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Hundreds of people a week wander in Waterford's *Eternal Tattoos*, a full service tattoo and piercing shop. Several walk out with their navel pierced, many with pierced eyebrows and just a few

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The Pioneer men earned their third straight NCAA II Tournament bid, after battling for a second place finish in the GLIAC Tournament. At the GLIAC Tournament hosted by the Pioneers, Lake Superior State University won bragging honors outright, downing OU 102-100.

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Ethnic diversity fund spending in flux

Opinions still divided over how money should be spent

By ERICA BLAKE
Editor in Chief

In its second year of implementation after close Board of Trustees scrutiny, opinions are still divided on how OU's Academic Success Fund should be used to achieve ethnic diversity in the student population.

Funded by money brought in by the sale of university property to the City of Auburn Hills for the widening of Squirrel Road, the Academic Success Fund was established to

attempt to improve recruitment and retention of African-American, Latino and Native American students.

"The program is only in its second year of operation, and any time you open up a pool of money to be used for something, there will be questions," said Glenn McIntosh, director of the Office of Equity. "A lot of these questions are simply clarifications. We know we want as a university to achieve diversity. It just depends on the route."

The \$188,000 proposal for the

1996-97 Trustee Academic Success Fund, which was approved at the Feb. 23 Board of Trustees meeting, will be used for scholarships, mentoring, tutoring and various enrichment efforts, nearly 5% of the land sale proceeds.

Approximately \$39,000 is used for scholarships for entering students, an additional \$90,000 to continue the scholarships of those previously admitted.

"The whole program has been

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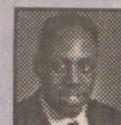
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Interim President



Glenn McIntosh
Office of Equity

THE GREY AREA:

Although the Board approved various ethnic diversity programs for the 1996-97 school year, including scholarships, mentoring and tutoring programs, some Trustees' opinions still remain divided on whether these paths will create a more diverse campus population.

Homegrown campus group tackles grassroot issues in Detroit



Post Photo/Patty Young

OU ACTIVISTS: Members of Partisan's of Exodus hope to help battle the hunger homeless people face.

Tackling Hunger Pangs

Students hope to feed homeless in Detroit

SUZY SCHOLZ
Staff Writer

Bill Howard doesn't worry about where he'll get his next meal. Food isn't exactly a concern for the Electrical Engineering freshman who lives in Vandenberg Hall.

He's not naive, however. He knows not everyone is that lucky.

Last weekend, for example, Howard was home visiting his family in Detroit when he saw a homeless man in his neighborhood. With only \$1.30 in his pocket, Howard went up to the local Burger King and bought the man a Whopper Junior.

"It's amazing. It doesn't take a lot to make people happy," Howard said.

With the help of some friends at OU, Howard hopes to do more than feed one homeless man.

In fact, through Partisans of Exodus, the student organization he formed the beginning of this semester, Howard and 13 others have declared helping to

feed the homeless in Detroit as one of their main charitable acts.

"I'm thankful to the Lord. I'm not in that predicament, and I think that no one should have to be in that predicament. So I feel that if I have the means to help one person, I should do it," said freshman Delmar Jones, one of three co-presidents. Howard and fellow freshman Jason Tolbert also share the title of president.

The name, Partisans of Exodus (POE), as explained by Howard, means followers setting themselves apart from a nation to be dedicated to a party. The three friends adopted the name since it was a symbolic description of the goals of the organization.

POE meets weekly to plan ways to raise money to feed the homeless by sponsoring fund raisers on campus. The first event planned is a card tournament from 7-10 p.m., Tuesday, March 19, in the East Crockery of the Oakland Center. The best two of three games wins and donations of food and money

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Trustees approve scattered campus face-lifts, changes

By JAIME SHELTON
Staff Writer

Parts of OU are getting a facelift after the Board of Trustees approved five new renovation projects at its Feb. 23 meeting.

Included in the plans are improving the Meadow Brook Hall entrance and renovating parts of North Foundation and Vandenberg Halls. A new Honors College facility and 1,000 parking spaces have also been approved.

Trustee Anne Nicholson explained that these projects will enhance the looks of OU's campus.

"It's a positive," she said.

The OU Foundation allotted \$531,000 for the renovations in North Foundation Hall's admissions area. The improvements will include new offices, moveable partitions and new lighting. Nicholson hopes these improvements will enhance the first impressions of potential students considering OU.

Meadow Brook Hall will also get its share of improvements thanks to the \$2.3 million gift from The Matilda R. Wilson Fund. In order to preserve the historic aspects of the grounds, new entry gates, refurbishment of the bridge, a barrier-free entrance and an improved driveway will be implemented.

Assistant Director of Meadow Brook Hall Paul McDowell said the improvements will not only enhance the Hall, but also will provide handicap accessibility when the projects are complete.

"We are considering all of the people who come to Meadow Brook Hall," said McDowell.

Due to a recent film, Meadow Brook Hall is now considered one of America's Castles. McDowell hopes this prestige will bring more tourism to the campus in the summer months. Though the projects are not expected to be complete until fall, McDowell is optimistic that the construction during the summer will not deter guests.

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New Science Building goes up on schedule

By SARA CALLENDER
Staff Writer

Despite some harsh winter days, construction of the new Science and Engineering Building is on schedule and set to open its classroom doors in Spring, 1997.

"Excellent progress has been made this winter-even better than this summer, which is surprising since we've had some real bad snow and freezing weather this winter," said Ray Mora, associate director of plant engineering and construction manager.

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Oakland University Student Congress

19 Oakland Center (across from the Bookcenter)
370-4290

Outcome of the February 19th Student Congress meeting

- Bill 96-06, which would allocate \$575 to purchase pencil sharpeners to place them in classroom building hallways, had its first reading.
- Bill 96-07, which would allocate \$2000 to the Legislative Affairs Committee for national lobbying efforts, had its first reading.
- A motion was made to rescind Resolution 96-09, and failed with 3 yeas, 12 nays, and 1 abstention.

Be a Student Congress Member

☺☺ or ☺☺

Student Body President and Vice-President

Petitions are available until March 18th in the C.I.P.O Office of the Oakland Center. Fill out a petition packet and be on the election ballot. For questions, Call Amy Wills X4294.

Recycle

Pop can receptacles are located in the Oakland Center, South Foundation, and Kresge Library. Please recycle your cans.

Attention Student Orgs.

SAFB allocations for the Spring, Summer Terms, and Fall Fever are due March 25th by 3:57 p.m.

Apply for a \$250 Student Congress Scholarship!!!

Scholarship applications are available in the Student Congress Office, 19 Oakland Center . The application must be submitted to a Cabinet member by April 10th, 7:00 p.m.

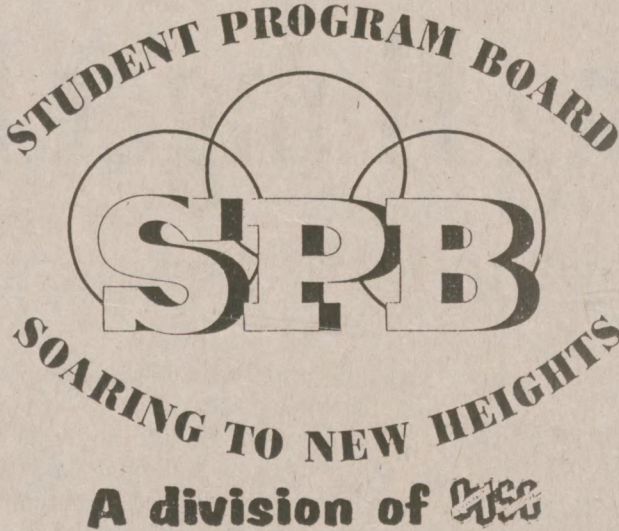
Outcome of the March 4th Student Congress Meeting

- Bill 96-06 was withdrawn due to the provision of a different means of funding.
- Bill 96-07 was amended to raise the amount from \$2000 to \$4000 and require LAC to attend the USSA Conference in Washington D.C. The Bill as amended passed with 10 yeas and 7 nays.
- A Bylaw amendment that would require the Student Body President to fill cabinet vacancies within one OUSC meeting with an acting cabinet member and and permanently fill those positions within three regulary scheduled OUSC meetings had its first reading
- Resolution 96-10 commending the Oakland University Men's and Women's basketball teams as GLIAC Champs and issuing them support for the weekend of March 7th was approved unanimously.

Don't miss your last chance on getting Second City tickets at the CIPO Service Window!! The show is today at 6:00 and dinner is included. Tickets are only \$15.

Enter your black and white or color photos in the anual PHOTO CONTEST, to the CIPO office for up to \$600 in PRIZE MONEY.

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CAMPUS

Congress candidates prepare platforms

STUDENT CONGRESS ELECTIONS

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- **WHAT:** Congress Candidacy
- **DEADLINE:** March 18, 1996
- **APPLICATIONS:** Available in the CIPO office, located in the basement of the Oakland Center
- **ELECTIONS:** April 1, 2 & 3

With election dates closing fast, potential congress candidates come out of the woodwork

By JAIME SHELTON
Staff Writer

As Student Congress elections draw near, potential candidates for the president and vice president, including three Congress members and two former Congress members, are busy circulating their petitions in hopes of being placed on the ballot.

Currently there are three teams working to obtain at least 200 signatures which

will put their names on the ballot for the April 1, 2 and 3 elections. They are Garrick Landsberg and former Orientation Group Leader Carla Sabbagh, Angela Dodson and David Lingholm, and Brad Perry and Barry Gray.

Landsberg, who previously served two years on Congress and currently serves as a student liaison to the Board of Trustees, has plans for the new academic year, providing he is elected president.

"We are planning to set this campus on fire with publicity," said Landsberg.

One of the team's main goals is to secure the rights and privileges of OU students. Through this, the two plan to

increase all student representation in Congress by focusing on "serious student matters."

In a letter regarding his team's platform, Landsberg and Sabbagh pledge to focus on such ideas as nominating a Public Relations Chairperson for cabinet appointment. This person would be responsible for publicity and communicating effectively with all student organizations.

Despite Landsberg's hopes of election, two current Congress members, Vice President Angela Dodson and Congress member David Lingholm, are teaming up

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Sally Tato

When will a president be named?

Presidential elections.

They're nearing, and I'm not just talking about those for OU's Student Congress, or unfortunately, the university's helm.

With an election year on hand, every genre of media is flooded with news of potential candidates, their views, stances, platforms, and past personal faux pas are surely soon to come.

And amongst all this hype of Republican could-bes and vice-president wanna-bes is the sad reminder that while the nation attempts to move forward, politically, financially, and socially; OU remains at some sort of a standstill.

Granted, Interim President Gary Russi has and is accomplishing goals for the university, but the fact remains that he just in a temporary position, supposedly filling in for the person who will one day be named president by OU's Board of Trustees.

The questions remain though: When will that day come? How long will OU be run by a competent but interim president?

It's been said that the Trustees will wait until litigation pending in the Michigan Court of Appeals is decided. OU is currently appealing a Circuit Court judge's decision that said the university committee selected to search for a president, must keep its meetings open.

The university was busted for allegedly violating Open Meeting Laws and closing a search committee meeting early last year. Shortly after the judge's ruling, the Trustees decided to terminate the search altogether.

This May is the first anniversary of that decision.

It's hard to say whether the university is any worse off only having an interim president. A quick glance at the campus shows that construction is on-going and recently approved expansions are scheduled to go forth.

