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Processing parking tickets not worth trouble for school

By MARK MC DOWELL
Staff Writer

Just about all the university gets from parking tickets are complaints—the money goes to Auburn Hills.

In the first two months this year, close to 900 tickets were processed, although more were issued. During 1986 and 1987, more than 18,000 violations generated nearly \$115,000.

Tickets written by Public Safety are processed by Auburn Hills police. The station profits from the arrangement, but not to a great extent, according to Captain John Dalton.

"We make a profit but it's not the hidden treasure that everyone thinks it is. If we made \$10,000 (a year), I would really be surprised."

David Herman, dean of students, said the creation of a separate bureau to process university tickets

wouldn't be worth the hassle.

"The headaches are considerable," said Herman. "We really didn't want the negative image a ticket bureau presents in CPO, which is a student organization. We'd like to keep it positive."

Herman estimated the cost of running a ticket bureau from \$30,000 to \$50,000. "Also, we don't really have the space and Public Safety doesn't either," he said.

Currently, processing tickets

before sending them to Auburn Hills costs the university about \$14,000, Herman said.

Starting a bureau is not worth the trouble, he said, because the university needs computers and software, a full-time records person, and a computer link to the Secretary of State.

Richard Leonard, Public Safety director, agrees. "It wasn't that we would be running at a loss, there's just not enough profit," he said.

Last year, Herman, along with Alan Miller, assistant vice president of campus facilities, and Maura Selahowski, director of campus information, programs and organizations, looked into the possibility of a ticket bureau at Oakland. Eastern Michigan University, with a separate ticket bureau, was one of the schools visited.

"They have no appeal process," Selahowski said of Eastern's

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OU tickets issued Year

1983	8,575
1984	9,075
1985	10,000
1986	10,110
1987	8,250

Information compiled by Mark McDowell

Journalist fills McGregor chair

Kurt Luedtke, former executive editor of the *Detroit Free Press* and Academy Award winner, was recently named McGregor chair for 1988-89.

McGregor Fund is a charitable foundation that gives grants to educational and nonprofit organizations.

The fund granted the university \$225,000 for a three-year period.

Luedtke, 48, was nominated for an Academy Award for his screenplay, *Absence of Malice* in 1986 for *Out of Africa*.

Luedtke will teach a journalism class and also co-teach a course with Brian Murphy, honors college director, Murphy said. Luedtke's salary will be about \$70,000, he said.

The original idea behind the McGregor chair was for a scholar-professor, Murphy said. However, the university found more interest for the teaching job among actors and creative types.

Information compiled by Catherine Kaza.



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Group effort

Greg DeNike, Kathi Virga, Pete Wood and Nancy Golding perform Thursday in the Fireside Lounge for a noontime program. The group is part of the Slavic Folk Ensemble.

Frequency search finds 3 FM spots for radio station

By ALISA NASS
Staff Writer

WOUX may go FM yet.

Recent results from a frequency search conducted earlier this year revealed that three spots exist on the FM dial where the campus radio station could broadcast.

Currently, WOUX can only be heard on campus: in the Oakland Center by a public announcement system, and in the dorms by phone lines.

THE THREE spots available are 88.1, 88.3 and 89.5, the last of which would be a time-shared spot with WAHS, at Avondale High School in Auburn Hills.

Because the two station's formats are similar, "they (the high school) probably wouldn't object," said

Susan Kraft, WOUX general manager. The Federal Communications Commission could approve time-sharing with another station that has a different format, she said.

Due to interference, the station would be limited to a 100-watt, class B station with a broadcast radius of about 10 miles.

WOUX needs university and FCC approval before building an antenna for broadcasting.

The frequency search was a preliminary step to see if a FM spot existed, and also to get an estimation on project cost.

KRAFT SAID local engineers told her, "don't even waste your money," for a search when approached on the station's chances on finding a spot.

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Students lobby for university, higher education

By BOB MC MURRAY
Staff Writer

Oakland hasn't given up yet in its effort to receive more state money. The latest effort was by 22 students, who went to Lansing to lobby for Oakland and higher education Wednesday.

Student lobbyists were from University Congress and were participating in the fourth annual Michigan Collegiate Coalition Student Lobby Day. MCC is an organization bringing together the student governments of the 15 major universities in the state. Oakland's group was the largest, according to member Sean Higgins.

