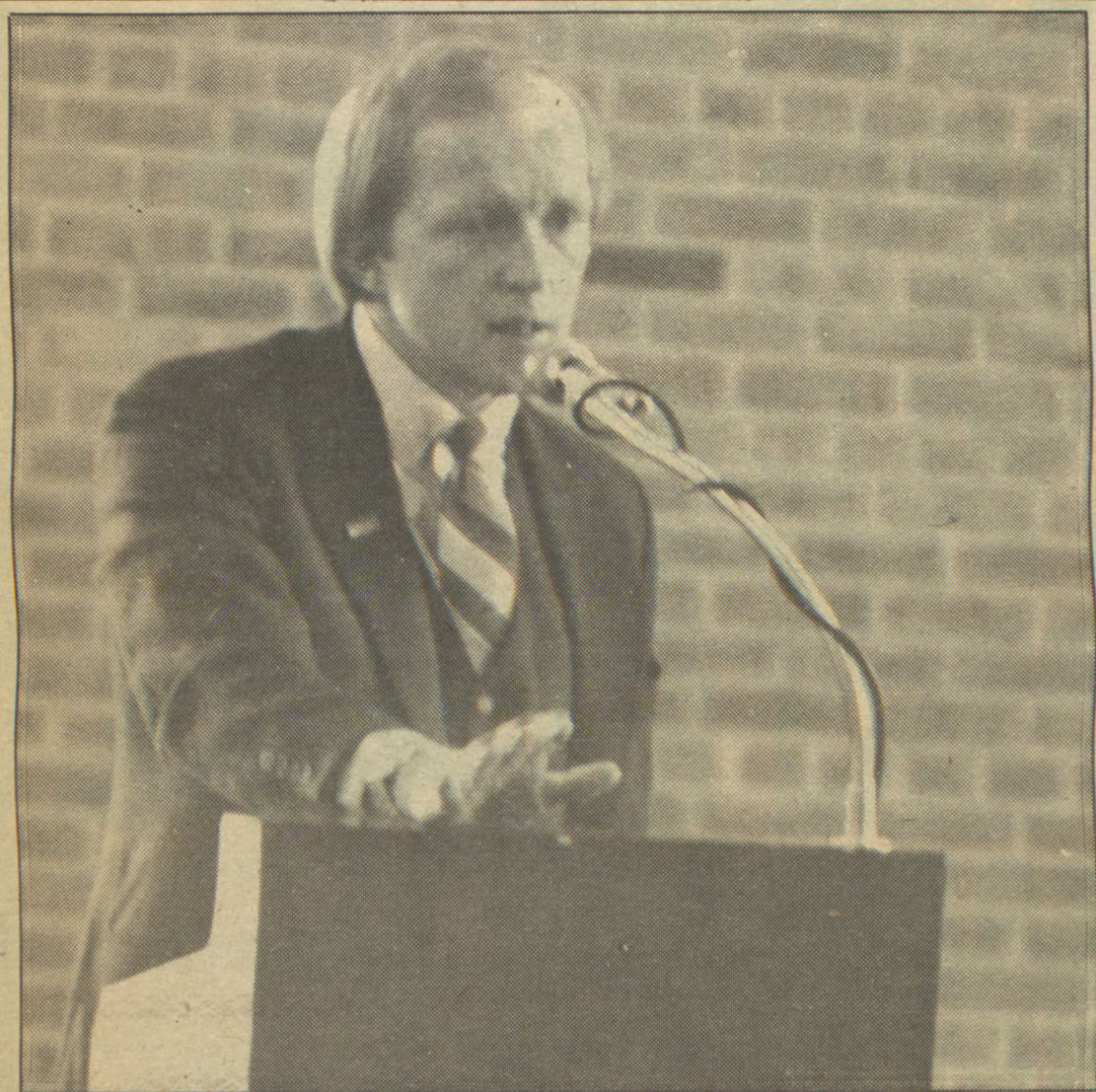


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Kammer for governor

Democratic gubernatorial hopeful, Senator Kerry Kammer, spoke before a larger — than — usual audience in the Fireside Lounge in a continuing look at the candidates for governor of Michigan. The series, which has brought several of the would be chief executives to OU, is sponsored by Repolitik.

The Oakland SAIL Brian Kaufmann

Congress hopes rally will attract student's input and participation

By PEGGY O'DELL
Staff Writer

"If you don't support higher education, who will?" That is the question university congress will be asking during the Higher Education rally seminar they are sponsoring April 8, in the West Crockery, Lounge II from 11:30 to 1 pm.

Congress member Vincent Tatone said the rally will center around four issues: financial aid cuts at the federal level, budget cuts at the state level, the SUAMP and CAMP reports and their effect on OU.

Several speakers are scheduled for the rally including OU President Joseph Champagne, Rosalind Andreas, SUAMP committee chairperson, Wilma Ray-Bledsoe, vice-president of student and urban affairs, George Feeman, CAMP committee chairman, Provost Keith Kleckner and Gladys Rapoport from financial aid.

"We hope to have something of interest for every student," said Congress Executive Assistant Philip Ray, adding that the rally will center around "problems happening right here at OU" and will not be open to other universities.

Ray added that the rally will be an opportunity to inform the

students what the changes are that OU may be forced to undergo in the future. "There is a need to let students know what's going on," he said.

"IF OU goes down because of budget cuts then its creditability goes down and that will have an effect on a student's degree," Ray added.

Students have a lot of power if they get together... Look at what they did in the 60's.

-Philip Ray

Congress member Jean Chagnon-Royce said the rally will be a chance for students to get their questions answered. She said she hopes the rally will draw many students but added that she has "no expectations, just hopes" for a good turnout.

Ray also hopes the rally draws a large crowd. "Students have a lot of power if they get together. It's been done before. Look at what they did in the 1960's. They do have a voice," Ray said.

Tatone agrees. "Students have all the power they want to assume," he added.

Cable franchise may be awarded soon

By LARRY SULLIVAN
Staff Writer

Within a few years, OU professors may have Southeastern Oakland County for a classroom.

This forecast is not for the year 2000, but for the Spring of 1984, which is when eleven of the county's communities could be wired together by cable television.

The communities are collectively known as the Intergovernmental Cable Communications Authority (ICCA), and their jurisdiction runs from south of Rochester to Eight Mile.

The ICCA plans on awarding the franchise to its 105,000 dwelling units this May. The front runner is Tribune-United, made up of the *Chicago Tribune* and United Cable.

To determine which of the interested cable companies would get the franchise, "the ICCA retained a consultant to evaluate all of the proposals and he ranked them on a point system," said Audrey Marriner of OU's Cable Television office, "and Tribune-United was the first ranked."