But how long will this battle of wills go on? The Court of Appeals has never been known to act quickly, so there's no telling when a decision could be handed down.

And what if the Court of Appeals upholds the lower court's ruling? Will OU attempt to submit this to the Michigan Supreme Court? If OU wins, will *The Oakland Press*, the newspaper that took OU to court, file an appeal?

Courts in at least nine other states have forced public universities in their respective states to open searches for presidents and deans as mandated by their own open government laws. The Michigan Supreme Court did likewise.

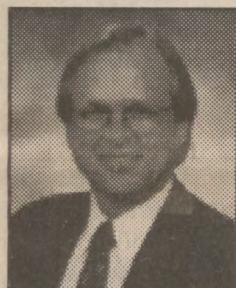
Yet the fight to find a loophole in the law continues. Later this year, OU Trustees Howard Sims and David Handleman will end their terms on the board. Let's hope the new trustees will insist the search process begins and that it complies with the law.

SBA dean seat filled

Board of Trustees approves appointment of John Gardner at last month's meeting

By JAIME SHELTON
Staff Writer

After a year-long search, John Gardner, associate dean at the State University of New York at Bingham, was approved as OU's new Dean for the School of Business Administration (SBA) with an initial salary of \$130,000 at the Feb. 23 Board of Trustees meeting.



John Gardner

Former SBA dean George Stevens left the vacancy almost a year ago to accept his new role as business dean at Kent State.

Although Gardner is anxious to fill the position, he is not expected to take office until August 1.

Though only 70 applied for the dean position in the search which was conducted largely in secret, Interim President Gary Russi believes Gardner was an excellent choice.

Russi said that he was confident that Gardner will head the SBA in a positive way by strengthening ties with industry and business.

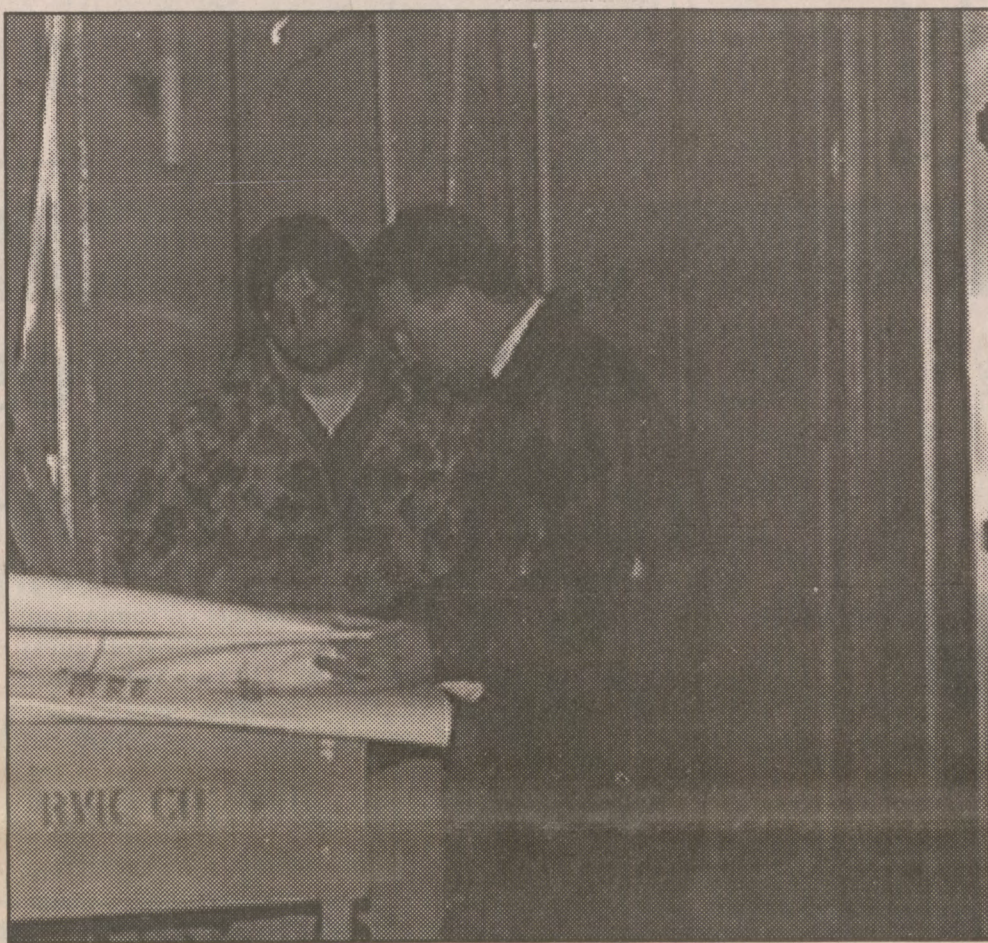
Interim SBA Dean John Tower agrees. "He is a superb choice. He's an energetic person who has had a lot of success," Tower said.

As dean, Gardner will be expected to keep up with the expanding SBA programs. A 4.8-percent increase in the 1995-96 academic year gave the school its first enrollment gain in five years.

Still pending is an *Oakland Post* filed complaint against OU for alleged violations of the state's open meetings act for conducting the search in secret.

The complaint is under review by the Oakland County Prosecutor.

Building expansion provides home for Purchasing Department



Post Photo/Sam Akrosh

GOING OVER THE PLANS: TMP Architect Dave Koziarz (right) reviews blue prints of the expansion plans in the Public Safety and Services building.

CONSTRUCTION ZONE

Although the crux of the expansion project is to build an area to house the Purchasing Department, OU's Senior Architect Khales Dahr pointed out some other minor changes:

- Adding new men's and women's bathroom facilities that comply with ADA codes

- The addition of a separate entrance door without the building that will allow students access to the Campus Police Department

Expansion project work begins

Six month construction project enters its third week smoothly

By SALLY TATO
News Editor

"We're glad to be moving out of the trailers and happy to be moving into a building,"

Barbara Hardeman
Purchasing Dept.
Director

OU's Purchasing Department will finally have a building to call home, as expansion efforts in the campus's Public Safety and Services building enter its third week.

Senior Architect Khales Dahr said the construction in the building, which currently houses OU's police department and University Services, is expected to be completed in mid-July.

Meanwhile, staffers in the Purchasing Department are marking their calendars for the

date when they will no longer have to work out of trailers behind Lepley Sports Center.

"We're glad to be moving out of the trailers and happy to be moving into a building," said Purchasing Director Barbara Hardeman.

Designs for the building, a 2,000 square foot expansion to the existing Public Safety building, include: a reception area, general work area and two offices for the director and buyer, said Dahr.

Additionally, the \$300,000 project includes the addition of both men's and women's bathrooms to meet ADA codes, and a separate entrance door within the building for access to the OU Police Department.

Retirement donations stolen

Money intended for an OU staff member John Wendlen's retirement was stolen in at least three separate incidents between January 20 and March 5.

Late last year, a CF&O staffer sent out letters to many departments on campus, asking people to donate to a co-worker's retirement.

In late January, the staffer received an empty envelope in the campus mail. The envelope was from the Payroll Department, and when police contacted the payroll employees, staff there said that about \$10 in cash had been in the envelope.

Later in March, a campus employee found two campus mail envelopes in the Shipping and Receiving area at the

Public Safety and Services building. Inside one envelope was a copy of the letter that asked for the donations and the signatures of two campus employees who had sent cash

Police are still investigating.

More Stolen Mail

A Hamlin Hall resident told police that mail was taken from his mail box on March 2.

The resident was informed that a sports news magazine was in his mailbox that day.

Housing is now holding his mail until he signs for it.

Passed Out

A Fitzgerald resident who suffers from an eating disorder was found unconscious in her room on March 5.

Two other Fitzgerald residents found the resident.

An ambulance was called and the student agreed to go to the hospital. She was taken to William Beaumont Hospital in Troy.



and a check for \$5. In the other envelope was copy of the same letter with nine signatures from the Registration offices in O'Dowd. All the cash from that envelope was also stolen.

Cleveland State professor wins \$1.5 million settlement

By College Press Service

CLEVELAND-- A federal jury has awarded \$1.5 million in damages to a professor who charged that Cleveland State University kept her under its "glass ceiling."

Elise G. Jancura, former chair of the business college, was one of the two finalists to become dean of the College of Business Administration in 1992. When William J. Lundstrom was hired, Jancura accused the school of sex discrimination, saying her qualifications were far superior.

The university stood by Lundstrom, citing his experience and distinguished record. "We are naturally disappointed by the verdict in this case," the university said in a statement.

The Ohio Civil Rights Commission had found "no wrongdoing on the part of the university," the statement said. "We continue to believe that the university has acted responsibly in this matter."

Jancura reportedly was pleased with the decision and said the victory hopefully would help other women break through the school's "glass ceiling."

"I hope this makes it possible for women at Cleveland State to have real opportunities," she said.

The Board of Trustees has not yet voted whether it will appeal, although a university spokesperson said the school's attorneys "will take the normal legal route" in fighting the verdict.

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EDITOR'S VIEW

Kevorkian, OU should not ignore the law

Jack's back.
 Dr. Jack Kevorkian has found his way back into the news and into our lives. And once again the issue is divided.

Should assisted suicide be made available to those who are slowly and painfully dying? Is Kevorkian a murderer or simply a man with a great deal of compassion?

Those who choose to side with Kevorkian, the jury included, feel that among the many rights given to the citizens of this country is the right to die.

But what about the law?

Whatever side of the spectrum one chooses to take, whether to support Kevorkian's actions or side against them, we must all concede that the main issue here is that there was, at that time, a law in effect which prohibited assisted suicide in Michigan. A law which the jury failed to enforce.

Kevorkian obviously disagrees with this law, so do many others, but no one is above the law and laws are not enacted for us to pick and choose which ones we like and will follow and which ones we don't.

Currently, OU's own Board of Trustees is finding out the hard way that laws are made to be consistently obeyed and not whenever one feels like it.

In Michigan, as in at least nine other states, university presidential searches are required by law to be open to the public. Michigan's law has no exceptions and certainly doesn't read, "Oakland University is free to choose."

We are not able to choose to disregard substance abuse laws. No one should be exempt from the law against drinking and driving. Even Dr. Kevorkian and the OU Board of Trustees can agree with us on that.

Time and time again, this OMA issue has arisen in this state and just as many times it has ended up on the court's docket. Fortunately for many university communities, OU's included, the Boards have not been as lucky as Dr. Kevorkian.

There are ways to go about changing the law. A petition being placed on the ballot (hey, it just happens to be an election year) is one way. Simply, refusing to follow the law certainly makes a point, as it did in the Kevorkian case, but doesn't do our legal system any justice. That leads to the question, was justice served?

