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Search for dean continues

By CAROL ZITO
News Editor

The search for a dean for the College of Arts and Sciences continues this week with the last of five semi-finalists being interviewed by the Dean Search committee.

Thomas Gorell, associate dean of the College of Natural Sciences at Colorado State University, will be on campus April 2-5 to meet with faculty, staff and students.

Candidates have been meeting with university officials since early March to fill the position, which is being filled by acting Dean David Downing.

"Our hope is that we have a dean in place by August 15," said Robert Eberwein, committee chairman.

Other candidates include John Urice, dean of Ball State University's College of Fine Arts; Robert Corbett, head of the geology department at Central Michigan University; and Harold Dengerink, associate dean of Washington State University's College of Arts and Sciences.

Paul Yu, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Central Michigan University, interviewed for the position but has taken a job elsewhere, Eberwein said.

Selection criteria for the position includes evidence of leadership ability, the extent and quality of publications, knowledge of working with a budget, effective communication skills and quality of previous administrative work.

Paul Tomboulion, committee member, said, "You don't sit down with a list and look for these things, but in the back of your mind you think about these things (when ranking the candidates)."

Eberwein said when the committee decides who the finalists will be, it will make its recommendation to the provost, who will make his recommendation to the board of trustees.

Italian serenade



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Italian musician Pino Marelli performs March 29 in the Fireside Lounge as part of the Italian Festival, which took place Wednesday and Thursday. Dancing, crafts and food samples were all part of the event, sponsored by CIPO and the Italian club.

LUIS slows student work

By MICHELLE MICHAEL
Staff Writer

Delays and shutdowns in the computerized reference system have made it difficult for some students to locate books and materials in Kresge Library, especially since the 1.7 million cards in the old catalog system were thrown away for lack of space.

The Library User Information System (LUIS) replaced the traditional card catalog last month as the sole means for researching library materials, leaving some students frustrated and somewhat concerned.

"When the system goes down, where do you go?" asked Vera Harman, an Ecorse junior.

Harman said she hadn't experienced problems herself, but was concerned with the lack of a backup.

Novi freshman Rick Hill was less satisfied with LUIS. He said he likes the on-line system only "sometimes."

Hill said he wishes the card catalog was still available for times when he can't find information on LUIS.

Some students found what they needed, while others sought help from library staff.

"Once you get used to it, it's good," said Greg Niemiec, a Sterling Heights freshman, who suggested an index for subject headings to make the search process easier.

Jodee Blaszkowski, a Clarkston graduate student, was frustrated with LUIS, and has had to ask the reference librarian for assistance. She said LUIS was a good idea but the system takes patience to use.

Library personnel have no regrets with the switch to LUIS and the destruction of the card catalog, according to Suzanne Frankie, library dean.

"We've done away with it because we have an on-line catalog now ... which is much easier to use, less expensive to maintain and easier to keep up to date," Frankie said.

LUIS costs less to maintain because the library doesn't need to hire staff to type, sort, file and update cards, as with the old system, she said. LUIS is also easier for library staff to use and update, she said.

Information can be added to LUIS by taping, a method which is quicker than typing in the data manually.

"There will be times when the See COMPUTER page 3

Commencement date change spoils students' plans

By KATHLEEN MILLER
Special Writer

Kirsten Vandebussche does not want to receive her diploma while wearing her wedding dress.

That's the problem the graduating senior faces since spring commencement ceremonies were rescheduled from Sunday, June 4 to Saturday, June 3.

When she began planning her wedding last December, Vandebussche consulted the schedule of classes for winter 1989, which lists June 4 as the commencement date for December '88 and April '89

graduates.

It wasn't until mid-March that Vandebussche, a marketing major, received a letter from the provost office informing her of the change.

Announcement of the change "wasn't handled with the priority it should have been," Vandebussche said.

According to Tom Atkinson, assistant provost and commencement coordinator, letters could not be sent to April graduates until a list of names was available, and the deadline for degree applications was Feb. 6, 1989.

Graduates who finished in De-

cember were informed in December because their names were available, Atkinson said.

Another student inconvenienced by the change is Ken Peters, 24, who said he thought the situation was handled irresponsibly.

Peters, a marketing major, has relatives from Florida and Tennessee coming to watch him graduate. Peters said his relatives have already purchased plane tickets, and his parents had planned to drive to Tennessee to bring up one of his grandparents.

The change moves everything up a day, he said, creating a hassle for

his whole family.

"It's been a total pain," Peters said. Other students say the change has not caused them any problems.

Beth Fielding, a communications major, said she is very excited about commencement.

"It's really important to me, and it doesn't matter what day it's held," she said.

Atkinson explained the reason for the change saying that for years OU graduation ceremonies were held on Saturdays. But in 1984 some Jewish students complained because Saturdays are their Sabbath. By 1987 a decision was made to alternate

spring and fall commencement ceremonies between Saturday and Sunday.

But last year, the School of Engineering asked to be included in the ceremonies held at the Baldwin Pavilion of Meadow Brook Music Festival, where most of the other schools graduate. The addition meant that ceremonies would have to start at 10 a.m. to allow enough time for all the students to walk through the ceremonies.

But Atkinson said the problem with having spring commencements on Sunday is that "in today's society, See GRADS page 3

Local residents to march for women's rights

By KATHY POMAVILLE
Staff Writer

Four busloads of Oakland and Macomb County residents will descend upon Washington, D.C. April 9 to march for women's equality.

The National Organization for Women (NOW), which is sponsoring the march, has attracted students from nearly 385 colleges and universities across the nation, including OU, to the march.

"The force of numbers will make a statement. They (the legislators) will realize that a few noisy people don't speak for the majority," said Sandy Everill, treasurer of NOW, which meets on campus monthly.

They plan to demonstrate their support of women's rights to safe and legal abortions and birth control. They want to protest the U.S. Supreme Court's re-examination of Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services, which may overturn the 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

The Webster case, based on a two-year-old Missouri law, declares that human life begins at the "moment of conception."

The case stopped the use of public funds to counsel women about abortions and prohibited public hospitals from performing abortions that are not necessary to save women's lives.

Supreme Court decisions have been influenced by the voice of the people, said Mary Lark, NOW state chapter developer. The march comes 15 days before the Supreme Court re-hears the Webster case.

ALTHOUGH MOST of the attention is drawn to the rights of women, people are marching for the rights of all citizens.

"There is an erosion of civil rights for all minorities, and that makes me fearful," Lark said.

Lark blames the deterioration of citizens' rights on the Reagan administration, but hopes to bring about a change with the Bush as president. She said she thinks the

march can help the cause.

The protestors will spend nearly 25 hours on chartered buses as traveling motels.

Leaving Saturday night, and stopping only once, the marchers will arrive in Washington, D.C. Sunday morning. After spending nearly eight hours rallying for their cause, the marchers will leave Sunday night and return home Monday morning.

The march will give a "clear and compelling message that we will fight back to keep abortion and birth control safe, legal and accessible, and that we will not give up until women are included in the constitution," said Molly Yard, NOW president.

Number of students caught cheating rises over past year

By JAMES SUROWIEC
Special Writer

Despite the university's strict policy against cheating and the risk of expulsion for students who get caught, the number of reported cases of academic misconduct rose last year.

In the 1987-88 academic year, 26 cases of academic misconduct were reported, involving 45 students. Thirty-four students were found guilty and 23 were suspended, according to university publication *Linkages*.

The figures show an increase from

the 1986-87 year where 11 cases were reported, involving 24 students. Eleven were found guilty and four were suspended.

Figures for 1988-89 academic year are not available yet.

Harvey Burdick, professor of psychology and chairman of the Academic Conduct committee, said that the statistics suggest an increase in cheating reported, rather than an increase in cheating.

Cheating carries such heavy consequences, Burdick said, because it challenges the integrity of the university.

According to David Herman,

dean of students, the university publishes the cheating policy in three documents, which students are responsible for reading: the student handbook, the course catalog and a handout at orientation.

Herman also encourages faculty to talk about the university's policy in class and include it in the class syllabus.

"I think we've made a good faith effort to get the information out to them (students)," Herman said.

However, some students are not aware of the policy.

Junior Karen Shepard, 22, said she may have been informed, but it

did not leave a lasting impression on her.

"I don't know what the policies are on cheating. It was probably explained to me at one time but I didn't think much of it," Shepard said.

Junior Nino DiCosmo, 21, said that he had a basic understanding of the policy due to his own investigation but not because anyone told him.

"I definitely got the information on my own. It's never been reiterated in any classes by professors," DiCosmo said.

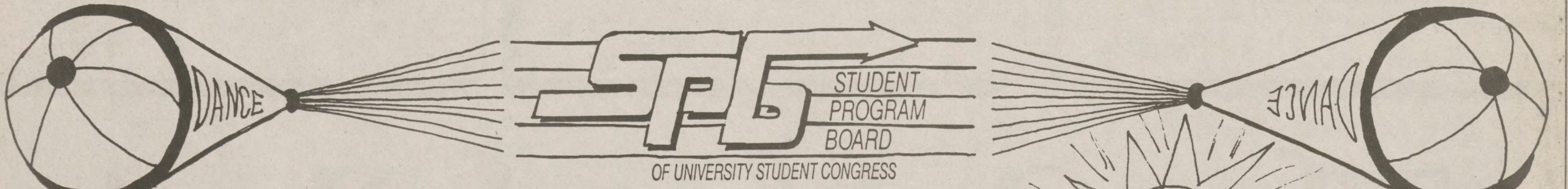
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Lynn Trefzer and her puppet entertain their audience during a Main-stage performance March 30 in the Oakland Center Crockery. The act, called "Lynn and Friends," was sponsored by the Student Programming Board.