With Michigan in a recession, money is a key attraction for both sides.

"THE CABLE company wants good income aggregates of potential subscribers, it's a very

economic decision," said Marriner, "they have to make money or why go after a franchise?"

According to Clare DiFelice, assistant professor in the Audio Visual department, the ICCA is attracted to Tribune-United for the same reason.

"The Federal Communications Commission limits the amount of revenue a cable company can give back to a community to between three and five percent, and Tribune-United is offering the whole five percent," said DiFelice, "that's gravy revenue that these starving communities can add to their revenues."

Universities come into the cable picture by a condition of the franchise agreement that requires the cable company to set aside two channels for post secondary educational programming.

With this in mind, OU formed the Educational Telecommunications Consortium (ETC), in June of 1980. The consortium includes the University of Michigan, Michigan State University's extension services, Walsh College, Oakland Community College, Lawrence Institute of Technology and OU.

Although not fully operational, when the ETC begins full-scale

programming the OU Cable office will serve as the organization's scheduling and coordinating base.

The thought of television production brings to mind huge studios and high costs, but the cable companies are offering the universities a hand.

"Tribune-United has proposed \$150,000 to the Authority to be allocated to the schools," said

Marriner, "and there are three institutions in the franchise area: two campuses of OCC, Walsh College and OU."

TRIBUNE-United has also offered the university the necessary equipment for transmitting and receiving programs along with a "free drop" into the cable system, according to Marriner.

Despite all the contributions,

President's secretary to be phased out; Champagne cites improved efficiency

By PETER SPILLER
Staff Writer

A twenty-three year veteran of the Oakland President's Office will be out of a job April 21.

Beverly Griffin's position as executive secretary is being phased out by University President Joseph Champagne, as part of a departmental streamlining program.

Griffin, affectionately known as B.J., by students and faculty, is naturally upset at Champagne's decision. However, she contends that all is not lost. "I have the option of bumping yet another secretary, but I don't know if I want to do that," Griffin said, admitting she has already been in contact with a placement agency.

B.J. needs two more years at OU to claim the pension plan she joined on her arrival at OU in 1959. She concedes that it will probably be a factor in her decision of future employment. "It was a non-

contributory scheme and I'd kind of like to see it out."

According to President Champagne, the streamlining will provide both financial rewards and improved efficiency for his department. "I have been aggravated by the set-up for a year now. The new department will save us about \$27,000 a year and make the office run smoother," Champagne said.

The current President's office comprises Champagne, a Secretary to the President (B.J.), a secretarial assistant and an Executive Assistant. The Executive Assistant is moving to the legal department and after Griffin leaves, two new jobs will open up in the president's office.

"We'll be hiring another secretarial assistant and creating the position of Assistant to the President," Champagne said. He stressed that the position will consolidate the jobs of Executive Secretary and Executive Assistant.

DiFelice does not like their proposal.

"Tribune-United isn't good for OU," said DiFelice. "They offer the most overall to the community, by a higher amount of sheer capital, but higher education is a minor concern to the community, they'd (the community) rather see their children on T.V."

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Champagne added, "I don't think B.J. Griffin has applied for the job, but certainly she could."

President Champagne said that his office will be taking applications for the Assistant to the President's position, though applicants must meet certain requirements of education and experience.

IF B.J. leaves Oakland on April 21st, she will be missed by many within the university community. "Since people found out about the phase-out," Griffin said, "the loyalty I've felt has been wonderful."

"It's come from all departments of the university and I'm very grateful."

Former University President, Donald O'Dowd, presently at the State University of New York, expressed sadness at B.J.'s possible departure. "B.J. started at Oakland a year before I did," he said. "She made me feel like a comparative newcomer."

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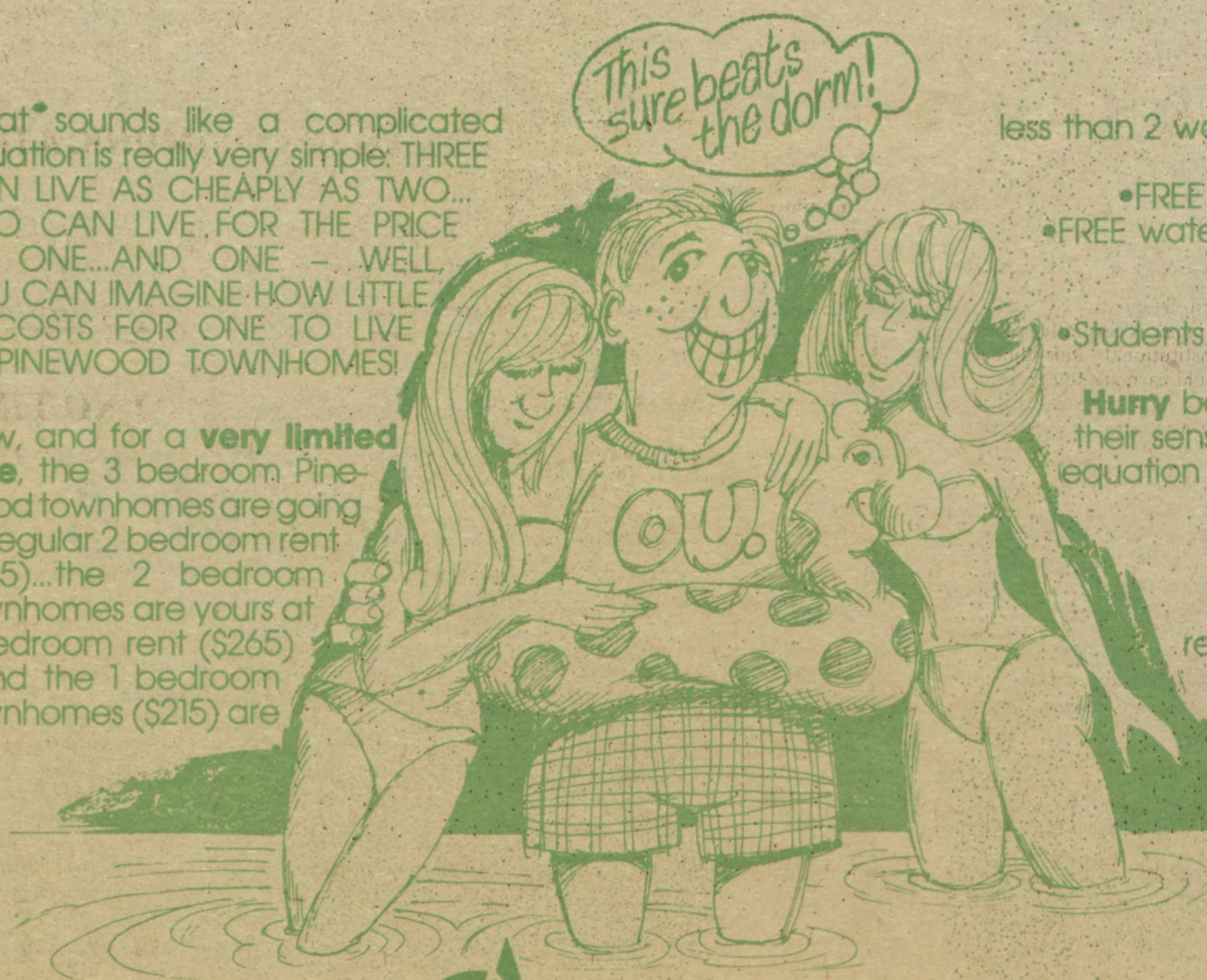
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•OU women will probably have a new sport next fall. See page 9.

