

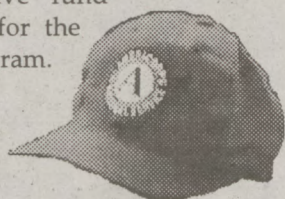
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The men's soccer team slipped into the NCAA playoffs last week as the third and final seed in the Central Region after failing to earn a bid last year.

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Former Marriott employee speaks to the recent claims of racism within OU's food services now run by ARAMARK.

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## Search parameters disputed

Two finalists chosen amid questions about candidate diversity considerations

By HEIDI HEDQUIST  
Editor In Chief

Two candidates have been chosen for the Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs position, despite Associate Professor of Sociology Kevin Early's resignation from the search committee, Oct. 2.

Early chose to resign

because he felt there was not enough diversity in the applicant pool.

The finalists, Professor of Rhetoric and Linguistics Alice Horning and Associate Professor of Education and Chair of SEHS Human Resource Development Susan Awbry were chosen from a pool of four. The other two candidates were

Professor of Rhetoric Communication and Journalism Ron Sudol and Former State Senator and Political Science Special Lecturer John Kelly.

According to Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs Bill Connellan, the finalists have been undergoing a series of meetings with deans and other people the position comes in

contact with, such as chairs of the senate steering committee, this week.

Connellan will review all of the results of these meetings and other findings this weekend and hopes to make a recommendation to President Gary Russi early next week.

In a letter to Joan Rosci,

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**QUESTIONING DIVERSITY:** Dr. Kevin Early resigned from the search committee last month.

## The Big Move



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**END IN SIGHT:** Crews have begun installing wiring and fixtures in the Science and Technology tentatively scheduled for completion in

## Faculty look forward to the completion of new facilities

By MICHAEL METZLER  
Special Writer

Though the science and engineering building is not due to be complete until next semester, many faculty and deans are looking forward to moving into new quarters.

The building, which will hold 11 general purpose classrooms, will form a quadrangle with Dodge and Hannah halls, allowing easy access between buildings for students. The rooms are made up of 8 lecture halls and 3 smaller seminar rooms. Labs will be additional to the number, being the sole responsibility of each department.

February is the tentative date for completion for the \$39 million project, which has been in the works since December, 1994. The building, however, may not actually open until April due to moving and preparing processes.

Virinder Moudgil, professor of biological sciences and chair of the department, has been waiting for such a move for a long time.

"In a field like biology, you really need state of the art facilities to keep up with the high caliber laboratories," Moudgil said. "We have to meet certain safety and technological requirements while attacking the scientific challenges that are out there."

The math and science buildings, some as old as 35 years, are a deterrent to progress, Moudgil said. Moudgil moved into Dodge Hall in approximately 1966. Although most equipment is up to date, general classroom items such as chairs and tables remain as old

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## Division I committee reaches decision

By JAIME SHELTON  
News Editor

It's unanimous.

According to Vice President for Finance and Administration Paul Bissonnette, chair of the Intercollegiate Athletic Review Committee created to research the future of OU's athletics, the six member committee unanimously consented to recommend OU increase its standing to Division I AAA without football.

Monday afternoon the ad hoc athletic committee recommended to President Gary Russi that OU step up its athletic program

*"We all (each committee member) said what we believed, ... but there wasn't any debate,"*

- William Macauley

Associate Dean  
College of Arts and Sciences

from Division II.

The report is expected to be made public by the end of the day Friday, and will be available in the vice presidents' and deans' offices, Kresge Library, the Communications and Marketing office, the Athletics Department and residence halls.

Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and original member of the

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## Dead animal left for sorority president

Chi Upsilon President Stephanie Maximuik received an unexpected wrapped package addressed to her on the sorority's desk in the Greek Office of the OC on Friday.

The package contained a dead raccoon and a note saying "die bitch."

Witness Christine Machado opened the package because Maximuik said she was afraid.

Maximuik told police that she suspects one of her sorority sisters left the package. She also told the officers that the sorority has been involved in hazing, acts which she said she does not condone.

"For me to speculate to the paper (about who left the package) would only hurt the investigation," said Maximuik.

Maximuik stated to police that she previously warned her sorority sisters of the trouble that could arise if the hazing continued, and also said that another person told the chapter's faculty advisor of the misconduct.

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## Greater prerogative proposed

Increase in authority proposal would allow Russi greater flexibility in legal matters

By HEIDI HEDQUIST  
Editor In Chief

If the Board of Trustees approves it, President Gary Russi may be able to file lawsuits of up to \$200,000 as well as settling lawsuits of up to \$25,000 on behalf of the university without getting Board approval first.

Currently Russi can make settlements of up to \$15,000. "OU already has two policies on settling legal claims, one for litigation and one for workers comp. Both limits are currently set at \$15,000. The policy on set-

tlement, therefore, is simply a request to raise the settlement authority," said General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Susan Gerrits.

Gerrits approached the Finance and Personnel Advisory Committee with the ideas at its meeting last Thursday.

The idea will be brought to the Board's attention as part of the current policies under review in the Board's policy book. "The policy on (the president) filing lawsuits is new (at OU). It made

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**UPDATING POLICY:** General Counsel Susan Gerrits proposed giving the president more legal authority to the Finance and Personnel Advisory committee last Thursday.



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## ONCE WERE WARRIORS

STARRING: RENA OWEN • TEMUERA MORRISON • MAMAENGAROA KERR-BELL • JULIAN ARAHANGA

Lee Tamahori's brutally honest contemporary drama is the winner of over 15 film festival awards and prizes. Tamahori focuses on the tragic fate of the Heke family, impoverished Maoris trying to survive in a grim government housing project in New Zealand. The family of Beth (Rena Owen) and Jake (Temuera Morrison) plunges into chaos when Jake loses his job. One son joins a street gang to escape Jake's abusive behavior, and their eldest daughter is raped by her father's drinking companion. Beth has endured her husband's violent temper for 18 years, but now she must look deep within herself to find the courage she needs to plan for a better future. Moving performances by a cast of newcomers make painfully clear the anger and frustration of the displaced Maoris. Once proud warriors, they are now adrift in an urban society which is destroying the fierce tribal dignity that is their heritage.

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## Showcase Cinemas Movies

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# CAMPUS NEWS

## Support mounts for sign language

By SUZY SCHOLZ  
Assistant News Editor

A recent move by Student Congress questions OU's handling of its two American Sign Language (ASL) classes, COM 114 and COM 115.

Congress members plan to write a resolution by Dec. 9 showing desire to expand OU's ASL offerings to at least two higher classes and fulfilling the university's general education requirement for foreign language.

As it stands right now, COM 114 and 115 are elective courses and do not

fulfill the one semester foreign language general education requirement. If the change recommended by Congress takes effect, students could choose to take ASL as a foreign language option.

"The deaf culture in America is growing. It would be beneficial for students to know sign language," said Congress member Matt Karrantja.

According to Karrantja, Congress wrote and passed a similar resolution unanimously in 1994 but never followed up on it. Congress recently decided to revive the fallen effort

because it felt rising demand from students for the change Karrantja said.

Additionally, Congress would like to see the issue come to a student referendum, and it has been petitioning students for support.

To bring an issue to a student referendum, Congress needs signatures from 339 students, one-third of the number of students who voted in the last Congress election.

Karrantja reported that as of yesterday, 1,221 signatures were collected.

The Department of Modern Languages, however, does not support

Congress' move, said Chair Renate Gerulaitis.

Gerulaitis said that although there is a definite deaf culture students could learn about, she does not believe ASL should fulfill the general ed requirement for foreign language because students would not be learning about a foreign language or culture. They would, in a sense, be learning about an American culture.

"Part of learning a language requires learning about a foreign culture. With this (ASL) such a big com-

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Post Photo / Nelson May  
**BODY LANGUAGE:** Communication Special Instructor Quinn Clark teaches students to sign in COM 114.

## Students get access to more databases

By THANE NAMY  
Special Writer

Kresge library has subscribed to a new electronic service that will provide OU with access to more than fifty databases. Though previously available only to faculty for two years, the library is now opening up the pool to allow students, as well, access to FirstSearch.

The system is provided by Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) which supplies information via the internet.

"Before we opened it to students, we wanted to make sure it was worth keeping," said Kristine Condic, associate professor of Kresge Library.

It has been available to students for about a month, but students have not been using FirstSearch nearly as much as faculty, said Condic. She said this is probably because many students are not aware the database system is available.

FirstSearch operates much like the current system Library User Information System (LUIS), however, it supplements LUIS because it has many more databases that index specific information, said Condic.

Particular subjects can be searched by topic, name, title, or keyword using a computer terminal that has access to the internet.

Students cannot use FirstSearch until after they have exhausted all other available sources. This is because Kresge has already paid for a batch of searches.

For \$5.50, the library received 10



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**NEW OPTION:** Pete Tomaras, senior business major, looks up nuclear waste in the LUIS database. With FirstSearch, students can now access 50 databases when searching for research materials.

searches, and additional searches are at a cost of \$5.80, said Indra David, associate dean of Kresge.

The funds for the service came from interest accumulated from the

Enduring Legacy Endowment Fund (ELEF). The Fund, with donations coming from various sources, is designated for library use only.

"One of its (OU's) priorities is to

direct funds to the Enduring Legacy Endowment Fund, which in turn goes to the library," said David.

When faculty and students discov-

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## Wording causes close vote

By SUSAN ROBINSON  
Special Writer

In a 21-19 vote, the University Senate Thursday approved a controversial amendment to the newly-proposed Library Committee which changed the committee's charge.

The amendment was suggested by Library Dean Suzanne Frankie, who objected to language which would give the newly-created Committee "equal" say in formulation of library policies with the library staff.

The proposed charge allowed the Library Committee to "participate equally with the library in the formulation of broad general policies on collections, buildings, facilities and services".

It was because of the word "equally" that Frankie objected. She posed an amendment to the charge, arguing the charge would make the Committee's responsibilities "similar to other Senate committees, with similar rules and responsibilities appropriate to a Senate committee." She also objected to what she viewed as a usurpation of the Library faculty's autonomy.

Two members of the Steering Committee and several other senators spoke against the amendment in the meeting, but in the end it narrowly passed.

In other Senate action, Senate Secretary Linda Hildebrand, associate library professor, was elected to the Steering Committee to replace retiring Graduate Dean George Dahlgren. Subsequently, a third student was added to committee membership, and the revised library constitution was approved.

The Steering Committee posed the establishment of an honorary degree

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## Car stolen from library lot, woman accuses ex-boyfriend

A 21-year old student's car was stolen from her last week.

The woman told police that when she came out of Varner Hall on

Thursday, she saw her ex-boyfriend in the driver's seat of her 1992 Lumina.

The woman told police the man ordered her into the car, and when she refused, he threatened that she would never see her car again.

As the woman started to leave, the man continued to call out threats. The woman and one witness then notified OU Police of the incident.

She told police the man had the extra set of keys to the car.