ABOUT 60 students represented 10 state universities.

Appropriations was a major concern students discussed with legislators. "Oakland is not getting enough money from the state to run efficiently...I think we're ranked 14th of the 15 universities in money per student. That's why we're presently increasing tuition and going through with enrollment management."

"We only offer about 100 programs. That's not excessive for the size of the university," said Brian Murphy, state affairs chairman of the legislative affairs committee.

Several students attributed Oakland's lack of success in getting state money to not having representation on legislative appropriations committees.

ANOTHER CONCERN discussed was the recent change in state tax laws prohibiting students from claiming themselves as a deduction if their parents do.

According to Murphy, Michigan legislators expect \$170 million from this new law, about \$43 million from college students.

Murphy said legislators did not realize that students would be overtaxed and are looking at four bills to adjust the tax system.

"The legislators knew what had happened...They were almost apologetic about it," said Cheryl Talbot.

A BILL before the Towns and County Committee to end rent control was argued against by students who are concerned about increasing housing costs. Higgins said it was a special problem for Oakland students who

face competition for housing with highly paid workers employed at the Oakland Technology Park.

If approved, the bill would allow landlords to set rents without local controls against excessive increases.

STUDENTS ALSO lobbied against a bill before the Senate that would require teaching assistants to pass English proficiency tests administered by the state. According to Murphy, MCC decided individual universities could best deal with the situation. "If we set up one standard for the whole state, that standard may not be good enough for a particular university...Besides, we're all familiar with situations where you study to get through a test and then forget everything afterwards," said Murphy.

PARTICIPANTS SAID they didn't expect immediate results from lobbying. "We have to be realistic, we're up against lobbyists that are paid a lot of money...The best thing about this is that we're sure we're being heard, and, in a close vote, a legislator may decide in a different way because of what he or she heard from us," said Higgins.



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Labor leader Cesar Chavez encouraged a California grape boycott to an Oakland Center Crockery audience Thursday.

Chavez pushes for grapes boycott

By WENDY WENDLAND
Editor in Chief

In one month fresh California grapes will fill grocery store shelves across Michigan, but labor leader Cesar Chavez came to campus last week to ask Michiganders not to buy them.

"You, the American consumer, is our last resort," said Chavez, president of the United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO, Thursday. "We come to you because we have a lot in common."

According to Chavez, both Michigan and migrant farm workers in California are being poisoned.

CHAVEZ'S UNION is trying to outlaw California grape growers from using five different poisonous pesticides and to earn workers the right to be represented by a union.

The only grapes consumers are asked to boycott are Californian, which dominate store shelves from late May until December, according to Chavez.

He said Michigan ranks 10th nationally in grape consumption.

BEFORE HIS speech, Chavez showed a 14-minute film made in 1986 by the United Farm Workers. The film featured several interviews with Hispanic women who worked the fields when pregnant and then gave birth to children with birth defects. The mothers believe the birth defects are the result of contact with the pesticides during their pregnancies.

One of the main points of Chavez's 1½ presentation was that pesticides leave residue which cannot be washed off fruit.

Chavez's speech was part of Hispanic Students College Day, part of Oakland's Martin Luther King Jr./Cesar Chavez/Rosa Parks Initiative.

Nursing professor dies after illness

By NICK CHIAPPETTA
Staff Writer

Nursing professor Anna Dugan died April 8 of cancer in her Grosse Pointe Woods home.

She was 56.

She came to Oakland in 1984, after teaching at Wayne State University. "She really loved her students a lot. (She) loved to teach," said Suzanne Verhaert, 21, a sophomore in the nursing program who had Dugan last semester.

Dugan received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Columbia University in New York, a master's and doctorate in anthropology from Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania, and a master's in psychiatric mental health nursing from Yale University.

Dugan leaves behind a husband, Patrick, and three children, Amelia, 21, Zara, 18, and Patricia, 14.

The family has asked that any donations or contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

Academic Conduct Case Summary

July 1, 1987 - April 12, 1988

Charges	Cases	No. Students	No. Guilty	Dismissed or suspended
Cheating	16	25	14	13
Plagiarism	4	7	7	5
Falsifying records	1	1	1	1
Unauthorized collaboration	1	3	3	
TOTALS	22	36	25	19

Source: David Herman, dean of students

Cheating cases rise

Cheating appears to be on the rise at Oakland.