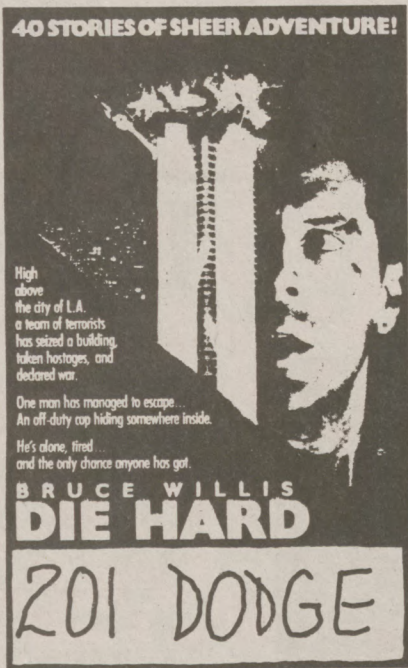


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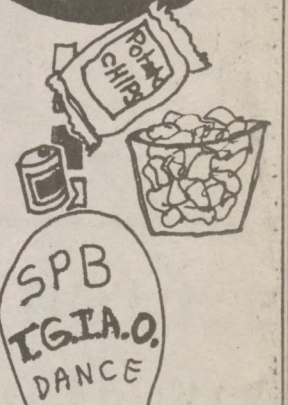
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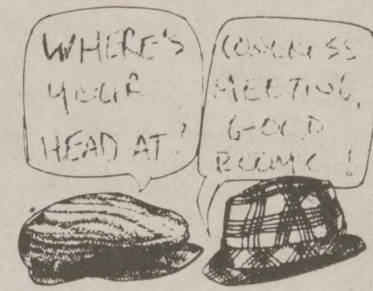
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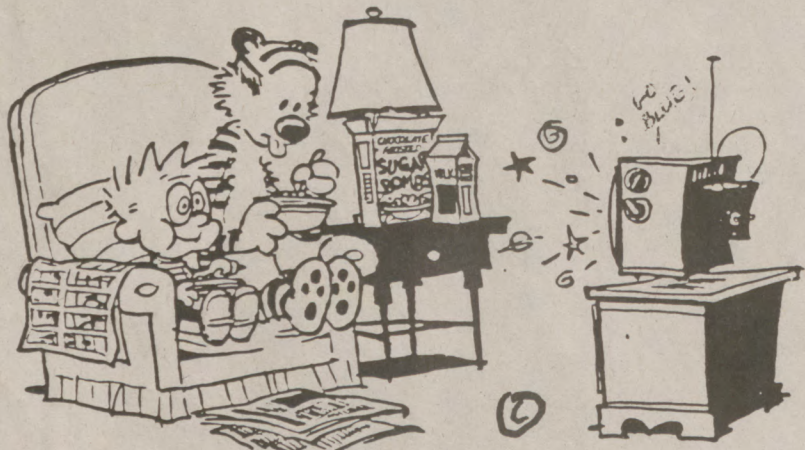
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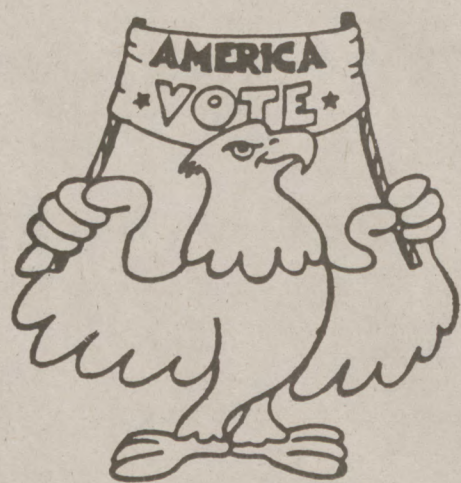


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News Briefs

Student Congress votes to raise GPA standards

New students should have a 2.8-3.0 minimum grade point average for admittance at OU, the Oakland University Student Congress said March 27, after a 15-8 vote in favor of raising the standards.

Ronald Tracy, chairman of the Academic Policy and Planning committee (APPC), attended the meeting to report the outcome to the APPC. The APPC is soliciting opinions about undergraduate admissions standards from other university organizations as well, to present them to the University Senate in the fall.

OU is reviewing its agenda for the next 10 years, and admission standards for undergraduates is one of the issues under review.

Currently, undergraduates need a 2.5 GPA from high school

for admission or 32 credit hours from a community college. OU doesn't require ACT or SAT test scores for admission.

One argument against raising the standards was that high school grades aren't a good indication of a student's potential.

Information compiled by William Barsh

Woman gets flashed in library

A man exposed himself to a female studying in the library March 27, according to police reports.

The woman was reading a magazine when the man walked toward the journal rack. She turned to say something to him when he pulled up the leg of his gym shorts, exposing himself.

There are no suspects in the case, said Richard Leonard, director of Public Safety.

Information compiled by Christina Fuoco

Dorm Notes

Multiculture week offers variety

A variety of food and decorations in Vandenberg's cafeteria marked Multiculture Theme Week, March 26-30.

The week began with a trip to the Holocaust Memorial Center in West Bloomfield, where students saw artifacts from the Holocaust, according to Ken Jenrow, head resident.

On Tuesday, a Culture Trivia Pursuit contest was held, which Anibal Hall won, according to head resident Lisa Mikolowski.

The Academy Awards provided Wednesday's activity. Students competed for accuracy in predicting the Oscar winners. The winner received dinner for two at a restaurant of choice along with two movie passes.

The Last Emperor was shown Thursday, bringing the week to a close.

Information compiled by Cindy Oprean

Residence halls invite brothers, sisters to campus

Geared toward all ages, Little Brother and Sister Weekend began March 31, according to Jean Ann Miller, programming coordinator of residence halls.

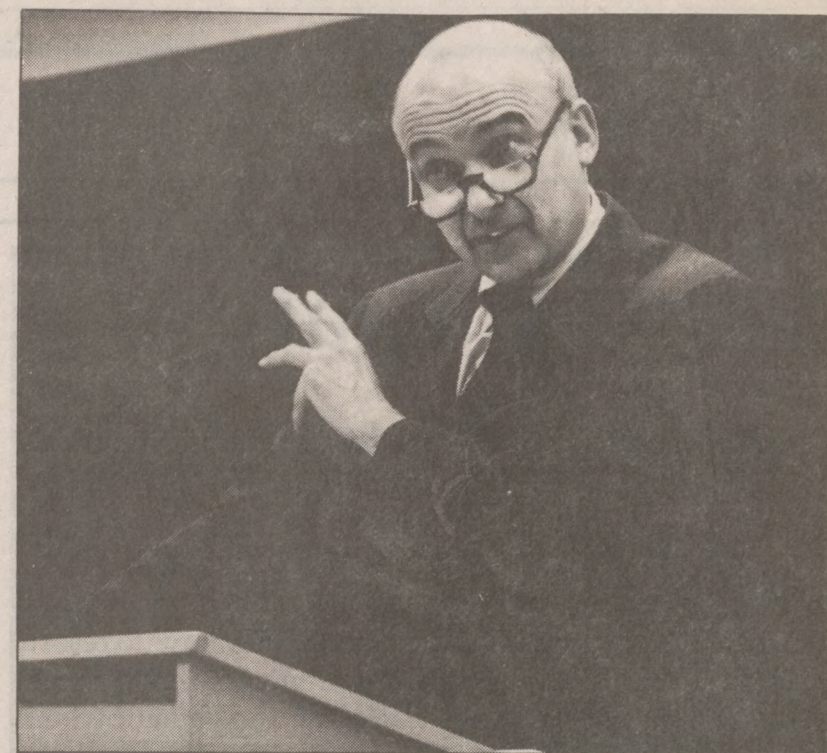
The event brings students' siblings to campus. OU's is the largest in Michigan and offers activities for all ages, Miller said.

"We just keep them active from the time that they get here to the time they leave," Miller said.

Scheduled activities included scavenger hunts, a carnival and, for the older kids, watching the Pick Up Artist. One hundred free passes for the midnight movies at Winchester Movies were distributed to participants.

Corrections

In the March 27 editorial, it should have said that the Roe vs. Wade case was decided in 1973.



The Oakland Post / Charles Kowal

Marshall Goldman, economist from Wellesley College in Massachusetts, says Gorbachev's reforms are doomed to failure at a speech March 29.

Noted economist says Soviets' Gorbachev cannot succeed

By MARY JO STURZA
Special Writer

Even though he thinks Mikhail Gorbachev is the best thing that happened to the Soviets since before the revolution, noted economist Marshall Goldman delivered a speech called *Why Gorbachev's Reforms Cannot Succeed* to about 150 people in O'Donnell Hall March 29.

Goldman reinforced his 1987 testimony to the Joint Economic Committee saying that he expects Gorbachev's reforms to fail.

Goldman, associate director of the Russian Research Center at Harvard University, said he realizes that Gorbachev has had "no road map," for moving the Soviet Union from a heavily centralized system to a decentralized one.

The professor said Gorbachev has removed the "economic curtain" in the process of reform, causing inflation and unemployment. The Soviet people are questioning the unemployment, even though it was always present and just disguised.

Goldman said the Russian people are resisting Gorbachev's reforms, which include private business growth and the right to protest, because they are conservative.

The main reason Gorbachev's reforms are doomed is the "explosive mixture" of *glasnost* (political reform allowing freedom of speech), with *perestroika* (economic restructuring).

Because the Soviets were suppressed for 70 years, their regard for *glasnost* is excessive, Goldman said.

For example, he said the Ukrainians think the "explosion at Chernobyl was genocide by the Russians against the Ukrainians," and the nationalism behind the recent vote to have the Baltic states secede from the Soviet Union. The Ukrainians also want to secede from Russia.

Goldman said the Soviet union now has the "three worst sins of capitalism: inflation, income inequality and unemployment." He said these problems, combined with the ability of the people to protest, will bring Gorbachev's downfall.

Few students opt for alternative grading system

By CINDY OPREAN
Staff Writer

Taking a class without worrying about the grade may sound tempting to students, but the regulations attached may prevent them from doing so.

Nine students this year chose to register under the satisfactory/unsatisfactory grading option, according to Ronald Somerville, associate registrar.

The option, available to students with 28 or more credit hours, allows a student to receive an 'S' or a 'U' instead of a numerical grade. It has been available at OU since Fall '86, Somerville said.

The option is not available for classes in a student's major, minor or for any general education requirements, said Thomas Atkinson, assistant provost. It is open for some, but not all, classes counted as electives. Students choosing the option must

file the appropriate form with the registration office by the late registration period.

Professors issue numerical grades to all students, but if a student is registered under the S/U option, the registrar's office will make the change, Atkinson said.

Grades at 2.0 or above equal an 'S,' and anything under that equals a 'U.' Students may not repeat a course for a numerical grade if a 'U' grade is received, but they may repeat it for

an 'S.'

Changing majors is covered under the option.

If students receive an S/U grade for a required class in their new major or minor, they can petition the registrar's office. The numerical grade the professor originally issued will be reinstated. This applies only when the change of major is done at OU. Students may not transfer an S/U grade to another university with its original numerical grade.

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you don't hold a public event on Sunday morning" because the turnout would not be a good one.

Spring commencement has the largest number of students involved, while fall graduation has less because it is mostly for students finishing in the summer semester.

Atkinson said from now on spring ceremonies will be held on Saturday and fall ceremonies on Sunday, to avoid future problems.

But for Vandenburg, that's little consolation.

