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Greg Jordan, a 17-year director of campus recreation at Bowling Green State University was hired last Wednesday.



Dean of Students Dave Herman and Vice President of Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder selected Jordan as director of campus recreation Aug. 1 after a pool of 30 candidates were interviewed for the position.

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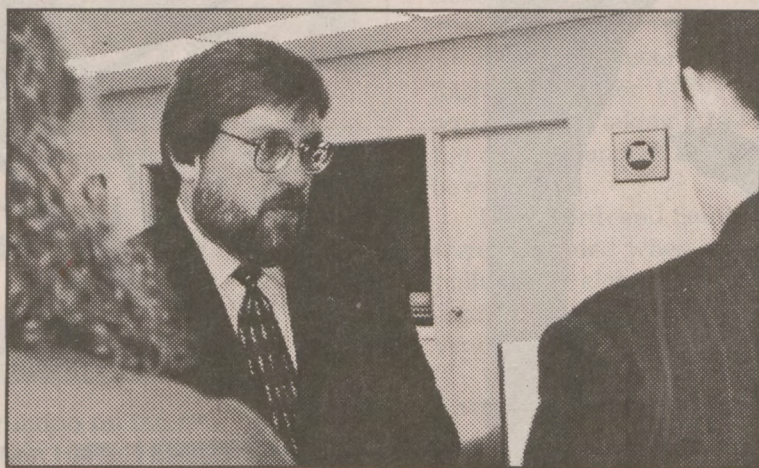
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KICKED OUT: College of Arts & Sciences Dean David Downing tells reporters that they must leave the first VPAA Search committee meeting.

Behind closed doors

By JAIME SHELTON
News Editor

History repeated itself—again.

Reporters from The Oakland Post and The Oakland Press were asked to leave a closed vice president for academic affairs (VPAA) search committee meeting on Thursday.

An injunction was issued in April 1995 by Circuit Court Judge Gene Schnelz when OU violated the Open Meetings Act (OMA) by

holding a presidential search committee meeting in private, but the VPAA search meeting still met behind closed doors.

The injunction, currently under appeal in the Michigan Court of Appeals, extends to all OU meetings.

Despite Schnelz' ruling, OU kept the School of Business Administration dean search closed, as well.

General Counsel to the Board of Trustees Susan Gerrits said the injunction and the OMA does not

apply to the VPAA search committee because it is not entrusted with governmental authority.

"Clearly the Board of Trustees is a public body. It binds the institution, ... (but) this search committee is not a 'governing' body. ... It was empowered by the university president," said Gerrits. "They don't have the authority to bind the institution."

The OMA requires all public bodies to hold open meetings. According to the act, a public

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ADDED PROTECTION: If Auburn Hills decides to close its police force down these cars will no longer be seen cruising by and sometimes through campus.

Police manpower not affected

By JAIME SHELTON and SUZY SCHOLZ
News Editor and Assistant News Editor

Since more than half of campus falls within Auburn Hills, the fate of the city's police department is a concern to many at OU.

However, according to AHPD Interim Chief Doreen Olko, OU will most likely be unaffected.

At present and throughout the years, OU Police

have counted on both the AHPD and the Oakland County Sheriffs Department (OCS) to assist on campus when needed.

The 38 member AHPD is under scrutiny because of its rising costs. By disbanding the department, city officials hope to save taxpayers money. This issue has caused a great controversy in Auburn Hills, and four city council members are under recall concerning this issue, said AHPD

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Organization helps students excel academically

By DAMON BROWN
Staff Writer

Starting last year, the NSBE Oakland Chapter has progressed from a small group of like-minded students to a serious organization of hard work and focus.

The purpose is to help students to excel academically, to succeed professionally, and to positively impact our community.

Last year the organization had 33 members and this year expect to have 50 - 60 by the end of the semester.

Their view is not limited to engineering majors.

"Our main goal is to retain black engineering students, but we participate in the growth of all students," said the president of OU's NSBE chapter, Management Information Systems Senior Ebony Brown.

"There aren't enough African-American college students that enter school majoring in engineering and graduate as engineering majors. We want to raise the rate of math, science and engineering majors and work with all majors to help them succeed and be able to put that back into their community."

"NSBE has helped me network with other schools in the region. It has given me a broader idea of how large the engineering industry is,"

Laurence Virden
Vice President of NSBE

NSBE is a national college organization, which began at Purdue University in 1975. The organization grew from this small chapter to more than 10,000 members today.

The national chapter of NSBE holds annual conventions at the beginning of March. The next convention will be in Nashville in 1997.

Chapter Advisor and Visiting Instructor of the School of Engineering & Computer Science Craig Ashley speaks highly of the conventions.

"I started at GMI in Flint. At that NSBE I was NSBENet Liason (e-mail communications with other chapters), Treasurer and lastly President. I got hooked after the first conference," said Ashley.

"It's hard for chapters to get new members, but after a member goes to a conference, they're hooked because they see people with the same troubles, doing the same thing with NSBE," said Ashley.

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VP, Dean pay increases higher than most

By JAIME SHELTON
News Editor

Vice President for Finance and Administration Paul Bissonnette was awarded the largest raise among the 13 vice presidents and academic deans with a 4.74% raise of \$5,801.

Eleven others received increases between 3.27% and 3.97% with raises ranging between \$3,175 to \$4,605. The raises boosted the number of top level OU administrators

receiving more than \$100,000 in salaries from eight to ten.

Only one, graduate studies dean George Dahlgren received no raise and will remain at \$101,125.

With the largest salary percentage increase of any vice president, Bissonnette now earns \$122,500 per year, which is still less than the new School of Business Administration Dean John Gardner who will earn \$130,000. and Engineering and Computer Sciences dean

Michael Polis who will make \$126,625.

The three lowest paid administrators, and the only still under the \$100,000 range, are all women.

Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President for Student Affairs remains the lowest paid of the group as \$95,900. The other women are General Counsel Susan Gerrits who will earn \$97,000 and Library dean Suzanne Frankie who will make \$96,925.

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VPs, Deans Wages and Increases

Salaries:	1995-95	1996-97	% Increase
Paul Bissonnette VP/ Finance and Administration	\$116,699	\$122,500	4.74%
William Connellan Acting VP/ Academic Affairs	105,748	109,100	3.07
David Disend VP/ University Relations	111,395	116,000	3.97
Mary Beth Snyder VP/ Student Affairs	92,140	95,900	3.92
Susan Gerrits General Counsel	93,730	97,000	3.37
John Gardner Dean/ Business & Administration	-	130,000	0.
David Downing Dean/ College of Arts & Sciences	106,500	110,400	3.53
Suzanne Frankie Dean/ University Library	93,750	96,925	3.28
George Dahlgren Dean/ Graduate Studies	101,125	101,125	0
Ronald Olson Dean/ Health Sciences	109,800	113,700	3.43
Mary Otto Dean/ Education & Human Services	98,000	101,600	3.54
Michael Polis Dean/ Engineering and Computer Science	122,150	126,625	3.53
Justine Speer Dean/ Nursing	107,700	111,340	3.27

Inflation is approximately 3% 1996-97 TOTAL: 1,432,215

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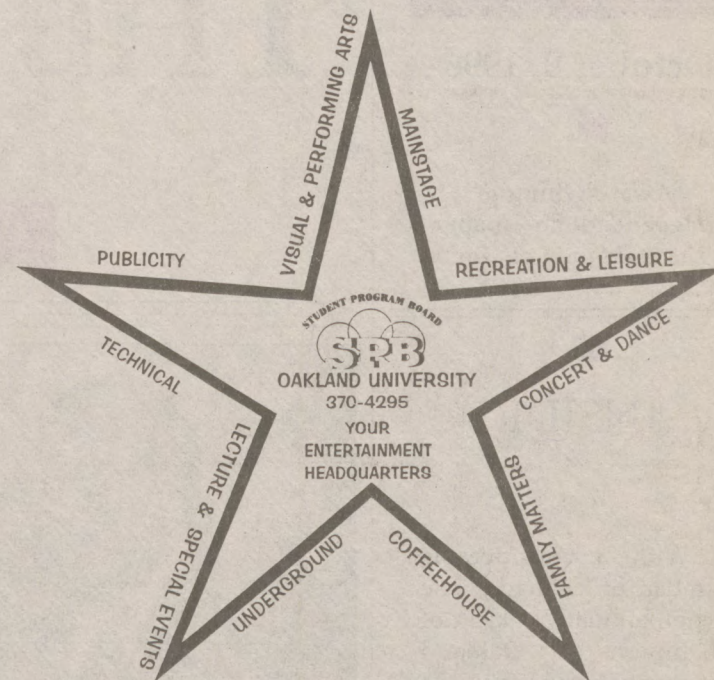
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Students, employees, and Alumni Association members with valid current OU ID will be admitted at the Showcase Theater in Auburn Hills for a discounted price of \$3.75 Sunday through Thursday.

A special thanks to all the SPB Chairs and Committee members for making our events so successful this year!! Keep up the great work.

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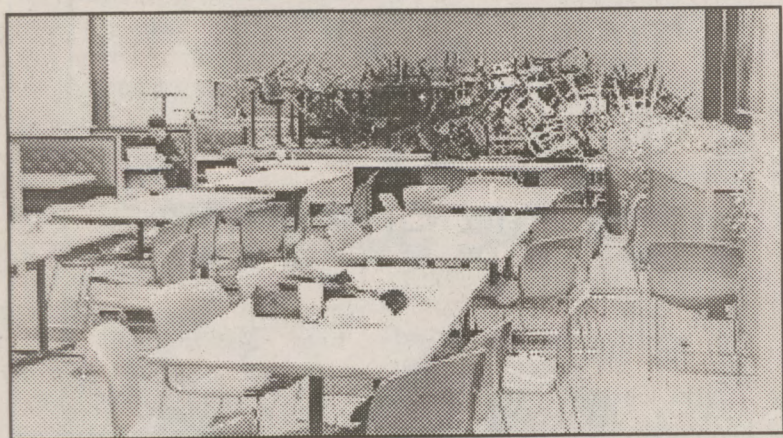
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CAMPUS NEWS

Dust mistaken for smoke, alarm pulled



FIRE SCARE: Dust from construction on the new food court made its way to South Foundation Hall, causing one person to pull the fire alarm.

By JAIME SHELTON
News Editor

Special instructor of economics Aneesa Rashid gave her ECN 150 class a slight reprieve from taking a test Friday when the fire alarm sounded, causing the building to be evacuated.

Both North and South Foundation Halls were evacuated when an outside contractor pulled a fire alarm after mistaking a cloud of dust as smoke coming from the basement vent of SFH.

"It was perceived as an emergency, but it wasn't. He did the right thing (by sounding the alarm)," said OU Police Chief Richard Leonard.

Construction workers in the OC were apparently sawing through concrete blocks and tile.

Consequently, concrete dust from the food court construction made its way through the underground tunnel system used to connect electrical wires throughout the buildings on campus, Leonard said.

Two Auburn Hills Fire Department trucks responded to the emergency alarm but left approximately 15 minutes later when no fire was found.

During this time, preparations were under way for WOCOU's all campus picnic dinner to be held later that night.

CIPO's Coordinator of Campus Programs Paul Franklin said even though

there was no fire, the necessary precautions to evacuate were taken to ensure safety of those in the buildings.

"Oakland's position has always been 'better safe than sorry,'" said Franklin.

Though the buildings were evacuated, students, faculty and staff did not move far away from the doorways.

