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AHC to give views on policy to board

By ELIZABETH BURA
Staff Writer

Area Hall Council is presenting survey results on the proposed residence halls guest policy to the board of trustees at its Oct. 14 meeting.

Jean Miller, program coordinator for residence halls, said AHC president Debbie Ciupak will make a five-minute speech concentrating on students' opinions of the policy.

Proposed changes include the possibility of added nightwatch in some residence halls and a distinction between the terms guest and visitor.

A visitor, according to the policy, is a university student or staff member, while a guest is anyone else.

The cost of added nightwatch to Hill and Van Wagoner Houses, Fitzgerald and Anibal halls is estimated at \$30,000.

THE WORDING was informally added by Wilma Ray-Bledsoe, vice president for student affairs, and President Joseph Champagne, according to Jack Wilson, associate vice president of student affairs. He thinks the differentiation came as a result of disproportionately high disciplinary problems with non-university students. "They feel we have no authority over them," he said.



University students were not included in the stricter policy because, "They're already a member of the community."

Jack Wilson

They have a stake in our environment...we want them to feel welcome in the residence halls," Wilson said.

The board of trustees has not yet seen the policy, said Catherine Rogg, senior executive secretary to John DeCarlo, secretary to the board. A university affairs committee composed of board members Patricia Hartmann, Howard Simms and Stephen Sharf reviewed the policy on Aug. 12, along with 12 or 13 other proposals, according to Rogg.

After reviewing the policy, the committee asked Ray-Bledsoe to bring it before the students. Board member Phyllis Googasian is also on the committee but was not present at the Aug. 12 meeting.

Pow wow power



The Oakland Post/Ed Hawkinson
A girl performs in the Indian Festival held from 12 to 1 p.m. Oct. 8 in the Oakland Center's Fireside Lounge. The Native American Student and Family College Day and Pow Wow was held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 10 in the Oakland Center.

Storm, hardware breakdown cause failures

By WENDY WENDLAND
Editor in Chief

An electrical storm and hardware breakdown caused a power outage and partial break in telephone services in two separate incidents recently.

At 3:55 p.m. Sept. 30 lightning struck a Detroit Edison wire that feeds into a substation near Allerton and Walton, according to Bobb Vergiels, spokesman for Detroit Edison.

The substation serves Oakland University and approximately 400 customers in the Rochester/Auburn Hills area, he said. While Oakland's outage only lasted a short time, the other customers were without power for up to 21 hours.

"Seventeen thousand customers in Oakland County were out for different stretches of time," Vergiels said. "Some went from 4 p.m. to 8 the next morning."

THE ROLM telephone system breakdown occurred Oct. 4 when one of the system's eight processors broke. Jerry Everett, a ROLM/IBM customer support engineer, said the failure affected less than

one-quarter of the campus and was solved in under two hours.

"Some people had trouble placing calls, but they never lost their dial tone," he said. Everett said he replaced a faulty processor with a new one. A processor is the piece of hardware that runs Oakland's computerized system, he said.

Processors don't affect just one area of the campus, he said. Therefore the phone breakdown occurred in various places throughout campus, not exclusively in one building.

"One person's phone may be fine, while another on the other side of the room may not," he said.

WHILE EVERETT said ROLM phone breakdowns are rare, many administrators said electrical power shutdowns are common.

Jim Graham, computer service operation manager at the office of computer services, said the MULTICS and IBM systems went down because of power shortages at least three times recently. He said several times between 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sept. 23, at 3:30 p.m. Sept. 30 and at 12:15 p.m. Oct.

1 the systems were down. Graham said the number of recent program failures is more than normal for this time of year.

OAKLAND is susceptible to power failures because Detroit Edison lines are above ground and subject to storms.

So far this semester Graham estimates the MULTICS system has been down for 10 hours total, and the IBM system for three hours total. Beginning in December, however, the systems will be insured by a battery operated back-up system that will automatically kick in and provide electricity until the Detroit Edison lines have been repaired.

Graham said the program, called UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply), is being funded by a \$125,000 state grant.

But when Oakland loses its power, the computer lab isn't the only area affected. Larry Bartalucci, registrar, said the computer system his office uses shuts down for each power shortage.

The registrar's office is part of the CREDITIS system (Computerized Records and Enrollment Data Information Tracking System) that several offices, including ad-

missions and academic advising, hook into.

Bartalucci said that when this system goes down, it needs to be rebooted, which can take anywhere from 20 to 30 minutes.

Also affected by the Sept. 30 power outage was Central Heating. A Honeywell 1,000 computer controls all of the heating and cooling fans on campus. The system has a battery back-up, but when the power loss occurs for any length of time over 7 to 10 minutes, the system must be reloaded, according to Linus Stepp, a master trades worker at the plant.

RELOADING takes approximately an hour, but all of the fans must be manually switched from automatic to manual before the system can be booted, and then switched back from manual to automatic after it's back on line.

Stepp said that because of the large number of fans in each building, the process can be very long. For instance, Stepp said O'Dowd Hall has four main fans, five supply fans, five return fans, and five exhaust fans.

Author says country living on past success

American schools weak,
Halberstam says

By CATHERINE KAZA
News Editor

Americans have become too complacent about their place in the world, according to David Halberstam, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist.

"We need to get off of automatic pilot," Halberstam said to an on-campus audience of 600 business leaders and university officials at a luncheon business forum at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion Oct. 6.

HALBERSTAM, author of *The Reckoning*, a book about Ford Motor Company and the automobile industry, also spoke to about 300 students and the public in an afternoon lecture later that day in the Oakland Center Crockery.

Halberstam said the book is "not a book about autos," but about the United States' "years of easy affluence."

That era "where we were without question the best" is over, according to Halberstam.

"There are other nations out there," he said,

adding that some of the other countries are "truer to our traditions than we were."

America's industrial supremacy started after World War II, according to Halberstam. "We (the country) became muscular in spite of ourselves," he said.

However, Halberstam said things have changed. "For the first time since World War II, (the) playing field is even."

THE COUNTRY is moving into a new international order, according to Halberstam. The challenge is not just coming from Japan, but from other countries too.

To survive, America will have to change its sociology and become more competitive. Presently, short-range mentalities are less willing to take a chance, according to Halberstam. There is a belief that "we should have profit without risk," he said.

Halberstam said he didn't believe in the myth of Japanese managers, but he did "believe they have an extraordinary system that works." Japan is also aided by the close relationship between banks and the industrial companies, he said.

Another reason Japan is surging ahead is

because "they're an economic society and we're a political society," Halberstam said.

He said the country has very strong nationalism. Japan has "levels of loyalty most nations can only summon in times of war."

Its success is built on manufacturing and education, Halberstam said. One enormous advantage of the Japanese is that they're "very good at taking something from (the) lab and putting it into process."

He said America's weaknesses can be attributed to a decline in the secondary school system and people's expectations after 30 to 40 years of unparalleled success. "How do we minimize ourselves?" he questioned.

VULNERABILITY is one problem Japan has, Halberstam said. The country is very aware of other competition, according to Halberstam, and act accordingly. It is a "very powerful kind of octane. Can they sustain it? The question bothers them a great deal," Halberstam said.

One danger for the U.S. is abstract knowledge, Halberstam said. While he said he's not anti-intellectual, "knowledge and education must be blended with reality."

Faculty say report has little effect on review process

By CATHERINE KAZA
News Editor

Faculty are preparing a report for the board of trustees on their views of President Joseph Champagne's performance, but many don't think it will have a large impact on the board's own review.

"The board (of trustees) doesn't pay attention" to faculty, according to G. Philip Johnson, math professor and self-described "resident pariah."

James Graham, associate history professor, said while the report "can't hurt," the board "may or may not give weight" to it. He said the board's priorities are "not necessarily the same as faculty."

The ad hoc faculty committee for the review of the president was established shortly after the board of trustees established its presidential review subcommittee in November, 1986.

CHAMPAGNE, who has been university president since 1981, requested a board review last November.

The faculty committee's job is to gather faculty opinions on the president's performance, according to John Barnard, chair of history and the faculty committee. He said a questionnaire for the faculty should be completed and distributed by the end of October. After the survey is complete, the faculty committee will compile the comments and present them to the board subcommittee, hopefully by the end of the semester, according to Barnard.

Donald Bemis, trustee and chair of the board subcommittee, said he expects the board's own gathering of information to be completed soon. "Hopefully everything (will be) wrapped up by next month," he said.

The purpose of both committees is to "make available as many channels" as possible for input, according to Barnard.

While both are receiving input from faculty, the difference between the two is that faculty are doing a "very specific survey, putting things in writing," while the board is gathering information from the university at large, according to board subcommittee member Phyllis Googasian.

The board wants to "provide the chance...to hear individual comments," she said.

Faculty committee member Joseph Hovanesian said he didn't realize the board was accepting comments from faculty and that it was "confusing to faculty."

JOHN DE CARLO, secretary to the board, said it is looking for "constructive recommendations" to improve operation of the university. He said that the board wants information "identifiable and attributable" to a specific source.

However, Barnard said the survey being distributed to faculty will be anonymous, unless the person wants to sign his/her name. In addition, the forms will not go past the committee.

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Journalist and author David Halberstam spoke to more than 300 people Oct. 6 in the Oakland Center Crockery. He also spoke to 600 area business leaders and university officials at a luncheon the same day.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Former UAW president lectures

Former United Auto Workers president Doug Fraser is lecturing at 4 p.m. Oct. 14 in 204 O'Dowd Hall at a Honors College leadership class.

The open lecture is co-sponsored by Honors College and Ken Morris Labor Studies Center.

Fraser was UAW president from 1977-1983. Presently, he is a labor studies professor at

Wayne State University and a lecturer at the John F. Kennedy School at Harvard University.

Resident finds snake in room

A North Hamlin resident reported that someone left a snake in her room after breaking in Oct. 4 at 9:30 p.m. Richard Leonard, public safety director, said that apparently someone had broken a vent in the doorway, left the snake and messed up the rugs.

Sidewalks to be replaced soon

Deteriorated concrete sidewalks at various campus locations are being replaced around Oct. 15, according to campus facilities and operations. Occupants in the Oakland Center, Varner, Wilson, Dodge, North and South Foundation Halls will be affected by construction noise and detours.

Construction is expected to last approximately four to six weeks.

Toga party ends early

By JENNIFER BYRNE
Staff Writer

Resident assistants and Public Safety shut down the annual toga party on 5 East Vandenberg Oct. 2 at 11:30 p.m. because of crowd unruliness.

According to Resident Assistant Ellen Jones, people were not being cooperative and dispersing properly. "There were too many people in the hallway (and) there were too many people drinking. I saw some life-threatening situations and the party had to be ended," she said. Public Safety was called around midnight. Richard Leonard, director of public safety, said the crowd was unruly and disorderly and the R.A.'s could not break up the party without the help of the Public Safety officers.

Three-year floor member Tom Grekowicz said there was alcohol in the hallways but that R.A.'s and Public Safety could have handled the situation better. "They (R.A.'s) were looking for problems, and when they began to break it up the problems began."