Her plans were to get married on Saturday, graduate on Sunday and move to San Diego, Calif. the following week.

The wedding time was set for 4 p.m., the same time the business school's ceremonies are being held.

She said she has thought of several solutions, including postponing her wedding time or getting her diploma between the wedding and reception. In order to do that, she would have to wear her wedding dress to commencement, which she does not want to do.

"I don't want to create a side-show," she said. "I don't want to take the glory away from everybody else."

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Cheating

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A memo sent out by the Academic Conduct Committee said that "academic violations include plagiarism and cheating on assignments, laboratory work or examinations."

When a student is suspected of a violation, it is the professor's responsibility to bring charges to the committee.

Burdick said that a student can bring charges against another student.

"It doesn't have to be reported by an instructor; it could be reported by a fellow student," he said. "I don't think students realize that anyone could bring an accusation."

If accused, the student appears before the Academic Conduct committee, which reviews the case.

If the committee decides that a violation has been proven, then the student may face a reprimand, probation, suspension or dismissal.

Many of the faculty said they took offense to cheaters in their classes.

Burdick feels that cheating goes against everything education stands for.

"We are committed to the truth," Burdick said. "This is what higher education, research and teaching is about, and you contradict it when you cheat."

James McKay, professor of mathematical sciences, said it is the instructor's obligation to report students suspected of cheating.

"We owe it to all the students to have policies that would protect the grading scale for students who are not cheating and not let the people who cheat somehow get by," McKay said.

Learning is the student's responsibility, McKay said, "but the institution has to structure things so the people are motivated to get as much out of the education as they can."

Edward Hoepfner, assistant professor of English, said that although he feels cheating is a serious matter, he would not turn in a student without first discussing the situation with him or her.

"People are under a lot of pressure," Hoepfner said, because "education has become a requisite for business and jobs and success and money... It's something that the university and society have helped create."

He said he understood the pressures students face.

"I think the pressure may be increasing for people to have the product, the degree, or the grade, or whatever it is they're after," Hoepfner said.

He did say he views cheating as a violation of the teacher-student relationship.

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system may go down," Frankie added. "But the risk is less than the benefits."

Ann Pogany, assistant professor of the library, said that while people expect to spend several minutes flipping through a card catalog, they don't have the patience to wait a fraction of that time if the computer system goes down.

"People expect instantaneous results," she said.

Pogany said that the system is hooked into a central processor at Wayne State University.

"Phone lines are a big problem," Pogany said, because they can receive static or just fail altogether.

LIBRARY STAFF must contact computer personnel at WSU who will correct any problems, which generally takes minutes, Pogany said.

Reference librarian Richard Pettengill said that LUIS has been very slow since mid-March, but he doesn't know why. Information is usually retrievable, but users have to wait for each screen to come up, he said.

Pettengill said an alternative for students when LUIS is down is a computer at the reference desk, which is maintained by the Oakland County Library Cooperative (OCLC).

The only other means for finding information when LUIS is down is from a reference librarian, who may know the location of a specific reference material as well as the general location of a book, Pettengill said. Otherwise, there's no backup for a failed computer.

Kresge is one of several Detroit area libraries, including University of Detroit, Detroit Public Library and Oakland Community College, that have access to the central processor at WSU.

The libraries sign a contract with WSU under which they pay to load information into the central processor in exchange for LUIS computer training, computer assistance and terminals, she said.

Even though library personnel

dumped the last catalog cards around Feb. 20, periodical listings and other materials still need to be loaded into LUIS to make it complete, Pogany said.

She said staff is in the process of taping loading periodicals into LUIS. If everything goes as planned, the transition may be complete this week.

"Small packets of music, books about music, music scores haven't been done, as well as a small area of Chinese (literature)," Pogany said.

But it will be "less than a year" until all information is in LUIS, she said. This is due to staff having to juggle job responsibilities and loading information.

THERE was no room for the catalog in the new library wings, which are still under construction.

Frankie said that it would have been better not to switch over until all the periodical listings had been loaded.

LUIS was first introduced to Kresge about two years ago, Pogany said. About five months later, the staff realized the library didn't have the resources to maintain two completely different index systems. At that time, card catalog maintenance was abolished with full concentration going to LUIS.

"The intent (with LUIS) was to eventually replace the card catalog," Pogany said.

There are currently eight terminals located on the main floor, but Frankie projects 14 terminals by September 1989, plus two each on the second and third floors.

Eric Condie, assistant dean of the library, said each terminal costs about \$1,200.

LUIS is also accessible to people outside the library who have a phone modem and computer.

The card catalog cabinets were auctioned off, Frankie said. Takers include the library's Instructional Technology Center, which is using the cabinets to store tape cassettes.

Frankie said that she bought one for \$50, but doesn't yet know what she will use it for.

She said the 1.7 million unrecyclable catalog cards were thrown away.

Administrators must set example for community

It is unfortunate that some people feel they have to resort to misleading and cheap methods to promote their opinions on abortion. It is especially disheartening and pathetic when people who do so are in positions of authority where their actions have a wide impact.

OU administrator David Strubler went from "pro-life" activist to manipulative politician when he handed out "questions" for people to read during the question-and-answer period following the lecture of Sarah Weddington, the lawyer who successfully argued *Roe vs. Wade* before the Supreme Court. Rather than genuine debate about the issues surrounding abortion, the question session turned into a series of mini-speeches by "pro-lifers."

STRUBLER HAS every right to hold pro-life beliefs, and to present them as he sees fit. That is guaranteed in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. However, having other people give your ideas as their own goes against the concept of public debate.

Strubler's questionable action not only insulted Weddington, but every intelligent person in the room. The question period after Weddington's speech was designed to be a public forum on abortion, but because of Strubler, many people for whom the abortion question is important missed out on a worthwhile learning opportunity.

TO MAKE matters worse, Strubler could not admit his mistake when Weddington asked for the person handing out questions to come forward.

President Joseph Champagne should take measures to ensure that such incidents are not repeated in the future. Maybe then free speech will have some real meaning.

Library's LUIS poses problems

Finding information at Kresge Library has never been easy, but with the elimination of the hard card catalog and implementation of a computerized system (LUIS), the situation is nearing impossible.

While The Post is firmly in favor of progress, this strikes us as a bad idea.

The card catalog was always available, and easy to use. Not so with LUIS. Of-

ten, the system goes down, for hours at a time, leaving no way to find books without memorizing the Library of Congress filing system.

Progress is fine, sometimes the old tested methods work the best. With all the extra space at Kresge, some spot for the card catalog should have been found, at least until all the bugs in LUIS are worked out.

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Planted 'questions' cheapen debate

Viewpoint

By SHEA HOWELL

Editor's note: This viewpoint was sent to the Post as a letter to David Strubler, manager of employee and staff development.

Dear Dave,

I'm writing to initiate a public framework for discussion of the ethical implications of the "incident" at Sarah Weddington's speech. I expected her speech to be surrounded by controversy. As the person who successfully argued *Roe v. Wade* before the Supreme Court, Dr. Weddington is a national spokesperson for pro-choice. This raises many strong feelings on all sides, and over the last year we have seen increasing polarization on this issue. In the course of her speech, Weddington stressed the importance of young people knowing that they can make a difference in how our country functions and saw as her major responsibility increasing their understanding of the constitutional issues of privacy

surrounding the case. Given the fullness of her presentation and the complexity of the issues, I had hoped that the question-and-answer period following the speech would be a lively exchange, where questions could be explored and debated. So I was disappointed—though not surprised—when the first few speakers did not respond to the actual presentation, but chose to make statements from an anti-abortion perspective. As time went on, this was about the only perspective coming from the "questioners" who frequently had to be reminded by the chair to ask questions rather than make speeches themselves. But I was very disturbed to find out that you were "the man."

THIS RAISES serious issues of how we as faculty and administrators participate in developing dialogue on controversial matters. This is a public question involving the larger university community, not a personal matter between us. In this spirit, I have asked the Oakland Post to publish this letter as a Viewpoint.

As you know, I believe in the im-

portance of public dialogue and debate. I am glad to see you stand for what you believe and to take public positions. There is far too little of this today. But I am disturbed by the implications of your providing questions for others to ask, presenting themselves as individuals, rather than representatives of an anti-abortion group. If public debate is to have any meaning at all in our country, each of us must stand up honestly for what we think and feel. Our responsibility as teachers and leaders is to help others find their own authentic voices so that they can contribute their perceptions, passions and perspectives.

STAGING QUESTIONS and encouraging people to present them as their own cheapens public debate. It is a kind of intellectual violence which distorts the ability of citizens to engage with one another in precisely the kind of discussion complex and difficult issues like the decision to bear and raise children demand. It shows a fundamental disrespect for all of us who are trying to make judgments about the kind of principles and policies we should establish on this question.

Those of us in positions of leadership have the responsibility to foster a climate of genuine exchange among people speaking from themselves about their beliefs. You do no service to your own people by substituting the words of others for theirs. This sort of action leads me to conclude that members of your group are not sincere, but easily manipulated people who do not take their own thoughts seriously. You rob all of us—especially those students present at the lecture for whom the question of bearing children is an immediate issue—of a rare opportunity to explore issues honestly.

I INVITE you to reconsider the implications of your strategy on the university community, our students and your own people who are looking to you for leadership. I also encourage you to discuss the ethical questions involved in this with your co-workers and to consider participating in a public discussion with administrators, students and faculty about how we can approach public controversy in a meaningful way.

Howell is an associate professor of communications.

Letters to the Editor

Pro-choice stance riles Post readers

Society needs to examine morals

I am writing this letter in response to an article on the opinion page of last week's Post entitled, "Pro-lifers push morals, not laws." First, I would like to congratulate the author for identifying a key factor of the pro-life argument, namely "morals." The article stated that "Despite what one personally thinks about abortion, even if one considers it murder, it's not right to force those beliefs on others."

Laws are made and enforced to protect the rights of others. At some point in time these laws conflict with the moral beliefs of some people. That is why we have murder today, because some people are not bothered morally when they kill someone. One would certainly not use this argument to abolish laws against murder or violence. Let's face it, the laws we live under and respect today are all based on someone's idea of morality. Whether we hold

those same standards or not, we must obey.

Tolerance is a necessary virtue, and our country today is full of it. We must remember, however, that there has to be a limit on what we allow to be tolerated. If we refuse to submit to "government-dictated morality," as the author puts it, our society will not survive its unrestrained impulses.

The editorial also stated that "legal rights for an individual begin at birth, not at conception, a view we share." This is the crux of the problem, isn't it? Where does life begin? There is no doubt that there is life present immediately following conception. What form it takes is irrelevant. That living, growing blob will become a child within months. Until then he or she is totally dependent upon the mother for survival. Whether that life is terminated at three weeks or three months, a life indeed has been ended, and yes, I call it murder.

