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## Apathy plagues elections again

By MARGARET O'BRIEN  
Staff Writer

This year's elections for University Congress president have once again been plagued by severe student apathy.

Only a few days before the elections, most students had not yet decided who they would be voting for. Even more did not know who was running.

"I'm basically apathetic about the election," Freshman Kristi Mertz said. "I don't know who I'm voting for. Who's running?"

Many students blamed a lack of publicity of the elections for their apathy.

"I don't even know when or where the election will be," Freshman Peggy Watson said. "There just has to be more information given out."

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## Work hard



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Fireman Richard Perry extinguishes the bon fire after the Pep Rally Friday. The rally was held in the parking lot between Wilson Hall and the Oakland Center to cheer on OU's athletic teams. Between 35-40 people attended the rally.

## Radio station still waiting for board signature

By TODD GREEN  
Staff Writer

WOUX is still waiting for one member of its board of directors to sign a waiver claiming responsibility so the station can get its FM license and pick up equipment to begin broadcasting.

A WOUX staff member, who refused to be identified, said the station is planning on striking today to show the board that they will not wait anymore.

The board's biggest problem seems to be finding someone who's willing to be responsible to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), according to board member Geoffrey Upward, publications director.

"There's a misunderstanding here (about the one signature needed)," he said.

"It's not just any one person—we need someone to be responsible; faculty, an employee (of OU). It's not just a matter of signing," he added.

Tom Bailey, WOUX general manager, said he feels the problem must be dealt with quickly.

"Since the board has brought the plans to a halt, motivation (of WOUX staff) is declining," he said.

Rene Brown, WOUX engineer, agrees. "The biggest setback is that no one (on the board) knows what to do."

Whatever decision the board makes, things are going to be difficult for WOUX, according to board member Jay Karr.

"The equipment has been waiting, and we only had ten days to claim it. Business will be tougher now (since the ten days have elapsed)."

However, board member Maura Selahowski, director of Campus Information, Programs and Organizations, said that no equipment has actually been ordered yet.

"(WOUX's) requests are currently in (OU's) purchasing (department)," she says.

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## Ex-journalist shares political experiences

By CAROL ZITO  
Features Editor

Fresh from the campaign trenches, Democratic candidate for Oakland County Commissioner Neila Pomerantz shared her political experiences at an on-campus meeting of the National Organization for Women Nov. 9.

Pomerantz was defeated by Republican candidate Susan Kuhn.

"Even though I lost the election, I gained a lot of self-confidence just by ... campaigning," Pomerantz said, referring to her Democratic candidacy in a predominantly Republican area.

Tailoring her speech to the audience, Pomerantz said women have a long way to go in the political realm.

"People's lives have changed fast, and some of our institutions ... just haven't caught up with it yet," she said. But she likes to think

organizations like NOW will be able to help solve the problems women have in gaining equal political representation.

Going through the 1988 Oakland County phone directory, Pomerantz said she counted four women mayors, two women township supervisors, one woman village president, 34 city council members, and 39 women in township treasurer, clerk or trustee positions.

"Oakland County Commission has two female democrats and four female Republicans out of a total of 27, and the rest are all men," she said.

"The bottom line is—there aren't very many women at the top. There are a lot of women at the bottom who need to be nurtured ... and helped to get up there."

Using her own campaign experience, the 41-year-old

Pomerantz listed what she thought was critical to running for public office.

"Organization is important." She said the "If you want something done right, do it yourself" attitude is not the one to have when running for office. "Get people to help you."

"Contacts are very important, also... I didn't have the contacts within my community that would have been most helpful," she said.

"Raise money early... That was one of the hardest (tasks). Asking people for money is really hard if you're not used to doing it, especially large amounts of money," she said. "Ask for money and do it early. That way you know how much you have to spend."

Other advice she gave was to stay healthy, to tailor endorsements to the specific district, to get people involved but forget perfectionism

when asking a volunteer for help. Pomerantz, a former Macomb Daily reporter, decided to run for office after she married David Hanson and felt like she needed a break from reporting.

"In the back of my mind I always wanted to run for office," she said. With her reporter's background covering meetings, she felt she could do the job.

Pomerantz was inspired by Martha Griffiths, Lt. Governor of Michigan. She also admired historical figures like "...Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson. I thought they were really neat guys, but I didn't realize (then) they had wives and maids and slaves to help them," she said.

The Troy resident hasn't decided what her next career step will be.

"I'll always be a writer," she said. "My options are open."



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(left to right) Brian Murphy, David Nykanen and Tom Voytas voice their concerns during the debate between University Congress Presidential candidates Nov. 11 in the Fireside Lounge.

## Government contenders discuss issues at debate

By RENEE POKOJ  
Staff Writer

The three candidates for University Congress president met in a cut-throat debate Friday in the Oakland Center's Fireside Lounge. David Nykanen, freshman, Tom Voytas, junior, and Brian Murphy, junior, debated for more than 45 minutes on current issues.

Each candidate cited their plans to improve the university were asked three questions by Pete Mayhak, Congress executive staff member. The questions included changing students' perception of Congress, managing the student activity fee and priorities of management.

To ensure adequate management of the student activity fee, Murphy said, "I want to determine how to increase the maximum use of funds. To determine different ways to raise funds for (campus) organizations," Murphy added,

"We (Congress) can't be the only resort for monies."

Voytas disagreed with Murphy's funding plans. Voytas said Murphy "sounds like a budget slaughtering marauder." Murphy rebutted and said he didn't know there would be mud slinging at the debate.

Electing members of Congress on a merit system is Voytas' plan. The candidate said he wants to implement a university wide system which includes the people best suited for the job.

Murphy disagrees with the merit system. "You can't make a dictatorial decision. You need the input of the students," he said.

The closing statement had to be three minutes long.

"I am here for the students," Murphy said.

Voytas admitted Murphy has experience in Congress. "But, I don't think it's the right experience," he said.

## Local attorneys caution university about alcohol programs

By TODD GREEN  
Staff Writer

The university will have to take greater precautions if it continues the Alcohol Awareness program conducted three weeks ago, according to local attorneys.

During the program, student volunteers 21 years and over were served Long Island Iced Teas under the housing department staff's supervision.

When the students became legally drunk, their reactions were

observed, to demonstrate the effects of intoxication.

After the program, a student volunteer, whose blood alcohol level was .24, fell and broke his nose while under supervision of sober students.

In Michigan, a person is considered legally drunk with a blood alcohol level of .10.

Attorney Stephen Allen said the best way for OU to escape liability in programs like this would be for volunteers to sign a waiver freeing the university's responsibility.

However, according to Jean Ann Miller, director of residence hall programs, usually waivers are not signed.

"There is an across the board system already established for all these programs," she said, adding that although every program has some considerations, this one is safe.

"Since this program is strictly voluntary, there is no direct responsibility," she said.

However, she noted OU does maintain certain procedures to

make sure students are safe, such as having volunteers guard them until they are sober.

Attorney Michael Beals said more precautions are necessary.

"Without a (signed) release, the university is responsible," he said.

Beals also said OU's biggest responsibility in this sort of activity is to third parties—other students who might accidentally be the victims of a drunk participant.

"Since the university created the

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## University Congress presidential candidates Murphy, Nykanen and Voytas explain platforms

By AMBER ARELLANO  
Special Writer

Students will be voting for University Congress president Nov. 14, 15 and 16.

As a service to the readers, the Post has compiled brief profiles on the three presidential candidates: Brian Murphy, David Nykanen and Tom Voytas.

NAME: Tom Voytas

CLASS STANDING: junior, English major

### ANNOUNCED CANDIDACY:

Oct. 29

EXPERIENCE: Student Program Board (SPB) promotions chairman; manager of the MacIntosh computer lab in Vandenberg Hall; one of United Students' founding members; a summer 1988 orientation group leader, and a worker at Campus Facilities and Operations for almost three years.

STAND ON ISSUES:



racism — Voytas would like to see minorities receive more encouragement and get involved in campus activities. He would also like a continuation of what happens during Black Awareness Month all year long.

Congress budget — Believes if the Congress budget should be cut, the president's salary would be cut first.

COMMENT: "I'll try and work with the administration but keep (the) views of the students (I'm serving). I wouldn't ... cow-tow (to the administration.)"

"I'm trying not to make any promises."

NAME: Brian Murphy

CLASS STANDING: junior, economics and accounting major

ANNOUNCED

CANDIDACY:

Nov. 3

COMMENT: "I am definitely the best," referring to the other candidates.

On racism: "I don't look at things from a racial background. I don't consider it a major problem. I want

to work with all other organizations on campus. Every student has the same problems (we can) work and solve together."

EXPERIENCE: Congress member for one year, member of the Legislative Affairs Committee and the Financial Advisory Committee, chairman of the State Affairs Committee.

STAND ON ISSUES:

Budget Management System — Murphy proposes a budget management system for Congress, to make sure the student activity fee is not misused, and organizations

will be more effective and productive.

Transportation — Proposes a shuttle bus between campus, Rochester and Pontiac. He said it will help dorm residents get off campus, and commuters by helping alleviate the parking problem.

