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Tuition rollback poses \$1.6 million deficit problem

By CHRISTINA FUOCO
and DAVID HOGG
Staff Writers

The university faces a \$1.6 million budget deficit for 1988-89 since a state spending line-item veto threat by Gov. James Blanchard forced a tuition hike reduction at state universities with double-digit increases.

Oakland dropped a 19.3 percent tuition rate increase for spring/summer and fall 1988 to 9.7 from last fall.

"The deficit is not being created by overspending, but rather by a system of funding higher education in Michigan which does not fund growth in enrollment, but rather punishes you for trying to serve the needs of those citizens who desire to go to college," President Joseph Champagne said.

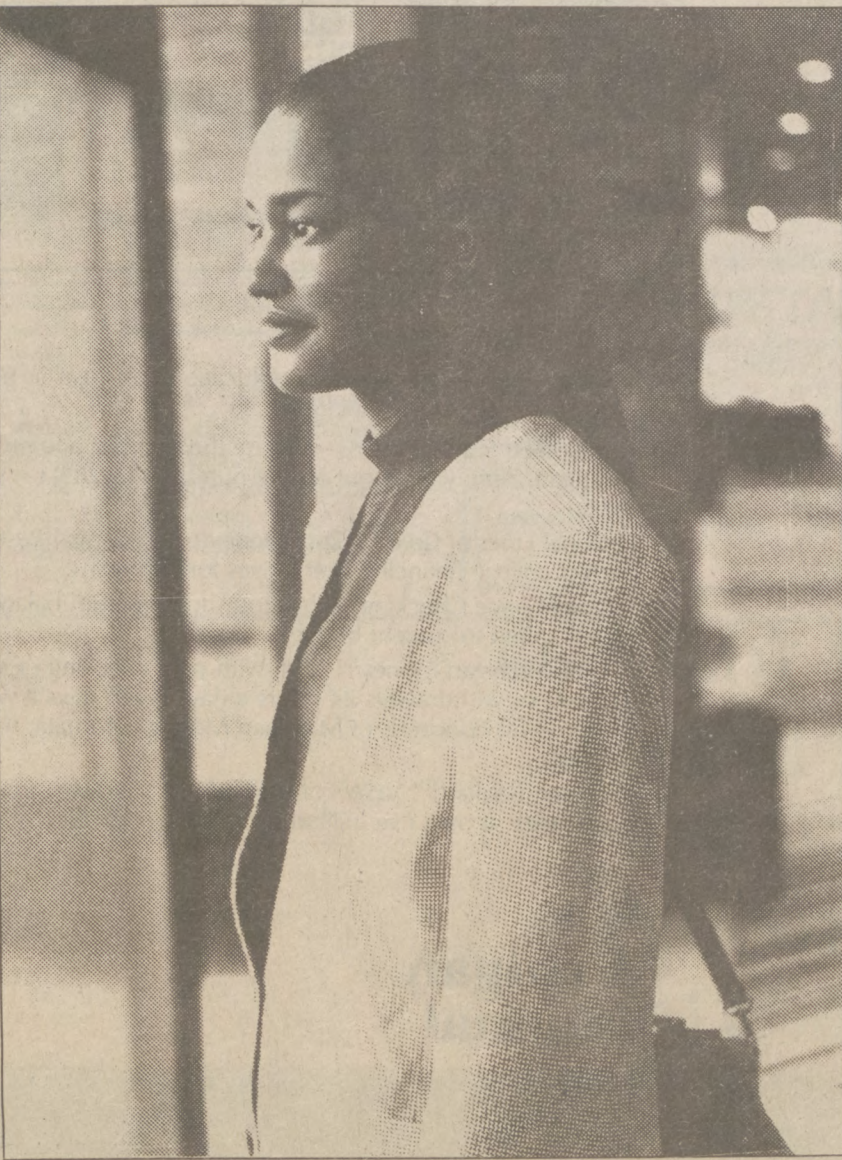
Because of the proposed deficit, Champagne added, "We will certainly reduce the quality of what we do at Oakland... The institution will go through an awful wrenching because of this."

In return for agreeing to reduce tuition increases, Blanchard recently signed a \$1.14 billion spending bill for the state's universities.

"THE TRUSTEES' decision is good news to the students at OU and their parents. Oakland is to be commended for acting responsibly

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Cooling off



The Oakland Post / Charles Kowal

Junior Nichelle Lee tied her hair back this summer to beat the heat. Lee wasn't the only one to adopt a new hairstyle because of 100 degree temperatures this summer. See related story page 5.

Courageous student battled illness

By GLENDA CAMP
Special Writer

For most people, earning a college degree is a memorable occasion.

For Oakland student Victoria Zimec, 42, it was one of the final events of her life.

Zimec died of ovarian cancer on June 21, 17 days after she received her diploma.

Graduation completed a journey Zimec begun several years ago in her native country of England.

BORN IN Coventry, Zimec had early aspirations of becoming a geologist. However, because of financial difficulties she was unable to do this. She instead began working as a secretary at Chrysler-United Kingdom.

While there, she met and married Roger Zimec in 1975. They moved to Oxford, Michigan in 1977.

Seven years later, Zimec entered Oakland determined to earn a double bachelor's degree in English and journalism.

Zimec graduated summa cum laude with a grade point average of 3.9.

She was also this year's female recipient of the Meritorious Achievement Award, an award presented to nontraditional students who have overcome ex-

traordinary circumstances. Zimec's professors welcomed her contributions to their classes.

RHETORIC, COMMUNICATIONS and Journalism chairwoman, Briggs-Bunting said Zimec rarely missed a class. Even after she became ill she would come to class right from her chemotherapy treatments, often wearing a portable treatment pack.

Zimec's cancer was diagnosed in 1987 during a routine checkup. As a senior, she was determined to complete her education.

"One of the most memorable things about Vikki was she was always so positive," said David Herman, dean of student life. Herman served with Zimec on the student newspaper's board of directors.

He said she was a dedicated person with one of the best attendance records for board meetings.

"She always had something to contribute at the meetings. She recognized the need for change. She fully supported the change in name and format of the student paper," Herman added.

FELLOW BOARD member Karen Hermes-Smith said, "Vikki was very upbeat, she was a true

journalist."

Shortly before the end of winter semester, Zimec was forced to leave school. She requested incompletes from her instructors. All of them chose to grade her on her work up until that point.

By this time she had joined her husband who had been transferred to Carlsbad, Calif. She underwent treatment and major surgery in California, but planned to return to Michigan for graduation.

However, the night before commencement Zimec realized she was too weak to travel. The Zimecs called Roger's parents in Rochester to request they accept Vikki's diploma.

DUE TO a mix-up in times, the elder Zimecs missed the arts and sciences ceremony. Through their neighbor, F. James Clatworthy, associate dean of the School of Human and Educational Services (SHES), the Zimecs were able to accept their daughter-in-law's diploma at the SHES commencement.

Zimec received a standing ovation when her name was called at both ceremonies June 4.

With the aid and support of friends, family and faculty, Vikki Zimec was able to fulfill a dream.

University, professors break off negotiations for new union contract

By CHRISTINA FUOCO
News Editor

Negotiations between the university and professors for a new three-year contract broke off Saturday.

A strike vote is scheduled for today at 2 p.m. at St. John Fisher Chapel.

The authorization deadline is midnight Wednesday.

A mediator from the Michigan Employment Relations Commission was called in Wednesday to evaluate demands.

The union, whose contract expired two weeks ago, is asking for a 6-percent wage increase the first year and a 7-percent hike the last two years. OU offered faculty a 4.5 percent increase.

"We have resolved a tentative number of issues, however, we have not resolved the issue of a general raise," said Jack Barnard, president of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) and history department chairman.

ACCORDING TO sources close to the negotiations, OU faculty make less than Birmingham, Troy and Utica public schools.

For example, the average salary in Birmingham is \$46,011. Troy and Utica are also negotiating.

OU's average faculty salary is \$37,075 and ranks fifth among state universities.

Another obstacle in negotiations is OU's projected \$1.6 million deficit. The university rolled back tuition increases from 19.3 to 9.7 percent under pressure from Gov. James Blanchard.

Two issues settled so far include longer contracts for part-time professors and overall fringe benefits.

PART-TIME professors' contracts are currently renewed semester to semester.

Before Saturday, Barnard had said, "The whole thing could come unglued any minute."

If professors go on strike, it is "very unlikely" the school year would be extended.

Provost Keith Kleckner

Provost Keith Kleckner said if the professors go on strike it is "very unlikely" that the school year would be extended.

THE STRIKE would also be the fourth in Oakland's history.