Police entered the vehicle into LEIN and made an area broadcast.

### Sign stolen

A CF&O employee reported on Nov. 12 that a top header plate for the sign at Meadowbrook and East Oakland was stolen.

The exact date of the crime is unknown, but the man told police he last saw the sign on four days earlier. The man said he was informed that the contractor installing the signs did not take it down.



## Donations requested for memorial to honor belated research assistant

By CINDY WILLIAMS  
Special Writer

The OU Eye Research Institute recently experienced a great loss when one of its research assistants passed away this summer.

Bhargavan "Chak" Chakrapani, 65, a research assistant at the eye institute, died August 30, 1996, nine months after his retirement, due to liver damage.

Chakrapani left behind his wife, Chitra, and two daughters, an OU engineer graduate student and a physical therapy student. They live in the faculty subdivision and plan to stay, despite their loss.

"It's very hard to describe what Mr. Chakrapani did. He did just about everything," said Eye Research Institute Director Venkat Reddy.

Chak specialized in amino acid analysis and also assisted faculty and trained other assistant technicians, but

mostly worked side-by-side with Reddy.

Frank Giblin, professor and associate director of the institute, learned first hand the strengths that Chakrapani had to offer.

"I knew Chak for 22 years. He had been at the institute for a few years when I arrived. Being new to the research field, Chak trained me in various techniques," said Giblin.

"He was very patient during the training and worked well with the visiting scientists," Giblin added.

During the 27 years that Chakrapani was at the institute, he became known as a hard worker.

Chakrapani took his "hard worker" attitude with him onto the tennis courts and into his neighborhood.

"He was very active in tennis and the Indian community. He often picked

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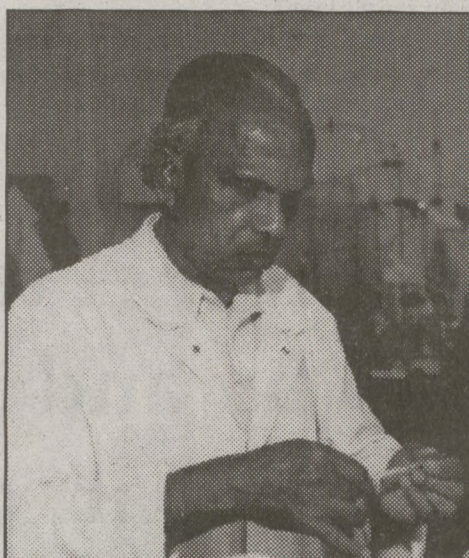


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**HARD WORKER:** Many members of the Eye Research Institute remember belated Bhargavan Chakrapani as a dedicated worker. A memorial has been set up to honor him.



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### EDITOR'S VIEW

## ASL useful in life situations

**J**e parle, tu parle, il parle... Many college students spend countless hours conjugating verbs in foreign languages without ever planning to use them.

The foreign language requirement is one which many students dread as they make their way through school. Many ask when they will ever come in contact with the language again if they don't plan to travel to other countries or work for an international corporation.

However, one language which students do see the potential for is sign language (ASL).

It is not uncommon for people in all professions to come in contact with someone who cannot hear and the ability to communicate through signing helps ease frustration.

It is a useful tool which many people use on a daily basis, so why isn't it considered an 'official' foreign language?

Yes, the words are in English so the instruction should be easier to grasp but it is a completely different way to speak.

So what if the language is spoken with hands rather than the mouth, that does not mean it isn't a language. Students of sign language need to learn just as many new things as students of french, spanish or any other language.

Just like those languages, one false move and the 'speaker' could be communicating something that they really don't mean.

There are just as many frustrations involved in memorizing the sign alphabet as learning any other.

It doesn't make sense for it to not be a language.

Some say that the difference is that with foreign language students are also learning of another culture yet with ASL they would not.

How could they not? They would be learning a small amount of what it is like to be deaf and how life is different and the same as with people who hear. The deaf have a distinct culture.

Besides, if culture is such an important part of the language requirement, then why is ALS 176 The Humanity of Language accepted? That class is about the structure and formation of languages throughout the world. The people I've talked to say there was no discussion of culture.

Currently the Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism department accepts ASL as its foreign language co-requisite but this is the only department that does.

Never in my three years here have I heard a major in that department say they were going to take sign language because it was easier or a blow off. Instead, I've heard people rush to sign up because they see it as something they will have a use for after they graduate.

Student Congress is right to try to get a resolution for ASL to be considered a foreign language. They achieved it before, but nothing was ever done about it. They will achieve it again and hopefully this time the necessary changes will be made.

Students deserve the ability to take classes they know to be useful in the 'real' world without sacrificing one of their precious electives. Isn't the whole point of college to be better prepared for the future?

# OPINION



### Letters to the Editor

## Former food service worker claims Marriott discriminated

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to your Editor's View column in the Nov. 6, 1996 issue of THE OAKLAND POST *Something Foul at ARAMARK*. It that column you stated that the main complaints against Marriott were about the taste of their food. Well, let me correct you on that misstatement you made to the university community.

It is falsely untrue that food taste was the main complaint against the Marriott corporation as it relates to the food service operations on campus.

Racism and discriminatory tactics was the overwhelming and most common complaint against the Marriott staff during their tenure at Oakland University. Those complaints came from university food service employees, Marriott supplemental employees, Oakland University student employees and a few Marriott managers themselves, all of whom were African-Americans working in the food service operations on campus. If you would have done a little research you would have found that there were numerous articles printed in THE OAKLAND POST concerning racism in the university food service operations by a few Marriott managers.

I will also state that the union which represents the university food service employees did not live up to their responsibility to deal with such a serious offense against their union brothers and sisters.

Everything that I have stated is true and I will dare anyone to challenge anything I have said in this letter. I personally know what went on in the food service operations because I was employed in food service from Oct. 1990-Sept. 1995.

While employed there I also served as Chief Union Steward for the university employees assigned to the food service operations.

Due to the fact that the university would not address the racism issue and neither would our union, I was forced to take it upon myself to protect the people I represent.

I was forced to file a number of unfair labor practice charges against Oakland University on behalf of myself and the members I represented. The union refused to take such action and even worse, they refused to support me and worked in conjunction with the university. As a result I filed an internal complaint against my union in Sept. 1995 and have had no response on that complaint to this date.

I also filed two unfair labor practice charges against my union for refusing to protect me from harassment from university officials and refusing to protect my rights as a union member and a union officer.

In closing I urge all good people to fight discrimination head on and have no fear because if we don't change the course of racial discrimination in this country, we are on course for the worst racial civil unrest that anyone has ever witnessed and I do not wish to witness any such tragic event which I am certain it would be.

Sincerely,

Jess Shelton  
Custodian

Dear Editor:

I just got another ticket... \$20 down the drain... the signs saying "tow away zone" were quite clear...I just couldn't figure out how to choose between A) taking my chances parking in a "permit only" parking area (without a permit) or B) driving around for another 15 minutes (it had already been a half hour) to find a non-permit parking spot and have to justify my tardiness when I showed up late for an exam.

Forget the Division I idea, who in their right mind would want to come see an awesome swim team compete (unfortunately for absolutely nothing), when they would have to endure the inevitable fight for parking?

Not only do they have to beat the other fans there, they have to wait for the students that are already parked there to leave.

It's a well known fact that if you're always looking ahead and planning far into the future, you just might forget about the present. I was brought

up thinking that if you can't solve the problems at hand, then you'll never be able to plan effectively for the future. This is a majority COMMUTER school, yet the only recent parking lot renovations have been the closing of both Lepley lots, and the addition of spaces way out at Varner Recital Hall, and in the RESIDENCE parking lot outside of Vandenberg.

What's wrong with this picture? If Mr. Russi and the administrative posse were really concerned with the well-being of the student body then there wouldn't be a need for this letter... nor would I have to pay \$20 that I don't have for trying to make the grade in a class that I've already paid \$500 for.

For a university that claims to offer the best education for your dollar, there seems to be an awfully large lacking in common sense.

If you also feel that OU's priorities are out of whack, I encourage you to make your opinion known. The following is President Russi's e-mail address: russi@oakland.edu. and mine: mcleonar @oakland.edu.

Sincerely,

Matt Leonard  
MIS and Communication

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Dec. 4. It's the last one of  
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# Bits 'N' Bites

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progress of the construction.**

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## Search

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search committee chair and associate professor of English, Early said he could no longer in good faith continue on the search committee.

"From the very first meeting I kept raising the issue of diversity and expanding the size of the diversity pool. The committee I guess was satisfied with the candidacy pool," he said.

"I felt the size of the pool was too small and for a position of that importance we needed to expand the candidacy pool," said Early.

According to Early, Rosen understood Early's concerns and asked him to stay on the committee, Rosen however said that the committee had done what it felt necessary to achieve the best candidate pool, said Early.

The search was an internal one with applicants self-nomi-

nating or being nominated by another member of the community.

According to Rosen, "No one was rejected; several people were encouraged to apply and chose not to put their names forward," she said. Rosen said that job postings were sent out on three separate occasions.

Early also said that despite soliciting to the community and altering the application process, the committee got nowhere.

Connellan said he felt that they had done all they could to solicit applications.

Early also suggested opening the search to external applicants. "It's like an incestuous relationship if hired from within, not that the people here aren't good," he said. He said that he felt that there are many people at other schools that could bring their ideas and commitments to OU.

Early said that what he meant by diversity was not a matter of race. "I think of an

ecosystem. We need to step beyond black-white diversity," he said.

He said he thinks OU needs to truly make a stand on diversity and affirmative action. "OU needs to articulate to the community what its values are. To articulate without clear cut commitment is counterfeit," he said.

Early said that he supports President Gary Russi and feels he is committed to diversity, but said it's easier to articulate than to practice.

"When I look at the top people here, 64 percent of the students are female, but even the chair appointments don't reflect that. Most administrators are male," he said.

The committee compiled the applicants named and presented them to Connellan. According to Rosen, the committee submitted a listing of each candidate's strengths and weaknesses.

Rosen said she could not comment on Early's decision to leave the committee.

## Russi

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sense to recommend such a policy as we were recommending the companion policies on settling lawsuits," said Gerrits.

Gerrits said that at many other schools the administration can file lawsuits. "This practice is consistent with other universities. I've surveyed seven of them. It's sometimes done through expressed policy and sometimes through implied," she said.

Gerrits said that U-M, CMU and GVSU have bylaws authorizing the president to file lawsuits in any amount. "MSU, WSU, WMU and EMU have no written policy; rather these institutions take the position that a specific delegation is not needed, that the president already has such authority," she said.

She also said that it is rare for lawsuits to be filed. "Other

than routine collection actions, it is extremely rare. In fact, in the seven years that I have been here I can't think of any," she said.

Members of the committee were concerned with the proposal but agreed to allow it to go to the Board. "It's not a small sum. I'm not sure why we'd need it," said Trustee Henry Baskin. "I can't foresee a situation where we'd file immediately."