NAME: David Nykanen

CLASS STANDING: freshman, political science major

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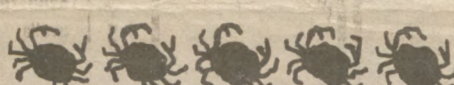
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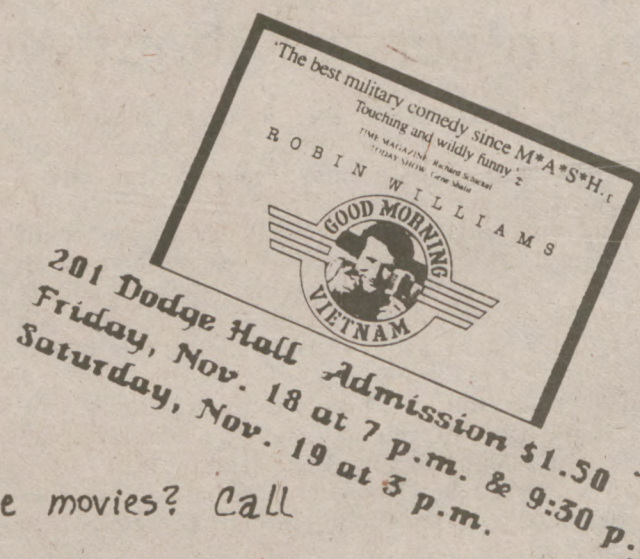
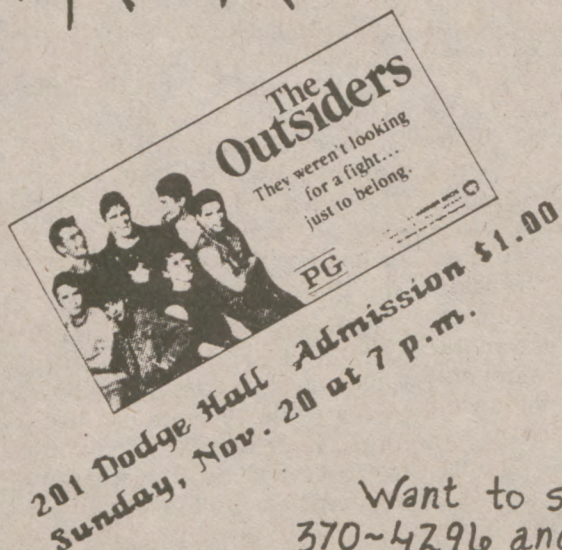
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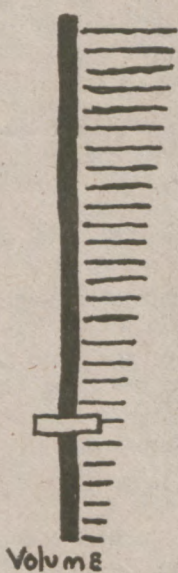
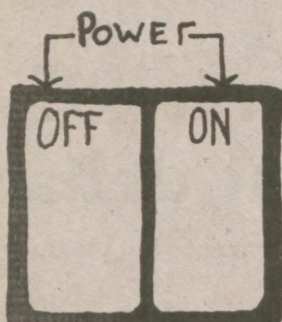


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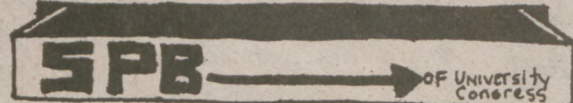
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# News Briefs

## Board to hold discussions on alcohol policy

The board of trustees will discuss the alcohol policy during its regular meeting Wednesday. The meeting will be in Varner Recital Hall at 5 p.m. All interested students are invited to voice their opinions on the policy.

## Kappas awarded

Fraternity Kappa Alpha Psi is the first recipient of the Student Organization of the Month award for the month of September.

Award winners receive a certificate and their organization's name on a banner displayed in the Oakland Center.

"This award is new this year and is a way of recognizing a group that is active and has contributed to the university," said Elizabeth Talbert, student organizations coordinator.

This award was especially important to the Kappas because they were suspended from the university late in 1986 for hazing and only regained status in late 1987.

## Student arrested for damaging cars

A man was found jumping on cars in the north overflow lot Nov. 11 by Public Safety Senior Investigator Mel Gilroy and Sergeant Mark Gordon. He was arrested and released on \$10,000 personal bond Friday. His arraignment is today at 8:30 a.m. in Rochester's 52nd District Court.

## Corrections

In a Nov. 7 front-page photo, Rick Kelley's name was misspelled.

In a Nov. 7 front-page article about the presidential race, it should have said Proposal A, ending Medicaid-funded abortions, was rejected by the students. Fifty-five percent of those polled planned to vote against the proposal, while 36 percent planned to vote for it.

In a Nov. 7 front-page picture with the Texas Instruments article, Jerry Junkins, Texas Instruments president and chief executive officer, was misidentified.

In a Nov. 7 page 3 article, the headline should have said 'Four OU politicians share campaign strategies at panel discussion.'

In a Nov. 7 page 12 article about the Penn State University game, Dan Plocki was misidentified.

## Students

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Junior Kyrie Schultz said she doesn't feel like she is obligated to know what's going on. "How am I supposed to know who's running," she said. "I don't even know who's president now."

About 40 students displayed an interest in the elections by attending the debates Nov. 11. Sophomore Julia Naum walked away uninspired. "I wasn't impressed," she said. "Nothing seemed clear."

Of the students that did declare a preference in the candidates, Voytas and Nykanen are running closely.

Junior M.J. Hoffman said he will be voting for Voytas but, "I'll give Dave Nykanen a second look," he said.

Students' positions on Murphy varied tremendously. Senior Traci Miller said she'll be voting for Murphy because she likes what he stands for.

Hoffman disagrees. "Murphy doesn't seem like an honest person," he said.

Sophomore Chris Stamps agreed with Hoffman. "I thought Brian Murphy was arrogant. He laughed through the whole debate," she said.

## WOUX

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Selahowski said she thinks that WOUX's staff is, "closer than ever," to being ready to go on the air. But staffers feel differently.

The crew at WOUX is "good, hard-working—very organized this year," according to Bailey.

"We're ready to show the university that we're a 'real' radio station," adds Margot Chobanian, WOUX program director.

As a test, WOUX would like to start with an FM signal limited to campus, according to station personnel.

"Until the university feels comfortable with a radio station," Chobanian said.

However, according to Selahowski, this is one of the problems.

"If they're going to broadcast across the campus, people who are not Oakland students may hear them," she said. "What if somebody driving into Meadow Brook turns them on and hears something they don't like? Who's going to be responsible?"

"We've already talked to the FCC," said Rob Kuron, head of WOUX staff management. "We've done our part."

Now, he says, it's up to the

board, "but no one's taking the initiative to find out the answers."

"(Each of the board members) have other positions on campus, and they all perform their jobs well," Bailey said. "So why are they taking so much time to do this?"

Although many WOUX staff members are upset with the delays, board members said they're not deliberately slowing the process.

"I don't blame WOUX for being fed up," said communications professor and WOUX adviser Donald Hildum.

"But the problem is, we're not sure what's expected (of the new position)."

Being responsible for WOUX wouldn't be that complicated, according to Bailey. "Most (college radio) stations have a limited adviser, someone who makes sure the station complies with the FCC," he said.

"Every six months, they check with our program guide," he added.

Finally, there's the time factor, according to Hildum. "I've had many other things to do," before he can get in touch with the FCC, he said.

"There's also the problem of red tape, and at this point we don't know if the answer (from the FCC) will be yes," Hildum said. "But we (the board) are ready to do this."

## Candidates

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**ANNOUNCED CANDIDACY:** Nov. 3

"Dealing with people is my strong point."

**EXPERIENCE:** Has been a Congress member since September, is student co-chairman of Black Awareness Month, a chairman of a committee studying referendum issues, a founding member of United Students, and tutors math and chemistry at the Academic Skills Center in Wilson Hall.

**STAND ON THE ISSUES:**

**racism** — Nykanen said segregation takes place at OU, but it's not blatant. He said different racial groups should celebrate their differences, through Black Awareness Month, but share goals, thoughts and feelings.

**parking** — He said parking is a problem, and until the Ride Pool Program is more successful, commuters should use them because those spots are not being used.

**On being a freshman candidate:** "I don't think the fact that I'm a freshman is a hindrance at all."

**COMMENT:** "My entire platform is unity."

## Legal

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conditions (of the experiment), it should also be responsible for seeing that students are watched afterwards," he said.

"It sounds like Oakland is doing the right thing" in monitoring students until sober, after the program.

According to Allen, the most important step is to have students sign

a release.

"Some waiver should be executed before any experiment," he said. In addition, the student should remain in custody of OU officials until sober—perhaps according to a signed contract.

Allen agreed that OU should take responsibility to avoid any third-person injury after a program like this.

Robert Bunker, general counsel for the university would not comment.

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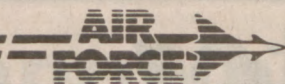
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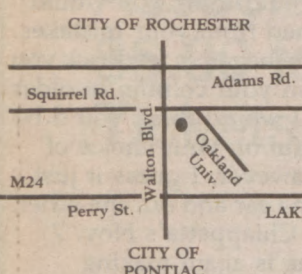
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So there I was, face-to-knee with the big man on campus, wondering how I was going to relate American Literature to The Hulk.

But then he pulled out a can of Orange Cappuccino. I was shocked! Could it be that this tough jock liked its delicate taste? And when Bone Crusher brought out the bone china, I was beyond belief.