The three, in 1971, 1976 and 1985 lasted an average of three days.

Roughly 380 of the 465 faculty are in the AAUP.

PLAN ON A STRIKE

1. If the faculty do go on strike, students will have 24-hour notice. Because the faculty are on strike does not mean that classes will not be held.

2. Extension classes will meet because the professors who teach them are part-time and not members of the professors' union - the American Association of University Professors (AAUP).

3. On-campus faculty teaching less than six credits have a contract and may or may not show up for class.

4. Some full-time faculty will meet. In the past, professors in the engineering and business departments have held class during strikes.

5. It is not a good idea to call a department to see if professors are holding classes. Most secretaries will not know if the professors are honoring the strike.

6. To find out who's teaching, call the AAUP hotline at 370-2004 or 375-2202 (off-campus number will be in service tomorrow).

*Source: university officials

Construction uncovers asbestos

\$80,000 bill disputed

By CATHERINE KAZA
Editor in Chief

While exposed asbestos was removed from Marriott's new \$850,000 cafeteria in the upper level Oakland Center in July, no one is grabbing for the \$80,000 bill just yet.

Marriott contends the asbestos was a pre-existing condition, and they shouldn't have to pay, according to Jack Wilson, student affairs associate vice president. He said the university's position is "wait until the project is done and see who pays."

If money is left over from Marriott's budget, it could be used for the asbestos bill, Wilson said.

Construction was halted for three weeks after the potentially dangerous material was uncovered when the old ceiling was torn down.

THE FRIABLE -- or easily

crumbled -- asbestos did not pose danger to construction workers because the 4,500 square-foot area was immediately sealed off and 15 to 20 abatement workers brought in, said Richard Moore, campus facilities and operations associate director.

While modern insulation is 100 percent wool-based, that in older parts of the Oakland Center's ceiling was 10 percent asbestos in bulk form, Moore said.

Still, as long as it's not airborne, asbestos is not harmful.

Once airborne, prolonged inhalation of asbestos particles could cause asbestosis, a chronic lung inflammation.

Tests indicated asbestos was not in the air, Moore said.

Moore said this was the university's first asbestos removal. He anticipates more as older buildings, like parts of the Oakland Center, are renovated.

WHILE THE university is "not required to go on a witchhunt,"



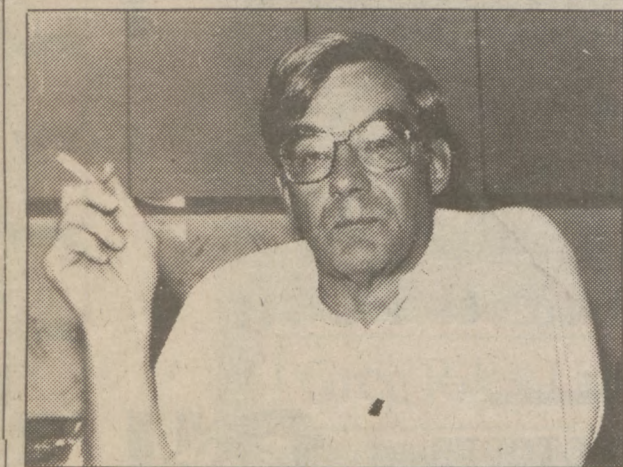
The Oakland Post / Charles Kowal

Asbestos was uncovered in part of the Oakland Center's ceiling while building a new cafeteria.

Moore said, "there's no question in my mind there's more asbestos" on campus.

But people on campus shouldn't worry about dangers, Moore said. "We're not in a panic situation," he said.

Campus facilities will soon be developing policies for asbestos removal, as concern becomes more widespread among the general population, he said.



The Oakland Post / Christina Fuoco

Academy Award-winner Kurt Luedtke begins a year-long stint as a special university professor this fall when he will be teaching a journalism class called *Problems in the Newsroom*. In winter, he will co-teach the history of cinema with Honors College Director Brian Murphy.

Oscar winner shares talent with students

By CHRISTINA FUOCO
News Editor

For what he has accomplished in the 48 years of his life, Kurt Luedtke is very down to earth.

He lives in a tucked away little condominium in Birmingham and the only sign of his success is the Academy Award he won for Best Screenwriter for *Out of Africa* sitting in his basement as a bookend.

This semester, Luedtke is beginning his yearlong stint as a McGregor professor.

The McGregor Fund is a charitable foundation that gives grants to education and nonprofit organizations. The fund granted the university \$225,000 for a three-year period.

IN THE fall, Luedtke will be

teaching "Problems in the Newsroom," a special topics journalism class.

"Any student considering a career in the media business should consider this class if they're hoping to advance into management," said Jane Briggs-Bunting, chairwoman of Rhetoric, Communications and Journalism.

For the class, Luedtke does not have a week by week syllabus, instead he said, "One of the first things I want to do is talk to the class and say to the class, 'Let's shape this together. What do you think you want to know about a newsroom?'"

In winter, Luedtke will co-teach "History of Film from the New Wave to the Present" with Brian Murphy, honors college chairman.

ALONG WITH teaching the two courses, he will also be co-adviser of *The Oakland Post* with Briggs-Bunting. For his eight months of work, Luedtke will be making more than \$60,000.

Luedtke is not only an accomplished screenwriter but an accomplished journalist as well.

He began his journalism career at *The Grand Rapids Press* in 1961 after graduating from Brown University.

After working at the *Press* he was transferred to *The Miami Herald* where he met his wife of 23 1/2 years, Eleanor.

By the time he was 33, he was executive editor of *The Detroit Free Press*.

WHILE AT that position, Luedtke had the reputation of being one of the hardest editors to get along with.

"The perception around the newsroom from a young reporter's point-of-view was he seemed like a benevolent dictator who liked to party," said Bill McGraw, *Free Press* City-County Bureau Chief.

Luedtke is aware of his tough image and agrees with it.

"I think I was a pretty demanding editor. I was young and very competitive and I had firm ideas of what a newspaper is to be about and tried very hard to make it clear what it was I thought I was looking for," he said.

ACCORDING TO John Oppedahl, former *Free Press* writer and current managing editor of the *Los Angeles Herald-Examiner*, the *Free Press* was below the *Detroit News* in circulation.

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Luedtke

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But after Luedtke took over, the *Free Press* caught up. "He had an eye for innovation. He really helped the *Free Press*," Oppedahl said.

After serving as executive editor for five years from 1973 to 1978, he left the *Free Press* for Hollywood. He wrote *Absence of Malice* and was nominated for an Academy Award but did not win. Five years later, he wrote *Out of Africa* and won the Academy Award for Best Screenwriter.

Now that the writer's strike is over, Luedtke is negotiating on two movies.

In the future, Luedtke would like to produce movies on a small scale. "I don't know how to produce movies right now. It's something I'll have to learn," he said.

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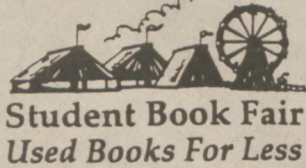
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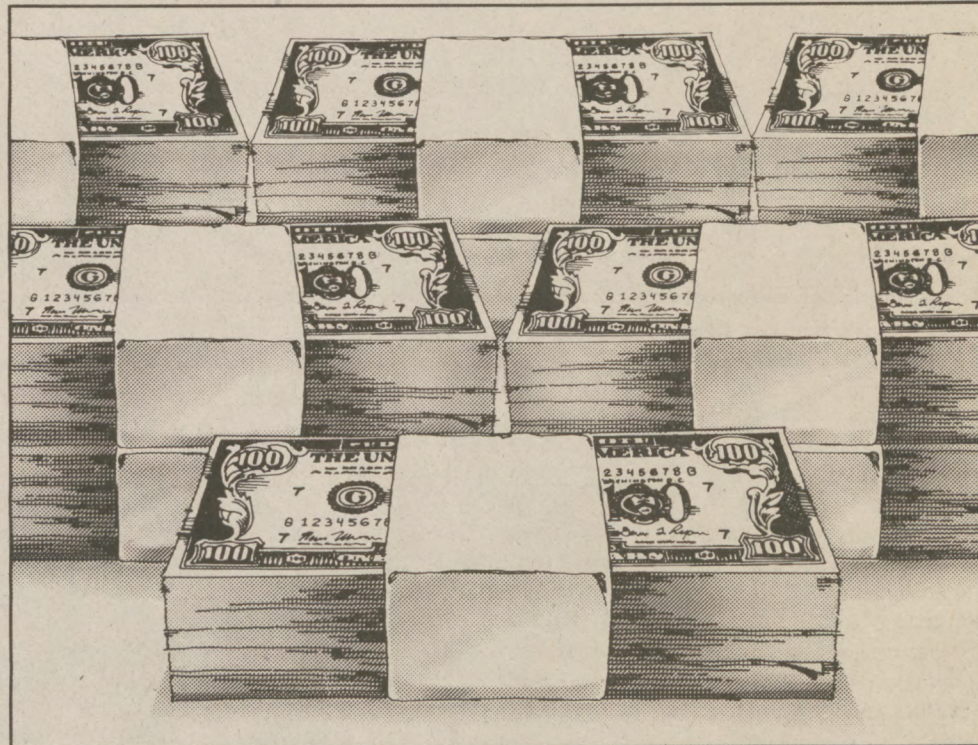
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University Drive undergoes work

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Construction, which recently started, plans for three lanes each way, separated by a 50-foot median. A boulevard plan was chosen to handle the anticipated greater amount of traffic from the Oakland Technology Park,

according to William Zipp, highway engineer from Orchard Hiltz Engineering.

