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## Decision to close university results from many factors

BY FLORI ROSENBERG  
Staff Writer

When students climb out of bed, force tired eyes open and glance out the window, their first thought upon viewing a scene reminiscent of the North Pole is usually, "I hope school's closed."

Ultimately, the news of OU closing comes from Robert McGarry, the vice-president of finance and administration. McGarry makes the decision with input from President Joseph Champagne and Director of Campus Facilities and Operations George Catton.

According to Laurie Strong, administrative assistant to McGarry, numerous factors aid McGarry when he's making the decision to close OU due to inclement weather.

The Weather Bureau informs him exactly how severe the problem is and how long it's expected to continue. McGarry also tries to determine how well major roads and parking lots can be cleared of snow and ice.

Administrators keep McGarry informed of important exams or campus events that should not be cancelled, Strong said.

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The Oakland Sail/Sharon LeMieux  
Junior Bill Caldwell stands to cheer the Pioneers, while the other painted and spirited members of 5 West Vandenberg look on. The cagers defeated Hillsdale College 90-81 Wednesday in Lepley. See the story on page 13.

## Phone system celebrates one year of mixed reaction at OU

BY WENDY WENDLAND  
Staff Writer

When the ROLM telephone system was first installed at OU last December, it was estimated to save time with its efficiency and money with its low rates.

Now, one year later, ROLM's productiveness is viewed with mixed reaction. Although a handful of administrators, secretaries and students are pleased with ROLM, many others are less than impressed, complaining of higher costs, difficulties in getting a line and long access codes.

"It's absolutely the biggest pain. I don't know any secretary or faculty who likes it," said Bonnie McNeill, a secretary in the department of modern languages and literature. "It was so easy before to pick up another line. Now I have to do four things, where before I did one."

"And the things they tell you to do when there's a problem -- half of them don't work."

"It's not the least bit consistent," said Pat Stoner, secretary to the Dean. "Sometimes a call will go through and other times it won't. It's hard to get outside lines. Plus, I can't tell if he's on the line unless I put my ear to the wall."

"I hate when you have to wait

three minutes when all the lines are busy," said sophomore Vasile Nagy. "If you mess up one number, you have to go back and dial the whole thing again, and that's 24 numbers. It's a real pain."

Before ROLM's installation, dorm students were charged the most expensive direct line rates for long distance calls. Now the system searches for the cheapest line to use, and then puts the call through.

If all the cheaper lines are busy, however, a student may have to wait three minutes for this to happen.

"Long distance charges have been significantly decreased," said Eleanor Lewellen, director of resident halls. "Savings have been up to 60 percent."

The only calls that dorm students pay more for are local calls. With the old system, the local calls were free. With ROLM, these same calls cost nine cents -- meaning a new expense for students who only make local calls.

When it comes to billing, students previously dealt directly with Michigan Bell, instead of the university. Therefore, if one student did not pay a bill, not only would that person's phone

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## Donating their time and gifts

## Organizations spread holiday cheer

BY SHARON LEMIEUX  
Photo Editor

In this season of good cheer, several student organizations are working diligently to brighten the holidays for many people of the greater Rochester and Pontiac areas.

One such student organization, the Association of Black Students, paid a visit last week to Havenwyck, a Pontiac home for abused children.

ABS, Area Hall Council Programming and RH Positive worked together for this community service, said Ellen Jones, ABS treasurer.

They helped the kids, ages 8-14, with arts and crafts; decorating cookies and making paper chains. They also sang Christmas carols together, and Santa Claus even made an appearance.

When asked what they wanted for Christmas, Jones said, "Most kids were talking about cars, walkman. One third grader wanted a doll."

Although they did not ask the children, Jones remarked, "Some were talking about spending Christmas at home."

Student Activity Board funded most of the cost of the trip to Havenwyck, which cost between \$80 and \$90.

"The experience was great," said Jones. "We're thinking about making it an annual thing."

Another student organization, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, held their fourth annual Canned Food Drive during the month of November.

The efforts of AKA and their donors provided Thanksgiving dinners for three large Pontiac families.

Sonya Rogers, president of AKA, said, "AKA teens (from Pontiac High School) went door to door to collect cans."

With the help of their alumni chapter, AKA is planning a "Toys for Tots" charity drive for December.

AKA does not limit itself to holiday charity. "We've gone to a Pontiac nursing home," Rogers said. "Helping others out -- it's a part of our community service goals."

Delta Sigma Theta, another public-service minded sorority, sponsored a clothing drive during October.

Robynn Diamond, president of the sorority, said, "The clothes went to the Pontiac New Haven Domestic Shelter Home for battered women and children."

"We did get a lot of donations," she added. They left

boxes at the Vandenberg and Hamlin desks, and in South Foundation and the OC.

The sorority plans to hold another public service charity, (See Charities, page 6)

## Congress considers extending budget three weeks into '86

BY KIM DIEHR  
Staff Writer

University Congress will consider two important issues, the extension of the 1985 budget and a by-law amendment, at its final meeting to be held tonight at 5 p.m.

President Mike Carbone proposed the Carbone Resolution, which would extend this semester's budget three weeks into next term. This would give the Financial Assistant authorization to spend up to \$2,000 of the 1985 unbudgeted funds to cover congressional accounts until the new budget can be approved.

This resolution will give the new Congress purchasing power in case an emergency arises, like the faculty strike this Fall.

The Marciniak/Jezewski By-Law Amendment would change

the current by-law which deals with the salaries of executives.

As it reads now, the by-law states that the executive staff shall be "remunerated for their services." It also states that the president shall submit an itemized staff budget, which is subject to Congressional approval.

The proposed by-law change would list the executives' salaries, and officially would state the number of hours for which an executive can be paid during the Spring/Summer terms.

The basic reason for the change is to remove the itemized list from the presidential budget, which is submitted by the president at the beginning of each term, and also to provide a written listing of how much the executive staff earns.

Congress also reviewed a proposal to combine the Student Activity Board executive position

with that of the Financial Assistant.

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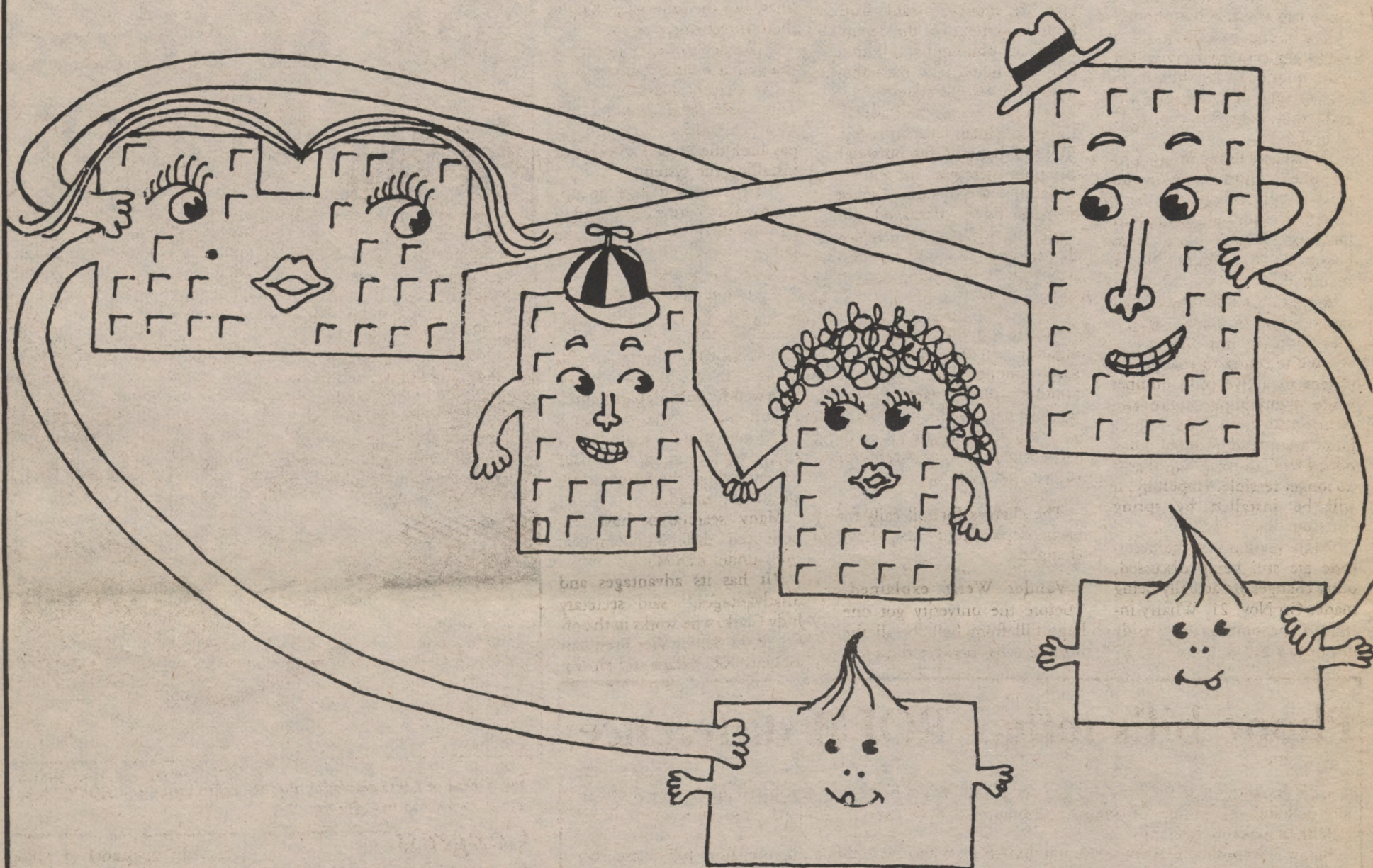
## Registration for '86 Winter semester set to begin Jan. 6