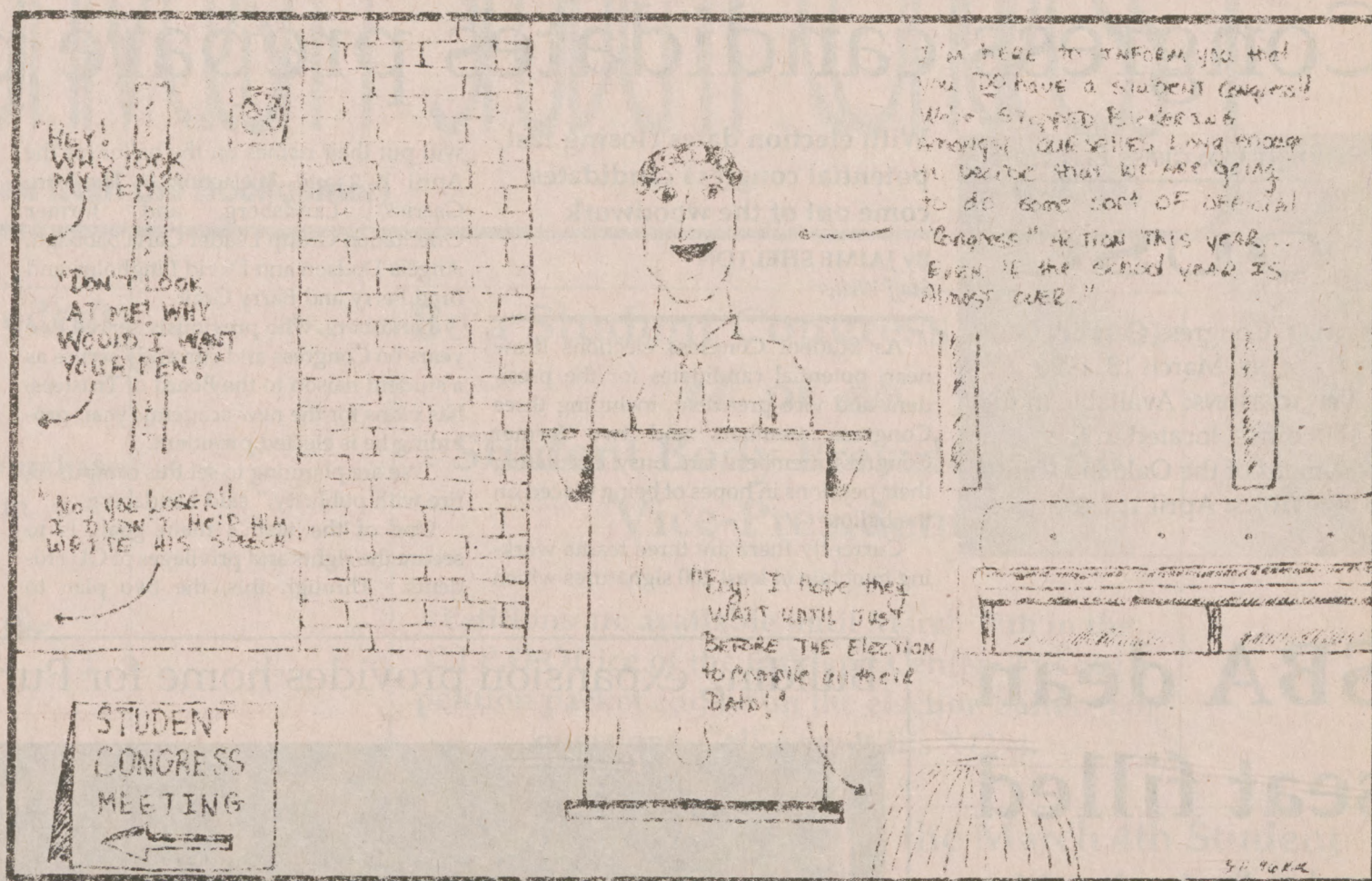
Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson has received quite a bit of criticism from Kevorkian's supporters for pursuing the assisted suicide issue. However, let's not forget, it's his job. He has to enforce the law, as it is written.

And similarly, those who agree with the Board's decision to fight an open forum for the presidential search find fault with the action taken by the press. Until that law is changed, the press will not let up.

This is the main issue here. This is the issue we must not overlook.

Selectivity is not an option. If it were, we would not be a democratic society. Instead, we would achieve nothing more than anarchy.

OPINION



Letters to the Editor

Community responds to views of others

Recycling Response

Dear Editor,

This is a response to the Feb. 21 Letter to the Editor "Student urges Congress to can recycling program" by David Gardner.

I think that David Gardner's views are flawed. First of all, the receptacles placed at various locations are for "volunteered" cans. No one is forcing you to recycle and place your 10 cents worth of cans into those receptacles. Student Congress is not taking money away from the needy, they are actually giving it to the needy. I seriously doubt

that most people rely on the 10 cents refund as a "source of income for immediate, personal financial needs." Finally, David Gardner believes that "all return-

able beverage containers on campus are being properly recycled." Well guess what, they are NOT! I personally collect over 25 pop cans, glass bottles, etc. EVERY WEEK from Kresge Library and Dodge Hall of Engineering alone. If students are so needy, why do they throw them away?

If anyone has any concerns about proper recycling of newspapers, magazines, cardboard, paper, colored paper, non-refundable containers, please contact me since I do a lot of recycling. My office is 137 Kresge Library and it is also a recycling storage area. I am also available in the Dodge Computer Center (x 4537).

Sincerely,

Vinod Kalothia
 Senior
 Systems Engineering

Diversity: A Hot Issue

Dear Editor,

I read with wide-eyed amazement, Stephen Patton's letter on Professors Howell and Early (Feb. 14, 1996). Professors Howell and Early (and I) are committed to diversity at OU. Patton remarks "maybe they have been the lap dogs of the wrong political party for too long." Professor Early is scarcely a lap dog of his (and my) political party and, indeed, we deny that our political party is the wrong political party. We are Republicans!

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Casstevens
 Professor
 Political Science

Law School Preparation

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on your article "Breaking Into Law" in the Feb. 21 issue of The Oakland Post. I applaud the efforts of the new Law Society. As the Director of Continuing Education and program manager of the LSAT Test Preparation Workshops, I support your goal of preparing well for the exam. With Law Schools nationwide reducing the number of new enrollees, it is even more critical for students to perform well on the exam.

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Sincerely,

Pam Marin
 Director
 Division of Continuing Education

Student urges others to become involved

Dear Editor,

Involvement in student government on a college campus is a rare opportunity to gain confidence in yourself, meet new people, and make a difference during your short years at the University.

I want to remind everyone that petitions to place your name on the ballot for President/Vice President or for Legislator on Student Congress are available for two more days in the CIPO office in the basement of the Oakland Center, across the way from WXOU radio. I encouraged anyone who is even partially interested to gain a spot on the ballot. Any student can do it and it's really not that difficult!

Student Congress urgently needs diverse members from under-represented student populations. To really represent all the students at Oakland, the Congress must reflect the make-up of our student body.

Even if politics don't inspire you, become involved at Oakland in other ways. There are tons of student organizations that will welcome you at their meetings. Get the list at CIPO.

Look out for Congressional candidates the next few weeks, and make sure you vote April 1-3! Get involved! Take that risk!

Sincerely,

Garrick B. Landsberg
 Senior
 History
 Student Liaison to the Board

Setting it Straight

The Oakland Post clarifies all errors of facts in our stories.

In the February 21 edition of the Post, Rosanna Palmer was labeled as a Junior in her Letter to the Editor, she is in fact a Senior.

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THE FRONT PAGE

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Elections

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to bring forth a five point initiative.

They are:

- The formation of focus groups that will meet regularly to talk to concerned students.
- Establish a toll-free number to report discrimination.
- To get more student involvement in lobby efforts at a state level.
- Forming a student organization committee to provide input to the Board of Trustees on needs of the university.
- To create forums on discrimination and segregation in order to further race relations.

Dodson hopes her initiatives will increase student involvement. "We need people power to do anything," she said.

Others still hope to gain student favor and votes.

Former Congress member Brad Perry has united with current Congress member Barry Gray to form the third team in the running for a spot on the ballot.

"Barry and I are extremely concerned about the students. We will (emphasize) external matters to make Congress work for students with any problem."

Though Perry said his team has no set plans at

this time, some issues are being discussed. These include:

- Making OU tuition hikes match the rate of inflation.
- Allowing students access to published professor evaluations.
- Canceling classes to observe Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

Those teams who reach candidate status are permitted to supply a 250-word maximum platform statement. These issues are printed in an election publication, available the week of voting to allow students to read about candidates and issues they support before casting their ballot.

This year's president Rayissa Slywka wishes she could endorse one of the potential presidential teams. However, she is not able to do so because she is a member of the Elections Committee.

Slywka does expect next year to bring a Congress filled with new personalities. She explained that with every new Congress, different leadership tactics will prevail, and she believes next year will not be different.

Despite these changes, Slywka is hopeful that the new leaders will continue the positive efforts set forth this year. Among these, she said, are "building a stronger interior core in Congress and not (having) as much bickering."

Students interested in running for the presidential and vice presidential seats can still pick up applications at the CIPO office, 49 OC.

Charity

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are greatly appreciated. The first place couple receives \$50 and second place will earn \$25.

POE will direct all profits from the tournament towards its main goal, "Project: Feed the Homeless", tentatively scheduled for fall '96.

"Project: Feed the Homeless" is a grassroots approach to hunger. The group plans to cook \$1,000 worth of food, purchased with the profits, in their own homes. Members plan to set up tables on the streets of Detroit, ideally in Hart Plaza, to distribute the meal to the homeless. "Good food too," explains Howard, "not the slop they usually get, but really good food, we just want to make these people happy."

What's on the menu? Beef ribs, barbecue chicken, macaroni and cheese, hamburgers, and beef hot dogs.

POE has yet to check into liability and health

code issues, but remains optimistic that they will overcome all obstacles, according to Howard.

POE is working hard to get sponsors and support for its mission. Howard has spoken to Barry Sanders, about involving him and other players from the Lion's football team to donate time or money and to help with publicity.

Others the group is trying to involve include Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and Detroit Police Chief Isaiah McKinnon.

Besides those participants, POE hopes participation is exclusive to OU professors, parents, coaches and students.

Pleshette Hyde, an elementary education major and a vice president of POE, said the group's intentions are "Not so much to make a name for ourselves but to help others."

Hyde has also been involved in groups like Project Care and D.A.R.E. to keep kids off drugs.

Future fund raising events sponsored by POE may include a basketball tournament and a "soul food night", complete with a live disc jockey.

"This is my love," Howard said, "I enjoy helping others."

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Science

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ment.

He said that architects from Harley, Ellington Design, are expected to complete the project by December, when installation of equipment and furniture for the building's classrooms, laboratories and offices will begin.

The new facility will house

the departments of Mathematical Sciences, Chemistry, Biological Sciences, and Physics from the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Engineering and Computer Sciences and the School of Health Sciences. The departments and schools are scattered in buildings across campus.

Although no exact date has been set for classes to actually begin in the new building, Spring 1997 is the target semes-

ter OU is planning on, said George Dahlgren, associate vice president and dean of Graduate Study.

"The progress of the building seems to be coming along very nicely," he said. "Everyone is eager to get inside and take a look around."

Mora shares Dahlgren's enthusiasm. "I will be pleased when the finishing touches are finished up," he said.

Changes

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Also approved by Trustees, Vandenberg residence hall will see the addition of a new Honors College office and lounge. The new 1,800 square foot area is expected to be complete by the fall. The \$347,000 project includes plans for a computer lab and secretary/reception area.

Honors College Director Brian Murphy is excited about the relocation of the College from Varner to Vandenberg Hall. He said that many HC students live on campus and that the new area will be more centrally located for them.

Murphy is glad the College will move into newly remodeled quarters. He said the current lounge and office area has nothing to attract students, but he hopes the Vandenberg site will be more appealing with its curve design and large windows.

"It will jazz up the architectural look. It will be distinct and different," said Murphy. Groundbreaking for the new location will be on April 11.

The HC is not the only addition in Vandenberg Hall. Another project, air conditioning in the dining area, will allow conference guests and students to use the cafeteria during the summer months in comfort.