He said construction should be complete by December.

Computer stolen

Computer equipment worth \$3,000 was stolen Aug. 21 from Dodge Hall. An IBM computer and 10 floppy discs were taken, according to Mel Gilroy, assistant director of Public Safety.

Tuition

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by moderating tuition increases and working to keep higher education affordable," said Tom Scott, Blanchard spokesman.

Four of the seven-member board attended the meeting voting unanimously to reduce tuition.

When a final budget is approved at the Oct. 12 board of trustees meeting, cutbacks are to include a freeze on out-of-state travel and all non-essential equipment purchases.

Some economists have said that the high tuition increases would have caused Blanchard's Michigan Education Trust (MET) program to go bankrupt in one year.

The program guarantees tuition payments for children for whom parents invest.

When program's price was set, the tuition increases were not anticipated.

"The rising tuition rates put his MET program in jeopardy," said Robert McGarry, vice president of finance and administration.

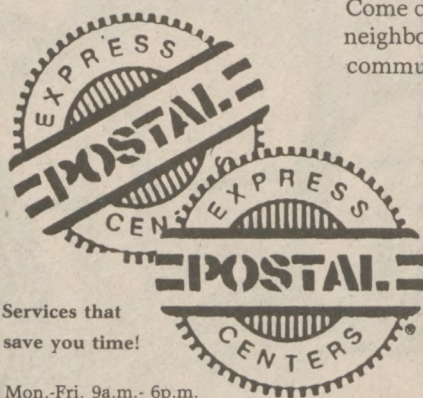
If tuition wasn't cut, students would pay the higher tuition, the university would be without state funding—60 percent of the university's budget—and still have a deficit.

So far, most universities have rolled back tuition increases. Oakland was the first.

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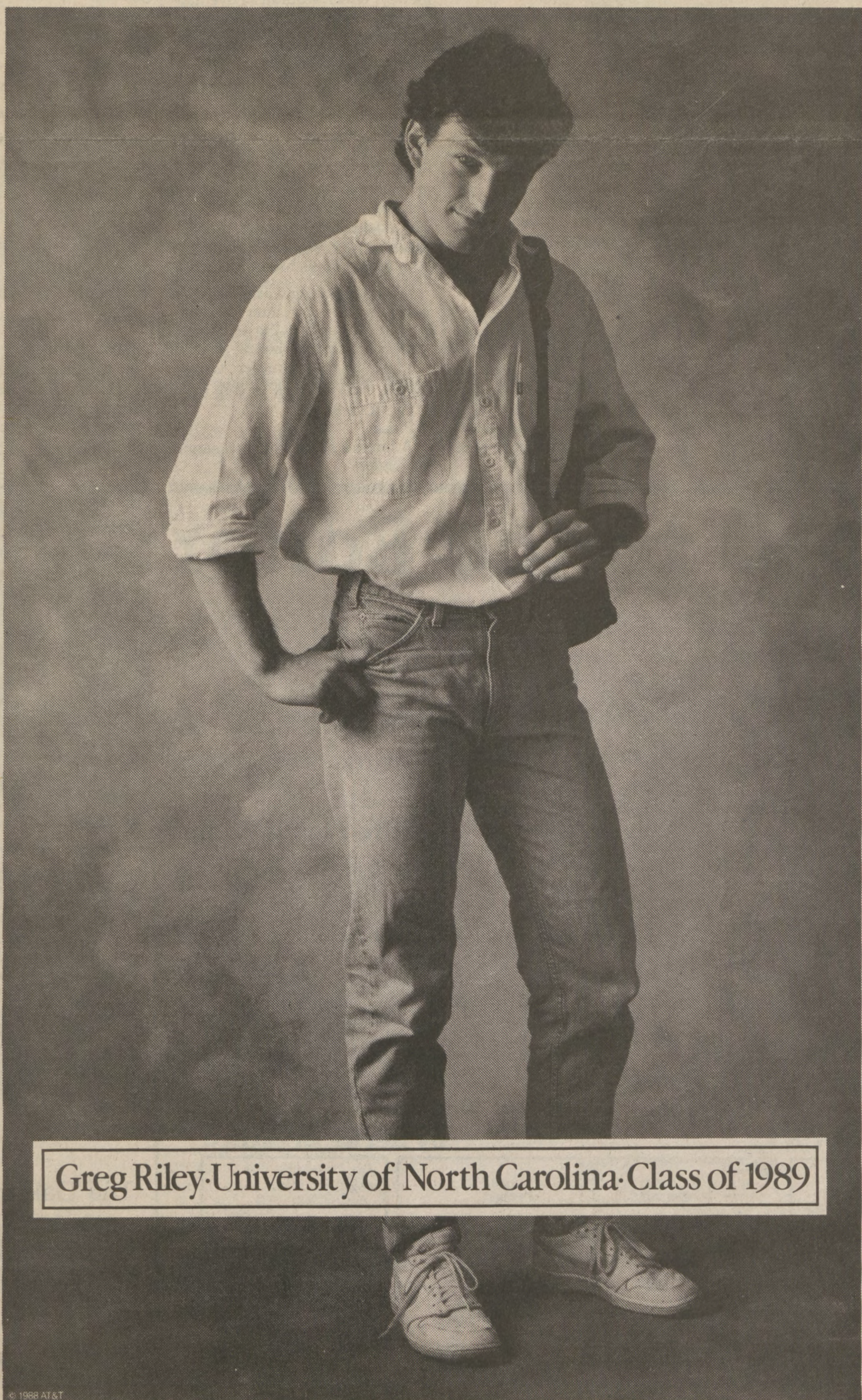
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Students pay in funding war

If you're one of the lucky few who was off campus during spring and summer, you may have had a surprise on registration day -- a tuition increase of 9.7 percent from last fall.

But considering tuition jumped 19.3 percent in July with the board of trustees reluctant blessing, we're supposed to be happy with the recently lowered amount.

Actually, the decrease was no goodwill gesture on the university's part. It now faces a \$1.6 million deficit for 1988-89. Gov. James Blanchard, supposedly a supporter of higher education, forced the suicide gesture. He threatened to not appropriate any money to schools with double-digit tuition increases if they weren't lowered. That included everyone but Wayne State University, whose increase was less than 10 percent.

That's not to say the university isn't at fault. Oakland's been complaining forever about unfair state funding, saying that because appropriations are not enrollment-based, it's been penalized for increased enrollment.

Meanwhile, schools like Wayne State University, with decreased enrollment over the past decade, have made out. Still, the problem isn't new to Oakland. Blame is put on the area's lack of political clout in Lansing. Schools like Northern Michigan University benefit from having a 33-year incumbent like D.J. Jacobetti, who's also House Appropriations Committee chairman.