Winter registration will be held for OU undergraduate and graduate students on Jan. 6, 1986 from 8:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the OC.

Late registration for on-campus classes only runs from 8:30 a.m. Jan. 8 through Jan. 20, in the Registration Office, 100 O'Dowd Hall. Late registration hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays.



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## Phones

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privileges be cut off, but also for everyone else who shared a phone with that person. Now, delinquent bill payers are the only sufferers.

Judy Wharry, director of office automation and telecommunications, said, "If you were rooming with a student who didn't pay their bill last spring, that bill would carry over to the fall and winter semesters.

"Now if someone doesn't pay their bill, only that person's access code is cut off from the terminal and everyone else in that room can still use the phone."

The access code is a set of twelve digits that each dorm student is assigned for their entire stay at OU. It is through this code that individual billing is recorded.

"I haven't heard of any problems with students breaking the twelve digit code," said Lewellen. "But some codes have been jeopardized by students giving out their access codes to friends."

According to Wharry, a new system with a shorter access code may be in the near future.

"We're trying to change the system to a five code number while maintaining service and security. But right now I don't know when it will happen. I had hoped by Christmas, but that is no longer feasible. Hopefully, it will be installed by spring semester."

While revisions in the access code are still being discussed, other changes are actually being made. On Nov. 21, Wharry increased the number of outside lines from 130 to 135.

The phone department also should be receiving software sometime this spring which will make it possible for them to convert students' bills from DDT rates to the less expensive ones instantaneously, enabling them to cut students' access codes from the terminal once students exceed their \$25 limit.

In addition to students, most departments have experienced changes because of the switch to ROLM. Most departments have experienced increases in their rates since ROLM's installation.

"I thought it was supposed to save us money," said Ruth Rounds, secretary of the department of philosophy. "Phone bills are higher now than they were with the old system."

Nancy Vander Werff, however, a financial analyst, feels ROLM's benefits far outweigh the price increases.

Vander Werff said, "Fixed charges have increased for academic departments because they have increased their level of service by eliminating shared lines."

Before ROLM, faculty in separate departments had to share phone lines with one another. Now, each faculty member has an individual phone and line. This increase in equipment raised the fixed charges for most departments.

The charges for toll calls for each department also have changed.

Vander Werff explained, "Before the university got one large bill from Bell for all the campus calls. Because there was

no way of telling what calls each department made, the bill was divided up and shared. Some departments were undercharged, some were overcharged."

Some departments experienced an increase in charges for other reasons.

Departments were already using foreign exchange lines before ROLM's installation, and were billed accordingly.

Foreign exchange lines are cheaper than direct line service. Under ROLM, these departments still use the foreign exchange lines, along with other discount lines, but the university charges them direct line rates.

"The departments are being charged at their actual rate plus a five percent mark-up," said Thomas Evans, controller. "The idea behind the mark-up is to pay back the \$1,800,058 cost of installing the system."

"If the interest rates go up, the pay back period (estimated to end in three years) may take longer. Right now, the interest rates are going down."

According to Wharry, the university is ahead in its repayment schedule.

"At the end of the repayment period, fixed charges will be reviewed for each department," said Evans. "There may be a desire to maintain some sort of charge for a fund, so if we have to ever change the system again we will be ahead."

Many secretaries have experienced different complications under ROLM.

"It has its advantages and disadvantages," said secretary Judy Clark, who works in the office of the Senior Vice-President for University Affairs and Provost

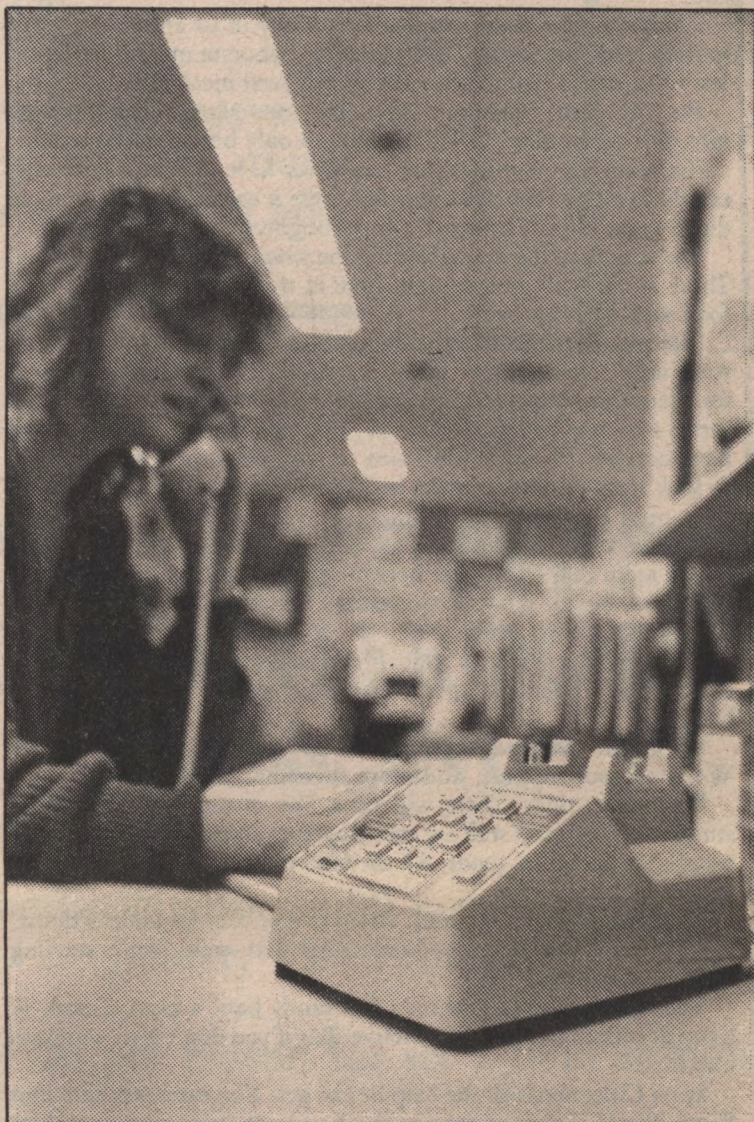
Keith Kleckner.

"The old system had lighted buttons on each phone so I could see who was on the phone. Now to do this I have to get up and peek around the corner. Getting up takes time. I think the system still has a few bugs. Once in a while when you transfer a call, it gets lost."

"Everyone is still going through a transition," said Wharry. "People are used to phones with lots of buttons and lights. Half the people love the

system, and half of the people hate it because it lacks buttons and lights.

"I like ROLM much better," she continued. "It's faster, and when someone calls on campus with a problem, we can see who is calling and from where, while before we had to go to a book and look up the number. Plus, I can make software changes by myself, which is faster than sending Bell out and it saves money."



*The Oakland Sail/Gary Molnar*  
Sandy Vink, a CIPO employee, uses the controversial new ROLM phone system in her day to day work.

## Phone bills reflect ROLM difference

Each department at OU receives a telephone bill for a different amount based on their service. Service includes the number of phones and lines each department has, along with the number of toll calls they make each month.

Below is a random selection of several departments and their phone expenses from July-September 1984 and 1985.