Gerrits said that Russi would have to inform the Board of his actions and that at other schools, there is no price limit on the administration's ability to file.

Initially Gerrits had asked for both filing and settling limits to be set at \$200,000. This figure was chosen because it is consistent with the president's policy concerning contracting and employment appointment. "The president has the authority to enter into contracts on behalf of OU without going to the Board, where the contract does not

exceed \$200,000," Gerrits said. "For contracts in excess of \$200,000, the president must first obtain Board approval."

The settlement figure was lowered to \$25,000, however, due to concerns raised by committee members.

"We may not have someone who is as sharing as you (Russi) are," said Trustee Ann Nicholson. "I have concerns about raising it so much."

Gerrits said that the \$15,000 current limit is low, although these settlements are also rare, she said the fee should be raised.

Baskin agreed but was still concerned with the sum.

The settlement agreement would cover both lawsuits and claims involving federal and state agencies. It would also include worker's compensation claims.

Any lawsuits exceeding the set figures would need Board approval before settlement or filing could occur.

## Science

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as the buildings. Moudgil's department is made up of 19 full-time professors and two secretaries.

"The scientific community, as a whole, is moving into new arenas," Moudgil said. "It is the perfect time for us to find new ways to teach, which the building (science and engineering) will allow us to do," he added. One of the new ways to teach will be through an anatomy lab, built specifically for the biology department.

Space limitations of current offices are one of the major concerns of Moudgil and other faculty members. OU's enrollment of students have increased notably in the past five years, up to 13,956 this year. This is 11.4% higher than the 12,530 totals which was the norm a half-decade ago. Three hundred rooms will make up the new building.

Paul Tomboulou, professor and chair of environmental chemistry. His department contains 50 employees, comprised of both part time and full time faculty, who will be spread out among five floors in the new building. Most of the faculty will be on the building's lower floors.

In an effort to keep the costs of the move minimal, existing desks and file cabinets will be transferred to the new building, rather than having new ones built. New bookcases are expected to await the faculty.

"We'll be keeping some laboratories over in Hannah, ones that still meet the design standards needed for chemistry projects," Tomboulou said. "What we're really talking about with the new building is catch-up space for the scientific changes

that have occurred since Hannah and Dodge were first built," he added.

Funding for the building will help recoup the costs and comes from a variety of sources. Private foundations, federal agencies, The National Science Foundation, and OU President Gary Russi's fundraising efforts are all working together to finish the building.

"We've also gathered \$6,000 from alumni, so far, and \$4,000 from research overhead, which was more than matched by the college dean's office," Tomboulou said. "These will really help pay for new Alpha workstations with terminals, which are critical in the field of chemistry research."

James McKay, chair and professor of mathematical sciences, said his department has switched buildings at least four times. His staff currently consists of 55 faculty and six secretaries.

"You really need to interact with your natural colleagues in the other scientific fields," McKay said. "I'm ecstatic about the new building, especially since we've been so cramped the last few years."

McKay threw away half his textbooks and files, due to inadequate spacing, when he moved to his office in O'Dowd. McKay moved into O'Dowd when it was first built in 1981. Not only increased space, but also new facilities keep him optimistic about his new office in the science and engineering building.

"We'll have six new labs, including a graduate graphics lab and a statistics lab," McKay said. "Both will be fantastic opportunities."

Computer lab plans include an undergraduate lab and a large computer classroom on the first floor. The remaining four labs will be located on the fourth,

fifth, sixth and seventh floors.

Beverly Berger, professor of physics, echoed McKay's feelings.

"The physics department requires more equipment than something like mathematics," Berger said. "We're hoping not only for new facilities, but also we're hoping that our labs won't be overflowing, with enough equipment for everyone."

Though many are excited about the upcoming move, some faculty members do have some concerns.

According to Michael Polis, professor and dean of the School of Engineering and Computer Science, the mechanical engineering department's dynamometer room still needs to be worked out. The room, designed to expose students to the automotive industry's current standards, has been built, but the problem of stringent measures to control fumes still remains.

"It's like having a room with no heat right now," Polis said. "We're going to have engines running in there, and we'll need the proper air handling if it's going to happen at all."

As a result of the control measures, the room cannot be used for its true purpose until an additional \$250,000 is raised or approved.

"As the building has been in planning for over 10 years now, a lot has changed," said Polis. Polis moved into Dodge when it first opened in the early '60s. His staff currently consists of 41 faculty, full-time and part-time, and six secretaries.

"Our student enrollment has skyrocketed. It's been estimated at 50 percent more than originally planned. Will the new building have both the budget and space that Oakland University really needs to provide?" Polis added.



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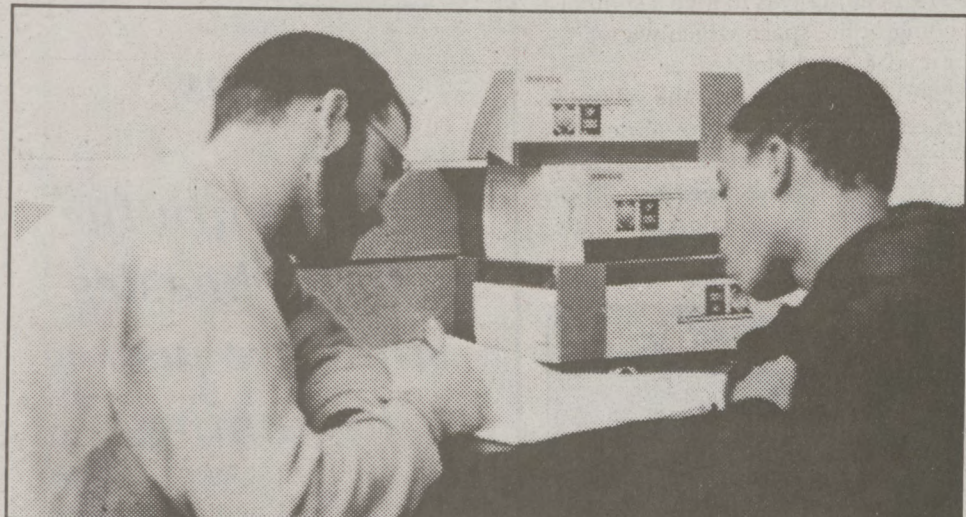
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# FEATURES



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**LENDING HELPING HAND:** Liam Walsh, left, senior, theatre and first year AmeriCorp volunteer, helps one of the many teens with homework at the Pike Street Boys and Girls Club in Pontiac.

## Helping to make difference

### Volunteers give time to help local Pontiac children

By JEANNEE KIRKALDY  
Assistant Features Editor

Making local kids smarter, healthier, and feeling safer is the goal of 40 OU students working for the national service program, AmeriCorps.

Three years ago OU became one of the four universities in Michigan to receive funding for the program.

AmeriCorps is designed to give children guidance and college students an educational reward and valuable work experience.

OU has a partnership with the city of Pontiac. Participants of AmeriCorps are assigned to one of the nine different sites, The Pike Street and Camp Fire Boys and Girls Clubs, various schools within the Pontiac School District, The Lighthouse, Howard Dell Community Center, All Saints Church, MSU Extension 4-H Club, Pontiac Youth Assistance and the Baldwin Church and Center.

AmeriCorps Oakland coordinator Carol Anne Ketelsen has seen a lot of

major changes in both the students and children.

"We have really watched students blossom," said Ketelsen. Students have become more aware of the fact that there are many needy people in their surroundings.

In addition, students have learned valuable leadership skills, how to balance schedules, and what they can handle emotionally, she said.

"It's not a morality program. We really try to work with the kids," said Ketelsen. "We are there to listen to the kids and we are there to help provide

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## Holiday Walk sneak peek at tradition

By JILL BARAN  
Special Writer

Meadow Brook Hall's 26th annual Holiday Walk offer a unique glimpse into Christmas past.

The walk incorporates Christmas decorations along with select items from the original wardrobe of the Dodge and Wilson families. Scenes will be created in select areas of Meadow Brook including items from stores at The Somerset Collection in Troy.

"Dressed for the Holidays," is the theme for this year's Holiday Walk at Meadow Brook Hall.

This is the first year Somerset has been involved with the event.

Sally Victor, marketing director for The Somerset Collection, said the items from Somerset are being used to complement the wardrobe collections.

"The overall feel is not coming to see the Christmas decorations but to see how the house might have been used for the holidays," said Victor.



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**MAJESTIC SPLENDOR:** Just one of the many beautiful rooms to encounter on the Holiday Walk at Meadow Brook Hall. The Holiday Walk can help people get in to the Holiday spirit and see how Christmas' past were celebrated.

For example, in Matilda Dodge Wilson's bedroom a sterling silver tea set from Tiffany & Company along with leather trunks from Louis Vuitton and tea and cookies from Crabtree & Evelyn are used to add modern style to the Louis XIV style bedroom.

"Each room is ready for the people to come back into it," said Victor. "One of the biggest goals is (for the rooms) to look natural and normal." She adds, "there is a little bit of theatre involved."

Also shown in this room are dresses Mrs. Wilson once wore. One of the most important pieces in the collection is a two-piece green silk and velvet dress with metallic brocade and lame from Paul Poiret's 1926 collections which are also displayed. There are also beautiful Christmas decorations to add holiday flare to the room.

Paul Poiret was a Paris designer in the early 20th century. He along with fellow clothing designer, Gabrielle Chanel, redesigned women's clothing from restrictive to more liberating.

While Chanel's clothing was simple, Poiret's clothing was more decorative.

Lisa Baylis Ashby, Meadow Brook Hall's executive director, said this was an important period of change for fashion and "we are delighted to share our fabulous collection of original fashions of the late Mrs. Wilson and her family."

In previous years each room was decorated by individual decorators or florists. This year, the decorating is going to be more consistent throughout the house with the help from Panache Productions a visual merchandising firm from Atlanta, Georgia, along with two merchandisers from Somerset. Panache Productions also worked on the Christmas display at the Somerset Collection this year.

The Great Hall and the corridors will be accented with Christmas decorations sponsored by the Somerset Collection and other local donors. Some of the shops at Somerset contributing to the walk include Laura Ashley, Saks Fifth Avenue, Eddie Bauer, Henri Bendel and FAO Schwartz.

Although this is Somerset's first time sponsoring the walk, Victor has worked with Meadow Brook in the past. While in high school she was a docent or tour guide at Meadow Brook.

Story John, co-chair for the Walk, remembers when she was a docent in high school, and recalls people coming through for the walk were excited because Meadow Brook had never been open to the public before.

Last year, in honor of the walk's 25th anniversary, pieces from the silver collection at Meadow Brook were showcased.

"We expect 10,000 to 20,000 people depending of the weather," said Corenna Aldrich, public relations director for Meadow Brook Hall.

The best times to visit Meadow Brook according to Diane Konkle, docent, "is after lunch and before din-



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**WELCOME EVERYONE:** Greeting guests at Meadow Brook Hall for the 26th annual Holiday Walk. Santa will also be at Knoll Cottage for pictures.

ner." She also adds that the best days to come are on Monday and Friday.