Previously in the summer, the air conditioned Oakland Center Crockery was used for the food

service. After installed, the air conditioning will allow students to stay in the dorm for their meals. The cost including design, equipment, construction and project management will total \$404,000, which is provided by the maintenance fund.

The last project OU has in store came from a response to a rise in parking complaints and an enrollment growth. New parking spaces will become available as early as fall when phase one of the development to add up to 1,000 new parking spaces takes place. The first phase, costing \$1.3 million, will create 300 new spaces in both the Varner and Vandenberg lots. The final stage is not expected to occur until fall 1999.

Internet ban law on hold

By College Press Service

WASHINGTON- The U.S. Justice Department has agreed not to prosecute anyone under a new controversial law that bans the transmission of "indecent" or "patently offensive" material on the Internet.

The Feb. 22 agreement stands until a three-judge panel considers a lawsuit in federal court in late March.

The American Civil Liberties Union, one of 19 groups to file the lawsuit in protest of the new law, negotiated the deal with the Justice Department.

ACLU attorney Chris Hansen called the deal "a victory".

U.S. District Judge Ronald L. Buckwalter ruled then that the restriction on "indecent" material was too vague to be enforceable. However, he let stand the ban on "patently offensive" material, such as words or pictures related to sexual or excretory activities.

Educators were concerned that topics such as abortion or sex, and even many classical works, could not be discussed on the Internet because they would violate the "patently offensive" standard.

If the law is upheld, the government reserves the right to prosecute later for violations dating from the Feb. 8 passage of the law.

Nominations are now being accepted for the following student awards:

WILSON AWARDS

Nominees for the 1996 Matilda R. Wilson and Alfred G. Wilson Awards award must be graduation seniors in April 1996 or have graduated in June, August or December 1995. The awards recognize one female and one male who have contributed as scholars, leaders, and responsible citizens to the Oakland University Community. Nominees must have a strong academic record, usually a 3.3 or higher G.P.A.

HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD

The Human Relations Award recognizes an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to intergroup understanding and conflict resolution in the Oakland University community. The major consideration of the award is the individual's service to the community.

KEEPER OF THE DREAM AWARD

Applicants must be enrolled in Fall 1996, must exhibit strong citizenship and leadership, and exhibit scholastic achievement (minimum of 3.00 G.P.A). Two \$1,000 awards will be made.

THE SIDNEY FINK MEMORIAL AWARDS

The Sidney Fink Award recognizes students who have worked to enhance and improve race relations on Oakland University's campus.

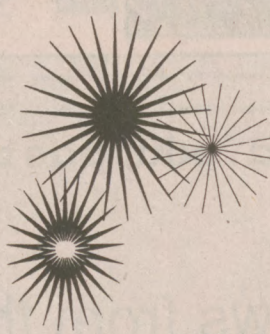
COMMUTER INVOLVEMENT AWARDS

The awards (a total of 18) recognize those commuting students who have made contributions to improve the quality of campus life through their participation in campus activities and student organizations. Students may be nominated to receive the award or they may apply for it. The Commuter Involvement Award, in the amount of \$250 each semester, is awarded for one academic year. Recipients must reapply each year.

Nomination forms are available at the Office of Student Life, 144 Oakland Center, or by calling 370-3352.

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End of an era

And then the laughter died.

The world mourned the loss of great comedic legend George Burns, March 9.

Burns best known for his trademark cigar smoking, glasses and snow white hair, had just reached his goal of living to be 100 years of age.

For those of us who are too young to appreciate Burns' long time act with his wife Gracie Allen on the radio and T.V., may remember his performances as God in the *Oh God!* films.

Burns exhibited a lifestyle that would make most doctors today cringe.

He smoked a reported 20 cheap cigars and drank martinis every day.

In this day and age with the health craze and the need to watch what we ingest in our bodies a diet which includes routine martinis and cigars is not considered the keys to longevity.

However, for Burns it seemed to work.

Imagine the amazing things which he must have seen in his century on earth.

Imagine what we may see if we are as fortunate to live for 100 years.

Perhaps the first woman president or the first person to land on Mars.

Maybe we'll discover the cure for AIDS or cancer.

Hopefully, unlike Burns we won't be faced with any more wars.

Perhaps by the time we reach the ripe old age of 100, the government will finally have the deficit in the black.

Who knows what the next century holds but it is guaranteed to be exciting.

But maybe some of us don't want to live to be that old.

Personally, if we have to be hooked up to respirators and other forms of life support we don't want to grow that old. But if we could enjoy life to the utmost up to the very last second, as Burns appeared to, we would love to reach the century mark.

For what is life worth if it isn't enjoyed?

Not that we should disregard the warnings of our physicians and experts but we can't shelter ourselves so much and be so afraid of what the affects are that we don't have a chance to enjoy the things we may like.

If you want to indulge in a big hunk of chocolate cake every so often, go for it. Sure it may wreck your diet and cause a little guilt, but hey you only live once.

We have to make the most of the time we've got. That's not to say that we should over indulge because chances are that will definitely cut our life span somehow but those occasional splurges of whatever is your fancy can't hurt too much.

There actually are people who are afraid to walk out of their house for fear of being hit by a bus and so they spend their lives withdrawn from the rest of the world.

People need to remember that although there are many things which they ought to do, sometimes we should put it all aside and do something just for fun.

Whether it be taking a day off work or going out with friends instead of studying for an exam, you can't play so strictly by the rules that you forget to actually enjoy what life has to offer.

So the next time you are faced with the choice of doing something you know you should do but have something you'd rather do instead, be a rebel.

Take some advice from George and take a few risks.

He took risks in his career and survived the Hollywood lifestyle right down to even making his marriage work despite the pressures of stardom.

Although he survived his wife, Gracie, by several years, his love for her, it seems, never died and he never remarried. Maybe in his case, love was the key to his long life.

The loss of Gracie must have been tough, yet his comedy and zest for living did not suffer.

Even though we are younger and cannot appreciate his comedy for all that it was in its heyday, we can appreciate that he was a talented human being who made many people laugh and he did have the rare ability to bridge generation gaps.

As we make our way through our stressful yet youthful lives, we must persevere through the tough times and try and laugh no matter what comes our way.

So while there are many comedians to make us laugh there are few who can influence our lives the way George Burns did for so many.

As a tribute to him and his gifts we say, "Good night George."

Piercing the skin

Body art or self-mutilation

By DIANA PLETZ
Staff Writer

Hundreds of people a week wander into the Waterford *Eternal Tattoos*, a full service tattoo and piercing shop. Several walk out with their navel pierced, many with pierced eyebrows and just a few strutting a tongue, nipple or genitalia pierce, according to "piercing artist" Andy Shields.

The trend in more extensive body piercing has grown within the last three years, according to a piercer at *Insane Creations*, Ann Arbor.

The piercing trend no longer exists at mainly the ear lobes.

"People are getting bored with one to three to six holes in their ears and are looking for something more exciting, unique and ornamental," said the *Insane Creations* piercer.

Freshman Stefania Morelli pierced her belly button last July. "I wanted it for a long time. I went through a really rebellious stage last summer, and I did it," she said. "I like the way it looks, and it's different. It's something that not a lot of people have."

Shields has been piercing for a year and has a large portfolio to show for it. His piercing room resembles a doctor's office, with a dentist chair, sterilizing machine, antiseptics and a box full of needles.

According to Shields, the company that *Eternal Tattoos* orders supplies from says that it (*Eternal Tattoos*) is one of the most professional looking places they've done business with and few tattoo and piercing shops order half as many supplies as they do.

Unfortunately, a portfolio, word of mouth



SELF DECORATION: ear piercing may be one of the more tame forms of body piercing, but is still one form of expression used by those who use body piercing as a form of self-expression.



Post Photos/ Patty Young

STEP INTO MY OFFICE: Andy Shields of *Eternal Tattoos*, shows off his office and lets people know what they should and can expect before getting body piercing done by him.

and a professional looking piercing area is all Shields has to prove he is qualified to pierce.

Piercers don't have to be licensed like tattoo artists.

"In fact, there aren't any licenses offered to piercers," said Shields. Many people assume that we are licensed because we are working in a shop with licensed tattooers," he said.

Because there is a lack of regulation in the piercing market, Shields cautions the decision process a customer must make. "I think piercing is great, it can add a lot to a body and even increase sensitivity in places," he said. But, if it is not done right it can cause pain and if not taken care of properly, infection and scarring.

Shields claims that the process shouldn't be painful, especially if it is at your belly button or eyebrows. You often hear people say, "They did a good job but it hurt." It shouldn't have hurt if they had done a good job. These needles are sharp, they are designed to puncture chest cavities and drain fluids from it in hospitals, so they have to be sharp," explained Shields.

Usually, when a customer experiences pain it's because the shop probably didn't use a new needle. Most likely the needle was sterilized but the needle would definitely be duller. With each use it loses about 30 percent of its sharpness. "If it isn't 100 percent sharp, instead of gliding into the skin it must push and grind its way through," said Shields.

At *Eternal Tattoos*, a customer walks in,

chooses an earring, and enter the piercing room where Shields explains the process of what he is about to do. "I go through examples and show what I'm going to do with my hands and instruments," he said. He then begins the procedure explaining what he is going to do, once again, before he does it.

Although there are more than one type of piercing instrument and clamp, Shields carries only one kind. It looks like a syringe with a needle that is tubular and hollow. The customer's stomach is wiped with an antiseptic and a clamp is tightened to the skin above the spot to be pierced. The triangle shaped clamp bunches the skin up so that the needle glides in easily and has a hole the size of the needle end, to guide the needle accurately. The needle goes in on an angle so that it comes out the other side of the bunch of skin. The needle, filled with a tiny strip of the customer's skin is pulled out and an earring is put in immediately.

"It is 15 seconds before they are aware anything is happening and the entire process takes only 10 minutes," said Shields.

Other places use disc shaped clamps, some hold the skin with forceps, and others use needles with a hook shape on the end, that looks like a latch-hook.

Morelli was pierced at a tattoo shop other than the one just described. She admits that her

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Exhibiting abstract art

Birmingham resident
Joseph Wesner featured at
Meadow Brook Art Gallery

By RYAN WESLEY
Special Writer

He has been on the covers of art magazines and reviews all over Michigan. Now OU is exhibiting artist Joseph Wesner's works in the Meadow Brook Art Gallery until March 31.

Wesner's exhibition has been titled *At Mid-Career* and includes works from early in his career in 1974 to many of his 1995 art works.

Wesner's art includes paintings and sculptures of mixed media. His choice of materials include wire, wood, cardboard, rusted metal, bronze, rock, paint and tin.

Some of the sculptures and paintings have a sports or religious theme although most of the works are abstract.

The gallery began showing a short video to accompany the exhibit March 11. The video explains briefly Wesner's work.

Wesner's paintings are said to be worth approximately \$750. The sculptures are valued much higher, ranging between \$2,000-\$20,000.

Most of Wesner's work is not for sale, but was priced for insurance purposes.

The articles featured in the exhibit were donated mainly from the Hill Gallery, private collectors or the artist himself.

OU owns one of Wesner's pieces, titled *Motherswell* and is located in front of South Foundation Hall.