Simply because a fetus is totally dependent upon its mother does

not mean that it is her property to dispose of as she wills. When a newborn baby is abandoned, people are outraged and filled with pity for the poor and defenseless baby. When a totally dependent fetus is given up by the one who holds its life, it's just her prerogative. Next we will begin to terminate the sick and elderly because they are dependent upon machines, and cannot live "productive" lives.

When does life begin, when does it end? Are these questions ones you are willing to take responsibility for, all in the name of rights? What is moral, what is immoral? Has our society tolerated so many alternatives that we have lost our basic concepts of reality? Did not the fight against racism start from the pulpit, was not Martin Luther King, Jr., a preacher, a man of morals?

I believe that we must take a step backward and being to re-evaluate our lives and our society. Before making a decision upon "rights," we should make sure we

have defined just what life is, and where it begins. If we cannot make that definition, then it is not our place to base such important decisions on the merit of rights alone. Yes, the pro-life argument is a moral one, and I believe our society is based upon those morals. Let's get back to them.

John James

Editorial misstates relevant legal fact

Jane Roe asked the Supreme Court to declare the Texas Criminal Abortion Statute unconstitutional as an inherent deprivation of her liberty without due process of law which was in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment. The Court ruled in her favor (7-2). This decision vindicates the right of the physician to administer medical treatment according to his professional judgment and relieves all states from taking a role in that process. If *Roe vs. Wade* is overturned by the pending Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services case, then the states will regain their right to abortion statutes like that of Texas. Your editorial states that the pending case will either overturn the *Roe vs. Wade* judgment or return abortion rights to the states, believing that "neither option is satisfactory." Both options are one in the same.

I hope that you are more responsible to the facts in future editorials than you have shown in this past example.

Brian Murphy
Student Congress president

Letters to the Editor

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Letters to the Editor

Women, children deserve option to abortion

In response to the editorial "Pro-Lifers push moral, not laws" published in the March 27, 1989 *Oakland Post*, I would like to point out that moral considerations have always been an integral part of our nation's laws. Likewise, at times we forfeit our "rights of privacy," if we can prove that the greater good is to protect the life of individuals. An example of this would be our laws against "illegal drugs," (although, of course, people continue to take them).

Yet, regardless of the moral backbone in our Constitution, we also have had a regrettable history of denying rights to certain individuals, such as blacks, women, and other minorities, because of incorrect "interpretations" of this same doctrine. Obviously, the fundamental question in the abortion issue is: When does life begin? More precisely, is an unborn baby a viable human being; a person society must protect and secure a constitutional right for? Or, is a fetus (which means young one) just a pile of cells, that our own throw-away society justifiably rids itself of like a dreaded cancer?

Ironically, considering the nature of our abortion laws, premature babies are extraordinarily saved as early as 19 weeks gestation. Furthermore, doctors are now able to deliver (by Caesarean section) an unborn baby, perform open-heart or even brain surgery on him, and place him back into the womb where he will continue to grow, until he is ready to be "born" again.

Nevertheless, considering most women have abortions between the second and third month of pregnancy, we are obligated to consult relevant first trimester medical facts. The first documented sign of life is the heartbeat,

detected as early as the 18th day after fertilization (about the time when a woman with a regular menstrual cycle may be first suspecting her pregnancy). Next, by the 20th day, the complex foundation for the entire nervous system has been laid down. At 42 days the skeleton is complete and reflexes are present. In addition, as early as the 43rd day, electrical brain waves have been recorded (undetectable brain waves waves may occur earlier). During the eighth week, if you tickle a baby's nose, he will flex his head away from the stimulus. By nine to 10 weeks doctors have discovered he squints, swallows, moves his tongue, and if you stroke his palm he will make a fist. Fingernails appear at 11 to 12 weeks, when a fetus is often found sucking his thumb vigorously, and breathing his amniotic fluid in order to aid in the development of the organs of respiration. Delicate features such as eyelashes appear as early as 16 weeks. In fact, fetal research has proven that unborn babies dream, prefer sweet tastes, and even experience pain.

Let us not forget, there are alternatives to abortion! In fact thousands of Pregnancy Aid, Birth-right, Crisis Pregnancy Centers (including one here in Rochester), and other such organizations are ready and willing to support a woman financially (providing a home if necessary), emotionally, medically, and spiritually—whatever needs she may have. This support is voluntarily offered whether a woman's decision is to keep her baby or make an adoption plan, giving the gift of life to one of the thousands of infertile loving couples desperate for a child of their own. Counseling and group therapy for a woman experiencing emotional and physical effects after an abortion is also provided, whether she experiences this 10 days or 10 years after her abortion.

In philosophy classes delving on the condition of man and woman, we learn that either all life is

sacred in all circumstances or it is intrinsically of no account. We can not have it both ways. Either our society respects all life or not at all. Isn't it time we start supporting women and children, by stressing alternatives to abortion, for everyone's sake?

Eleanor Russell

Abortion advocates force moral beliefs on helpless fetuses

In response to your March 27, 1989 article "Pro-Lifers' push morals, not laws" Can I please say the following: Whether or not the pending *Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services* Court case succeeds in overturning *Roe vs. Wade*, some basic hostility between the two abortion sides will always exist, right? If one is pro-choice or pro-life, he or she has probably got some pretty strong feelings and long-held beliefs that are not likely to change no matter what the other side says, does, or imposes on the other. I am sick and tired of hearing the basic arguments for each side's conviction over and over. And how about if we also consider dispelling myths about what little we know of the 'other side.'

I am personally on the pro-life side. I get increasingly impatient from hearing pro-choicers tell me that I'm forcing my moral beliefs on others. Actually, the way I see it, it's kind of black and white. By terminating a fetus' life, I think that someone has imposed her moral beliefs on one who cannot speak.

Call me what you may. Perhaps I'm prejudiced because I'm adopted and my biological mother chose not to have an abortion but instead face her "mistake" by providing a childless couple with an infant. But please do not make the false assumption that I am one of the "pro-lifers" (who isn't) doing more those who are born, instead of worrying about fetuses" as your

article states. Anyone who has concern for the unborn is INDEED "worried about life."

Teresa Horian

Intellectuals must take public stand against Khomeini

When Ayatollah Khomeini sentenced Salman Rushdie and his English publisher to death for blasphemy, neither of them members of the Shi'ite Muslim community of which he is imam, he defied international standards of morality. Freedom of speech is not a "Western" (i.e. merely cultural) value; it is a universally recognized right, for example in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (article 19) adopted by the U.N. General Assembly in 1948. In 1765, 24 years before the French Revolution, Voltaire described the Christian Trinity as "the old man, the carpenter, and the pigeon"—at least as offensive to Christians, even today, as *The Satanic Verses* is to Muslims—but his right to express his views was already recognized. Khomeini's action is particularly threatening to intellectuals, journalists and politicians everywhere, not just in Islamic countries. One lesson I learned from the Nazi period in Germany, and from the McCarthy and Nixon periods in our own country, is that if people do not respond to an action like that, things will only get worse.

So the question is, *what is to be done* about Khomeini? In that context, to hold a discussion confined to the literary merits of Rushdie's books, or to the customs of Islam, is to *imply* an answer to that question: *Nothing* is to be done about him. It suggests that this is always the proper response of intellectuals: to continue to practice their crafts as if nothing had happened, and hope that the threat will go away. History teaches us otherwise.

So, what is to be done about Khomeini? At the very least,

intellectuals everywhere should take a public stand against his action. By itself this may not accomplish much, but *not* doing it makes us part of the problem. People who express ideas "for a living" have no neutral place to stand on a public issue of this magnitude: to remain silent is to become an accomplice.

I think we need a university-wide meeting on the issue, and I urge the university community to publicly condemn Khomeini's action.

Richard Burke
Professor of philosophy

Public must demand high ethics standard from public officials

The standards of conduct to which we hold our nation's officials directly reflects the nation itself. But according to Lynn MacFarland of *The Oakland Post*, (March 13) "...are we victims of a hypocritical insistence on holding our politicians to standards of conduct that no person anywhere can meet?" The people who hold political office should be held to a high standard ethics and the public and the media should not be blamed for reporting the actions of our government officials.

Primarily because of accusations about drinking, and womanizing at the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START) with the Soviets in Geneva and large sums of money given to him by defense contractors, John Tower failed to be confirmed as secretary of defense. Ms. MacFarland raised the questions in regards to the John Tower case, "When did we get so self-righteous? When did we stop looking the other way, and decide that a politician must live up to OUR standards in every moment of his life, public and private?" In Mr. Tower's case it is reassuring that the Senate chose not to look, "the other way." That John Tower so freely violated his

marital vows reflects the degree of ethics which he maintains. As further indication of his poor judgment, Mr. Tower, representing his country's interests at the START talks in Geneva flagrantly engaged in heavy drinking and consorted with women who were alleged Soviet agents. These actions were serious enough to be investigated by the FBI, yet Ms. MacFarland refers to them as, "...the smallest deviation from conventional morality..." When dealing with a case such as John Tower's it is important to note the difference between mere reporting and "becoming carried away."

Ms. MacFarland goes on to make the point that, "without...a corresponding limiting of the press' right to pry, we will soon be represented at all levels of government by the safest, most conventional and most conforming people around, at a time when we need daring and innovation to solve the problems we face." By making this statement she is implying that to be daring and innovative one must be immoral and unethical. She also suggests we limit the right of the press to pry, which is censorship. The first amendment to the Bill of Rights guarantees the right of the press to be free and independent. By censoring the press, we are compromising the fundamentals upon which our government is based.

As world leaders, the people of this nation have the right to expect only the highest of standards from our public officials. When we blame the press for reporting the negative actions of our officials, we are excusing the conduct of those officials. We must demand only the best men and women to run our nations, because when we turn our backs to the action of those people whom we trust to run our government, we undermine the integrity of our entire nation.

Michael Scholl

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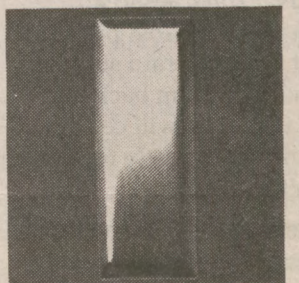


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By KATHY POMAVILLE
Staff Writer

Vicki Adams was 15 when she found out that her mother was a lesbian. She found clues—specifically a book about lesbians—that led her to realize the truth. Now 18, Adams said finding out her mother was a lesbian didn't change her feelings for her mother.