This school year, 22 cases of cheating, plagiarism, falsifying records and unauthorized collaboration were reported to the Academic Conduct Committee, according to David Herman, dean of students.

The committee, which reviews misconduct charges against students, received cases involving 33 students last year.

Of the 36 students involved in 1987-88, 25 were found guilty and 19 were suspended or dismissed from the university.

In 1986-87, 14 students were found not guilty, two put on probation, 16 suspended and one expelled.

In 1985-86, two students were found not guilty, nine were put on probation and 15 suspended, according to an Oct. 19 article in *The Oakland Post*.

University changes summer contract with DSO

By CHRISTINA FUOCO
Staff Writer

The board of trustees recently voted that Oakland take over advertising of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for its classical series offered during the summer at Meadow Brook Music Festival.

Advertising costs are estimated at \$75,000, which the DSO will give to the

university from ticket revenue.

The reason for the change in programming was given by President Joseph Champagne at the April 13 board meeting. "We feel we have a better understanding of audience and music that appeals to the audience," he said.

The board also voted to have the DSO pay Oakland one-half of the ticket revenue, besides advertising costs. DSO

will also pay guest conductors and soloists, but the first \$50,000 of net ticket revenue will be the orchestra's.

Under last year's contract, Oakland paid the DSO \$300,000 for sixteen concerts plus \$75,000 for three pop concerts. The DSO kept all ticket revenue except \$1 from each ticket for facility improvements.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Business school becomes accredited

The school of business administration recently was accredited in its undergraduate and master's programs by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business.

Oakland is the seventh public state university to have accredited undergraduate and graduate business programs by the AACSB.

About 2,000 students are SBA undergraduates, 300 MBA.

Foreman receives AP award

Clare McVety, building maintenance's general foreman, was recently named this year's outstanding administrative-professional.

McVety was one of 15 nominated for the award.

When he first started work at Oakland, he served on an advisory council for the Michigan State University Credit Union at Oakland. Since then, he has been one of its ambassadors.

Education students honored

Six education students were recently honored in the 1987-88 student teacher of the year competition.

Barbara Newman was one of three state finalists. James

Doyon, Leslie Sauvola Harrell, Judith Pritchett, Patti Rhodes and Teresa Saltee received honorable mention.

Man tries to drug student at year-end dance

A male residence halls student attempted to drug a female student at the last dance of the year, April 9 in the Oakland Center Crockery.

According to Public Safety, the male student put a drug called Tegretol in the woman's beer. Because she was warned by another student, she did not drink it but informed police.

The male told police the drug is one used to control seizures. He said he put it in the woman's beer because he did not like seeing her drink alcohol: if she got sick, she might stop drinking.

Public Safety returned the man to his room, warning him not to contact the woman by phone or in person.

University grants easement

The board of trustees granted Michigan Bell an 8-foot-wide easement for more phone lines.

At an April 13 meeting, the board approved a plan that would give the phone company university land, east of Adams Road, between Springhill and Meadow Brook subdivisions.

Student exchange with Windsor likely

By DAWN SCHAFFER
Staff Writer

Students may get a chance to cross the border for their classes next semester.

A tentative program to exchange students between the University of Windsor and Oakland is awaiting university administration approval.

The motto of the program is "International education experience that is close to home," said Carlo Coppola, director of international programs.

University of Windsor's Dr. James Chacko, of Canadian-American studies, said the exchange would "give a better understanding of the two countries and a better understanding of the issues between the countries."

"We assume they're the 53rd state and they're not," said Coppola of Canada.

STUDENTS WOULD be able to live on the campus of the University of Windsor or commute.

"It is a marvelous opportunity for students, especially good for commuters," said Jacqueline Scherer, chairperson of sociology and anthropology.

Scherer would teach an introduction to Canadian studies course.

The exchange program "has the support of the highest level of approval at both universities," Coppola said.

President Joseph Champagne began discussing the exchange late last fall with University of Windsor President Ron Ianni.

NO MONEY would be exchanged between the two universities. The exchange is strictly student for student. All tuition and residence hall fees would be paid to the students' respective university. If by chance the number of students exchanged are not equal, they will balance out in following years, Coppola said.

"We assume they're the 53rd state and they're not."