Jones said there cannot be parties like the toga where things get totally out of control. "The policies of residence halls are being violated, and if it happens again, the parties will be shut down."

Jones estimated that 10 to 12 written verbal warnings were given to students who had violated the alcohol policy.

Corrections

In a library fundraising photo in the Oct. 5 issue, the outline should have read fundraisers for the library addition have raised \$500,000.

In a story about the McGregor fund in the Oct. 5 issue, Virgil Thomson's name was misspelled.

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Review

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BEMIS said there are some problems with anonymous statements. "Anonymous things deserve response, (but) who do you respond to?" he questioned.

However, he added that it would not matter if the faculty report was anonymous as long as leaders of the faculty committee were willing to discuss questions the board may have.

Bemis said that faculty "opinion does count."

Faculty views on the acceptability of anonymous statements varied. Graham said it should be the "prerogative of faculty to keep statements anonymous." He said the use of anonymity depends on whether the questions are qualitative or quantitative, and that it is better to have non-tenured people remain unnamed.

Richard Kanost, assistant political science professor, said "usually when you want people to be frank, you grant anonymity."

THERE ARE benefits and dangers in maintaining anonymity, according to Gadis Dillon, chair of the department of accounting and finance. One benefit is that people may not feel as threatened, he said. However, the committee "may not get a reasonable response" or

receive "misstated factual conditions."

Hovanessian said anonymity makes a difference. If a response was signed, the board "would look at it as more reliable," he said.

Anonymity aside, faculty are generally not optimistic about the impact of the presidential review on campus problems.

Johnson said apathy in the community, particularly among faculty, is one reason. "Too many faculty think nothing can be done to remedy the problem," he said, referring to the president. "He's a disaster."

A professor who asked to remain unnamed said there is a "sense of futility in the review process. (The) president's heart is in the technology park, not the university."

OTHERS agreed. The president has "not paid a lot of attention to teaching facilities on campus," Graham said. He thought the board "should get (an) idea of deteriorating teaching conditions at Oakland."

Graham, who has been at the university since the late 1960s, said he wasn't "particularly optimistic," on the basis of other reviews. He said the review process is for the benefit of the board and that the "faculty review is not (the) key element in the review of the president."

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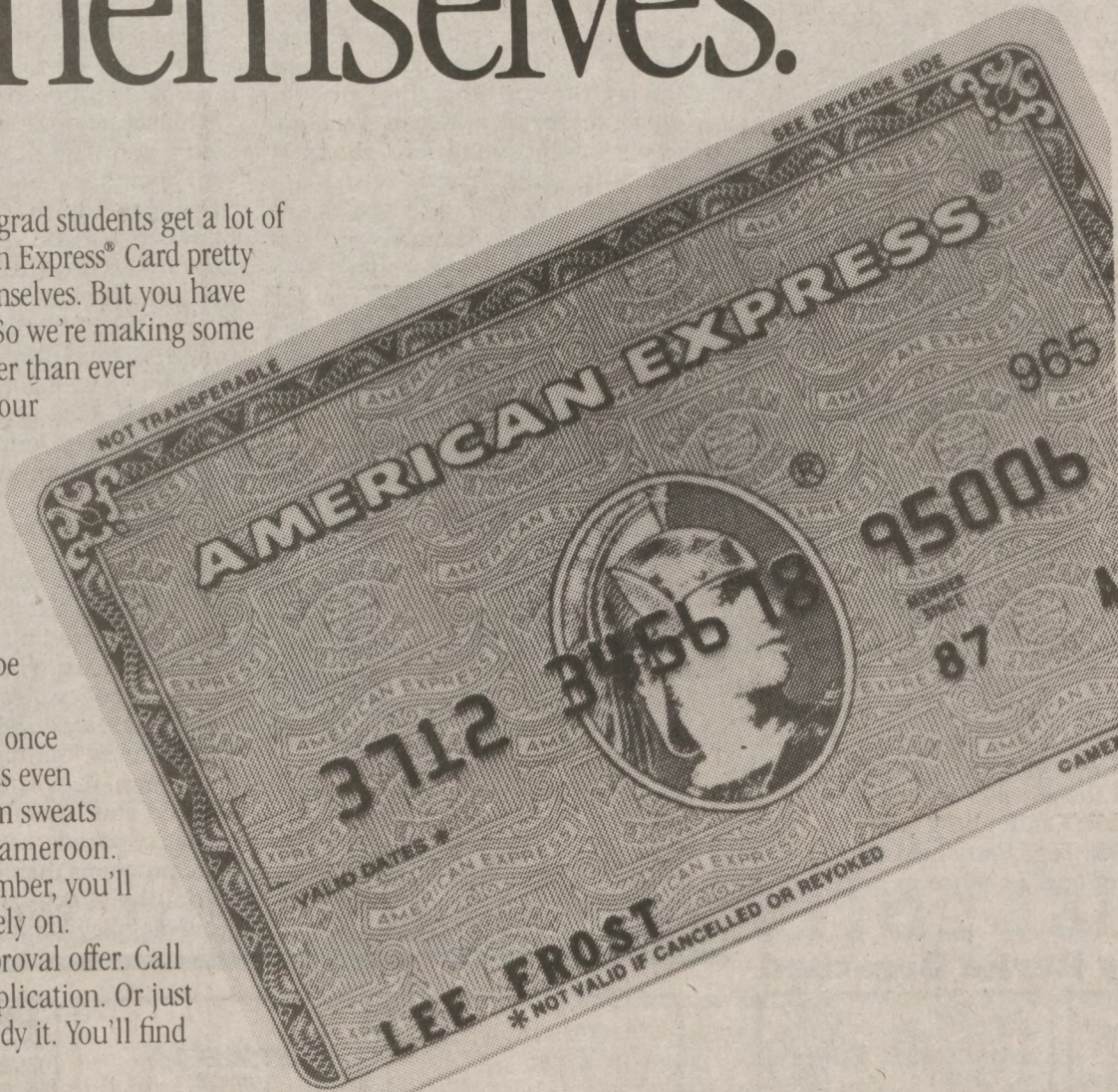
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OPINION

Apathy, timing hurt lecturers

Oakland University, like most colleges and universities across the country, hires several prominent speakers to lecture on campus each year.

On Sept. 29 Coretta Scott King, wife of the slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., spoke on the status of the black family, and on Oct. 6 David Halberstam, Pulitzer Prize winner and well-known author, spoke on America's decline in the world market, and Japan's subsequent rise.

Approximately 1,000 people attended King's lecture, but this figure includes 350 students from the Pontiac and Detroit Public School Districts plus several non-student, members of the community. Approximately 300 attended Halberstam's lecture, but some students, perhaps 50, attended a prior lecture given before business leaders at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion.

Oakland University has a student body of 13,000. More students than a measly 650 for King, and 300 for Halberstam should have attended.

The reason behind the low turnout couldn't have been money, with King's lecture free, and Halberstam's lecture costing students \$1. The low turnout was most likely a combination of poor timing and student apathy.

Both lectures were held at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays. Paul Franklin, coordinator of campus programs, said the lectures are scheduled at whatever time and day between Monday through Thursday that the lecturer is available. He said 2 p.m. Tuesdays was a good time with the speakers and seemed like a good time considering class schedules.

But Oakland is a commuter campus, and more commuter students are here Monday and Wednesday than Tuesday and Thursday. Also, with Tuesday classes lasting from 1 to 3 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m., the lecture interrupts two class times. Most likely students will skip one class for a lecture, but to skip two classes would be burdensome.

A lecture scheduled at 12 or 1 p.m. would be a better time for several reasons. Students would only have to skip one class instead of two classes, and if the lecture was related to a certain class subject, professors could easily send the class to the lecture.

Also, many commuter students who do have Tuesday/Thursday classes hold part-time jobs that begin at 5 p.m. A student working a 5 p.m. shift needs to leave campus by 3 p.m. in order to drive home, change, eat and drive to work on time.

But not all students are commuters, and not all students have jobs that begin at 5 p.m. Student apathy is a major culprit.

Students need to care about world affairs, not the latest crisis in a favorite afternoon soap opera. Most of the lecturers are national leaders who hold relevant opinions.

A university has much more to offer than just what's taught in the classroom. Students need to take advantage of these things, like the lectures provided by these speakers.

Hopefully when future lecturers come to campus student attendance will be higher.

Letters to the Editor

R.A.s, public safety unfair at toga party

Dear Editor,

I am an alumni of Oakland University who spent three enjoyable years living on the 5th floor in East Vandenberg. When I attended the annual Toga Party October 2nd, I expected to have a little fun with some of my old floormates. What I experienced was quite to the contrary.

I believe the actions of certain individuals should be brought to your readers' attention. The party was closed down around 11:30 p.m. for being out of hand. Since 1982, I have attended dozens of dorm parties, from near riots to near funerals, this party was not even close to being out of hand. Following this, a group of 10 to 20 people, myself included, gathered in room 512 to continue the festivities. Officer Steele and his young partner promptly entered the room and ORDERED everyone to immediately vacate the premises. When I lived in East Vandenberg, the years 1982 through 1985, the police could enter a dorm room only if they had a warrant, a situation of imminent danger existed, or permission was given by the residents of the room. Apparently, the right of privacy and the protection from illegal search and seizure that every dorm student once enjoyed, they enjoy no longer. When questioned as to what legal right they had to do this, both officers refused to discuss the matter in an adult fashion. When a few of the individuals in the room became more vocal, Officer Steele's partner grew increasingly angry and exchanged insults with these individuals. From what I observed I am forced to conclude that the young officer lost his composure and acted in a totally unprofessional manner.

The conduct of the floor resident assistant and the resident assistants on duty also should be brought to your readers' attention. I was lucky to have two R.A.s who understood they had an EQUAL obligation to the student and the university. From what I saw at the Toga Party, this is also a thing of the past. It appeared to me that the R.A.s there clearly had taken sides. The side they took was that of the university. From their actions I would conclude that it would be rather difficult for a student to now trust one of these R.A.s. At any second they may turn on you to save their own behind and to look good in the eyes of the administration.

In conclusion, if I was still a student at Oakland University who shelled out several thousand dollars a year to live in the dorms and attend classes, I would demand a more PROFESSIONAL and COURTEOUS approach be taken by the police and the resident assistants of the university.

Sincerely yours,
John M. Farr

Toga party to go in OU Hall of Shame

Dear Editor,

As tradition would have it, the -- 10th? 12th? -- annual Five East Vandenberg Hall Toga Party was held, the first Friday in October. However, this year's party will have a place in the Oakland University Hall of Shame, courtesy of Public Safety (a misnomer in this case) and Resident Assistant flunkies.

An OU alumnus, I am proud of the years I spent at this university while earning my Bachelor and Master of Arts Degrees. I spent five of those years as a resident of Five East Vandenberg, and for me the 1988 Toga Party held the promise of fun and a chance to catch up with

old friends and lurch down memory lane. Unfortunately, my fond memories of previous Five East toga parties bore little resemblance to what occurred this time around.