Department	1984			1985			change
	lines	phones	bill	lines	phones	bill	
Chemistry	20	32	\$2,414	37	36	\$4,092	\$1,678
English	15	22	\$1,418	21	21	\$1,751	\$332
Honor's College	2	2	\$283	2	2	\$198	\$85*
Math. Sci.	25	37	\$2,062	38	36	\$3,418	\$1,356
Modern Languages	11	21	\$1,261	22	22	\$1,781	\$519
Philosophy	3	6	\$446	6	6	\$592	\$146
Political Science	14	17	\$1,488	20	18	\$1,767	\$278
Psychology	18	22	\$1,795	32	21	\$3,021	\$1,226

Figures are approximate.

\*Indicates a reduction between 1984 and 1985 charges.

## Time extension between classes proposed

BY KIM DIEHR  
Staff Writer

Presented to the Faculty Senate at its Dec. 5 meeting was a proposal to change the break time between classes from eight to thirteen minutes.

Last March, the Handicapped Awareness Committee presented a report to the University Congress recommending the change

in those classes held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

This new system would give handicapped students more time to travel from class to class.

It has not yet been determined if the change would effect work contracts.

The Registrar's Office must now consider the proposal, and discuss possible problems in scheduling classes.

If implemented, the new times would most likely go into effect next fall.

### Editor's Note:

The Oakland Sail is sponsoring a canned food drive. People wishing to donate can drop off food in a box outside the Sail office, 36 OC.

## Congress

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The basic reason for the change is efficiency. The stumbling block appears to be the loss of one Campus Activity Award, which comes from CIPO, if the two were combined.

A final decision is not expected until next year.

At the Nov. 25 Congress meeting, the main topic of conversation also centered around awards and scholarships.

The Student Life Scholarships, which are awarded to incoming freshman, are being looked at for changes.

The scholarship was originally developed as a recruiting tool to get people to reside in the dorms. To qualify, "Lifers" must live on campus.

To be eligible, a student must be an incoming freshman, who was active in high school, and who has a grade point average of 3.0.

An award of \$1,000 is made per academic year, and the student can continue to receive the award as long as he/she passes the renewal process.

It is this renewal process which is being looked at seriously.

"It's a joke," said Frank Marciniak, the steering committee chair. "All you have to do is get

(a resident assistant) or some other Bozo to sign it (the renewal form)."

Part of the problem is that it is hard to distinguish between active and inactive.

All that is required is that a "Lifer" must be involved in two continuous activities. This could include hanging up posters on bulletin boards twice a year.

"The process is much too lax," said Keith Faber, the committee and elections coordinator.

One suggestion made to improve the system was an extra letter of recommendation from a university administrator.

Also, it was suggested that the peer committee, which oversees the applications for renewal, contain a faculty and administration personnel.

Another sore point with Congress members is that there is nothing equivalent to the Student Life Scholarship available for commuters.

It was suggested that those scholarships which are not renewed, be offered to commuters.

The Student Life Scholarship is the most costly scholarship on campus. Oakland spent a total of \$420,000 this year on the awards.

Nothing is settled at this point, and input on the issue will continue to be accepted.



# EDITORIAL

## While we celebrate others could starve

Santa Claus doesn't always stop at everyone's house on Christmas Eve.

As the holiday season approaches, many of us are buying gifts, getting ready for parties, and planning elaborate meals—while the less fortunate are wondering where their next meal will come from.

For the poor Christmas time does not always mean getting gifts and celebrating. Often, the season only brings colder weather and a yearning for things they can never have. There is little they can do to change the situation. But there is something that *you* can do to make their Christmas a little brighter.

We're not talking about feeding the whole world, or even Africa. There are starving people right here in the Detroit area that need food and clothing badly.

Lately we hear all about the droughts and famines in foreign countries; and, sometimes we get so wrapped up in doing good deeds for them that we neglect the poor in our own country. The United States may not be a poor country, but that doesn't mean that we have no poor. In our enthusiasm to help out others we often fail to look right under our noses and see the starving in our own area who need our help just as much.

We know that you've heard all these pleas before, and sometimes it may seem that all we ever hear during the holiday season is *give, give, give*. But we must also remember that the fact that we are able to give is a gift in itself.

You don't have to give a lot. If everyone gives just a little, many of the area's poor will spend Christmas a little warmer and less hungry.

We at *The Oakland Sail* want to help—but we can't do it alone. We need your support, and more than that your donations.

Beginning today, there will be a box outside the *Sail* where students, faculty and staff are encouraged to donate canned and non-perishable packaged goods. All the food we receive will go to a local agency for the needy.

Some may say that they can't afford to give. But for under a dollar, you can get a can of soup or vegetables that could feed a starving child on Christmas day.

You might have to give up a few candy bars, a glass of pop, or a cup of coffee, but you won't starve. But if you don't give, someone else may.

Santa Claus needs all the help he can get. You can make sure that Santa doesn't forget to stop at the homes of those who need him the most.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Angry representative believes 'Sail' misinterprets congress

Dear Editor:

Although I agree you have the right to editorial comments, I wish you would base your opinions on facts. Your recent editorial, *Validation of election a congressional farce*, was not based on facts. I would agree with you that the validation committee did validate the election, congress suspended two guidelines, and that the election's time constraints were not met.

In your editorial you say "Congress can break the rules again." I ask you to inform me of the rules broken by congress, seeing as though the validations committee is not connected in any way with congress. I wonder whether you realize that the validation committee was composed of two administrators, two faculty members and two students (a congressman and

an editor of the *Sail*). Congress has not broken any rules.

As for your point of suspending the guidelines, Congress had little choice. In our constitution article 4, section 6, it states "...elections shall be held the second Monday and the following Tuesday and Wednesday in November..." To change our constitution takes a campus wide referendum and this was not possible in the time constraints we were faced with. The only alternative was to amend the election guidelines. In doing so one guideline was overlooked, which turned out to be our only mistake.

As far as your point about many potential candidates missing the chance to run, the number of signatures needed on a petition is very easy to obtain and should not have prohibited candidates from running. There

were no possible candidates for President that did not return a petition because they did not get enough signatures in the limited time frame.

There was ample opportunity to voice opinions. One presidential candidate turned down an opportunity to debate at a noon time program and another did not decide to run until a few days before the election.

Congress, I can assure you, is trustworthy and can monitor itself. I do hope that the same can be said for the *Sail* and the "factual information it presents to the students."

Sincerely:

Matthew Tomilo  
Congressmember

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

The *Sail* staff member on the validations committee voted to invalidate the election.

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## THE BARN IS OPEN AGAIN

The lower level of the Barn is now open from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.\* Monday - Friday, and will be throughout the winter semester.

If you need a place to study or a *warm* place to eat lunch and relax, come over to the Barn! The Barn is supported by your donation to the "Students for the Village" at registration.

\*Subject to change.



## Charities

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"Cans for Hand." Proceeds will go to funding for mechanical hands, according to Diamond.

Theta Chi fraternity, also involved with community service, sponsored "Rappin' With Santa."

Santa went to the Arts, Craft and Gift show in the OC Wednesday, and the men's and women's basketball games, also Wednesday.

Donators had their picture taken with Santa for one dollar; Theta Chi, in turn, matched each dollar collected, according to President Michael Young.

"Donations were \$75, and we matched \$75," Young said.

## Irish Studies class offers journey to Ireland for credits

BY ROBERT RAIBLE  
Staff Writer

For students who always wanted to visit the Emerald Isle, OU's new Study Abroad Program in Ireland offers students the opportunity.

In cooperation with the University of Detroit, OU will offer "Irish Studies in the West," a six-week course studying the history, literature and culture of Ireland. Students will receive eight credits for the course.

The course lasts from May 10 to June 20, and costs \$1,950. An additional \$603 is needed for the round-trip air fare from Detroit.

For further information, contact Margaret Pigott, co-director, at 370-4131.

Theta Chi also is involved with other community service work, such as the help they give annually to senior citizens of Greater Rochester.

"We clear up yards and put on storm windows (in September and October)," said Young.

Young also commented that during the fall Red Cross Blood Drive, Theta Chi helped to unload, set-up and tear down.

## Closings

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Once the decision to close the university has been made, Public Safety is informed, said Jim Llewellyn, senior editor of campus publications.

Public Safety, Llewellyn explained, then calls the State Police Lane Network, using a university code number to prove the call is not a prank. Llewellyn claimed that most local radio and television stations subscribe to the Network and can broadcast closings immediately.