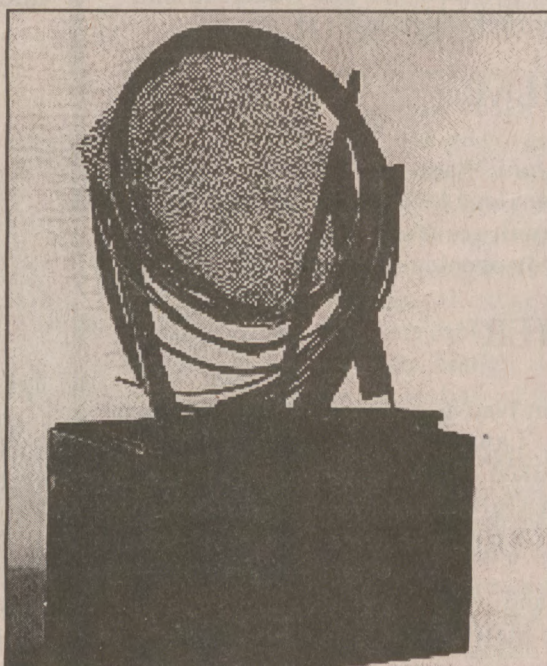
"Many come from all over to view Wesner's work and his art shows are usually a big suc-

cess," said Deborah Watson, office assistant to Meadow Brook Art Gallery.

Wesner has also been chosen to represent the U.S. in a world wide tour titled *Conditions of Liberty* and will also take part in the Romania International Art Exhibit.

Although Wesner now lives in Birmingham, MI, he grew up in Philadelphia. He attained his undergraduate degree in Washington D.C. at Georgetown University. Wesner received his graduate degree at Cranbrook Academy of Arts, Birmingham, MI.

The Gallery is open Tuesday-Friday 1-5 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday, 2-6:30 p.m., and also during Meadow Brook Theatre performances.



Photos Courtesy/ Meadow Brook Art Gallery

UNUSUAL AND UNIQUE: This welded steel, screen and paint sculpture is entitled *Eco Song* and is just one of many pieces in the Wesner exhibit.



ABSTRACT CREATION: *Eco #5*, created in 1995 is one of Wesner's more recent works of art in his elaborate portfolio.

Raising the roof

MT&D students bring popular musical
Fiddler on the Roof to OU's stage

By AMBER FOULKROD
Staff Writer

Tevey, the proud father of five daughters, is just another frustrated parent trying to do what's best for his children in OU's Department of Music Theater and Dance production of *Fiddler on the Roof*.

The musical, originally brought to the Broadway stage by Bock and Harnick, is a comic look at Tevey's efforts to marry off his five daughters. On the way, the family copes with the daily trials of living with prejudice and oppression in Anatevka, the fictional village Tevey's family lives in.

The musical opened last weekend to rave reviews at Varner's Studio Theatre. Karen Sheridan, OU faculty member and director of the musical said, "It was great. We sold out every show. The audience loved it."

To ensure its authenticity, the students and faculty involved with the play consulted with a local Jewish community center. "We worked very closely with the Jewish Community Center to

be sure that they would come as close as possible to authenticity without compromising the theatrical integrity," said Sheridan.

More than 50 students from practically every major OU offers

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Photo Courtesy: OU Department of Music Theatre and Dance

MATCHMAKING AND SHARING TRADITIONS: Golde, played by Caitlin Burke, left, and Tevey, played by John Michael Norman, right, suffer and celebrate in the well known musical *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Awareness through music

CD compilation of various artists
raise AIDS awareness

By LEE MCPHERSON
Special Writer

Offbeat is the seventh offering from the Red Hot Organization, a collection dedicated to heightening AIDS awareness through nifty musical compilations. This particular installment is beat-intensive, at times atmospheric and consistently moody.

Crafted in the memory of the Beat Generation, *Offbeat* features some unlikely descendants of that movement, like David Byrne; also, considering the Beats' strident experimentation with drugs and sex, the nature of this particular compilation is heavily ironic. Yet, that does little to diminish the music here.

Beat has a decidedly different meaning these days, encompassing the cocksure patience of hip-hop, the rhythmic grind of techno, the incessant drone of trip-hop, et al. The latter is the focus of *Offbeat*.

In contrast to the previous Red Hots, this collection is a continuous musical excursion, as the album's 18 tracks are linked by eight amorphous interludes. Indeed, *Offbeat* comes off nearly as a noir soundtrack, its moodiness a distinct hallmark throughout.

Skylab's 20-second "Introl-Transnational Lullaby" prods the album's commencement, featuring a child intoning languidly the phrase, "I'm dreaming ..." over a sparse bed, until it gives way to DJ Krush's understated "Ryu-ki." Krush, a gift from England's uber-hot MoWax Records, hearkens the reticent cool that has long been associated with the Beat movement.

The nods to the past come mostly in the form of collaboration. Christian McBride, one of the most highly regarded bassists on the neo-classical jazz scene, lazily joins forces with DJ Krazy on "Krazy Groove." For McBride, his sloppy, aloof performance represents a refreshing departure from the pretentious technicality of his straight jazz playing.

Amiri Baraka and DJ Spooky offer a track called "Black Dada Nihilismus," a spoken word piece complemented neatly by a spastic, noisy hip-hop beat; "Black Dada" is one of the more direct

links to the past.

Byrne swipes the words of Jack Kerouac on "It Goes Back," and though the track is aesthetically and musically interesting, Byrne's forced hipster act smacks of plagiarism. Soul Coughing, a Chicago quartet, comes closer to achieving a vintage effect with their upbeat acoustic/electric romp, "Murder of Lawyers."

With this collection of vanguard hip-hop, the mainstream audience may soon come to know the incredible hype that surrounds artists like DJ Krush in underground club and dance circles. Aside from the Byrne misfire, this collection is a solid cross-section of modern dance and ambient music.

Jazz it up at the mansion

By JILL SERES
Staff Writer

Looking for a chance to dress up for a classy event at a mansion?

Attend the Jazz Formal this Friday at 7 p.m. at Meadow Brook Hall sponsored by the Student Programming Board (SPB).

This is the first time that SPB has organized a dinner with a jazz performer, although they have brought in jazz musicians before.

"This will give students a chance to dress up for a classy event at the mansion," Kelly Schehr, chair of the SPB, said.

Dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m. with music by Harvey Thompson directly following, according to Schehr.

To keep prices for this event reasonable there will be no dancing because of the additional cost of clean-up and refinishing the floor after a dance.

Tickets have not quite sold out yet, so if the idea of an evening of dinner and jazz appeals, call CIPO at 370-2020.

OU EVENTS

March 13 brings OU professor Dr. John Bello-Ogunu's lecture **Nigeria: A Nation in Search of Identity**, in the OC Gold Rooms at noon.

Meadow Brook Theatre presents the gripping drama *Shadowlands* beginning March 13.

Experience the talented **James Tatum** on March 13 at the Afram **Jazz/Vocal Jazz** concert in Varner Recital Hall at 8 p.m.

Indian Students will host **Entertainment Night** in the OC Abstention March 15 at 7 p.m.

The final **Ethnic Diversity Seminar** will be held in O'Dowd Hall March 18. The speaker will be Shareen Arraf.

Arts at Noon will be held in Varner Recital Hall March 19 at noon.

MUSIC

Good ole country boy **John Denver** will be on a Rocky Mountain high at the Fox Theatre March 13-17.

Detroit's own **Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band** will perform classic and new material for fans at the Palace of Auburn Hills March 14 at 8 p.m.

Collective Soul will rock the State Theatre March 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Christian rappers **DC Talk** will perform March 16 at the Palace at 7:30 p.m.

Rock legend **Rod Stewart** comes to the Palace of Auburn Hills March 18 at 7:30 p.m.

THEATRE

Everything in the Garden kicked off spring at the Hilberry Theatre shows running through April 27.

The classic children's tale *Pinocchio* comes to life at the Marquis Theatre. Shows are running through April 12.

The misadventures of a young couple provides laughs in *The Double Inconstancy* at the Hilberry Theatre through April 4.

ART

Treasures of Venice continues at the Detroit Institute of Arts until May 12.

Park West Gallery presents special works of the late Erte starting March 15 and running through April 11.

FILM

Antonio Banderas teams up with off screen love Melanie Griffith and Daryl Hannah for *Two Much*, a romantic comedy opening March 15.

OTHER

Get a lesson in Native American History by listening to Jerry "Laughing Bear" Kuykendall a member of the Cherokee Nation when she speaks on **Women in Native American Culture** at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, 7-9 p.m.

Kids of all ages can come out and watch the 88th annual **Shrine Circus** at the Coliseum at the State Fairgrounds in Detroit on March 15 through the 31.

Bail out a friend. The 11th annual **Great American Lock up** will take place March 19 -22 at various locations in the area.

CIPO This Week!

We hope you are excited about the 1996 year. Please read this ad on a weekly basis to find out some of the programs and services available to you. CIPO PROGRAMS will offer a variety of programs this year which we hope the OU community will find interesting and enjoyable. The winter schedule includes:

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The Student Life Lecture Board

The Student Life Lecture Board is pleased to announce that Barry Williams, better known as Greg Brady (of the Brady Bunch) will be speaking at Oakland University on April 1, 1996.

Tickets will go on sale March 4 at the CIPO Service Window. Prices are:

\$3 for OU Students, \$6 for OU employees & \$9 for the general public. All tickets purchased on or before March 29 will be discounted \$1 each.

Cross Country Ski Rental

Cross Country Ski Rentals are again available from CIPO. It is great fun and great exercise. It is an inexpensive way to enjoy the snow. The cost is only: \$10 for a Weekend, \$5 for a day. If interested, come to the Service Window.

CIPO/SPB Photo Contest

Rules and entry Forms for the annual Photography Contest are now available in CIPO. The contest will take place at the end of March. \$600 in prize money will be awarded. There are two categories: *black and white* and *color*. The contest has no entry fee and is open to OU students and employees.

Student Organization Recognition Night

Reserve Friday evening, April 12 on your calendar. The annual Student Organization Recognition night will be held. Nomination forms are now available in CIPO (They were distributed in Student Org Mailboxes also.). They are due on Friday!

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Quote of the Week

Nominations for quotation of the week are due into CIPO each Friday. Quotations should be profound, about some aspect of leadership, or about a positive outlook on life. Please include the name of the person attributed to the quotation.

This week's quotation is:

"The world is moving so fast these days that the person who says it can't be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it."

Harry Emerson Fosdick



SPORTS

Competition begins today

Pioneers aim for two more NCAA titles

By CHRIS TAIT
Sports Editor

The battle for NCAA II swimming and diving supremacy begins today in Grand Forks, North Dakota as the Pioneers battle for the national titles.

Led by Men's Head Swim Coach Pete Hovland, the men attempt three-peat as National Champs.

The top challenger for OU will be California State Bakersfield. Last year the Pioneers won by a 317-point margin over CSB.