Carlo Coppola, director of international programs, about Canada

The exchange program would be limited to five students from each university. Interested students are required to fill out an application. Scherer urges students to plan ahead if interested in attending the University of Windsor. Courses at both universities must be examined to find the equivalent class.

THE UNIVERSITY of Windsor has 8,100 full time students and 4,500 part time, according to Orville Houser, assistant registrar at University of Windsor. Approximately 12,500 students attend Oakland.

The University of Windsor campus is located in the city, and has housing for 2,000 students. Many of the students live in the city, Chacko said.

WOUX

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Ed Perry of Duxbury Mass., who conducted the recent frequency search for WOUX, told the station they had "less than a 50-50 chance," said Kraft.

"Our chances were so slim but we got it. I am really excited," she said.

A directional antenna is needed to broadcast on 88.1. Perry estimated the cost at \$20,000, said Kraft.

To broadcast on 88.3, the cost is about \$25,000, she said. The additional cost would be for a non-directional antenna.

Because another station's broadcast radius would overlap, a non-directional antenna would be needed to prevent interference with the other station's signal in this area.

THE LEAST expensive of the three would be 89.5, which involves time-sharing. Perry estimated the cost to be around \$15,000, said Kraft.

The next step is presenting a proposal to the board of trustees for approval, Kraft said.

Kraft doesn't know which of the three choices WOUX will stress, or when the proposal will be submitted to the board.

BESIDES PRESENT financial information, WOUX will try to convince the board of benefits to the university in going FM in its proposal, Kraft said.

Financially, the station should have \$13,000 by the end of this year, she said. A student loan could make up the difference, or if there was strong support, some money could come from the university, she said, adding the university will take on the liabilities, and hold the license.

Tickets

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bureau. "You either pay or you go to court."

She said Oakland students can appeal a ticket in writing or orally.

Selahowski, who was in charge of processing appeals through CPO last year, said it took half her time, but was only one part of her job as assistant director.

"We think we are doing the students a better service by giving them a chance to appeal," Selahowski said.

Eastern issues about three times as many tickets as Oakland, or about 30,000 a year, she said.

Oakland issued 10,110 tickets in 1986 and in 1987, 8,250.

Revenue from those tickets was

about \$41,600 and 65,000, according to Sue Richard, records clerk in charge of processing tickets at Auburn Hills.

"It's a bad job," said Dalton. "It's a time consuming job."

Dalton said it's hard to keep up with the rush of tickets while the station is trying to do all its other jobs. "There's more to it than the police department taking the money and running to the bank with it. For the last two to three months we've put on extra help just to catch up."

Dalton also said the process has its share of problems. "We get the heat from the people. The university isn't taking the heat," he said.

Despite the headaches, Dalton believes the system should remain at Auburn Hills. "It's a good system, I'd hate to see us lose it," he said. "We've already got it in place."

Earn \$30-\$40 during Spring Term

Students needed to serve as subjects for a project examining the use of computers in writing. Applicants may be enrolled in Rhetoric 100 or 101, but should not have completed 101. Knowledge of Macwrite helpful but not necessary. \$5/hr for 6-8 hours time between May 2 and May 20. Leave your name and phone number by April 25 with Ms. Pasenen, Rhetoric, Communications & Journalism; X 4120.

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Students must join California grape boycott

Last week's visit by Cesar Chavez, president of the United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO, unfortunately attracted few students. The bulk of audience consisted of 300 to 400 junior high and high schoolers who were bused to Oakland from across the state.

Probably some students didn't attend the conference because of approaching final exams, but whatever the reason, Cesar Chavez is a legend who came with a message people must hear.

DURING THE 1960s Chavez led a strike against grape growers in Delano, Calif. The strike led to a grape boycott which ended successfully in 1970. Largely through Chavez's efforts migrant grape pickers won the right to organize and use of DDT was banned.

Today Chavez is leading a new California grape boycott. This one is to stop grape growers from using five different poisonous pesticides. According to Chavez, field owners often spray these highly toxic substances without telling workers. This negligence causes the grape pickers to be in the fields without wearing extra protection. Chavez wants this practice to end.