"She's the same person—same old mom," Adams said. "I guess if I considered her being a lesbian then, yeah, I guess she's different."

Nearly 2.4 million Americans are gay and about half that number are parents—the result of heterosexual now-ended marriages.

GAYS HAVE been coming out of the closet for many years, but recently homosexual parents are admitting their sexual preference to their children.

In 1989, gay civil rights groups are sprouting across the nation focusing on gay parents and their children.

"Parents used to keep quiet. But within the past couple of years, parents have been speaking up and reaching out," said Mizzette Fuenzalida, a lesbian who is the community director of Michigan Organization for Human Rights.

MOHR is a gay rights organization.

"The only difference between gay parents and straight parents is who they go to bed with," said Dr. Roxanne Allen, counselor and research assistant at special programs. Allen practices in Rochester and counsels homosexuals.

GAY PARENTS versus straight parents shouldn't be an issue, according to Allen.

Love is love and children should live with the parents best suited for the job, she said.

Fuenzalida never really told her daughter, Vicki Adams, that she

was gay.

ADAMS, WHO was seven years old when her parents separated, lived with her mother and her partner for two years. She said she thought she and her mom were living with another woman strictly for financial reasons.

There were financial difficulties but Adams was sent to live with her father in another state because her mother was denied custody. Fuenzalida said the court's decision was based solely on her sexual choices.

"He (Adams' father) can provide anything she needs financially but not emotionally," she said.

To this day Fuenzalida has not discussed the details of the custody fight with her daughter.

"There are a lot of emotions with a divorce," Fuenzalida said. "They (children) don't need to get hurt more than they have to."

Parents are protective whether they are gay or straight and many keep quiet for their children's sake, she said.

ADAMS AND her boyfriend have visited her mother's house and their stay was comfortable, Adams said.

"We walked in on them (her mother and her lover) once when they were kissing and we all just laughed," she said.

Communication is the key to any healthy relationship and family life, whether parents are homosexual or heterosexual, Allen said.

Allen said she believes that happy parents who accept themselves create the same setting for their children and are better able to communicate.

Generally, Allen said, "Any time a parent feels good, kids feel good." Of course there are exceptions.

But what is important is to let children know that homosexuality is not teaching. It can't be transmitted. A child cannot become homosexual

Gay parents

Information,
children's support
important, one
says

just because one of his or her parents is, she said.

SEXUAL PREFERENCE is determined by the age of 5. Whether it is determined by genetics, learned behavior or an unpleasant sexual experience is not known, Allen said.

There may be one other difference of living with gay parents—a through education on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

"Safe sex will be poured down their throats," warned Fuenzalida, who made sure her own daughter was fully advised.

The number of AIDS cases is decreasing in the homosexual community while it continued to rise among heterosexuals.

Though children of gays may be more apt to use condoms, they may be "more susceptible to giving in to sexual pressure," Allen said.

HER GUESS is that they may experiment with sex at an earlier age to prove their sexual preference to themselves.

Admitting homosexuality to an individual's own child can be difficult and there is no certain age or easy way to tell them, said Richard Sinicola, a Wayne State University counselor.

If a child is unhappy in a gay parent situation, the problems may stem from society's negative reactions to the gay lifestyle, he said.

However, gay parents may need a support system more than their children do, Allen said.

Many couples seek Allen out for counseling. Some couples have children, but none have sought her help because of the children.

PARENTS, GAY or straight, feel guilty when a child rebels. But gay parents are prone to blame their homosexuality for their child's problems.

Parents need to realize that many disturbing things that a child does

are normal part of a child's development whether the parents are gay or straight.

In October 1987, Adams marched in Washington D.C. with her mother and other homosexuals for gay civil rights.

When she told her father that she was going to the march in Washington D.C., her stepmother disapproved.

ADAMS SAID her stepmother thinks she is being pushed into something that she really doesn't want to do, or that she'll regret it later.

At the insistence of her father and stepmother, Adams is currently seeing a psychiatrist. "Supposedly I have an attitude problem," Adams said.

"Gay civil rights have been a long haul."

**-Mizzette Fuenzalida
gay parent**

She said they are trying to make her realize that homosexuality is not "normal," she said.

Except for her stepmother, Adams said she has never been harassed about her mother's homosexuality simply because not everyone knows. Just as everyone knows when someone comes from a broken home or that someone's parent remarries, she said.

AFTER GRADUATION, Adams hopes to move back with her mother and her partner to attend college.

That is a dream come true for Fuenzalida.

Each year more gay parents are being allowed custody of their children, Fuenzalida said.

"Gay civil rights has been a long haul. We take baby steps and take great pride in the little things we accomplish," she said.



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(l-r) Mary Rausch and Heidi White play Sarah and Jane in Meadow Brook Theatre's *Quilters*.

'Quilters' best of theater's season

By KELLY BOONE
Staff Writer

Quilters, the latest Meadow Brook Theatre play, is a hand-clappin', toe tappin' good ole time. This historical tale of seven pioneer women during America's westward expansion is a delightful mix of song, dance and vivid storytelling. Told from an aged mother's perspective, each scene recreates the triumphs and tragedies she and her family experiences during their life on the frontier.

Like the classic story *Our Town*, *Quilters* celebrates life by depicting the significant events from which it is composed: birth, childhood, marriage and death. However, in this play, each episode corresponds to a piece of the family's quilt which when completely assembled, symbolizes their lives.

See **QUILTERS** page 8

Quilters

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Immigrant student adjusts to life in U.S.

By REBECCA SHERLOCK
Special Writer

Aleksandar Cvetkovic, a 21-year-old freshman, was afraid to move to the United States from Yugoslavia 16 months ago. Cvetkovic was unsure of how people his age react to foreigners.

"I even wanted to lose my accent because I thought it would make a smaller difference between me and you guys. Then I found out girls like my accent," Cvetkovic said.

Cvetkovic, in his second semester at Oakland University, plans to graduate with a degree in biochemistry in three years. He said he will go to medical school after graduating.

"My father wants me to go to medical school to become a plastic surgeon," said Cvetkovic, who has a 3.5 grade point average.

"I can come home at 4 a.m. and have no one worry. Here it is not a good idea to stay out that late."

-Aleksandar Cvetkovic

Cvetkovic (pronounced Svet-kovich) lives with his mom and stepfather in Troy. They will support him until he is "established in the world."

"Sometimes children are 30 or 40 before they leave home. The parents feel a stronger responsibility toward their children."

He was accustomed to the United States before he moved here, however, having visited his mother in Troy.

He also had four years of English courses—three in elementary and high school.

"I knew the basics before I came over here, but I never had an opportunity to learn active English

until coming here,"

"Coming here for two months and shopping is different than working and studying here," he added.

His mother and stepfamily are the only family members living in the United States.

Before he could move here, however, Cvetkovic had to serve his year requirement in the Yugoslavian army.

Females can serve in the army, but they aren't required.

He said very few men try to avoid the army because it is the law.

"If you are normal everyday guy, you go to army. It is considered an honor," he said.

If the army requirements aren't met, the man is jailed.

Cvetkovic guesses his first day in the Yugoslavian army wasn't much different than a U.S. soldier's first day.

"I can remember everything from the minute I entered the army base, but I didn't realize I was actually in until they cut my hair and took my civilian clothes," Cvetkovic said.

Yugoslavian soldiers are allowed approximately 25 days off a year. More days are given based on good behavior, Cvetkovic said.

Passes to go home are the "main prize" in the army.

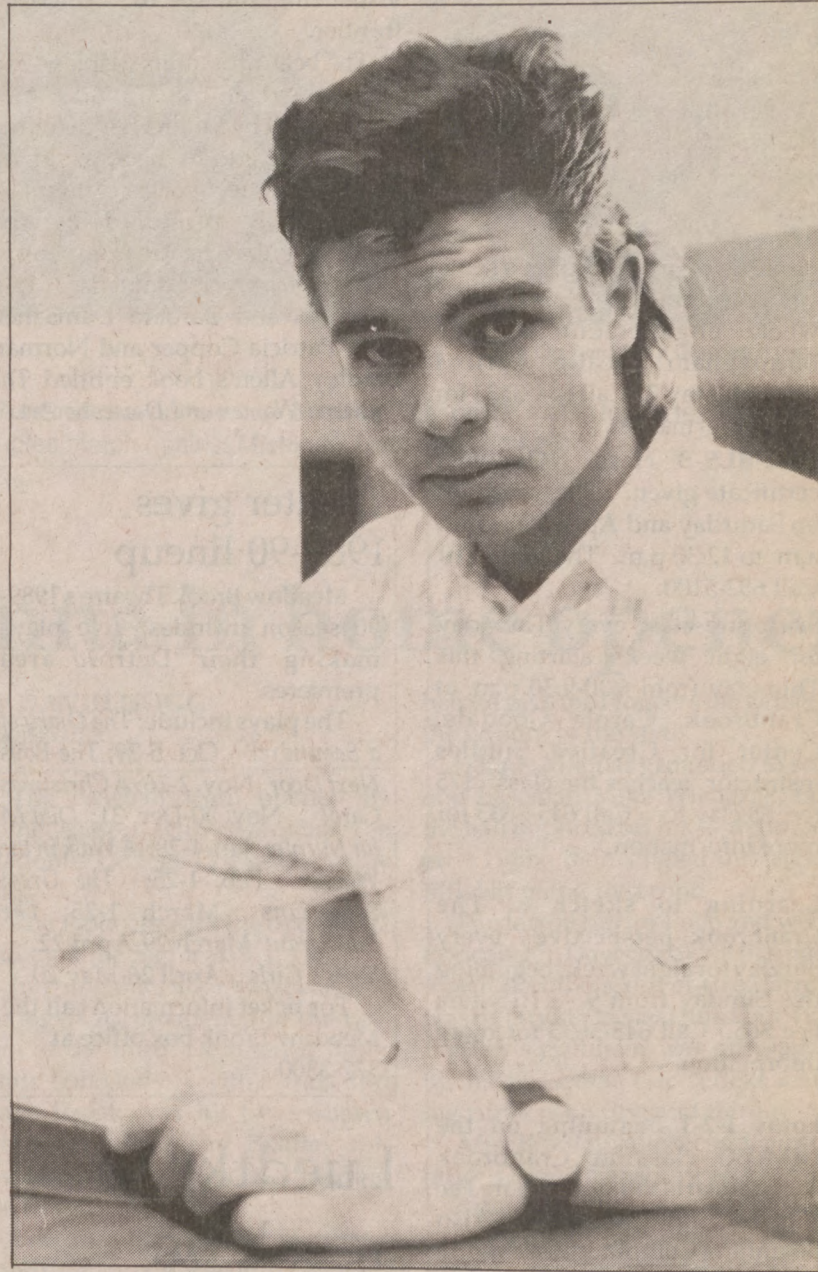
As for the differences in American and Yugoslavian nightlife, Cvetkovic said it is much easier to go out and have fun in Yugoslavia. There is no threat of violence in the streets over there, he said.