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Gubernatorial candidate, Zolton Ferency, outlines his plan against the plight of higher education in Michigan

Candidate says state suffers "brain drain"

By COLLEEN TROY

Staff Writer

Dubbing the current exodus of students and faculty from this state as "brain drain," Zolton Ferency, democratic gubernatorial hopeful, outlined the plight of higher education in Michigan.

"We are effectively eliminating a large number of students from the system," said the Michigan State professor of Criminal Justice in his speech Thursday in the OC.

"Not only are we (government) not meeting our responsibilities to higher education but we're shifting them to others who can't meet them, such as the students," Ferency said.

Such responsibility is being shifted as a result of the extreme budget cuts brought on by the state's \$600 million deficit, Ferency said. "When you're looking for \$600 million... you look for the big ticket items. Education happens to be one of these," he said.

The other "big ticket items being cut into that Ferency sees as important are the Social Services adding, "No more cutting teachers or social workers, they're earning their keep."

"I'M IN favor of raising taxes, of funding things at the proper level," Ferency said, proposing removal of the state constitution's prohibition against graduated income tax. "We'll tax those who are able to pay to provide services for those who aren't."

Ferency stressed throughout his speech the need for Michigan to diversify. "While we're waiting for economy, then we get called back... we say to each other that we ought to diversify Michigan's economy. "Then we get called back and forget it," he said.

Michigan needs a plan, Ferency said. "Even if you were in prison you couldn't escape without a plan," he said, and suggested delving into the industries of solar developing into industries of solar agricultural processing. "Michigan has to start thinking about changes," he said.

Attracting new business to the state is a priority and can be done by promoting the higher education system, environmental assets, transportation system and skilled work force, Ferency said.

"We can get out of this mess by careful planning, slowly but surely," he said.

Gubernatorial candidate draw largest crowd

Kammer advocates competitive industry

By COLLEEN TROY
Staff Writer

Addressing a larger-than-usual crowd in the OC's Fireside Lounge Monday, Democratic senator Kerry Kammer gave his gubernatorial campaign position. The audience consisted of several familiar administrators, including OU President Joseph Champagne, and a sparse representation of students.

Kammer, a senator for eight years, is chairman of both the Department of Education and the Department of Natural Resources. He is also a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Kammer outlined what he claimed to be the major issue of this campaign. "There is no question that most of the decisions of 1982 will deal with the economy and jobs," he said.

Because Michigan has become

non-competitive in industry, Kammer said there is a need for change. "We have to get this state back into the economic ebb and flow of this country," he said.

"We can make Michigan competitive again... about 80 percent of the improvement will come from changes in workers' compensation, business taxes and regulatory controls," Kammer said.

KAMMER said he is not willing "to make huge concessions in the area of natural resource regulations." He said the state's resources are its best drawing power. "We sit on possibly the best resource we have, our skilled labor pool."

In regards to education, Kammer is currently sponsoring a constitutional amendment that would earmark ten percent of the state's revenues for higher education. Kammer claimed this would "literally freeze tuition."

"We have not met our

educational needs of this state," Kammer said, advising that people involved in education should become politically involved. Politicians, as well, "necessarily must become involved in education," he added.

Kammer was emphatic as he spoke of the need for a strong political advocate in Michigan.

"We ought to have some leverage someplace. I don't mean shrill advocacy. I mean someone sitting down across the table and laying the cards out," he said.

Kammer concluded by taking several questions from the audience. Most were posed by students.

GUN control became a major,

rather heated topic, to which Kammer responded, "prohibition is not effective." Instead, Kammer favors guaranteeing punishment for crimes involving guns.

Kammer also said he "had been opposed to abortion in the past," and that he was interested in "learning more" about nuclear power.

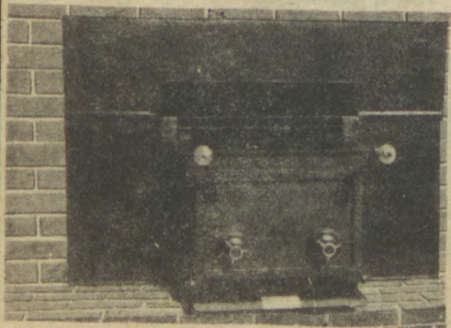
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Triad parking situation irritates dorm student

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to what is now simply known as the Parking Lot Situation for the Triads. It is said that next year, not a single spot in the Holley Lepley/Sports and Rec. lot will be available for overnight parking. I have a number of comments to make on this subject, and I'd like to share them with you.

First of all, I will be graduating at the end of this term, so it isn't as though I had a vested interest in seeing the lot remain open for overnight use. Still, I feel very strongly that it should remain available for overnight use by the Triad students.

A number of years ago, the entire lot was open for such use. Then, numerous administrators demanded that this privilege be ended, mainly so that they could park there during the daytime. They wanted the entire lot; residence halls wanted to keep the entire lot. A compromise was worked out, whereby residence halls kept one half of the lot, and the other half was opened up to other use. That was 1974.

It is now 1982, and the administration wants the entire lot again. This arises mainly from two reasons: 1) poor planning around O'Dowd Hall, and 2) a feeling on the part of administrators that students around Oakland University really don't matter a bit.

As to issue number one, the situation could have been worked out while the building was still under construction. Another small lot could have been added near the area of the lot by the Oakland Student Center. This would have provided additional space for faculty and staff. Those who could not find a space in the new lot could do what commuters and residence halls students do all the time — park, and walk the mile or so to their offices or classrooms.

It seems that students are so fearful of university officials that they are unwilling to remind them of why there is a university in the first place.

-Gregory Peters

As for issue number two, I think it is an absolute scandal that this was not raised in 1974. It seems that students are so fearful of university officials that they are unwilling to remind them of why there is a university in the first place.

Oakland University does not exist just to give Larry Bartalucci, Joe Champagne, or even Mary Manschesky a job. Much as I like these people, and really appreciate their jobs, Oakland University exists to give me and people like me an education — it exists for students.