ONE OF THE CHEMICALS the United Farm Workers want banned is captan. Captan is a fungicide that has been proven to cause cancer. A standard way of measuring this chemical is parts per mill. The United States permits 50 parts per mill to be used while other countries, like Canada, allow only 10 parts per mill. Chavez said his union conducted tests which showed all fields had more than 10 parts per mill, most with 30 to 40.

Another frightening fact about captan is that it leaves a residue on the grapes which does not wash off. Remember, this chemical consumers in Michigan are eating is the same one Chavez says caused birth defects in children whose mothers worked the fields during pregnancy.

THE CALIFORNIA GRAPES will arrive at grocery stores late May and remain until December. We consumers don't want to eat food contaminated with disease-causing chemicals. Other means exist for controlling insects. So even if you missed Chavez last week, join in the boycotts so these highly toxic chemicals will be banned.

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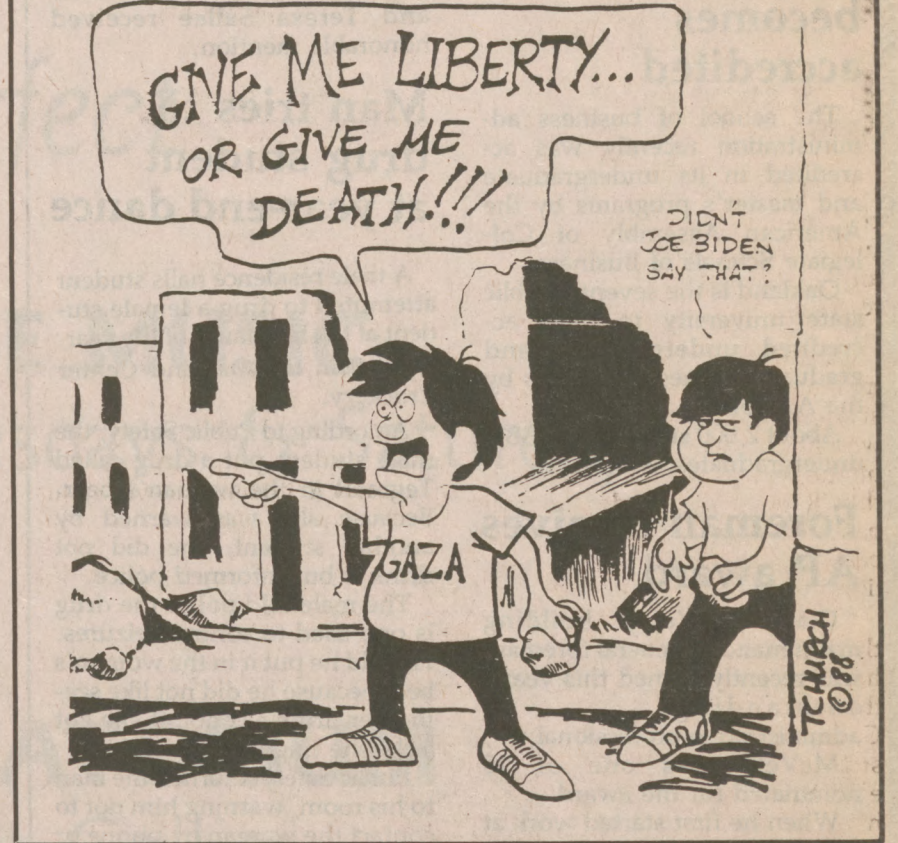
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Letters to the Editor

Recent fire drill disrupts studying, adds extra stress

Dear Editor,

I would like to share my concerns regarding the fire drill that took place at Vandenberg Hall on the evening of April 12. It is my understanding that this was a planned event. I found it to be highly unnecessary for a couple of reasons. I do understand that practicing the emergency procedure in the event of a fire is important, however I think that with the previous drills we were adequately prepared.

More importantly, I think, is that the drill was scheduled at a very poor time in the semester. With exams coming very soon, classes are winding down, studying is becoming more intense and stress is building. This drill added more stress. We are busy people who would like to spend our study time studying and our leisure time leisurely, not outside waiting to be told when we can return to our floors.

I was especially irate when we had to return to the great outdoors for a second fire drill. I know that this was because several students reentered the building too soon. I witnessed this and there was absolutely no attempt to stop them.