For example, a spokesperson for WCZY said morning show host Dick Purtan would announce any closings throughout his time slot, beginning at 5:30 a.m.

"One weekend a month, we work closely with St. John Fisher Chapel and go to work at soup kitchens. We peel potatoes or hand out doughnuts," Young stated.

Theta Chi is planning a Super Dance (a 12-hour marathon) fund raiser for march.

The fraternity intends to raise \$20,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Young said.

In addition to radio announcements, many administrators receive news of cancellations over the phone. Llewellyn said that the vice-presidents of each area are responsible for informing co-workers of closings.

As for resident students, the news is announced by resident assistants, who are informed by head residents, who, in turn, are informed by Eleanor Lewellen, director of resident halls.

Students not wishing to drive out here only to discover the university is closed can find out about closings through a recorded message on the general line at 370-2100, Llewellyn added.

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## Calendar of Events for the month of DECEMBER

Tuesdays at Noon, Varner Recital Hall

Dec. 3 Leslie Wills, organ - works by Bach

David Rogers, lute - works by Kapsberger and Piccinini

Connie Boos, organ - works by Bach and Mendelssohn

Missy Wolff, vocal - works by Maltby, Jr., Shire, Sondheim, Styne, Conden and Green

Dec. 10 Susan Harden, french horn - works by Bozza

Jazz Quintet

Jazz Guitar Ensemble - Steve Carryer, Director

Each Tuesday at noon the Oakland University Department of Music, Theatre and Dance offers a variety of musical, theatre and dance programs featuring faculty, students and area artists. These programs are open to the public at no charge. Come to the Recital Hall on the second floor in Varner Hall on Oakland's campus.



# FEATURES

## Holiday shows brighten theater season

BY K.J. JONES  
Staff Writer

A burst of local theater openings will continue for the next week, but a least four area theaters already have shows off and running.

The State Fair Theatre's opening is the least seasonal among the lot, but it's worth looking into mostly because it's the Detroit premiere of Christopher Durang's caustic *Sister Mary Ignatius Explains it All for You*. Durang's controversial one-act is billed along with *The Actor's Nightmare*.

The latter might better be titled *The Accountant's Nightmare* because lanky office-type George Spelvin (played by Randall Godwin) finds himself trapped on stage ad-libbing his way through Coward, Beckett and *A Man for All Seasons*.

The high schoolish sets serve as a reminder of how far the State Fair has to go, but such are the trappings of young theaters.

*The Actor's Nightmare* manages to be perfect stuff for the troupe because of the light university flippancy involved. The premise is a great opportunity for Durang's kind of in-jokes. There's a comic quality that isn't tainted here, as *Sister Mary* is, by viciousness.

Randall Godwin is fitfully neurotic for Durang's play. The

direction is by Gregory Bowman.

As directed by Kent Martin, *Sister Mary Ignatius Explains it All for You* moves slowly as a result of what seemed like an unready cast opening night. The production is bound to get better with time.

Nancy W. Sortor, who was so good as the Mother Superior in Grosse Pointe Theatre's *Agnes of God* earlier this year, plays the headstrong, misguided Sister Mary Ignatius. With time, Sortor is sure to settle nicely into her role.

The play, which the Birmingham Theatre nixed last year because of public protest, isn't painfully anti-Catholic: it's just Durang's schoolboy way of telling jokes. Admittedly, his play gets messy and heavy handed by the end.

Durang's gift is that those schoolboy jokes are aimed not at one audience, but at many. When he has Sister Mary Ignatius include Betty Comden and Brooke Shields on a list of people who are going straight to hell, he's talking to two different audiences.

Sean Farley is a kick as Thomas, Sister Mary's brainwashed student who recites commandments on command (he's rewarded with cookies).

Both plays run through Dec. 21 on the State Fairgrounds along Woodward Avenue. Call

961-7908.

Elsewhere, the fare is decidedly seasonal.

The Theatre Company at the University of Detroit is treading on a cherished American mind-set called *The Wizard of Oz*. The 1939 film is so much a part of our pop culture that staging it is dangerous business.

This mounting offers kids and animals, plus a whole lot of smoke and fireworks and snow and special effects. The Munchkins are played by a bunch of local kids, Toto is a real dog (who we're supposed to believe is shoved into Dorothy's basket throughout the play) and, heck, there's real dwarf involved. One gets the feeling that if the script called for nuns and orphans, director Arthur J. Beer would have the real thing.

The show is excessive with its flying two-by-fours and mailboxes (Dorothy gets whunked on the head by an airborne mailbox).

This show might work if there was less emphasis on spectacle and more interest in what makes this phenomenon work: the characters, the feeling. There's a lot of weird depth in the merry old Land of Oz but we don't see it because we're forced to watch every inch within the proscenium for staging gimmicks.

Anita Barone, John Puchalski, David Leidholdt and Dana Gammara make appealing Oz-seekers and only Mary Bremer seems to deviate from the film in character. As The Wicked Witch, she acts more like a Sid and Marty Krofft creation than Margaret Hamilton, which is welcomed. Marty Klebba is fun as the Munchkin Mayor and the Monkey King.

Sadly missing from the program are the music/lyric credits. E.Y. Harburg and Harold Arlen

wrote that famous film score.

Ultimately mishandled as a show with any appeal to adults, it's probably great fun for kids and will create a box-office boon for the company. Good for them.

It runs through next weekend at the troupe's Marygrove location. Call 927-1130.

Meadow Brook Theatre returns *A Christmas Carol* to its boards again this year and the produc-

tion fares well, as ever. Charles Nolte's adaptation is wild to watch with all the smoke and eerie Dickensian doings.

The feeling of Christmas is injected into even the staunchest of holiday-haters. After all, it's a hard show to hate.

It's a good getaway from studying for finals and student discounts are often available. Don't blink, though, because this is

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J. Luke Huber and Booth Colman recreate their roles as Tiny Tim and Ebenezer Scrooge in Meadow Brook Theatre's production of Dicken's classic, *A Christmas Carol*, which will run until Dec. 29 at Meadow Brook Theatre. This is a favorite of theater goers, don't miss it!

## Salvation Army store offers unique bargains for shoppers

BY TIM MARINE  
Staff Writer

One needn't be a veteran bargain hunter to spy the real Christmas steals at a Salvation Army Thrift Store.

Yet, a recent visit to their Warren branch makes one wonder where the mob of holiday shoppers are.

For families unprepared for large holiday dinners with the family, there were plates at 60 cents each.

For those who can't afford the food processor Mom wants, there's the Shetland Deluxe Blender for \$7.50. It chops, it whips, it blends.

For the Italian mother, there's the pasta maker, made out of

sturdy plastic for 95 cents. That includes molds for four kinds of pasta.

For that fashionable dinner hostess, there's the Crown Fondue Deep Fryer for \$5.50. This gadget started the fried cheese trend.

For the photography buff, there's an assortment of cameras, from a Kodak Instamatic to a Polaroid "Big Swinger," running from a dollar on up. Beware of rusty shutters, though.

For the art enthusiast, there's a variety of paintings and pictures, between \$1-2. No poker-playing dogs on black velvet, thank you.

For the religious naturalist, there's the Ten Commandments on a piece of bark for a buck. At a dime a dictum, it's a steal.

For the music lover, there's old Frank Sinatra, Johnny Cash, and some 78s going back to Thomas Edison's day. All cheaper than the latest Madonna single.

For the follower of political fashion, there's a Russian fur cap, just like the one Mikhail Gorbachev wore at Geneva, for \$3.50 or 50 rubles. It guarantees membership in the Communist party, comrade.

For the salesman in the family, there's an assortment of ties. The only thing they match is some of the belts on an adjoining rack.

And for the adventurous holiday drinker, there's a glass with every drink recipe known to man. After a day hunting these holiday bargains, I could sure use one.



Jonathon Round, as Kris Kringle and Kelly Boczek, as Susan Miller star in *Miracle on 34th Street*, a Christmas favorite. The show is at Actors Alliance Theatre Company and runs through Jan. 4. A great show to take the whole family to for a special Christmas treat.



