPICAL OU OFFICE...



Letters to the Editor

Prof's threat to withdraw donations finds voice

Dear Editor,

I would like to clarify the issues raised in the recent *Post* article about changes in donations to student organizations.

For some time I have been designating donations to various OU accounts by payroll deduction from my salary. Two of those donations were to student organizations, Raices (the Hispanic student group) and the Non-Traditional Student Association.

OU's administration now says that the IRS has instituted some new requirements for charitable contributions to be claimed by taxpayers. One requirement is that the taxpayer must have written receipt for the deduction—which should pose not problem, since OU is already providing such receipts.

The other requirement is that the institution (in this case, OU) must have "control" over the donation. Our administration interprets this IRS rule as requiring, since they claim to have no "control" over student organizations, that: Oakland will no longer deduct donations to student organizations (any group account beginning with a "9") from my paycheck, and

Oakland will no longer issue receipts for such contributions, so that I can no longer claim them on my tax return.

The callousness (for want of a better printable word) of the administration's position is stunning. In the first place, I can designate money to every OU group EXCEPT student organizations. Better yet, from the viewpoint of those who want to "control" my gifts, I can omit designating a use for the money at all, resulting in its being put in the general fund for somebody else to spend. Second, should I decide to continue giving to student organizations, I must proceed without payroll deduction or tax credit.

I am surprised that OU, with more lawyers on staff than the

Supreme Court, could not find a better solution. How about allowing CIPO to channel individual gifts to student organizations? How about some guidelines to student organizations about how they can spend gift money? Or even—although this is admittedly radical—how about explaining to the IRS that gifts to student groups at a university is a perfectly valid charitable cause?

I urge the administration to deal with this issue at once, because my response at the end of the semester will be to withdraw ALL my donations to the university.

Wilma Garcia
Associate Professor
Rhetoric Communications
and Journalism

Carlson needs to open mind to the gay and lesbian lifestyle

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to an editorial written by W.D. Carlson, in the March 23 issue of the *Oakland Post*.

As a PhD student, I would never expect to classify Mr. Carlson in the exclusive group of: IGNORANT PEOPLE AT

OU, but alas, he's brought it on himself.

Never fear Mr. Carlson, I am a heterosexual female, so you need not worry about being reprimanded by a human who participates in "perverted and sick behavior."

Instead, you can be reprimanded by a human who believes in that age-old proverb: MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!

I highly doubt that the addition of sexual orientation into the equal opportunity policy at OU will harm you in any way.

In fact, it won't harm you at all. But what it will do is benefit the rights of those whose

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Sally Tato
Junior

sexual orientation is different-not wrong-but different.

You stated in your letter that, "the university... should take strong measures to ensure that only healthy and positive behavior is supported."

How ironic for a biased negative person to condone positive behavior. Perhaps you should work on your own behavior before you advise Oakland University on their behavior.

Sincerely,

Sally Tato
Junior
Journalism

Survey says...

"How did you enjoy the opportunity to register for Fall Semester early?"



Steve McSherry
freshman
undecided major

"It went fine-better than coming in summer."



Amy Mchalpine
sophomore
engineering/chemistry

"There is no difference; I hate not getting the classes I want."



Keely Hamilton
junior
undecided major

"It went really smooth. Now I can relax in the summer."



Rich Angelo
senior
political science major

"It went fine-I don't think anybody knew about it though."

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Features

'Golden Key' shines for elite students

By ELIZABETH CARTER
Staff Writer

Does the non-stop flurry of school work ever make you stop and think, what is it all for? Do you ever find that although there is never an end to the work, you never seem to get any recognition for your achievements? The Golden Key National Honor Society and its members say, hold the phone! You've done great work and we'd like to recognize you!

The Golden Key National Honor Society is a successful organization that is perhaps not recognizable to the majority of students at OU. Membership is by invitation only.

"Golden Key is so much better than what I expected...and no pocket protectors!" Jennifer Farina, member, said with a laugh.

Golden Key was formed in 1977 at Georgia State University to recognize student's for their academic excellence. The non-profit organization gives students the chance to form ties with faculty and administration at their university. Students also have the chance to make important business contacts and refine their leadership skills.

From the \$52 induction fee that a student is required to pay to become a lifetime member, the chapter finances itself and

also offers scholarships to two outstanding new members being inducted. Members are also eligible to win three \$10,000 scholarships through Golden Key. Graduating members can also purchase white and purple cords to wear at the graduation ceremony to show they are members of Golden Key.

The OU chapter of Golden Key requires a student to be a junior or senior with a cumulative GPA of 3.3 and have done at least 25 credit hours at the university. The top 15 percent

of the junior and senior class, or approximately 400 students, are inducted each year at a ceremony in October.

The OU chapter presently has about 800 members. Students in all majors may qualify for invitation.

"I believe it's very important to spend time with successful people," Dr. Jack Wilson, associate vice president for student affairs, said. Golden Key gives them that.

Wilson is the member responsible for bringing the

organization to OU in 1981.

Wilson has been an honorary member since the group was chartered at OU.

Wilson, when trying to decide which academic honor organization to bring to OU, considered Phi Beta Kappa. However, as Wilson explained it, he knew that as a young university, OU wouldn't qualify for Phi Beta Kappa.

According to Anne Morin, vice president of Golden Key, at the time, "Dr. Wilson felt their were too many social organiza-

tions."

"We wanted to have a balance," Wilson said. "It was exactly what we were looking for."

Golden Key also participates in various philanthropic activities such as The Best of America, a program that sends members into elementary, middle and high schools to teach kids about abstaining from alcohol and drug abuse. Golden Key also produces the award-winning magazine *Concepts*, which students are encouraged to submit writing to.

Members have also participated in various walks like "Walk for Warmth" in Pontiac and will attend the "Great Strides to Cure Cystic Fibrosis," in May. Members also visit Children's Village monthly.

"There's something for everyone," Sara Thomas, president of Golden Key said. "I think Golden Key is excellent."

Thomas enjoys the club because it gives her an opportunity to get involved with the administration, honorary members and students.

"I feel I have an actual impact on the chapter," Thomas said.