In short, I am requesting that better judgement be used in the future in this area. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Hughes

Reagan's freedom fighters terrorize Nicaraguan people

Dear Editor,

To say that I'm tired of pseudo-patriotist propaganda is an understatement. This country's present administration has befuddled foreign policy and official "facts" given to its constituency for too long and it's become much too dangerous. The editorial page of The Oakland Post has often reflected this confusion and therefore I tend to ignore it. Yet, on March 21st I saw a small glimmer of hope. For once The Oakland Post took a stand on an issue which is very close to us all, the aberration of Reagan and Nicaragua.

To say Reagan has supported peace in Nicaragua is a fallacy. Ronald Reagan says he's "a contra too," yet what do Americans know

about what Contras (i.e. Ronald Reagan) do? Ask Dr. David Linder. His son, Benjamin, a mechanical engineer from Oregon, was ruthlessly slain by a "freedom fighter" who first wounded Linder (as he measured a stream's depth) with a grenade then approached him as he lay on the bank and blew an American-made M-16 rifle shell into Mr. Benjamin Linder's forehead. The White House responded that Americans in Nicaragua should "understand that they put themselves in harm's way whenever they're involved in any internal strife in another country..." Think about that. Do you see the irony?

In fact if you look at the Contras closely, you'll see the glorious remnants of Central America's largest band of dictatorial terrorists, the majority being from Samoz's old national guard. The FDN must have taken a dip in an often used vat of teflon - no one seems to remember their past. Funny how it's all there in black and white yet obviously some people lack enough neurotransmitters to make any continuity out of the true facts.

An interesting book entitled, *Out of Control*, has been published by Leslie Cockburn, a CBS news reporter. It is quite an enlightening source of empirical information on what really happens in Central America. I recommend it. May we all be better informed!

Geoffrey L. Baker

Students can use fields, just wait until land dries

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to John Zielke's letter of April 5, 1988. I am responsible for the Public Safety Department asking John to stay off the lower playfields on April 4, 1988. I am sorry if the officer involved did not explain the reason why. The Athletic Department, in conjunction with the Maintenance Department, has set Saturday, April 23rd as the opening date for upper field usage. The reason the fields cannot be used earlier than the dates I have mentioned is due to the excess water and the soft surface of those fields presently. If those fields are used before they have a chance to dry, considerable damage will result and substantial monies will be needed to repair the fields.

It is true that the student general service fee helps pay for the maintenance of the fields in question and that the students should and do have the right to use those fields. I only ask that we all cooperate with the Maintenance Department and that we follow

policies that will insure that everyone can enjoy the facilities available throughout the spring, summer and fall.

As the soccer coach at Oakland University, I am the last person on campus who wants to prevent students from playing the most popular team sport in the world. We just need to give those fields a week or two more to dry then we all can start chasing that black and white ball.

Sincerely,
Gary Parsons
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Barking, stomping Greeks disruptive, embarrass school

Dear Editor,

This letter is directed toward the sororities and fraternities of this campus. It has come to our attention that certain of these organizations have taken up the practice of hooting, "barking," stomping and screaming, disrupting both study and class time. We believe some of these individuals refer to themselves as collegiate ladies and gentlemen? We came to this university with the understanding that it was an institution of higher education - not summer camp.

It is not our intention to belittle the Greek organizations of this university or their activities. However, we do believe they should be aware of how their behaviors affect their fellow students as well as the impression left on the visitors of this campus (i.e. visiting professors, guest lectures).

We would appreciate the attentions of the Greek Council on this matter.

L.L.
T.R.
R.F.

Gwen M. Dam

Oakland's wildlife being destroyed by Technology Park

Dear Editor,

When I transferred to Oakland back in 1982, the university had a nice small campus set in a semi-rural area, but easily accessible to more urban areas. Now the urban areas are invading our rural campus environments, with the advancement of the Oakland Tech Center. We are being told that we should welcome the Tech Center, that it will bring lots of money to Oakland and the surrounding areas, and im-

prove some of the roads.