Instead, they congregated on the sidewalk between the halls, looking on for any sign of smoke or fire.

At least one student even went back inside to make a phone call.

Just after 1 p.m., police gave the okay to re-enter the buildings and resume work and classes.

New course evaluations could be ready for winter term

By MITCHELL BASKIN
Special Writer

In the past it was dubbed "Oakland undiapered."

This year Congress hopes to revive a process for students to evaluate their classes and teachers and share the results with the entire student body.

The evaluations are different than those handed out by academic departments each semester. Those results are seen only by the individual faculty.

The department evaluations are also used for promotion and future decisions.

"We have campus-wide support and faculty and the different schools show interest, but there won't be any concrete evidence until the pilot is complete," said Student Services Director Kathryn Kumeisha.

The Congress sponsored, course evaluation program is designed to focus on what students want to know such as number of books for a class or papers and tests assigned. The Student Services Committee will head up the new initiative.

Plans are being developed to start the pilot in December. It will be tested in one school, either Business Administration, Engineering and Computer Sciences or Education and Human Services.

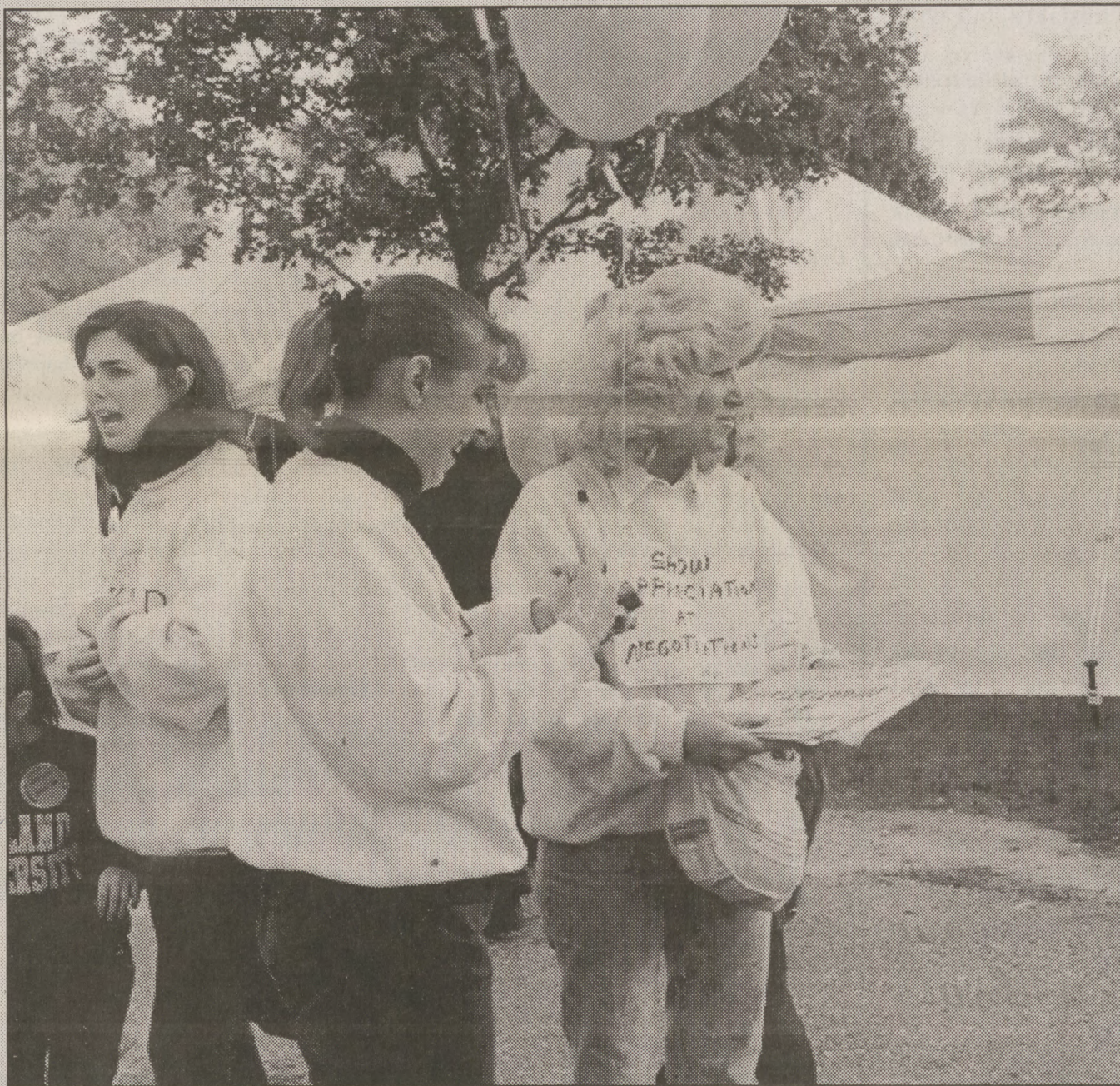
Also, several departments in other areas will cooperate, but neither the school nor the departments have yet been chosen.

A full scale program is expected to be in place in Summer 1997, and at that time, Congress hopes it will be campus-wide.

"The program will be only as good as the people working with Congress, and it should turn out fine because of the people they are working with," said Congress Adviser and CIPO Director Maura Selahowski, though the

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Union workers use WOCOU as arena to voice opinions



By DORCAS GRAHAM
Staff Writer

UAW/TOP Local 1925 could authorize a strike vote today when the members meet to discuss the ongoing negotiations with OU. The meeting is scheduled for noon in 203 O'Dowd Hall.

"That's not our intention...to ask for a strike vote," said president Susan Forgette. "This is just an informational meeting but anything can happen."

The meeting comes as negotiations between the clerical technical staff (CTs) and OU continue. The next bargaining session is scheduled for Monday.

Last week, CTs marched at the doors of Thursday's board of trustees meeting and before the annual staff picnic Friday wearing signs that read, "Show appreciation at negotiations", to give support to their bargaining team.

UAW's local 1925 and OU administration continue to negotiate for the three-year contract which expired June 30. After more than 20 formal and numerous informal meetings, the two sides have yet to agree on any major issues, including the wording of job postings. That issue is viewed as critical by many.

Currently job postings read as "Ability to..." which requires that applicants possess requested skills at the time they apply for the job; whether or not they are capable of learning the skills is secondary.

"We're the hardest workers at the University", said Carol Drouin, dis-

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CONTRACT WOES: Many CTs and others showed their support for the UAW at the WOCOU picnic last Friday by picketing and displaying their signature white ribbons to show their distress.

Money missing from Beer Lake Yacht Club

Mysterious conditions surround the disappearance of money from Beer Lake Yacht Club last Wednesday.

At the end of each night the cash box and the keys for Beer Lake Yacht Club is locked up in a room in Vandenberg. A campus dining official comes in each morning and counts the money.

However, when the campus dining official came into his office at 6 a.m. last Thursday morning he right away noticed that all the bills were missing from the cash drawer and there was only change left.

After counting up the nightly receipts, the director concluded that \$209 was missing.

Investigating further, he found that Wednesday's night's employees had checked out almost an hour early at 10:10 p.m. Beer Lake Yacht Club is supposed to close each night at 11:00, with the employees leaving at that time.

He further noticed that the cashier in charge of the drawer had never checked out Wednesday night and also never turned in her keys with the cash box like she should have.



The campus dining official then tried to contact the cashier Thursday morning, however he could only leave a message. The official then notified OU Police of the situation.

Marijuana found at Silo X

While working the Silo X haunted house Oct. 4th, an OU Police officer noticed two people sitting in a 1984 Dodge Van smoking what appeared to be a marijuana cigarette.

As the officer walked by the van his suspicions were confirmed as he smelled marijuana coming from the van.

The officer then questioned the two and with assistance from a second officer, he searched the van and found one small marijuana cigarette in the ashtray.

Police then searched the driver and the passenger of the van and found a small baggie of marijuana in the passenger's pants pocket.

The passenger was cited and released, the driver was warned.

Palace to renew contract for upcoming summer

By HEIDI HEDQUIST
Editor In Chief

Meadow Brook Music Festival may be getting an electronic marquee sign as part of the renewed contract between OU and Arena Associates.

The university's contract with the firm that runs The Palace of Auburn Hills and Pine Knob is up and negotiations are continuing for extending the contract.

"Negotiations are beginning for a more long term partnership which would subsequently improve the facility almost immediately," said President Gary Russi to the Board of Trustees last Thursday.

Currently the proposed 10 year agreement would include payment of \$450,000 at the commencement of the lease. This would pay off the existing deficit which Meadow Brook Music Theatre has accrued.

Arena Associates will also; pay an annual fixed payment of \$105,000, addi-

tional lease payment of six percent of annual box office gross above \$3,000,000, a commitment to a minimum number of performances per season, capital improvements of a minimum of \$75,000 each year.

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Post Photo / Nelson May

SIGN OF PAST: The Meadow Brook Music Theatre sign may soon be replaced by an electronic marquee.

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EDITOR'S VIEW

VPAA search causes deja vu

People may learn from their mistakes, but with universities it's another story.

OU has, yet again, closed search committee meetings for an upper level search.

Last Thursday, members of the OAKLAND POST staff as well as a reporter from *The Oakland Press*, experienced deja vu when they were refused access to the first committee meeting for the vice president of academic affairs search.

Everyone is aware of the trouble which arose last time this occurred, yet still the university feels it can sneak this search through the cracks.

The argument is that the search committee is not covered by the state Open Meetings Act because it is not a public body. We disagree. The committee will screen and interview candidates for a board level appointment, making the committee the agent of the Board. The university is a public institution, and the Board is a public body.

Not that many people are concerned with the meetings, at this point anyway. All that is happening is initial efforts establishing meeting times and criteria for applicants. Top secret stuff huh?

But there will come a time in the search process where decisions will be made, candidates eliminated, references checked. At that point, the search will be very important to a lot of people.

The argument that by holding the searches open people will refrain from applying is speculative.

Candidates can request some confidentiality when it comes to reviewing their applications. However, all interviews must be conducted publicly.

There really is nothing to fear about the initial weeding through applications anyway. Chances are there will be approximately 200 names. We, like most, are unlikely to publish a lengthy list of wannabe veeps.

All that closure has done is cause hassles and spark interest in the search. Because of the closure everyone is left wondering, "What are they hiding?"

We know it is a common practice for Michigan universities to conduct searches this way, and they've gotten away with it. This doesn't make it right. It just means that no one took notice.

The university already has been on the losing side of a lawsuit that's now in the State Court of Appeals. Is it smart to risk another one? The Oakland County Prosecutor's office is already investigating.

As with the presidential search, it is more than who gets the job. It is the principle. The search committee may come up with a great candidate for the job by holding the meetings in secret, but what happens when a wrong choice is made? There's ample precedence for that.

It doesn't matter if meetings are held during the wee hours of the morning in hidden rooms in the basement of the library, just don't turn anyone away.

The university won't have much of an audience at those hours.

That is of course, except for us. We will be there no matter when, no matter where and no matter how early the meetings are held and regardless of whether the meetings are closed or not. We'll be waiting at the door.

OPINION



Letters to the Editor

Older buildings suffer as result of construction

Dear Editor:

Is it just me, or could the campus grounds really use a little work? I think that it's great that we're building a new \$4 million dollar laboratory, but why not spend \$3,999,200 instead, and buy a few bags of fertilizer to fill in the hundreds of patches of missing grass throughout the campus?