What is the administration trying to tell students in asking that we give up an entire parking lot which is so close to our homes? They are saying we don't care if you have to walk really far in freezing cold weather to get to your house.

They are saying that they think people who check into Sports and Rec. for one hour to play squash or lift weights are more important than people who live on campus and would like not having to walk for ten to fifteen minutes to get to their cars. They are saying that parents who show up to see a basketball game or a swim meet are a lot more important than the students who live in Fitz, or Anibal, or even Pryale.

Where did the administrators of this university get the idea that everybody and his uncle came first and that students came last? Were they thinking further down the line in 1974 to the day when they would

get the entire lot to themselves?

Some of us in the Triads work for our living as well. Does any administrator really know what a pain it is to have to walk to your car at 7 am when the thing is parked a quarter of a mile away? No! My guess is that they have garages attached to their houses. But they don't even want to let us have a parking lot across the street!

Pryor review missed important points

Dear Editor:

I tried, but I just cannot keep silent anymore regarding Ms. Barbara Howes' review of Richard Pryor's new "movie", *Live on the Sunset Strip*. First, to correct her; *Sunset Strip* is not a movie in the traditional sense, but a live concert on film. Which leads me to my second point.

Pryor is a stand-up comedian. If he used sets, as Howes suggests, then he would be making a movie; one with the plot she so earnestly asks for. And if he used props, such as Gallagher and others like him does, then he would become a comic (if she didn't know, there is a difference).

As for the jokes being "vulgar", who is to say what vulgarity consists of? And, aren't Steve Martin's jokes vulgar? George Carlin's? Let's not forget Don Rickles, who also uses the camera technique of zooming in on whatever race he is joking about.

I want to know if Ms. Howes

And what about people who have health problems which are made worse by the cold weather? I suffer from Reynaud's Disease, a disease which causes numbness and pain whenever I am in the cold air for even ten or more minutes.

This winter has been especially harsh for my health, yet the university's administrators would have me park my car way up on the hill and freeze, painfully, all the way down to Pryale. This kind of treatment of students is utterly inexcusable.

But the signs are all around. In one of the doors leading into Wilson Hall rests a sign which says "Employees Only." The Meadow Brook Hall side of campus has labeled itself "Oakland University

— East Campus." There is even opposition to renaming the Oakland Center by its rightful name — The Oakland Student Center.

the Lepley parking lot. The entire lot should be the Triad lot, but the administration doesn't want to let us have even that. I think the university had best rethink the reason for its very existence. It is not the Meadow Brook Hall, or the Theatre, or even O'Dowd Hall. It's us, folks, it's us. C'mon, leave us alone for once and leave us our damn parking lot — what's left of it.

Sincerely,
Gregory C. Peters

was watching and listening to the movie at all, or did she just get someone who did see it to tell her what they thought about it, to save herself the trouble of having to review it personally.

How could she, or anyone else, leave the theatre wondering if Pryor's infamous pipe really controlled his life? Howes said that Pryor needed to add something about his personal life to, quote, "spice the movie up." Give me a break! It couldn't be any spicier! What did you want him to do, remove his clothes so you could see the burn marks? What else could you ask from him? The man definitely was hurting, regretting what he had done, and he damn sure let us know it.

Howes asked for supporting actors and/or actresses. Does Martin, Carlin, or Rickles usually use a supporting cast? He carried his show — and it was his show — very well by himself, thank you.

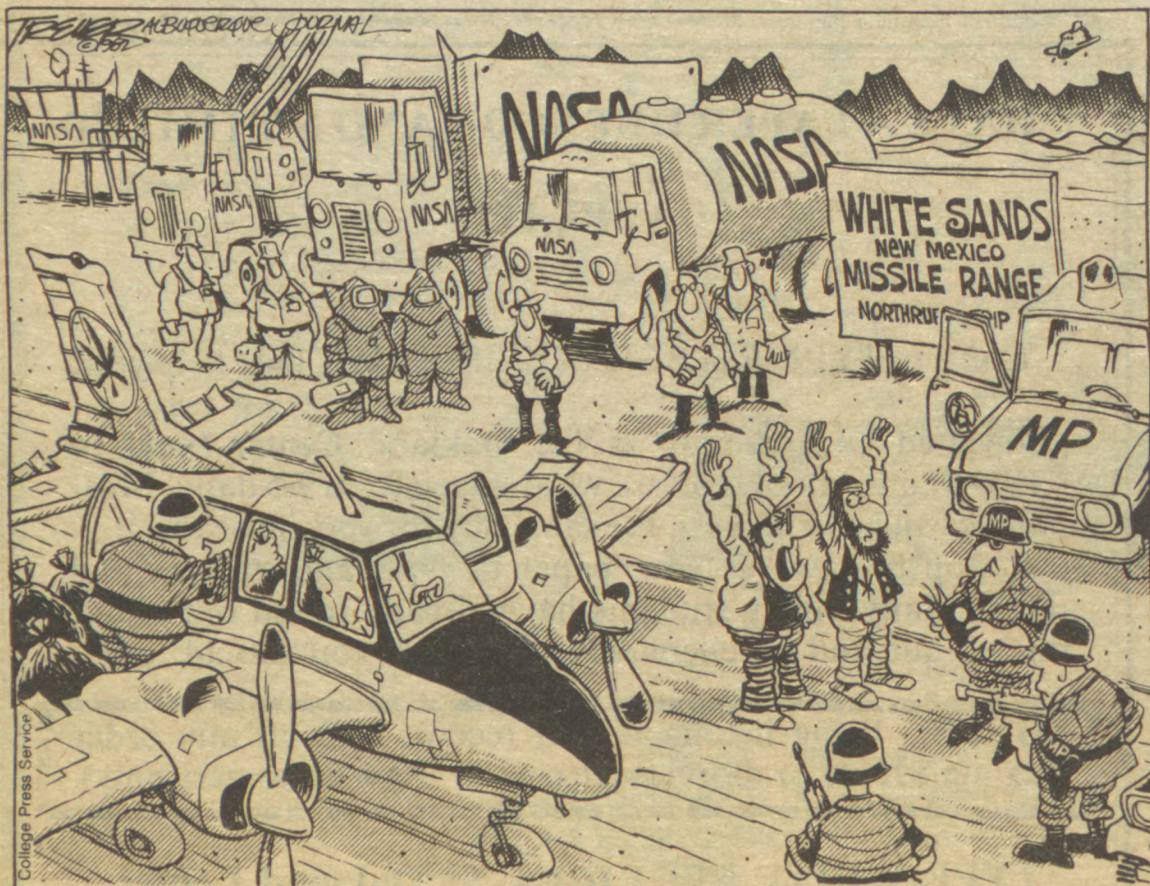
Let's talk about the things she didn't choose to, such as his trip to Africa. I wonder why Howes' review didn't include anything about Pryor's renouncing the use

of the term "nigger", referring to members of the Black, or any other, race? Or about how he thinks we should all just become the human race? Or about how easily you can become addicted to drug? Or about how much pain he has sadistically inflicted upon himself without even realizing it?