Reading the expression on my face, he said, "What can I say? I like it. The Café Français is pretty good, too." Well, who's going to argue, I thought. As we sipped our Orange Cappuccino, I discovered that Billy Jo loves reading novels; his only problem was poetry. So I gave him tips on reading Emily Dickinson, and he gave me a copy of Ann Beattie's "Falling in Place."

All I could think was, Dad's never going to believe this!



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## Fill in the blank for Congress

The choices for University Congress president are no better than those for the nation's president were. In fact, they're worse.

Because of numerous shortcomings of the three Congress presidential candidates—Brian Murphy, David Nykanen and Tom Voytas—the *Post* suggests electing a Congress president by writing in the qualified individual of your choice.

The most potentially harmful scenario develops if Murphy is elected. Presently a member of Congress' financial advisory (FAC) and legislative affairs committees, Murphy has the most Congress experience of any of the candidates, but lacks good judgment and a strong stance on relevant issues, while overdosing on arrogance.

**MURPHY**, AN accounting and economics major, is best known for his budget-slashing tactics. If elected, he told the *Post* he'd institute a "budget management system." In this system, a committee set up similarly to the FAC would monitor how Student Activities fees money is spent by various organizations, including Congress itself. Murphy says there's too much waste in the present system. He cited an example that although there are only 20 Congress members, they use 80 pens in one semester.

If pens are that much a concern in budget management, then maybe Murphy should go to work for Scrooge.

Murphy's other ideas, like instituting a transportation system between the university and Rochester and Pontiac, sound fine in theory, but are impractical and not thought out.

**AN ISSUE** that really sets Murphy apart from the other candidates is his lack of a stance on racism. He told the *Post* he doesn't consider racism a major problem on campus.

"Every student has the same problems," that can be solved together, Murphy said.

It's unfortunate that Murphy sincerely believes that, and is turning his head away from an issue that is of top importance on this campus and many others around the country.

**NYKANEN HAS** some great ideas but his freshman status and one semester Congress experience aren't enough to run the organization. It's impossible for someone who has just entered the university to know how all the offices and organizations work. That kind of experience can only be cultivated with time.

Voytas, although a junior, doesn't have enough inside experience in Congress to bring the needed leadership. He told the *Post* that his unorthodox candidacy gives him a different experience than the other candidates, but we're not sure it's what would benefit Congress and students. That, coupled with his pot shots against some university officials, make a viable working relationship with the administration tough.

A plague on this year's crop of candidates is one affecting student government in general: lack of involvement. With only 12 people running for 20 seats, Congress needs a leader who will revitalize the organization. Unfortunately, none running offer that.

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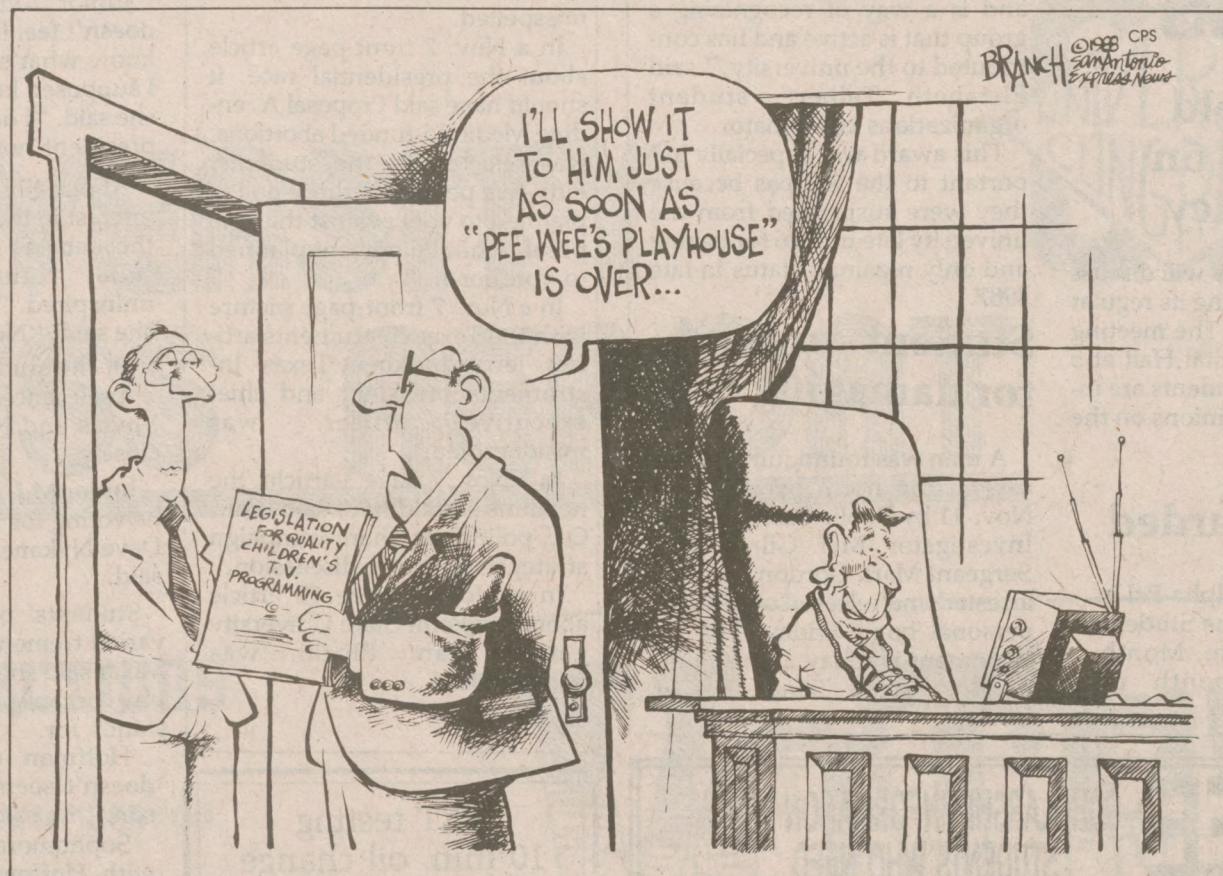
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## Candidate worries former SPB chair

### Viewpoint

By MELINDA ALESSI

I really feel that the readers need to be warned about the University Congress presidential candidates. At the risk of sounding harsh and crude, I am going to speak out. Somebody has to. Two years ago, everyone who worked with the candidates and knew them well kept quiet. As a result, we are still feeling the effects of that disastrous administration of a dictator. I do not wish to dwell on the past but am fearful that history will repeat itself. I was a part of University Congress for three years, serving as the Student Program Board Publicity Chair (1986) and the Student Program Board Chair (1987) so I wish to speak from experience in expressing my concerns about this year's candidate Brian Murphy.

First of all, it concerns me that Mr. Murphy will not and/or cannot answer questions directly and honestly. By this, I am referring specifically to the University Congress debate that took place Friday. While Mr. Murphy generally dodg-

ed all questions, I will refer to the one that I asked in reference to his views on "excessive spending." I asked him to pinpoint where excessive spending is taking place within Congress and he did not directly answer. His reply, "Many places." Where, Mr. Murphy? And furthermore, how did he determine which committees overspend? Where did he get his information? Did he conduct any cross comparisons of budgets and spending patterns of student government or activities boards at universities? His reply, "Yes, we called schools in Michigan." How many did you call? I have heard of only one that he actually contacted which is not all like Oakland.

Aside from that point, what is he going to do about this excessive spending (once he finds it)? He proposes a "budget management system." Why won't he discuss this program now? I would like to hear an explanation of what it is and then some elaboration on its merits. It's not that he wasn't asked for elaboration, he just didn't provide any.

My concern: Put your money

where your mouth is Mr. Murphy. Provide us with some clarification. Hint to the readers: Don't be fooled by some fast-talking amateur politician who brags of saving you money. The fact is you pay an activities fee. This is not the question. This money should be spent. The committees and the organizations entrusted with it should be encouraged to spend it now on programs that benefit you and Oakland in general. Spending wisely is a must. Yet, "saving it up so we have some excesses to play with" is not only a bad idea, but extremely unfair.

So if we move from the financial portion of Murphy's platform, just what issues are he concerned about? If it's not the misuse of pizza parties, what is it? Just how does he propose to "bring back the good old days"? He brags that he has all the experience and his opponents none. Well, I beg to differ.

Both his opponents, Dave Nykanen and Tom Voytas, have experience, probably more than Brian will ever dream of. While Nykanen is a mere freshman Congress member, Murphy's term exceeds

Nykanen's by only one semester. More importantly, Nykanen brings with him much leadership experience. He was an active leader in high school and is currently co-chairman of Black Awareness Month, 1989. In the same light, Voytas is also an active individual on this campus, as well as a very capable leader. He brings with him not only Congress experience, having served as a member of the University Congress Student Program Board and its current Promotions Chair, but also experience as an Orientation Group Leader. Of course, this is not a complete list, the point being that both Nykanen and Voytas would bring to office a history of diverse leadership experiences.

In closing, I urge you to select the next University Congress President very carefully. Choose the one that is devoted to representing you through responsible and appropriate action and discard the one that would be all consumed with "playing with" financial figures and the shuffling of "important" papers.

## Letters to the Editor

### Blacks aren't only victims of racism

I am writing in response to Derrick Lewis's letter in the Nov. 7 *Oakland Post*.

I agree one hundred percent that Oakland University needs drastic improvement in regards to race relations. I also agree that racism and prejudice must be examined as perceived in the residence halls, Public Safety and other areas of the university, like the absence of black faculty.