Also, we could spend only \$3,950,000 on the laboratory and repair the hundreds of cracks in the side walks throughout the campus. In addition, we could spend only \$3,949,000, and repaint the balconies of Hill and Van Wagoner, which have more paint missing than Republicans in the next White House.

I would really hope that we could budget our money well enough to maintain existing buildings, before we add new ones. This being my third semester living on campus, I have unfortunately become used to these concerns, which makes it all the worse when friends and colleagues point them out to me on their visits to the campus.

Sincerely,

Pete Knoll
 Sophomore
 Electrical Engineering
 Hill House Resident

Dear Editor:

Edzko Smith and Matt Kuofie were elected by the members of the Association of Graduate Students (AGS), to serve as the association's president and vice-president respectively. The other elected officers are Mahmoud Alsnour, treasurer and Arvin Baalu, secretary.

Dr. Andrzej Rusek is the principal faculty advisor to the association.

Friday Sept. 13, turned out to be a great day; that's when the election took place.

The officers have rich and diverse backgrounds to champion the course of the association during this academic year. Dodge Hall of Engineering, room 111 houses the office of the association. Students are always welcome to stop by or call the office at (810) 370-2171.

AGS Officers Named

Students Want Place to Play Hockey

Dear Editor:

I wish you would write an article about the students' uproar about no intermural floor hockey this year. We students pay an activity fee to play the sport every year. It's a great stress reliever for us, to play a fast paced game of floor hockey a couple nights a week. There are probably 50 veteran players from last year who will want to play again. We suggest the school give us some space somewhere to play, or to rent a local school gym for the league to play. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Jim Adams
 Captain of the team "what the puck"

OAKLAND POST ONLINE Praised

Dear Editor:

I wanted to give a special thank you to Ian for the great new look he has given the OAKLAND POST website home page this fall. It is very well done and skillfully put together.

I look forward to pulling up the home page every Wednesday morning when I get into work. I understand how many long

hours are required to put something like this together and it doesn't go unappreciated. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Scholz
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Search

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body includes any state or local legislative or governing body, including a committee, which is empowered to exercise governmental authority or perform a governmental function.

David Downing, search committee chairperson and dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, explained to reporters that the search committee meetings would stay closed throughout the search process until finalists were chosen to bring on campus for interviews.

"Our feelings on the Open Meetings Act is that it only covers public bodies and their responsibilities and does not apply to committees," said Downing.

"Our intent is at the point we get down to finalists, we will hold public presentations on campus... (and) will also release all the names of candidates, whether they applied or were nominated," he added.

Trustee Rex Schlaybaugh, Jr., believes the search does not need to be open because it is being conducted under the president and not under the Board.

"Historically OU, and as I understand it, all other universities in Michigan do not hold these meetings open. ... Administrative personnel searches are not public unless that committee or the university decides it," said Schlaybaugh.

"Historically, OU and every other university have also held presidential searches in secret and the Michigan Supreme Court ruled they could not. (Schlaybaugh's) law firm represented the winning side of that case—the Ann Arbor News. Were his partners wrong? This search is for a board level appointment," said attorney for The Post and director of the journalism program Jane Briggs-Bunting.

"This university receives \$85

million in taxpayer's money plus students' tuition dollars. How it is spent and who is hired to lead the most important part of the university's mission, that's the academic mission, is the public's business," she said.

"It may be uncomfortable to do that in public, but that's what the law requires. If it didn't, universities like U-M, Michigan State and Oakland wouldn't be trying so hard to lobby the legislature to change the law," Briggs-Bunting said.

"Rex clearly has a selective memory when it comes to what the Board directed at its June meeting. After listening to faculty concerns about the lack of process used to name Gary Russi president, the board directed Russi to do a national search. The minutes have probably been sanitized, but that's a clear delegation," she said. Briggs-Bunting has filed a complaint with the Oakland County Prosecutor's office on behalf of The Post.

OU counsel Gerrits said that President Gary Russi delegated authority and that there was never a resolution from the Board to create such a committee. She also explained that it is necessary to hold a search in private for this top position until finalists are named in order to ensure confidentiality of applicants.

"The university's position is that we can only select the best individual for the position if we are able (to ensure confidentiality). Good (candidates) won't apply or agree to be considered for the position if their home institutions (know they are applying)," said Gerrits.

Downing said that unless the search was private, applying for the VPAA position may jeopardize potential applicants' current employment. "It's important to attract the very best candidates and protect their (confidentiality)," he said.

Gerrits said the president authorized the search in order to

cut down on the amount of time spent reviewing applications. She said that many hours of staff work go into the selection process.

Gerrits also said that the president takes the recommendation to the Board. At that point, the Board can either approve or reject the candidate.

"They (the Board) will not do interviewing, ... (but) does have that right to review applications if they so choose," Gerrits said.

Though many faculty members are content with the search process, some did not agree with the decision to hold the meeting in a closed session.

"The Board of Trustees are very slow learners," said Shea Howell, professor of communication.

Howell feels that since OU is a public university with public money being spent on the salary of the position, the Board should hold the VPAA search open. She also said the Board, if taken to court again, will use the public money to subsidize its court costs.

"I don't think it's wise to use public money for court," Howell said.

Special Instructor in Education Carrie Owens-Petty believes the Board should be taken to court again for violating the OMA. "It's crazy (the VPAA search committee was held closed). I hope they are taken into court again," she said.

Many faculty members are content with the process.

The VPAA position became open when Russi assumed the presidency in June, after being appointed without a search when an Oakland County Circuit Court injunction forced an open presidential search. The search was terminated, and Russi was appointed.

The Board hopes to hire a new VPAA by late July, said Downing. Until then, William Connellan will continue to fill the vacancy as acting VPAA.

was beaten in March 1995, said Leonard and Quisenberry.

If the AHPD is dissolved, it would not affect OU adversely since all of the departments work closely, said Olko.

Quisenberry agreed saying that if the OCSD does take over, it would continue to help OU when needed.

City officials started discussing the idea of dissolving the AHPD in July after Police Chief John Dalton retired. No decision as to the future of the department has been made.

AHPD officers are upset by this situation. However, they have been offered positions in the OCSD but are unwilling to leave, said Olko.

"They like serving this community," Olko said.

Wages

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Snyder, despite her 3.92% raise, now receives one-fifth less than Bissonnette.

Snyder declined to comment saying it was a matter for President Gary Russi who signs off on all dean and vice president salaries. The raises were approved at the April 11 Board meeting as part of the revised budget.

Including Russi (who makes \$155,000), the total salaries given to these top positions were \$1,587,215.

Russi said he based the raises on how well these administrators met their goals and objectives. "It's a simple process, really," he said.

At the beginning of the year, he asked them all to state in writing their goals and objectives. Every quarter, he met with them to keep tabs on the progress of reaching the goals. Each of these administrators were evaluated on how well objectives were met, and raises were reflective, he said.

Except for unionized jobs,

many raises, including those for vice presidents and deans, are given individually.

"In many categories we do not give across the board raises. ... Unionized positions would be across the board," said Patrick Nicosia, director of budget and financial planning.

The unionized groups negotiate with OU at two or three year intervals depending on the length of their contracts. Sometimes, one or both sides are not happy with the outcome.

Eileen Bantel, executive director of the American Association of University Professors, said this year's 3.2% and last year's 3.1% faculty increases are too small. "Pretty meager... I should say... pathetic really," said Bantel.

Bantel said that the increases are some of the lowest the faculty have ever received. Their salary hikes were negotiated two years ago.

The clerical technical (CT) union has been without a contract since June 30. Bargaining is still ongoing. (See related on page 3) Last year, the CT's received a 3% increase.

According to Willard

Kendall, assistant vice president for employee relations and head negotiator for OU, the union decides how to distribute the percentage increase. This could be across the board or it could be done like the CT's, distributing it in different areas.

CT members who worked less than two years, the union gave a 1.8% increase. For those who fit the category of salary progression, which are most of the union workers, a 0.5% increase was given.

Also included was a 1% increase in the retirement program for those who were employed three or more years with at least 30 hours per week.

"It's a screwy system," said Kendall. "When you average it all together, ... it equals out to about 3%."

Kendall added that in general, every union received a 3% increase last year.

Economics Chairperson Augustin Fosu said the inflation rate for the United States is approximately 3% this year. A group in that department is currently researching the rate of inflation for Oakland County, no numbers have been determined.

Engineer

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"It's like a support network," said Systems Engineering Junior Tierra Stamps. "I felt a unity with others who had the same goals."

"NSBE has helped me network with other schools in the region. It has given me a broader idea of how large the engineering industry is," said Electrical Engineering Junior Laurence Virden, Vice President of NSBE.

The national conventions also provide serious workshops.

"A few workshops I've attended have included the history of NSBE and how it is run, how to excel in business and how to dress for success, as well as mock interviews by actual businesses. The conferences are unlike any experience I've had in my life," said Brown. "The conferences give you something you can't get in class. You learn the technical part and concepts in class, but no one teaches you how to dress. The person isn't seen as a whole," she said.

"I have to credit being employed last summer at General Motors to NSBE. At our conferences we have a career fair, where a number of employees do on-the-spot interviewing

and hiring. The conferences also offer workshops such as how to get more out of studying, how to manage time better, things along those lines," said Virden.

The conferences are not limited to those involved in engineering or mathematics.

"The conferences focus on math and engineering, but anyone can benefit from the academic workshops that teach how to study and the mock interviews," said Brown, "I am a Management Information Systems major. We have a Biology major. We have many members who are not Engineering majors."

And Oakland represents well at the nationals.

"About 5000 people attended last year's National Conference in total. Oakland University's NSBE had the most members in attendance, with 14 of our students there," said Ashley.

Though the conferences seem to be the highlight of being a NSBE member, Oakland's chapter is not sitting on their laurels.

"We're currently working on a catalog for Engineering majors, featuring summer jobs and internships," said Virden.

"I see a lot of progress [in our organization]. We're trying to co-sponsor Oakland's Black History Month celebration, and

currently working with NSBE Jr.," said Brown.

"With NSBE Jr. we talk to high school students about college and engineering. Usually in high school there are no classes or information on engineering. We want to go there and get those students who would not normally go to college to go, and those interested in engineering to stick with it," says Virden.

NSBE is currently working with two Pontiac high schools, Central and Northern.

The focus and intent of the organization is clear: to educate and to uplift their campus, as well as their community.

"[We want] a lot of people, working together and not alone, and that problem seems to plague this campus," said Ashley.

NSBE meetings are held every other Tuesday in the Oakland Center, Lower Annex I. The next meeting will be October 15th at 7:30 p.m.

Picture Caption:

Senior Rachael Nichols, Junior Laurence Virden, Junior Tierra Stamps, Senior Ebony Brown, and Senior Kimathi Boothe look sharp at the National Society of Black Engineers' National Conference in Nashville March of this year.

Police

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Interim Chief of Police Doreen Olko.

If the department is dissolved, the city would most likely contract with the OCSD to act as the law enforcement for the Auburn Hills community. OCSD already has contracts in Rochester and Orion Township which border the city on the north and east sides.

OCSD Major Thomas Quisenberry feels that if the city contracts out to the county, OU would be affected minimally.

"We have a close working relationship with the OU community," said Quisenberry. "You probably wouldn't even know

the difference,... except for a different color car and a different uniform," he added.