All in all, toga '88 had the makings of a typical good party. But that was before the party was closed down by Resident Assistants at 11:30 p.m. for no apparent reason, shortly followed by Public Safety raids (there can be no other word for it) on dorm room get togethers. I'm interested to know what aspect of the public safety was being preserved through all of this.

When I was a dorm student, Public Safety didn't have the right to (or just plain didn't) sweep through residents' rooms without first knocking or asking permission, then proceed to shake students down and throw guests into the street. These officers of old were also more professional than to lose their tempers and scream at students in order to end debate.

Granted, no one on Five East was drinking tea and playing Scrabble, but it wasn't mayhem or a Roman orgy either. It was a party that hadn't gotten out of bounds, and people whad been enjoying themselves.

A wind of change has blown through Oakland University residence halls since the good ol' days, and the shutdown of the 1988 Five East Toga Party proves how fragile student rights are when Resident Assistants don't assist residents and big men with badges and short fuses make the rules. My sympathy to this class of future Oakland graduates, whose dorms affect a police state more than a home away from home.

Sincerely,
Kevin Patterson

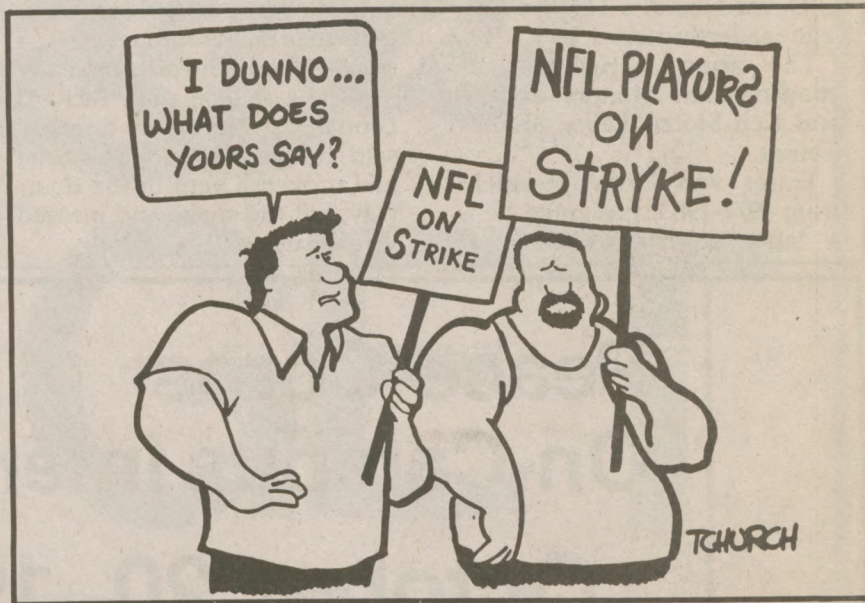
New guest policy waste of money

Dear Editor,

As a student on campus, I am very concerned about the university's opinion of who dorm students may have here on campus. Why must the board try to enforce on us policy upon useless policy which infringe on and take away certain rights? I am presently speaking of the proposed guest policy. Why should we not be able to have overnight guests of any sex we choose? Have I come from one high school to another? Campus students are adults, and we have a right to visitors, guests, or whoever. Who is this policy serving? Certainly not students. But students will have to live with it and pay for it. Is our current housing budget so wasteful that \$30,000 per year can be "reallocated?" If so, where is that \$30,000 per year now? I've been told housing has to answer to angry parents -- what about the 99 percent of us who are adults and are paying for our schooling? Should we be under rules which someone else's parents think are good? Is housing concerned with the decrease in residence hall occupancy? It's because too many mature adults can't function under these poor policies and afford to pay for enforcement of them.

Whose brilliant idea was the student gathering place that's made of three brick walls? Where is that money coming from? Its designated location is one where commuters never go. Why would dorm students leave their buildings and meet on three brick walls? They should just save the money from this graffiti collector and repave the sidewalk. Or add to the library. Or fix up Lepley. Or get some real practice pianos in Varner Hall. As a student with enormous university costs, I'd like to see some of it spent on useful, student related ideas.

Bert Van Dyke
Fitzgerald House Council



Proposed policy severely flawed

Dear Editor,

In recent weeks, I have seen much written about the residence halls guest policy.

As with any policy, there are costs to go along with the potential benefits of implementing it. The most apparent cost is the \$30,000 cost of the Nightwatch service. I have heard that the funds will be obtained through a rebudgeting of university funds and that the students will not have to pay extra.

Well, the rebudgeting of funds is great! Putting extra money to use in improving the residence halls environment is desired by most residents but the statement that the students will not have to pay any extra is only true for the present. Students may not have to pay extra now partly because the housing fee was just raised this year. With proposed additional Nightwatch costs, the housing fee will most likely be raised again soon.

Furthermore, if Nightwatch is going to be used to enforce the guest policy, there are a couple of major problems that may arise. First, the Nightwatch staff is primarily made up of students. If Nightwatch students have to call the rooms of residents with checked in guests or have to check rooms every night, the number of students who will be willing stay on the Nightwatch staff will be dramatically reduced because students will not want to be the enforcers. Secondly, students who want to have overnight guests may simply bring their guests into the building before 7 p.m., before Nightwatch sets up.

In all likelihood, the Nightwatch staff will not be made to enforce the proposed guest policy anyway. Nightwatch will probably only have the duty of calling the rooms where guests were checked in and if the guests are not out of the building after a certain time period, the resident's name and room number would be turned over the Resident Assistant (R.A.) on duty and he/she will have to go to the room to enforce the proposed guest policy.

This situation poses several problems, too. The R.A.s, while being staff members, are also students. Students with classes and homework to do. If the R.A.s on duty have to check rooms that guests have checked in at 1 a.m. or 2 a.m., they will not be able to accomplish much the next day. The checking of rooms with checked in guests will take time especially in Hamlin or Vandenberg. This task seems very undesirable to R.A.s who already have many responsibilities.

The proposed guest policy also has the potential benefit of providing a reduced number of roommate/suitemate conflicts. But the proposed policy also carries with it the even greater costs of increased expenditures on nightwatch services and R.A. personnel, and reduced staff morale.

The proposed guest policy causes more problems than it solves. In addition, the effectiveness of the approved policy ultimately lies with

the residents. If the residents do not protect their rights either by talking to their roommate or by taking formal action (using the policy as a basis for a complaint), no matter what policy is in effect the policy simply will not work.

The current policy is adequate enough to solve most conflicts and yet it does not create as great a burden on the R.A.s as the proposed policy would. And it is a policy that the adults that live in the residence halls can live with.

Peter Waldrop

Suicide attempts worth reporting

Dear Editor,

In response to the letters to the editor in the Sept. 28th issue of the Oakland Post, I would like to express my disappointment. The two letters regarding the suicide attempts, I thought were sad. I feel students should be informed of this type of issue.

The Post reports events that happen and effect our lives at college. While it is true some "embarrassment," as expressed in Prof. Fink's letter, may be felt by the students who attempted suicide, the article made no mention of their names. The article let us all know that the unsteady feelings we are experiencing are being felt by others as well. I know these students need the support of all those surrounding them; not just one or two close friends. Whatever they were going through, they obviously needed an escape. We all need a diversion from life sometime or another. If we realize there are others out there who feel the same way, we may be able to cope a little bit better, more so than if we are unaware.

Sincerely,
Julie Gafiss

News briefs should include follow-ups otherwise incomplete

Dear Editor,

It is unfortunate that you generate your "News Briefs" section from public safety reports. The information contained in a public safety report is typically incomplete because they do not reflect any follow-up or investigation. The article (Sept. 28, 1987 issue) regarding the stolen \$600 was neither complete nor accurate. The public safety report was filed because the station manager "thought" the money was in her purse. After the report was filed with public safety, the station manager found the envelope, with the money in it, in her car.

The leadership conference was truly a wonderful learning experience for those who participated. It seems unfair to the participants, that through reading a public safety report, you concluded that a theft occurred at the event. Your article placed all who attended the conference under an eye of suspicion...and for no reason because the money was in the manager's car the entire time.

Thank you for allowing me to set the record straight.

Sincerely,
Cameron Brunet-Koch

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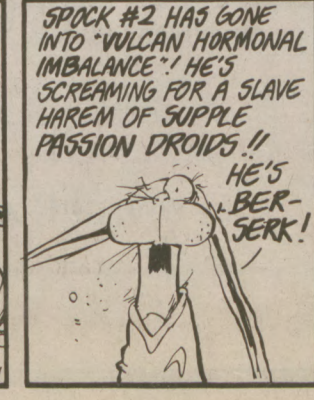
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BLOOM COUNTY



by Berke Breathed





Courtesy of Varner Studio Theater
Rende Rae Norman is Miss Adelaide in *Guys and Dolls*.

Music, characters, liven play Meadow Brook Theatre begins 22nd season

By FLORI ROSENBERG
Features Editor

Dancing girls, gamblers and a mission band combine with bright lights and music in *Guys and Dolls*, and pull the audience right into the '40s.

Meadow Brook Theatre's season opener began its four-week run last Thursday.

Most of the play takes place on a Broadway street corner complete with flashing marquees, hookers, and a burlesque house.

The gamblers have classic names like Nicely-Nicely Johnson, Benny Southstreet, Scranton Slim and Angie the Ox.

As they complain in *The Oldest Established*, these men are in need of a spot to hold their floating crap game.

Nathan Detroit (Wil Love), is the leader of the group. "I've been running a floating crap game since I

was a juvenile delinquent," he boasts.

However, he is a little concerned about heat from the local cop, Lt. Brannigan (Phillip Locker). Brannigan has the stereotypical Irish accent, of course.

Nathan decides the best place for the crap game would be Joey Biltmore's garage, but the owner wants \$1,000 first.

So how does a gambler come up with quick cash? He uses his natural talents. Here, Sky Masterson (Paul Jackel) comes into the story. This is a man who cannot resist a bet, as long as the odds are against him. He's been known to wager on how high his fever would go when he had the flu and how far a man can throw a slice of cheesecake.

Sky is planning a trip to Havana, where the action is. Nathan bets he can't get a "doll" of Nathan's choice to go him. Sky agrees to the

bet. Nathan picks Sgt. Sarah Brown (Heidi White) of the Save A Soul Mission.

Sky works on Sarah, who has very definite ideas about the type of man she wants. Falling on old habits, Sky offers Sarah a marker promising "12 assorted sinners" at the next prayer meeting in exchange for a lunch date in Havana. Things definitely get interesting here.

Nathan, meanwhile, has problems with his own love life.

Nathan is seeing a doll named Miss Adelaide (Rende Rae Norman). Problem is, Adelaide is a bit crabby about celebrating the 14th anniversary of their engagement with no wedding date in sight. She also is trying to reform Nathan from his gambling.

"Why is it when you dolls find a guy you like, you take him right in for alterations," Nathan asks her.

Here, Nathan hits upon the

theme of the story — guys trying to have some fun and dolls trying to domesticate them.

The men do see some practicality to a mate. "If a guy doesn't have a doll, who would yell at him?"