Dr. Jon Yates, associate professor of biological sciences, is an honorary member of Golden Key and the current advisor. Yates finds his job significant and contributes to the enthusi-

asm of the group.

"(Golden Key) is something I value because of what it offers students," Yates said. "It gives me a chance to interact with students."

Yates is also responsible for mailing out the invitations to students in August before the induction ceremony in October. He works through the registrar to obtain a list of students who meet the criterion for inclusion. He then sends the list of names and the invitation letter to the headquarters in Georgia, which does the mailing.

"He has been a marvel," Wilson said.

Wilson describes the induction ceremony as a special honor for students and a time of pride for their families. He calls the popularity of the event "an unexpected bonus" to all the other great activities.

"I never thought I'd get asked!" Morin said when she received her invitation letter. Since then she has created better ties with the faculty, administration and fellow-members.

"I've been more connected with the university," Morin said.

Morin also reports happily that her grades have also gone up since she has joined.

In the past, the OU chapter has won the Student Organization of the Year for 1993.



Members of the Golden Key National Honor Society enjoy themselves at an organization meeting. Currently approximately 800 of the academic elite are in the OU chapter.

Ride turns into cold, heartless nightmare

Approximately 9:15 p.m. on February 1, I received a phone call from a friend, Tekiyah Rasul, asking if I would ride with her to pick up another friend, Angela Washington, from work. Somewhat tired, I told her I would. Since I was coming right back I left my purse. While cruising through Pontiac with the music blasting to Uptown Hop by Luke, we arrived at Washington's job at 9:35 p.m. She hopped in the truck, and we proceeded back to school.

'Boof!'

Oh... I think we blew a tire.

Rasul pulled over in a parking lot in 'no man's land,' and we jumped out to see what the problem was. The whole tire was hanging off. We look at each other and break out in laughter like why the world did this happen to us.

About a block and a half away was an 'In-N-Out' store so we decided to hustle down to the store and ask if we could call for

help. Upon entering the store we asked the workers if we could use the phone because we blew a tire, the owner shouted barely speaking English, "...no phone, phone outside."

Anyway, we ended up outside trying to use the phone that had snow stacked up to the receiver. Struggling on top of the snow we dialed an 800-number for road service. A recording came on informing us that it was now after business hours and to use the following number. By now it was 10:15 p.m. and a little cold.

We went across the street to a bar and Rasul called someone, but that person was unable to help. In the meantime Washington and I were just standing around until we heard someone in the bar yell "black sheep." We knew we weren't near a farm and the rap group 'Black Sheep' wasn't playing on the jukebox.

'Boom!'

From out of nowhere this huge

guy came crashing through the door with a pool cue in his hand. By now, Washington was calling the number the recorder had given us because we knew we were somewhere we were not wanted. She got an operator asking for 90 cents for the first minute. Altogether we had \$2.20.

It was 11:00 pm, and it was really getting cold. I called my mother collect and explained to her that we were stranded and no one would help. We were in this bar (I gave her the name of the bar) and they were saying racial slurs.

Bam!

Something hit the door. I hung up on my mother, and we flew across the parking lot back to the truck and back to square one.

We started the truck for some heat. We tried flagging down truck drivers. None of them stopped. Cars sped past leaving us in their dust. Finally we saw a police car. Rasul and I jumped out of the truck to flag down the

police car.

It sped off like we were about to do great bodily harm to him. We looked at each other in disbelief. The flashers were on so they had to suspect something.

It was 11:45 p.m., and no one had stopped. The truck was bare-



JACQUELYN KNIGHT

ly warm, we were trying to save gas because we didn't know how much longer we would be out

there.

Suddenly, another police car appeared and disappeared.

At midnight the truck was rather quiet. There was really nothing to say. But from nowhere a car appeared and this young guy got out of his car and approached the truck. I immediately memorized the license plate number just in case it was a robbery. This stranger who did not know us, asked what could he do to help. We all got out of the truck and explained to him that the tire was coming off and we needed a jack to lift it or a tow truck to tow it back to school. The guy said he'd be back with a hydraulic jack to lift the truck.

A few minutes passed and the guy returned with nothing. He couldn't bring the jack because it was too big for his car. Out of nowhere, a police car showed up with the flashers on and blocked the truck in.

The officer asked what the problem was, and called a tow

truck to tow it back to campus. The ride back to school was a long ride. It seemed as though it took the police car forever to warm up.

We arrived back to school at 1:03 a.m. I called my mother because she had left several messages on the machine. She told me to keep warm and if I didn't make it to class it was okay with her. But the one thing my mother said to me that bothered me was that she called the bar to find out if we were still there or if we had found some help, but was told no one black had been in there all night.

So, what would you call it?

Racism because we were black in a predominately white neighborhood? Or fear, because blacks are usually stereotyped as being drug dealers, robbers, or in other words, trouble-makers.

Watch out for the 'Grim Reefer' at Hash Bash '94

Column ideas do not drop from the sky. And even when the axe of inspiration knocks, if I'm in a Jack Torrance mood, nothing gets done.

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

I had this week's column written, but hit the erase key and sent that didactic nonsense back to the binary basement.

Words should grab the reader by the ears and clamp the face to the page. If that doesn't happen, we're talking yawning boredom. Verily I say unto thee, thou shall not be dull.

It's Saturday Night Live! Actually, I'm watching a rerun. Just me and my laptop. Earlier, I drove over to the liquor store and bought a quart of Milwaukee's Best (\$1.49), turkey hotdogs and

a loaf of bread. Later, I'll make cheese popcorn.

"Welcome to Ruining It For Everyone." Here's former OU student Art Thief to tell us of his banal exploits. "What did you do?"

"Duh, I borrowed an Audubon print, worth \$5,000, from Kresge Library. Now all the really good art is guarded by the Packard at Sunset Terrace."

Leprechaun Two, rated R. I'll pass on that movie. It was either High Times magazine, the Golden Bough, or Aleister Crowley where I first read about Jungian archetypes.

Class, what does Mr. Spock (the Vulcan), leprechauns, E.T. and Peyote Man have in common? They're all green. Or at least associated with the plant

kingdom. Spock has green blood, leprechauns and E.T. start out in the woods, and Peyote Man needs no explanation.