OU has always maintained a very good relationship with the AHPD, according to OU Police Chief Dick Leonard. "Whenever we need them, they respond without hesitation," he said.

OU calls on AHPD for help in a variety of situations. They have helped OU Police many times with day to day problems like traffic control and disturbances in the residence halls, said Leonard. AHPD also responded to last Friday's fire scare in South Foundation Hall.

Both OCSD and AHPD have been called in to assist with crises such as a bomb threat which occurred a few years ago and when Professor Stuart Wang

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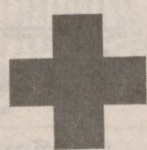
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FEATURES

WOCOU happenings...

By SUE YAX and JEANNEE KIRKALDY
Features Editor and Assistant Features Editor

With a considerable number of changes, The second annual Weekend of Champions Oakland University turned out to be a good success.

"One of the things that is crucial to WOCOU is to create traditions," said Paul Franklin, CIPO coordinator. "But we also need to bring in new things to make it different."

If attendance is any indication, many traditions were created at this year's WOCOU celebration.

Wednesday kicked off festivities with student organization day, sponsored by CIPO, set up in the basement of the OC. Snowcones, cotton candy,

popcorn, and frisbees were just some of the freebies given away.

Thirty students attended the lecture given by star of *Hoop Dreams*, William Gates. However, "SPB gauges success on a lot more than numbers," said Diana Pletz, SPB Chair.

OU Trivia Feud closed Wednesday with a total of four groups gearing up to face off. "It was fun. Our team won \$40 dollars and we're splitting it four ways," said Potter, one member of the first place team. "So I'll get a check for a few dollars."

Despite the chilly weather on Thursday three teams signed up to compete in the sand volleyball tournament.

Mocktails and munchies was set up to enhance the atmosphere at the magic show about a half

hour prior to show time.

"The magic show was great," said Pletz. "Brian Jaeger and Gabe Gazoul did an excellent job. They proved to the school you can have a professional talent and be a student."

Both Gazoul Jaeger felt that the magic show turned out to be great. However Jaeger felt "there wasn't enough people there. It needed more advertising."

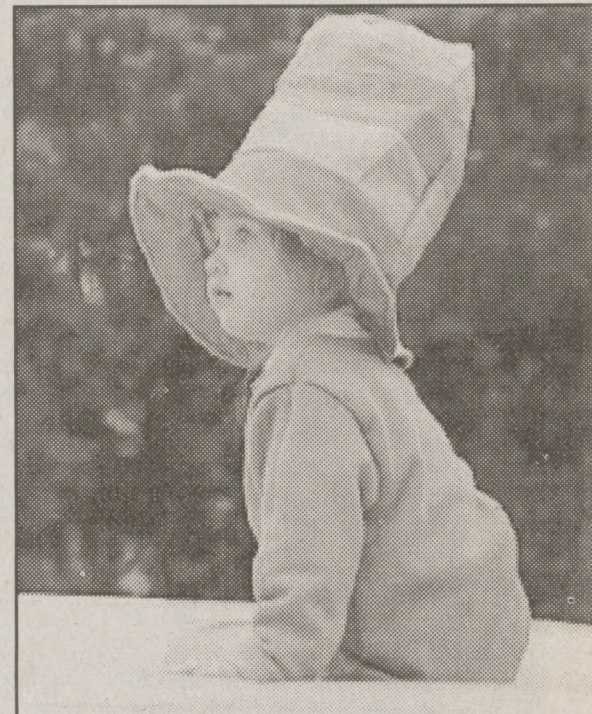
"The WOCOU committee combined effective advertising things (techniques) from last year and new things this year and actually had more publicity than last year," defended Pletz.

"I really didn't know what to expect," said Gazoul. "I had nothing to do with publicity. I was more concerned with the show."

Receiving permission from NBC allowed for the showing of Thursday favorites *Seinfeld*, *Friends*, and *The Single Guy*. "There was less than we thought stuck around for T.V. But it was there for people who wanted it," said Pletz.

"Friday is the key day to create atmosphere on campus. This year may have succeeded because of the tent," said Franklin. "It was such a conversation piece, people wanted to know what was going on there."

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CUTE AS A BUTTON: this adorable little girl takes a moment out to rest from all the excitement of the Kiddie Court fun.



Post Photo / Nelson Moy

NEW ADVENTURES: the human gyroscope attracted lots of people and was just one of the many novelty games that made WOCOU II such a success.

OUCH! THAT LOOKS LIKE THAT HURT: the pedestal joust competition brought on many eager participants who wanted to join in the fun. Or maybe they wanted to take out their frustrations on co-workers, friends or family.



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Mud Bowl tradition upheld



Greeks get down and dirty



Post Photos / Aaron Malgeri

Hitting the road WOCOU style

By HEIDI HEDQUIST
Editor In Chief

Approximately 60 people hit the road last Saturday on a quest to win SPB's annual road rally.

The rally, scheduled as part of the festivities for WOCOU sent contestants out onto Walton Boulevard to find clues and answers to puzzles which could bring them cash prizes.

The rally was won by Mary Crova's group who got a perfect score of 660 points. Her team received \$300. In addition the second place group was awarded \$200 and the third place group received \$100.

The rally was a huge success and many people on campus showed a lot of interest.

Last year's event only had six groups to participate and this year there were 15.

"We anticipated 10 groups signing up but when Meghan (Widlak, who chaired the event) went to check 12 groups had already signed up so we put the limit at 15," said Brian Potter, chair of lectures and special events for SPB, sophomore.

The response was so good that SPB had a waiting list of several groups and is already looking for alternative options for the next road rally.

"Next year we may have to do a two part road rally or make bigger teams," said Potter. "I can't imagine

doing it with more than 15 teams though."

Contestants were sent off at around 3:30 p.m. and had to return to the Fireside Lounge by 6:30 p.m. There were no points for being the first people back and anyone arriving late was disqualified.

According to Potter, of the six puzzles in the competition the Bingo clues board gave teams the most trouble.

Planning the road rally took several weeks. The clues were put together by a small group of people from SPB led by Widlak.

"We've been doing these road rallies for several years now," said Potter. "Fortunately my mom was on a road rally recently so we used some of their clues and thought up clever clues about OU."

Potter said he also learned a lot of things about OU, which were helpful, when he was an orientation group leader this summer.

All teams had to be composed of at least one student but staff and guests were also welcomed.

Potter credits the success of the road rally to more than just the event itself. "I think in general more and more people are becoming interested in our events. The Toronto trip sold out in three days," he said.

SPB's trip to Toronto will take place this weekend. Its next event is Dar Williams who will be performing on Oct. 23.

Professional theatre company struggling to increase attendance

By MICHAEL METZLER
Staff Writer

All who pass under Meadow Brook Theatre's bright yellow awning are in for an experience quite unlike any other in Michigan.

Meadow Brook is the state's largest professional non-profit theater. Yet, with its permanent location so close to OU students and faculty, how many actually attend the 31-year-old theater's offerings?

"Approximately 1,400 students attended the theatre in 1995," said Greg Bloomfield, Managing Director Meadow Brook Theatre. "Of those many were OU students. We had roughly 110,000 attendants total last year. Still, there were many empty seats that could've been filled."

One of the OU students who does fill the Meadow Brook seats on occasion is Sarah Warren, Junior. Warren is working towards a degree in technical theatre training. Attending performances at the theatre is one of her requirements for graduation.

"I've seen many of the more popular plays like *The Piano*, *The Glass Menagerie* and my favorite, *A Christmas Carol*," said Warren. "I think they pick very good plays as far as choices go. They seem to hit all the classics."

Individual elements of the theatrical experience are what makes or breaks any performance. Warren believes that

there are both pros and cons to the recent shows at Meadow Brook.

"I've always loved the atmosphere of the place. The interior is very comfortable and very nicely decorated," she notes. "I've only had one real problem with one of the plays and that was *The Three Musketeers*. The acting in that particular one was a little on the cheesy side."

Meadow Brook's actors hail from New York, the West Coast, and Chicago. Local talent is also utilized for performances.

Subscriptions to Meadow Brook Theatre is one sure way for OU students and faculty to save money and make sure not to miss a play. Much of the staff of the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance over in Varner Hall regularly attend performances.

Michael Gillespie, Suzanne Hanna, and Bruce Mann are only a few of the faculty who go to Meadow Brook's offer-



Photo Courtesy / Meadow Brook Theatre

JEST A SECOND: The next play in line for Meadow Brook Theatre includes Joel, played by David Ellinstein, left, Linnea Todd playing Sarah and Bob, played by John Seibert, right.

ings.

Mann, who teaches world literature and drama classes at OU, sees his students enjoying the theatre once they've made that initial pilgrimage.

"Mostly they've said that they like the direction Geoffrey Sherman (the new artistic director) is going in," Mann said. "I myself started going 11 years ago, so I've seen changes come and go, but I've always felt their choice of plays has been pretty much on the mark."

One aspect of Meadow Brook that Mann feels could change for the better is that of space.

"I think that more challenging plays could be performed if they had more performing space," Mann notes. "Meadow Brook really represents OU to the community and it'd be nice to see some more avant-garde plays brought in. If anything, I'd say the recent plays may have been a bit too conservative due to this lack of space."

OU freshman Brian Taylor is going toward a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in psychology. He finds the pricing differences to be a bit much at Meadow Brook.

"They have the special student rates for \$5, but they're first

come first served. If for some reason I missed these, it could cost as much as \$32 for a show. Compared to \$5 for a movie ticket, that seems like overkill," Taylor said. "I have been to one play, *A Christmas Carol* and I have to admit that it was well done."

Normal ticket prices for Meadow Brook vary depending on what day of the week the performance is. Preview prices for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are the cheapest, costing \$18. Saturday evening's prices jump to \$32.

Meadow Brook Theatre's advertising is one point which OU student Brandy Duncan thinks could use a little working on. Brandy, a freshman, is currently undecided as to what her major will be.

"I know they advertise a lot, but sometimes I find myself having to ask around to see what play is coming up," Duncan said. "Maybe they could work on more flyers or have more of a presence in the (Oakland) Center."

When looking at OU students and faculty attendance at Meadow Brook Theatre, the question comes up how can OU help the theatre?

Besides the obvious invitation for useful comments from patrons, Meadow Brook also needs contributions. Meadow Brook Theatre Development Director Melodee DuBois explains why these contributions are

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Tillery drives message home



Post Photo / Jeannee Kirkaldy

Musician Linda Tillery educates through music and history

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY
Assistant Features Editor

Friends call her Tui.

"A friend who had been to France started calling me Tuillerie," said Linda Tillery, after the famous French Tuilleries Gardens. Later, Tillery shortened it to Tui.

Linda Tillery, founder of The Cultural Heritage Choir made an appearance on campus last Friday.

Tillery's audience drew a larger crowd than Joe Klein forcing some students to sit on top of tables and on the floor.

"It's heartening to me to see more students there than with Joe Klein," said Shae Howell, Professor of Communications. "It shows students care about culture and ethnic relationships on this campus."

Howell added, "Students were incredibly respectful and attentive."

"I was very impressed with the knowledge of her music and African history," said Clarence Hogan, guest student. "I liked what she had to say about oral traditions."

Born and raised in San Francisco along with her older brother, Tillery remembers watching Walt Disney shows with her Mother and listening to Dinah Washington and Ella Fitzgerald, jazz singers who inspired her most as a child.

"Those are probably names and performances some of you have never heard of," said Tillery. "And some of you may have heard them."