This play succeeds on many levels. First of all, the music and dancing are lots of fun. The songs are from the '40s, but they haven't lost their charm. In some songs, like *Adelaide's Lament* and *Marry the Man Today*, the lyrics (written by Frank Loesser) are easy for a modern audience to relate to.

Another reason the play works is that the plot is timeless. Men and woman trying to understand each other will always be interesting.

The acting is another plus. Norman is a wonderful Miss Adelaide. She can do the "Betty Boop" voice or talk like a street-wise night club dancer. Her performance is always vibrant. Looking forward to domesticity, her character says, See *Musical* page 7.

Play takes dark subject matter in stride, offers enjoyable show

By DOC ROSS
Staff Writer

Equus has a reputation for being no fun, but for those who don't consider dark psychological drama an evening's entertainment, this production will be pleasantly surprising.

Equus is the story of 17-year-old Alan Strang (Christopher Olsztyn). He blinded six horses at the stable where he worked and is undergoing treatment at a psychiatric hospital. His doctor is Martin Dysart (Brian Murphy).

Dysart takes Alan step by step through the crime trying to discover what went wrong, and as he does, fights with himself to understand his own problems as well as the boy's. Dysart and Alan develop a desperate need for each other.

T. Andrew Aston's *Equus* is unexpectedly amusing and thoroughly enjoyable. Dysart is warm and witty. He displays a genuine humanity rather than a clinical interest in

Alan. His anger is understated. Rather than raving and appearing to be as disturbed as his patients, as the original script suggests, Murphy gives Dysart a gentle, resigned quality which is very effective.

He is playful in his dealings with Alan. In their scenes together, they manage to transcend the seriousness of the subject matter and give the entire play a light-hearted feel. This makes the dark scenes all the more compelling.

Olsztyn is very convincing as Alan Strang. He is churlish and rebellious in his pleading for Dysart's help. His emotional scenes at the end of each of the two acts are passionate without going over the top. He displays the maturity of the actor in the childlike quality of the character.

All of the other performances are strong, too. The cast is well balanced and develops the limited stereotypical characters into real people. Kyle Zachary's portrayal of Alan's father was especially

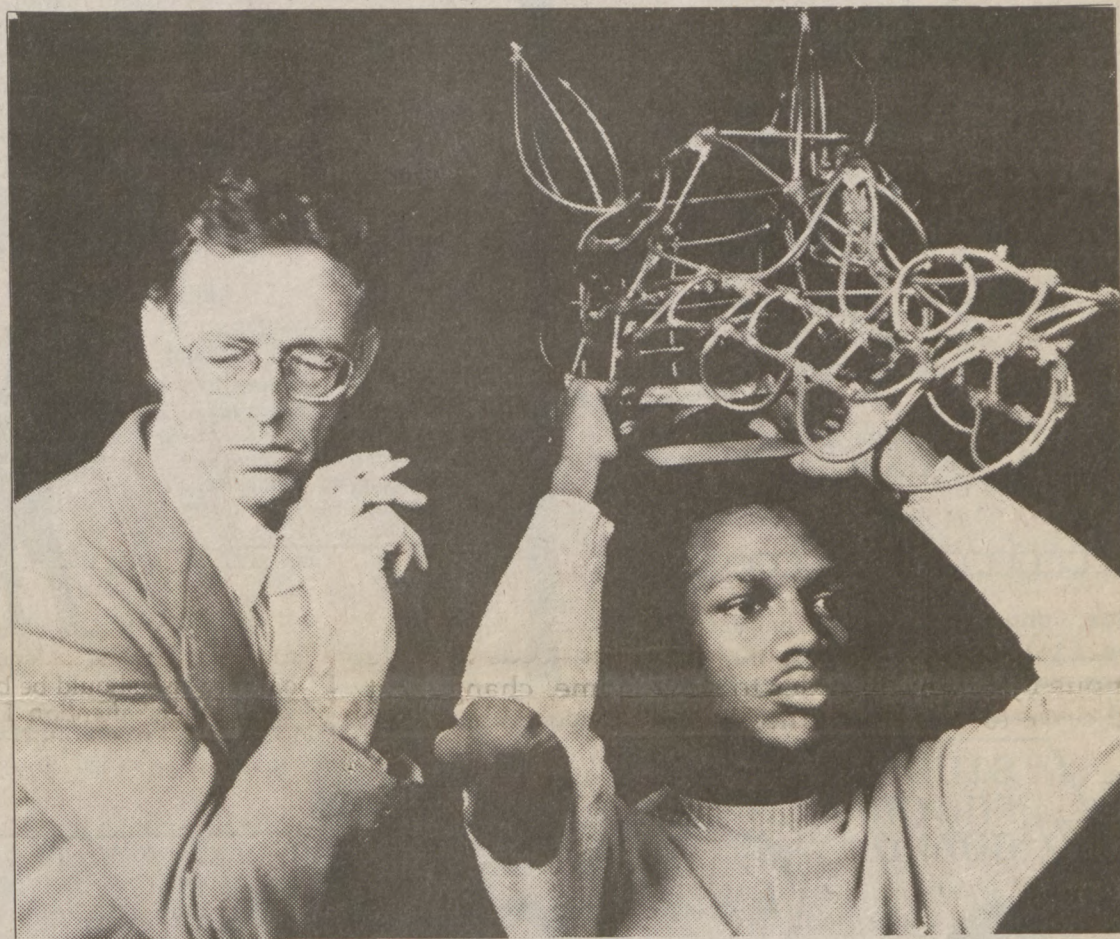
enjoyable.

Equus is presented in the round, and Varner Studio theater is well suited to this purpose. Blair Vaughn Anderson's set is an adaptation of Peter Shaffer's original design and works very well. Three entrances are flanked with huge metal horse masks designed by Olsztyn. They are suspended against total blackness.

Benches are placed all around the center in front of the house seating. Actors not involved in the action sit quietly and watch.

The fact that the production is done in the round means there isn't a bad seat in the house. Dysart paces outside the wooden platform speaking to the audience without the effect of an "operating theater" as called for in the original script. This brings the entire audience into the action as Dysart's confidant.

Equus will play at Varner Studio Theater through October 25.



Brian Murphy stars as Martin Dysart in *Equus*.

Courtesy of Varner Studio Theater

What's Happening

Iowa Rose: Part of Varner Recital Hall's Concerts-For-Youth series, the performance is next Monday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Midwest band will play music from bluegrass to classic country.

Tickets are \$8 for the general public, \$5 for children and senior citizens and \$4 for students.

Call 370-3013 for more information.

Badlands: Cinematheque's next feature stars Sissy Spacek and Martin Sheen.

The show is in 201 Dodge Saturday at 7 p.m. Admission is \$1.

Health Careers Job Fair: The event will be in the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Free shuttle service from the North Central Parking Lot (in front of the Oakland Center) to the fair will be available all day.

Career and Graduate School Workshop: Psi Chi, the National Honor Society for Psychology will present the workshop in 202 O'Dowd Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Admission is \$3. Refreshments will be provided.

Call Yaffa Podbilewicz at 356-2925 for more information.

Autumnfest: The City of Troy is sponsoring a 19th century harvest celebration at the Troy Museum Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m.

Activities will include corn husking contests, apple bobbing and square dancing.

A harvest meal will be cooked over an open fire.

Admission is free.

Call 524-3570 for more information.



October is Yates Cider Mill's busiest month.

Oakland Post/Paul Paris

Cider mill popular during fall

By JULIE GLEESON
Staff Writer

Cider mill season is here.

Yates Cider Mill on Dequindre and Avon roads in Rochester is one spot to try.

While munching on donuts, folks can view the cider being made and get a brief history of the mill.

Another attraction at Yates is the Fudge Shoppe, where the candy-making is demonstrated.

On the south end of the grounds, visitors are invited to pick their own apples. The selection includes Spys, Delicious and MacIntosh.

People can also take advantage of the autumn sights by walking along the trails that outline the mill.

Yates employee Ed Mikolowski, 35, says that one of the reasons people come to the mill is to see the beautiful colors while eating donuts.

October is the prime month at Yates and averages about 1,000 people per day on the weekends, said Jerry Vincil, 25, who has worked at Yates for eight years.

People come to the cider mill for different reasons. Oakland junior Diane Drabik says she likes the cider and the nature walks.

"I like the fact that you can see the cider being made," said David Ollie, 22, of Waterford.

Yates Cider Mill is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week until December. For the winter season, its hours are cut back to weekends from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Slavic Folk Ensemble offers travel, friendship

By BETTY GREEN
Staff Writer

The Slavic Folk Ensemble, a performing dance group, is described by its founder as "ambassador of the university."

The ensemble is one of the university's oldest student organizations. It was begun by Russian professor Helen Kovach in the early 1960s in an effort to interest her language students in Slavic culture.

Kovach, faculty advisor for 27 years, said the group has a spring performance every year at Varner Hall and performs throughout the year for local schools and nursing homes.

The ensemble has made several trips to Europe, most recently last summer, when it performed in Yugoslavia and Bulgaria and spent a day sightseeing in Istanbul, Turkey.

President Gregg DeNike, 28, said he joined the group in 1981 because he was attracted by "the fantastic acrobatic movements of the Ukrainian and Russian dances." He was not a dancer then but said developing the strength and agility required was "really not a problem."

DeNike traveled to Europe with the group in 1981 and 1987. "It's a lot of fun," he said. "It enriches my ethnic experience. I get to travel, and I like everything about it—the music, the costumes, the people."

The ensemble's Varner Hall office is crammed with colorful costumes trimmed with fur, beads and ribbons. Swords, shawls, tambourines and boots fill the shelves.

Kovach said the members make the costumes. Local ethnic groups help with authentic designs. "It's a lot of work," she added, "They

were even sewing them on the plane to Europe last summer."

Primarily, the group does Slavic dancing—Russian, Polish, Ukrainian, Bulgarian—but includes others occasionally. Last summer in Europe they added Romanian and some American dances. True to folk tradition, experienced dancers instruct newer members.

Kovach described last summer's Bulgarian audience of 2,000 people as "extremely enthusiastic." She said they were "very, very excited that Americans performed their dances, and when we were singing their songs, the whole audience sang along."

The university contributed \$4,000 toward the trip. In addition, the group used funds accumulated from performances and fund-raising efforts of the last four years to pay for new costumes and provide subsidies of \$250 to \$500 per member. Individual members paid the remainder of the \$1,349 cost.

Kovach said close friendships and several marriages have developed among the members over the years. One member married a Russian she met on the group's 1983 European trip. Last summer he was released to join her in the United States.

Claudette Wizniuk, a secretary in the School of Engineering and Computer Sciences, met her husband Andrew as a freshman in the ensemble. The group danced at the wedding, and the couple went on last year's European trip.

Wizniuk said participating is fun, good exercise and a learning experience. Two credits of international studies credit can be earned from participation.

Funding and recruiting are the ensemble's biggest problems, See *Slavic* page 7



STUDENT REPORT

Helping You

Here are some tasks Congress has completed that directly address student needs and concerns:

- * Recommending that campus office hours be extended for greater convenience to students, especially night students.
- * Initiating a scholarship proposal for upper-class Residence Halls students not currently receiving a Student Life Scholarship.
- * Directing the University to establish a minimum wage of \$4.00 per hour for University students.