LARRY V. WEISS
COLUMNIST

Don't eat the mushrooms with the red caps and white spots.

Stay away from the Jimson weed, too. That stuff is lethal madness. Call the DEA if you see it growing anywhere. Ingest it, you'll permanently translate for R2D2 or start calling those phone sex numbers.

The Hash Bash, Ann Arbor's once a year celebration to nature's way of saying Hi, lights up April 2. I'll be there representing OU. No, I will not participate. But you know what, I'll invite Martin along if he promises to chip in for gas. I thought after my pro-legalization column awhile back, OU might ask me for a fluid sample. Didn't happen. But I'll comply if politely asked. Show me a search warrant and you can search my house, too. No problem man, I'm clean.

A warning to students on the

career catapult, your constitutional rights do not exist in the workplace.

The boss will screen your genes for hereditary diseases, analyze your psychological profile and no doubt will swipe a stool sample as well, all to make sure you're worth the trouble of employment. And if you are hired, expect to meet the company spy. Ultimately, if things don't work out, you can find a job with flexible hours at a self-service gas station.

Better be wise and say Yo to No, or allow enough time to flush your system. That drug stuff is trouble and could make you very stupid.

Like my ex-brother-in-law who lived next door to a state trooper. This story is set within

the city limits of Bad Axe, which is located in Michigan's opposable digit. Anyway, Steve planted a garden full of weed. Not one plant, or two, he put the marijuana where the sweetcorn went. And did it grow. The farmers have a saying for the corn, knee high by the Fourth of July. Steve's patch was doing better.

"Why you doing that?" I asked him. "You know he has to bust you." Steve thought he could get away with growing an illegal crop because the trooper was having an affair with a 16-year-old girl. I don't have to make this stuff up.

Steve made the front page of the Huron Daily Tribune.

I'll stay out of trouble in Ann Arbor. It's a tough job but someone has to go.

By Bob Weaver
Staff Writer

Even though the Information Superhighway is still under construction, foundations have been placed to make the technological transition as smooth as possible.

Where will

Oakland University is in the planning stages of initiating some Information Superhighway advancements such as offering Touchtone Registration for future registration. "Touchtone registration is as advanced as currently available," said Lawrence R. Bartalucci, registrar of OU. "We will be most likely converting the system to one that works better for every-

technological growth, but the rising market will eventually flatten out, leaving producers in the wake of firms specializing in repairs and/or upgrades of units.

2) CD-ROMs

These are five inch CD's with information, audio and video presentations

stored on them for use on personal computers (PCs). The Encyclopedia Britannica has

to control growth and savings.

4) Fully Interactive Television

This system will allow users to send audio/video messages to other users. Some speculations as to the different media available will include customized newspapers, movies/books-on-demand, national phone directories, home shopping malls, home universities and interactive video games.

Fully Interactive

to list closed, open, or new classes.

5) Information-On-Demand/Computer Usage Growth

the Superhighway

Television is the most advanced of the five components, having already achieved television college classes, interactive video games, and news services like Prodigy, Usenet, and CompuServe.

Serious discussions of interactive instruction have occurred at OU. Bartalucci said "we know there's a need" for television lectures to be broadcast and that "we would like to be the school transmitting those classes."

Television courses have been available for several years at Oakland Community College in cooperation with Public Broadcasting Stations such as WTVS, Channel 56. This type of television learning has led to projects like the Jason Project which ran from Feb. 28 to March 12.

The Jason Project, led by scientists such as Robert Ballard, was an interactive scientific learning program that allowed several thousand students and teachers in the U.S. and Britain to perform scientific research in the Belize rain forests and coral reefs off Belize's eastern coast. Some students guided the cameras through the rain forest or through the coral reef.

Bartalucci would like to use cable TV

Information-On-Demand includes the use of PCs to collect information on a computer bulletin board combined with the ability to download that information and either print or save the information for future use.

WXYZ TV gives viewers the opportunity to express their feelings about the news by offering an on-line service through the Internet. WXYZ asks viewers to comment on news stories that have been aired or even offer ideas for news stories. A spokesperson for WXYZ said that it offers viewers "an immediate gratification in regards to our station."

Groups that will benefit from the emergence of the information superhighway will include cable TV and telecommunications companies, software companies and consumer application providers. Those who may suffer losses from the Information Superhighway are retail businesses, paper companies, commercial printers like Kinko's or Speedy Printers and newspapers.

Some pros for the Information

Superhighway include fewer middlemen and barricades that keep information/services from the users and a worldwide connection within seconds.

The cons are certainly a barricade in Information Superhighway advancement. A lack of knowledge of users and how to educate those users on current interactive computer systems such as Internet, Prodigy and CompuServe is one problem. These services already offer Information-On-Demand and interactive dialog, yet costs

have decreased the amount of users on Prodigy and CompuServe. Internet is available at no cost to currently enrolled college students.

Even the federal and state governments are starting to use the Information Superhighway. The Internal Revenue Service has experimented with having people file their income taxes by touch-tone telephone. Offered for the first time this year, Michigan was one of only

take us?

seven states that participated. FedWorld, the government's on-line computer service, offers users the ability to download items from subjects such as federal jobs to White House press releases.

Computer users are encouraged to read as much technological information as possible and to understand their computer inside and out. Technology may advance so quick that some users may be stranded along the road waiting for a tow.

Four Weddings and a Funeral

By KRISTINA PARIS
Staff Writer

I do.
It's so simple.
Unless you are Charles in the film "Four Weddings and a Funeral" an English romantic comedy opening March 30.
For Charles, played by Briton Hugh Grant, marriage is a puzzle he prefers not to solve, but after meeting Carrie he begins to put the pieces together.
However, as we are shown by his habitual lateness, Charles'

timing stinks.
To make things worse, he manages to bungle conversations and blow opportunities at almost every turn.
Charles' love interest is played by Andie MacDowell, a bold and beautiful Yank who, we find out, has slept with less people than Madonna but may run a close second.
MacDowell's gentle grace shines on screen, but at times her delivery seems too deliberate and can distract the viewer.
Coming to the rescue are

Charles' long time and loyal friends who spark smiles, launch laughs and sometimes steal the show.
At one wedding, Charles is the best man, when he realizes at the altar that he has forgotten the rings and he desperately looks to his friends in the congregation to save him. They do, with a huge heart and a skull.
The film refreshes the senses with a lot of laughs and a few tears, and the audience leaves the theater satisfied that their money was well spent.



Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell star in the romantic comedy Four Weddings and a Funeral.

Dating

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are the first to toss the wet blanket on any interracial romance.
Simon's relationships with white women often end when the parents, who proclaim they are not prejudiced, but are concerned about what relatives and neighbors might think.
"Every stereotype comes out," said Simon.
Sativa Eiben, 19, white and a OU sophomore, is also familiar with the societal spotlight. Eiben's father refuses to discuss or meet her boyfriend of five months, Kyle, 24, because he is black.
Although Eiben is leery of alienating her father, she refuse to consider ending the relationship with Kyle.
"We are definitely in love."
Eiben and her beau plan to visit his relatives in Georgia this summer. And are tentatively discussing the possibility of living together.
Yet the pressure of possible

publicity, especially outside the university, makes Eiben nervous. But she is driven to discuss her feelings.
"I wish people wouldn't judge people by color or religion, because it's ridiculous."
On the other hand, regardless of culture or color, Eiben's father is the norm, rather than the exception.
"He believes it's politically correct to stay within one's race."
Others go beyond that, they seek to control and mandate behavior.
Recently suspended with pay, Hulond Humphries was the high school principal in Wedowee, Alabama. Humphries told an assembly of students no mixed-race dating would be permitted at the prom. When a girl of biracial descent asked whom she should date, Humphries replied it was her problem because her parents had made a mistake.
Bridget Green winced as she heard the details of this incident.
"It scares them," said Green, 19, bi-racial and a freshman at OU.
Green is familiar with those

who "use race as a measure of worth."
Green's father is black, her mother white, and have been married 20 years. And for a short time, growing up in an interracial home did not seem unusual.
However no amount of years could erase the tears of one Catholic School memory.
"One day a little girl in second grade told me black and white makes garbage."
Looking back at her youth, Green said all the teasing "made me a lot stronger." She is also an optimist about America's varied races, religions and cultures.
"I think they're fascinating. It would be nice if everyone could appreciate them."
And without a doubt, Green gives the same advice she receives from her parents about romance.
"Go with what you feel is best."
The times are changing. Glenn E. Reedus was a young man in 1967 when the Supreme Court of the United States ruled statutes prohibiting interracial marriage were unconstitutional.

Reedus, who is black, met his wife, Becci, who is white, in 1976 in Waterloo, Iowa. They married in October of 1979, and have three sons, Ben, 9, Casey, 7 and Dane, 3.
Reedus owns his own business, Reedus & Associates, a public relations and counseling firm. From his office, he philosophized about interracial issues.
"Race issues are much more identifiable because it's so clear and obvious. It's the first thing people look at as opposed to other differences."
Reedus loves his wife and his sons, but admits a cultural rift exists, much like the difference between youth in Chicago, and his wife's upbringing in a small Iowan town.
The message Reedus would like to billboard to the world is this.
"If you can't deal with it, it's your problem not mine."
Bridget Green builds on the message.
"Color matters because that's what you are. It's not a measure of your worth."

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Sports

Pioneer of the Week

Jason Edwards
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Baseball

Edwards allowed just one hit, struck out career-high 12 batters and recorded his second shutout of the season in OU's 5-0 win over Ferris State in the first game of Saturday's double-header sweep. Edwards is now 4-0 with a 2.08 ERA, has four complete games and has struck out 36 batters in the innings.

THE PIONEER DIRT BOX

- Senior second baseman Derek McGaughey made the first home run of his four-year Oakland career a big one. The diminutive McGaughey (5-7, 135) hit a grand slam in the fifth inning of the second game against Ferris State on Saturday, breaking a scoreless tie as Oakland went on to an 8-1 win and sweep of the six-time defending GLIAC champions.
- OU is hitting .323 as a team after 15 games, while its opponents are hitting just .204. The Pioneer pitching staff has a 3.18 team ERA, while its opponents team ERA is 7.90. OU also has also stolen 46 bases in 53 attempts, while its opponents are just 6-15.
- Junior third baseman Tom Kretschmer drove in four of the five runs in OU's 5-0 win over FSU in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader. Kretschmer leads OU with 15 RBI in 15 games. He is hitting .300, and seven of his 12 hits have gone for extra bases.

*information compiled by Andy Glantzman, Sports Information director

Pioneers sweep in home opener

Light hitting McGaughey tames 'Dogs with his fifth inning blast

By KEN FILLMORE
Staff Writer

The Pioneer baseball team opened up Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play by taking both games of a double-header from Ferris State University, 5-0 and 8-1, Saturday in the home opener at Pioneer Field.

In OU's first game shutout, junior right-hander Jason Edwards (4-0) gave up only one hit, a fourth-inning single to FSU junior Dwain Koscielniak (he had three of the Bulldogs' five hits in the twin bill), while striking out 12 and walking three in his fourth complete game and second shutout of the season.

Junior third baseman Tom

Kretschmer drove in four runs, two coming on his second home run of the campaign in the opening inning. Junior shortstop Ted Allesie went two for three and drove in the other run.

Senior right-hander Kevin Kinnally took the loss for FSU.

In the nightcap, on a cold, wet afternoon, senior right-hander Ralph Muglia came with the flames after Edwards mixed his pitches to keep Bulldog batters off balance.

Muglia (3-1) gave up a run on four hits, sending nine down on strikes and giving three free passes in his fourth complete game where the support was immediate and plentiful in the bottom of the fifth frame.

Oakland took advantage of four walks and an error by putting up an eight spot and driving junior starter and loser Jason Vernier from the hill. The righty blanked the Pioneers on three hits in the previous four frames.

The big blow came from 5-7, 135-pound senior second baseman Derek McGaughey, whose grand slam, his first big fly as a collegian, broke a scoreless tie.

Freshman centerfielder Sean McDonald reached base three times on two walks and a three-run double, scoring twice. Senior rightfielder Ron Zill tripled home the other run and had two singles

in three at-bats.