To state that we must rid the negative perceptions that white students hold of black students is only half the truth. We must also rid the black students of the negative, unfair and racial perceptions that they hold of white students. In fact, let's rid all people, regardless of age, sex, color or religion, of all the misconceptions that we hold of each other.

I do not agree that the predominantly black organizations on this campus do not discriminate against white students, just as I do not agree that predominantly white organizations do not discriminate against black students. I have been to functions sponsored by both predominantly white and black organizations where I have been

racially insulted and/or discriminated against.

Furthermore, organizations titled Association of Black Students are not exactly inviting to white students. The name of that particular organization does tend to mislead one into believing that only black students are welcomed.

Do not attempt to place blame or point fingers for discrimination or racism. White and black students alike must extend their hands to each other. When backs are turned do not become frustrated or angry, but pity the person who by turning his back on us has turned his back on humanity. Most importantly we must remember that we all are members of the best, brightest race of all—the human race.

Dawn M. Zachow

### Explanation needed for racism charge

I am writing in response to the letter written by Derrick Lewis in the Nov. 7 *Post* regarding racism. First of all, I would like to commend Mr. Lewis on his well-written letter that did indeed prompt me to do some "soul-searching." Racism is a problem here at Oakland.

Being a white student, I feel that I should defend our position on this

issue. I think that the tables are turning and that whites are now the ones being stereotyped. Does the fact that I'm white make me prejudiced against blacks? If I don't like someone who happens to be black, does that make me prejudiced? Would the fact that I would have to discipline a fellow student (in my job) who happens to be black make me prejudiced?

When it comes to white students not participating in the predominantly black organizations, I can explain why I don't participate in them. "The Association of Black Students," now does that sound like a club for a white person to hang out in? It sounds like a segregated organization to me. I don't see any "Association of White Students" on this campus. If there was, you can bet that it would be labeled a "racist organization." I have also been informed of a predominantly black sorority that doesn't allow its pledges to speak to a white person in a month. I find that ridiculous and would term it as a form of hazing. I think these are two very good reasons not to get involved with these particular organizations.

I have been called a few very colorful adjectives while disciplining fellow students, both black and white, but there is one important difference: the word prejudice was always brought up in the case of the black student. Pray tell, Mr. Lewis, why is that?

Finally, if only for the sake of friendship, I would also like to see racism end. I would be deeply upset if I were to lose a friend over falsely accused prejudice, on my part. But I think that is up to the black as well as the white students to bury this problem forever.

J. Carey

### Columnist offends once again

Mr. Nick Chiappetta does it again! I would think you would have learned from your mistakes. After all the negative feedback you received on your column of older students, I would think you'd be more careful on your choice of words. However, I guess it just went in one ear and out the other.

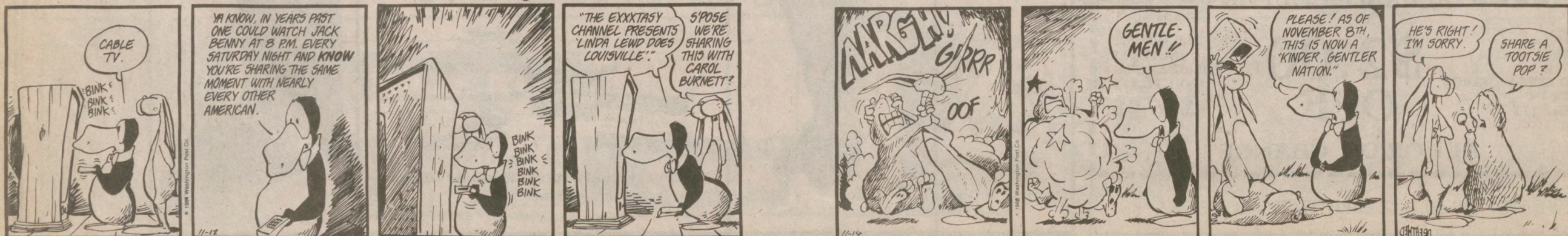
In Nick Chiappetta's Nov. 7 column, he is again making judgments of other people's qualities based on their looks. When describing former President Carter he wrote, "a man whose teeth were too big" and Gov. Dukakis as a "a man whose eyebrows are too bushy."

I would like to offer you some friendly advice, Mr. Chiappetta. Maybe if you can stop and take a few minutes to notice a person's inner qualities instead of judging on appearance you'd be surprised just how rewarding it is.

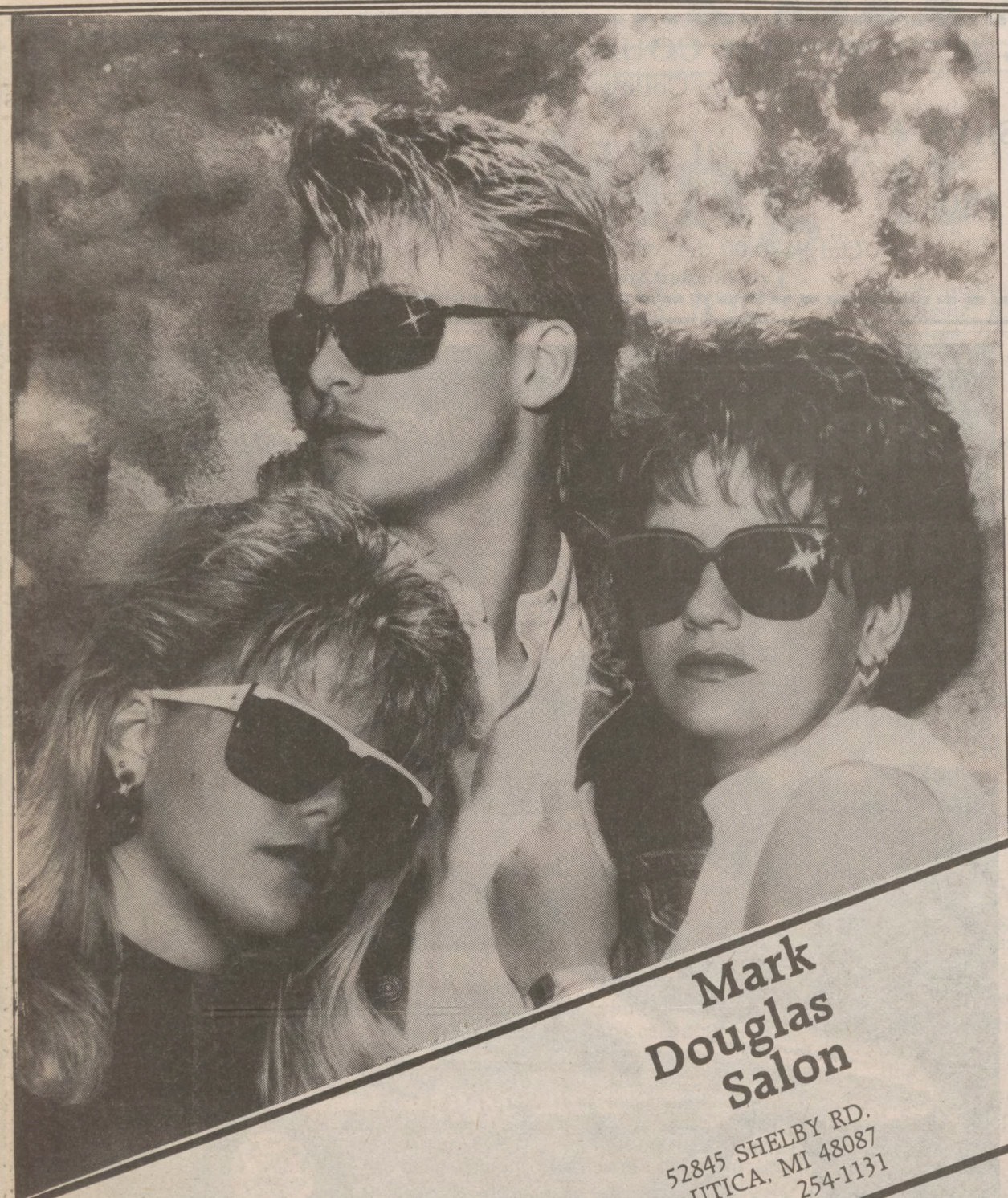
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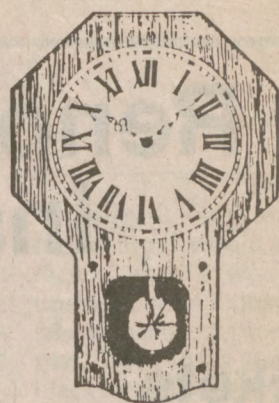
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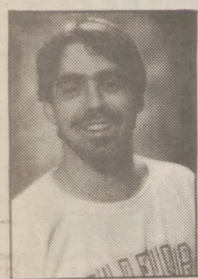
During Early Registration, students are scheduled to register on certain dates according to their class standing; check the Schedule of Classes, CIPO bulletin boards, or the Registrar's Office window for this information. Based upon demand during Early Registration, academic departments are sometimes able to schedule additional sections or increase class limits for certain courses.

Students who Early Register will also be permitted to defer payment of their Winter tuition and fees until January 10, 1989, without penalty, unlike students who register January 3 or during the Late Registration period; their fees are due at the time of registration.

For further information, consult the Winter 1989 Schedule of Classes. These are available at the Registration Office.