UNIVERSITY CONGRESS
Open Meeting
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The future

Executive Assistant Sean Higgins is initiating a proposal to bring new apartment-style or co-operative housing on-campus. If you have any questions or comments about this or another student issue, just call 370-4290, or stop by the Congress office at 19 E. O.C., in the lower level of the Oakland Center. We'd be more than happy to from you!

Survey

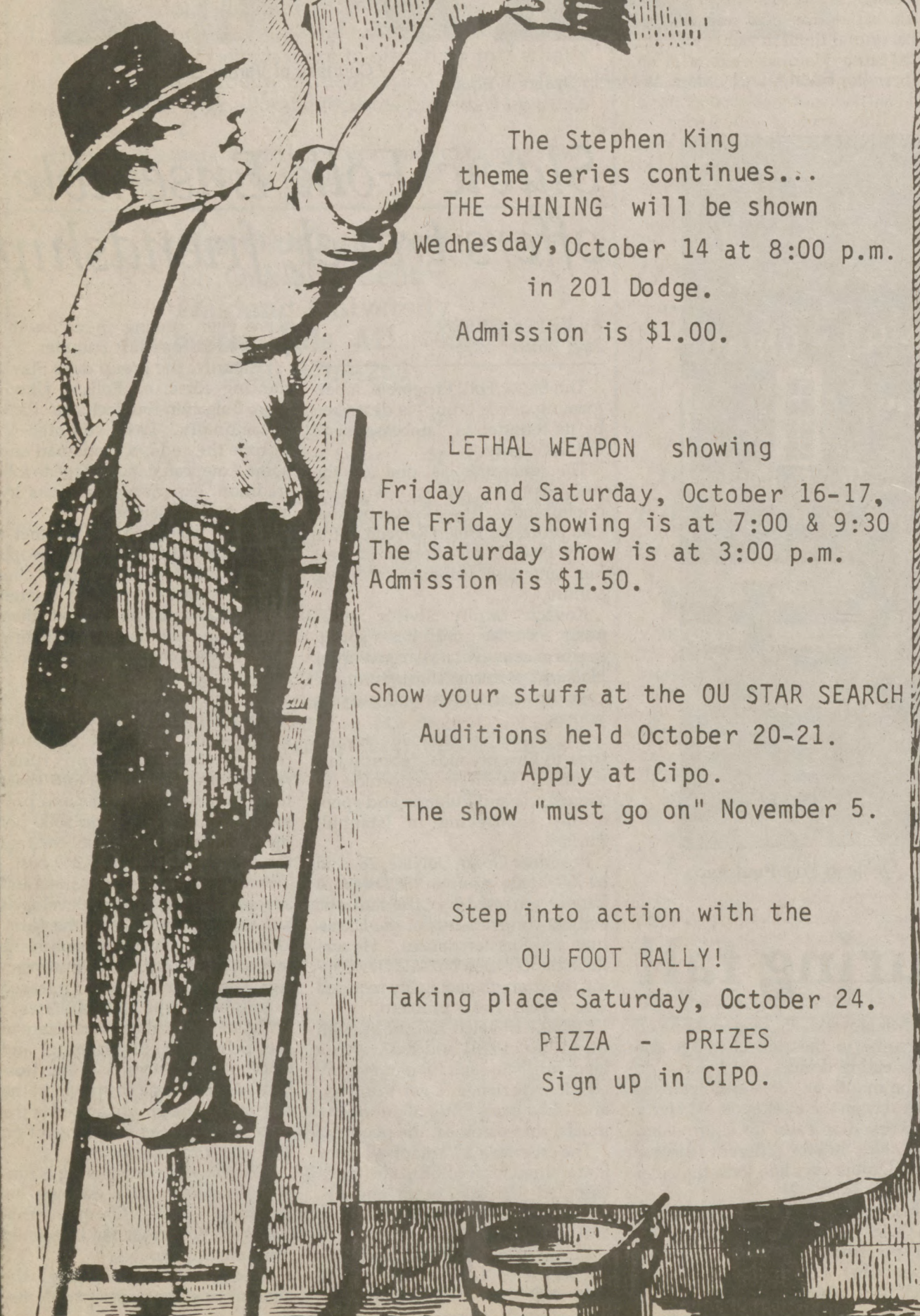
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Show your concern about the proposed Guest Policy and attend the Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday, October 14 at 5:00 PM in Lounge II, O.C.



O.U.'s fifth Pioneer says:

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Cold symptoms, allergies common fall problems

Something we often see in the fall among our students is upper respiratory problems.

The most common complaints involve congestion, sore throat, and a possible cough, with or without fever.

Here's some information that will help you decide whether or not you need to see the doctor or nurse, or whether you can trust yourself.

A typical cold, which is caused by a virus, often begins with some or all of these symptoms. It may last a week or so and resolve on its own with symptomatic treatment. You may experience a slight fever, a red irritated throat, runny nose, dry cough and fatigue.

Occasionally, what appears at first to be a "cold" may be the beginning of another type of infection, usually caused by bacteria and requiring additional treatment prescribed by the doctor. The bacteria can cause infection in your ears, throat, sinuses, or lungs, but responds well to antibiotic therapy.

Deciding whether or not you have a viral or bacterial infection isn't always easy. But you can be alert for the following signs and symptoms that usually signal the need for further evaluation. If your sore throat is accompanied by a fever that causes you to have difficulty swallowing or breathing, or if you notice white spots on your tonsils, seek medical care.



Dr. Pat Rogers

Check your lymph nodes; feel your throat and neck, especially near your jaw. Enlarged, tender, swollen nodes may be present.

Are you coughing? Any cough that produces yellow, green brown or bloody sputum should be evaluated, as well as any cough accompanied by difficulty breathing, wheezing, or chest pain.

If your nasal congestion produces colored drainage or involves facial pain or tenderness and fever, see the doctor.

Severe ear pain with fever, drainage or hearing loss needs to be checked as well.

In addition, fever over 103° without any other symptoms is reason enough to call the clinic.

Whether your illness is caused by a virus or a bacteria, you can take measures at home to help

provide some relief of your symptoms.

First, get sufficient rest. This will help your body heal itself. To control fever and body ache, use Tylenol or Advil (ibuprofen). Drink plenty of fluids, at least six glasses a day, especially those rich in vitamin C. Fruit juices are good.

Avoid dairy products if you are congested: milk makes mucous thicker and more difficult to expel.

Stop smoking, at least while you are ill. Smoke is irritating and will delay recovery and predispose you to relapse.

Gargling with warm salt water (1 teaspoon salt to 1 cup of water) or a mild antiseptic mouthwash such as Cepacol or Chloraseptic can be helpful; throat lozenges or cough drops

will soothe a raw throat.

Increase humidity in the air you breathe by using a vaporizer or hot shower steam.

Cough medicines that help thin your secretions can be helpful, but a cough suppressant may be necessary if your cough keeps you awake at night.

For congestion, you can try a decongestant (such as Sudafed), a decongestant/antihistamine combination (such as Actifed) or limited use of nasal sprays, which act locally to shrink swollen nasal passages. Use nasal spray no longer than three days.

A word about allergies: many allergy sufferers experience symptoms similar to the common cold. Typical allergic manifestations include some degree of itching and sneezing. There is no fever and mucous is clear. This condition responds well to decongestant/antihistamine products or plain antihistamines (such as Benadryl). Desensitization injections give relief to many patients.

Any condition persisting beyond seven to 10 days deserves a medical consultation with your doctor.

What's on your mind? You can let us know when you visit or call the Graham Health Center. Or jot us a note. A drop box will be available at 36 O.C. as well as the center.

Post Scripts



Susan Hayden

Mainstage comedy act wins over audience

By SHARISE WEBB
Staff Writer

Five years ago Brett Butler was waitressing in Houston at the Lone Star Cafe slinging chicken fried steaks and doing what she does best, making people laugh.

Now she has been described as one of the hottest stand up comedienne around.

Butler left the audience at Mainstage wanting more after a hilarious, energetic performance last Thursday. She reached the audience with grabbers like, "I used to want to be a cheerleader but my brains grew a bigger size."

Another comedy number that got the audience rolling was her talk about men. "I love to watch men watch *Solid Gold*; they'll turn down the sound and say 'Yeah I love that song.'"

"I also notice guys that look as if to say 'Don't make direct eye contact baby, I might break your heart,'" she continued.

Being a Baptist from Georgia, Butler talked about growing up in the deep South. "I was raised with a big black picture of Elvis' last sup-

per in my living room," she said.

Particularly hilarious to the audience was a scenario about her two-year-old nephew. "I babysat my nephew for three hours after he had a nap, and I told him 'darling do you want your picture on a milk carton?'"

Although this is Butler's first time at Oakland University, this is not her first time doing colleges.

"I like to work colleges, and little colleges are the best ones." She continued by saying "I keep my finger on their pulse and theirs is on mine."

Butler is in the middle of touring the college showcase circuit. She has already appeared on *The Tonight Show*, starring Johnny Carson, and *Night Life* with David Brenner twice. She recently did the *Today Show* also.

Although she described television as a "powerful and sexy" experience for her, she says that performing on stage is her favorite medium. "I like it live, all the way live. Stage work is like bread and butter," she laughed.

Butler will be on *Solid Gold* and *The Hollywood Squares* next month.

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Characters in new series disappoint

By NICK CHIAPPETTA
Staff Writer

The new *Star Trek* series debuted on September 30 with all the fanfare it deserves. However, *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, despite its efforts, both falls short in characterization, and rises above expectations in its plot.

The author of *The Star Trek Compendium* (an anthology of every *Star Trek* episode produced) said the thing most science fiction fans were worried about when the first series debuted, was the appearance of a robot "or worse yet a kid."

And Gene Roddenberry, who created the first series and is also at the helm in the new version, in his infinite wisdom, decided to have both. Not only do we have an android appropriately named 'Data' who has almost the exact same per-

sonality as Mr. Spock, we also have the fourteen-year-old son of a female doctor.

Another crew member of the new *Enterprise* is a Klingon. Supposedly the federation made peace with its arch enemy in the last one hundred years. This contradicts the old series in which the Klingons themselves repeatedly said they were inherently barbaric.

Another problem is that the series seems to be geared toward children. There are children on the new *Starship Enterprise*, which incidentally is one-half mile long and has the families of crew members living within.

The commercials are geared toward children; one of them is a contest offering children under 12 the chance to go to Hollywood and appear in an episode of the new series. Someone forgot to tell the sponsors that this is not strictly a

child's show. This is the show of teenagers and college students that watched the original series in the late 1960s.

This is where *Star Trek: The Next Generation* excels, in its story. The new series takes place in the 24th century, some 70 to 80 years after the original *Star Trek*. This is evident in the cameo appearance of DeForest Kelly, as a 137-year-old Dr. McCoy, reminiscing about the old *Enterprise*.