The Holiday Walk begins Nov. 29 and runs through Dec. 8. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. the cost for adults is \$10 and \$5 for children under 12. For OU students and affiliates presenting current ID the price is also \$5.

However on Dec. 2 and 3 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. OU affiliates and their guest can walk through for \$5 per person.

Santa Claus will be also be present at Knoll Cottage each day of the walk. The cottage built in 1926 for the young Frances M. Dodge, is a scaled down version of a real house.

Admission to Knoll Cottage is an additional dollar. The last entry is one hour before closing.

For more information call Meadow Brook Hall at (810)370-3140.

## Beyond the Open Door lecture confronts racial issues on campus

By DAMON BROWN  
Staff Writer

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship would like to alleviate the problem of race relations around the world, but plan on starting with OU.

"Look at the religious groups, I believe there are five on campus. Most are all white, except for USC [United Students for Christ], which is mostly black. Why such a separation? We all have the same God. Why are we separated?" said junior, Michelle Neuman president of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.

Intervarsity recently had a lecture tackling the problem of race relations, focusing on racial reconciliation. Nearly 100 students turned out to hear the 'word' according to their guest, Dr. Kevin Early. Early, the same Early who is an associate professor of sociology here at OU. Some are aware, but

more are unaware, that Early is an active Christian.

His lecture, 'Beyond the Open Door', talked about not letting race or culture prevent students from growing and from accepting others.

"Diversity is about differences and similarities. We need to respect different colors and races," said Early, in his lecture.

His sociological background helped Early to see racism and racial tensions from a different point of view.

"We want people to be like us, because we believe we have the answer," said Early. "There is a tension from our own self-definition and those around us. Sometimes others don't like what we have become."

"But one of the most important things I learned in life was to only focus on what I can change and not worry about what I can't change. You cannot change the direction of the wind, but

you can adjust the sail."

Early's eloquence is one reason Intervarsity came to him.

Last summer the president of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, junior Michelle Neuman, heard that Early was a Christian. She met him.

"I said I was a member of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and I wanted him to speak at one of our lectures. He said 'Sure. What do you want me to speak about?' and I told him interracial conflicts," Neuman said.

"Professor Early has a lot of wisdom and, because of the respect he has, people are more likely to understand and listen to what he has to say."

His lecture did have a Christian perspective, with many Bible references, particularly Corinthians 2:12 - 13 regarding Paul entering the church door, hence the name 'Beyond the Open Door'. He said people, but Christians particularly, have an obligation to

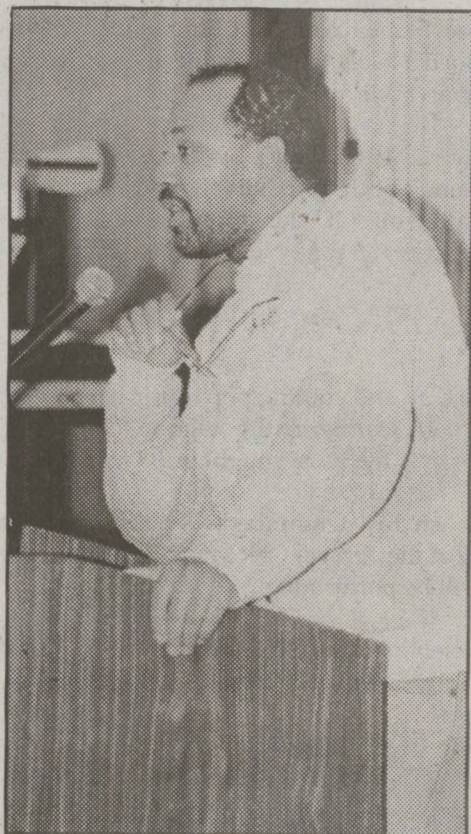
accept and reconcile with all races.

"I think [true Christians] can deal with racial reconciliation. "As the Bible says 'You say you believe in me [God]. How can you say you love me when you can't see me, and hate your brother when you can see him?'" said Early during his talk.

"When you get in an elevator with a person of another race, you may get defensive and tense. When you see a person of another race on the street, you cross to the other side."

"Jesus slept with people who were unclean- touched lepers. Many I know are afraid to touch someone with dandruff. We have a responsibility, ladies and gentlemen, we have to be a witness. When we step out there, it is hard. But He submitted himself for the greatest opportunity of all... Life. We have a responsibility to adhere to."

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**MAKING A CHANGE:** Dr. Kevin Early, speaks to the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship about positive ways to deal with racial relations on OU's campus.



# 'The play's the thing...'

## Varner lab theatre offers new learning experience

By RENEE UITTO  
Staff Writer

Room 133 in Varner Hall officially became the lab theatre last Tuesday at a ribbon cutting ceremony hosted by David Downing, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences.

The new theatre had been planned since 1994, but has been delayed due to safety reasons. The theatre was not safe

and needed another exit and chairs on the platforms.

Carol Halsted, professor of dance and chairperson of the Department of Music, Theater & Dance, said funding was one reason that caused the delay of the opening. "It took the two years to find the money," she said.

The lab theatre is expected to seat 55-70 people. The plays shown in this theatre will be student-directed. Each

production will be different for example the stage is now tilted for the production of *All in the Timing*.

A scene from *All in the Timing* was also shown at the ribbon cutting ceremony. This comedy opened Nov. 19 and runs through Nov. 24.

Halsted also said the significance of the ceremony was to see the new theatre made from an old classroom.

The official opening took place dur-

ing the day so students and the dean could participate.

"The opening was to give a symbolic opening of the space which we wanted for a year," said Halsted.

Scott Little, designer of the set, said construction on the theatre started in May and was completed three days prior to the official opening. "I'm relieved that it's done," said Little. "It's been a long process."



Sue Yax

## Coping with the holiday hassles that are just beginning

The Thanksgiving holiday season is quickly approaching, with only a little more than a week left for the big countdown to food.

Many people will soon be piling into their cars and heading to the far reaches of the world (or so it seems) to gather with friends and family over this coming week.

Others will hop on planes and spend most of their time in the airports trying to be near their loved ones.

Traveling to visit relatives always seems to cause lots of hassles. Aside from the fighting and bickering that often takes place we also have to deal with the amount of traffic because everyone else is trying to get to the same place you are.

So in order to make the time on the road easier to deal with try to leave either late in the night or early in the morning to miss the bulk of fellow travelers.

In theory this sounds good, but in practice it never seems to work because everyone has the same idea.

So I'm not really sure what to do about that except, don't travel long distances over the holidays.

Maybe one way to avoid traffic at least for yourself is to have your family members come to you this holiday season.

This can ease the burden of travel but it can also create other problems because then you'll be responsible for the Thanksgiving meal.

Think about it. You'll have to get up at 4 a.m. to pop the turkey in the oven, and then spend the rest of the day hovering over the oven, this does not sound like a pretty picture to me.

Not to mention the worst part of it all the cleanup.

See if you are having dinner at someone else's home and you are traveling some type of distance you can tactfully sneak out right before clean up duties begin.

But on the other hand if the festivities take place at your home, you're stuck.

Remember all the times you snuck out, everyone else is going to be paying you back for all the times you ditched out on clean up in the past.

So maybe you better think this over carefully.

If you're lucky you'll have a few family members or friends who won't have gorged on too much food and aren't glued to the football games on T.V. to come in and help you.

This brings me to another complaint.

Football over the holidays. If its not one game it's another.

Now, I do enjoy watching football but there has to be a limit.

And if everyone is not watching the football games many are snoring away passed out on the various chairs and couches due to over consumption of the holiday feast.

But I guess that is half the fun of it. The holidays should be a time of being together and what better way to spend the holidays than sitting around a dinner table and stuffing ourselves and reliving the good times we have all spent together.

But what about the people who either don't have family, can't get home or don't get along with family members?

Well, that is a great time to have friends who won't mind one or two people coming to their home and sharing in the fun.

Or even volunteering your time at a shelter for those who are less fortunate and could use a friendly face to help brighten their holiday.

However you decide to spend the holidays enjoy and rest up the next one is less than a month away.



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**FINISHING UP:** Set crew put the last minute finishing touches on the set for the upcoming play *All in the Timing* in the new Varner lab theatre.

## MBT offers high school students back stage learning opportunities

By MICHAEL METZLER  
Staff Writer

Meadow Brook Theatre's upcoming play *A Christmas Carol* may have additional preshow activity taking place. Area high school students are being invited to learn the ins and outs of the theater life.

"Our Outreach Programs attempt to fill in the gaps in terms of the drama and theatre classes that most high schools don't offer," said Phillip Locker, MBT's associate director.

"Any school in Michigan can participate if they want to. Our program shows students that theatre is not glamorous but hard work," said Locker.

Locker, who has performed on stage and film, is currently directing *Jest a Second!* by James Sherman for MBT.

The program, affectionately referred to as "shadowing," allows students to talk and walk with every aspect of a play's personnel as they prepare for a night's performance. The directing room, backstage and the auditorium are the main scenes of activity visited by students.

Geoffrey Sherman, MBT's artistic director, often takes time from his busy schedule to meet with the students.

MBT's shadowing, which started last winter during the *Shadowlands* play, usually happens seven times a year, once per play opening. Students usually attend MBT in groups of 10 or less, depending on how many are interested and the amount of space available.

"We usually only get those that are really serious about acting or directing," Locker said. "The students really get into the rehearsal part of the program. We sometimes get aspiring film students also."

OU freshman Jenny Ripari, theatre major, attended the *Shadowlands* shadowing event while a senior at Lake Orion High School.

"It was fun," Ripari said. "I really learned a lot." Ripari recently played Mary Lennox in the play *The Secret Garden* at Varner Hall.

"The process by which schools can get involved with the shadowing project is merely to contact us," Locker

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## Aspiring artists learn finer points of playwriting

### Playwrite to teach new theatre class in winter term

By MICHAEL METZLER  
Staff Writer

Varner Hall's Department of Music, Theatre and Dance is offering a new class this winter semester in an effort to please OU's aspiring playwrights.

Kitty Dubin, one of Michigan's leading playwrights, has signed a contract with OU to teach THA 480, a special topics class which she hopes will teach the basics of good play writing.

"What I'm teaching is what people everywhere look for in well-done plays," Dubin said. "Structure, charac-

ter development and solid dialogue. Without those, the audience loses their suspension of belief and sees the writing as just that, writing. Especially with the characters. I want my students to be able to create real, living, breathing people on the stage, not just cardboard stereotypes."

Dubin has ties to OU that extend beyond her new contract. She received a masters degree in counseling here in 1976. Since then, as her plays have become more successful, her concentration has shifted from education to pure play writing.

"I started off 25 years ago in Detroit with all intentions of being an English teacher," Dubin said. "At the time, there was absolutely no teaching jobs in that area. I felt that I might have made a huge mistake. Finally I decided to take

a play writing class on a whim at Wayne State University."