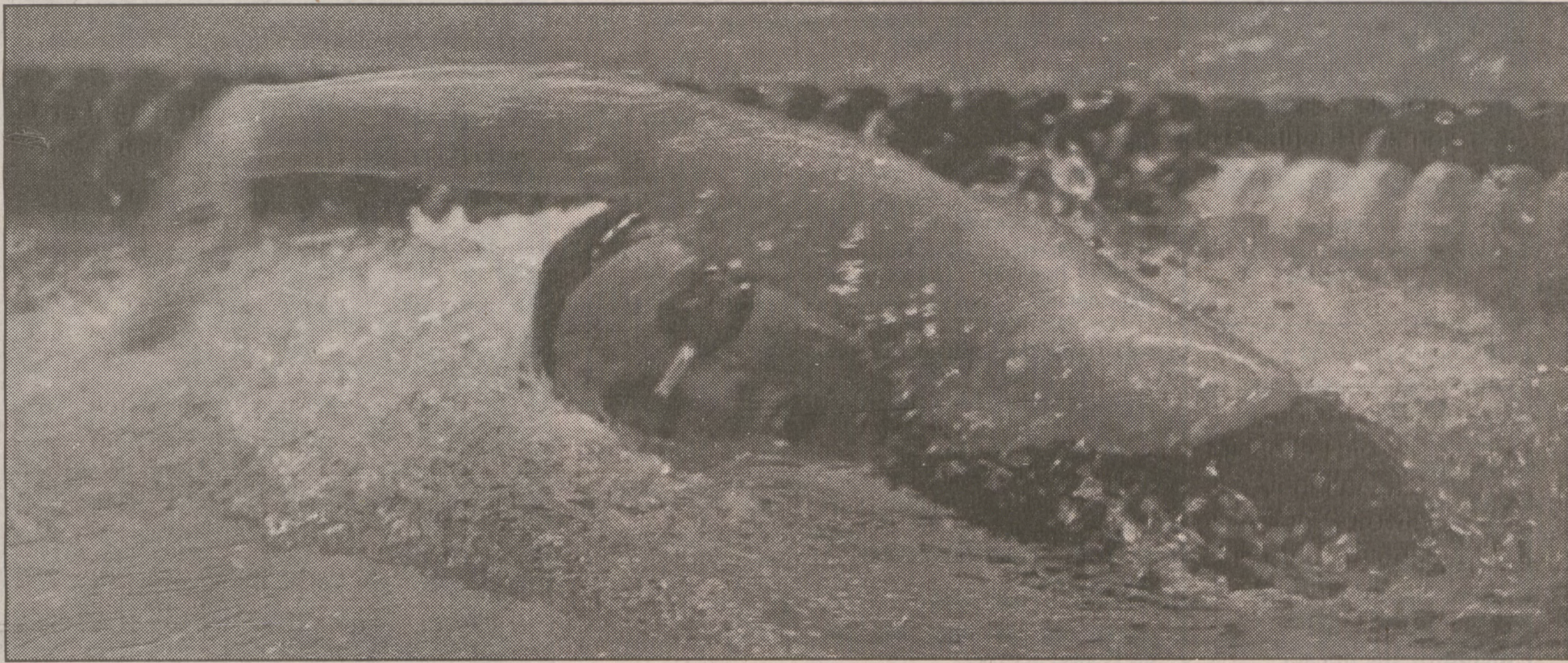
Chuck Warner, CSB's head swim coach, feels that his team is much improved over last year.

"Last year two divers and 14 swimmers were new. This year eight guys will be coming back," Warner said.

This year Hovland was forced to make a choice he has never had to deal with as a coach before. He had to tell a swimmer who had qualified for nationals that he couldn't swim.

The reason for this difficult decision is due to the incredible depth of the men's swimming team. This season it qualified 19 swimmers, one more than the maximum amount that can be fielded for a team.

Senior captain Arthur Albiero is the only Pioneer who has been in a similar situation. In his freshman year he swam



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LAST CHANCE: Senior Debby Nickles rejoins her teammates for this year's Women's NCAA II Swimming and Diving National Championships. Last season the Pioneers were without Nickles, who was unable to compete in the championships after end-of-the-season surgery on her shoulder. The extra emotion of OU's three seniors: Nickles, Kristen Nagelkirk, and Ellen Surowiec could swing the balance of power in favor of the Pioneers.

for CSB and that team had also qualified one person who would not be able to compete.

While the men are expected to win, the women are expected to face a monumental challenge in last year's National Champion, Air Force Academy.

AFA played spoiler to the women, who attempted to extend their streak to six consecutive titles.

Tracy Huth, women's head swim coach, said that not having the added pressure of being the favorite and being expected to win has been a tremendous advantage heading into the competition.

"I certainly feel much much better heading into this year's Nationals. Our preparation has been better this year. There are so many more positives than negatives this year," Huth said.

Among the positives for the women's squad is the return of senior swimmer Debby Nickles and junior diver Becki Bach. Both were forced out of competition last year due to injuries.

Casey Converse, AFA head swim coach, felt that OU would be tough to beat because of the team's tradition, and the desire of the seniors on the squad.

"I think that it will be a tough battle between Oakland and Air Force. I think that the real surprise will be Drury. It will be a three-team race," Converse said.

Huth felt that the performances of seniors Ellen Lessig, Kristen Nagelkirk, junior Jessie Bailey, and sophomore Laura Juncker will hold the balance of OU's fate.

"To win they need to perform up to their ability and we are going to need

some break-through performances.

"I've seen some very talented teams not perform, and I've seen some that have been talented enough to get away with it," Huth said.

In swimming, seconds count more than anything else, and Huth knows that his squad can't hesitate on the first day like it did last year and expect to have a chance to win.

"We need to get out of the gate pretty well. We don't need to be winning, but we need to be close," Huth said.

Today, on the first day of competition, Huth will rely on the solid diving of his three divers: Bach, junior Michelle Rademacher, and sophomore Mandy Terrell.

"Hopefully the strength of our diving will keep us close. We can't afford to get behind the eight-ball like we did last

year," Huth said.

He feels that trailing by up to as many as 30 points is safe.

"In 1990, we never led the meet until after the final event. We were within striking distance the whole time and the swimmers are smart enough to know that."

The OU Club, designed to promote athletics on campus, is organizing a welcome back rally at Detroit Metro Airport Sunday March 17 at 9:23 p.m. to greet the returning squads arriving on Northwest Airlines flight 758.

Up to date stats can be heard by calling 370-GO-OU (4668).

Men qualifiers for Nationals

Arthur Albiero, Sr.
Adric Arndt, Sr.
Randy Cobb, Fr.
James Collins, Jr.
Ken Ehlen, Jr.
Kevin Everett, Jr.
Isaac Farnsworth, Jr.
Mark Gole, So.
Jay Judson, Jr.
Raffi Karapetian, Jr.
Chris Knoche, Jr.
Karl Kozicki, So.
Jens Kristensen, Sr.
Dan Naylis, Fr.
David Paxton, Jr.
Joe Snyder, Jr.
Jason Steele, Jr.
Randy Teeters, Sr.
Chris Zoltak, Sr.

The scouting report

The men's draw:

Oakland University

- Last year OU grabbed first place finishes in 13 of the 20 events, including all five relays.
- This year the men will not send any divers.
- The men have qualified 19 swimmers, one more than the maximum allowed.

California State Bakersfield

- Last year CSB finished 317 points behind OU.
- Prior to 1994, CSB had the Pioneers' number as it held OU to five consecutive second place finishes.

The women's draw:

Air Force Academy

- Last year AFA knocked OU out of first place, winning 690-563.
- This will be its farewell NCAA II contest as the women's program moves up to Division I next season.

Oakland University

- Last year's second place finish ended its run of five consecutive DII Titles.
- Senior Debby Nickles and junior Becki Bach return to National competition after being sidelined with injuries last year.

Drury

- The fireworks last season were between DC and Clarion University, with DC edging out CU 329-328.
- This year, expectations are high for the team to make the jump to battle OU and AFA for the top positions.

Northern Michigan

- NMU doesn't have a shot at taking home the title, but it brings last year's woman swimmer of the meet: Xia Fujie.

Women qualifiers for Nationals

Gisa Alessandri, Jr.
Becki Bach, Jr.
Jessie Bailey, Jr.
Heather Bockmann, Jr.
Clarice Gelmene, So.
Elizabeth Hawes, So.
Laura Juncker, So.
Ellen Lessig, Sr.
Jill Mellis, So.
Colleen Murphy, Jr.
Kristen Nagelkirk, Sr.
Debby Nickles, Sr.
Michelle Rademacher, Jr.
Jennifer Stair, Jr.
Ellen Surowiec, Sr.
Lisa Van Tatenhove, Fr.
Mandy Terrell, So.

Baseball team travels to Missouri Tournament



Photo Courtesy of Martha Cervenak

SEVENTH-INNING STRETCH: The Pioneers line up before a game against St. Leo's Feb. 24. This match kicked off the preseason training trip to Florida and Alabama over Spring Break. In the annual rite of baseball manhood, the freshmen's heads are shaved to begin the team's bonding process.

MARTHA CERVENAK
Special Writer

Baseball is not always about sunny days and green grass. It is not about bunting for hits and double plays. It is about a 24-hour drive crammed in an eight-passenger van.

With a grueling 9-game schedule including those against the first, second, and fifth-ranked teams in the nation, the Pioneers battled not only some of the toughest ball clubs around, but also themselves.

To travel 1500 miles with—for some—24 virtual strangers is not an easy task. Baseball Coach Steve Lyon, however, believes it is an essential one.

"To come into a season with new faces and new talent is a challenge. A trip like this helps establish a team chemistry that is crucial for a successful season," he explained.

For example, the long-awaited "fresh-

man head shaving night" that took place the night before departure was not only a chance to avenge past hair loss, but also a chance to bring the freshmen and upperclassmen together.

Assistant Coach and former Pioneer baseball player, Jason Edwards explained that the bonding helped him and his teammates establish a sense of comradery for the upcoming season.

"I'm glad we had the opportunity to get to know the freshman players in a close setting before the season began. Now we have a familiarity with the freshmen that we do with the other players," Edwards said.

Although the team did not return to Michigan with any wins, it did bring something back—the ability to be a team. After 10 days in relatively close quarters cabin fever could have set in and with it a negative start for the season.

But that did not happen, and for the Pioneers it became a learning experi-

ence—to work together, compromise, and depend on one another.

Assistant Coach Greg Porter said that "when the team got beat, they collapsed on each other. They learned to lean on each other and share the responsibility of a loss."

The annual trip to Florida and Alabama accomplished just that. The team is now ready to face the local competition with a new-found confidence that will lend itself to a winning season.

"Regardless of the win/loss record, Florida allowed us to acclimate ourselves to the outdoors. For the Missouri trip, I feel the team will be able to play more competitively. I believe the team has shown great promise in winning the GLIAC," Lyon said.

The Pioneers travel to Missouri for a tournament this weekend and the first home game is a double-header against Gannon University March 23rd.

Pioneer of the Week



Alyson McChesney
Women's Basketball
5-9, Junior Forward

McChesney scored a career-high 28 points in OU's 84-83 loss to Southern Indiana in the NCAA Tournament. McChesney nailed an NCAA II Women's Basketball Tournament record eight three-point baskets in 16 attempts, including the bucket that tied the game at 83, bringing OU back from a 21-point deficit.

-Information compiled by Andy Glantzman, sports information director

The Pioneer sports week

Wed., Mar. 13

• Men's and Women's Swim and Dive Teams compete in the NCAA II National Championships at Grand Forks, North Dakota (Preliminaries: 11 a.m. Finals: 6:30 p.m.)

Thur., Mar. 14

• Men's and Women's Swim and Dive Teams compete in the NCAA II National Championships (Preliminaries: 11 a.m. Finals: 6:30 p.m.)

Fri., Mar. 15

• Men's and Women's Swim and Dive Teams compete in the NCAA II National Championships (Preliminaries: 11 a.m. Finals: 6:30 p.m.)

• Baseball Team faces Morningside at Missouri Southern Tournament (7 p.m.)