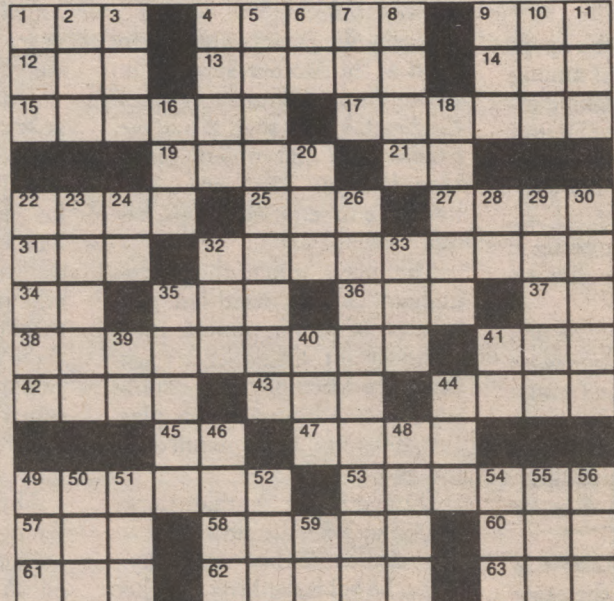


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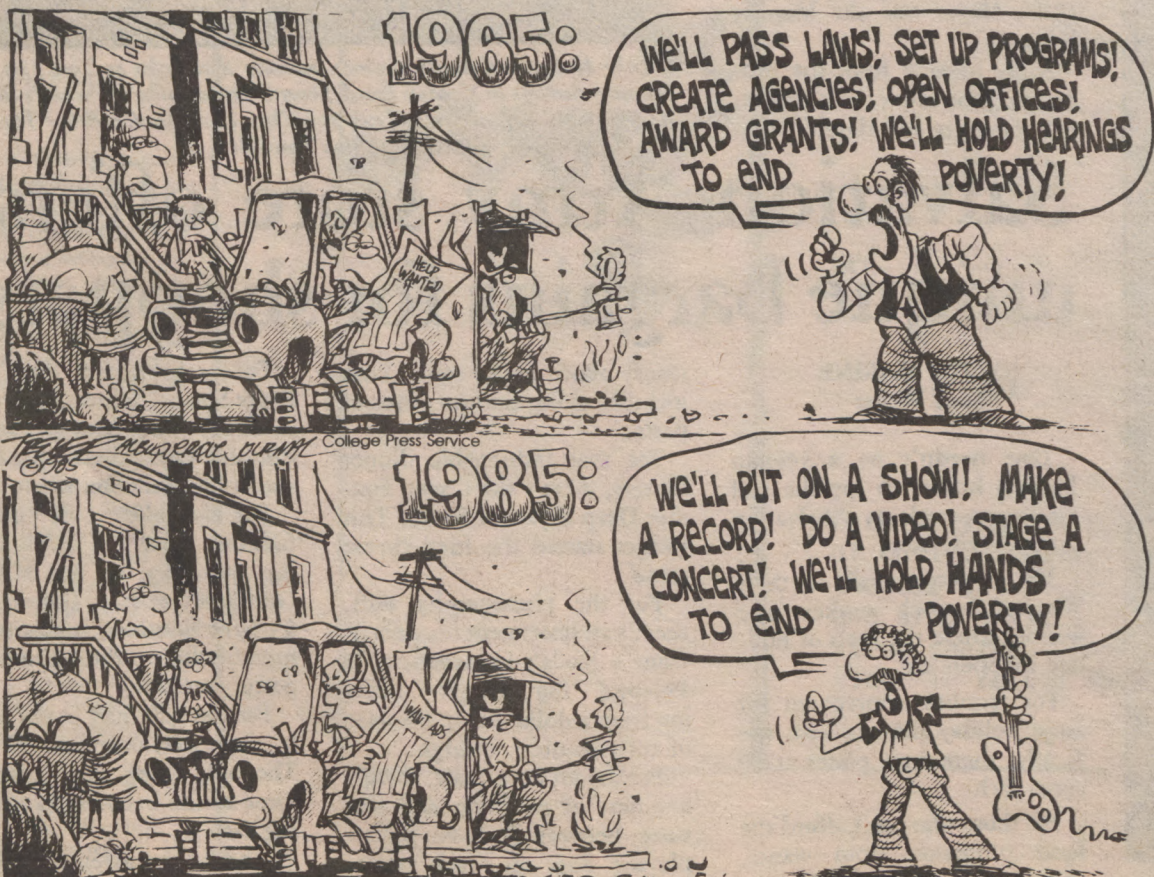


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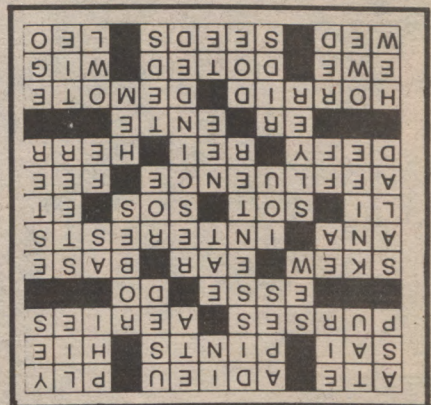
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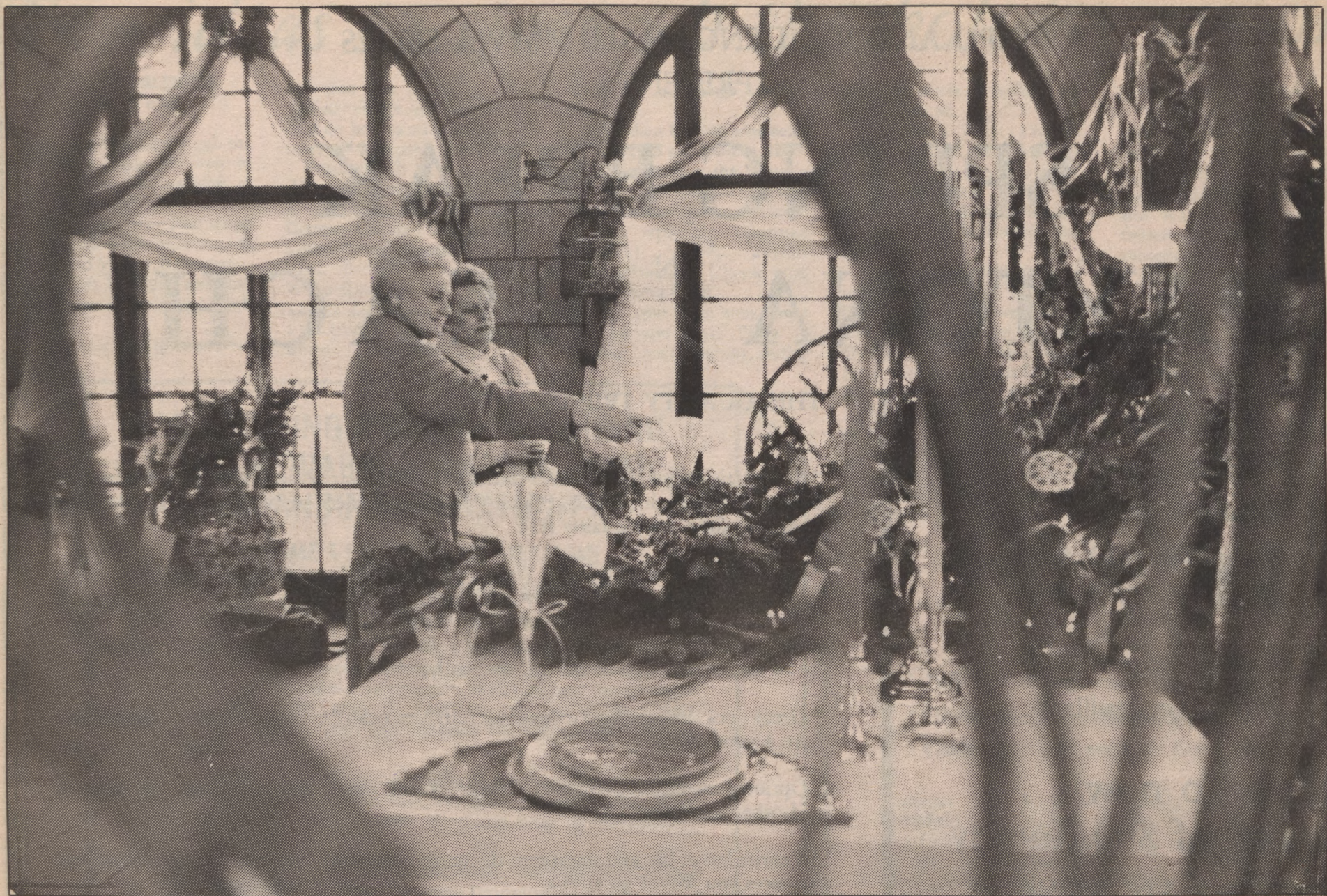
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## ANSWERS







At the 15th Annual Meadow Brook Hall Christmas Walk, Millie Kromptick (left) and Polly Patereck view the modern decorations displayed in the manor's garden room.