That whim turned out to be a blessing, as her first stab at play writing, *Cookies*, was entered into an area competition and won first prize. Dubin won a cash award and had the pleasure of seeing her play acted out by WSU performers on stage.

Dubin has since taught at Cranbrook and Macomb Community College, helping to introduce play writing workshops into both schools. During these stints, she found time to write one of her most popular plays, *Ties That Bind*, which was performed at Jeff Daniel's Purple Rose Theater (named after Daniel's part in the film, *The Purple Rose of Cairo*) in Chelsea, Mich.

"That was a big thrill for me," Dubin said. "It was very successful,

both critically and audience appreciation-wise. It's always a pleasure for an artist, no matter what kind of art they do, to receive those kind of accolades."

Michael Gillespie, associate professor of theatre at OU, took note of Dubin's success in the play writing field and contacted her earlier this year, regarding her teaching THA 480. Future play writing classes at OU will depend on the number of sign-ups for the class this winter.

"It's really too early to tell at this point," Dubin said. "I hope that the attendance will be there. From what I've heard so far, the interest certainly is."

THA 480 will meet Mondays 6-7:47 p.m. during next semester. For more information on the class, call 370-3023.

### OU EVENTS

Check out pieces taken from the Manoogian Collection, *The Trompe L'Oeil Tradition in Contemporary Realism* through Nov. 24 at the Meadow Brook Art Gallery.

Concerned about the planet you live on? *The Environmental Film Series* continues at noon featuring *The Endangered Earth: The Politics of Acid Rain* in room 159 of NFH.

Lee Tamahori's debut film, *Once We Were Warriors*, about the impoverished Hekes family trying to survive in a New Zealand housing project will be shown at 7 p.m. Nov. 22 in 201 Dodge Hall.

He has been hailed by *The Detroit News* and *Free Press* as being both "striking" and "enigmatic." Gregory Patterson, OU dance professional, will be putting on a concert at 3 p.m. Nov. 24 in the Varner Recital Hall.

### MUSIC

The up and coming pop music band from South Carolina will be tearing up the stage at 7:30 p.m. at the Shelter. The Drag is the most sought out fivesome in the Southeast.

*Crash Test Dummies* will be taking center stage at 7 p.m. Nov. 22 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. Special Guest Ashley MacIsaac will be performing.

Celebrate the release of the newly released CD *It Happened One Night* with Holly Cole at 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. Nov. 23 at The Magic Bag in Ferndale.

Be sure to wear those retro cloths and head down to Cobo Arena for the 8 p.m. show Nov. 23 when Brass Ring will present Canadian rockers The Tragically Hip.

Detroit musician Terry Callier will play his unique blend of jazz at the Magic Bag in Ferndale Nov. 24 at 8 p.m.

### THEATRE

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

Regress back to the days of poodle skirts and sock hops. *Bebop to everyone's* favorite musical *Grease*, running through Nov. 27 at the Fox Theatre.

Timothy Findley's tale of diplomacy, mystery, and love opens Nov. 7 and runs through Dec. 31. *The Stillborn Lover* opens the thirty-ninth season of the Detroit Repertory Theatre.

### ART

Artists Frank Pahl and Terri Sarris will put on a performance/exhibit at 7 p.m. Nov. 21 at the DIA. "Lost and Found" at the DIA includes a collection of short musical pieces and a collection of dance/performance pieces.

What can be done with everyday products? The DIA exhibit *Re(fuse)- Good Everyday Design from Reused and Recycled Materials* through Dec. 14 shows the interesting art options available with just a little imagination.

### MOVIES

The long awaited Disney classic *101 Dalmations* hits theatres Nov. 22.

For all you trekies out there, the saga continues. See what adventure is in store for Capt. Picard when *Star Trek: First Contact* hits the big screen Nov. 22.

### OTHER

Rochester's biggest holiday tradition kicks off Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. with *Lagniappe and Tree lighting ceremony*. Lagniappe is the 24 year old tradition kicking off the holiday festivities with refreshments and tokens of appreciation followed by the tree lighting ceremony and caroling.





## CIPO THIS WEEK

### CIPO Programs

CIPO Programs will offer a variety of programs this year which we hope the OU community will find interesting and enjoyable. Upcoming programs include:

#### College Bowl Demos

Monday, November 21 &  
Tuesday, November 22  
at noon in the Fireside Lounge  
See what it is all about!

#### London and Paris

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

Look for information at the CIPO Service Window or call Dewald Travel @ (810) 528-9900. Information brochures are now available at the CIPO Service Window.

Coming Soon: **December to Remember!**  
**Decmber 2-6, 1996**

#### The Fall Leadership Series - "Your Passport to Success!"

If you missed the first three leadership series seminars this semester, you still have a chance to fine tune those leadership skills. The last two topics for this semester will be *Stress in Leadership* taught by Professor David Sidaway on Tuesday, November 26, 1996, from 3-4:30 pm in the Meadow Brook Room and *Delegation* taught by Felecia Bumpus from the CIPO Office on Tuesday, December 10, 1996, from 3- 4:30 pm in the Meadow Brook Room.

*Get on board and experience  
leadership at its best!*

*Coming next semester will be the  
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#### Coming Soon: College Bowl "The Varsity Sport of the Mind"

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Oakland University has entered a national competition in the game known as College Bowl. College Bowl is one of the pioneering TV game shows. The game is played by two teams of four persons competing for points. They get points by answering toss up or bonus questions (a team can only answer a bonus question if a team member answers a toss up question correctly).

Look for demonstrations matches to be held in November. The campus tournament will be held in January. Entry forms are available at the CIPO Service Window. The winners of the campus tournament will be sent to the regional competition. The winners of the Regional Competition will be sent to the National Championship.

The Answer: Diamonds!

#### CIPO Service Window

The CIPO Service Window is there to provide convenience to Oakland University Students. At the service window we have:

- Film Processing
- Kodak film at low prices!
- single envelopes
- Meadow Brook Ball Tickets (beginning November 25)
- Sign up for Leadership Series
- College Bowl Sign up
- Sign up for the following SPB event:
- \* Sign up for SPB's trip to Planet Rock

Stamps are no longer sold at the CIPO Service Window. A stamp machine is now at the top of the Southeast entrance to the Oakland Center.

#### CIPO Services

CIPO offers a range of services designed to be helpful and useful to Oakland University Students.

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#### Quote of the Week

*"When you're curious, you find lots of interesting things to do. And one thing it takes to accomplish something is courage".*

Walt Disney

The 1997 Meadow Brook Ball Presents...

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Saturday, February 1, 1997

8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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## NIGHTCLUB

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**WEDNESDAY** November 20

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**THURSDAY** November 21 & 28

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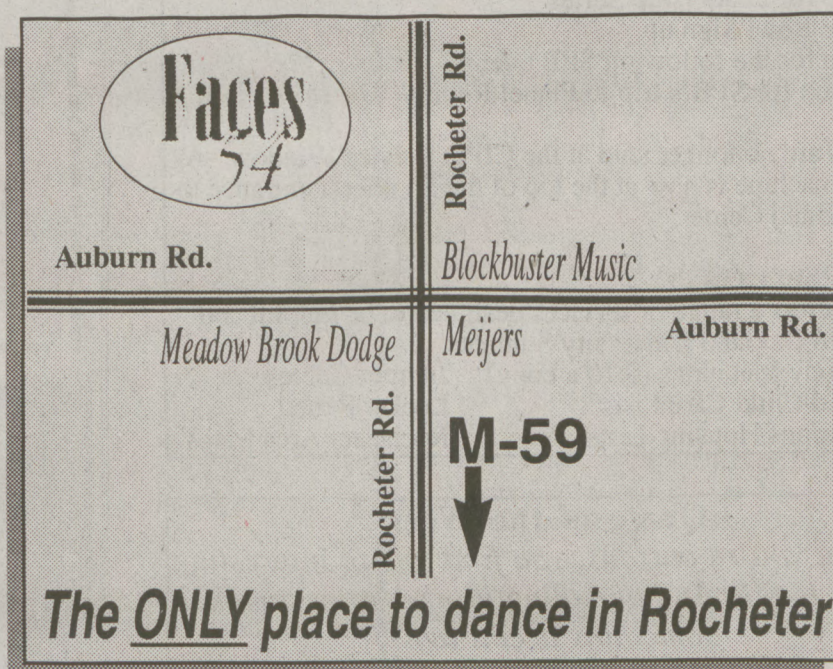
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ing the week and live  
bands on Friday and  
Saturday.*





# SPORTS

## Injuries plague Pioneers in rebuilding season

By DAVID CAMERON  
Staff Writer

A slight rebuilding project faces the men's basketball team as OU prepares for the 1996-97 season.

The Pioneers come off a year in which the team tied the school record for wins, won the GLIAC title and made a third straight NCAA tournament appearance.

Gone are Jason Burkholder, Matt Stuck, Tom Marowelli and Andy Brodi. In their places are untested freshmen Pete Maienknecht, Myke Thom, Mike Riley, Steve Reynolds, Mark Kempa and Dan Champagne.

Kempa and Champagne are injured and both will miss the start of the season and possibly the entire year.

Kempa, who has a history of back problems, suffered a fracture of the third lumbar vertebrae. This weakening of the bones is known as spondylolysis and is frequently seen in football players.

Meanwhile, Champagne hobbles on crutches after suffering a posterior dislocation of the hip during a conditioning drill Oct. 2.

"I'm disappointed and feel like I've let them (the team) down," said Champagne.

Not all is bleak, though, as OU prepares for the upcoming season.

"We are strong in the backcourt with Kovach, Amrhein and Matuszewski," said Men's Head Basketball Coach Greg Kampe.

The Pioneers, Kampe said, are going to be a three-point shooting team that is very fast and very athletic.

"The physical make-up of our team is taking a drastic change. We won't be able to muscle people as we have in the past. We will have to be more of a finesse-type team," he said.

Since OU doesn't have any true post players, any offense that comes inside, will feed off the outside game.

Last season, OU took 753 three-point shots. Shooting guard Kevin Kovach took 200 treys to lead the team. Kovach is a senior All-American candidate who also led the squad in points (18.5) and Kampe expects him to play a solid season.

"I think (Kovach) is an All-American and I expect him to play like one. He has come up big in the past and there is no reason to think he won't again. There will be a lot more pressure on him this year because in the past he has been surrounded with veterans and this year he is the veteran," Kampe said.

Kovach doesn't feel any added pressure as the team plays its second game of the season against Eastern Michigan University this Saturday in Ypsilanti.

"There's pressure as there was before. I think we all have to play well. We have a lot of good players," Kovach said.

Anchoring Kovach are juniors Kris Matuszewski and Denny Amrhein, plus senior Harold Baber. Matuszewski, who transferred from NCAA Division I program Stetson University, was red-shirted during the 1994-95 season.

Last year he averaged 6.1 points (5.2 in GLIAC play) and was hot the final two games last season, going 12-15 behind the three-point arc to help OU win the conference.