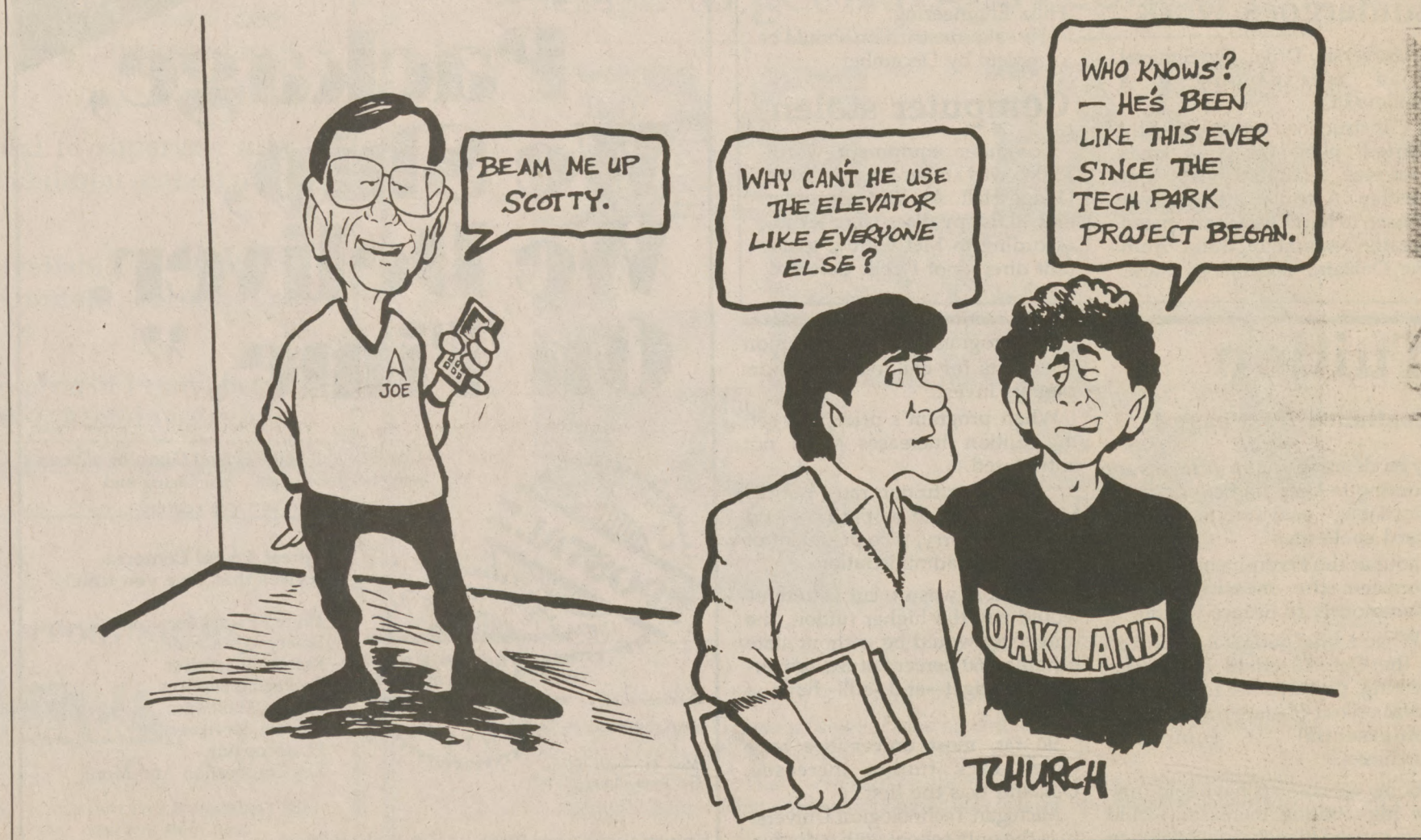
Solutions haven't evolved much either. Instead of aggressively forcing a change, Oakland's been too passive, particularly in lobbying. Its only lobbyist is part-time -- John DeCarlo -- who is also the university's general counsel, board of trustees secretary and governmental affairs vice president. What time does he have to spend in Lansing?

Once again, the university higher-ups have to decide what will go out the window to offset a projected deficit. Last year's was \$500,000. This year's is \$1.6 million.

A freeze on out-of-state travel and non-essential equipment purchases is planned, but surely the more unpleasant details won't be forthcoming until the board of trustee's next meeting Sept. 14.

Will sacrifices include hiring freezes, or program and enrollment cuts? And what about next year? Tuition can't be rolled back indefinitely.

No matter what's cut, the real losers in the enrollment dilemma are students.



Detroit JOA leaves dirty taste behind

It may have taken awhile, but justice was finally served -- at least temporarily -- in the Detroit joint operating agreement soap opera.

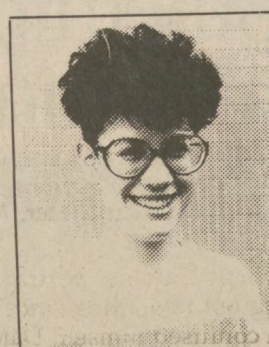
I had to laugh when U.S. District Judge Joyce Hens Green temporarily stopped *The Detroit News* and *Free Press* JOA by issuing a restraining order a few weeks ago.

Free Press Publisher David Lawrence must have been seething, and inspired to write another pitious plea in the *Free Press* when Green overturned Attorney General Edwin Meese's yes vote to the big media monopoly.

IF NOTHING else, the *Free Press* has lost its dignity during the two-year old battle to merge business operations between the longtime rivals. Lawrence should be banned from the journalism profession for what he's been pulling during the wait for Meese's decision, like censoring cartoonist Bill Day's criticisms of Meese, and writing sappy columns, whining to readers about how the beloved *Free Press* would close if the JOA wasn't approved.

While it's true the *Free Press* has been sustaining million-dollar losses for years, it doesn't give them the right to misuse the Newspaper Preservation Act, which set the course for JOA's when it was passed by Congress in 1970.

THE ACT, designed to preserve editorial voices in a community, allows competing newspapers in the same city to merge business operations if one qualifies as a 'failing newspaper.'



Catherine Kaza

After many meetings between Knight-Ridder and Gannett (the huge media operative who owns the *Detroit News*), the *Free Press* was submitted as the failing newspaper in the 1986 JOA application.

Only after 1984's 'Operation Tiger' failed did the *Free Press* consider a JOA. Tired of being second in circulation (although barely), the *Free Press* instituted Operation Tiger. It was a plan designed to wipe out the *News* -- permanently -- by aggressive marketing and advertising tactics.

That failed, but not before the *Free Press* blew major money. A JOA became the best alternative.

Right away, cheapskate Gannett knew the potential profits with a JOA. Experts predict a \$100 million split within five years. I'm sure Gannett knew that before they even bought the *News*. They never would have entered the Detroit market if they couldn't make some money, which wouldn't have happened without the *Free Press* folding or a JOA.

THE BOTTOM line was served with Meese's decision this month. How ironic that the man who's been under media scrutiny this past year for ethics questions should be making the yes or no for the JOA. And he went against his administrative law judge's opinion, as well as the Justice Department's.

Lawrence's holdoff of Day's cartoons must have had some impact, though of course Meese denied it.

Most nauseating was newspaper coverage the day after JOA approval, particularly the *Free Press*. I opened the paper, almost afraid to read, only to encounter a mini-series story appropriately titled "The JOA Saga."

Please. A farce, a scam, and a disservice to readers.

I WONDER how much money was put into organizing the 'failing newspaper's' special section?

Coverage was so lopsided, it was hard to believe this was reporting from two of the largest newspapers in the country, both considered editorially excellent. Journalism lessons about covering both sides of a story went out the window as the business scam of the year was glorified as the 'saving of an editorial voice.'

I wonder how many readers realize that they're being used to justify huge profit-making ventures by two of the country's largest media companies.

It'll be interesting to see the next part in the saga, what happens after Judge Green's order expires. Judge George Revencomb has to decide whether to extend Green's order, or hold a trial to hear both newspaper's sides.

Whatever happens, Detroit's once-impeccable journalism standards have been forever dirtied.

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Forensics story needs clarification

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Irene Jarvis for her interest and hard work on the forensics team story published in the *Post* June 13. I know that Oakland's competitive speaking team is often a confusing organization/activity to cover, and I appreciate her efforts to clarify our 7th place national award to the campus community.

However, there were three facts I would like to correct and/or clarify for your readers:

1. The forensics team was not started by Kathy Rhadigan. Although a charter member of the

first team to ever qualify for and attend a National Forensic Association Tournament in 1979, I was not responsible for the program's start. That honor belongs to Karen Seelhoff, then a part-time instructor at the university, and several interested students.

2. The Oakland forensics team is proud to be a student organization and does not hope to become an athletic team. Rather, we hope someday to gain the financial support and status enjoyed by other accomplished competitive teams at the university.

3. Dan Bernard, local attorney and Oakland forensics volunteer coach for the past six years, is an alumnus of Eastern Michigan University and the University of Virginia, not Michigan State University.

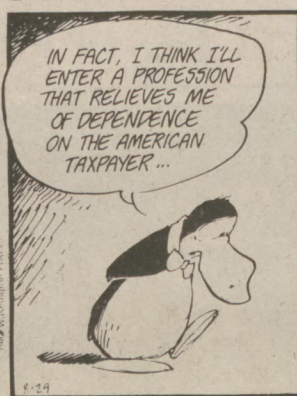
Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the many organizations and individuals at Oakland who contribute to our success. We appreciate your continued support.