First-year Pioneerskipper Steve Lyon made sure Edwards and Muglia were ready, and believed that the weather was mainly responsible for holding his squad, which averaged over three stolen bases a game, to one swiped sack in two tries Saturday, both in the second game.

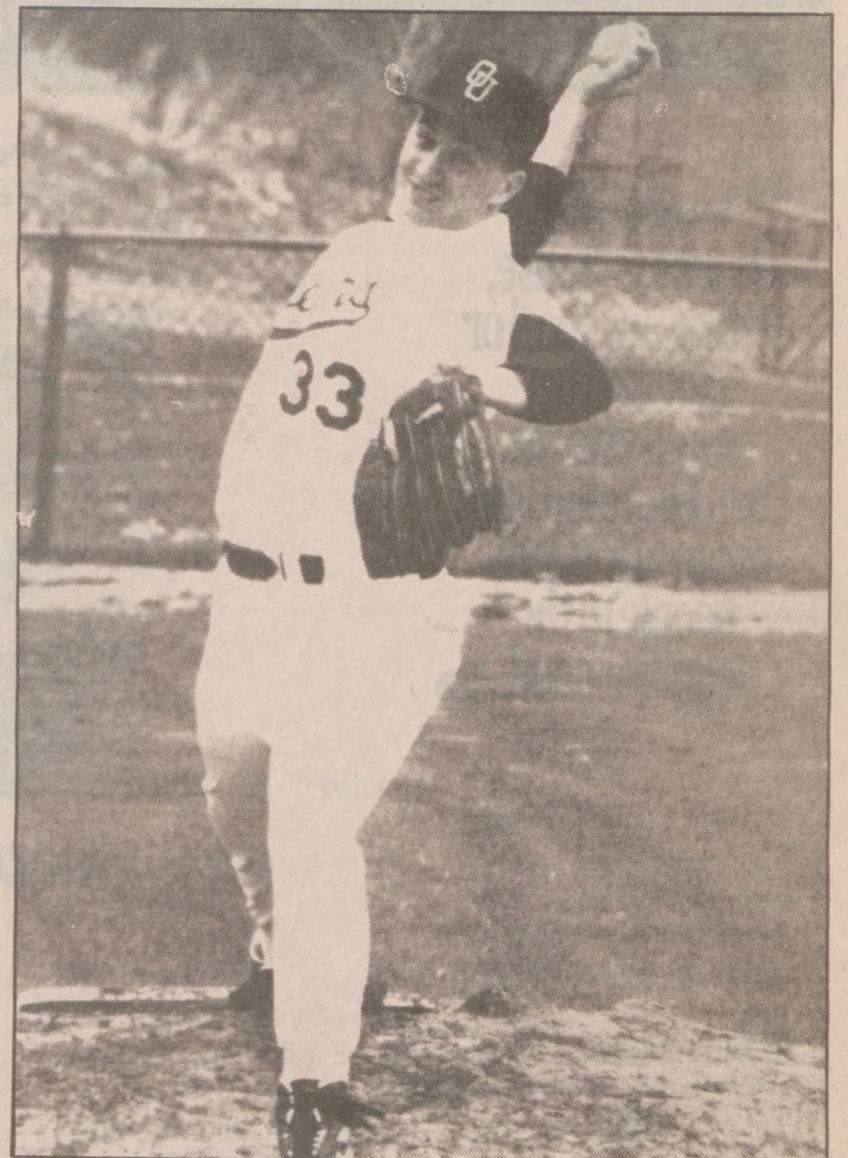
"They (Edwards and Muglia) threw the ball where they wanted it, and got some people out when they needed to get them out," Lyon said. "We try to make sure that they are healthy, and also well rested."

"I think they (FSU) were concerned about (our base stealing prowess), and with the weather conditions, the field was wet. That really slowed us down."

OU's meeting with Grand Valley State University on Sunday in Allendale, Mich. was canceled because the field was unfit for play. The light coating of snow from Saturday's stormy mix of rain and snow melted, soaking the field.

"We're playing well. We're 10-5. We'd like to keep playing. We don't want to have to take breaks in the schedule," Lyon said.

The Pioneers will next see action Thursday, March 31 at Siena Heights and will continue its road show to Saginaw Valley State (2) and Northwood University (2) April 2 and 3.



Junior righty hurler Jason Edwards fanned 12 against Ferris St.

Baseball Preview

New look Pioneers are out to turn some heads

By ERIC DeMINK
Sports Editor

If you don't recognize anyone the next time you decide to go catch a baseball game over at Pioneer Field, you won't be alone. The 1994 edition of the men's baseball team will sport 13 new faces of a roster of 27 with a good number of those cracking the starting lineup before the season's out.

First-year coach Steve Lyon, who spent five years as assistant to former Coach Paul Chapoton, will also bring a new look offense that emphasizes speed and pitching as opposed to the power hitting that Pioneers relied on in the past.

But more so than anything, Lyon realizes that the Pioneer future depends on the present. With the successful recruiting class he has he knows he must get those freshman quality playing time and with three returning seniors it should not be that big of a chore.

Still Lyon will look to his upperclassmen to provide leadership and stability, as experience will

come with time.

The Pioneers will look to improve on its 1993 GLIAC record (9-5, 24-19 overall) and runner-up finish to Saginaw Valley State in the GLIAC Tournament last spring.

"Our goal is to win the championship," Lyon said. "Realistically we will probably have a good opportunity to finish in the top four, but who knows if we get a few breaks we've got a good chance of winning this thing."

As it was last season, Lyon points to his infield as the strength of this squad:

- **Catching-** Lyon will split duties between junior Ryan Snodmith, a converted outfielder, and red-shirt freshman Tim Schornak. Assistant coach Steve Merriman has worked extensively with both of these individuals who have to date thrown out nine of 14 stolen base attempts against them. Both are hitting well.
- **First base-** Junior Dan Schmitzer, who hit .235 last year, is off to a good start with a .450 average through 13 games. Lyon describes

Schmitzer as "a singles hitter who can poke one out once in a while." Left-hand hitting freshman Charlie Winstel will back up Schmitzer to give the Pioneers versatility at this position.

- **Second base-** Senior Derek McGaughey, who Lyon describes "as defensively the best second baseman" will platoon with freshman Jeff Harwood who is second on the team in steals. Both are converted from the shortstop position.