A final, important note: Any student may authorize someone else to register for him/her; however, the terms of such a registration will not change and the registration will be accepted only during times when the absent student could have registered.





Joe Ferrari

## Lifestyles of the rushed and sleepy

The alarm rings at 6:30 a.m., and it won't stop because I can't find it to shut it off. Once I do the impossible—locate the clock—it stops ringing. Hey, that means a couple more minutes of sleep. Well, the alarm sounds again, making that awful noise.

I TURN it off and come to a startling realization. I'm late. Class begins in 30 minutes.

Now nothing seems to be where it was last night. Ranting and raving, I come out of my bedroom shouting, "Who stole my pants?" My mother answers that she hasn't worn them, and how would she know, anyway.

By now I've gone completely berserk. I think, "Do I really need pants or can I do without them?" After calming down, I begin to rationalize and notice another pair in the closet. Imagine that.

I TEAR them off the hanger and search for a shirt. Questions like, "Do red and purple match?" come to mind. Then I remember I'm late, and it really doesn't matter if they match. Selecting clothes is no longer a serious consideration.

As I'm running down the hall toward the bathroom, I trip over the dog, and he yipes. Now I'm really mad because I think there's no possible reason for that damn dog to yelp.

AFTER CUSSING at the animal, I dart into the bathroom to get dressed. The pants slip on with no problem, the shirt actually feels comfortable and most importantly, I put the right shoe on the right foot. I can sense it—I'm on a roll.

Now I fly out the door and dive into my car. The thing won't start, so I pump the gas pedal vigorously. Now the stupid vehicle is flooded and I must wait—impatiently. Trying to start it again (using body language because somehow it seems to help) the engine kicks over.

While driving merrily along, I notice that the gas gauge registers way below empty. A ridiculous thought comes to mind that maybe a car doesn't need a whole lot of gas. But then I hear funny noises and quickly find a gas station.

BECAUSE EVERYONE wants to fill their gas tanks on the one day I'm late for class, I end up waiting in a long line wishing evil things on the people in front of me.

Finally it's my turn, and I begin pumping gas before seeing the "Pay Cashier First" sign. Darting through the gas station door, I scream, "Five dollars on 4," and hope the attendant heard me.

After completing this mission, it's off to fight the traffic jam, which only occurs today because every cement truck in Michigan is on the road. I pass as many of them as possible while my blinker goes crazy.

I FINALLY reach campus and check my watch. The first thing that comes to mind is "I'll bet I set a new world's record."

Now I face a tough decision because all the parking spaces appear to be taken. "Would it really matter if I parked in a handicapped spot?" After realizing I'd suffer from intense guilt, I park in the far lot and run faster than Carl Lewis to get to class.

The professor arrives one minute after I do. Such is a typical morning for a college student.

# Taking it back on the road

## Jazz prof 'Doc' Holladay retires, returns to stage

By KATHY POMAVILLE  
Staff Writer

For the last 16 years Marvin 'Doc' Holladay has shared his talents with students in OU's music department. And even though the jazz man's retiring this semester, he's keeping his reed wet for international performances.

Holladay, who got the nickname 'Doc' from students when he came to OU in 1972, is the leader of OU's Afram Jazz Ensemble and his own New Conceptions Orchestra.

AFTER RETIRING in December, 59-year-old Holladay plans to go on tour, but probably not in the United States.

The baritone sax player said other countries will allow him more musical expression than in the States.

Because jazz originated in the United States, Holladay said it's strange but "jazz just ain't happenin' here."

That didn't stop him from making his first solo album, though. The album is called "Wings for the Spirit," recently released on his own label, New Conception Music.

HOLLADAY GREW up in Kansas, where he took his first music lesson (the clarinet) in the fourth grade. He earned a music education degree from Phillips University in Enid, Okla. in 1951, then joined the U.S. Army.

He performed for U.S. troops in the United States and also in Korea while he was stationed there.

After he was discharged in 1952, he taught school for a few years in Oklahoma and Texas.

It was 1958 when Holladay got his first job as a New York music store stock boy. Then 29, he also played in nightclubs and waited to be discovered.

THANKS TO an old friend, Pepper Adams, Holladay went on the road with the Tommy Dorsey band.

Since then he's worked with jazz greats Quincy

Jones, the Thad Jones and Mel Lewis Orchestra, Ella Fitzgerald, Billy Eckstine, Peggy Lee and Dizzy Gillespie.

He also toured Japan, Australia, South America, Europe and Mexico with the Duke Ellington Orchestra.

After 20 years as a successful entertainer, Holladay decided to go back to school. He enrolled in Yale University as a special graduate student and then pursued a doctorate in ethnomusicology at Wesleyan University, researching West African music.

DURING HIS years at OU, Holladay is most proud of producing some of the finest musicians in southeastern Michigan. He's also glad he brought new meaning to the word 'ethnomusicology.' He prefers to call it 'world music,' because 'ethnomusicology' sounds too pompous and too ethnic for him.

He's also proud of raising students' jazz standards.

"Once you know something, you can never not know (it)," he said, "meaning, mediocrity won't be acceptable."

As director of jazz studies, Holladay has taught 'Survey of World Music' and 'West African Drumming,' along with jazz history, ensemble, improvisation and theory.

"I LIKE to give young folks a view of things they've never experienced before," he said.

In recognition for his contributions to the music curriculum, the OU Center for the Arts is presenting its *Salute to Doc Holladay* this Friday night at 8 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall.

Performing will be jazz artists Richard Davis, bassist, and percussionist Warren Smith.

Students have admired Holladay the same way Holladay admired his mentors. He patterned himself after jazz artists like Duke Ellington and Quincy Jones for concepts of expression, and after John Coltrane for improvisation and self-expression techniques.

Music Professor David Daniels will remember Holladay as the "only person in the whole solar system" who can play subtones on the baritone saxophone.

"It's going to be a poorer place without his smiling face and musical talent," Daniels said.



The Oakland Post / Charles Kowal

Doc Holladay takes it away as Sophomore Matt Murray sits out a few bars. Murray has been playing for 10 years. Holladay is retiring after this semester to take his jazz back on the road.

## Students come together to bridge cultural gap

By PATRICE WHITLOW  
Special Writer

In an attempt to overcome racial barriers at the university, students, alumni and faculty have formed a group called United Students (US).

The multi-cultural group will focus on increasing minority administration and faculty, and eliminating self-segregation and peer pressure by students to join all-white or all-black organizations.

"Several people that attended the St. Clair retreat came back to the campus talking about racism at Oakland," said Debbie Stocking, one of eight US founding members.

THE FACULTY retreat, which took place in September, dealt with racism on campus.

"What we want to do is challenge the angered people that are tired of it, (by) taking a stand," Stocking said.



Courtesy of Paramount Pictures  
Ralph Macchio and John Lithgow in 'Distant Thunder.'

### MOVIE REVIEW

Title: Distant Thunder (R)

Behind the scenes: A Paramount Pictures release; story by Robert Stitzel and Deedee Wehle; screenplay by Robert Stitzel; directed by Rick Rosenthal; produced by Robert Schaffel.

Cast: John Lithgow, Ralph Macchio, Kerrie Keane, Jamey Sheridan, Denis Arndt, Red Brown, Janet Margolin.

Rating: 5 (on a scale of 1 to 10)

Members believe that US, formerly called Mission: Unity, will be effective because of self-motivated students who have a desire to make a serious change in the racism situation.

Genuine enthusiasm and planning are going on within the group, said Curtis Davenport, OU alumnus and a founding member.

"WE NEED to equip and train ourselves by bonding together, then going forth," Davenport said. "There is no doubt that this group will be effective working together."

The group wants to establish a solid foundation, scouting out prejudice and communicating with different cultures in order to increase racial awareness on campus, said David Moroz, alumnus and coordinator of Peer Partnership Project of the Special Programs Department.

"Once the group develops a firm base, we can begin to handle specific issues by taking affirmative action," said Moroz.

GUEST SPEAKERS Bobbie Fueri and David Snider discussed different fashions of racism and gave advice about how to secure affirmative action at its Nov. 9 meeting. The Fueri-Snider Association works with consultants on racism awareness.

Snider said problems start in a person's hometown. The area may be predominantly one race, and people aren't given the chance to interact with other races. They don't know what the other race is really about except traditional beliefs that were instilled in them.

Fueri said whites have traditional ideas of how blacks are and stereotype the entire race from those ideas. When blacks or other

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Clockwise from left: Kathy Spry, Daphne Briggs, Sheri Neher and Michael Chowning let their talent shine in 'Little Shop of Horrors.'

## Forget about the mall, visit the 'Little Shop'

By MARGARET O'BRIEN  
Staff Writer

The OU Center for the Arts' performance of *Little Shop of Horrors* certainly doesn't deserve its name. What's in store for the audience is not horror, but an evening full of delight. This *Little Shop* is a warehouse of laughs.

### PLAY REVIEW

Title: Little Shop of Horrors  
Behind the scenes: An OU Center for the Arts production; based on the film by Roger Corman, screenplay by Charles Griffith; directed by T. Andrew Aston; music director, Andrea Moon; choreographer, Laurie Eisenhower; scenery and costume designer, Susan Barrett; lighting designer, Greg Piasecki.

Cast: Harry Carlson, Michael Chowning, Kathy Spry, Sheri Neher, Daphne Briggs, Carrie Bickner, Michael R. Ameloot, Markest Tate, Rick Carver, Lisa Jesswein, Nick Bean, Jules Owsinek.