Starting at point guard, Amrhein begins his second season on the team looking to improve on last season's numbers. Amrhein averaged 9.3 points along with 3.2 assists after transferring from Bowling Green State University.

He stabilized a position that had a nomadic flavor to it. Before Amrhein, Kovach, Baber and Brodi all were tried at that position.

Baber, a tri-captain along with Kovach and Amrhein, played in 19 games during the 1995-96 campaign, adding 1.2 points a game, including five in a game against Michigan Christian College.

Another player that might be called an "anchor", is sophomore Matt McClellan. As a freshman, the 6-7 center played in 28 games for OU and put up respectable numbers, averaging five points and four rebounds.

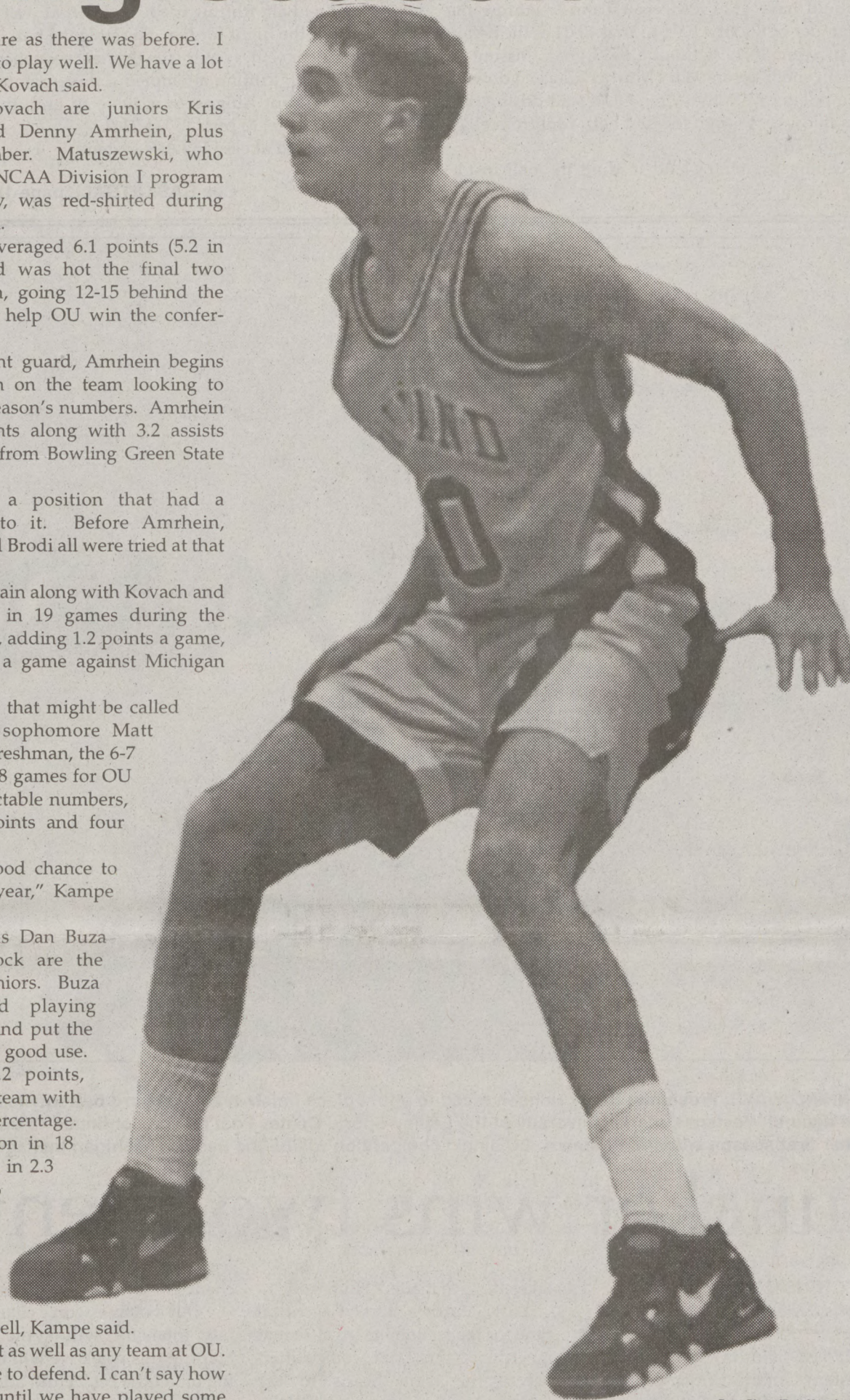
"Matt has a good chance to start for us this year," Kampe said.

Senior forwards Dan Buza and Craig Frohock are the other two OU seniors. Buza earned increased playing time last season and put the added minutes to good use. He averaged 10.2 points, while leading the team with a .663 field-goal percentage. Frohock saw action in 18 contests, chipping in 2.3 points and 1.6 rebounds.

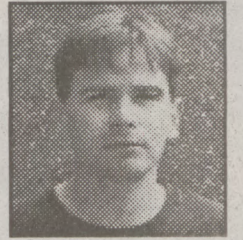
The men's team, while being athletic and quick will also shoot quite well, Kampe said.

"We can shoot it as well as any team at OU. We have to be able to defend. I can't say how good we will be until we have played some games," said Kampe.

He did say the offense isn't going to change all that much, as OU is going to be a run-and-shoot ballclub.



**IN THE PAINT:** Sophomore Matt McClellan will play a key role for the Pioneers this season for OU. That role became more important after preseason injuries to freshmen Mark Kempa and Dan Champagne have both sidelined and unable to play.



Chris Tait

## Oakland All-Stars crush Crusaders in home opener, real tests await

The Rochester Adams Highlanders three person alumnae squad nearly outscored Madonna University at "The Bubble" last Saturday night as the Pioneers opened up the season.

Transfer student sophomore Courtney Ruffing paced the Adams All-Stars with 13 points, senior Lori Young's added 11 points and junior Jamie Pewinski chipped in six points, for a grand total of 30 points — to 42 for the entire Crusader lineup.

Adding two more Oakland County Pioneers to the mix — senior Alyson McChesney (Clarkston) and sophomore transfer student Teresa Tallenger (Waterford Kettering) — the Oakland County All-Stars could've assembled a regulation five-person roster.

Adding McChesney's nine points and Tallenger's four into the mix, the Oakland County All-Stars edged out NAIA entry, MU on a 43-42 score — barely missing overtime.

While the All-Stars played well enough to scrape by the 2-2 Crusaders, the Pioneers as a complete unit crushed MU.

From the opening tip-off on it was clear that in spite of it being OU's first game of the season and its first game in "The Bubble" the Black and Gold could set the cruise-control and glide to an easy 89-42 win.

The Crusaders didn't help themselves out by going 3-35 from the floor in the first half and going for nearly 20 minutes without a basket as MU missed 35 straight shots.

Senior center Kristen Grant started for the Pioneers and paced the team with 14 points as Head Coach Bob Taylor went with the new look two-post motion offense.

In addition to out hustling MU, OU used its height to its advantage. Taylor started with 5-11 Bates and 5-11 Grant and the worked in 6-3 Tallenger and 6-0 Sue Karber. Freshman Becki Wheatley (5-11) also saw minutes and pulled in five points and four rebounds.

This Pioneer team may be for real.

## Pioneers advance, meet Mercyhurst in semifinal match

By CHRIS TAIT  
Sports Editor

The men's soccer team slipped into the NCAA playoffs last week as the third and final seed in the Central Region after failing to earn a bid last year.

Last Saturday, the Pioneers proved that they deserved to be in the playoffs beating second seeded West Virginia Wesleyan 2-0.

OU moves on to face GLIAC champion and No. 1 seed in the central region, Mercyhurst College this Saturday for the central region title and, more importantly, a trip to the national semi-finals.

"We scored in the first 10 minutes but they dominated the first half. Our goaltender made four great saves to hold us in the game," Director of Coaching Gary Parsons said.

Putting the regular season scoring woes aside, freshman Paul Snape knocked in a pass from freshman Adam Heinemann at 6:34 to give the Pioneers a 1-0 lead.

With 12:24 remaining in the match, Snape set up freshman Gunnar Halvorsen with an insurance tally.

While the offense got the job done on one end of the field, junior goaltender Amir Tal made 17 saves on 17 shots to earn his 10th shutout of the season.

"We played better in the second half and kept West Virginia Wesleyan away from our goaltender," Parsons said.

OU will ride a seven game winning streak into the MC match.

The last meeting between the Pioneers (14-5-2) and the Lakers (13-3-2) was a home contest Oct. 10 when the teams played to a 0-0 tie.



**PLAY BALL:** Senior midfielder Tony Jones received his fifth yellow card against Ashland University as OU closed out the regular season and could not play because of the one-game suspension that follows a fifth yellow. He will play against Mercyhurst College this Saturday.

If OU defeats the defending Central Region champs it would mark the seventh trip for the Pioneers to the national semifinals.

Earlier in the week Snape had been selected as GLIAC men's soccer fresh-

man of the year.

"I think it was given to a deserved player. I don't think that any first year player has made as much of an impact on his team as he has," Parsons said.

## Northwood drops OU in first round

By CHRIS TAIT  
Sports Editor

Northwood University moved on to face GLIAC champion Northern Michigan University after it showed OU the door in the first round of the GLIAC volleyball tournament last Friday in Marquette.

NU dropped the second game of the match to OU 5-15, but cruised to an easy 15-6, 15-9, 15-9 win.

"In the first game we didn't play very well. In the second game, we probably played the best game of the season — not the best match, but the best game," Head Volleyball Coach Dan Schulte said.

Seniors Stephanie Sasek and Danielle Milkiewicz stepped up in the final game of their careers with 16 kills and 18 digs and 10 kills and 15 digs respectively.

"Sasek and Milkiewicz give it their best shot," Schulte said.

The tournament ended the way the season did — with NMU earning the first place win.



Pioneer of the Week



Amir Tal  
Goalender  
Men's soccer  
6-3, Junior

Tal was brilliant in goal for the Pioneers in its 2-0 NCAA Tournament win over West Virginia Wesleyan, stopping 17 shots to earn his 10th shutout of the season. The 17 saves are one shy of the school record for saves in a match. Kory Hison made 18 saves against Michigan State University on Oct. 11, 1978.

The Pioneer sports month

Fri., Nov. 22

•WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TWO MEN AND A TRUCK TOURNAMENT—  
Lake Superior State University vs. St Joseph's (6 p.m.) and Oakland vs. Northern Kentucky (8 p.m.)

Sat., Nov. 23

•WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TWO MEN AND A TRUCK TOURNAMENT—  
LSSU vs. NK (6 p.m.) and OU vs. SJ (8 p.m.)  
•Men's Basketball Team at Eastern Michigan University (7 p.m.)  
•Men's Soccer Team at Mercyhurst College (1 p.m.)