This part was probably the biggest thrill for die-hard trekkies who wanted some kind of link to the series they grew up on.

The rest of the show really has two stories, both equally fascinating.

The first story plays on the classic *Star Trek* theme of one lifetime improving itself at the expense of another. The latter can send a beam of pure energy that can convert

itself to matter at any time.

Wow! Talk about thought provoking, even if they had the first story alone and not the other one about a higher lifetime literally putting the enterprise crew on trial for being a barbaric race, the show would have been just fine.

But this new series doesn't always coincide with the original series. The characters talk of the "post-nuclear horror," when in the old show we avoided such a war.

They even have some evil characters snorting cocaine. That's really good for a series supposedly geared toward a younger audience.

This is being very picky, true, and for people who have never seen the old series, the new one will probably pull them in right away. But the bona fide trekkie will take a lot more convincing.

received from the College of Arts and Sciences each year is not enough to pay for costumes and travel.

The Performing Arts Board contributes additional sums for specific needs. A small amount comes from performance fees which range from \$50 to \$100. Most funds are raised by Kovach during the university's annual fall alumni Telefund and come from former members and former language students.

Membership ranges from 15-25 people. That figure compares with a high of 40 members in the 1960s. Most members are students. Others are alumni, university staff and community people. Women outnumber men, but men are needed to do many of the dances. Members are from all academic fields and ethnic backgrounds and often have no prior dance experience.

Wizniuk said the ensemble likes to recruit freshmen who might stay with the group for a while.

"I'm just going to love being in the kitchen; I've tried all the other rooms."

As Sky, Jackel handles the changes his character undergoes very well. He's convincing as a shrewd gambler, but later, when he becomes more vulnerable with Sarah, he's still believable.

Jackel and White make a touching duo when they sing. One example is in *If I Were a Bell*. Sarah is a little flirtatious after trying Sky's milk and sugar with an "exotic flavoring," Bacardi.

As Adelaide's reluctant fiancé, Love's portrayal of Nathan is hard to resist. He's especially appealing when he sings *Sue Me* with a fed-up Adelaide.

Guys and Dolls is lively in its colorful settings, songs, dances and characters; they all work to show the audience a good time.

Meadow Brook Theatre describes the performance as their first big musical. Hopefully, *Guys and Dolls* is the start of a tradition.

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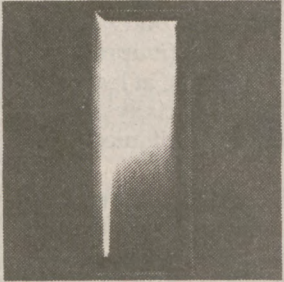
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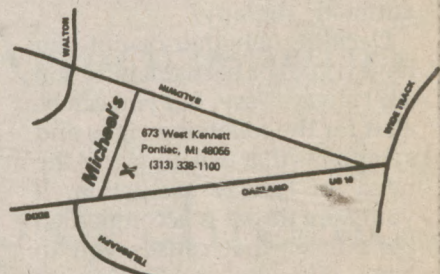
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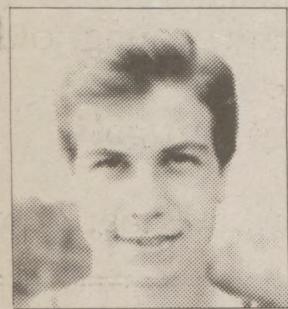


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In His Own Words



Mark Spezia

It keeps you runnin'

(Editor's note: This is the fourth in our series of columns by Oakland athletes. Mark Spezia is a freshman runner on the cross country team.)

A rebuilding year, a learning year, a year to gain experience. That sums up the Oakland University cross country team's game plan for this season.

With only one member (sophomore Ken Osmun) returning from last year's squad and just one other runner (freshman Sean Miller) with high school cross country experience, Coach Hal Commerson figured on having this kind of season.

The rest of OU's harriers are junior Jeff Kepich, who ran track in high school and has spent recent years biking and competing in triathlons; Sophomore Barry Valko, another converted triathlete who has run amazingly well despite not having run competitively in high school; and me. I was a sprinter until last year, when I moved up to the half-mile.

Unfortunately, we technically do not have a team at the moment, because Jeff is out for the season with a stress fracture. In cross country at least five runners are needed to comprise a team, and the places which each runner on the team finishes are added together and the lowest score wins.

This means we now run for the highest individual places we can attain. That will be the focal point for the rest of the season, individual honors and improving our times for the five-mile races over hill and dale.

On Monday, Aug. 17 this running odyssey began as five young men met at the Lepley Sports Building. By Wednesday we were down to just three runners, Ken, Sean and I. Coach Hal expressed concern about getting at least two more men to field a team. The following Monday, two more recruits showed up, one of which was Jeff. The other guy showed fine potential in our workouts that week, but on Thursday we received word that he'd suddenly dropped everything here and transferred to Hillsdale. All of us, including the coach, were baffled.

By the start of the term Barry had joined, giving us the current lineup. We have run one road race and three meets so far.

The preseason was spent building strength and stamina through long road runs and work on the hills just outside the sports center.

During a typical week we run between 50 and 60 miles. Monday is usually a hard day spent on the golf course. We meet at 3 p.m., go for a short 10 to 15 minute jog to loosen up, then stretch and do drills. Then the team jogs over the nature trail, through woods, down remnants of a picker patch, and arrives at the seventh tee, where we are given our task.

Sometimes we run the perimeter of the course twice at a quick pace, working hard on the upgrades and letting ourselves go on the downgrades. Or we may run hard from tee to green and jog in between. Whatever the workout, Coach Hal likes to inquire about heart rates to gauge how hard we are working. Then it's back through the pickers, through the woods, down the trail and eventually back to the sports center; where we do our post workout stretching, daily regimen of push-ups and sit-ups, and on this day, our weight training.

Tuesdays we take a recovery day, and on Wednesday another hard workout awaits us. Usually it's repeat miles or half-miles, in the soccer field area, and we'll do weights. Thursday can be a moderate or easy day depending on whether our race is on Friday or Saturday.

On Friday afternoons we pile into an official OU sports van and drive to the place of our Saturday race. Early in the evening we reach our motel, check in, and unpack. After about twenty minutes we ride over to the course and jog over it to get a better grip on our upcoming challenge. Then it's back to the motel to change and go fill up on carbohydrates, the runner's fuel.

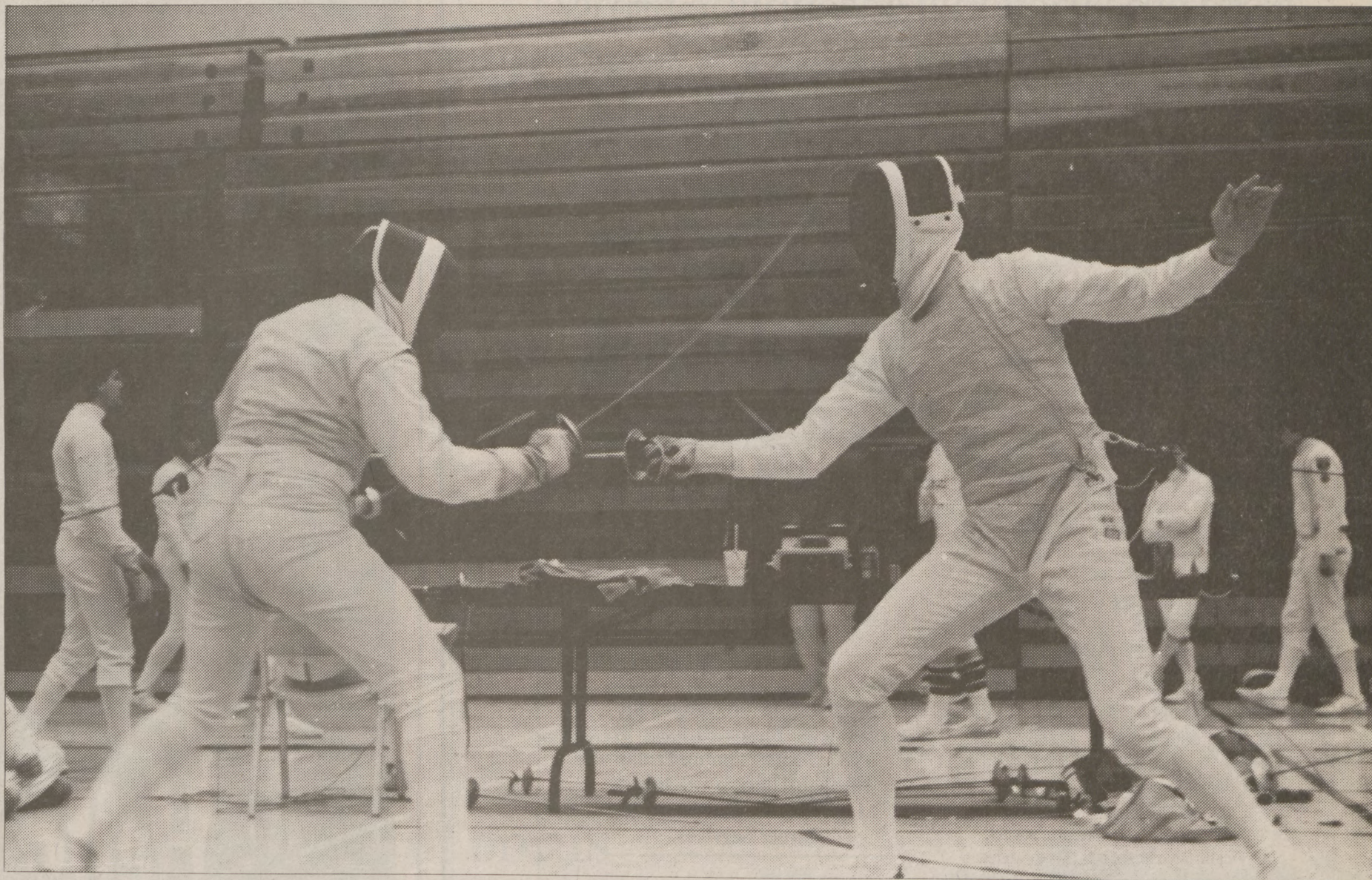
To do this we travel to the nearest place where pasta is served and eat heartily. The rest of the night is spent relaxing, watching HBO, and mentally preparing ourselves for tomorrow's task. The next morning we don our racing apparel, conduct one final equipment check, and take the short trip back to the course. We arrive an hour and a half before race time, loosen up and try to stay relaxed, focusing on our impending, hopefully quick, jaunt around the race course.

Finally, we anxiously toe the line and the gun fires. About 25 to 26 minutes later Ken reaches the line, usually with a top 10 finish. A short time afterward, Sean rushes into the finish chutes followed closely by Barry. The next Pioneer to cross the line would be Jeff, but since he's out I'll charge across the line a little later to complete the team's effort.

Two meets remain on the schedule: The GLIAC Championships Oct. 24, and the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regionals Nov. 7.

Our goal for the rest of the season as I've mentioned, is for each of us to become stronger competitors, and in Ken's case, improve on the placings and times he achieved last year.