Kathryn Radigan
Forensics director

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by Berke Breathed

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Audiences succumb to TEMPTATION



Actors today don't stack up

Nick
Chiappetta

The Golden Age of movies was a glorious time during the 1930s and '40s when the movie industry reached its pinnacle. Movie gossip was as much a part of everyday conversation as drug abuse is today.

The 1950s could be considered the "Silver Age" of movies. While there was less hype, movies such as *Marty* and *Some Like It Hot*, offered movie fans quality entertainment. B-movies like *The Fly*, *The Blob*, and *The Thing* became cult classics.

Then drive-in movies became an important part of America's heritage.

LET'S CALL the 1960s and '70s the "Bronze Age." So where does that leave the 1980s? The copper age? The lead age?

One cannot easily attach a quality metal to this decade. While the movie industry has progressed technologically, and actors have more control over their careers than they did in the past, the acting itself seems to have regressed. A good example of this is Tom Cruise.

Kathy Huffhines, movie critic for the *Detroit Free Press* described him best in a review of his latest movie *Cocktail*. She said that every Tom Cruise movie has consisted of Cruise in a different situation. *Risky Business* was Cruise in the living room. *Top Gun*—Cruise in a jet. *The Color of Money*—Cruise in a pool hall and *Cocktail*—Cruise in a bar.

HE IS the classic example of the '80s actor simply because he, like Sylvester Stallone, Charlie Sheen, and Molly Ringwald, does not act, but rather reacts. He is given a situation and a job.

Then there's Mark Harmon, who after spending a few years as a pompous plastic surgeon on *St. Elsewhere*, realized he kept playing the same smart-ass womanizer in every role.

Ironically, to combat this he played a real-life smart-ass womanizer in *The Deliberate Stranger*, the NBC mini-series depicting the life of serial killer, Ted Bundy. But since his performance in *The Presidio*, he is gaining respect in the movie business as a quality actor.

This is what Cruise must do. Because while his movies have been box office successes, none of the characters he has played have had any real depth.

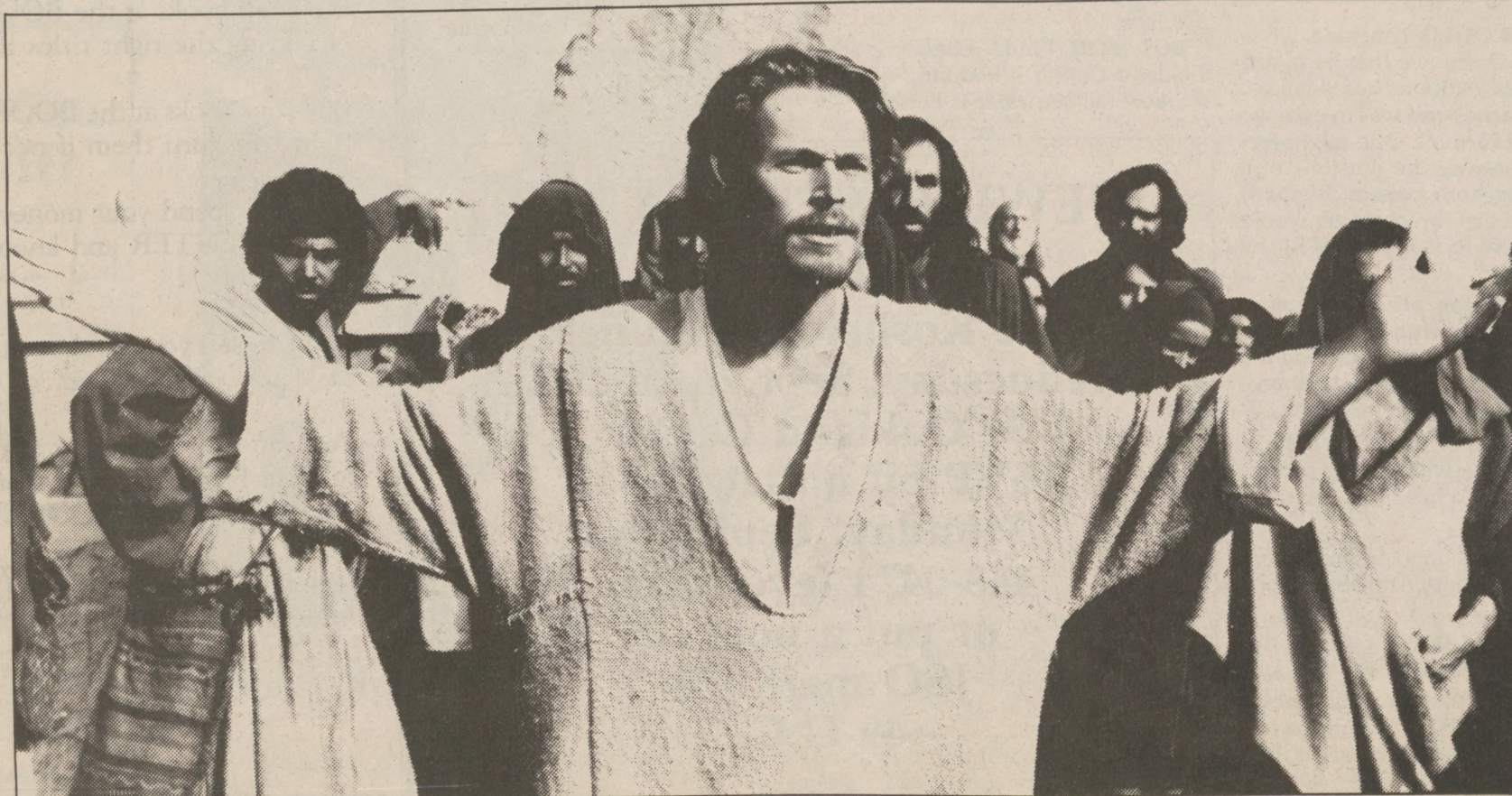
MANY NEW actors are breaking the barriers that have been established by the "Brat Pack," though.

Tom Hanks is probably the most exemplary of these. One could even compare him to established actor, Jack Lemmon. Like Lemmon, Hanks can be both zany and serious. He is also on his way to becoming just as intense.

But in all fairness to Tom Cruise: it seems he is trying to expand his horizons with the upcoming movie, *Rainman*, with Dustin Hoffman.

Sylvester Stallone is supposedly coming out with a final *Rocky*. Hopefully that movie will put an end to the rash of sequels plaguing the movie industry. Now if we can just get them to kill Rambo, Jason, and Freddy for good.

There is hope for the movie industry, since it constantly changes with public taste. One has to wonder if it will ever recapture the awe of the old classics. As poet Robert Frost once said, "Nothing gold can stay."



Willem Dafoe stars as Jesus in *The Last Temptation of Christ*.

Courtesy of Universal Studios

Story drags, Interest sags

By CAROL DONETH
Staff Writer

Whether or not it's blasphemous doesn't seem to matter since *The Last Temptation of Christ* has packed a Southfield theater daily.

This highly controversial account of Jesus Christ's life is squeezed onto film like 10 pounds of flour into a 20-pound bag.

At two hours and 40 minutes, this 'shortened' version allows for the bloody depiction of animal sacrifices, beatings, the crucifixion and a sample day in the life of a prostitute.

WHILE THOSE scenes may keep the viewer's attention, the content is often confusing. Even those with a strong religious education may be baffled because some familiar biblical events are rewritten altogether.

For example, in the movie Jesus was tempted in the desert by a talking snake, lion and blast of fire—apparently the devil in different forms. But in the Bible's desert

story, Satan appears to Jesus as himself and takes him to various places to tempt him with earthly glory.

Plenty of special effects are used to recreate miracles like Lazarus rising from the dead, and even a few that the Bible never reports, like Jesus reaching into his chest and removing his heart.

FULLY NUDE women appear occasionally, and aside from strategically positioned thighs, not much camouflages the total body shots of Jesus naked on the cross.

All this nudity, sex and violence was directed by Martin Scorsese, whose previous films include: *Taxi Driver*, *Raging Bull*, and *'Round Midnight*.

Willem Dafoe's portrayal of Jesus is strong but unsettling since his character is often confused himself. Dafoe's film credits include *Platoon* and *To Live and Die in L.A.*

Barbara Hershey, who played Mary Magdalene, seemed comfortable enough in her role, although her performance was not particularly memorable.

ROCK STAR David Bowie was well-camouflaged in the minor role of Pontius Pilate.

A few laughs are generated by Harvey Keitel, who portrays Judas, Jesus' companion for much of the story. His straightforward quips bring an occasional chuckle to the tense drama.