At the age of three Tillery began singing in the church choir and continued through grade school as well as high school.

After graduating from Lowell High School, Tillery went on to attend San Francisco State and later City College of San Francisco.

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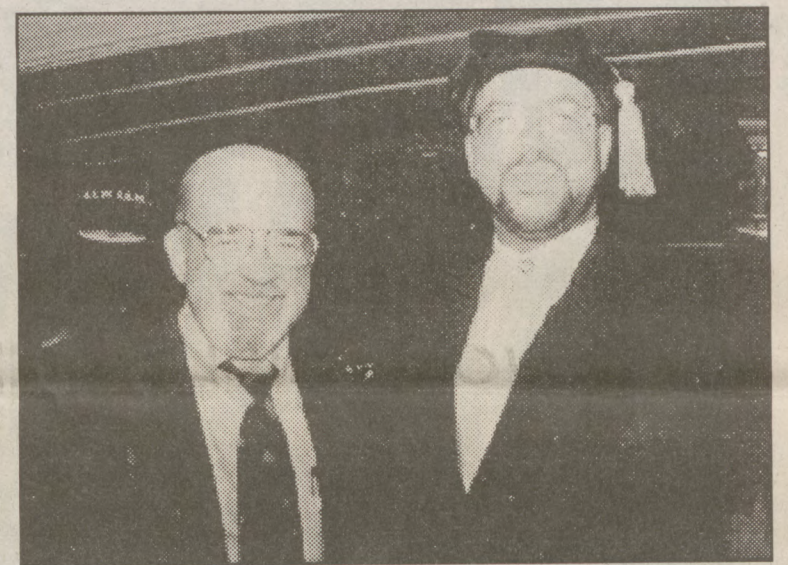


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GRADUATE STUDENT: Carlson Jackson, right, with Professor of Education Ronald Cramer, after receiving his Ph.D. in Reading and Language Arts.

Graduate student receives honors

By JASON STUVE
Special Writer

OU Grad is First African-American male in state to attain Ph.D. in Reading and Language Arts.

Perseverance is the key. This is the message of a man who has chosen a lifelong career in education. This includes educating himself as well as others.

Carlson A. Jackson, spent 1982-1986 as a lecturer at OU, received his doctorate degree in Reading and Language Arts from OU on Sept. 8, 1996.

"I hope that my accomplishments will serve as proof to others, especially other black men, that it is possible to succeed despite tall odds," said Jackson.

Dr. Jackson believes that, even against seemingly insurmountable odds, one can accomplish great deeds. His recent degree is proof that hard work pays off.

"It's a lot of pressure but I want to share my story so that today's youth know that they can achieve their goals too," said Jackson.

He also wants students to know that they are not alone in their struggle. Many people have helped Dr. Jackson get where he is today. He comes from a family of educators and was taught the value of education at an early age.

The staff of OU was also instrumental in assisting Dr. Jackson. He describes the staff as

"beyond reproach" when it comes to assisting the learning process.

This is not the first time Dr. Jackson has received a high honor. In 1988, he was one of the first recipients of OU's Martin Luther King Jr./Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks Fellowship. This distinctive award helped him have "one less hurdle" to jump.

Dr. Jackson acknowledges all who helped him on the road to higher education and wants to help others.

He is currently involved with the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program and is teaching in Macomb intermediate school district.

He may have a chance to study in China next year but he says that he is really a hometown man. While he had a chance to study in Japan in 1988, all of his degrees have been attained at schools in and around the Detroit metropolitan area. He feels no less experienced than many of his colleagues who are seasoned travelers but he would someday like to travel.

Perseverance, Dr. Jackson says, is the one virtue that helped him the most on his road to success. He wants other students to know that as long as you have that quality, you can overcome any obstacle.

"Keep your eye on the prize, stay focused, and jump the hurdles," said Jackson.

OU EVENTS

An abandoned missile silo run amuck with mutant workers is the theme of **SILO X**, the haunted house on the corner of University and Adams is open now until Halloween night on OU's campus.

The month of October at noon in the Fireside Lounge provides an open forum for **Political Issues** with different topics daily.

Concerned about the environment? Check out the **Environmental Lectures and Environmental Film Series** on Oct. 9 and 10 at noon in the Fireside Lounge.

The **10th Annual Hammerle Lecture: Science and the Shroud** with speakers Dr. John P. Jackson and Rebecca Jackson will be held on Oct. 10 at 3:30 p.m. in Dodge Hall.

Want something to do after eating your lunch? **Arts at Noon** will be held in Varner Hall on Oct. 15.

Exploring personal conviction and academic discipline is the focus of "Why I'm a professor of..." featuring Brian Connery will be held Oct. 16 in the OC.

MUSIC

Innovative popular vocal ensembles are the focus of the **DSO's Pop Series with Lan Shui** starting Oct. 10 and running through Oct. 13.

Singer/Songwriter **Dan Hazlett** will perform at Border's Books & Music Oct. 11 at 7 p.m.

Contemporary Christian musicians **4 Him and Point of Grace** will play the Palace on Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

The **Detroit News Young People's Concert** will delight audiences with the music, magic and mischief on Oct. 12 at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

THEATRE

Apartment 3A, a comedy by Jeff Daniels tells the story of getting a new apartment, meeting new friends and falling in love at the Purple Rose Theatre running through Nov. 24.

Halloween fun for all at the marquis Theatre in Northville for the comical melodrama **Halloween Soup** starting Oct. 11 and running through Oct. 27.

Shakespeare's classic comedy **Taming of the Shrew** begins on Oct. 18 at the Hilberry Theatre.

Follow the exploits of a Jewish girl trying to fool her parents in the comedy hit, **Beau Jest**, running through Oct. 27 at Meadow Brook Theatre.

Six actors perform 57 different roles in the comedy **The Dining Room** at the Hilberry Theatre running through Nov. 23.

ART

Famous photographers showcase their work in **The Car and the Camera**, celebrating the centennial year of automotive manufacturing, through Nov. 24 at the DIA.

OTHER

The Detroit Chapter of **Women in Communications** sponsors a **Student Seminar** on Oct. 12 at 10:30 a.m. at the Farmington Hills Community Library. Open to all students studying any area of communications.

Pat Sajak nor Vanna White will be there, but the fun of playing **Wheel of Fortune** can be a reality at the Palace on Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. as **Wheel of Fortune Live!** makes it rounds to find potential contestants.

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The Democratic Party Reaction

October 11, at noon in the Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center.

Robert Eisner

"Sense and Nonsense about Trade Deficits"

October 11 at 3:00 p.m. in the Gold Rooms
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"The Economy Leading up to 1996"

October 14, at noon in the Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center.

"An Economic Roundtable Discussion"

October 15, at noon in the Fireside Lounge, Oakland Center.

London and Paris

Oakland University will explore London and Paris. The annual international trip will depart Oakland University May 5 and return May 14. Oakland students, employees, alumni and thier guests will be able to sign up. The cost is only \$1445 and includes: roundtrip airfare, lodging for nine nights, daily continental breakfasts, several tours, and much more.

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The Student Life Lecture Board (SLLB) and CIPO, are pleased to announce that Olympic Gold Medalist in Gymnastics, **SHANNON MILLER**, along with her coach, **Steve Nunno** will be coming to Oakland University Monday night, October 21, at 8:00 p.m. The Lecture/demonstration will take place in the Lepley Sport Center Bubble.

Seating is limited and we expect a sell-out. If you want to attend, remember to purchase your tickets early! Tickets are available at the CIPO Service Window (49 OC). Ticket prices are \$4 for Oakland University Students, \$7 for Oakland University employees and Alumni Association members, and \$10 for the general public. All tickets purchased by October 18 will be discounted \$2.00 each.

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"Your Passport to Leadership" will be held every second and fourth Tuesday from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Meadow Brook Room of the Oakland Center. All student leaders and students are invited to attend. The series will cover topics on Effective Meetings, Conflict Management, Time Management, Stress in Leadership and Delegation. You can sign up at the CIPO Service Window. This is your passport to Leadership at Oakland University.

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Quote of the Week

"I don't pose as an authority on anything at all, I follow the opinions of the ordinary people I meet, and I take pride in the close-knit teamwork with my organization".

Walt Disney



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Tillery

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"I kept trying to get through college," said Tillery. "I tried and I tried, I really did."

Tillery went for a year, took a year off, then went back for a year. Finally, after having two complete years under her belt, "I decided the world, and life would become my university."

For the past 27 or 28 years Tillery has paid her dues in becoming a professional singer.

In the music industry she has been considered what is called a hired gun, someone who does everything that is offered.

At 19 years- old she began performing as a back-up singer for various artists. With a grin on her face Tillery admits, "Those are the women who go oop opp she doop."

Also, early in Tillery's career she performed with local bands in the San Francisco area and as a soloist.

Today, Tillery has managed to make her own stamp in various music circles. Linda Ronstadt, Boz Scaggs, Sheila E, Huey Lewis & the News are just a few that Tillery has recorded with.

"I've connected with a way of living being an artist that's very satisfying," said Tillery.

The biggest obstacles that Tillery has had to face throughout her career was "my own self doubts. Believing in my talents as a singer and whether or not I would satisfy myself and others."

Digging into the roots of African-American work and slave songs to discover the history, meaning, and culture is Tillery's latest craze.

About five years ago while watching a PBS program on spirituals with Jessye Norman and Kathleen Battle is when Tillery decided to conquer what is now her on going study of African music.

"As I was sitting there in my living room alone, I realized that the music was embedded in my consciousness waiting to be sprung," said Tillery. "I guess I was a accident waiting to happen. I went pretty nuts."

Since this new found discovery of

interest Tillery has invested a lot of money in collecting material. Music and historical information is what interests the versatile singer.

Folkways, recordings from people around the globe, founded by Moses Asch, music scholars, and librarians have broadened her horizons. "A good librarian can be your best friend," said Tillery.

Since stumbling upon this information Tillery learned, there was so little information available when I went to school. I felt like a person dying of thirst until I found this material."

If someone would have told Tillery, ten years ago, that she would be interested in fold music and conducting studies she would have laughed and said, "Your out of your mind."

Working with adolescents to make sure historical forms of music don't become obsolete and eventually museum pieces. "There are existing song forms in African American culture that are very, very old that are actually endangered of becoming extinct," said Tillery.

Looking back there is only one thing Tillery would like to change. "I would wish that I could have recognized at an early age that it really doesn't matter what other people think of you. If I had known that at 20, my life would be a lot different."

Studying the origin, background, and destiny of music has led to one discovery and holds dear to heart. "I see a common face when I look at an 80 year-old Grandmother," said Tillery. "Whether she be Asian, Black, or Norwegian, I know there is a place in those persons where all roads intersect."

"I'm really sorry I wasn't around to see her myself," said De Witt Dykes, Associate Professor of History. Dykes encouraged his students to attend Tillery's lecture, "She is trying to collect musical styles of African American music and has included those styles in her performance."

Tillery's visit was sponsored by the Department of Women's Studies, GALA, and the Board of Trustees.

Tillery was also here to celebrate National Coming Out Day which will be celebrated Oct. 12.

Theatre

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critical to the theater's future.

"Ticket sales actually account for only about two-thirds of our needed income," she said, "Currently we distribute a newsletter, send out mailings and utilize OU's telefunding operation. These are done to help spread the word that contributions to the Meadow Brook Theatre are both welcome and needed."