Sat., Mar. 16

• Men's and Women's Swim and Dive Teams compete in the NCAA II National Championships (Preliminaries: 11 a.m. Finals: 6:30 p.m.)

• Baseball Team faces West Texas A & M at Missouri Southern Tournament (9 a.m.) and Central Missouri State (2 p.m.)

** Home games in bold type.

North Dakota eliminates men

By CHRIS TAIT
Sports Editor

The Pioneer men earned their third straight NCAA II Tournament bid, after battling for a second place finish in the GLIAC Tournament.

At the GLIAC Tournament hosted by the Pioneers, Lake Superior State University won bragging honors outright, downing OU, 102-100. The two squads shared the regular season GLIAC Conference Title.

Bigger than the loss to LSSU, was the loss of senior Matt Stuck who tore his achilles tendon in the semi-final game against Saginaw Valley State University the night before.

The injury occurred away from the play when Stuck planted his foot, and started to make a cut on an inbound play under the SVSU basket.

Disappointed by the loss of their teammate, the squad headed to the Great Lakes Regional in Evansville, Indiana as the sixth seed. At the tourney, OU met third-seed Northern State University (South Dakota) last Thursday and fell 98-92.

Head Basketball Coach Greg Kampe said that his team came out and competed, but it didn't have a lot of fire.

"I think that we all felt that it wasn't quite fair. Something was missing," Kampe said, referring to the sidelined Stuck.

He compared the team's two-game struggle with the way the team struggled when sophomore guard Denny Amrhein fell to a foot injury in December.

"It was just like when we lost Amrhein. We needed a few games to adjust to playing without Stuck," Kampe said.

Stepping into the spotlight, junior guard Kevin Kovach lit NSU for a game-high 25 points and eight assists. Kovach found his range from behind the three-point arc, hitting 6-13 from downtown.

However, NSU gave OU double the trouble with Lance Luitjens and Ryan Miller who each tallied 24 points against the Pioneer defense.

Heading into the locker room at half time, the Pioneers led NSU, 44-41 and seemed to have things under control.

"In the first half we were in control and never took advantage to put the game away. We just couldn't get it done," Kampe said.

In the second stanza, NSU took the play to OU, exploiting the missing size of the 6-5, 235-pound Stuck.

"We lost our best rebounder, and it's more than numbers because he took up so much space. In the LSSU game, that's what beat us," Kampe said.

NSU continued to pound the ball at OU, but with five minutes to go senior Tom Marowelli canned a three-pointer to tie the game at 79.

Unfortunately for the Pioneers and Marowelli, on the very next trip down the court by NSU, Marowelli got tagged with his fifth foul and fouled out of the game.

"He got all pumped up and seemed ready to take the game over, but then fouled out," Kampe said, describing the back-breaker. "They hadn't scored in a while and that foul put them at the line and gave them the momentum to win the game."

"With Stuck in the lineup, I think we would've won the GLIAC, and the first night (of the Regional). We just couldn't overcome that loss."



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DOUBLE TEAM: Junior guard Kevin Kovach explodes down the lane and dishes the ball between two Saginaw Valley State University players during the GLIAC Tournament semis two weeks ago at the Lepley Sports Center. OU went on to defeat SVSU, 100-90.

One point ends Regional hopes

By CHRIS TAIT
Sports Editor

In back-to-back weeks the Pioneers' first playoff game was its last.

At the GLIAC Championships hosted by the regular season champ Pioneers Feb. 29- March 2, Michigan Technological University handed OU a loss. The loss sent the top-seeded Pioneers spiraling towards the third place matchup with third-seeded Lake Superior State University.

The Pioneers pulled out of the nose dive and beat LSSU, 82-68 for a third place finish in the GLIAC Tournament and waited for the NCAA to announce its tournament selections.

The women received their third-straight NCAA II Tournament bid March 3. OU's performance in the GLIAC Tournament lowered its ranking and was given the fourth seed in the Great Lakes Regional.

"A lot of people say that loosing before the tournament is good, but I think that it hurt us in the seeding. I would've liked us to go in as a second seed," Head Basketball Coach Bob Taylor said.

Taylor tried to find something for his team to get mad at like Northern Michigan University did when it visited OU for the GLIAC tourney.

NMU waltzed into the Lepley Sports Center, mad that it lost the GLIAC Championship to OU and it used that energy to carry them to a first place in that tourney, beating MTU in a battle.

Taylor said that talks with reporters and other coaches revealed that OU's opponent, fifth-seeded University of Southern Indiana, had caught fire at the end of the season winning 16 of its last 18 games.

This matchup marked the second time in as many years that OU met USI in the Regional. Last season in Houghton, the Pioneers edged out USI, 88-69 en route to the Great Lakes Regional Title and a trip to the Elite 8.

Things turned out differently this year. After scoring the first couple of buckets, OU found itself clinging on for life by the end of the first half.

The first half saw USI build a 21-point lead and head into the intermission leading 49-30.

Coming out of the locker room, Taylor had told his team to whittle the lead down to 10 points in 10 minutes. The Pioneers responded by cutting the lead to 11, in under five minutes.

"We closed the gap fairly quickly, but we couldn't bring it to within single figures," Taylor said.

USI allowed the Pioneers inside shots, but they didn't drop. Then, OU turned to the perimeter where it shot 18-50 (36%).

Leading the barrage was junior forward Alyson McChesney, who drained 50% of her shots from behind the arc. Her 8-16 shooting set a NCAA II Women's Basketball Tournament record.

More important than the record was the fact that McChesney's final three-point bucket tied the game at 83 with 29 seconds to play.

Senior Heather Bateman was called for a foul with less than a second to play, sending Adrienne Seitz to the charity stripe.

She hit a free throw and sealed the Pioneers fate and ended OU's tournament hopes.

"When it got down to the wire it seemed like we were playing-- not for the thrill of victory, but rather to avoid the agony of defeat," Taylor said.

He added that the team didn't respond well to being the favorite to win: "It was like we were the hunted, not the hunter."

Taylor also felt that something was missing this season, but he couldn't put his finger on it.

Possibly the Pioneers just didn't get mad soon enough. NMU appeared to have found plenty of anger to go around as they claimed the Regional Title.

Although Taylor didn't feel like his squad owned the title, he felt that his team definitely had a good shot at winning it for a second year.

"Three or four teams could've won it. We were one of them, but we didn't get down there head and shoulders above the rest. We didn't go down there and blow something that was ours," Taylor added.

He continued to say that "the end of this season is in sharp contrast to last year, when everything we did down the stretch worked. This year everything backfired."



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FADE AWAY: In her final game at the Lepley Sports Center, Pioneer center Heather Bateman forces the ball inside against Lake Superior State University. OU went on to win the third-place game against LSSU, 82-68. After struggling in the semis against fourth-seeded Michigan Technological University the day before, Bateman pounded the glass and found her shooting touch.

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Piercing

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experience was painful and frightening. "The shop looked like a hole-in-the-wall and it was in a not very well developed area. My friend got her (navel) pierced there and it didn't hurt her or get infected," said Morelli.

After Morelli picked out an earring she went into a room that looked like a secretarial office. Standing, the piercer told her to lean against the table, he wiped the area with an antiseptic and he just went ahead and pierced her, using a "latch-hook" looking needle. "I closed my eyes and thought, Oh my God. I almost passed out and felt sick for the rest of the day," she said.

"There shouldn't be that much pain," explained the *Insane Creations* piercer, "but it also depends on the type of instrument used. I've never tried using what she (Morelli) had been pierced with," he said.

But, getting the pierce done is the least of the challenges. Caring for yourself during the healing process is easy but takes a lot of responsibility.

Morelli was told to twist the earring around in its hole, wash the area with an antibacterial soap and apply Neosporin® for the first 10 days. After that don't put anything on it. Morelli's pierce became infected after only a few days and when she called the shop they told her to use peroxide to heal it, which worked, but now she has some scars around the pierced area.

Junior, nursing major, Chrissy Dobski, also had her belly button pierced last summer. She was given a pamphlet to care for the piercing. It said to twist it and wash it twice a day with

antibacterial soap, as well. The shop she went to told her that if it got infected to call them.

Hers did get infected. Instead of calling them she decided to heal the infection with Neosporin®. "You get a scrape or a cut and you put some Neosporin® on it and it gets better, right?" she said. Instead, the infection worsened and she ended up taking the earring out all together after just a few weeks. Now the hole has closed up.

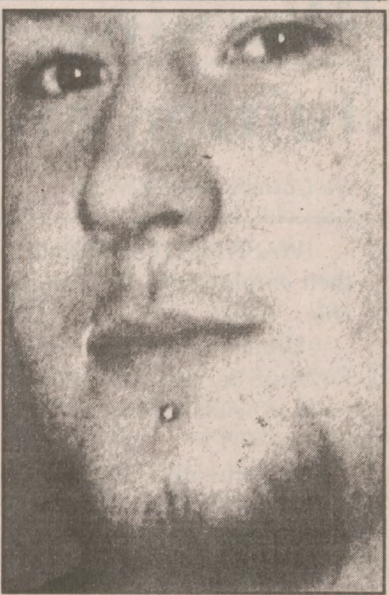
"It was too sensitive, it hurt to touch and I couldn't button my jeans up because they would bump against it," said Dobski.

Shields disagrees with both of those care procedures. "Most people don't understand how the body reacts to different medicines. You're not dealing with a scrape here, you're dealing with a puncture into the skin," he said.

Ointment creams, such as Neosporin® should not be used on pierces, said Shields. In warm, moist areas, such as the belly, bacteria mutates in the cream and the body becomes immune to the antibiotic agent. Also, never use rubbing alcohol or Hydrogen Peroxide, both break down the healing process. The hole heals from the inside membrane, out. Hydrogen Peroxide breaks down that membrane and can cause the tissue surrounding the hole, which could cause scarring, according to Shields.

These are care instructions Shields tells his customers before they leave and these are instructions not all piercers know or pass on to their clientele.