Since the topic is so intense, the effect of this lengthy epic is overwhelming, but definitely thought-provoking. It takes an open mind and a strong stomach to obtain any entertainment value from this film.

MOVIE REVIEW

Title: *The Last Temptation of Christ*

Behind the scenes: A Universal release; directed by Martin Scorsese; produced by Harry Ufland and Barbara DeFina; screenplay by Paul Schrader; based on the novel by Nikos Kazantzakis.

Cast: Willem Dafoe, Harvey Keitel, Barbara Hershey, Harry Dean Stanton, David Bowie.

Rating: ★ (substandard)

Students in dark about university health institute

By NICK CHIAPPETTA
Staff Writer

The Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute has been on campus for more than 2-1/2 years, but is patronized more by the outside community than Oakland students.

"While we offer this specialized program for many people in the community, I don't believe enough is done for the students in the area," said Director Fred Stransky.

"A person can graduate and know nothing of the physical elements of their existence," he said.

STRANSKY EMPHASIZED that he is "not talking about physical fitness," he's talking about disease prevention, nutrition, weight control and substance abuse.

"We want to look at the influence of lifestyle - that's our niche."

Fred Stransky,
MBHI director

Stransky said students should be aware of their own health and the opportunity for improvement.

He suggested that there be either a general education requirement such as a Health and Disease Prevention class or a non-credit requirement for students to take before they leave the university.

"I'm not sure a credit can be attached to this type of experience," Stransky said.

HE SAID that while the university's general education program concentrates on the student's cognitive area, "We've left out the whole physical domain...it doesn't make sense to me."

The institute focuses on two objectives: disease prevention and improving the way people feel. To

reach those goals it is necessary to look at behavior patterns and the way people live.

"We want to look at the influence of lifestyle—that's our niche," Stransky said.

These two objectives are the basis for two general programs: Primary Prevention and Secondary Prevention. These are broken down into more specific programs and designed to treat an individual's particular problem.

THE PRIMARY Prevention program includes: smoking cessation, stress management, weight control and exercise. The secondary program includes: cardiac rehabilitation, and treatment for diabetes, hypertension and the grossly obese.

Stransky said the diabetes program is one of the few in the area.

He said that more generally healthy people participate in the Primary Prevention program than any other program offered. He said these people "just want to improve the way they feel."

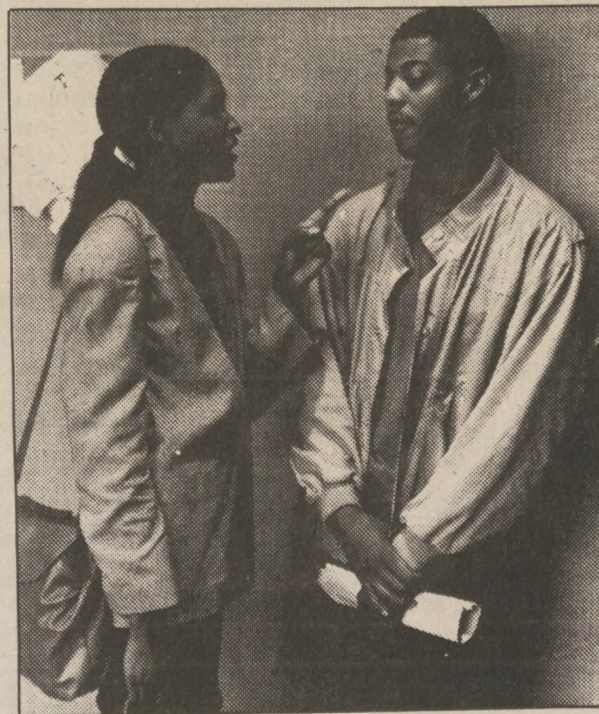
After the individuals particular program is completed the patient is re-evaluated. As a result they usually "have an improved feeling of well-being," Stransky said.

The programs for hypertension and the grossly obese are not in operation yet, but are supposed to begin soon.

THE NEWEST program, called "Sixty Plus," is geared toward health and fitness of people over 60. It is scheduled to begin Sept. 12.

The institute is self supporting and does not receive any money from the general fund. It currently has voluntary programs with IIT and UAW/GM in which workers can participate at the institute or at the workplace.

Costs range from \$20 to \$385, and payment plans are available. Normally, insurance companies do not cover the cost.



(Left) Junior Nichelle Lee, Sophomores Ira Stallworth and (right) Patty Schultz sport short haircuts.



The Oakland Post / Charles Kowal

Number of haircuts rises along with temperature

By RENEE POKOJ
Staff Writer

When humidity is 90 percent and temperatures reach more than 100 degrees, most people want to stay cool.

Popular ways to get relief are getting a haircut or tying it back.

Dianna Jaroslowski, owner of Hair Unlimited in the Oakland Center, said this summer's extreme heat caused hair styles to become shorter. She estimates that 25 percent more customers requested shorter styles.

THE HAIR STYLIST said men requested a flat-top hair style.

Women asked for a layered, short cut. Women with long hair asked for braids or twists, Jaroslowski said.

Banana clips were big sellers, according to Gail Van, owner of Hair Dimensions in Spring Hill Plaza on Walton Boulevard. Van said the heat could have sparked high sales.

During registration last week, Junior Nichelle Lee wore her hair slicked back and tied with a large bow. She said she wore a ponytail on many hot days. "Any way to get it off my neck," Lee said.

Kristen Steis, sophomore, wore her hair above the shoulder, layered and slicked upward with

gel. Steis said she cut her hair an inch shorter than normal due to hot weather. "It's easier to manage," she said.

SOPHOMORE Ira Stallworth has an extremely short cut. Because of the heat, "I cut it all off," he said. Stallworth said he will let it grow this fall when temperatures drop.

Another sophomore, Patty Schultz, has a seasonal hair style. She said in the winter her hair is shoulder length, and in the summer it's short.

Even though summer is coming to an end, Jaroslowski predicts shorter styles will continue for women. For men, a business-like cut is in fashion.

Some students like spring semester better than fall and winter

By KATHY POMAVILLE
Special Writer

Maybe it was the first breath of spring air, or the first honks of campus geese that relaxed some professors into jeans and T-shirts for spring and summer classes.

Whatever the reason, the laid-

back instruction was preferred, according to some students at fall registration.

They found the short semesters somewhat easier and more convenient than 16-week semesters.

WHILE STUDENTS registered for spring classes, there seemed to be less tension. Although there

were fewer class selections, classes didn't close as quickly as they usually do in fall and winter. Fewer students mean less demand.

Seven-week semesters are advantageous because instructors are more available, Junior Denise Rutkowski said.

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Niska said that she believes the movie's stint at The Americana is a test. If it's successful there, "it'll go everywhere," she said.

BUT FOR Linda Eberlein, an Oakland Center scheduling office worker, fall semester is better.

Students have struggled to work out their schedules. The parking lot is filling up. WOUX is rocking the pool players in Oakland Center, and *Donahue* is on in the Fireside Lounge. Instructors are back in skirts and suits.

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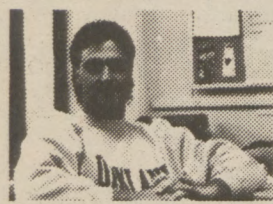
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Andy
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So, you think you know your stuff?

Last spring, *Oakland Post* sportswriter David Hogg came up with a quiz to test your OU sports knowledge. Today, I'm coming out with a little quiz of my own to see how much you *really* know about sports in general. Below is a questionnaire. Read each question carefully. Then read the answers underneath each question. Chose the answer you think is correct. The answers appear at the bottom of this column. Each correct answer is worth three points.

1. The Lions can draft all the Bennie Blades' and Chris Spielman's they want but they'll never be a winner until they:
- Find a different college to train at.
 - Move back to Tiger Stadium.
 - Dump Darryl Rogers.

2. The Red Wings won't get defenseman Larry Robinson from Montreal because:
- He's too old.
 - The Wings will have to give up a draft pick to get him.
 - He'll want uniform number 19 and Steve Yzerman already has it.

3. The U.S. Olympic basketball team will win the gold medal this year in Seoul because:
- They lost to Brazil at the Pan-Am games and are on a mission to show the world how good they really are.
 - John Robinson is a great coach.
 - The team is better than everybody else.

4. Ray Knight is with the Tigers because:
- He was the MVP of the 1986 World Series when he played with the Mets.
 - He's a proven .220 hitter.
 - His wife, pro golfer Nancy Lopez-Knight gives the rest of the Tigers golf tips.