There is a definite difference in Pryor before, and after the incident. But, from the way Howes so lightly skips over it, you'd think that it was just another joke. Anyone who was paying the slightest bit of attention to him with their heart would tell you that it was much more than that. It was a cry for help, love and understanding.

I would respectfully request to the *sail* that you either use two reviewers, in the vein of the television show, *Sneak Previews*, for differences of opinion, or either pick someone more familiar with the subject he/she is writing about. Richard Pryor has a lot to say about life; all it takes to hear is an understanding ear.

Sincerely,
Ms. Rosemarie Rogers



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Cable

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The company's offer of a free connection is inadequate, DiFelice said, because "the university wants the whole campus cabled and the university can't afford to wire the rest. One drop is essentially dead."

OU is ready technically for cable telecourse production, but needs ideas.

"We have an A-V (audio visual) studio that's fully operational on a small scale, but we don't have the faculty saying they will use this tool," said DiFelice. "We work at faculty request."

DiFelice adds, however, that the faculty stays away presently because they would not gain anything.

have to be done," said Snider-Feldmesser. "Things like copyrighting, release time and course loads."

If SHES was approved to use cable, Snider-Feldmesser sees the school using it, but realizes they cannot do it alone.

"I really feel this is going to be a university effort and not only a single school involvement," she said. "And if we were to get the go-ahead we could be a primary user."

During the SHES study, researchers talked with people already involved with "mediated instruction," who stressed the importance of a feedback system.

"One thing that came out of the

"The reason why we're going into cable is to reach people who wouldn't normally come to the university."

— Audrey Marriner

"The faculty isn't interested unless there's something in it for them, and I don't blame them," DiFelice said. "It takes a year to make a good tape and the faculty has nothing in their contract about it, (issues) like release time."

THE SCHOOL of Human and Educational Services (SHES) has a committee looking into the SHES' faculty view of cable telecourses, and it will submit their report to their dean in mid-April.

Laura Snider-Feldmesser is on the SHES cable study committee, and gave the result of a SHES faculty poll.

"People felt we should become involved with it, but by the same token, they felt that investigations of the things that would impact on the production of cablecast would

interviews is the importance of the social component, some kind of personal contact, person-to-person or class-to-person, other than the television set," Snider-Feldmesser said. "Some type of social base to support the mediated part."

Although not a substitute for personal contact, the planned system will have two-way capability.

"Tribune-United has a fourth generation system called INDAX, a keypad response system allowing polling, answers to true-false and multiple choice questions, and an interaction that one-way doesn't allow," Marriner said.

THE ETC has run some programming on the system operating in Madison Heights, and

Telephone company places halt on the misuse of third party service

By VANESSA WARD
Staff Writer

Michigan Bell recently devised a plan to counteract student misuse of long distance service when the phone company placed a restriction on certain 377-numbers which went into effect last February.

Jack Kakasenko, a billing service representative, explained why the phone company decided to place a restriction on specific numbers at OU.

"We've been getting burned and it's been costing us a lot of money," Kakasenko said. "Students had been charging third person calls to their rooms and accepting collect calls — which they weren't supposed to do in the first place — and then claiming that they weren't responsible for the calls," he added.

Kakasenko spoke about the systematic approach, which he termed "the toll billing exception," that Michigan Bell has taken to combat the problem.

"We can input into the computer information which says that no

third person or collect calls will be allowed to go through on certain numbers," Kakasenko said. "If a code shows up, then the call won't go through."

He added that no one specific person is responsible for placing the restriction. "The American Telephone and Telegraph Company placed the restriction," he said.

Kakasenko stressed Michigan Bell's level of commitment to OU and the desire to maintain good relations with the University.

"WE WOULD, by no means, ever place the restriction on all 377-exchanges because we want to keep a good relationship with Oakland," Kakasenko said, adding that "We try to give students the opportunity to use long distance because it's profitable for us."

The Michigan Bell spokesman partially blamed, however, a lack of student cooperation for the restriction.

"A lot of students feel that if they don't plan to pay the bill, they can just leave it at the University and

not worry about it," Kakasenko said, "but we refer these accounts to the Pontiac Adjustment Bureau, and when they graduate and find a job, it catches up with them."

Many universities have begun to take measures into their own hands to fight abuse of the Bell system, according to Kakasenko.

"Some universities have even instituted a program where students with delinquent bills don't get their grades or their degrees until their bills are paid," Kakasenko said. "I don't know if Oakland is considering anything similar."

Kakasenko pinpointed the "target" accounts as bills in default, final accounts, live (operational) accounts and accounts that have generally been misused.

There will be a billing service representative on campus Wednesday, April 21, from 8:00 to Noon and from 1:00 to 4:30 in the Hamlin Hall Conference Room where students can discuss their telephone complaints.

more is planned.

"Basically we have been sending announcements," Marriner said. "But in the fall there should be a couple of courses from MSU, and maybe we will do an experimental non-credit program."

The ICCA's size may get the members a good deal, but there are drawbacks to a large system.

"A community has more power over the programming the smaller the franchise," said DiFelice. "Otherwise you get bland programs, like when I went to Buffalo. Their channel 4 was

saying "Go for it," just like in Detroit."

The main objective of telecoursing for OU is to increase the university's range.

"Why we're going into cable is to reach people who wouldn't normally come to the university,"

Marriner said. "It's for people who wouldn't make the drive or mesh their time with the course's."

Snider-Feldmesser agrees and added, "we could do a lot in the area of public service."



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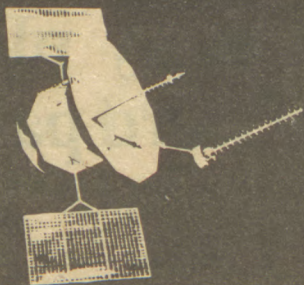
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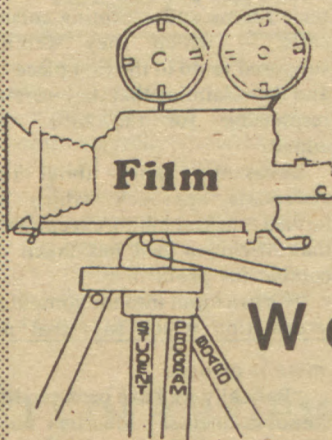
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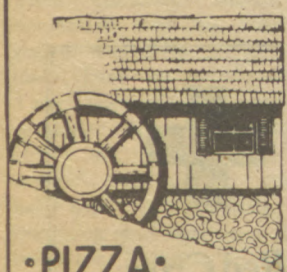
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OU graduate gives parties for a living

By DEANNA HASSPACHER
Staff Writer

As winter semester ends and students get anxious to get out and enjoy themselves it seems some may not know where to start, especially singles. Tired of the bar scene and the drudgery of deciding where to go on the weekend for excitement?