Tue., Nov. 26

•Women's Basketball Team hosts Indiana-Purdue at Ft. Wayne (7 p.m.)  
•Men's Basketball Team at Madonna University (7 p.m.)

Fri., Nov. 29

•Women's Basketball Team at Grand Rapids Press Tournament

Sat., Nov. 30

•Women's Basketball Team at Grand Rapids Press Tournament

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

Pioneer fast fax facts

USA TODAY/WBCA Division II Top 25 Preseason Poll

• Defending national champion North Dakota State University heads the 1996-97 preseason poll. NDSU, which has won five of the last six NCAA Division II women's basketball titles, received 22 of the 24 first-place votes.  
• The Top 10 are: NDSU, North Dakota University, Abilene Christian (Texas), West Texas A&M, Delta State, Bentley, UC Davis, Shippensburg, Stonehill and Northern Michigan University. OU placed 21st.

Pioneers defeat Crusaders

By DAVID CAMERON  
Staff Writer

Smothering defense and balanced scoring led the women's basketball team to its first win of the season, 89-42 over Madonna University at "The Bubble" last Saturday night.  
Courtney Ruffing, a sophomore transfer from the University of Dayton, got off to a nice start with her new club, scoring 13 points.  
OU was up 12-0, 4:12 into the game after senior point guard Lori Young scored on a driving layup. The lead was soon increased to 25-10 after senior forward Alyson McChesney scored on a tip-in. McChesney finished the game with nine points.  
The game would continue to crumble for MU, as it would have only a Meegan Zann freethrow the remainder of the first half, to trail 40-11 at the break.  
MU went 19:49 without a field goal, missing 35 straight shots, before Mary Murray knocked down a three-pointer from the wing. OU's lead during that span midway through the first half went from eight to 47 (63-16).  
Pushing the tempo and feeding the ball inside

saw junior forward Tamika Bates finish with 11 points, senior center Kristen Grant finish with a game high 14 points and Young with a game high six assists.  
A new twist was added to the game as freshman Sue Karber saw action early in the first half. Karber, red-shirted last season because of a foot injury, made her OU debut with 14:08 left. She scored eight points and chipped in 10 rebounds.  
Every active Pioneer on the roster tallied at least four points. Freshman Jamie Ahlgren had eight, freshman Becky Wheatley five, freshman Teresa Tallenger had four and junior Jamie Pewinski picked up six points and four assists.  
Ruffing scrapped and out-hustled her opponents throughout the contest. With just over 10 minutes left in the first half, Ruffing made a play that was a microcosm of the night for her. She stole the ball from Zann near center court. On the next sequence, after a MU foul, Ruffing attempted a three-pointer that fell short, but Ahlgren was there to grab the rebound and score, to put OU up 21-9.  
Ruffing looked at ease in OU's system.



TURNING THE CORNER: Senior Lori Young drove to the hoop against Madonna University last Saturday.

See BASKETBALL page 15



Post Photo/Bob Knoska

WINNING WAVE: Freshman Betsy Hansen raced to a first place finish in the 200 yard butterfly last weekend against Western Ontario University at the Lepley Sports Center Pool as she continued to swim well in her first season with the Pioneers. OU's next competition will be the Eastern Michigan Invitational.

Juncker wins two events

By CHRIS TAIT  
Sports Editor

If last Saturday's meet against Western Ontario University wasn't over before it started, it was over soon after it started.  
OU jetted to first place finishes in in all 11 events and 1-2 finishes in eight of those events, en route to an 132-70 victory.  
Head Swim Coach Traci Huth was pleased with his team's performance Saturday which was more than he could say the week before.  
"I wasn't disappointed with the way we swam (against Wright State University). It was the mis-

takes that we made," Huth said.  
Last Saturday marked a critical time for the swimmers because that meet was the final competition before the team heads to the Eastern Michigan Invitational Dec. 6-7.  
That is the first meet where the swimmers and divers will focus on making the NCAA II cut in their events.  
Huth said that the team will simulate competition this weekend, but will use the next two weeks to tailor training to each swimmers' particular needs.  
"We'll start making decisions on who needs rest and who can go full-force," Huth said, adding that this break will give the team a

chance to recover from its fatigue.  
"Our volume won't change, but our intensity will come down. Starting this week we will be backing off a little bit," Huth added.  
Junior Laura Juncker (100 and 1000 yard freestyles), freshman Katie Szopo (200 yard freestyle), junior Jill Mellis (50 yard freestyle), senior Jessie Bailey (200 yard IM), freshman Betsy Hansen (200 yard butterfly), junior Clarice Gelmene (200 yard backstroke), junior Liz Hawes (500 yard freestyle) and Mellis (200 yard breaststroke) all finished first for OU.  
The Pioneers finished 1-2 in the 400 yard medley relay, 200 free, 50 free, 200 IM, 200 fly, 200 back, 500 free and the 200 breast.

OU drops Western Ontario Saturday

By CHRIS TAIT  
Sports Editor

The length of a fingernail.  
That was about how close freshman Ido Meron came to claiming the first NCAA II qualifying time for the men's swimming and diving team.  
OU 119  
WOU 76  
Ido turned that fast swim in the 200 yard backstroke.  
"I don't know where that came from," Men's Head Swim Coach Pete Hovland said. "Being a little older, I think he understands himself better."  
As usual, OU sailed to an easy 119-76 dual meet victory over Western Ontario University.  
A 1-2-4 finish by OU's 400 medley relay squads put the Pioneers in the driver's seat to stay.  
In fact, an OU swimmer was the first to hit the wall in each of the 11 events.  
Continuing to rip up the pool, senior James Collins did it twice — in the 200 yard butterfly and 200 yard breaststroke. Senior Raffi Karapetian swam to victory in the 200 yard freestyle.  
"Those two guys have really been impressing me," Hovland said, "(senior) Jay Judson, Raffi and James are just tearing it up. I'm really pleased with them. They're our go-to guys — our impact swimmers."  
When all was said and done, sophomore Dan Naylis (1000 yard freestyle), senior Chris Knoche (50 yard freestyle), senior Isaac Farnsworth (200 yard IM), junior Mark Gole (100 yard freestyle), freshman Yoav Ritter (500 yard freestyle) and two relay squads had all finished first.  
"Today was pretty much our last dress rehearsal," Hovland said, referring to the upcoming Eastern Michigan Invitational Dec. 6-7.  
At that meet, the swimmers will be rested and shaved in an attempt to qualify for the national championships in their events.  
"We think going into it we are going to be successful, but a lot of things can throw this process out of wack," Hovland said.

Pioneer sports standings

Men's Basketball

North Division	GLIAC		All Games	
	W	L	W	L
Grand Valley State	0	0	1	0
Michigan Technological	0	0	1	0
Northern Michigan	0	0	1	0
Lake Superior State	0	0	1	1
Ferris State University	0	0	0	0
Northwood College	0	0	0	0
Saginaw Valley State	0	0	0	0
South Division	GLIAC		All Games	
	W	L	W	L
Ashland University	0	0	1	0
Wayne State University	0	0	1	0
Oakland University	0	0	0	0
Hillsdale College	0	0	0	0
Mercyhurst University	0	0	0	0
Gannon University	0	0	0	0

Women's Basketball

North Division	GLIAC		All Games	
	W	L	W	L
Grand Valley State	0	0	1	0
Michigan Technological	0	0	1	0
Northern Michigan	0	0	1	0
Lake Superior State	0	0	1	1
Ferris State University	0	0	0	0
Northwood College	0	0	0	0
Saginaw Valley State	0	0	0	0
South Division	GLIAC		All Games	
	W	L	W	L
Oakland University	0	0	1	0
Ashland University	0	0	1	0
Wayne State University	0	0	1	0
Hillsdale College	0	0	0	0
Mercyhurst University	0	0	0	0
Gannon University	0	0	0	0

Sports in brief

•1996 ALL-GLIAC WOMEN'S SOCCER FIRST TEAM — sophomore Cathy Miniuk (Player of the year), sophomore Erin Gallagher, junior Jessica Mrozek, sophomore Brooke Kairies. SECOND TEAM — freshman Stephanie Lusiner (Co-freshman of the year), junior Wendy Maynard and junior Kristi McGough.  
•1996 ALL-GLIAC MEN'S SOCCER FIRST TEAM — freshman Paul Snape (freshman of the year). SECOND TEAM — senior Tony Jones, sophomore Mike Dodd, senior Paul Doroh and junior Amir Tal.  
•1996 ALL-GLIAC WOMEN'S SOUTH DIVISION VOLLEYBALL FIRST TEAM — sophomore Jennifer Nagel and senior Stephanie Sasek. SECOND TEAM — sophomore Renee Williams.



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resources," she added.

"Pontiac is a resource needy community," said Ketelsen. Some kids who have worked with AmeriCorps members have learned to play the piano, play tennis, work on computers, and cook, activities which may not have been available otherwise.

Members of AmeriCorps must be at least a part-time student and are required to complete a total of 900 volunteer hours within their site. They also must register for a two credit course, Soc 399, designed specifically for AmeriCorps members.

Opportunities to earn extra hours are also available for volunteering at activities such as delivering Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, and cleaning after the senior citizen craft show at the Howard Dell Community Center.

For all the dedication and hard work that the AmeriCorps members display, \$2,363 is awarded to go toward one semester tuition and are paid approximately \$4.75 an hour, adding up to be a stipend total of \$4,203.

Students who participate in the program obviously are not doing it for the money. It is the feeling of personal reward that drives the special individuals to volunteer.

"The meaning of volunteerism is not the same as it used to be," said Herman Proby, executive director of the boys and girls Clubs in Pontiac.

Volunteers don't exactly come pouring through the

doors, explained Proby. "AmeriCorps is the future volunteers of the Boys and Girls Club," Proby added.

Elementary education senior and second year member Linda Barns said, "It's wonderful. We offer kids a chance to learn and do things they wouldn't be able to do otherwise."

Barns is assigned to the Pike Street Boys and Girls Club. Since her arrival last year she has started a reading program, developed an arts and crafts room, and organize a library.

"Linda! Will you open this," said one member of the reading club Cory Goodjoint, 8, as he came charging in the room to seek assistance from Barns to open the prize he got for successfully reading 200 pages.

Peggy Buckley, art history senior, got involved so she would have the opportunity to work with the children and for her own personal growth. "It's a feel good job. You learn a lot," she said.

Since Buckley has started with the program over at the MSU Extension 4-H site she has learned a lot about patience, herself, and how to deal with kids.

Don Deering, second year member and psychology senior said, "Gaining the trust of the students is one of the hardest things." Deering works out of Lincoln Junior High and explained that many of the children have a "here today gone tomorrow" attitude.

"Getting them to believe that we will be there tomorrow and the next day and the next is tough," he said.

"Emotions run real high with the junior high kids," said Deering. "They're trying to create some sort of identity, and we're trying to make them real-

ize that it doesn't matter what others think of you," Deering said.

The AmeriCorps program has made an impact in the city of Pontiac. It's obvious when walking through Pike Street Boys and Girls Club. Theater senior, Liam Walsh helped one boy with homework for about one hour.