Next year the university should field a fine team. Coach Commerson has embarked on a recruiting campaign to lure some of the finer high school runners to compete for us. This year is the beginning of a gradual building process to put Oakland University cross country on the map.



The Oakland Post/Debby Aguilar

Fencing Society of Oakland University Coach Paul Franklin faces off with his sabre against his opponent in the Oct. 4 Michigan Open.

Joe Burley defeats A-rated fencer, Pat Berg second in Michigan Open

By RALPH ECHTINAW
Sports Editor

E-Rated fencer Joe Burley didn't make it to the semifinal round last week at the Michigan Open here but beat an A-rated fencer 5-3 in one of his bouts.

Fencers are rated from A to E by the U.S. Fencing Association according to their skill level. The fencers use one of three weapons; epee, foil or sabre.

The Fencing Society of Oakland University entered six of its members in the Open competition Oct. 4, and did well despite injury and equipment problems.

C-rated Assistant Coach Tom Decker had difficulty in his matches, winning one and losing five with his epee. Recovering from a torn ligament in his right knee Decker said: "This was my first tournament coming off of an injury. It was a test," he said.

Unrated Pat Berg, fencing in sabre, tied for first place in a field of eight but

finished second after losing a close fence-off, or "barrage," 3-5.

E-rated Todd Dressell finished third in sabre, and Coach Paul Franklin fifth.

Berg and Dressell also fenced in foil during the tournament. Doing what is called "double stripping" in fencing lingo, they ran back and forth from one bout to another.

Trying to keep the rules straight (there are different rules for each weapon), they fenced for an hour or more with no rest in between bouts. Yet both managed to make the semifinals in foil before being eliminated. Finishing first in foil was C-rated Darryl Porter, North Carolina State University's fencing coach.

Burley, stuck into a pool of six fencers with two A rated, one B, and two C's, held the lowest rating in his group. He still managed to win two of his six bouts, including his victory over Klaus Speare, the A-rated German from Wayne State University.

Burley almost won two more, losing them by just one touch. "Joe is probably the most improved fencer over the past year (of OU's group)," Decker said.

Burley said he noticed that Speare liked to draw his opponent back and make him think he had Speare backed up onto the rear boundary. (If a fencer crosses the boundary line twice it counts as a touch against him.) Speare's strategy was to go over the line once, then get back near the line again, making his opponent eager to get him over once again.

Burley noticed the unusual strategy and refused to follow Speare back into his territory. Speare was confused and thrown off his game according to Burley, allowing Joe to win.

Charlie Schneider, a lawyer and an A-rated fencer, took first place in epee. Schneider is ranked 24th in the nation.

The Society's only female contestant, Chris "Spike" Cameron had hoped to earn a rating at the Open but

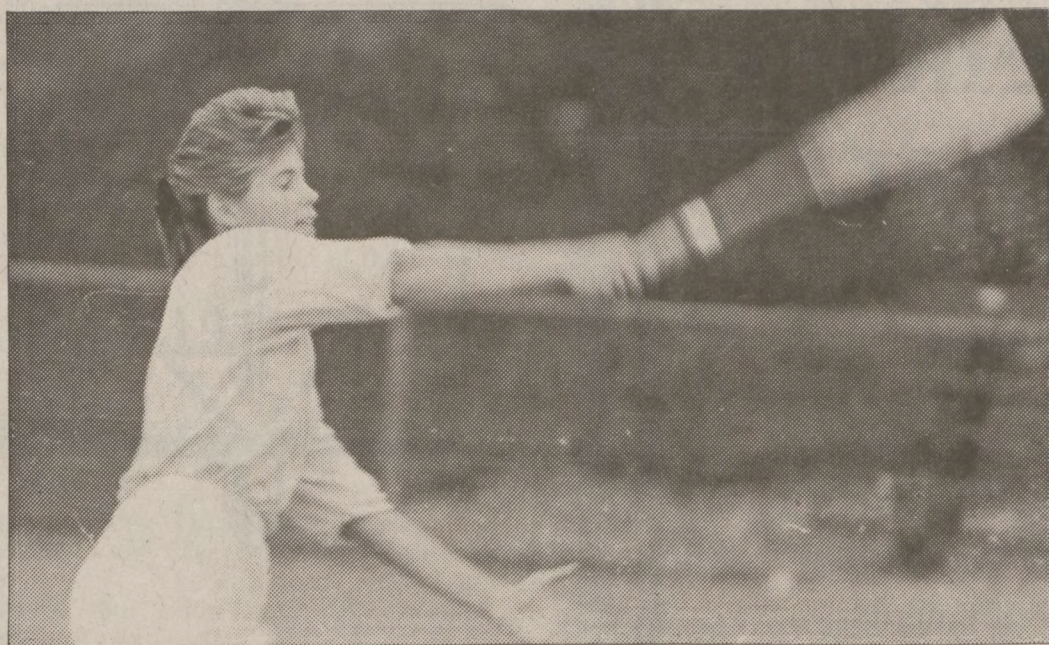
was tripped up by an equipment malfunction.

Competing in women's foil, Cameron won three and lost two in the first round, missing the semifinals by lacking perhaps one more win. She lost her first two matches by close scores because of a faulty switch in the tip of her weapon.

The foils and epees are wired electrically to set off a scoring light when a touch is made. Cameron's tip switch was not making good contact and several touches failed to turn on the scoring light.

After losing her first two bouts, in the 13 woman field, she borrowed one of the men's foils and won the next three. If she had possessed a functioning foil from the start she would probably be rated now.

Burley and Decker travel to London, Ontario next Sunday to take part in the Hero's Cup Tournament at the University of Windsor.



One of the Pioneer tennis players gets in some practice before the match against Lake Superior State College.

Netters bombed by Ferris, but win two other matches

By SUSAN STOKES
Sports Writer

The women's tennis team won two of its last three matches, losing 9-0 to Ferris State College, coming back to crush Grand Rapids Junior College 9-0 and beating Lake Superior State College 7-2.

In second place in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC), the Pioneers hold a 3-1 league record and a 5-1 record overall.

Number three netter Heather Duncan said she's pleased with the team's performance but adds, "I think Coach Jim (Pinchoff) would like our schedule to be more competitive, including more four-year universities."

Against defending GLIAC champion Fer-

ris, the Pioneers won just one set for the entire match.

In singles action, Marge Messbarger lost to Diane McKannon 3-6, 3-6; Kris Jeffrey lost to Kathleen Watch 2-6, 1-6; Duncan lost to Lori Maxwell 0-6, 2-6; Gretchen Ballen was shut out by Wil Vrolyks 0-6, 0-6; Kelly Hayden was toppled by Natalie Geyer 1-6, 4-6; and Lori Kiffner was whipped by Jana Pearson 0-6, 2-6.

Continuing the assault in doubles, the Ferris netters proved that the Pioneers are not yet ready to compete on Ferris' level. Messbarger and Jeffrey lost to Watch and MacKannon 4-6, 7-6 and 3-6; Duncan and Ballen lost to Maxwell and Vrolyks 0-6, 1-6; and the Hayden-Kiffner combination lost to Geyer and Lori Meyer 0-6, 1-6.

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Golf team gets going, Dagenais shoots a 73

By RALPH ECHTINAW
Sports Editor

After winning three invitationals and placing fifth in another, the golf team placed third and sixth at the Notre Dame Invitational last week and second and third at another here at Katke-Cousins.

Coach Ken Allard, feeling he has a number of good players, usually enters two teams in each tournament.

The Lansing Community College team walked away from the 18-hole Oakland University Invitational last Tuesday with a winning score of 310 for four players. The Pioneers' "A" team finished with a 314 and the "B" squad followed with 320.

Last year's second place GLIAC powerhouse Saginaw Valley State College doesn't seem to have the players to finish that high again next spring, according to Allard. They placed fourth at the OU Invitational with a 324.

The lowest score for the tournament was turned in by Joe Allen of Lansing with a 72, on a cool, breezy and rainy day.

Oakland put seven players in the top twenty with Rich Dagenais shooting a 73, Brian Root a 75, Ken Mittelbrun a 77, Paul Deckard an 80, Mark Bruttell an 81, and Greg Kroetsch and Todd Stevens had 82s.

"(Getting) 315 or below in bad weather is a pretty good score, especially on this course (Katke-Cousins)," Allard said. "Some of these scores are pretty weak," he added, referring to most of the other

teams in the field of 11, who's scores ranged from 326 to 347 after Saginaw. "If we had some good schools here they wouldn't be doing much better than 315."

Commenting on how some of the players in the tournament gave up and "played hockey with the ball on the green," Allard praised his crew for never giving up. "Our guys aren't doing that," he said.

The statistics for the Notre Dame tournament haven't reached Allard yet, but the team did have a good start. "The way they were starting out, I thought we'd win that tournament easily," Allard said.

The team has improved its collective game since last spring when it finished third in the GLIAC. The players were scoring in the 320s then and are usually in the 310s this fall. Allard hopes to strengthen the team further with the addition of Dan Rokas who may decide to attend Oakland in January.

Allard would like to get to the point where his team is consistently turning in scores under 300 for 18-hole tournaments, but it's not easy.

The "really good players go to a school in the South," he said, where they can play year round. "I rarely see a school shoot under 300 (in this area)." Whereas the southern schools' teams routinely break the 300 barrier, according to Allard. But luckily, all the schools in this part of the country have the same problem Oakland does.

Last Saturday the team traveled to Ann Arbor to play in a rare 54-hole tournament at the Univer-

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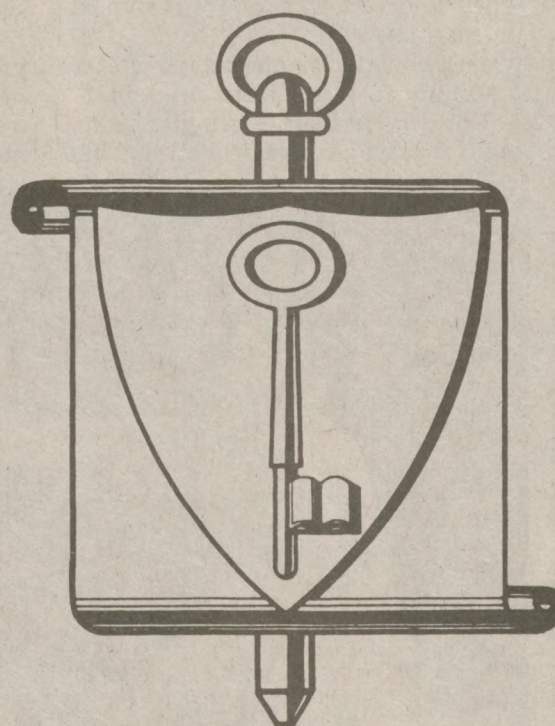
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The Pioneers shut out the Indiana-Purdue Mastodons last Wednesday 8-0.

Pioneers cripple Mastodons Chalk up another shutout

By DAVID HOGG
Sports Writer

The Indiana-Purdue at Ft. Wayne University Mastodons lived up (or down) to their nickname last week, losing 8-0 to the Pioneers and taking no shots on Oakland's goal for the entire game in Ft. Wayne.