"I can come home at 4 a.m. and have no one worry. Here it is not a good idea to stay out that late," he said.

There is also no age limit for anything such as drinking or entrance to bars.

"My first time at a disco was 14 or 15," Cvetkovic said.

Discos in Yugoslavia, and all of Europe, are for crowds younger than those who go to the nightclubs here.



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Aleksandar Cvetkovic

Cvetkovic said visiting friends in Yugoslavia (or Jugoslavija) is different than visiting friends here.

"If I want to go over to my best friend's house in Yugoslavia, I just go," Cvetkovic said.

Here I feel I must call and make sure it is all right to visit," Cvetkovic said.

There is "much less formality in Yugoslavia," he added.

Since moving to the United States, he has visited Yugoslavia twice.

"I miss my friends and family very, very much," Cvetkovic said.

Cvetkovic applied for a U.S. citizenship, which he will receive in five years according to federal law.

What's Happening

The Odd Couple starring Tim Conway as Felix Unger and Tom Poston as Oscar Madison at the Fox Theatre April 25-30. Tickets, on sale now, are available at the Fox Theatre Box Office, Joe Louis Arena Box Office or Ticketmaster outlets. To charge tickets by phone, using Visa or Mastercard, call (313) 423-6666.

Campbell's Soups 1989 Tour of World Figure Skating Champions including 1988 Olympic gold medal winners Katarina Witt and Brian Boitano; and current U.S. Champion Christopher Bowman at Joe Louis Arena June 1. Cast of skaters may change due to injury or other unforeseen circumstances. Tickets, on sale now, available at the Joe Louis Arena Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge tickets by phone, using Visa or Mastercard, call (313) 423-6666.

OU Dancers and Friends, a collection of contemporary dances, will be presented in Varner Studio Theatre at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and at 2 p.m. Sunday. For concert information call the Center for the Arts box office at 370-3013 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

The Oakland Chorale, Renaissance Ensemble and Baroque Orchestra will present "Italia Mia" at 3 p.m. Sunday in St. John Fisher Chapel. For details, call the Center for the Arts box office at 370-3013 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Moon & Lee will bring their sophisticated duo-piano artistry to the Center for the Arts for a concert of classical music 3 p.m. Sunday in Varner Recital Hall. For ticket information, call the Center for the Arts box office at 370-3013 for details from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Impressionists and the Development of French Art is the topic of Ludmilla von Taube's speech at the Southfield Public Library from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information on the von Taube speech call 354-9100.

R.E.M. in concert at Cobo Arena Wednesday at 8 pm. Tickets are \$18.50 and are available at all Ticketmaster locations. To charge-by-phone dial 423-6666.

Broadway Bound, the final installment of Neil Simon's semi-autographical trilogy opens a five-week engagement at the Birmingham Theatre April 4 through May 7. Call 644-3533 for more information.

CPR-BLS-B class. One-year certificate given. Classes will be on Saturday and April 22, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The fee is \$10. Call 652-5100.

Sculpture class every Thursday for eight weeks starting this Thursday from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Cranbrook. Carole Goodale, Center for Creative Studies instructor, teaches the class. \$75 fee, \$5 clay fee. Call 645-3635 for more information.

Learning to sketch ... The Cranbrook perspective every Sunday for eight weeks beginning this Sunday from 9 - 11:15 a.m. Fee \$65. Call 645-3635 for more information.

Lotus 1-2-3 Beginning on the IBM-PC class at Cranbrook Schools starts today. 7-9 p.m. Fee \$75 for four sessions. Also Beginning Computer...surviving the computer age starts tomorrow. Call 645-3635 for more information.

dBase III PLUS-IBM PC class at Cranbrook Schools starts Wednesday. 7-9 p.m. \$75 for four sessions. Call 645-3635 for more information.

Word Perfect on the IBM PC class at Cranbrook Schools starts Thursday. 7-9 pm. \$75 for four sessions. Call 645-3635 for more information.

Students contenders for rush hour raceway

By NANCY AITKEN
Staff Writer

Vrrooom-Vrrooom. The call of the commuter pack. It must be morning, time for the Michigan 500, the road rally that never ends but just fades away until the next rush hour. It's a safe bet that a lot of Oakland University students are race entrants.

Approximately 85 percent of OU students commute, according to David Beardslee, director of institutional research. Do they speed? Dumb question.

"Of course so," said Junior Roseanne Caruso. She said she has to speed or else she'll be late.

"I can never motivate myself to get to school on time."

Caruso's driving strategy? She said she just goes with the pace of traffic, since the average driving speed is already over the speed limit. But when traffic is moving too slow, she said, "then you start screaming." Other students share Caruso's strategy.

A driver must "stay in the pack," said Sophomore Doren Zajac. The commuter from Sterling Heights admitted she usually goes 10 m.p.h. over the speed limit.

Senior Steve Gillich said he speeds

to school but also "follows traffic."

He said he sees cops all the time but "if you're staying with traffic they (cops) aren't going to get you," Gillich said.

Some students find that keeping up with traffic is necessary to avoid being blown off the road.

"You're almost obstructing traffic," if you go the speed limit, said Junior Donna Keihle. She said she speeds "all the time" because she doesn't want to be a traffic hazard, not because she is late for class.

How do the police feel when drivers hit the freeway as if an imaginary checkered flag has been lowered?

Lt. James Burdick of the State Police Traffic Services Division in Lansing did not seem to get excited over the issue.

"There will always be increased speeds wherever there is a lot of commuting back and forth," Burdick said.

With all of this speeding going on it would seem logical for the police to routinely position themselves on all roads that lead to OU. But they don't. In fact, police officers differ in their opinions of which age group speeds the most.

Although he is unaware of an average age of speeders, Burdick

said the fatality rate is higher for drivers in the 18-25 age group.

Road Trooper Jacie Powers of the state police's Pontiac post, said younger drivers don't speed more often than older drivers. She has ticketed a "variety of speeders."

Rochester police officer Kathy Tompkins said that people in their 20s seem to speed more.

The real answer is that people in their 20s speed a lot and so does everyone else.

Can you hold your own on the highway? Answer "yes" or "no" to the following statements and find out.

1. I speed when I drive.
2. I only speed when I'm late.
3. The police won't pull a driver over if they're only speeding 10-15 m.p.h. over the limit.
4. I scream uncontrollably when people go slow in the left lane (fast lane).
5. I speed with the flow of traffic so I won't get a ticket.
6. Speeding is fun.

If you answered "yes" to all of the statements, then rev your engine and hit the roads with confidence because you can definitely run with the pack.



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Many students speed down major highways coming to Oakland University for classes.

Quilters

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Quilters is an entertaining and well-paced combination of music and light comedy that is definitely this season's finest theatrical offering.

The true hallmark of this production is its delightful cast of characters who movingly depict the difficulties endured by the pilgrims. Demonstrating their limitless talents through songs and skits, the cast's strong ensemble acting and apparently limitless talents make this production worth seeing.

Other noteworthy features of this play include the musical accompaniment of the three-piece, staged orchestra and the outstanding scenic design.

Throughout the performance, the abstract, wooden scenery accommodates the numerous scene changes and assists the audience in visualizing life on the American frontier.

The beautiful quilts displayed in the theatre, designed and constructed by Linda Halpin for the production, add to the authenticity and overall effectiveness of this play.

Originally produced by the Denver Center Theatre Company in 1982, *Quilters* was adapted by Moly Newman and Barbara Damashek from Patricia Copper and Norman Bradley Allen's book entitled *The Quilters: Women and Domestic Art*.

Theater gives 1989-90 lineup

Meadow Brook Theatre's 1989-90 season includes five plays making their Detroit area premieres.

The plays include: *The Diary of a Scoundrel* Oct. 5-29; *The Boys Next Door* Nov. 2-26; *A Christmas Carol* Nov. 30-Dec. 31; *Dial M for Murder* Jan. 4-28; *A Walk in the Woods* Feb. 1-25; *The Great Sebastians* March 1-25; *The Immigrant* March 29-April 22; *Jerry's Girls* April 26-May 20

For ticket information call the Meadow Brook box office at 377-3300.

Luedtke to speak on media victims

Kurt Luedtke, McGregor Professor of Humanities and Arts, along with Neal Shine, *Detroit Free Press* senior managing editor, L. Brooks Patterson, former Oakland County prosecutor, Frank Blount, chief of security at the Detroit Public Schools will speak on Victims of the Media Tuesday, April 11.

The discussion will follow a screening of Luedtke's *Absence of Malice* in Varner Recital Hall. For free reservations, call 370-4450.

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David Hogg

Ready for baseball?

One game out of 162. That's all the Tigers missed the American League East title by last year. As another baseball season prepares to kick off, Sparky Anderson is hoping that the Tigers can make up that one game. With Chris Brown, Keith Moreland, Al Pedrique, Kenny Williams, Charlie Hudson and Mike Brumley coming to the Tigers, and Walt Terrell, Eric King, Larry Herndon, Darrell Evans, Tom Brookens and Luis Salazar heading out, the Tigers will at least be different-looking. The Tigers are old and slow, but all of their opponents in the AL East have problems too.

Milwaukee's top two pitchers (Juan Nieves and Ted Higuera) are hurt, Cleveland has no pitching and Baltimore has no talent. In Toronto, the star (George Bell) doesn't get along with the manager (Jimmy Williams), the Yankees don't get along with their owner (George Steinbrenner), and Boston's players don't get along with each other.

The other three divisions are a little more clear:

AL WEST: Here we have Oakland. Although the A's and Jose Canseco fell apart in the World Series, it was clearly the best team in the American League. It hasn't lost much, and it's added ex-Seattle righthander Mike Moore, whose career should blossom now that he's out of the Kingdom.

Trying to knock off Tony LaRussa's gang will be the Royals, led by George Brett at first base and Bo Jackson at tailback... er, leftfield. Kansas City would be favorites in the other three divisions, but here they are second choice.

The Twins could be tough, but they count too heavily on Cy Young winner Frank Viola and ERA champion Allan Anderson.

NL EAST: Like Oakland, the Mets looked fantastic in 1988 then fell to the amazing run of Orel Hershiser in the playoffs. They would be an automatic choice to win the division except that they play in New York, and have "Mr. Maturity," Darryl Strawberry as their star.