Joi McLean, elementary education/architectural engineering sophomore, kept a group gathered in craft room coloring and making friendship bracelets.

"If it wasn't for AmeriCorps there wouldn't be a Boys and Girls Club right now. AmeriCorps is the only dedicated volunteers we have right now. They have definitely enhanced the club," said Carrie Young, program director of Pike Street Boys and Girls Club.

Each site has its own schedule and focus. However, reducing violence, providing alternatives to violence, being there when kids need a hug, lending an ear to listen, and offering a helping hand when needed are all things that each AmeriCorps member has in common.

"I re-enlisted because I found myself getting attached, and I realized that I was making a difference," said Deering. "Knowing that you're not going to get through to every one of them is the hard part," he said.

"Keeping the kids active, interested, and making them feel they are loved and needed will make them leaders tomorrow," said Barns.

Members for next year's program are currently being recruited. For additional details contact Carol Anne Ketelsen, AmeriCorps Oakland coordinator, at (810) 370-3213.

## Shadow

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school and the transportation costs. Our actors and staff are already getting ready for a play so there's no extra cost there."

Lori St. Germain, guidance counselor at Lake Orion High School, coordinates the shadowing projects with the school's students. She first contacted Locker in winter, asking if MBT offered such a program. She explained how theatre companies are only one of the avenues taken by students.

"Schools across the country have recently

said. "There's no cost to us or the students, aside from them missing a day of

started these programs and I thought it would be great for Lake Orion," said St. Germain.

"Psychologists and doctors are also visited by our students. The project really lets them know what they're in for when they say, 'I want to be a doctor...' or so on. This way, they can see the hundreds of different jobs available in the medical field," she said.

After the shadowing projects have been completed, the students, their parents, teachers and MBT's staff are then invited to a reception given by Lake Orion High School to discuss the program, the students' goals and to thank all involved.

In addition to Lake Orion, Andover High School in Birmingham also attends MBT's shadowing projects.

Also part of MBT's Outreach Program is "Costumes in the Classroom," which takes a historical perspective of theatre costuming to area school classrooms. Existing costumes from past and present MBT plays are fashioned in front of the young audiences. Questions about theatre and costuming are then answered by the performers.

A Christmas Carol's shadowing project will be taking place during the week of Nov. 26. No schools have yet signed up, leaving an opportunity open for those interested. For more information on shadowing and other MBT Outreach programs, call (810) 377-3300.



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**SHOW TIME:** Sarah Warren, junior, theatre puts the finishing touches to the floor for the *All in the Timing* production.

## Early

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However, Early's lecture was applicable to all.

"There are some people who don't enter the door. Let's take hamburgers and fries, for example. You can take someone to Joe Muer's, The Rattlesnake, take them anywhere and they'll still order hamburgers and fries. It doesn't make a difference. If a person has a hamburger and fries mentality, it won't matter.

"There are many things we miss, excuses that have stood in the way of your door and to reaching people to reconcile," Early said.

"Racial reconciliation is about not staying in

your comfort zones," said sophomore Phil Christie. "I heard a couple of [Afro-American] students. One said 'You know, I just got back from [Afro-American] history class and it was a white guy teaching it'. The other guy said 'That's messed up'.

"The guy said 'Not really, because he knew a whole lot'. We must respect other people, because we can get knowledge from them."

"We are so diverse," Christie said. "We tend to stereotype other races: they act like this, they live like that, they are in the lower class (or vice-versa). Some people know more than us, but (because of prejudgments) we turn them off."

Neuman feels the message of reconciliation not only applies to races, but to church groups.

"The important message is that God loves all: black, blue, any color. He loves us and wants us to get along."

## Sign

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ponent of language, learning is absent," said Gerulaitis.

Special Lecturer for Communications Quinn Clarke has taught ASL at OU for two years and disagrees with the Department Modern Languages' stance on the issue.

"These people have a very distinct culture, and though there are parallels to the hearing culture in America, there are too many distinctions to say that it would be Americans learning about Americans," said Clarke.

Chair of the Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism Department and Professor of Journalism Jane Briggs-Bunting said the department is very interested in having ASL classes count for a larger group of students.

"We've done a lot of research on this and are glad of the student support. Many other universities recognize ASL as a viable option for students. Both communication and journalism majors can use sign language to fulfill corequisites for those majors," said Briggs-Bunting.

Congress member Walter Tornopolsky also believes ASL is a valuable asset to students.

"Of any foreign language, sign language is the only one that is common to every country

and every continent," said Tornopolsky.

Congress member Barry Gray, a junior nursing major, took courses in Spanish to fulfill his language requirement but agreed that ASL should fulfill the foreign language requirement.

"I've always had an interest in sign language, but as a college student you can't just afford to take a class if it doesn't count for anything," Gray continued. "I think it (ASL) would have helped me out more than Spanish."

Senior journalism major Patty Young also took Spanish classes to fulfill the language requirement, but additionally took the two ASL classes offered. She believes that learning sign language is important and can, at times, be very useful.

While working at Office Depot, Young said she used sign language three times in helping customers, while she never once used her Spanish background.

Young will graduate after the Winter semester, but said she could have graduated earlier if the ASL classes she took had counted as college distribution credits.

She supports the move by Congress to make ASL considered a foreign language.

"I really do believe it should be a foreign language because it is foreign to a lot of people," she said.

## Senate

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committee; however, this motion will not be voted on until the next Senate meeting. According to a comment in the Senate Agenda, the practice of granting honorary degrees was once a regular commencement feature, but it has long since fallen by the wayside. It is hoped this motion will provide for a revival of the practice.

Under new business on the agenda the Senate stated its "desire to continue to be consulted through its governance structure in a timely manner on all major programmatic plans and changes." This was based on the long-standing tradition of open communication and consultation established between the Senate and its committees, and the resolution is a continuation of the agreement between them.

Suzy Scholz contributed to this story.

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## Basketball

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"I feel comfortable in our offense. The style, run-and-gun, is what I'm used to. I played with a lot of the (players) over the summer," Ruffing said.

OU Women's Coach Bob Taylor was pleased with the defense, but said the offensive execution should have been crisper.

"I thought we played good defense. We could have worked the offense better — it was really

fast, but we have new players and the (offense) will come," he said.

Two familiar faces, junior guard Ulrika Nilsson and senior forward Cyndi Platter didn't see action. Taylor said because the team has an abundance of guards, Nilsson is being red-shirted.

"We have a log-jam at guard. Because of the number of guards (5) and the fact that Lori is a starter, this would be best for everybody," Taylor said.

Platter tore her Anterior Cruciate Ligament and is lost for the season.

## Athletics

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committee William Macauley said committee members were allowed to voice their opinions before a decision was made.

"We all (each committee member) said what we believed, ... but there wasn't any debate," said Macauley.

Jack Mehl, athletics director and committee member, felt that it is tremendously important to get copies to the public, but he cautions readers to read the report fully, rather than just the recommendations.

"The tendency will be to flip right to the recommendations. Try to resist your (temptation) and read the document," Mehl said. If the report is not read completely, recommendations might be taken out of context, he added.

Mehl speculated that the report is about 10 pages long, and Macauley said that there are additionally at least 14 appendices, accounting for much of the document.

The committee was originally scheduled to submit a draft no later than Nov. 15, but, instead the weekend was spent proof-reading the report.

The committee was formed in mid-September and originally only consisted of Bissonnette, Macauley and Mehl. Later, Michelle Piskulich, associate professor of political science and chair of the Senate Planning Committee, Keith Kleckner, professor of engineering and computer science and chair of the University Senate Budget Review committee and President of Student Congress Garrick Landsberg were added to represent the faculty and students.

Mehl believes the committee worked to the best of its ability to include as many comments and questions made during its meetings with various groups on campus. He added that these were included in about 15 or 16 pages of the report, with documentation as to which meetings the comments were made.

"I think it's the right thing to do and the right time to do it," said Macauley. He said that as

OU continues to grow and mature, so should its athletic program.

Kleckner, however, said he did not have time to discuss the report until Friday. "I have seen the draft, but I have not seen the final report. I'll see that on Friday," he said.

Macauley felt no time constraint, despite only about two months of meetings with various groups on campus. This is because OU has been talking about the possible athletics jump since last March when members of the Finance and Administration office, Athletic Department and himself went on a retreat, said Macauley.

It wasn't until the August Board meeting when Trustee David Fischer requested that Russi do a full investigation into going Division I, that a formal committee would be created.

"I think the committee acted out its role and made its recommendation on time," said Bissonnette. He believes, at this point, the committee is dissolved and doesn't anticipate the committee being brought back

together, unless Russi requests further information. Now that the committee has forwarded its recommendation to the president, Russi has the option to either dismiss, support, modify or create his own report, said Bissonnette.

In a memorandum to the OU community yesterday, Russi said, "I plan to distribute the report widely on campus. I will then consult with campus groups and external constituencies, including alumni and friends of the university, before I make my final recommendation on the future direction of the athletic program to the University Affairs Advisory Committee of the Board in January."

Bissonnette said Russi will take this recommendation to the full Board in February.

In the meantime, Macauley said that the Senate's Budget Review and Planning Committees will receive copies to review and that these committees will then give it to the Steering Committee. Student Congress will also get one, he added.

## Library

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er there isn't any material on the topic being researched, they would inform a librarian at the reference desk who double checks to make sure there was no information available and the correct areas were researched.

The librarian would then give them a password and account number. Students and faculty logon and search the many databases, including WorldCat, a database of all published books and Disclosure, a database offering financial information about publicly owned companies and their financial histories.

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Some services in FirstSearch are duplicated, like LUIS, so these databases are blocked from

the system so unnecessary costs are not accrued, said Condit.

FirstSearch has an order option that will allow users to generate their own interlibrary loan request for materials Kresge does not have.

Once passwords and account numbers are issued, faculty and students may access the system from home by either using the Kresge library web site or entering the command "telnet fscat.oclc.org" from their saturn or vega prompt, said Condit.

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## Memorial

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up kids in the community and taught them to play tennis in his spare time," said Reddy.

With the help of donations, the institute plans on commemorating a bench in Chakrapani's name. The bench will be located near the new tennis courts being constructed.

The Institute is also considering another option, a plaque to hang in the Institute, to commemorate the former research

assistant.

"We are looking for donations for the memorial. So far we have received over \$2,000," added Reddy.

In addition, the Institute would also like to start a fund for an annual award to be given to an outstanding research assistant.

"He was well liked by everyone and was well respected. His death is a great loss" said Reddy.

Those wishing to contribute to the memorials can send their donations to 416 Dodge Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan 48309.

## Threat

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She further told police that sorority members became very upset with the person who notified the advisor. The sorority, according to the police report, is currently suspended.

Following the sorority's suspension, Maximuik said she began to be harassed. The

police report stated that she had received crank hang-up telephone calls at home and that her car was keyed.

It is unknown, however, if these incidents are related.

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