# Scottish touch highlights hall

BY KEVIN PATTERSON  
Special Writer

In the tradition of earlier Victorian and Gallic Christmas walks, Meadow Brook Hall delivers up a dreamy "Bagpiper's Christmas." The tudor mansion is bedecked and bedazzling with Scottish flavor.

The red and green of dozens of holiday poinsettias mirror the color of the Scots plaid running through the place—from a life size mechanical bagpiper in a flock of cuddly sheep at the top of the grand staircase, to the 12-foot tree at the bottom.

There are more attractive

sights and smells here than you can shake a Scots thistle at. The special influence of each designer is seen in thousands of little touches. A bathmat in the shape of a black Scotty dog with Scotty stickers on the walls adorns a bathroom. The windowsills in the library sport scaled down Christmas trees decorated with angels-turned kilted lasses.

The 15th annual Christmas walk has come a long way from the fundraiser's early days.

"More people come now per day than our entire first total in 1970," Special Project Director Marilyn Brooks says proudly.

The huge number of patrons hasn't come to the hall by accident. Year after year, its volunteers and now 42 contributing florists and exhibitors have maintained their reputation for yuletide excellence.

While it's a certainty that nearly every one of the Wilson mansion's hundred-plus rooms will be lavishly decorated, the theme presented is always a pleasant surprise.

Local and far-flung tourists come back to view how this creative challenge is met year after year. It's volunteer staff and designers have likewise turned the Christmas Walk into an artform.

The mansion is an aesthetic masterpiece of old-world craftsmanship. There's something for everyone at MBH's "Bagpiper's Christmas."

Even Santa Claus can be found at child-sized Knole Cottage. This winter dream continues through Dec. 15. Call 370-3140 for details.

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White and red poinsettias make an interesting Christmas tree in the Meadow Brook library. The Hall hopes to usher 50,000 people through the Wilson home this year.



A visit to the Christmas Walk has been a standing tradition in the Corrigan family for the last five years. Dannielle, (far left) her brother Joshua and their dad Dennis take a closer look at the wafer and candy made Scottish castle in the foyer.



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# Fun ideas to spice up the holiday season

BY PATTY BLENKLE  
Staff Writer

Feel like dashing through the snow after finals are over, or maybe Christmas carolling to raise the spirits?

Have horses draw your sleigh through snow-covered streets at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Hear sleigh bells ring and after the ride, tour one of the historic homes.

With American Christmas' of

the past the theme at the 240-acre village, you'll catch the drift on how to celebrate in the true, old-fashioned way.

Frankenmuth is a treat all through the year, but Christmas is definitely special. The German-American community is located 22 miles north of Flint. Visit Bronner's Christmas Wonderland for all sorts of Yuletide decorations. Bronner's is a enormous department store where a kaleidoscope of

Christmas trimmings can be found.

More than 100,000 ornaments are sold each year. After a day of shopping, dine at the Bavarian Inn. Try some German food such as Christmas stollen (fruitnut bread), spaetzle (German noodles), and kartoffelkaeseknoedel (cheese and potato dumplings).

Skate your s... away at the ever-popular Hart Plaza in Detroit. Open every day, skating

is free and skates are available for rental at \$2.50.

Take in a play. Charles Dicken's classic, "A Christmas Carol," can be seen at Meadow Brook Theatre through December 15. It still has the power to charm both adults and children.

Really get in the holiday mood and go carolling. Dec. 2 through Dec. 24 meet downtown at 11:30 a.m. each weekday on Fort and Shelby. Sing your way through the streets of downtown Detroit. Refreshments will be provided.

Not normally a winter activity, the Detroit Zoo offers seasonal fun all its own. The seals and penguins are sure to be in top performance during their

favorite time of the year.

Go tobogganing—where it's downhill all the way. It is available at no charge at Rouge Park by Joy Road and Spinoza and at Balduck Park by Canyon and Warren. Just bring your friends, holiday good cheer and toboggan.

Franklin Village is sure to make even Scrooge smile. Dec. 12 and 19 are Candlelight Thursday Nights. Stroll through the brightly decorated village and enjoy the spirit of Christmas. Music and refreshments will be provided.

So don't just "get through" the winter season. Enjoy all its pleasures and make the most out of Christmas vacation.

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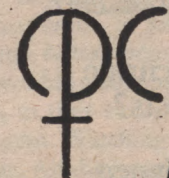
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## Theater

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traditionally a seasonal sell-out. It'll run through year's end in Wilson Hall. Call 377-3310.

Actors Alliance Theatre Company in Southfield is adapting a film, too, but the results are better.

*Miracle on 34th Street* is another movie etched into our minds and Jeffrey Nahan's world premiere stage adaptation is sweet and recommendable, but a little less fun than it should be.

Nahan wrote this version from the screenplay by George Seaton and he's included a Greek chorus of sorts in the form of various urbanites of New York City extraction.

This is a chorus of storytellers that frame the action nicely by telling us what's going on while it happens. It's not as rigid as it sounds, but there are more possibilities for fun than Nahan allows.

More response from the chorus would be nice, as would more interaction between chorus and cast. The stage provides the opportunity for fluidity. These people aren't trapped in a film frame and it looks perfectly natural for Maggie Wysocki to be walking across the stage while Dorry Peltyn is talking on the phone to her. It's not gimmicky, it's imaginative.

The best of the chorus are Wysocki and Peggy Thorp. They represent the potential for fun and are both busy reacting to the action. It's important. They add a necessary urban 40's flavor, too.

*Miracle* is the story of a Macy's department store Santa (Johnaton Round) who claims to be the real Kris Kringle. He makes believers out of hardened divorcee Doris Walker (played by Dorry Peltyn) and her stiff daughter Susan (played by Kelly Boczek).

Round is a jolly St. Nick—no fake beard here—and Kelly Boczek is cute and ingenuous as Susan.

Randy L. Swansey is a little too ineffectual to be leading man Fred Gayley, the lawyer with the job of proving Kris's identity to the State of New York.

Dorry Peltyn looks appropriately hard, but her gray and black clothes make it look like she's in perpetual mourning, even after her big de-thaw.

Henry Bennett is also having fun in some featured roles. He a strong actor who last appeared at Actors Alliance in *The Subject Was Roses*.

With a little honing and a little more sense of holiday event (what, no urban carolers?), *Miracle on 34th Street* is likely to be the Actors Alliance answer to Meadow Brook's annual *A Christmas Carol*.

The play runs through Jan. 4. Call 642-1326.

Just opening is *Snoopy* at the Birmingham Theatre (644-3533) and opening Dec. 18 is *The Tap Dance Kid* at the Fisher Theatre (423-6666) downtown. The former is a musical sequel to *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* and the latter is a 1983 Broadway musical.

Which house will you spend the holidays in?



The Oakland Sail/Jeanine Andreski  
Folksinger Barbara Bailey Hutchison covered her Detroit roots from Joni Mitchell to Josh White, Jr., in her Mainstage concert Thursday night. Her small audience enjoyed complimentary pizza from Dino's as well as her musical talents. Hutchison sings, plays guitar and piano, and even tells jokes. Like White, she aims to "touch every person" in the audience.

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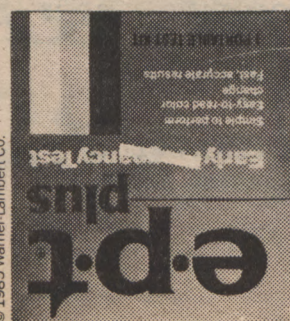
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# SPORTS

## Pioneers begin league play with 90-81 victory

BY BRUCE HELLER  
Sports Editor

Following a run of impressive early-season outings against stiff competition, the Pioneers opened GLIAC play with a 90-81 victory over Hillsdale at home Wednesday.

Coach Greg Kampe's crew, picked fifth in the league coaches' preseason poll, had little trouble with the Chargers, leading by as much as 18 in the second half before coasting in for the win.

The Pioneers, 2-3, opened the season with a pair of losses at Division I schools University of Detroit and Western Michigan before thumping highly-ranked Northern Michigan at home Nov. 27. Mid-American Conference power Ball State down-

ed the Pioneers in Muncie, Ind., Tuesday night.

The Pioneers' performance against what he termed earlier in the year as "the toughest run a team in our conference has ever had" has left Kampe with high hopes for this season.