Then maybe Metro Entertainment and Travel for Singles is for you. One OU graduate decided to capitalize on the idea by helping singles meet other singles by organizing activities designed to bring them together.

Mike Nikolich, 26, a Communications graduate started Metro Entertainment and Travel

for Singles (METS) about six months ago.

"I enjoy organizing parties and giving people the opportunity to do something different," Nikolich said. "I knew so many people who were tired of seeing the same people at bars and tired of the singles scene."

The concept is to invite as many people as possible to a party or activity by circulating fliers in hopes of attracting singles interested in meeting other singles.

The idea is not new and neither is the disillusionment of singles bars and that is why Nikolich is attempting to do something about singles with the desire to meet that special person.

The organization has monthly parties with different themes and activities. The first party was a promotional, trial run. It was held at Murdock's in Rochester where approximately 200 people attended. "I got a lot of good response," Nikolich said. "Everyone had a good time and seemed to enjoy the idea."

ON THE FIRST day of spring he held a second party at Murdock's with a Hawaiian theme. The 'Hawaiian Night' featured Mai Tai cocktails and Tahitian dancers who put on a floor show characterizing the country's song and dance.

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Mike Nikolich dresses to match the theme of his second party, "Hawaiian Night."

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The Village Idiot

JOHN COWAN

Idiot helps RA defect from dorms

In the OC on my way to a meeting of the Violent Pacifists Society, I ran across my old friend Aggie Macon. Aggie's and RA from my dorm. She looked terrified.

(I should probably explain that "RA" stands for Resident Assistant, and that RAs work for Residence Halls, keeping dorm life safe from Kegs of beer, cohabitation with members of the opposite sex, illegal drugs, and knife fights. They also try to schedule fun activities for the dorm, but without kegs of beer, cohabitation, illegal drugs, and especially knife fights, how can anybody have any fun?)

"What's the matter?" I asked her, checking my watch.

She looked around nervously. "I need help. I want to defect!"

"DEFECT?" I asked. "From what?"

"From Residence Halls!" she said.

"What's the matter with you?" I demanded. "You mean you don't like being caught between Residence Halls, who'll yell at you and have you fired if you don't do your job, and all the dorm students who'll hate you if you do? It's such a simple job, Aggie — no matter what you do, you're wrong. Why would you want to give it up?"

"Because it's (CENSORED)!" Aggie yelled. "All I do is take (CENSORED) from Residence Halls, (CENSORED) from the dorm students, and (censored) from my mother for taking all of this (CENSORED), and every time I try to give out a little (CENSORED) of my own, all I get is (CENSORED)!"

"That's a lot of censorship," I agreed, checking my watch. "Well, I have to go, Aggie. I've got a very important meeting —"

"YOU CAN'T LEAVE now!" Aggie cried. "My very education is in danger! I need help!"

I sighed. "Okay, but those pacifists are gonna kill me. Come with me."

I led her downstairs. "Where are we going?" asked Aggie.

"To the campus office of the Whether Underground," I said, "to find out whether or not they'll help you go underground."

"I don't know whether I like this," Aggie said.

I found their office and knocked on the door. A voice inside asked whether I was friend or foe.

"Neither," I said. "Or both. I don't know, I'm an idiot. I've got an RA with me."

THE DOOR opened. "Come in," said a bearded leftover from Woodstock. I'll see whether or not Abby will see you. "Hey Abby!" he yelled. "I got two idiots here to see you!"

"No!" said Aggie. "He's the idiot. I'm an RA."

"That's what I mean," the leftover said.

"Send them hither," said Abby's voice, and the leftover escorted us into the back room, where Abby Hoffmeyer wore blue go-go boots, black fishnet stockings, purple hotpants, a lavender t-shirt that said STOP THE WAR, peace beads, and a button that read Death to the Capitalists.

"Hi," Abby said. "What do you want to whether?"

"SHE'S AN RA," I said, indicating Aggie to Abby, "and she wants to defect, and we want to know whether you'll help her relocate with a new identity or whether you'll just quote a lot of meaningless clichés condemning authority because the system isn't as perfect as you'd like it to be?"

"Huh?" Abby said.

"Hey Abby!" said the leftover. "I recognize this guy!" "He's the Village Idiot!"

"Oh wow," Abby said. "Cosmic. Far out. Sure, okay, yeah, we'll help your old lady, man."

"She's not my mother," I said. "She's not my girlfriend, either, but she's sick of the system and she wants to try a different one."

"Okay, man," Abby said. "Leftover, go see what's available for her." The leftover took Aggie into the next room.

"Thanks," I said to Abby. "She's a good friend. I hope she gets away. I hope they never find out that I helped her escape."

"Don't sweat it, man," Abby said. "What's the worst they could do to you?"

I shuddered. "They could make me an RA."

Abby shuddered. "Let's smoke a joint."

Forensic team speaks out

By CINDY HARRISON
Staff Writer

Possibly the most successful, and yet most unrecognized and under financed organization on OU campus is the forensic team.

On March 26 and 27, the team competed in the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League State Tournament at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant and placed second. According to Karen Seelhoff the team's coach, the forensic team has placed second in the state competition for four consecutive years of its five year origination.

This is a very honorary position for the team because of the three other major schools, Eastern, Central, and Wayne State that they competed against.

"Of those schools, we have the smallest program in terms of budgeting and coaching," Seelhoff said. "Our team has to work hard, and has a lot of success."

The forensic team is a group of students who participate in individual competitive speaking events of an original of interpretive nature. Individuals participate in such events as sales speaking, where the

participant picks a product and attempts to sell it, extemporaneous speaking where the individual is given a political topic just before the event and has 30 minutes to prepare. Other events are persuasive speaking, informative speaking, and after dinner speaking, which is an original comedy with a serious intent.

The participants are judged by representatives from participating universities. There are two rounds, a preliminary and a final round. During the last competition, in the preliminary round, Oakland was leading Eastern, the state champions for the last four years, by three points. They were defeated in the final round by only 11 points.

According to John Rhadigan, president of the team, "To be honest, the national champions have never even been concerned that they would lose to us, we are really proud to have scared them."