If the Mets self-destruct, the most likely successors are the Pittsburgh Pirates.

The Bucs need their young pitching staff to play up to their potential and for Andy Van Slyke to show that last year's outstanding season was not a fluke.

The Cardinals seem to always win the league title in odd-numbered years (1985, 1987), but Pedro Guerrero is no Jack Clark and Joe Magrane's no John Tudor.

NL WEST: Can the Dodgers do it again? That depends on Kirk Gibson's bad knee. If he's healthy, watch out. If he's hurt, look out below.

The fastest-improving team in the majors is San Diego. The Padres added Jack Clark, Terrell and Bruce Hurst to a good young team and could run away with this division.

Cincinnati has finished second four straight years and the Pete Rose situation will probably distract them into a fifth year with no title.

THE PICKS:

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| AL East: | NL East: |
| 1- Milwaukee Brewers | 1- Pittsburgh Pirates |
| 2- Detroit Tigers | 2- New York Mets |
| 3- Toronto Blue Jays | 3- Chicago Cubs |
| 4- Boston Red Sox | 4- St. Louis Cardinals |
| 5- New York Yankees | 5- Montreal Expos |
| 6- Cleveland Indians | 6- Philadelphia Phillies |
| 7- Baltimore Orioles | |

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| AL West: | NL West: |
| 1- Oakland A's | 1- San Diego Padres |
| 2- Kansas City Royals | 2- Cincinnati Reds |
| 3- Minnesota Twins | 3- Los Angeles Dodgers |
| 4- Chicago White Sox | 4- San Francisco Giants |
| 5- Texas Rangers | 5- Houston Astros |
| 6- Seattle Mariners | 6- Atlanta Braves |
| 7- California Angels | |

AL Cy Young:
Mark Gubicza, Royals
AL MVP:
Jose Canseco, A's

NL Cy Young:
Bruce Hurst, Padres
NL MVP:
Andy Van Slyke, Pirates

AL Playoffs:
A's over Brewers, 4 games to 1
NL Playoffs:
Pirates over Padres, 4 to 3
World Series:
A's over Pirates, 4 to 2

An evening in Toronto, American style

"When we come to Toronto, we come to play!"

Unfortunately the Red Wings did not. Two weeks ago my friend, Karen Sovel, and I journeyed to Toronto to catch the Wings on the road once again.

The Train

We decided to take the train from Windsor to Toronto thinking that during a four-hour train ride we could relax and I needed to catch up on some reading which I had put off all week.

The train did not have air conditioning, the windows did not open and trying to read *Faust* while a trainload of drunken people sing *The Flintstones* theme song is not my idea of a fun trip.



Gina DeBrincat

Of course, if I had been one of the drunks singing, that would be a different story. But, alas, that was not the case.

Maple Leaf Gardens

The Gardens, from the outside, looks

like a warehouse and after walking around it a few times looking like stupid tourists, we realized we had found it.

As I was in dire need to stop my teeth from floating, I asked the nearest usher where the bathroom was. He gave me this odd look and said, "Oh, you mean the washroom." Washroom, bathroom, just point the way, dude. Although the Canadians have a different name for it, their washroom reminded me of the bathrooms at Joe

Louis — the line was a mile long.

After I could function normally again, we strolled through the concourse for awhile, checked out the pictures and the pro-shop and then proceeded to our seats.

We found our seats. The last row of the corner section. Although we were closer to the ice than we usually are at Joe Louis Arena, we could not see the ceiling or half the scoreboard because there was an overhang blocking our view. By now, we had soaked up enough of the Garden's atmosphere and decided to get our usual pre-game hot dog and beer.

After walking halfway around the arena trying to find a beer booth, we were shocked and dismayed to discover that there is no beer at Maple Leaf Gardens.

Now our entire hockey routine was askew. A hockey game without beer is like peanut butter without jelly, American Bandstand without Dick Clark, or Don

Cherry without eight inch collars.

The game

We felt right at home in our section since we were surrounded by Red Wings fans. Very obnoxious Red Wings fans. The annoying jeers of the Detroit fans got the Toronto Maple Leafs fans, who have a reputation for "sitting on their hands" riled up. The cheering of the Detroit fans, which was very loud at the beginning of the game, dwindled down to a low rumble as the Leafs fans' cheers increased incessantly throughout the game. The Wings lost a poorly played game to the Leafs. The Leafs?

Post-game

We decided to go back to the hotel and find some nightlife around there. We obtained directions to a bar within stumbling distance and were on our way.

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Tennis team sweeps U.P. foes

By MARK SPEZIA
Staff Writer

The men's tennis team opened its season with a successful swing through the Upper Peninsula defeating Michigan Technological University on March 25 and Lake Superior State University the following day.

OU is 2-0 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

The Pioneers had little trouble with LSSU, trouncing the Lakers, 8-1.

Seven of the eight Pioneer victories came in straight sets.

Number two singles player Mike Graff sustained a toe injury against Tech and was replaced in the lineup by Freshman Brent Cooley who lost to Calvin Cole, 6-1, 6-4.

Graff injured himself when he ran into a wall chasing down a lob.

Graff did play doubles as he and partner Greg Grabowski downed the Lakers' duo of Cole and Nick Cummings.

"I knew I could cover a half a court but (not) a whole," Graff said.

"Mike and I decided from the beginning that I

was going to cover the net... I had to take the lead this time instead of Mike," he said.

Against Tech, the Pioneers found themselves down 2-1 after doubles play, but they rallied for a 6-3 win.

"I had my doubts going into singles but they came through... I think we'll improve in doubles though," Coach Robert Chonoles said.

Freshman Thad Florence, in his first outing on a collegiate tennis court, came back from a 4-1 deficit in the third set to down Craig Raducha.

"It was my first collegiate match and I was a little mentally rusty, but things got better as I went along," he said.

On Saturday the netters traveled south for a match against Hillsdale College.

Results were unavailable at press time.

Chonoles said the GLIAC race is for second place behind seven-time defending champion Ferris State University; and that a victory over Hillsdale would be a major step toward repeating the Pioneers' runner-up finish of last season.

"I think Hillsdale is the team to beat. If we can get over them it will be a strong season," he said.

Last year, OU was second in the league while Hillsdale tied Tech for third.

Stewart, Parsons represent OU at college all-star game

By DAVID HOGG
Staff Writer

Oakland University defender John Stewart became the sixth Pioneer to play in college soccer's All-Star game, when the former All-American played for the West squad in Friday's Senior Bowl in St. Louis.

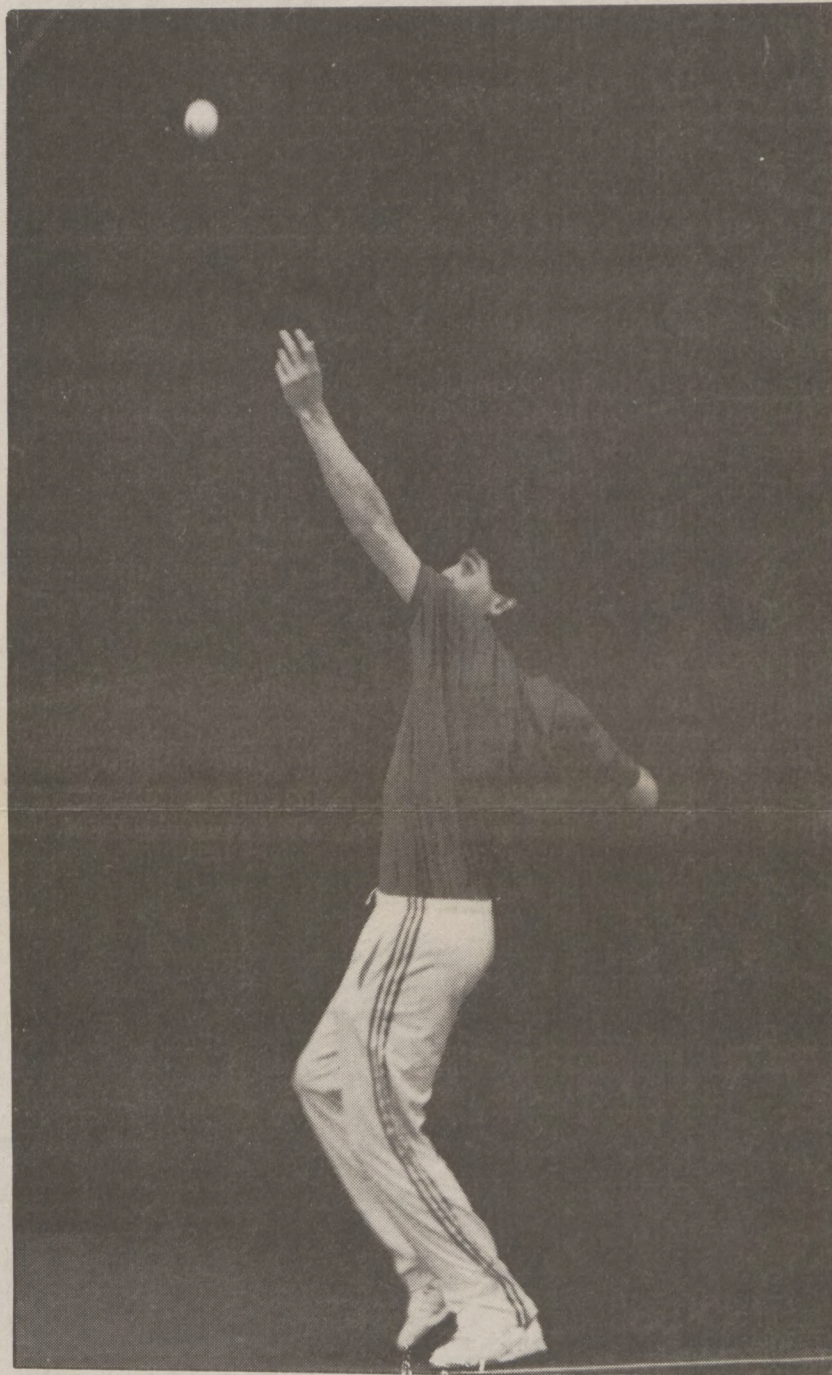
OU mentor Gary Parsons coached the West team, marking the first time the Pioneers have had a coach at the Senior Bowl.

Stewart was one of only 32 players to play in the Senior Bowl. Participants were selected from NAIA, NCAA Division I, II and III schools.

The other five Pioneers to play in the game were Mark Hamilton (1981), Lou Vulovich (1982), Morris Luponic (1983), Meally Freeman (1985) and Gray Haizel (1986).