"We're ahead of schedule. We've played extremely well," he said. "We played three Division I teams down to the wire and beat the No. 4 team in the country (in Division II).

"It's tough when you've got to play Division I teams, but especially when you play in their gym."

The Pioneers powered past the Chargers for 52 first-half points. They notched their biggest lead of the game -- 21 points -- at 45-24 on Rob Alvin's long jumper from the corner with just

over four minutes left.

The Chargers chipped away and narrowed the gap to 52-40 at the half, eventually capitalizing on Oakland defensive lapses in the second half to close to 84-79 with 2:26 to play on a Mark Wentzel free throw.

Senior Chris Howze came back with a short jumper in the lane to put the Pioneers up by seven, and Hillsdale's last chance drifted away when Wentzel missed the front end of a one-and-one with a minute to go.

"I wasn't happy with our defense in the second half," Kampe said. "But we got home at 3:30 a.m. (from Ball State). We were very tired. As the game wore on, it became evident.

"I thought it was a great sign...that we held off a threat (See Men's basketball, page 14)



The Oakland Sail/Mark Meyers  
Freshman guard Johnny Johnson looks for an open man during the Pioneers' 90-81 victory over Hillsdale Wednesday.

### Women clobber Hillsdale

## Balance keys 6-0 cagers

BY TIM DYKE  
Staff Writer

After winning the Grand Rapids Press tournament over Thanksgiving break, the unbeaten women's basketball Pioneers returned home to defeat Hillsdale 74-49 in their GLIAC opener Wednesday.

Both teams were sluggish and error-prone in the first half as the Pioneers (6-0) carried a 29-24 lead into intermission.

"We started out slowly," Coach Sue Kruszewski said. "We didn't seem to come out with the same intensity as in our earlier games, but we regained it toward the end of the half."

The Pioneers turned it on in the second stanza, scoring 45 points to turn the game into a rout.

"We regained our proper intensity level in the second half and broke them with our press," Kruszewski said. "In the first half we were being out-hustled and out-rebounded, so we had to make a few adjustments."

As has been the case all year, a balanced scoring attack paved the way for the victory. Sophomore forward Sarah Knuth pumped in 12 points, 6-4 sophomore center Kim McDowell 11 and freshman Celeste Sartor 10.

Cherry Wilks and Margaret Boyle added eight apiece.

Kruszewski was pleased with McDowell's performance. "Kim has really improved this season, and with her height, if she continues to improve as she has, she

could be a dominant player in the conference," she said.

Oakland downed Aquinas College 78-68 to open the Grand Rapids tournament Nov. 29, then pounded the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 81-55 for the championship.

"I was very pleased with our tournament play," Kruszewski said. "We played with a lot of poise throughout the tourney."

## Men's swim team falls to Spartans

BY MIKE JORDAN  
Staff Writer

The Pioneer men swimmers traveled to Michigan State Nov. 22 in their first dual meet of the early season, but fell to the Spartans.

Sophomore Mark VanderMey was a bright spot, qualifying for the NCAA championships in the 200-yard breast stroke by winning the event in a pool-record time of 2:07.88. VanderMey was just under the qualifying standard of 2:08.96.

He also won the 200 IM in 1:57.38.

"Mark swam exceptionally well, but that's to be expected," Coach Pete Hovland said. "He's getting better at every meet."

Also helping out in scoring was the first- and second-place finish in the 500 freestyle by senior Matt Croghan and

Five players scored in double figures against Aquinas, with Wilks tossing in 16 and senior forward Pam Hawkins 14, while Knuth tallied 20 points and Boyle 17 in the title clash.

Knuth and Wilks were named to the all-tournament team.

In earlier season action, the Pioneers bounced back from a quick 14-0 deficit to edge Nor-

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sophomore Jeff Cooper.

The 400 freestyle relay squad of Dan Andrus, Dave Rogowski, Steve Larson and Bruce VerBurg captured the only other gold for the Pioneers.

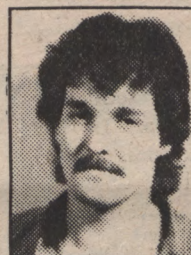
Hovland said his team needed a good performance in the relay events to win the meet.

"We had to win both relays and we didn't," he said. "We had to win the two relays in order to compensate for State's good diving team. It was their first dual meet of the season also, so they wanted to win as badly as we did."

MSU has traditionally clocked fast times when facing Oakland, and this meet was no exception, Hovland said.

"They swam exceptionally fast. This is one of the better teams Michigan State has had in a long time," he said. "They

(See Swimming, page 15)



Bruce Heller  
Sports Editor

## Put the Fridge in deep freeze

Thoughts at large:

Give me a break. I'm so-o-o-o tired of reading and hearing all the palaver about the Chicago Bears' William "Refrigerator" Perry, the 300-pound defensive lineman who has run and caught a pass for a touchdown.

What the hell is the deal here? A defensive lineman handling the ball is unusual, but the guy is receiving media attention bordering on the ludicrous.

Coach Mike Ditka sends Perry into the game on goal-line situations to barrel through the line or block for Walter Payton, but fullback Matt Suhey is quite capable of handling the chores. It's nothing more than a publicity gimmick by the Bears, and it has worked to perfection.

Various reports have referred to "Refrigeratormania engulfing the nation," and the Detroit Free Press even ran an article on its front page a few weeks ago, before the Lions-Bears game, that began "The nation is waiting for William Perry...to throw a pass Sunday."

Right.

I, for one, was glued to the set, really, honestly, hoping for a glimpse of this marvelously talented rookie. Why, he probably runs the ball even better than Payton, the NFL's all-time leading rusher.

Every time the Bears are on TV I sit on the edge of my seat, praying -- boy, oh, boy -- that "Fridge" will actually throw a pass for the first time, or streak down the field on a fly pattern, or dart through holes opened by his offensive line for a long gainer.

It would be something to tell my grandchildren about in my later years, as they sit open-mouthed in awe.

C'mon. Watching Perry is about as entertaining as watching a beer go flat. All the hoopla surrounding his offensive exploits has carried over to his performance on defense.

Hey -- when this guy is named All-Pro, when he reaches the level of play of a Randy White or a Doug English, then let's trot out the accolades.

Right now he doesn't deserve them.

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Seniors Becca Wyatt, Judy Jenner and Mary Pike -- all four-year letter-winners -- were recently named to the All-GLIAC volleyball teams. Wyatt, a 5-10 middle blocker from Royal Oak who led the conference in blocking and serving, was a first-team selection.

Jenner, a 5-4 setter, holds the school single-season and career assist marks. She was a second-team pick, along with Pike, a 5-8 outside hitter who has started since her freshman season.

Junior Lisa Cancelli of Grand Valley was named the league's MVP and Jill Hirschinger of Ferris State and the Lakers' Joan Boand shared Coach of the Year honors.



## Men's basketball

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and made a run right back to go up by 10. That hurt us last year."

Senior forward Randy Strunk tossed in 19 points to lead the attack, and Howze and 6-6 center Walt Dixon added 14 apiece. Freshman guard Johnny Johnson chipped in with 10 and collected seven assists.

Dixon led with eight caroms.

Fred Cumberland netted a game-high 22 points for Hillsdale, despite fouling out with over five minutes left. Wentzel pumped in 19 and hauled down nine boards.

At Detroit Nov. 23, the Pioneers trailed by just two, at 28-26, with just under four minutes left in the first half. The powerful Titans, though, reeled off 10 straight points to go up by 12 at the half. Detroit led by 21 at one point in the second stanza before winning 77-62.

Howze had 15 points and Johnson 13 against the Titans, while Scott Bittinger turned in a solid all-around effort -- 10 points, six rebounds, four assists.

The Pioneers stayed close against Western for most of the contest before falling 79-69 in Kalamazoo Nov. 25. Johnson scored 14, Howze 13 and senior guard Rob Skinner 12, while Skinner snared nine boards.

Steve Riikonen and Booker James combined for 37 points and 17 rebounds to pace the Broncos' attack.

Howze lit up the scoreboard with 27 points in the Pioneers' 94-80 victory over Northern Michigan. Strunk added 20 and

Johnson 19. Billy Harris paced the Wildcats with 24 and Romeo's Ken Webb added 16.