- **Shortstop-** With a logjam at this position, junior Ted Allesie is the heir apparent batting .306 for the '93 campaign. "Ted is an outstanding hitter who plays excellent defense," Lyon said. "He will bat third for us this year." Freshman Jeff Carron (Bishop Foley High School) is Allesie's backup but either McGaughey or Harwood are both capable of stepping in if there is an injury.

- **Third base-** Junior Tom Kretschmer hit .282 last season while leading the club in home runs with seven and was second in runs

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Coach Steve Lyon is looking at a young squad this season.

Netter Kennedy finds court life agreeable to taste

By EILEEN OXLEY
Staff Writer

OU netter Katie Kennedy no longer makes a racket when it comes to playing tennis.

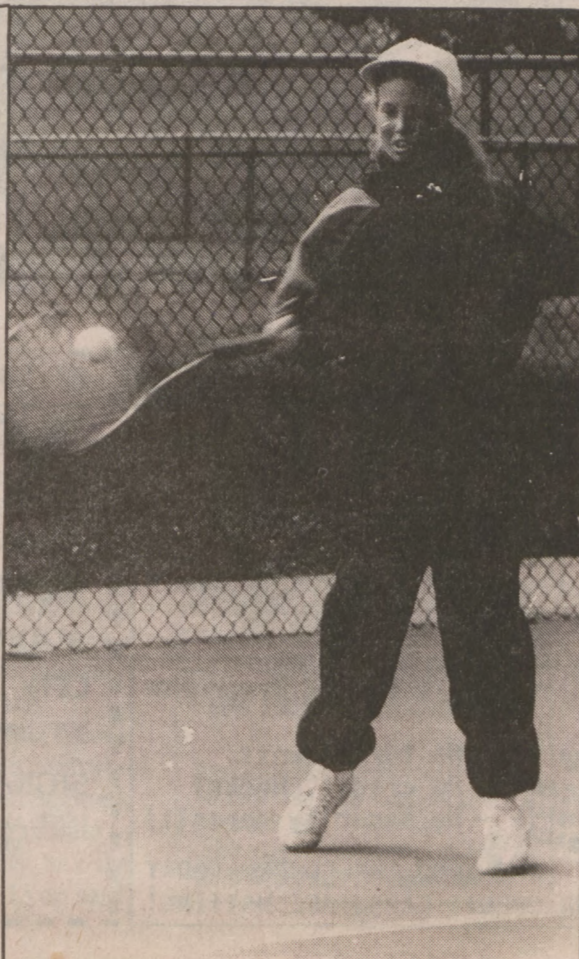
The 18-year-old freshman says she was forced into the sport at the age of seven when her parents decided she should take lessons.

"My parents put me into it for fun. I wanted to take it at first but later on when I was in tournaments at age 13 or 14 I felt pushed. This year I felt like I wanted to play," Kennedy said.

Apparently OU women's tennis coach Kris Jeffrey saw a lot of potential for OU's team when she noticed the teen-aged student during her years at Wall Lake's Western High School.

"She's strong," Jeffrey said. "I knew of her and came and watched her play in some junior tournaments. She

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Spikers are own worst enemy in spring exhibition tourney

By PATRICIA PASQUE
Staff Writer

Regardless of the coaching changes this year, the Pioneers maintained its strength and abilities by putting a solid foot forward to start off their spring season.

Spring ball is a chance for players to gain more court time experience and prepares them for its fall season. A volleyball player's eligibility ends after the fall season, and Oakland graduated its three co-captains Melissa Hixon, Natalie Koan and Cathy Workman.

New head coach, Tracey Bearden led the team to a victory at the Grand Valley Tournament

on March 20. Having lost its starting setter of the last three years (Koan), sophomore Nicole Caputo made her debut a memorable one with a tournament victory.

The Pioneers hosted an exhibition tournament for 10 teams this past weekend. Among these were the Oakland Oldies, OU alumni team. Assistant coach Andrea Chisnell, and former co-captains Darlene Monroe, Koan and Workman were all participants.

The Pioneers started their play with victories over Madonna (15-4, 15-4), Lansing Community College (15-8, 15-7), Grand Valley's alumni team (15-8, 15-9) and Saginaw Valley (16-4, 15-5).

Oakland had a close match in the semi-finals with the Bahama

Mamas taking it to three games (12-15, 15-10, 15-8).

At the tournament finals, the Pioneer regulars faced off against its alumni team. Despite putting up a strong fight but the Oldies came away with the victory, (13-15, 13-15).

Koan said, "It feels good to be done, but when you get to play like this it's hard because you don't know when you're going to play again."

Standouts for the Pioneers were juniors Amy Ruprich, Donna Sowa and sophomore Karen Ill.

Bearden feels her team is working hard and playing tough.

"My goal is to make them better defensively," Bearden said.

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Where have they all gone?

By ERIC DeMINK
Sports Editor

Have you ever wondered what happened to all those exceptional OU athletes, those great names from the past whose ghosts continue to haunt us long after they're gone?

Just look in any OU media guide and you'll find them. You might not remember them but somebody does. Somebody read about them in the school newspaper or somebody watched them play or somebody heard about them from somebody else. But when they left the campus of Oakland University, unless one actually witnessed their passing, for all practical purposes they probably fell off the edge - that is if the Earth is truly flat.

Brace yourselves, people. That in fact, there is a professional sports life after school. And while it is a truly difficult path to the pros, on some rare occasions this kind of thing does happen - even for OU athletes.

Of course, there are student-athletes who go to school for that academic part of it and who do not actively pursue whichever sport one played while serving time here, but it wasn't wasted talent because those individuals used their talents for other things like getting non-sports related jobs.

But then there were a few here who seriously believed that they could break into the professional ranks. It was a dream they had, and probably a dream that a lot of them still have and if by chance someday they find they can't realize that dream, they still have that education to fall back on.

During the 1980s no less than five individuals who played basketball at OU tried to make it in the big time. Linda Krawford, Scott Bittinger, John Henderson, Lee Fitzpatrick and Eric Taylor all wore the Black and Gold for the Pioneers at one time. Of the five, three are left to carry the standard of hope.