Rating: 7½ (on a scale of 1 to 10)  
Where: Varner Studio Theatre  
Showtimes: Nov. 18 and 19 at 8 p.m., and Nov. 20 at 2 p.m.

The cast misses very few opportunities to take advantage of the script's potential. The play itself is a clever compilation of good songs and great wit.

IT BEGINS where Orson Welles' *War of the Worlds* left off, with a very literal bang. The Martians have landed and begin their plan to take over the world with their man-eating plants, starting with Audrey II.

Just as *Little Shop* has tremendous potential for a great play, it has the same potential for technical disaster. The plant, Audrey II, requires two puppeteers and another actor for the voice. Despite a few minor technical glitches, the three are able to coordinate their efforts effectively, producing a convincing Audrey II.

THE LEAD character, Seymour, played by Michael Chowning, fulfills his part adequately, but outstanding acting by Carrie Bickner and especially Lisa Jesswein, steals the show.

Bickner plays Seymour's girlfriend Audrey without a fault in the dizzy, New-York accent or character. Toward the end, Bickner manages to jerk a tear or two out of the audience, even after they've laughed all evening.

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## 'Distant Thunder' not a booming movie success

By CAROL DONETH  
Staff Writer

Like the Vietnam War, *Distant Thunder* is intense and emotion-packed, but never really gains support by observers. All it seems to do is exploit veterans' post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Combat left Mark Lambert (John Lithgow) with nearly every symptom of PTSD recognized by the Veterans Administration: depression, suicidal tendencies, flashbacks and violent outbursts.

TEETERING ON the edge of insanity, he deserts his wife and 2-year-old son to live in the wilderness—the environment he's most comfortable with after Vietnam. Lambert and several other veterans with PTSD are prepared to live out their days in maddened silence, interrupted only by memories of Vietnam.

After 16 years of exile, the loss of a fellow vet prompts Lambert to re-enter society and contact his son. Despite his fear and resentment, Jack Lambert (Ralph Macchio) crosses the country to establish a relationship with his father.

WITH ITS familiar lead actors, this movie is a potential box office draw. Lithgow's past credits include *Footloose*, *The World According to Garp*, and *Terms of Endearment*. Macchio is best known for his roles in *The Outsiders*, *The Karate Kid*, and *The Karate Kid II*.

Lithgow and Macchio give what's expected of them. But, while Lithgow appears haunted and distant, he's too paunchy to be believable as an agile mountain man.

THE NEVER-AGING Macchio is effective as the angry but hopeful son who's wary of letting his father back into his heart.

The confrontations between father and son are poignant and dramatic, but the actors are too awkward with each other to be a moving pair. Their weak and predictable dialogue doesn't help their performances.

One of the strongest characters is fellow "bush" vet, Larry, played by Denis Arndt. He straddles the border between sanity and madness so effortlessly it's shock-

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## Making freshmen ripe for the picking

By CAROL ZITO  
Features Editor

For many freshmen, it's a tough transition from high school to college. But at least one area high school teacher is preparing students for the adjustment by having them attend a few classes at OU.

Last week, Connie Irby and her students sat in on Brent Steel's introductory political science class, Jane Eberwein's American literature class and Richard Stamps' Human and Cultural Evolution class.

**IRBY TEACHES** Skills for the College Bound, a class she created at Seaholm High School in Birmingham. Before Seaholm she taught at Baker College's Owosso campus for three years and "noticed a problem of adjustment for first-semester freshmen," she said. "You don't have somebody

holding your hand telling you when to study."

Irby's skills class has existed for three years at Seaholm, and enrollment has increased steadily. The class is offered all year because 94 percent of students at Seaholm are college bound, she said.

"**THIS IS** the first time we've actually made it to a university," Irby said. Many attempts to attend OU and other universities have failed due to scheduling conflicts.

Irby said her students enjoyed the experience at OU.

Referring to Steel's class, Irby said, "One non-academic student said, 'If I could find high school and college courses like that course, I wouldn't skip anymore.'"

Tracy Burgum, a junior at Seaholm, was also in Steel's class and said it was very interesting.

"I wouldn't fall asleep in his class," she said, laughing.

**BURGUM DOESN'T** think she'll apply to OU, even though she liked what she saw.

"I want to play tennis in college, so I want to go to a bigger college," she said.

Visiting universities is only part of Irby's class agenda.

She spends time teaching SAT test-taking techniques, talking with students about career plans, and taking interest surveys, she explained. She also teaches "rapid writing," a phonetics system of taking notes in which the student condenses the alphabet and writes how a word sounds, eliminating letters that aren't heard.

**BUT SHE** thinks bringing the students to a university campus is a valuable teaching tool.

"Going to the college is kind of a capstone to the experiences we talk about (in class)," Irby said.

## Thunder

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ing. His volatile temper and wit give unpredictability and tension to all of his scenes.

**AT ONE** point Larry speaks at length, and the audience gets a rare

glimpse of his intelligent character. This compels the viewer to ignore the crazed recluse and see the man.

Characters were based on actual "bush" vets living in Port Angeles, Washington, and their scenes are the film's strength. Tension builds as it becomes evident these men are

capable of extreme, unprovoked violence.

While *Distant Thunder* is suspenseful and fast-paced, the central relationship between father and son leaves the viewer much like the veterans, affected yet empty.

## Horror

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Although her part is small and seemingly unimportant to the plot, Jesswein gives the best performance of the evening—as a bag lady. It is unfortunate that she's a background character because it's difficult to notice her shining performance.

**THE SET** is ingenious and effective. It was a huge task to undertake with its many levels and doors, but it turned out marvelous. The set, in combination with the living-room atmosphere of the Varner Studio Theatre made for the perfect setting. It's perfect, except for the very 1980s-style radio in a very

1960s play. But the atmosphere and performances draw attention away from the radio successfully, and appropriately present 1961 skid row.

**SINCE** *Little Shop* is a musical, it's nice to hear actors who can sing and singers who can act. Aliens Crystal, Chiffon and Ronnette played by Kathy Spry, Sheri Neher, and Daphne Briggs, provide an excellent singing narration. The band should also be commended for their excellent work.

Despite some of the technical glitches and showing hands and arm that weren't meant to be seen, it's very easy for the audience to become involved and follow the characters. The goal of a musical is to entertain, and *Little Shop* did just that.

## Bridge

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minorities excel, they are not seen as black, they are seen as individual achievers, such as Isiah Thomas. He is not seen as black, but as a basketball player.

"**I WANT** people to recognize me as a successful black woman," Furi said. "Don't take my color from me because of my achievements."

Programs that US will sponsor in

the future are workshops that increase self-awareness regarding race relations, speakers to facilitate public campus dialogues, a coffee house and educational theater projects to show intolerance against racial prejudices, said Kate Burdick, alumnus and founding member.

Davenport recommends that students take the challenge to face the problem with intelligence and togetherness and realize that name-calling will arise with criticism.

## What's Happening

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**Christina  
Fuoco**

## A night at the JLA

I just decided to take a break from my news editor duties and write about something I really like—hockey.

—**I SWEAR**, the Red Wings have the youngest-looking team. Adam Graves and Jeff Sharples look like they're 12. But then again, I look like I'm 12.

—**IF YOU'VE** been to a Red Wing game this year, you've probably noticed all the exciting changes at the Joe Louis Arena. One big change is the organ. Every year they find something different to do with their organ. While I was at the Edmonton Oilers / Red Wings game Nov. 6, the organist played *Ironman* by Black Sabbath. That was ..... uh ..... interesting. Yeah, that's the ticket. Maybe when Ozzy Osbourne performs at the JLA Dec. 18, he'll stop by for a duet with Mr. Organ guy. What a Christmas present that would be.

—**THE OTHER** big change is the organ talks! The organist was playing *What's On Your Mind* by the Information Society and the organ said "Pure Energy," just like in the song. Last year they had the ridiculous swoosh noise they did 15,000 times a game? Yep, this year it talks.

—**DID YOU** ever wonder what the organ guy looks like? I mean, you always hear it, but did you ever stop to think that someone actually plays it? I don't know, maybe it's just me.

—**IT WAS** pretty bizarre seeing the Oilers without Wayne Gretzky. But, hey, there are still a lot of people, like Jeff "Peukeboom" Beukeboom, who are fun to hate on the team.

—**WHEN I** was at the Oilers game I caught a puck. Pretty exciting, eh? All of a sudden my roommate called my name and I looked up and saw this puck coming straight for my face. Then I just watched it fall right in front of me. We were sitting in the front row. It's pretty tough to get a puck in any seat let alone the front row. I'm the first person I know who's ever caught a puck ... or a foul ball at a Tiger game. I think I'm going to put my puck in the freezer so whenever I show it to anyone it'll be cold, just like when I got it. You know, so they can get the full effect. No, I'm kidding. I think I'll put it next to my dorm trademark (now in my office), a life-size poster of Steve Yzerman. That's always an exciting conversation piece for first dates.

—**SPEAKING OF** the front row, it's kind of scary sitting there. Seeing all those ugly faces being checked into the boards two feet away is a pretty scary sight. Remember former Red Wing Eddie Johnstone? Boy, he was pretty scary to see coming at you about 45 miles per hour. But, when Edmonton's Esa Tikkanen got slammed against the boards, right in front of my face, I think that was just as bad.