Oakland continued its streak of early goals when Tom Duff scored after only three minutes with assists from Brian Fitzgerald and Earl Parris. In every home game this year, the Pioneers have scored in the first 10 minutes, all but one of them (against Michigan State University) in the first five.

While they had many more good scoring chances, the Pioneers failed to do it again in the opening half.

In the second half, Paul Phillips, Fitzgerald and Simon Mayo put on an offensive show. Eleven minutes into the half, Fitzgerald scored with assists from Mayo and Phillips. One minute 14 seconds later Phillips converted a penalty kick to make it 4-0.

Just three more minutes went by before Fitzgerald scored again,

making it 5-0. It was 6-0 just 29 ticks of the clock later when Mayo scored his second goal of the game. Phillips added two more late goals to finish the rout.

When the dust cleared, some amazing statistics came into view. Phillips had three goals, Mayo and Fitzgerald two each. Phillips, Mayo, Fitzgerald, Erik Enyedy and Earl Parris each had two assists. Oakland took 47 shots at the Mastodon goal, while Indiana took none at the Pioneer goal. Goalie Nino DiCosmo could have stayed on the bench the whole game.

Coach Gary Parsons said the score could have been even more lopsided: "They were lucky in the first half. We could have had a few more goals, but we just missed some balls in the box."

Parsons said that games like this can hurt the team: "Players can get selfish and try to do everything by themselves, or you can maintain a team spirit and be effective. I thought we were pretty effective in

the second half." He added that he can't remember another Oakland game where the opposition had no shots on goal.

While the Indiana game was an easy one, the Pioneers now face a tough trail. Next up are the Cleveland State University Vikings Tuesday, a highly ranked division I school. Oakland is ranked ninth in Division II.

After Cleveland, the Pioneers travel to Ohio on Friday to try to defrock the Battling Bishops of Ohio Wesleyan University. Ohio is ranked third in the country in Division III. Also coming up are games against Gannon University and Siena Heights College, both rated in the top 20 in their divisions.

"This next stretch of games will make or break our season," Parsons said, adding that he has no idea how many losses the Pioneers can take and still stay in contention for the NCAA tournament.

With nine games left to play, the Pioneers are 7-2-1. Last year at this point they had five losses but still made the tournament.

Spikers wipe out Hillsdale College, Travel to New York to battle Army

By TIM DYKE
Sports Writer

Coming off two tough losses to nationally ranked teams, the spikers were happy to have some easier competition on their home court last week when they handled Hillsdale College in three games, 15-9, 15-5 and 15-11.

While beating Hillsdale, 1-5 in the conference, is nothing to brag about, the victory got the Pioneers turned around and back into the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) hunt after dropping two quick conference matches. Their record is 14-4 overall, 3-2 GLIAC.

They regained some of the momentum and confidence that was brought to a halt in the losses to Wayne State University and Ferris State University. They also got some players back into form after some early season minor injuries.

After slow starts against Ferris and Wayne State, the Pioneers

wasted no time in taking the attack to the Hillsdale Chargers, controlling play throughout the night.

Kelly Williams, Jennifer Henry and Holly Hatcher all had strong attack games.

"It was very important to get the win against Hillsdale," Anne Harrison said. "We were able to take them in three games and get our momentum going again."

The Pioneers had a crowded schedule last week that jammed three games into five days, and included a two-day drive to compete in the Army Tournament at West Point in New York. So fatigue could be a key factor in this week's matches at Hillsdale Tuesday and against Saginaw Valley State College at home Thursday.

"We are tired. You never know how the effect of having to travel will affect a team's play," said Coach Bob Hurdle by phone from New York Friday night. "Our matches are all at home over the

weekend so that will be an advantage."

In tournament play at West Point the team hoped to cure their early starting problems against more stellar competition than Hillsdale supplied. In Oakland's opening two matches Friday night, including a potent Army team, they faced a two out of three game format instead of the usual three out of five.

Hurdle hoped those conditions would force his team to play more aggressively and get better reaction time in the match's first game.

"Against Wayne and Ferris we seemed a little tentative in the first game, trying to size them up," Hurdle said. "We can't do that in the two out of three situation because once you're down you don't have that extra game to come back."

Next Friday and Saturday the spikers host the Pioneer Classic Tournament at the Lepley Sports Center.

Unbeaten streak ended, Soccer club gets first loss

By MARC MORANIEC
Sports Writer

The women's soccer club extended its unbeaten streak to eight games, winning twice, then broke the streak, losing last Wednesday at Schoolcraft Community College.

The Pioneers faced a tough varsity team and lost for the first time this season 2-0. Schoolcraft, earlier in the season, was responsible for Oakland's only other non-winning effort, a scoreless tie three weeks ago.

One factor contributing to the loss was the cold weather. The game was played in near freezing temperatures which didn't help either club's offense. Schoolcraft's defenders though, kept Oakland's attackers off the scoreboard while recording their sixth shutout of the season.

Club President Sara Voikin credited Schoolcraft, "They have a very good defense, with fast defenders."

For the club, a tie and a close loss

against Schoolcraft is nothing to be ashamed of.

Four days previously the Pioneers played the poor host to Western Michigan University, blasting the Broncos 9-1.

Tina Bazur, Dorene Dudek, Renee Denomme and Voikin all found a way to put the ball in the net, staking the club to a 4-0 halftime lead.

After intermission, Oakland continued to throw everything but the kitchen sink at Western, scoring five more times.

Denise Piwki scored twice followed by Cathy Cole, Kathy Nagler and Janice Kosman.

The victory gave Oakland a 16-2 goal advantage over Western in two games played this season.

The following day, the Pioneers invited Central Michigan University into the friendly confines of the Lepley soccer field. Central probably felt confined as the club clipped the Chippewas 2-0.

Nagler netted her second goal in two games, staking her team to a slim 1-0 halftime advantage. In the second stanza, Caroline Trout swam through Central's defense and splashed a shot into the net, giving the club a comfortable cushion.

Oakland goalie Kris Moore recorded the shutout as the Pioneers played a prudish defensive game, not letting anything get in.

Second year Coach Kevin Kelly said the club's defense has been one of the keys to the season's success so far: "Our defense has been outstanding. The hard work and experienced play has proved to be the reason for our success."

The defense has given up just nine goals this season in as many games. Meanwhile, the offense has scored 30 times.

The club was in Ohio Saturday, doing battle with Bowling Green University. Wednesday Oakland takes on the Michigan State University Spartans in Lansing.

Tennis

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"We took a pretty good beating," Pinchoff said. "However, I think we learned a lot. I really think the next time we play them, we'll beat them."

Facing Grand Rapids Junior College Oct. 3, Oakland turned the tables and emerged with a shutout of their own.

In the singles round, new number one Pioneer, Jeffrey beat Collette Trembly 6-2, 3-6 and 6-3; Messbarger scrapped Nikki Smith 6-1, 3-6 and 6-2; Duncan finished Sherry Brye 6-0, 5-7 and 6-1;

Ballen had an interesting match. She took the first set 7-6, then won by forfeit when opponent Chris DeHaan became ill. Hayden over-turned Kathy Harris 6-4, 6-3; and Kiffner overcame Jessica Rose 6-3, 6-4.

Playing eight-game pro sets, Oakland stomped Grand Rapids in doubles competition.

Jeffrey and Messbarger defeated Trembly and Kim Daymon 8-2; Duncan and Ballen triumphed over Smith and Brye 8-5; and Hayden and Kiffner beat Rose and Harris 8-2.

Although not reflected in the overall match score, "The match was closer than 9-0," Pinchoff said. "Grand Rapids had a very good team."

Against Lake Superior State College last Friday Ballen expected to do well. "We will be at an advantage playing on a home court," she said. "It's always easier playing on



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The women's soccer club won two and lost one last week, extending their record to 7-1-1.

familiar territory." Yet she lost her singles match and went down again with partner Duncan in doubles; the Pioneers only two losses in the match.

The competition took place at the One-on-One Athletic Club in West Bloomfield because Pinchoff couldn't count on the weather cooperating for an outside match here.

Playing pro sets again Jeffrey beat Jill Erikson 10-3; Messbarger overcame Sue Tirschel 10-6; Duncan squeaked by Janet Dodge 10-8; Ballen lost to Elise Wilcheck 8-10; Hayden beat Christie Glantonio 10-1; and Kiffner cleaned up the court with Lori Peterson 10-3.

In doubles, Jeffrey and

Messbarger beat Tirschel and Dodge 10-1; Duncan and Ballen beat Wilcheck and Erickson 10-4; and Hayden and Kiffner beat Peterson and Glantonio 10-1.

The Oct. 7 match against Henry Ford Community College was cancelled because of bad weather and rescheduled for this week.

Beginning a four-match home stand with the Superior State match, the Pioneers faced Michigan Technological University last Sunday, take on Oakland Community College Wednesday, and Hillsdale College next Saturday.

Pinchoff, who previously expressed a desire to go undefeated this season, now says "Conceivably we should go 10-1 (this year)."

Osmun gets his best time of the season Spezia improves his time by one minute

By MARY RUBY
Sports Writer

Ken Osmun ran for his best time of the season (25:40) and placed second in the five-mile Monarch Invitational at Macomb Community College Oct. 2.

The only other Oakland runner to participate in the race was Mark Spezia (this week's columnist) finishing 56th with a time of 30:55.

A personal best for Spezia, it was a minute and 18 seconds faster than his previous best time.

Oakland couldn't be listed in the team standings for the event

because only two runners participated. Sean Miller was unable to attend the meet, and Barry Valko could only look on from the sidelines with an injured tendon in his foot.

Even though one runner from Windsor finished ahead of Osmun at 24:49, it didn't count officially. He was in the race because it was an open meet that anyone could enter and didn't represent any school.

A day before the race, Osmun made some predictions. "I'm not sure who'll be there besides Ferris (State College), and I know they will be tough competition, but my goal is to finish in the top three."

Three Ferris runners finished behind Osmun, one had narrowly beaten him a week earlier at the Bulldog Invitational in Big Rapids.

Osmun has improved his time by 38 seconds since that race. He expects that his time in the Monarch will be his fastest of the year on a grass course.

Coach Hal Commerson called Osmun's race "an outstanding performance," and said the grass course was good because it was wide all the way around.

The weather at the race was cloudy and cool. A light rain stopped just before the race began but the wind continued to gust up to 30 miles per hour.

Valko, who hasn't run for a week because of his lame foot, said he would visit a sports' doctor for it, and hoped to be back for the Oct. 10 Roadrunner Invitational in Dowagiac.

Golf

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sity of Michigan. "Some of them have played a couple of rounds out there," said Allard, but most have never seen the course before. They went out early Friday to get in a practice round or two, familiarizing themselves with the layout; including "several holes that are blind tee shots," according to Allard.

Encouraged by the play he's seen this year from his crew and Saginaw Valley's mediocre performance, Allard thinks the Pioneers can give Ferris State College a run for first place in the GLIAC next spring. "Our guys should be one two with Ferris," he said.

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