The rest of the theatre's funding comes from corporations, foundations and private individuals. Major contributors to MBT include Chrysler, Ford Motor Company and the Meadow Brook Theatre Guild. Each contributes \$25,000 or more a year to help the theatre. Next down the list is the Lear corporation with \$20,000 or more.

Individual contributions to MBT are welcomed, as well as donations. Donations more than \$100 are listed in the playbook. For more information on making a donation, call (810) 370-3320.

In addition, the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs regularly helps the plays come to fruition.

"The MCAC has given us a sizable increase in donations this year," said Dubois. "Totaled it comes to over \$150,000."

Last year, the MCAC contributed two separate grants, one \$90,000 for the Anchor Arts Organization Program, and another \$16,000 for the *Piano Lesson* play. In addition, the grant money helps the Outreach program and similar area school-oriented projects.

One direct way that funding affects MBT is through the choice of plays if offers. Artistic Director Geoffrey Sherman decides the plays and budget is always an issue.

"He looks at things such as cast size and props when deciding which plays to do," Vigilante said. "Obviously, the more known works like Shakespeare are more expensive, merely because of the scripting costs, but I think we've had a very balanced season."

One of the more ambitious plays was the expensive to produce *The Three Musketeers*, with a cast of more than 30 players, elaborate sets and props. Such a play costs more than a character-driven story, like *Corpsel*.

The Meadow Brook Theatre started the play, *Beau Jest* on Sept. 18th. The play runs until Oct. 27th. The box office is open from 12 p.m. until curtain on Tuesday-Saturday. On Sunday, the box office closes one hour before curtain. For more information, call 370-3300.

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The Kiddie court set up for children under the age of 12 was a huge success according to Franklin.

This years participation in the novelty games, Human Gyroscope, Pedestal Joust, and The Ultimate Sports Challenge, doubled in enthusiasm from last year. Lines were long and people were having fun. Pedestal Joust seemed to be the most popular.

"I think students loved it. I think we need more in the future (novelty games) and also, a novelty game just for kids," said Potter.

A pleasant surprise for game goers were the traditional Good Humor Men, hired by ARAMARK.

Ice cream stands were set up outside with little umbrellas with the men wearing white suits and little white hats. "They were really happy, just smiling the whole time," said Pletz.

The All Campus Appreciation Picnic, sponsored by the President's Office, was the biggest success of the weekend. "We gave out more tickets this year for the Appreciation Picnic than we gave out last year," said Pletz. In addition to tickets given in advance many students showed up with school ID. 1250 tickets were given last year prior to the picnic.

"In terms of Friday night, I don't know if there were more people or not," said Franklin. "But a lot of people sure had fun."

After the picnic students could broaden their musical horizons with the tunes of Russian Folk Band Limpopo.

Later, Boston Comedian Wendy Liebman, had guests laughing out of their chairs. Liebman has appeared on HBO, and in November will be a guest on the David Letterman Show.

Approximately 200 people showed up for the Limpopo \Liebman show.

Saturday's events included a Twister tournament, campus wide tug-o-war and the annual SPB Road Rally.

"The Road Rally sold out so it was a success," said Franklin. Last year's Road Rally event had six groups participating and this year the numbers more than doubled with 15 groups in participation and more wanting to join.

The Association of Black Students hosted a Jazz concert Saturday evening putting the finishing touches on a magical, fun filled week long event.

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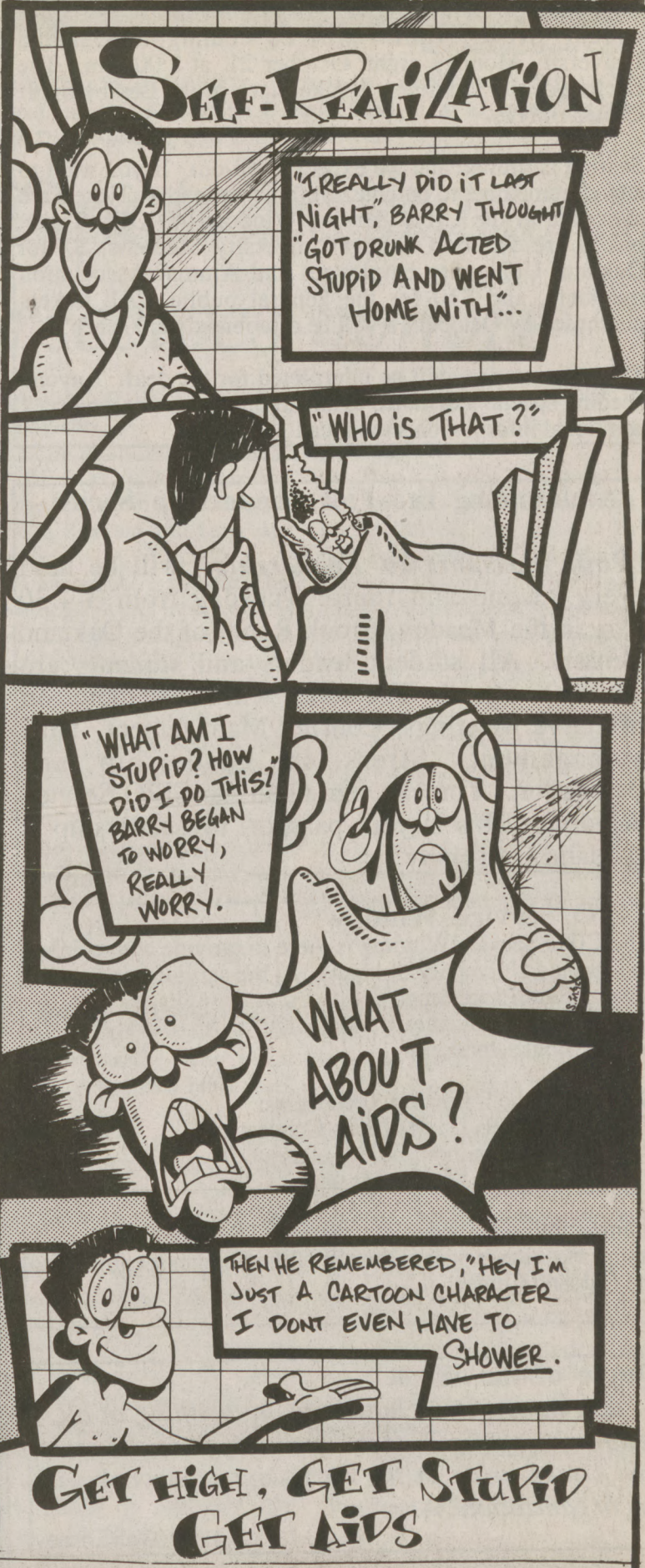
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SPORTS

Men seek fourth NCAA Championship

Pioneers attempt to repeat to be first non-California team to win four straight DII Titles

By CHRIS TAIT
Sports Editor

The three-time defending NCAA II National Champion Pioneers entered a new season of uncharted waters Sept. 27 at the Lepley Sports Center Pool.

In 10 days, the men's swimming and diving team begins its quest to claim a fourth straight national championship when OU hosts the Pioneer Fall Classic Oct. 19.

Heading into the previous season, OU towered above the competition led by Chris Zoltak, Arthur Albiero, Jens Kristensen and Randy Teeters.

Now, looking to become the first non-Californian men's swimming team to earn a fourth straight Division II Title, a new class of seniors must rise to the challenge.

"I've been singing the blues ever since that last day. That Saturday night they introduced the seniors after the championship was over — I've been feeling the pain and the loss. It's a scary feeling. It really, really is.

"It's the biggest lost of points in school history. Those five guys we lost were a huge, huge part of our team on relays, individual events, national championships and leadership. It was probably one of the most talented senior classes in school history," Men's Swimming Coach Pete Hovland said.

Increasing talent levels from California State University at Bakersfield and Drury College have narrowed the gap between OU and the top two contenders, but the Pioneers still remain the team to beat.

"I think that we have the character, personality and talent to step up in their absence — at least that's what I'm hoping and praying for. I think we have what it takes. After all, we beat everybody by 269 points last year, but we graduated 239 points," Hovland said.

From last season, DC only graduated 17 points and CSUB graduated only 28.

"We've definitely come back to the pack. Their coaches know it and their kids know it. It's like a wounded fish and the sharks are circling. They smell blood in the water," Hovland said.

Last year, the Pioneers understood that the only team that could beat it in North Dakota for the title was itself.

This year, the Pioneers know that DC and CSUB are poised for any opportunity to dethrone the reigning champions next March in Amarillo, Texas.

"I think that we have as legitimate shot as

anybody. But it's not going to be like last year when I told the team that 'the only team that is going to beat you is yourselves. I told them there's no fooling around. It's time for new people to step up,'" Hovland said.

As a four-time NCAA Title winner himself, Hovland is confident of his team chances.

"I believe we have what it takes to repeat. We've been there. We have the talent. We know what to expect and the majority of the guys are the same ones that have won three (Championships) in a row. I'm banking on the fact that they are going to be real, real protective of their turf and what they've accomplished. I hope that the passion is burning inside of them to win a fourth. It would be something that no other (OU men's) swim team has ever done," Hovland said.

Another motivating device for the squad is the possibility of OU moving to Division I for next season.

"This is it. It could very well be the last chance to hang another banner on the wall for us. It may be the last chance for them to be National Champions, the last chance to be All-Americans, the last chance to win (an NCAA) watch, the last chance to break national records," Hovland said.

Early in a new season it is usually too hard for Hovland to tell exactly how strong his recruiting class will be and who will step to the front and join the dependable Championship swimmers returning from the year before.

That remains the case for most of the freshman class at this point in the season.

"They're raw. They are a long ways away from me counting on them to qualify for Nationals. I'm not saying it can't be done, but it is a long way from happening," Hovland said.

However, things will be slightly different this year thanks to the addition of two highly recruited swimmers from Israel and last year's incredible team depth.

Apparently the success of OU's swimming program over the last 10 years has reached international audiences, as Hovland explained how Ido Meron and Yoav Ritter joined the Pioneers.

"They found us. They contacted me via letter with their times and their times just stood out. In our sport it's pretty black and white a lot of the time.

"You know that you have to be pretty good if you have times that can score in the top eight at nationals," Hovland said.

After looking at the championship caliber times, Hovland immediately faxed a response



Post Photo/Bob Knoke

NEW LEADERS: Senior freestyler Chris Knoche scored for the first time as an individual in the 50 Freestyle (14th) and the 100 Freestyle (13th) events at last year's NCAA II National Championship.

saying that OU was interested in having them join its team.

"Both of them have completed two years of service in their Armed Forces. They're 21-year-old freshmen, so they are both older and more mature. They have been on the Israeli National Team and they have international experience and exposure, so that's a bonus," Hovland said.

Ritter will swim butterfly and freestyle events and will replace Zoltak in the butterflies.

"Ido is a top-ranked backstroke and 400-IMer. We're hoping that he helps replace Arthur Albiero or Jens Kristensen," Hovland said.

A welcome negative last year, Hovland reaps the rewards of having too many swimmers qualify for Nationals last year.

The maximum number of swimmers a school can send is 18.

"The other bonus that we have going for us other than the Israelis is sophomore Randy Cobb. He was our 19th guy last year. His time

would've placed him in the top five in the 100 and 200 Breaststroke. So he's like a new recruit for us," Hovland said.

The Pioneers will also benefit from the two assistant coaches, Sean Peters and Teeters, who will join Hovland this year.