—**IT'S FUN** to bring friends who have never sat in the front row before. Every time a puck or a player smashes into the boards they always jump back and laugh. Then, you know, I just kind of sit there and act cool, like nothing ever happened. I have to turn around and say "Hey you, get down off the rafters."

—**THE FRONT** is great except during the playoffs when the Wings win and people throw debris toward the ice. It's nice to look up just in time to see an octopus flying over my head. Octopus juice, beer and hairspray don't make a great mix. It's days like those I wish I wasn't superstitious so I could bring an umbrella in.

—**I DON'T** know about you, but I'm pretty excited about Bob Probert coming back to the Wings. No, not because I think he's cute. But Probert doesn't take any shit from anybody. I love to watch him fight. Then again I like any hockey fights. If you like hockey fights, check out Don Cherry's bar in Windsor. Non-stop hockey fights on big screen TVs.

—**I ALSO** can't wait until John Chabot comes back. Too bad he's in Adirondack. I don't know, I just kind of like him.

—**HEY, YOU** want to hear something else interesting? I have an uncle named Jacques Demers. No kidding. He says he gets calls all the time from little kids acting like Petr Klima or Steve Yzerman asking what time practice is. It's pretty funny.

—**DID YOU** ever notice hockey players names aren't spelled the way they're pronounced? For example Dan Daoust (pronounced Da-oo), Luc Robitaille (Ro-ba-tie), Mario Lemieux (Le-mu) and Patrick Roy (Roo-wa). It's funny to take friends to hockey games and see them try to pronounce these names.

—**SITTING BEHIND** us last Sunday was Jimmy Carson's family. Carson, who was traded for Wayne Gretzky, made his first appearance in Detroit as an Oiler. It was nice to see his family so excited, but all they did was scream in high pitched voices all night.

# Volleyballers take GLIAC

By MARC MORANIEC  
Staff Writer

The volleyball team clinched its first ever Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship with weekend victories over Ferris State and Northern Michigan universities.

FSU had won the last six GLIAC titles.

OU sports a 23-7 overall record and 13-1 conference mark with two games to play.

"I'm really proud of the kids," said an elated coach Bob Hurdle. He said now the team is focusing in on locking up an NCAA Division II postseason tournament bid.

"There's no question we're the best team in this area," Hurdle said.

## GLIAC player of the week award goes to spiker Harrison

Pioneer spiker Anne Harrison was named Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference player of the week for the week of



Anne Harrison

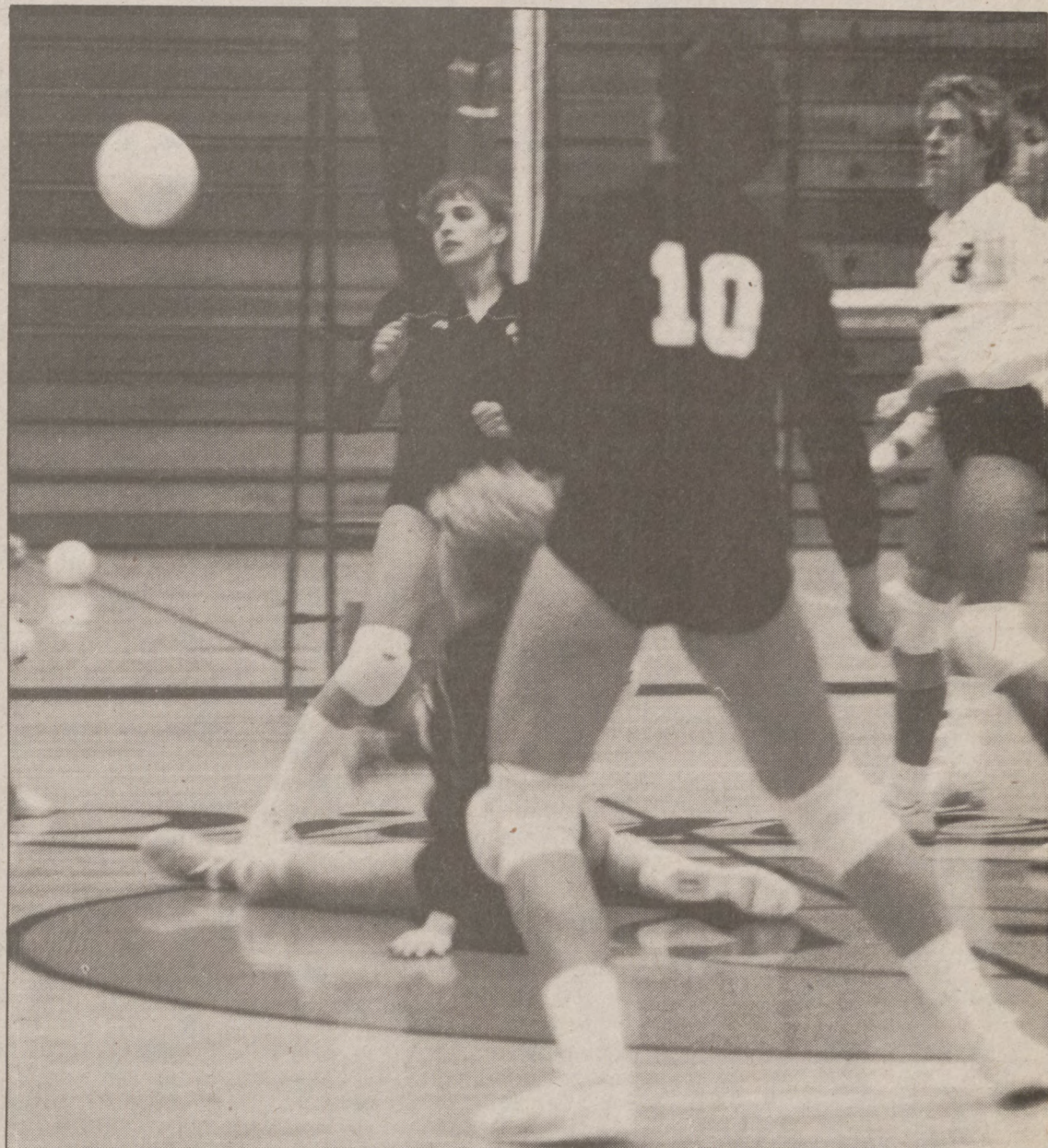
Oct. 31 thru Nov. 5.

Harrison, a senior outside hitter, led OU to four wins during the week with 25 kills and four errors in 46 attempts for a .478 hitting percentage. Harrison also had 17 service aces, one solo block, 14 block assists and 27 digs.

She was also voted to the All-Tournament team at the Ashland (Ohio) College tournament.

Harrison, a senior elementary education major from Richland, is the second Pioneer volleyball player to be named GLIAC player of the week this season.

Senior Tracey Jones snared the honor earlier this season. Jones was also named to the All-Tournament team at Ashland.



The Oakland Post/ Charles Kowal

Tracey Jones hits the floor to dig the ball in OU's Friday night match against Ferris State University. Anne Harrison (10) and Cindy Walsh move in to help Jones.

## Harriers thirteenth in regional

By TOM COOK  
Staff Writer

Despite a personal best time in the 10-kilometer race, Pioneer harrier Ken Osmun came up short in his attempt to gain a spot in the NCAA Division II national championships.

Osmun and six other OU runners competed in the Great Lakes Region of the NCAA in Edwardsville, Ill. Nov. 5. To qualify for the championships the Pioneers would have had to finish in one of the top

two spots as a team.

The Pioneers were 13th in the 16-team field.

Individual runners (those who weren't on a qualifying team) could qualify for the Division II national championships by finishing in the top two.

Osmun was third amongst those runners.

Osmun, junior, finished sixth overall with a time of 32:03. He missed qualifying for the nationals by four seconds, losing to archrival Dan Ebright of Ferris State University. It was the second consecutive race that

Osmun lost to Ebright by four seconds.

Ebright, a fifth-year senior, nipped Osmun for the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship Oct. 22.

"KEN RAN an outstanding race (at the regional), but it wasn't quite enough," Commerson said. "He's certainly optimistic about the future."

"I'm disappointed that I didn't qualify, but I'm happy with the way I ran," Osmun said.

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## Osmun strides toward GLIAC greatness

By GINA DeBRINCAT-SWEITZER  
Staff Writer

Webster's dictionary defines harrier as "a breed of small hounds originally used in hunting hares."

Webster's second definition is "a cross country runner," and at OU, Junior Ken Osmun holds the title of number one harrier.

Osmun, a two-time All-conference performer, is the only All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference runner in OU history. He finished third in 1987 and second in the '88 race Oct. 22 at Hillsdale College.

The top seven finishers in the league meet earn All-GLIAC.

Osmun finished third individually in the Great Lakes Region of the NCAA Division II meet Nov. 5, barely missing qualifying for the Division II final meet.

To qualify for the final, Osmun would have had to finish in the top two.

**OSMUN SAID** he was disappointed in his performance.

"I was kind of depressed after I didn't qualify," he said. Despite an early-season hamstring injury Osmun said he had a "good season."

Osmun's accomplishments become even more remarkable when one considers that Osmun began running competitively only four years ago.

The 20-year-old Osmun started running track in his junior year at Holly High School and did not run cross country until his senior year.

"Most of my friends were runners on the track team. They got me interested (in running)," he said.

To the surprise of many people, including himself, Osmun excelled at running.

"I was the second man on the cross country team."