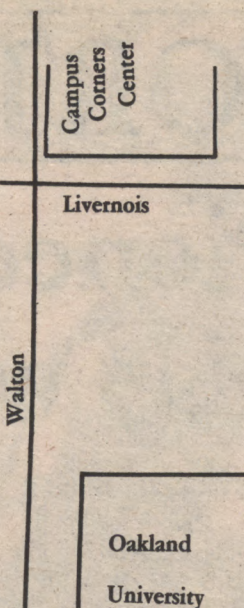
Led by All-America candidate Dan Palombizio -- the nation's top returning scorer and No. 2 returning rebounder in Division I -- Ball State recorded an 82-69 victory.

The teams were tied 46-46 with 17:58 remaining but the Cardinals ran off 12 in a row for a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

Palombizio netted 24 points and grabbed 15 boards and Chris Shelton recorded 20 points and eight assists to offset Howze's 21-point effort.

The Pioneers host NAIA foes Northeastern Illinois and St. Mary's College (Orchard Lake) in a pair of 8 p.m. matches Friday and Saturday.

Oakland returns to league action at Northwood Institute Jan. 4.



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# Grapplers split

BY TOM DUFF  
Staff Writer

Pioneer wrestlers split a pair of conference dual meets and a triangular meet at Ashland College in recent action.

The Pioneers fell to Grand Valley 38-7 in Allendale Wednesday, but one bright spot was junior John Solomonson.

Solomonson, a national qualifier and GLIAC champion last season in the 167-pound division, upped his record to 8-3-1 on the year with a victory

at 177.

Oakland defeated defending champion Lake Superior State 38-12 at home Nov. 25 for its first league dual meet victory.

Coach Mike Ozga's grapplers traveled to Ashland Nov. 26 for a triangular meet and came away with a 1-1 mark.

The host squad, expected to be one of the top teams in the Midwest region, recorded a 41-9 victory, before the Pioneers rebounded to edge the University of Dayton 29-25.

# Intramural leagues

BY LAURA WRIGHT  
Staff Writer

Intramural floor hockey league playoffs begin Tuesday and Wednesday, with the finals scheduled after Christmas break.

The 4-0 Pontiac Blues, who have outscored their opponents 28-0, head the list of teams entering the Division A playoffs. Other teams in the playoffs include the Charleston Chiefs (9 South Hamlin) and Hanson

Brothers, both 3-1, and Penthouse II (9 North Hamlin), 1-3.

The Gamecocks, 4-0, head into the playoffs as the dominant team in Division B. They outscored opponents 32-2.

Penthouse I, Roadhouse and the Apogee Mooseheads (9 South Hamlin) enter the playoffs with 2-2 marks.

Championships were decided recently in the coed and women's intramural basketball leagues.

# Basketball

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thern Michigan 65-56 at home Nov. 27 and avenge last year's loss to the Wildcats.

Knuth netted 14 points and hauled down 11 boards to lead the attack. Sonja Pearson came off the bench and registered 12 points and 12 boards.

Indiana University-Purdue (Fort Wayne) grabbed an early 11-point lead Nov. 23 and led at intermission, but the Pioneers erupted for 47 points in the second half to win 80-73. Knuth scored a season-high 23 and co-captain Lisa Quinn ripped down 17 boards.

Oakland opened the season

with a 70-60 victory over the University of Michigan-Dearborn Nov. 22.

"We've surprised some people who didn't think we would be this strong," Kruszewski said. "But we also have to remember that we're young and can't let our expectations get too high."

The Pioneers will be without co-captain Julie Wilga, one of the three seniors on the squad, for the rest of the season. Wilga left the team after the Northern Michigan game for personal reasons.

The Pioneers hosted Northeastern Illinois University Friday.

# Pioneers overwhelm Eastern

# Schermer paces swim squad

BY MIKE JORDAN  
Staff Writer

The Pioneer women's swimming team raised its dual meet record to 2-0 by defeating Eastern Michigan 86-54 Thursday.

Sophomore All-American Nancy Schermer again dominated in the freestyle events, winning the 100, 500 and 1,000-yard races while also swimming the anchor leg in the 400

freestyle relay.

The Pioneers won nine of 16 events, getting first- and second-place finishes by Dana Goerke and Allison Klump in the 100 and 200 breast stroke; Kim Pogue and Linda Scott in the 200 freestyle; Schermer and Pogue in the 500 freestyle; and Ginnie Johnson and Kim Brace in the 200 IM.

LeeAnn O'Neill was edged out by the Hurons' Margaret Cullings in 1-meter diving, los-

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jumped out to a 43-18 lead after seven events and we had to play catch-up the rest of the meet.

"After the medley relay we just swam for times, and tried to keep the score as close as we could."

Freshman Kirk Raddatz turned in a personal best in the 1,000 freestyle and freshman Todd McNeal looked promising in the 1- and 3-meter diving, according to Hovland.

They will swing into action again after the Christmas break, hosting Wright State University at 2 p.m. Jan. 11.

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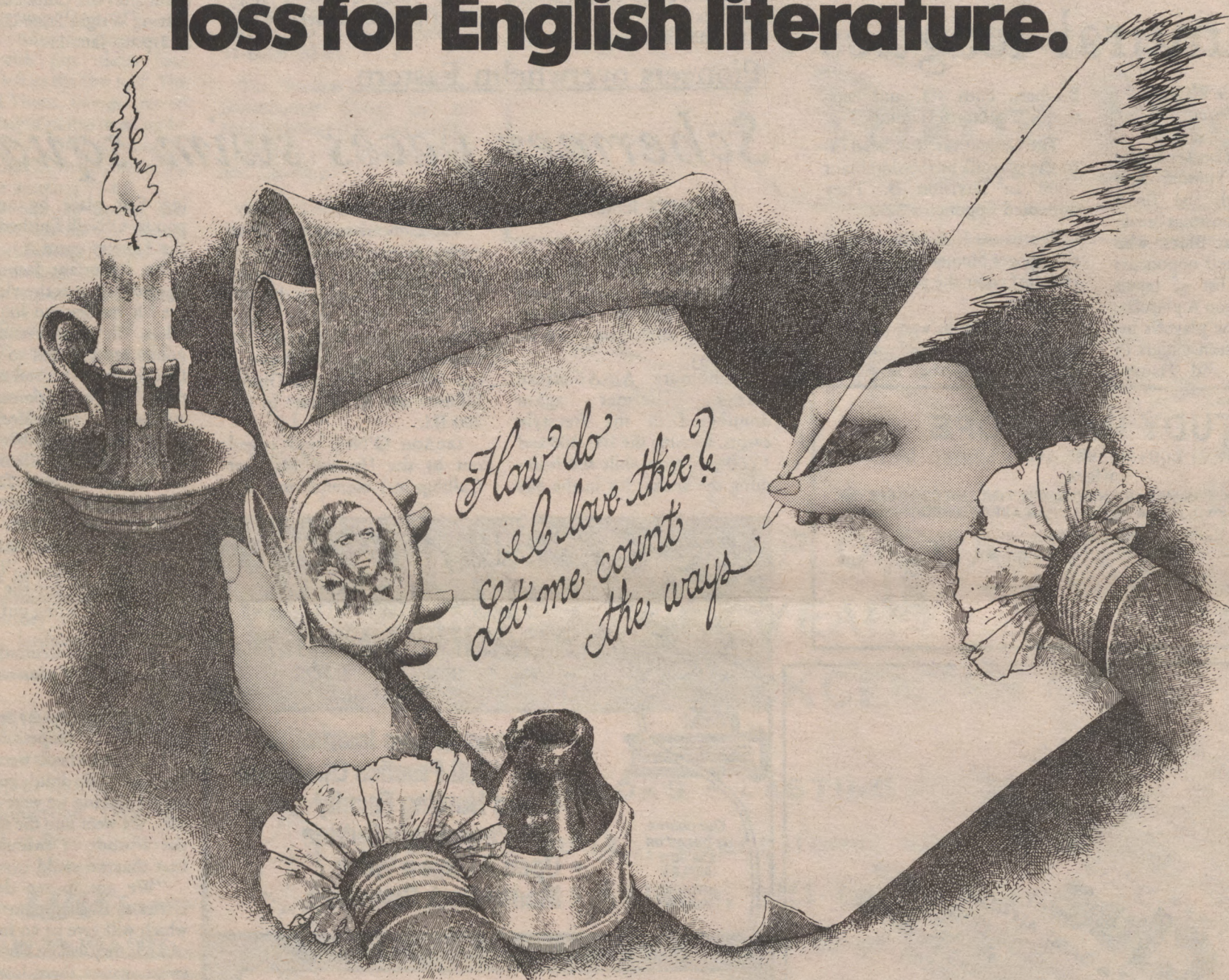
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