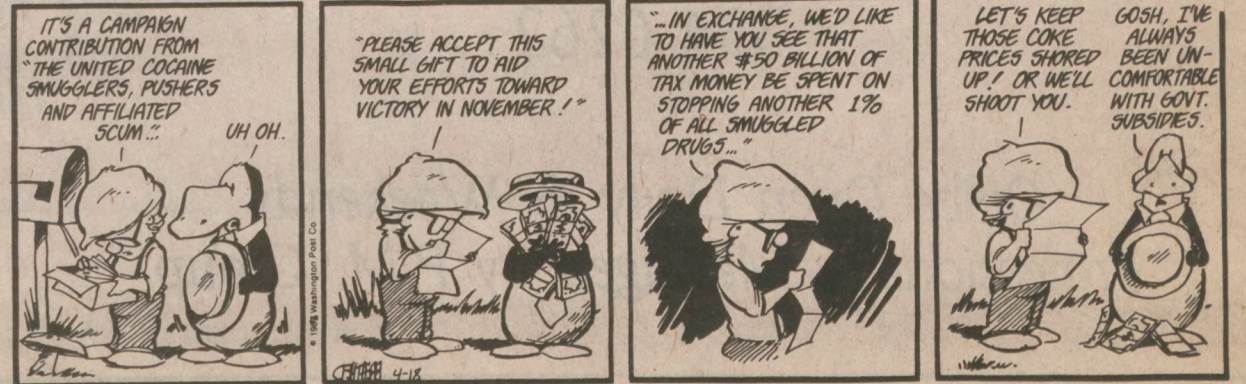
Is the money that we are supposed to get a fair exchange for raping the untouched wild beauty of the land around Oakland's campus and destroying the wildlife habitats contained in them? The university is supposed to get lots of money to support its assorted programs. Perhaps it will, but the next question is, which departments will get all this money? Computer Science & Engineering and Business, most likely. Will Liberal Arts and Sciences, The School of Human and Educational Services or even Human Resource and Development get any of this money? Their chances of getting any money are rather small. Computer Science & Engineering and Business will be getting the money, letting what's left over trickle down to the rest of the school. The current economic policy of letting money trickle down from the top has only served to make the rich richer. Oakland used to be a good liberal arts college. Will it continue to be one?

Why couldn't the Tech Center be built where a city needs it, instead of destroying Oakland's naturally beautiful surroundings? A possible place to build the Tech Center might be in the slums of Pontiac, imitating the Poletown plant in Hamtramck. Why Pontiac? Well if you get rid of some of the slums, you won't be raping any natural lands, you will just be cleaning up some already developed but run down areas. Another good reason to put the Tech Center in Pontiac is that Pontiac Schools are having to cut way back on the services they offer to their students because the city doesn't have enough money coming in to support the schools. If the Tech Center is built in Pontiac, there should be plenty of money coming in to support the schools, and best of all, Oakland would get to keep the natural untouched, wild beauty that surrounds Oakland.

Letters to the Editor

The Post welcomes all letters from its readers. Each letter must include the signature(s) and phone number(s) of the writer(s). Names will be withheld only in exceptional cases. All letters are subject to editing for space and clarity. Please limit all letters to no more than two double-spaced pages. Address letters to Editor, The Oakland Post, 36 Oakland Center, Rochester, MI 48309.

BLOOM COUNTY



As pressure rises think positive, term to end soon

Is it just me or is everyone as harried about finals week as I am? The funny thing is I don't even have any finals to study for, just papers to write.

On top of finals week there are a million other things on college students' minds. Things like whether their car will break down on the way to an exam or whether they'll have the grades to come back next fall or the money to come back, especially with the recent tuition hike.

On top of all that things are heating up in the Middle East, George Bush still hasn't established himself as his own man and Oprah has a new hairdo that sticks out five feet on either side of her face.

Television evangelists are constantly being exposed, constantly being forgiven, constantly taking money, and (more than the rest) constantly being laughed at.

Geraldo Rivera is continually searching for the TV show that will not make him look like a buffoon. His latest effort is the show *Live on Death Row*, in which he kept his viewers watching by splicing an interview with Charles Manson throughout the telecast.

ON THE UPSIDE, *Detroit Free Press* columnist Bob Talbert still has not cut off his ponytail (in spite of nasty letters telling him to), spring is finally here and President Joseph Champagne came out of his hole

last week, saw his shadow, and scurried back inside when someone told him that the new semester was about to start.

Not a very good balance is it? Mark Twain once said he didn't think he would ever get used to the 20th century but he "wished it well."

I DON'T THINK I'll ever get used to the 20th century and I was born 66 years after it started. That may sound kind of absurd,

but haven't you ever wondered just why we're killing ourselves for a weekly paycheck that is ultimately spent on bills?