Throughout the year, the team participates in a total of 12 meets including the nationals. Of the 16 members of the team, 14 have already qualified for the (See SPEECH page 8)

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Pryor gives excellent performance in 'hero' comedy

By DEANNA HASSPACHER
Staff Writer

Richard Pryor's second attempt in film this year supplies plenty of entertainment for the comedy/

drama moviegoer who enjoys his style of making almost anything funny, worth a few laughs with a happy ending.

If sex, nudity, violence and

profanity were the intent for this R rated movie then the producer Howard Koch succeeded on all counts. Koch better known for last year's *Airplane* movie creates some kind of hero, but not what may have been expected.

Based on the book of the year, *Some Kind of Hero*, by James Kirkwood (1975), Pryor portrays Eddie Keller, a Vietnam POW who is faced with drastic changes in his family since his absence of four years.

Upon his return to the states, Keller finds his wife has fallen in love with another man, his bookstore business has gone under, he has a six year old daughter and his mother has had a stroke, leaving her almost speechless except for one word, "shit."

By this time the audience is well aware this guy can laugh it off and view all of it as hilarious because there is little else he can do.

After learning all of this within a day he meets with an Army official who asks if there are any

problems he could take care of for him. Keller laughs so hard the Army official joins in the laughter with no idea of what he is really laughing about.

The comic style leads the audience to believe he will survive the problems and come out all right in the end. In the meantime, though, he gets desperate for money and decides to rob a bank after being refused a loan. When he attempts it with a water gun and discovers he can't spit out the words, "Stick 'em up," he accidentally releases the water from the gun which is still under his belt.

Unable to pull the gun out from his pants he leaves the bank highly embarrassed with all the customers snickering at a grown man who hasn't learned to control his bladder.

Margaret Kidder plays a hooker (Toni) who meets Pryor in a bar by saving him from two guys trying to bully him about being in uniform after the war is over. Her acting role leaves little room for a quality

performance, but displays her ability to shed the nice girl image of Lois Lane in *Superman*.

As a team Pryor and Kidder pull off the rest of the film by becoming friends and conclude it by letting the audience know he has survived. The ending leaves possibilities for future films.



Party

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The parties always include dancing to top 40 music and mingling with people who are anxious to meet new people. The organization attracts many different aged people, but usually ranges from 21 to 33 years old.

Nikolich advertises his parties by posting fliers at OU, in the GM Tech Center's newsletter and the Somerset apartments in Troy. "I have had a good response from singles living in the Somerset apartments," he said.

For summer he plans to organize softball and volleyball teams and hopes to organize several parties outside. Weekend trips to Chicago and Toronto are also on the agenda. He would like to organize a weekend trip centered around a sports event.

"FOR EXAMPLE, I would like to go to Chicago a weekend when the Tigers are playing there," he said. "To do something with a group of people is always more fun. The opportunity to go and see things they've never seen before with people who have the same interests would be exciting."

A week or ten day trip to the Caribbean or the Bahama's are also a possibility.

"A lot of people have shown an interest to go on a cruise, and if enough people get together on it we will go," he said.

Nikolich explained, "You can save so much money when you travel with a group. The savings are in the hundreds."

He has started a membership program entitling discounts on travel and monthly activities. To be a member (it costs) \$55 per year. Members receive a monthly newsletter informing about the organization activities and if a member gets one other person to join he will receive a \$10 rebate on his membership.

Nikolich hopes to own his own bar and restaurant someday.

"I like to be my own boss and I'll go out of my way to make sure people have a good time," he said. In addition to planning parties and running his new business, Nikolich would like to write a novel someday about people and experiences of his own because he enjoys meeting people and already has several ideas in mind.

He has the confidence to make his business successful and said, "I won't stop until I make it work."

The next party will be a 50's-60's theme, April 24 at Murdock's. For information call Mike Nikolich at 641-8277.

Speech

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national tournament, which will be held at Ohio State University in Columbus April 22 through 26.

There, the team will compete with 120 different schools. Over the last two years, OU has been in the top 25 schools in the nation.

In order to raise money, the team judges high school forensic tournaments from Brighton to Sterling Heights. This not only helps the pay for nationals but gives the "university" a lot of exposure in the community," Seelhoff said.

The team practices during the fall semester and five nights a week during the winter semester. Most of the important tournaments re held during the winter

semester.

According to Kathy Kent, the team's secretary, anyone who would join the forensic team for one year would improve their communication skills 100 percent because "Seelhoff is such a good coach." The team also helps prepare students for future employment.

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SPORTS



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Susan Ishmael, a sophomore, now runs for her PE 101 class. Next fall, with the addition of women's cross country, she will have a competitive outlet in which she can pursue her sport.

Cross country 'most feasible'

Rule requires new women's team

By MIKE BARRY
Staff Writer

Tight money is making things difficult everywhere, so when someone speaks earnestly about expanding a program at a college or university they are bound to be regarded with cynical skepticism.

The OU athletic department and its director, Corey Van Fleet, are talking earnestly of expanding the university's women's athletic program not because they want to, but because they must.

"The NCAA is requiring, as of September 1, 1985, that all participating universities offer at least six sports for both men and women," Van Fleet said.

At the present time OU supports seven men's teams and five women's teams. Van Fleet said he hopes to add the sixth ladies team as early as fall of this year.

"What we are proposing for the fall of 1982 is to begin inviting and recruiting women to OU for a cross country team," Van Fleet said.

With the help of recruiting Van Fleet hopes to develop a women's cross country club for intercol-

legiate competition by the fall of 1983.

"It is the most economically feasible proposal," Van Fleet said, "and would cost approximately \$1000 (annually)."

The women's cross country team would be run in conjunction with the men's squad — both of which will be skippered by new head coach DeWayne Jones, the successful coach who captured the conference's Coach of the Year Award for his work with the Lady Pioneers basketball team.

"What we are doing is just covering our fannies and trying to save as much money as we can."

—Corey Van Fleet

Van Fleet discussed some other possibilities for compliance with the new rule — none of which seemed as favorable or feasible to him as the cross country team.

"We (OU) presently have an active girls' soccer club," Van Fleet said. "But to turn that club into a team we're talking more money."

Van Fleet maintains that the

cost of 20 traveling soccer players might not be permitted by the current budget.

"At one time," Van Fleet said, "There was a ladies' synchronized swimming team but right now the pool is so crowded you can barely jump in. There just isn't room."

Another of the athletic department's proposals was to form a new women's team at the expense of an existing men's program.

"It was proposed that OU cut one of the men's teams and add a women's team but in doing that you're just defeating yourself," Van Fleet said.

The new NCAA ruling about equal sports opportunities for men and women requires only that a minimum of six sports be offered each sex.