Scott Bittinger, who played guard for the Pioneers from 1985-88, and who was recently inducted into Lepley's Wall of Honor, tried to catch on with the pros when he went to the NBA's Miami Heat rookie camp in 1988. Unfortunately for him, though, his career aspirations came to an abrupt end when he got hurt his back in a collision with Sherman Douglas in a scrimmage.

"My dream was always to play

with the Pistons," Bittinger said, "and I got to practice with them a lot playing at Oakland. The problem with me was more physical than anything. But I looked at Isiah Thomas who had 30 pounds on me (Bittinger played at 165), and I couldn't see myself matching up with some of the monsters in the NBA."

Like Bittinger, some athletes face the fact that since there isn't a lot of money to be had here unless one makes pro. As a result some tap Europe as viable market. After all, one can make upwards of \$500,000 a year if one is good enough.

One such was forward Linda Krawford (1980-83), who in 1987 facing the reality that there aren't any professional women's leagues in this country to speak of, took her passel of talents to Germany, Florence, Italy; Sargosso, Spain and Marseilles, France where at least for her there were greener pastures. But with little or no prospects for a professional league back home, where she really wanted to be, Krawford is out of basketball today.

"The pay wasn't bad (\$15,000 a year) and we played once a week and practiced twice," Krawford said, "but I got tired of the solitude because there was nothing to do over there unless you were into the bar hopping scene. Still, it was a pleasurable experience for me."

John Henderson, who starred at forward for the Pioneers from 1986-89, followed Krawford's path to Germany where he believed he could still sell his talents. Henderson is currently playing for the Ulm team.

Henderson was joined by yet a third Pioneer, when Lee Fitzpatrick, who centered the Black and Gold from 1989-92, made the long trek to Europe.

Most recent to pound the German hardwoods was Eric Taylor who played guard at OU from 1989-92. Taylor is playing for one of the top teams, Bonn, in the German League and is averaging 33 points a game. Of the five, Taylor may have the best shot of getting picked up here, but only if his number is called and not by the coach.

Of course, we should remember that those are *pro leagues* over there.

In the field of soccer at OU, there has been one individual who *did* make pros here when he signed Dec. 15 with the Detroit Rockers of the NPSL (National



OU Athletic Department

Linda Krawford, a Pioneer from 1980-83, took her talents Europe.

Professional Soccer League). Midfielder Dominic Scicluna (1990-92) who left the Pioneers in his senior year, was the first Pioneer to make the American pros in any sport. While playing sparingly for the Rockers, he is *there*.

Scicluna said he wasn't surprised he got drafted although he did have to try out. It did help a that he knew the coach since he (Scicluna) since he was a kid.

"With the higher level of competition at this level I'm just biding my time looking for my chance," Scicluna said. "But I think I enjoy it more because it's a faster paced game. And although I don't get the playing time I do make a point to practice hard."

But when the soccer season is over, Scicluna said he plans on returning to finish school. "Because," he said it helps better focus my game.

Out on the diamond, Matt Byrd, a right-handed hurler for the men's baseball team from 1990-93, is hoping to catch on with a big league team. Byrd, who compiled a 6-3 record with a 1.91 ERA for the Pioneers in his senior year, led the team with 60 strikeouts.

He was signed as a free agent by the Atlanta Braves organization at the end of his senior year.

At present he is playing single

"A" ball for the Durham Bulls (of movie fame). Byrd is another patiently waiting his shot.

"I might give it a few years and see how things go," he said.

"Hopefully, next year I'll move up to North Carolina and who knows from there."

While there isn't a professional outlet for swimming, the Olympics are probably as big time as you can get without making any money (outside of sponsorships).

Hilton Woods, an OU All-American from 1988-90 was a member of the 1988 Netherland-Antilles Olympic team and also won a bronze medal in the Pan-American Games.

Mark Vandermeij (1985-88) and Nancy Schermer (1985-88), both Wall of Honor inductees, were two of OU's greatest swimmers of all time. While not making the team, both swam at the 1988 Olympic trials.

Currently, for the Pioneers, junior Dario DiFazio the 1994 NCAA II Men's Diver of the Year, was also a member of the 1992 Venezuela Olympic team.

So, the next time you hear any of these names, while they may not have necessarily made pro, appreciate the fact that they tried and most importantly that they went to Oakland.

OU intramurals

Volleyball Standings

Coed

Dolphins II	4 - 0
Dead Frog	4 - 0
Spike Row	4 - 0
Fully Tweaked	3 - 1
Dorkballs	3 - 1
Terminators	3 - 1
Team Sasquatch	2 - 2
Service with a Smile	2 - 2
Hot Shots	2 - 2
AKY	2 - 2
Hedge Hogs	2 - 2
Five & Up	1 - 3
The Stokers	1 - 3
Fun Dip	1 - 3
All Night Long	1 - 3
The Elites	1 - 3

Men

Dolphins I	2 - 0
Dig this	2 - 0
Flaming Bloated Gypsies	1 - 1
P.B. & J.	1 - 1
Just Players Again	1 - 1
Spikes-n-Aces	0 - 3

Tues., March 22,

Dorkballs def. Fun Dip 15-10, 15-13.

Team Sasquatch def. Service with a Smile 15-5, 16-14.

AKY def. Hot Shots by forfeit.

Terminators def. The Stokers 15-9, 16-18, 16-14.

Dead Frogs def. All Night Long by forfeit.

Dolphins II def. Hedge Hogs 16-14, 15-2.

Spike Row def. The Elites 15-1, 15-7.

Fully Tweaked def. 5 & Up 15-4, 15-12.

Thurs., March 24,

Hot Shots def. 5 & Up 15-3, 15-8.

Service w/ a Smile def. The Stokers 9-15, 15-8, 15-11.

Terminators def. All Night Long by forfeit.

Spike Row def. AKY 15-8, 15-10.

Hedge Hogs def. Fun Dip 11-15, 15-10, 15-10.

Dead Frogs def. Team Sasquatch 12-15, 15-6, 15-7.

Dolphins II def. Dorkballs 2-15, 15-1, 18-16.

Fully Tweaked def. The Elites by forfeit.

Wed., March 23,

Flaming Bloated Gypsies def. Spikes & Aces 15-7, 15-3.