5. Sel Eryn, Simon Mayo, Erik Enyedy and Yong Song are:
- Members of the singing group Pa Jama Slave Dancers.
 - Freshmen with 1.8 grade point averages who got into the university because they know somebody.
 - OU soccer players.

6. Ken Osmun is:
- Part of a singing family from Utah.
 - Eddie Haskell from "Leave It To Beaver."
 - The first Pioneer cross country runner to ever capture all-GLIAC honors (1987).

7. The easiest Detroit sports figure to hate:
- Novo Bojovic.
 - Guillermo Hernandez.
 - This one's a gimmie. Nobody could be despised like these two are.

8. Worst sportscaster in Detroit:
- Bernie Smilovitz.
 - Al Ackerman.
 - Ron Cameron, another gimmie.

9. Ugliest uniforms in sports:
- Any team in the National League.
 - Hillsdale College's mens' basketball away.
 - Boston Red Sox away.

10. Best sport to watch on TV:
- Chess.
 - Australian Rules Football.
 - Pro wrestling.

11. Sporting event you're least looking forward to watching:
- The Summer Olympics.
 - The Lions first game.
 - Anything on artificial turf.

12. The acronym GLIAC stands for:
- Gross Little Insects Are Cool.
 - Grasshoppers Live In Air Conditioners.
 - Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

GRADING SCALE:
32-36 Congratulations! You graduate with honors. Now it's on to "Time Out For Trivia."

27-31 Not bad. Keep working at it, but don't change your major to sports management.

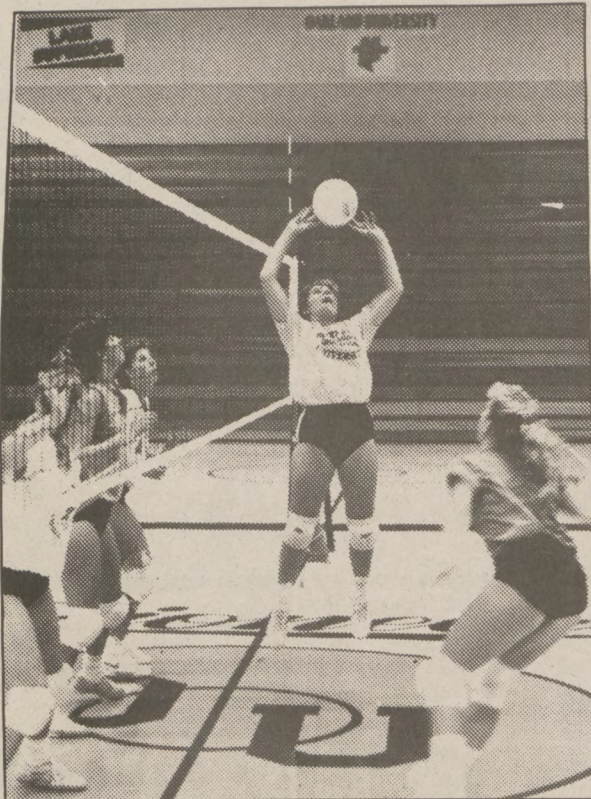
23-26 You earned a 2.0. Wanna be a sportswriter?

18-22 Hey buddy, wake up! School starts Thursday.

All the correct answers are c. Give yourself three points for each time you chose c.

Spikers prime for climb to top

By MARC MORANIEC
Staff Writer



The Oakland Post / Charles Kowal

Kelly Williams sets up a Pioneer teammate for a spike.

Could this be the Year of the Pioneer?

Last year was a fine one for OU athletics. The soccer team earned a berth in the NCAA Division II playoffs, the men's and women's basketball teams turned in their best campaigns in quite some time, the swimmers finished second in the nation and the volleyball team posted an impressive 27-14 record.

Will 1988 be the year to load up the hardware in OU's trophy case?

With nine letter winners returning and only one starter lost to graduation, the Pioneer volleyballers look as strong as ever and could put the first Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) volleyball trophy in the Lepley case since 1979.

"WE THINK we have a team that can go a long way this year," said coach Bob Hurdle. Hurdle feels this year's team has more natural ability than any of his six previous Pioneer squads including his '84 and '85 editions that compiled 32-12 and 33-10 records respectively.

Heading the list of experienced talent is senior tri-captain Tracey Jones. Jones is a two time all-GLIAC selection and last year was OU's first ever all-region player. Entering her final season as a Pioneer, the 5'9" middle blocker is a legitimate candidate for All-American honors.

Jones said the team is working as hard as ever this season and they wouldn't mind students filling up the Lepley bleachers. "Some fan support would be great," she said.

The other senior tri-captain is 6'0" outside hitter Anne Harrison. Harrison, a three-year starter who Hurdle says plays with great mental toughness, was tops on the team

with 229 digs last season. She also led the GLIAC in service aces in 1987.

THE THIRD tri-captain is 5'9" Junior Jenifer Henry who registered 131 kills as a starter last season. Hurdle regards Henry as an all around solid player.

Other key players include Junior Kelly Williams who should break the career assist record at Oakland this season and Jennifer Zielinski, a 6'2" freshman.

The Pioneers are picked to finish third in the GLIAC this year in the pre-season coaches poll behind six-time defending champion Ferris State and 1987 runner-up Wayne State. Hurdle says nobody can be taken lightly.

"If we go into a conference game unprepared we'll lose," he said.

The spikers open this Saturday at the University of Toledo. They'll make stops at Saginaw Valley and Ball state universities and Hillsdale and Schoolcraft colleges.

The home opener is Sept. 23 against Lake Superior State University.

Oct. 14-15, Oakland will host the Pioneer Classic. The six-team event includes WSU, Lake Superior State University, Michigan Technological University, Slippery Rock college and Missouri St. Louis university.

THE SCHEDULE also features a weekend trip to the U.S. Naval Academy and closes with five of the last six opponents in the friendly confines of the Lepley Sports Center.

To ensure a birth in the NCAA Division II tournament, the Pioneers most likely will have to knock FSU out of the top GLIAC spot.

Hurdle wouldn't make any predictions or promises but did say his team has "a legitimate shot" at the conference title.

NEXT WEEK: A Preview of the GLIAC.

Fencing's popularity slowly rises -- sword-a

By ANDY SNEDDON
Sports Editor

Fencing, also known as sword fighting, is a sport that has steadily grown in popularity during the 1980s at OU.

With Paul Franklin as manager, the society has gone from a few members in the early 1980s to an expected 30 this year. Franklin is also coordinator of campus programs for Campus Information, Programs and Organizations (CIPO).

"We want anyone with an interest in fencing," Franklin said. The organization meets every Tuesday and Thursday in one of the multi-purpose rooms in Lepley Sports Center and welcomes students, faculty, alumni and staff members of the university at no charge. Other budding fencers are welcome at the meetings but must pay a \$10 fee. The first

meeting is scheduled for Sept. 6.

The fencers kick off their competitive season Sept. 18 when they host an open competition. The competition is open to any member of the United States Fencing Association.

Franklin is in the process of scheduling opponents for the society this year including the universities of Michigan, Detroit, Michigan State, Eastern Michigan, Wayne State and Notre Dame universities, to name a few.

WSU Notre Dame have some of the top fencing programs in the country. Both schools accord the sport varsity status. OU does not.

"Fencing (here) is not a varsity sport although it should be," Franklin said.

"Becoming a varsity sport would take pressure off the fencers to buy equipment and go to tournaments on their own," Franklin explained.

Golfers ready for better season

By TOM COOK
and ANDY SNEDDON
Staff Writers

With talent, experience, confidence, depth and a good attitude, the golf team enters the 1988 fall season with good reason for high hopes.

Coach Glen Busam, entering his second year at the helm, is enthusiastic about his troops that feature no seniors, but a slew of gifted underclassmen.

Topping the list is a trio of juniors: Ken Mittlebrun, Rich Dagenais and last springs best player, Dave Wieme.

MITTEBRUN SERVED notice this summer that he is a force to be reckoned with by winning the PGA Staff Assistants Championship at Oak Point Golf Club in Brighton. The tournament is open to all golf course employees who aren't professionals.

Also returning this year are Juniors John Cavazos, Jim Findlay, Scott Morley, Todd Stevens and Sophomore Mike Erskine giving Busam enough depth and experience to enter

two teams in some tournaments.

"There are so many talented guys on this team that I hate to leave any of them home," Busam said.

Newcomers include freshmen Tim Baldwin and Steve Aumock along with Randy Van Wagoner, a sophomore with freshman eligibility.