Universities and colleges that fail to comply with the new rule before September, 1985, could lose their NCAA competitor status, Van Fleet said.

In adding the new ladies team Van Fleet maintains that "what we are doing is just covering our fannies and trying to save as much money as we can."

New coach strives to build up tennis program

By DIANE KEENER
and PATTI SPELLMAN
Staff Writers

Gary Parsons, soccer coach and newly appointed tennis coach, has been working with the eight member men's tennis team since February 22.

Parsons was appointed to this position because of the infamous budget cuts. This "doubling-up" of positions was explained by Corey Van Fleet, OU's athletic director, as "an effort to survive."

Parsons stated that while he does not have a "wealth of knowledge" about tennis, he is very determined to work with the players to "help the team survive."

Parsons also inferred that along

with these budget cuts there has been a negligence in the counseling of student-athletes.

He said that one of the more experienced players from last year's team is being "red-shirted" because he is not carrying enough credits this term.

"ONE OF THE problems with this changeover is that this student did not receive the proper counseling needed to be eligible this year," Parsons said.

Coach Parsons said he thinks this student's ineligibility will hurt the team because only two of the eight players has had the experience of competing with the team before.

These two players, Ted Williams

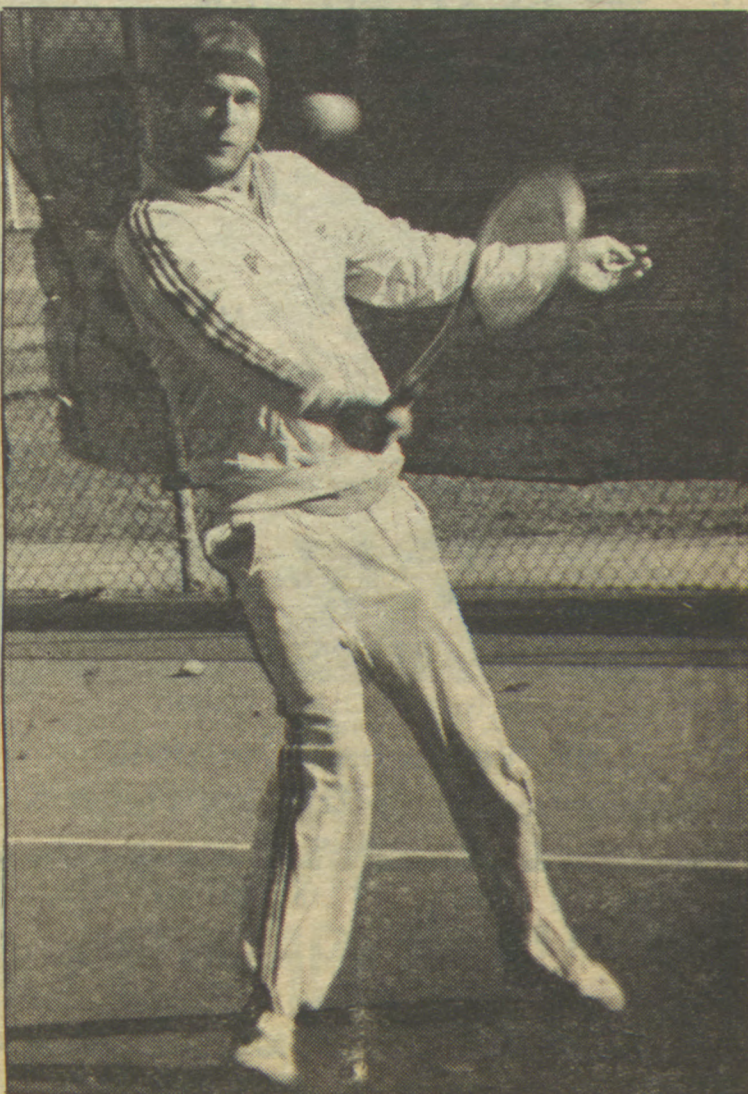
and John Ashman, are the strongest athletes on the team, Parsons said.

Williams, a junior, has been on the team for three years and presently holds the number one singles position. Williams hesitantly stated that "this year will probably be more of a learning experience than a winning experience."

The number five singles position is held by junior John Ashman. "We've got a lot of competitive guys this year," Ashman said. "We don't know how competitive we'll be at the GLIAC (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference), but we're sure to have a good time."

Sophomore Larry Easterly agreed with Williams' comment and added, "tennis is the kind of sport you can practice and practice, but if you don't hit the shots, you lose." In reference to the

fact that the tennis team would have been eliminated if a new coach was not found, Jack Nelligan, a freshman, said that he is "just glad to be playing."



The Oakland Sail Diane Keener

'Enthusiastic' golfers expect a good year

By PAUL BIONDI
Staff Writer

The clearing snows of winter have revealed a potentially explosive golf team with enough raw talent to head the league.

Under George Wibbey, new head coach, the team has held practice sessions indoors at the Lepley Sports Center for two weeks and is just itching to get outside on a real course.

Wibbey, a 20-year veteran of the OU athletic program, hopes he'll have enough room on the roster for the 20 or so hopefuls who have expressed an interest in golfing at Oakland.

"If the fellows who showed up at the meetings are as talented as they are enthusiastic, we've got nothing to worry about," Wibbey joked.

"Right now we're at the driving range daily getting loosened up from a long winter, and stretching unused muscles back into form," Wibbey continued. "When Katke-Cousins finally does open we'll

play at least 18 holes a day right to our first meet in mid-April."

With five starting positions to be filled on a roster bulging with 20 players, Wibbey says he is unsure what he will do with the 15 extra players. But, he maintained that he will not cut anyone from the team's roster.

"The guys on the bottom of the roster may not get a chance to see tournament play this season, but we'll have them with us all season. We just might need them," he said.

Although the team is only beginning to pull together on paper, Coach Wibbey appears to have his starting lineup predetermined. But, he's not telling anyone who they will be just yet.

"Team captain Rich Kuhn will probably be our strongest golfer and top the roster. The next four are almost set, but I won't name any names. I don't want to break

any hearts yet," Wibbey said.

Kuhn, a returning senior from Waterford, plans to head up the team's fight against stiff competition from perennial leader Wayne State University and Ferris State College, not to mention the usually tough competition from the various teams around the state.

Glenn Busam, a freshman from Lakeview High School in St. Clair, confidently claims he will have spot with the top five. "I've been promised a starting position and I don't plan to let the coach down," he said.

Last week's warm breezes saw the team's return to natural courses for their first rounds of the season.

"The nucleus for a winning team is nearly intact, but anyone interested in playing can come and see me in my office at Lepley," Wibbey added. "There's always room for more (athletes)."

Number one seed Ted Williams readies for a season of tough competition by perfecting a wicked backhand during a team practice.

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