Dig This def. P.B. & J. 7-15, 15-4, 15-6.

Dolphins I def. Just Players Again 15-4, 15-12.

-Stats and results compiled by Wendy Gerstenschlager

New

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batted in with 29. Lyon said that Kretschmer has really settled down to play solid defense at the hot corner. "He's probably the one legitimate power hitter we have." Sophomore Brian Lemons will back him up.

In the outfield, Lyon is not deep but will rotate four players:

- **Right field**-Senior Ron Zill "who does everything well" will be Lyon's everyday rightfielder. Zill batted .378 in '93 with three dingers and 25 RBI.

- **Centerfield**-Freshman Jason Paul (Utica Eisenhower) starts in center. Lyon is impressed by his Paul's running and throwing ability, said "he gets a great jump on the ball".

- **Leftfield**-In left, freshman Sean McDonald (Madison Heights Lamphere) will share duties with junior Mike Armstrong. "Armstrong is the quicker," Lyon said, "whereas McDonald is a big, lanky 6-4 hitter, basically another Ron Zill. "He's just raw," Merriman said alluding to McDonald.

Lyon has three spots in the starting rotation filled:

- Senior righty Ralph Muglia and junior righty Jason Edwards are

the Pioneers "bread and butter" with sophomore right-hander Tim Hellebuyck the number three starter.

"Muglia is a power pitcher with a good fastball great control," Lyon said.

"Edwards, on the other hand is more of a finesse with a good breaking pitch," he said. "He's probably got the best straight change-up on the staff."

Lyon foresees the fourth spot as up for grabs probably between two freshmen, Fritz Coyo (Grosse Pointe South) and Eric Carlson (Clarkston).

- Out of the bullpen, Lyon projects frosh righty Chris Priebe (Clintondale) as his closer, with ample support from senior Jeff Plank, juniors Brian Downs and Bob Michalak and freshmen Aaron Phillips (Clarkston) and Derek Wiley (redshirted from Clarkston).

If pitching is 50 percent of the game as Connie Mack once said, Lyon knows the Pioneers will only go "as far as our pitchers take us."

"We have a young group of catchers who are still learning the game that's why it's nice to have a Muglia or Edwards who have such good control," Lyon said.

"But we can be competitive with Ferris State (who won the conference last year) and Saginaw Valley State who, in my talking to other coaches, arguably has the most talent this year," Lyon said.

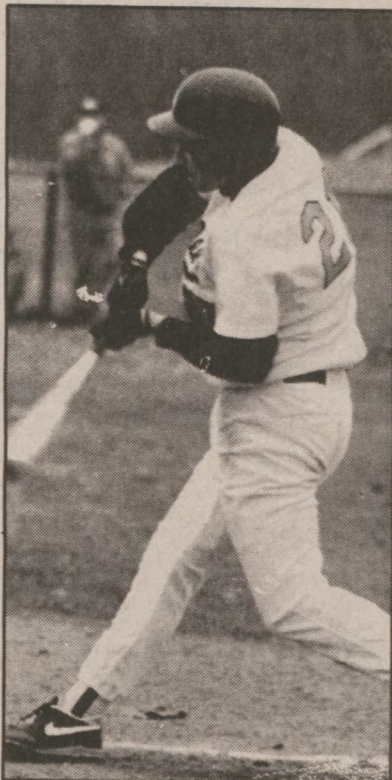


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Junior shortstop Ted Allesie

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Laces

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also played a lot of USTA tournaments."

Jeffrey said she was looking to build a strong team when she recruited Kennedy who still had her doubts.

"At first she was a little iffy when she got here but I think she likes tennis now," Jeffrey said.

Although Kennedy says she had Northwood University in mind (who also wanted her) because of its strong business curriculum, she decided upon OU because it was closer to home.

At Walled Lake Western, Kennedy played number one singles all four years, was team captain during her sophomore, junior and senior years and was voted MVP as a junior and senior. In addition, she was on the volleyball team as a freshman and sophomore.

Currently the sports-minded Kennedy, who attends Oakland on a partial scholarship, plays number three singles and number one doubles. She's ranked the third best player and top freshman on the Pioneers, behind senior Lisa Bielenda and junior Jennifer Graham. This is a pretty good accomplishment for someone who used to balk at lacing up her tennies

every morning.

Since its first spring match on Feb. 28 on Hilton Head Island in South Carolina, the team has netted some good wins.

OU beat three out of four teams from Ohio and Nebraska, losing only to the women netters from Ohio's Xavier University.

"It was our spring trip...the first time an OU women's tennis team took a spring trip," Kennedy said. "We did it for the weather and to play a little tennis against other teams."

This is Kennedy's first year with OU and she's off to a good start. For the '93 fall season which Jeffrey says is "conference time" and focuses on real competition, OU had an almost perfect 8-1 record, marred only by their loss to Ferris State College who went on to win the GLIAC championships. The team lost two players who quit after the fall semester and is down to six members but Jeffrey isn't concerned.

"In spring I don't schedule matches just to win 'em," she said. "Spring is a season to give us experience. As far as the record, I'm not as concerned with how we do."

But Jeffrey said she is really pleased how these girls are playing together.

Presently the team practices indoors at Rochester Hills Tennis and Swim Club but will soon

move outdoors to the courts on OU's campus "as soon as it gets 50 or above and we can put the nets outside," Jeffrey said.

Kennedy is more excited about her playing now and hopes to add some freshman fire to the spring season.

Two weeks ago she played in a quad singles match at Albion College and the team finished second out of four schools.

"We should finish out the season pretty good. We've played six schools so far and we're 3-3 right now," she said.

This summer as well as over the next four years Kennedy has set her sights on teaching tennis at either Franklin Racquet Club or Orchard Lake Country Club. Though she's an undecided major, she's courting the idea of combining a degree in business management with her now-favorite sport.

"I'll maybe manage a tennis place and teach too," she said.

But for the time being Kennedy says she likes experiencing the challenges and competition in a sport that lures her because it's more individual than team-oriented.

"I'll probably play the rest of my life," she laughed.

And enjoy it.

Kennedy and the rest of the Pioneers will next see action April 9 at home against Aquinas.

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