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The Oakland Post/ Karen Langer

Junior Ken Osmun earned All-GLIAC cross country honors for the second consecutive year. Osmun is the only all-league harrier in school history.

## Men swimmers drown Grand Valley

By MARK SPEZIA  
Staff Writer

In a whitewash, the men's swimming team dropped the tankers from Grand Valley State University 132-82 Nov. 11, chalking up OU's first Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference victory of the season.

The final score could have been more lopsided, OU coach Pete Hovland said after the

meet. When OU took a 132-29 advantage, Hovland designated the rest of the events exhibition so that no additional points could be added to the Pioneers score.

"I think it (the meet) wasn't much of a test," observed Hovland after his team posted the best time in every event.

Senior Kirk Raddatz swam the 1000-yard freestyle in 9:50.31, more than three seconds faster than last year's top OU time

in that event posted by Jeff Cooper.

"He (Raddatz) didn't swim well last year (but) he's rededicated himself and we need him," Hovland said.

Sophomore Hilton Woods swam to easy victories in the 200- and 500- yard freestyle events.

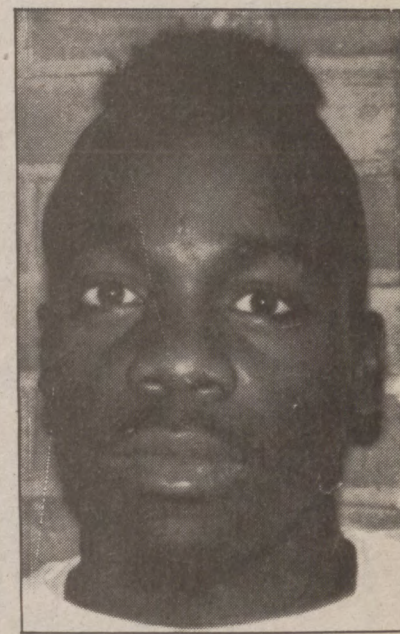
**WOODS, WHO** looked smooth for a man working himself back into shape after a

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## Monday Night football picks

Here are our predictions for tonight's Monday Night Football game featuring the Buffalo Bills visiting the Miami Dolphins. Last week, we predicted the Cleveland-Houston game. Sports Editor Andy Sneddon was the closest to the actual outcome of that game (Houston won, 24-17).

Katie Callahan	Buffalo, 31-9
Tom Cook	Buffalo, 17-14
Christina Fuoco	Buffalo, 24-10
David Hogg	Buffalo, 34-27
Marc Moraniec	Miami, 20-17
Andy Sneddon	Miami, 38-35



Earl Parris

## Soccer team awaits tourney opposition

By DAVID HOGG  
Staff Writer

For the sixth time in the last seven years, the soccer team will be making an appearance in the NCAA Division II postseason tournament.

OU hosts Nov. 20 the winner of the first-round Central Region game between the University of Missouri-St. Louis and Lock Haven University that was played at UMSL.

Results of the game were unavailable at press time.

OU beat UMSL 3-2 earlier this year. The Rivermen knocked the Pioneers out of last year's NCAA

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# Ken

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In track my senior year, I qualified to go to state (the state meet) in the mile and two-mile events, and that surprised a lot of people," Osmun said.

Osmun has impressed a lot of people in his comparatively brief cross country career, including his Pioneer teammates and coach, Hal Commerson.

"HE'S A natural athlete. His experience as a runner has helped me as a freshman with techniques and problems with my running form," Freshman teammate Andy Landry said.

"He's been a big inspiration for me. He runs and practices hard and tough and makes everyone practice tough just to keep up with him," Freshman Jeff Harris said.

In addition to his talent, Osmun is the undisputed team leader.

"The thing he does best is lend quite a bit of leadership to the freshmen and new runners," Commerson said.

"He's helped the team more than being the number one runner. (He) gives the team a lot of insight, especially the freshmen," said Brian Jones, the number-two runner. "He's helped me to be more competitive."

Osmun is equally as liberal with compliments for his teammates.

"Having Brian on the team (has helped me) because I've got somebody to train with. He's always there. All the guys are supportive. I get along with everybody really good ... they help me out a lot," Osmun said. "They were all upset after our regional race and I

was third. They were as upset as I was."

OSMUN MAINTAINS a rigorous training program throughout the season.

"(I run) about ten miles a day and go through a series of different routines. I swim three times a week and do a little bit of working out in the weight room," he said.

Although the competitive schedule is complete for 1988, Osmun continues to train but varies his routine.

"In the winter I can never run ten miles a day. Usually (I run) six or seven (miles). I pretty much work out the same but it's not all running ... I'll cross country ski or ride a stationary bike," he said.

When Osmun began running, he not only had to keep up with a tough training schedule but he also took a lot of static from his family.

"They (my parents) were kind of hard on me at first (they would say) 'Why go to practice for two hours after school, that's not going to get you anywhere in life.' My mom didn't understand why I didn't just get a job instead of compete. My grandpa (would say) 'Instead of going out and running, why don't you mow my lawn or something. You can get all tired out doing that,'" Osmun said.

OSMUN PERSISTED in his desire to run and eventually his family became interested in the sport.

"My mom and dad didn't even come to my meets until I told them I was in the state meet in high school," Osmun explained. "(I told them) 'This is all the best people in the state and I had to do really good just to get here,' and they finally

came to that race ... now they're interested. They went to about half the races this year and now they're all excited."

Next year, Osmun is determined to qualify for the Division II nationals and hopes the team will challenge for the GLIAC crown.

Osmun credits the self discipline and mental preparation involved in running with helping him cope with many challenges in life.

"It (running) helps me through almost everything. I'll take a test and I'll go through the same procedures I would for a race," Osmun said. "There's a routine you have to follow and you need so much determination."

Osmun, a mechanical engineering major, intends to keep running after his days as a Pioneer are over.

"IT'S GOING to take me four and a half years (to graduate) so I'll have a season that I'll be ineligible for cross country because you can only compete for four years. So that year I'm going to run a marathon, probably the Detroit Free Press Marathon," he said.

Osmun's high self-expectations will continue after graduation.

"My goals seem high to most people but I've run a half marathon relatively fast. I know that a marathon is twice as far and that's pretty much my goal. But I do triathalons (swimming, bicycling and running) as well," Osmun said. "I'll probably do those (triathalons) more than anything after I graduate. My biggest goal will be to compete in the 'Iron Man' or some triathlon."

# Soccer

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Division II tourney. OU is ranked second in the nation in the final ISAA Division II poll. Rankings for the other teams in the region tournament were sixth for UMSL and ninth for Lock Haven.

Earl Parris will lead OU into the tournament, who was the team's leading scorer with 11 goals and 10 assists for 32 points. Parris passed Sel Eren (13-4-30) in the last game of the season, scoring three goals while Eren scored one in the 5-1 victory over Central Michigan University.

# Harriers

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Southeast Missouri State University won both the team and individual titles as Commerson predicted.

Brian Jones, the number two Pioneer harrier, finished in 33:20 good for 29th overall.

Despite strong showings by Osmun and Jones, the Pioneers could only muster a 13th place finish, leaving Commerson somewhat disappointed with his runners.

"We did not compete well at all. Our freshmen may not have been prepared to compete in this race," Commerson said.

Freshmen Mike Kearns finished 98th (37:08) followed by Andy Landry (101st, 37:49), Jeff Harris (102nd, 38:06), Bruce Bearden (105th, 41:12) and Sophomore Mark Spezia (107th, 42:49).

# Bowl hopes in the Pitts

By DAVID HOGG

Staff Writer

Special teams were again the downfall of the Penn State Nittany Lions, the adopted football team of the *Oakland Post* as they dropped a 14-7 decision to the Panthers of the University of Pittsburgh.

Three missed field goals and a fumbled punt cost the Lions the game which all but eliminates any chance of a bowl bid for PSU.

Their last chance will come next Saturday when they will have to beat number one and undefeated Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.

The Panthers were led by Freshman running back Curvin Richard from Trinidad who gained 166 yards rushing including the game winning touchdown in the second quarter.

Pitt scored its points on a Curtis Bray safety, Richard's touchdown and two Scott Kaplan field goals.

Penn State's only points came on a one-yard touchdown run by Sam Gash.

The loss drops Penn State's record to 5-5. A loss to Notre Dame would mean Joe Paterno's first losing season at PSU and the Nittany Lions' first losing season in 50 years.

# Tankers

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month's break following the Olympics, blitzed the 200 field in hydroplane-like fashion, never making an unnecessary splash.

Swimming the 500 for the first time, Woods tired in the last 75 yards but still had a comfortable margin of victory.

"Next week Hilton will keep training hard while the rest of the team will begin tapering their training for the upcoming meet against the University of Michigan," Hovland said.

The ever modest Woods simply said "it was fun."

Hovland said he was pleased this week with the performances of Freshmen John Teal, who swam on the two winning relay teams, and

Jeff Seifert, winner of the 50-yard freestyle.

Another freshman, Phil Schwaiger, has caught the attention of Hovland. Schwaiger posted the fastest time in the 400-yard individual medley on Friday.

The Pioneers split a pair of meets Nov. 4 and 5, falling to a tough University of Toronto team 52-43 and defeating McMaster's University 77-38.

Hovland said Toronto provided the Pioneers with their most difficult competition of the young season, but he reiterated that's what he is looking for.

"Toronto gave us the kinds of races we need to prepare for nationals in March... We really need to be tested," Hovland said.

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