Rochester native Aumock, a caddy at Great Oaks Country Club, won the state caddy title this summer and qualified for the state championship of the Independent Insurance Agents tournament. Baldwin, a Birmingham Seaholm High School graduate, was runner-up at the Katke-Cousins club championship last week.

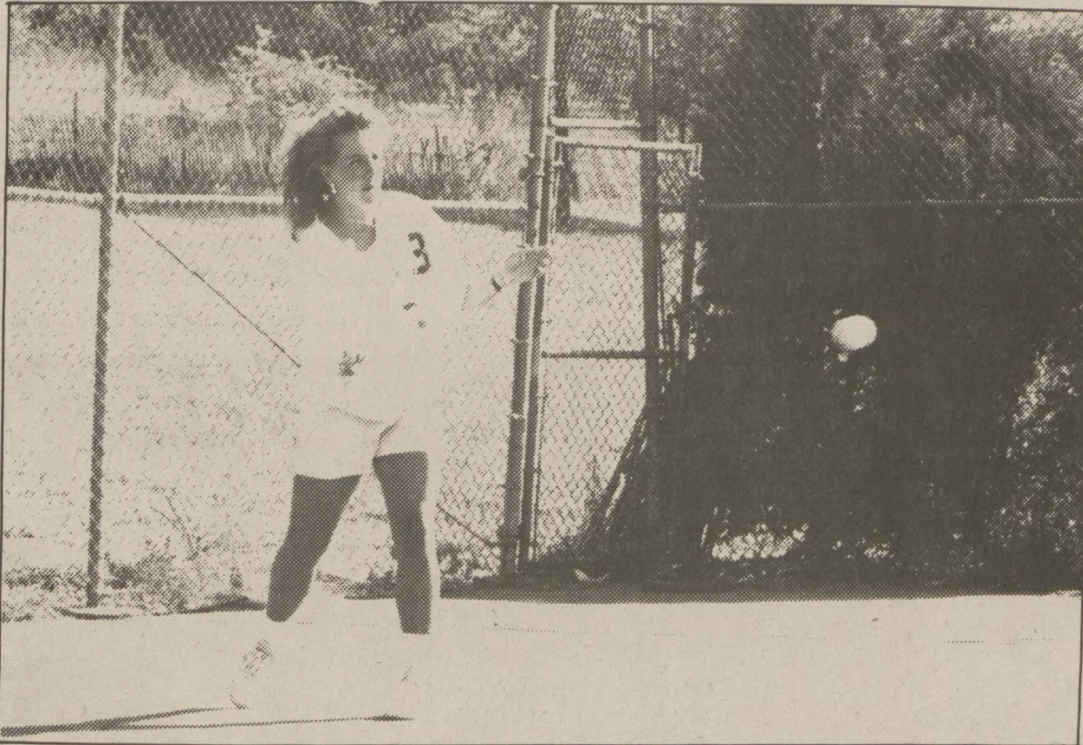
Gone to graduation are three of last year's top players, Greg Kroeth, Mark Bruttell and Paul Deckard.

"The loss of those three guys is going to hurt us, but they really didn't pull their weight in the GLIAC (tournament). I guess I just expected too much out of them," Busam said.

Wieme said, "On paper, it looks like the best

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Summer swing



The Oakland Post / Andy Sneddon

The women's tennis team is preparing for their season opener at Lake Superior State University Sept. 17. Above, Junior Heather Duncan works on her swing. A preview of the netters will appear in the Sept. 6 edition of the *Post*.

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THE OAKLAND UNIVERSITY FALL INTRAMURAL SPORTS LEAGUES ARE NOW FORMING. BELOW IS A LIST OF SPORTS OFFERED, THE DEADLINE FOR SIGN UP, LEAGUE MEETING DATES AND THE WEEK GAMES BEGIN.

Sport	Meeting Date	Games Begin
FOOTBALL men, women	Sept. 1	Sept. 19
SOFTBALL men, women, coed	Sept. 1	Sept. 19
TENNIS individual men, women	Sept. 26	Nov. 3
RAQUETBALL individual men, women	Sept. 26	Nov. 3
BASKETBALL women, coed	Sept. 10	Sept. 24
FLOOR HOCKEY men, women	Nov. 1	Nov. 14

Complete rules and regulations can be obtained from the intramural office in Lepley Sports Center. The winter I.M. schedule will be published in November. For more information call 370-4003.

Soccer team strives for Division II title shot

By DAVID HOGG
Staff Writer

Last season, like the Detroit Tigers, the Oakland soccer team overcame a slow start to make the playoffs only to suffer a disappointing loss in the first round of the playoffs. This year, both teams want the title.

Coach Gary Parsons has 13 players returning from last year's 14-5-1 team and three others who are coming off layoffs of one or more years. The top seven scorers from 1987 are back including leading scorer Sophomore Paul Phillips.

The most noticeable difference between this team and last year's squad is at goalkeeper. Last year Parsons rotated three netminders; Jeff Vakratsis, Nino DiCosmo and Vince Aliberti. While all three have eligibility remaining, only Vakratsis is back this fall. Aliberti transferred to the University of Windsor and DiCosmo left school.

JOINING VAKRATIS in the nets this year will be Ralph Torre, a junior transfer from Toronto's York University. Parsons is undecided about which goalie will eventually claim the number one spot, but said he planned to use Torre in the season opener against the University of Michigan (Tues-

day, 4 p.m. Pioneer Soccer Field). "Ralph is as good as Jeff, and has the potential to be even better," Parsons said.

Defensively, the Pioneers stack up about the same as last year despite the loss of Brian Fitzgerald, considered a cornerstone of the defense. John Stewart, a first-team All-American last year will be back along with seniors Matt Paukovits, Mikael Carlstrom and Scott Steiner. Rounding out the OU defensive corps are Raul Delgado and Dan O'Shea along with Rochester native Dan Weinerth and junior college transfer Mike Barron. O'Shea is returning after two years on the sidelines.

THE OAKLAND starting midfield returns en masse this year with juniors Simon Mayo, Alan Stewart and Erik Enyedy. Mayo and Enyedy were the top two Pioneer playmakers last year with 13 and 11 assists respectively. Mayo's assist total ranked fourth on the all-time single season list at Oakland while Enyedy's was sixth.

Between Enyedy and Mayo at midfield will be Alan Stewart, John's younger brother and OU's fifth leading scorer last year with five goals and six assists. Delgado and O'Shea will also see some playing time at midfield, along with

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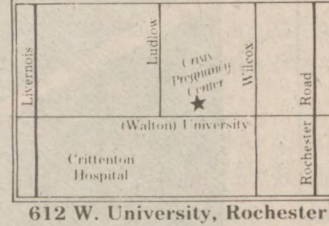
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Soccer

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John Brennan, a transfer from Kalamazoo College.

At forward, Sophomores Sel Eren and Phillips join Junior Earl Parris in the probable starting lineup. Phillips, Eren and Parris combined for 28 goals and 24 assists last year.

Phillips was accused by some observers of "disappearing" in big games last year yet he led OU with five game-winning goals including three in one-goal games. Eren will be looking to come back from a leg injury that cut his playing time much of last season.

Parsons wants to add depth to the forward line and that could come from a trio of freshmen vying for a key back-up spot including Scott Camacci, Ron Stefanovski and Gorn Stojanovski.

"ONE ADVANTAGE to not having one player that our offense is built around is that there isn't any player that we can't afford to lose," Parsons said.

The Pioneers could also suffer from a lack of depth at goalkeeper if either Torre or Vakratsis is injured. Vakratsis already missed the alumni exhibition game with a hand injury. If Vakratsis is injured again, OU will be forced to go with only one unproven goalie.

The Pioneers face a 21-game schedule this year including six Division I teams and 10 Division II teams including an Oct. 15 rematch with last year's nemesis, the University of Missouri-St. Louis in the Show-Me-State.

UMSL defeated OU twice last year, including the 2-1 defeat that knocked the Pioneers out of the NCAA Division II playoffs.

The Pioneers are looking to avoid the slow start that has plagued them in years past.

"WE NEVER have a good start. We always seem to have trouble in our first couple big games, but we usually make the playoffs anyway," Parsons said.

When asked why his teams had this problem, he said, "I don't know why. That's for you sportswriters to decide."

Parsons and his troops will travel to New Hampshire for a Labor Day weekend tournament where they'll face the University of New Hampshire and St. Anselm College.

Golf

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(team) we've had since I've been here."

THE GOLFERS tee off their 1988 fall campaign by traveling to Lewis University in Chicago Sept. 7 and 8 to defend their championship in that tournament. The schedule is yet to be completed but Busam expects to enter his charges in about seven tournaments this fall.

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