Be aware of the procedure and care instructions, know to ask to see the needle taken freshly out of the package, ask to see the sterilizing machines. Feel comfortable with how the



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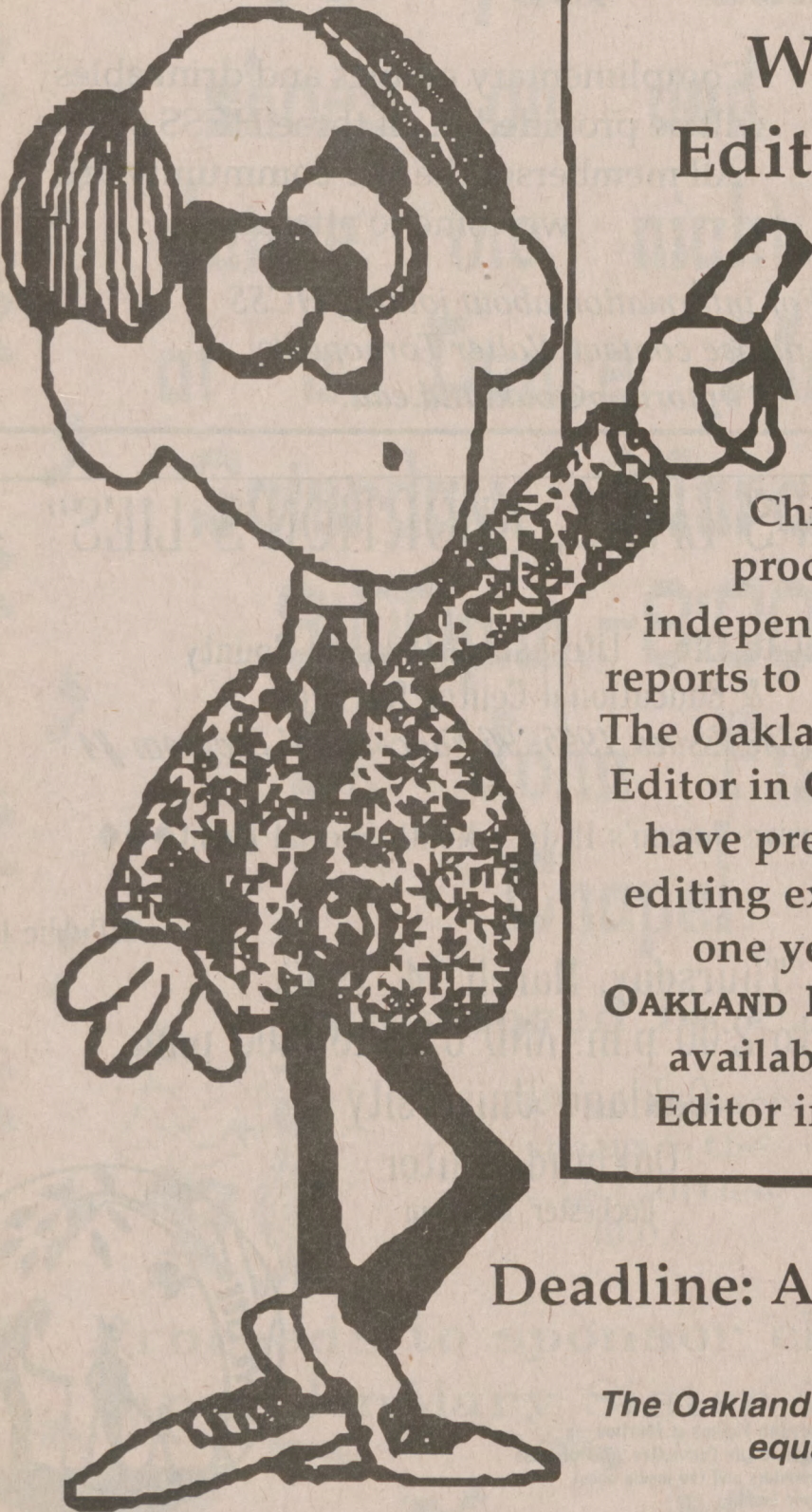
procedure is going to go and ask if there will be much pain. Prepare to care for it responsibly for six months to a year.

Finally, do not let the piercer take the earring straight out of the package it came in and use it. Just because it is in a package doesn't mean it is sterile. They should sterilize it themselves, as well.

Don't just choose a shop or bargain hunt. Go by word of mouth and ask to see a portfolio of the work they have done. The piercer with a large collection of photos probably has a larger clientele.

Remember these things and getting your body pierced can be a great experience. "A pierce can make someone's life a little better for both aesthetic reasons and depending on the area, an increase in sensitivity. It is the feedback that I receive from the customers that make my job as a piercer so enjoyable," said Shields.

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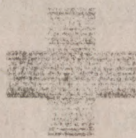
have come together to bring this charming Broadway play to life on the stage of Varner Studio Theater.

Fiddler on the Roof is the third show the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance has put on in a season of four productions. However, it holds the distinction of being the only musical

offered this year. "It's a blast. It's a comedy and very, very funny," Sheridan said.

Included in its repertoire are memorable songs like *If I Were A Rich Man*, *Sunrise, Sunset* and *Tradition*, all sung by Tevye, the whimsical yiddish story teller.

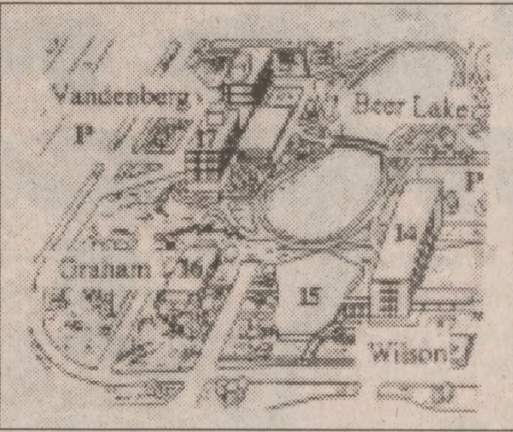
In the past, OU's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance has been both regionally and nationally recognized. In 1993, they took the show on the road and performed at the Kennedy Center.



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Warning: employer tuition aid is taxable

By College Press Service

WASHINGTON—Students who received tuition money from their employers in 1995 might be in for a shock this April: it's taxable.

Unlike other years, when a special provision in the Internal Revenue Service code allowed for up to \$5,250 in tuition assistance to be tax-exempt, all help from employers is now considered income.

Unfortunately for students, many companies ignored or missed an IRS warning that the provision was expiring in 1994, said Anthony Burke, an IRS spokesperson.

"Employers should have drawn the conclusion, 'Oh yeah, I should be withholding,'" he said.

Some employers figured the provision would be restored—a reasonable assumption in good times but a bad guess in a year when Congress and the president haven't agreed on the budget.

It's possible that the provision could be restored in the future. But for now, if employers failed to withhold federal and state taxes from tuition money, students bear the brunt of the bill, Burke said.

The IRS isn't certain how many students would be affected, or how many companies neglected to withhold. Their recommendation is simple: check it out with your employer.

"Students should go back to their employers and find out if the employer withheld on this," Burke said.

If the employer didn't, students need to find out exactly how much the company spent on tuition assistance. "It is taxable."

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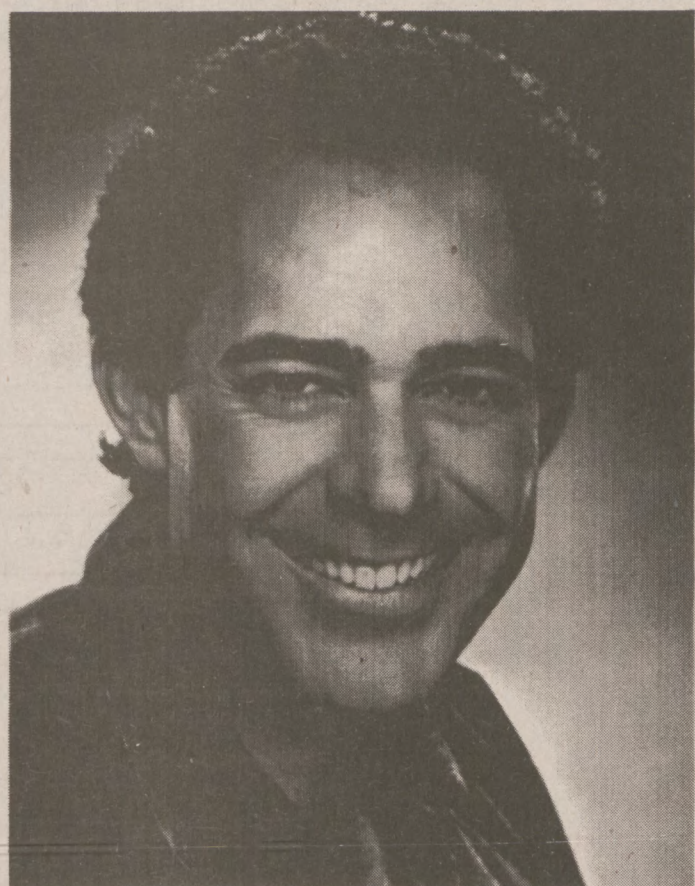
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pretty successful, especially the scholarship portion," McIntosh said. "The actual program brought 29 students in on scholarships in the 1994-95 (academic) year and 29 in 1995-96."

While agreement was reached on the establishment of a program, dispute arise over how to achieve the ideal diverse population.

"There are a number of initiatives listed in the proposal, some are old, some are new and some have proven successful in achieving diversity," said Trustee James Sharp, Jr., who was not present at the February meeting and so not able to vote on the issue. "There is a lot more which absolutely needs to be done."

Sharp was one of two trustees (Howard Sims was the other) who challenged the proposal last summer arguing the process should be opened to the campus community for more innovative ideas. Sims was not available for comment.

That initiative brought in 28 community responses.

"It's vital that we solicit proposals from the university community," McIntosh said. "The

proposals were initiated by the (entire community), and the information was put into the entire package."

Although recently approved, the main concerns about the academic success plan by skeptic board members is not the recruitment of students but instead the retaining of those students.

"(Recruiting students) is only a part of diversification, there is a lot more to be done," Sharp said. "We look at diversification from one dimension, but there are many, many dimensions to diversification which we must look at in order to succeed."

However, McIntosh feels that, as with any new program, success is not always immediate but certainly forthcoming.

"On a scale from one to 10, I'd rate the success rate as nine," McIntosh said. "We're on the right track. When we reach a certain level (of diverse students on campus), then we'll see if it's still necessary."

Among the more prominent aspects of the proposal is a peer mentor program (\$15,000), an "early warning system" for students new to the university to detect possible academic or adjustment problems, (\$10,000), and a student retention fund which will concentrate on helping successful African

American, Latino and Native American students remain in school, (\$8,000).

Interim President Gary Russi, through his spokesperson Geoffrey Upward, said, "The Board of Trustees felt, and the administration agreed, that an issue of this importance — launching an initiative to increase diversity at Oakland and further understanding of the multicultural world we live in — deserved much study and input from across campus. Further, board members asked that our draft proposal be reconfigured to reflect qualitative and quantitative goals, benchmarking data, and evaluation techniques to assess if the goals are met."

The Office of Equity has chosen to target the Detroit metro area in the diversity program including, Detroit, Flint, Pontiac, Lansing and areas in the western side of the state.

Some critics of the program believe that OU should not be concentrating efforts in Detroit, an area already overly recruited in by larger states schools, such as the U-M, MSU and CMU. McIntosh disagrees.

"I would like OU marketed a little bit more in those areas," he said. "I think we have a lot to offer students and they need to know what (we have)."

Alcohol prevention slipping

By College Press Service

PITTSBURGH—Efforts to curb alcohol abuse on college campuses are starting to slip, a new study says.

Although universities worked hard for more than a decade to prevent alcohol abuse among students, research shows their efforts peaked in 1991 and have begun to taper off possibly because of funding.

"We're finding a downward curve," said Angelo Gadaletto, a West Chester University professor. "Hopefully we can reverse it."

Gadaletto co-wrote the study with David Anderson, a public health professor at George Mason University. The study, released at a recent conference, began in 1979 and surveyed 330 universities.

When the study started, the researchers found that only 54% of the schools required students to serve non-alcoholic drinks at parties. Nearly two-thirds let party organizers advertise that

drinks would be served, and only one-third offered group counseling for alcohol abuse.

But by 1991, the researchers noted significant progress in the colleges' efforts to curb alcohol abuse. About 95% of the schools required soda or juice to be served at parties. Only about one-third or 31% let students advertise that alcohol would be served at parties. Group counseling was offered by 72% of the schools.

Then, efforts began to drop off slightly, said Gadaletto.

In 1994, they found that about 90% required non-alcoholic drinks to be served at parties. About 37% of schools now allowed students to advertise that alcohol would be served at parties. And the number of schools offering group counseling fell to about 59%.

"Those numbers are small decreases, but we've been doing this since 1979, (and) everything has been constantly increasing," Gadaletto said. "We need to persevere."

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