Also, the men's and women's divers will benefit this year from the new diving coach, Don McElreath, who has taught gymnastics at U-M and has diving experience.

IM flag football action



Post Photo/Nelson Moy

GANG TACKLED: Porterhouse battled with 9-South to a 28-25 win in an intramural flag football matchup last Thursday. The win by Porterhouse (1-2) marked its first victory of the season with two games remaining before the playoffs begin. The loss dropped 9-South (1-2) below .500 for the season with only two games to move up in the playoff seeding. The playoffs begins Oct. 24 for flag football.

Director of campus recreation joins Dean of Student's Office

By CHRIS TAIT
Sports Editor

Greg Jordan, a 17-year director of campus recreation at Bowling Green State University was hired last Wednesday.

Dean of Students Dave Herman and Vice President of Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder selected Jordan as director of campus recreation Aug. 1 after a pool of 30 candidates were interviewed for the position.

Jordan settled into his office in the Dean of Student's office in the OC last Wednesday as he started the process of working with Steve Lyon, the current intramural director, and Athletics Director Jack Mehl.

In a shuffle necessitated by the increased responsibilities of the new facility, the director of campus recreation will report to Herman and Snyder instead of the sports department.

"Whatever we do now will have an impact and make the transition to the new building easier. You can't go from where we are today to opening the building two years from now without an increase in participation. You don't go from the basement to the top floor overnight," Jordan said.

Jordan said he was impressed with

OU's commitment to developing student recreation after he learned of the position at a National Intramural Recreational Sports Association conference last year.

"What I bring is experience and expertise in campus recreation. Personally, my strongest points are the facility management aspects. I'm more of a facility person than I am a programming person," Jordan said.

He graduated from the University of Indiana in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in physical education and earned his master's a year later.

"If I could put out a crystal ball and look five years from now. We are going to have a dynamic program that is going to have something for everyone in the areas of IM, informal, and instructional ... self-defense type classes," Jordan said.

He was familiar with OU because Men's Basketball Coach Greg Kampe is a graduate of BGSU.

Jordan described his responsibility as meeting students needs for competition in informal sport, where Mehl is concerned primarily with the student athletes.

"Athletics and recreation can certainly peacefully co-exist in an institution. It does take tremendous communication and cooperation, and what I have been

impressed with is that Jack Mehl and I have developed an immediate ability to communicate and provide dialogue. We're going to make that happen," Jordan said.



Greg Jordan

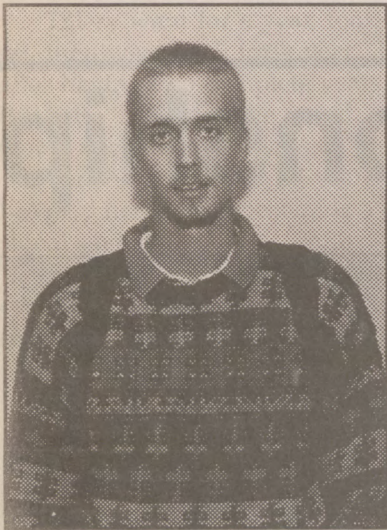
that the new facility carries a lot of possibilities.

"There's a lot of speculation as to what this facility will do for this campus. Certainly, you have a vision. Now we have to develop policies and procedures, budgets, personnel and put them all in place.

"It is a dream come true to be on the ground floor so to speak, or the side of the hill in our case, of a project that is building a building and a program," Jordan said.

He was hired as an administrative professional with a starting salary of \$58,000. All APs begin with an initial six month probation, after which a series of two-year contracts can be awarded.

Pioneer of the Week



Jeppe Lagerbohm
Midfielder
Men's soccer
6-2, freshman

Lagerbohm missed the first eight matches of the season recovering from a knee injury, but made his first appearances as a Pioneer count. He scored the game winning goal with just over 11 minutes left to play in the 3-2 win over UMSL and tallied the winner with 47 seconds in the 1-0 overtime win over Truman State University last weekend.

The Pioneer sports week

Wed., Oct. 9
•Women's Tennis Team at Henry Ford Community College (3 p.m.)

Thu., Oct. 10
•Men's Soccer Team hosts Mercyhurst College* (2 p.m.)

Fri., Oct. 11
•Women's Tennis Team hosts MC (3 p.m.)*
•Women's Volleyball Team hosts MC (7 p.m.)*
•Men's and Women's Cross Country at Michigan Intercollegiate Championship at Dowagiac, MI. (4 p.m.)
•Women's Swim and Dive Team hosts its Black/Gold Intrasquad Meet (7 p.m.)

Sat., Oct. 12
•Women's Volleyball Team hosts Gannon University (1 p.m.)*
•Women's Soccer Team at MC (1 p.m.)*
•Men's and Women's Cross Country Alumni Meet at Oakland University
•Women's Tennis Team hosts GU (12 p.m.)*

Sun., Oct. 13
•Women's Soccer Team at GU (1 p.m.)*

Tue., 15
•Men's Soccer Team hosts St. Joseph's College (4 p.m.)
•Volleyball Team faces Wayne State University (7 p.m.)*

* Denotes GLIAC game.
** Home games in bold type.

Pioneers earn GLIAC wins

By BILL PETRICK
Staff Writer

The women's volleyball team capped off a successful weekend, defeating Hillsdale College Friday and Ashland University on Saturday to remain undefeated in league play.

The women played strong on the road in both contests beating HC 3-1, and AU 3-0.

The Pioneers got off to a slow start against the Chargers, losing the first game 15-8, but finished strong by winning the next three games to take the match.

Women's Volleyball Coach Dan Schulte said his team was a little sluggish, but "played focused enough ball to win."

Schulte was very pleased with his

team's play against Ashland. He said that match was one of the better performances of the year.

Looking back, he expected the AU match to be a little tougher than it was.

"They're a real tough team... they're much bigger than us," Schulte said.

Although OU was at a size disadvantage, Schulte explained that teamwork and good chemistry have been the key to the team's success.

"It's so balanced," Schulte said of his team's play. "(Sophomore) Jessica Meadows had a good match against Hillsdale," Schulte said. "(Freshman) Erica Brown played smart volleyball... we introduced a new freshman and she did a good job."

With eight newcomers this year, OU has a young team, but they are learning a lot from the experienced players like

senior captains Stephanie Sasek and Danielle Milkiewicz who have provided great leadership.

"(The young players) are seeing the team concept come to life from the upperclassmen," Schulte said.

OU will host matches against Mercyhurst College on Friday and Gannon University on Saturday. After playing 15 out of 19 games on the road, Schulte is relieved to be playing the next few games at home.

When asked how he feels about this weekend's home stand, Schulte said, "There's no place like home."

OU was undefeated at home last season, and Schulte said he thinks his team can finish first in the league if they repeat this accomplishment.

Schulte said that if the women keep the hunger and focus they had against

Ashland, they will continue to be successful.

The three wins by OU last week and the three losses by Wayne State University was enough to vault the Pioneers past the Tartars and into first place in the GLIAC's Southern Division.

•WSU was upset at home last Thursday by Madonna University, was beaten 3-2 at HC and 3-1 by Indiana University at Fort Wayne last Saturday.

•Michigan Technological University sits in the top spot in the GLIAC's Northern Division and overall with a 14-5, 6-0 record. Northern Michigan University sits in second in the Northern Division with a 14-3, 5-0 record.

•Tuesday night's home match versus MU was not completed before this issue went to print.



Post Photo/Bob Knoeka

MAKING THE SAVE: Junior goaltender Amir Tal turned away 15 shots to help the Pioneers pull a come from behind victory against the University of Missouri at St. Louis last Friday. On Saturday, Tal made five saves and recorded his 19th shutout of his career as OU pulled out a 1-0 overtime win against Truman State University last Sunday. OU is ranked No. 7 nationally and second in the Central Region.

Late goals lift Pioneers

By CHRIS TAIT
Sports Editor

Freshman midfielder Jeppe Lagerbohm powered the men's soccer team to a pair of victories at the University of Missouri at St. Louis Tournament last weekend.

Lagerbohm came off the bench for OU against UMSL to cap a three-goal second half to push the Pioneers past the Rivermen, 3-2 last Friday.

On Saturday, Lagerbohm converted on his only shot on goal with 47 seconds left in the second overtime session to drop Truman State University, 1-0.

Lagerbohm returned to the field for the first time against UMSL after

missing the first eight matches because of a knee injury.

He wasn't described as a pure goal scorer by junior Amir Tal or senior Ben Cesa but rather "he was just in the right place at the right time."

Lagerbohm agreed, "I was lucky. I didn't play that well. I wasn't happy with my effort in the games."

Ranked No. 7 nationally and second in the Central Region, OU (6-3-1, 1-1-0 GLIAC) downed both regional rivals over the weekend to win the Gaffney's Classic.

Playing big for the Pioneers, freshman forward Adam Heinemann tallied a goal and an assist against UMSL and set up

Lagerbohm's winning score against TSU.

Tal played well making 15 saves against UMSL and recording his 19th shutout of his career against TSU. Sophomore forward Nick Deren converted on a penalty kick against UMSL to put OU ahead 2-1 in the second half.

Cesa explained why the team continues to struggle scoring goals: "We try to pass on the 18. Things happen when you shoot. We never give ourselves the chance to get the scrappy goals."

•The NSCAA/Umbro Select Top 20 College Rankings were released last Monday. In the new rankings OU moves up to No. 4 overall and No. 1 in the Central Region.

Lusiner leads OU to victory at Ashland

By BILL PETRICK
Staff Writer

The women's soccer team won the Ashland University Invitational Tournament last weekend with victories over West Virginia Wesleyan College and Edinboro University.

Sophomore Stephanie Lusiner scored the game winning goal in overtime against WVW to break a scoreless tie.

After scoring the goal, Lusiner was swarmed by her teammates. "I took off running... I was really excited," Lusiner said of her reaction to the goal.

Junior Kristi McGough earned the shutout in net for OU.

In Sunday's contest, OU rolled over EU, 9-0 as it held a 28-1 shooting edge.

EU was outmatched against OU, and after Saturday's close game against WVW, the Pioneers went into Sunday's game focused.

"Our level of play was higher," Lusiner said.

Junior Jessica Mrozek and sophomore Heather Hawley each scored two goals, and sophomore Brooke Kairies assisted on three other tallies.

McGough combined with freshman goalkeeper Holly Runstadler for the team's fourth straight shutout.

OU continues to lead the league in many statistical categories this season.

Lusiner is tied for third in the league in goals and seventh in points.

Sophomore Cathy Miniuk leads the league in points and goals, with 32 and 13 respectively. Kairies has 11 assists to lead the GLIAC, while McGough leads all goalkeepers with a 0.70 goals against average. The Pioneers also lead the league in team scoring, averaging 4.36 goals a game.

Despite its victories last weekend, the Pioneers dropped from No. 22 to No. 25 in the national rankings.

The road swing continues when OU plays at Mercyhurst College Saturday and at Gannon University Sunday.

Although both games will be on the road, that is where OU seems to be most comfortable. The Pioneers are undefeated in its last 16 road games, going 15-0-1 during this streak.

OU faces a formidable opponent in Mercyhurst, the league champion last year.

Sunday's game against GU will feature the only two teams still undefeated in league play.