"It was a pleasant surprise. I'm glad to be

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Mike Graff, the number two singles player on the men's tennis team, won his singles match against Michigan Tech on March 25.

Baseball team sweeps Madonna in home opener

By DAVID HOGG
Staff Writer

The baseball team opened its home season with sweep of the Madonna College Crusaders Saturday.

The Pioneers won the opener 3-2 and took the nightcap 9-1.

In game one, after two scoreless innings, OU threatened in the bottom of the third. Designated hitter Chris Bobo led off with a walk and Dave Szpak was hit by a Shawn Hayward pitch. Tim Bradley followed with a bunt single, loading the bases.

The rally came to naught when Randy Bailey bounced into a pitcher-to-home-first double play and Tom Perkins grounded out to short.

In the top of the fourth, MC broke through when Rick Gierczak and Ernie Bowling hit back-to-back home runs. Gierczak's caught the wind, hit the top of the fence in right field and bounced onto the top of the batting cage. Bowling's was hit well over the right-center field fence.

OU got one run back in the fifth. Tom Perkins walked, stole second and scored on Rob Alvin's double.

After the Crusaders went out in order in the top of the sixth, they

helped give the Pioneers the game in the bottom of the sixth.

Dennis Milobar grounded to second baseman Mike Wienczek, but the ball bounced off his glove for an error. Bobo then singled into right, Milobar going to second.

Tim Jarrett ran for Bobo and went to second on Dave Szpak's RBI single which tied the score at two. Jarrett was out trying to steal third but Tim Bradley's grounder was misplayed by third baseman Eric Terleki, leaving runners on first and third.

After Bradley stole second, pinch-hitter Damon Salisbury was intentionally walked.

The strategy backfired as Perkins ripped a single to right, scoring Szpak and Bradley with what became the winning runs.

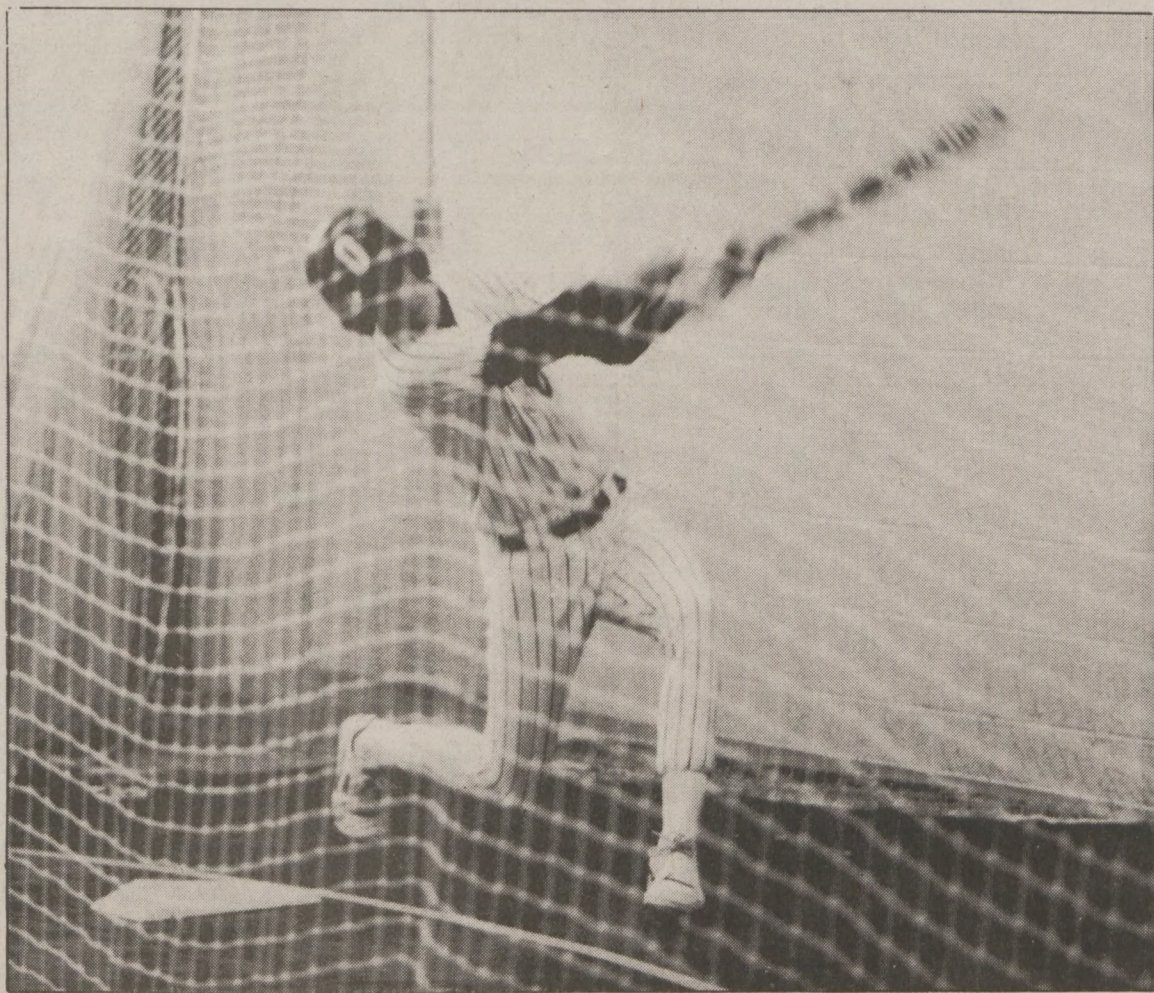
Scott Tucker (2-0) pitched a complete game for OU, scattering five hits, striking out two, and walking two.

Hayward took the loss for Madonna.

The nightcap was no contest. OU took a 6-0 lead after four innings, and went on to win, 9-1.

Ron Ciurla and Perkins drove in runs in the first and second innings then Ciurla cracked a homer in the

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Senior centerfielder Rob Alvin takes some practice swings in the batting cage at Lepley Sports Center. The team worked out in Lepley before its trip to Kentucky last week.

Major League Baseball predictions

The Oakland Post staff writers make their predictions for the 1989 Major League Baseball season.

American League		National League		World Series
East	West	East	West	Champs
David Hogg	Milwaukee	Oakland	Pittsburgh	San Diego
Michelle Michael	Boston	Oakland	Pittsburgh	Los Angeles
Mark Spezia	Detroit	Oakland	New York	Los Angeles
Marc Moraniec	Detroit	Texas	St. Louis	Los Angeles
Tom Cook	Detroit	Oakland	New York	Los Angeles
Andy Sneddon	Detroit	Oakland	Pittsburgh	Cincinnati
Christina Fuoco	Milwaukee	Oakland	Pittsburgh	San Diego
Gina DeBrincat	Milwaukee	Oakland	New York	Los Angeles
				Oakland

All-Star


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Stewart was named to the NCAA Division II All-American team as a junior, and was named to the All-Mideast team this year.

Stewart finished the 1988 season with seven goals and a team-high 13 assists in 22 games.

He finishes his career with 13 goals and 26 assists in four years at OU. The 26 assists puts Stewart in sixth place in OU history, and his 13 this season is the fourth best single season total in team history.

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Sweep

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third, making it 3-0.

Milobar and Salisbury added single RBI, and catcher Matt Konwerski hit a 3-run homer to ice it.

"I thought I hit it well, but I didn't think it was gone," Konwerski said.

Pat Sadowski (2-0) went six innings, giving up seven hits, and John Jacoby finished up for OU. Terlecki and Bowling pitched for MC.

"I had good control. I'm happy, but I wish I could have finished up," Sadowski said.

The Madonna sweep left the Pioneers at 8-2.

OU started the season by ripping through a southern trip like General Sherman through Atlanta.

The Pioneers went 6-2 on a trip to the Lexington, Kentucky area, with a team batting average of .370, 14 home runs and 78 runs scored. Their opponents hit .282 with 1 homer and 39 runs.

OU opened with a March 25 split with Indiana University-Southeast.

Pat Sadowski's three-hitter, two homers by Dave Walczyk and a three-for-four day by Mike Gunn led the Pioneers to a 7-1 victory on March 26 over IUOE.

In the nightcap, Scott Tucker scattered seven hits and Rob Alvin went three-for-three with 2 runs and 2 RBI as the Pioneers won, 7-2.

OU could manage only five hits against Hanover College's Jeff Smith on March 27, and lost 3-1.

In the second game, Tom Vandermeyer went six innings and got the victory with help from John Jacoby as OU won, 3-2.

Toronto

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We followed the directions exactly, only to find a warehouse. We thought we were back at the Gardens.

Not wanting to appear like lost Americans once again, we remained calm and just started walking, figuring we would run into a bar somewhere.

After we had not seen a bar or anything remotely resembling nightlife (at least not the kind of nightlife we cared to participate in), we decided to look like displaced Americans and ask for directions.

No one would stop long enough to give us the time of day, let alone tell us where to find a bar. I do not believe Karen and I look very threatening, but I guess two American women with desperate looks on their faces, running up and down the streets of Toronto in high heels, asking everyone for directions to a bar can be a frightening sight.

Maybe if we had asked, "Where can we get some beer, eh?" instead of "Hey! Where can we get some beer?" someone would have stopped.

After wandering around for a half hour, we finally found a place. It was not the original bar we were looking for, but it had alcohol — we were happy.

We met a few locals and after talking with them for awhile, became very conscious of our American accent. They pointed out how often Americans say "huh?" as opposed to how often Canadians say "eh?"

We learned the proper way to order a beer in Canada.

"I'll have a Blue," as opposed to "I'll have a Labatts."

We discussed rugby, Don Cherry's collars, fighting in hockey, whether Wayne Gretzky is a wimp, why bars in Canada close at 1 a.m. and the non-existence of beer at the Garden.

The most important lesson we learned from our friends that night was how to go to a Leafs game "Canadian" style.

First of all, get to the Gardens early. Sell the \$11 (Canadian currency) ticket to some American tourist for \$40 (American currency). Then proceed to the nearest bar and watch the game from there.

The view is better, the beer flows endlessly and the bathroom ... mean the washroom lines are not as long. Makes sense, eh?

OU athlete of the week

Pioneer of the week (March 25-31): Rob Alvin of the baseball team.

What he did: Led the Pioneers with 10 runs and nine RBI on their eight-game trip to the Lexington, Kentucky area last week.

The senior centerfielder hit .357 with three home runs and a game-winning RBI as OU won six games and dropped two.

Personal: A 22-year-old senior majoring in business management from Franklin, Michigan.

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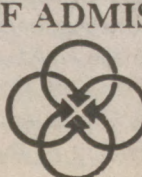
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