Pioneer weekly sports standings

Men's Soccer

School	GLIAC			All Games		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Gannon University	2	0	0	9	1	1
Mercyhurst College	2	0	0	7	2	0
Oakland University	1	1	0	6	3	1
Ashland University	0	2	0	2	7	1
Saginaw Valley State	0	2	0	1	8	2

Women's Soccer

School	GLIAC			All Games		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Gannon University	5	0	0	8	5	0
Oakland University	3	0	0	9	2	0
Mercyhurst College	4	1	0	6	4	0
Ashland University	3	2	0	5	9	0
Northwood	1	2	0	5	5	1
Northern Michigan	0	3	0	1	6	0
Grand Valley State	0	4	0	3	7	0
Saginaw Valley State	0	4	0	1	8	0

Volleyball

School	GLIAC			All Games		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Southern Division						
Oakland University	4	0	0	13	6	0
Wayne State University	3	1	0	10	7	0
Hillsdale College	2	2	0	6	12	0
Gannon University	1	4	0	7	11	0
Ashland University	0	4	0	7	14	0
Mercyhurst University	0	5	0	4	14	0
Northern Division						
Michigan Technological	5	0	0	14	5	0
Northern Michigan	5	0	0	14	5	0
Northwood College	3	1	0	16	1	0
Ferris State University	3	2	0	10	8	0
Grand Valley State	2	3	0	14	8	0
Saginaw Valley	1	3	0	7	9	0
Lake Superior State	1	6	0	4	17	0

Sports in brief

CISL Soccer

OU alumnus, Andy Wagstaff helped power the Detroit Neon over Monterrey La Raza last Sunday in Continental Indoor Soccer League first round play-off action. Wagstaff's first goal of the season and OU alumnus Earl Parris added two assists to force a third and deciding game at Monterrey last night.

Men's Basketball

Freshman Dan Champagne suffered a dislocated left hip during pre-season conditioning last Wednesday. He is not expected to return to action before January.

•The team is also looking for a team manager. Candidates can call Eric Stephan at 370-3195 for more details.

Congress

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program needs \$2,500 to kick off the fall pilot. Student Congress member Hemant Mahamwal said finding the funds should not be a problem.

Congress' version will be student funded and student initiated.

Kathryn Kumeisha said the money for the pilot will come from Congress' budget. Costs include, \$700 for a template for the evaluation form, \$1,155 for 15,000 copies and \$545 for distribution, marketing and publicity.

The program has been tried and abandoned several times in the past.

Now that a evaluation is being reconsidered, a few changes have been made to make it successful. This time the administration and faculty, as well as students, are being consulted in developing questions for the forms.

The pilot evaluation will

involve an eleven step process, including a pre-test, before being finalized.

After completion, schools and programs will be selected. Program engineers will negotiate with the selected departments and faculty, and a course evaluation team will be established.

"Who the course evaluation team will consist of"

Forms will be distributed and collected, and finally the results will be compiled, analyzed and published.

The next phase is to remove bugs from the pilot and expand the program for the Winter 1997.

The long term goals include having a team in place, establishing a distribution network to all departments and faculty, increasing campus-wide publicity, compiling, analyzing and publishing results.

The program will be discussed further at the next Congress meeting at 4 p.m. on Monday in the OC Fireside Lounge.

Union

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strict representative for local 1925 and organizer of the demonstration. "I think we deserve better than what we're getting."

Still the union hasn't requested a strike vote from its members.

Willard Kendall, Assistant Vice President for Employee Relations said that talks are moving forward, but would make no further comment.

Trustee James Sharp said that prolonged talks are simply a part of the negotiating process. "They are like migrating birds," Sharp said of the union and OU administration. "Birds go from Michigan to Florida every year. It's a long hard process, but they always get through it."

Informal telephone meetings occur almost daily, both sides confirmed.

Average College Costs Increase By Five Percent

By Colleen DeBaise
College Press Service

NEW YORK- The cost of college tuition will continue to outpace inflation this year, and students are borrowing more than ever to get degrees, according to a new study.

"I had scholarships and parental support for college [but] have been relying on loans-about \$50,000-for graduate school," said Derek R. Larson, a doctoral student in history at Indiana University.

His wife is also a graduate student, and they wonder how they'll pay off the loans, he said.

"I expect we'll be lucky to pay off our debt in 10 years after finding work, assuming we can both find jobs in our respective fields at all," he said. "I feel quite insecure about the financial future my investment may bring."

According to a College Board survey released Sept. 25, students at four-year public colleges and universities can expect to pay about 6 percent more this year for tuition. That's about \$155 more than last year.

Four-year private schools boosted undergraduate tuition this year by 5 percent, which means students will have to pay about \$607 more.

Room and board also jumped, an average 6 percent, or \$220, at public colleges and universities, and about 4 percent, or \$195, at private schools, the study found.

Donald M. Stewart, presi-

dent of the College Board, said that despite costs that "are daunting too many, for most Americans, the fact remains that college is still accessible-especially in the light of financial aid currently available."

Stewart urged students and families to keep college costs in perspective, noting a majority of students pay less than \$4,000 per year. Only about 5 percent of college students attend the highest-priced universities that charge more than \$20,000 a year, he said.

The study by the College Board, an association of about 3,000 colleges, also found that federal aid is available to students at a record level-more than \$50 billion.

But most student-aid growth has come in the form of federal loans, said Lawrence Gladieux, executive director for policy analysis at the College Board's Washington office. In 1995-1996, federal loan programs provided \$29 billion in aid to students-57 percent of all available aid.

In contrast, federal grant support continued to decline-despite a slight increase of \$40 in the maximum Pell Grant. Now grants represent just 42 percent of total federal, state and institutional aid.

"Since the mid-70's, the Pell Grant has lost ground both to inflation and to the rising cost of college-a 40 percent decrease over 20 years," said Stewart.

But Jack Joyce, associate director of information at the association's College Scholarship Service, points out

that half of all students enrolled in higher education receive some financial aid, often a combination of grants, scholarships, loans and work-study.

"Focusing on 'sticker price' or allowing 'sticker shock' to influence college choice will limit opportunities that are out there for students," he said.

Some private schools have reacted to "sticker shock" with promises not to raise tuition more than the inflation rate; others have simply cut tuition. The most publicized example is Muskingum College, which cut its tuition more than \$4,000 this year, from \$13,850 to \$9,850.

James B. Appleberry, president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, said the good news in the College Board report is that there is more financial aid available for students to attend college than ever before.

The bad news is that the increase is in the form of loans rather than grants, which means "we are creating a seriously debt-burdened society," he said.

He blames rising costs on state legislature that have "deprioritized" funding for public colleges and universities.

"Historically, most states have paid more than two thirds of the cost of college education, and the student or their family paid the rest," he said. "Now, many states pay only 50 percent."

Renewal

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In addition, if actual expenditures for capital improvements exceed \$750,000 over the 10 years Arena Associates it would have the option of extending the lease for one year for each additional \$75,000 for the maximum of five years.

The possibility of an electronic marquee to promote Music Festival events as well as other OU events and events at other Arena Associate venues will be included in a separate agreement.

General improvements which will be made include more bathrooms, a new deck and expanding the pavilion. Approximately \$1 million will be put into the renovations.

The university is excited about the extended contract. "We certainly have a desirable venue here and they (Arena Associates) have certainly proved themselves to be worthy tenants," said Russi.

The contract issue was originally slated to be voted on by the Board Oct. 3, however they decided more negotiating was

necessary. "This is a very important and long term contract," said Paul Bissonnette, vice president of finance and administration. "We are dealing with issues such as the signage agreement and there is still a lot of detailed work needing to be completed."

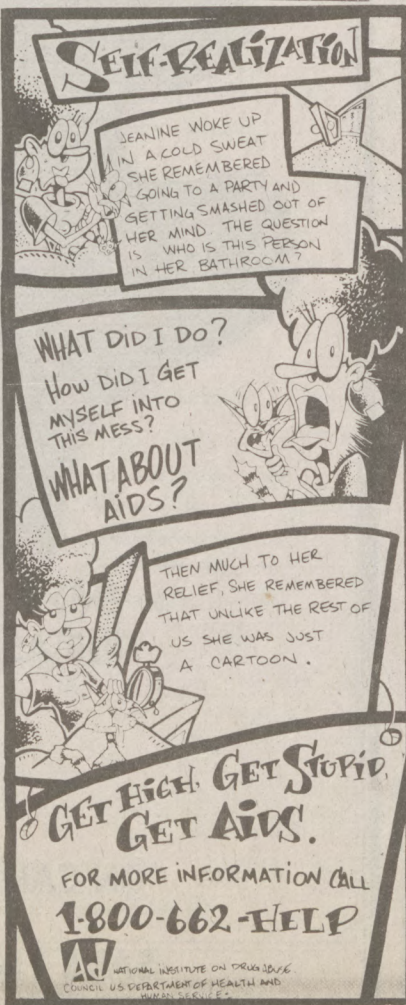
Bissonnette, however did say that there was a slight urgency of time. "The programming for the next season usually begins in January or February so there is some time urgency for this to be complete," he said.

Bissonnette hopes to have the negotiations complete some time this week.

The board plans to call a special meeting to vote on the contract once the final plans are in place.

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Protest appearance of ex-klansman

By College Press Service

LOS ANGELES- Police in riot gear were called in Sept. 25 to break up students protesting the appearance of former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke at California State University-Northridge.

CSUN's student senate voted 12-11 to invite the former Louisiana legislator to a Sept. 25 debate with Joe Hicks, a civil rights activist and executive director of the Los Angeles-based Multicultural Collaborative. But Duke's paid appearance angered many students and minority activists, who were upset that the self-avowed white supremacist was given a forum to express his views.

Dozens of police officers, some on horseback, used batons to disperse the crowd after fighting erupted outside the student union where the debate was held. A few demonstrators pelted police with rocks, and several people were injured. According to a Reuters report, some protesters chanted, "Go home KKK."

Some of the harshest critics of Duke's appearance were proponents of Proposition 209, the Nov. 5 California ballot

proposition that would ban race and gender preferences in all state hiring and college admissions. California Gov. Pete Wilson, Proposition 209 supporter, blasted Cal State University-Northridge's decision to invite Duke to an affirmative-action debate, calling the campus debate "nothing but a sham."

In a statement, Wilson said "the debate surrounding Proposition 209, the California Civil Rights Initiative...is nothing but a sham, a phony setup by the opponents of CCRI to manipulate voters into equating Prop. 209 with racism and hatred."

"Mr. Duke does not represent the pro-209 committee or the views of those who oppose race-based preference programs," Wilson said. "Further, I reject entirely the racist past and present of Mr. Duke (who) has demonstrated himself to be a hater and a bigot."

Wilson said CSUN's student senate and affirmative action supporters were doing "a great disservice" by wrongly affiliating Duke with proposition, adding that students were entitled to a reasonable debate.



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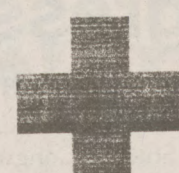


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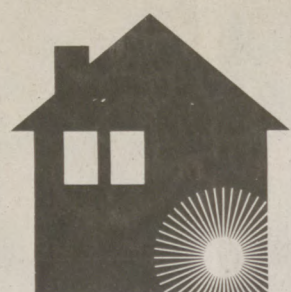
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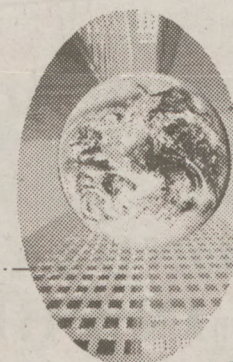
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