All we can do is try to make the world a little easier to live in. If people had one goal in life — to make their little corner of

their little corner of the world a little better or nicer — that would make life worth living.

That, sad to say, may never happen because ignorance and selfcenteredness are the most prevalent diseases this world has ever known.

BUT MAYBE one person will read this and do something for someone; tell a joke or plant a flower or simply smile at someone else. That alone will be an accomplishment.

In any case remember the end of the term is less than two weeks away. That should be enough to put a smile on anyone's face.



Chiappetta

Letters to the Editor

Israeli indecisiveness leading to destruction

Dear Editor,

In response to your series on the situation in Israel. Can a lasting peace outside of Israel's border ever materialize with the recent unrelenting peace mission by George Schultz?

Before the Palestinian question became so prominent, the Reagan administration generally thought that the long quest for a sincere peace agreement was within reach.

Enter now though, a new and bloody "roadblock" to a U.S. peace plan that once had a chance to take root. The Palestinians or "stone throwers inc." are so committed to a voice; the rock throwing becomes their basis for negotiations. Can though by giving them a piece of land be enough of an incentive to quiet them?

The Arab countries can now sit back and take pride in what is transpiring. It is a war of politics within Israel's own borders. Now the great state of Israel is being torn apart by opposing viewpoints on both sides of her own government. This is forcing its own united Israeli citizens to stand up and take sides in anti-government campaigns reminiscent of an era in our own U.S. history book, i.e. the peace revolution of the 1960s continuing through the early 1970s.

Prime Minister Shamir stands for the hardline stance that giving up land; only leads to more of the same somewhere down the road in an effort to make peace with the Arab states. On the other side of the coin is Prime Minister Perez who argues that individuals can be "quieted" if you give up land that the opposing parties want.

Is this latter opinion right? Or is it just the fuel that is needed to give the Arab countries a way to get more? Which one would be more effective? Until Israel makes peace within its own squabbling two party system these issues are just that, issues that will lie dormant in a pool with so many questions, and so little concrete solutions.

Meanwhile in the midst of the indecisiveness Arab countries are rejoicing in their lifelong dream of destroying the only remaining democratic voice in an unstable region of the world, called the Middle East.

Sincerely,
Robert N. Seffinger



- 1 — Saudi Arabia
- 2 — Jordan
- 3 — Syria
- 4 — Israel
- 5 — Lebanon
- 6 — Iraq
- 7 — Iran

Observers chose sides in Israeli conflicts

To the Oakland Post,

In conflicts where there is hostile behavior on both sides, those outside the conflict evaluate the behaviors in the context of their inclinations. If the outside observer is pro party A, party A's hostile behavior will be viewed as "justified force" while party B's behavior will be viewed "unwarranted violence," and vice versa.

In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, we observers chose sides before the present hostilities erupted and daily reports of incidents are interpreted within those biases. In all conflicts, reaching to warfare among nations, objective judgment as to right or wrong cannot be made. The evaluation of right and wrong depend on your point of view. Of course, each of us "knows" that we are right and the other is wrong. So where is the truth and how shall we decide? The answer is that each of us will decide and justify it afterwards.

Harvey Burdick
Prof. of Psychology

'Post' coverage of situation distorts truth

To the Editor,

I was stunned recently that in a two-part series on the "situation in Israel and the occupied territories," the people interviewed were two Palestinians, one of whom has never been to Israel, and the other, a supporter of the terrorist group, the PLO; and two Jews, one of who is not an Israeli and who expressed antagonism for the Zionist movement. Why did your newspaper choose not to approach someone supportive of Israel and actively involved in the Jewish community, so that your readers might get an informed point of view?

However, as distorted, incomplete and naive the articles were, I should like to state that I do agree with your editorial in its call for representation from the Arab side to meet with Israel, which Israel has also called for. Yes, there should indeed be negotiations. But what the articles and editorial never said was that the PLO has threatened to murder anyone who would negotiate; that the PLO has boycotted meeting with Secretary of State Schultz, who went to the Middle East to try to arrange negotiations; that the PLO has denied any efforts at mediation, despite Israel's repeated attempts to find a negotiating party which accepts Israel's right to exist as a Jewish State. I wish the unidentified editorial writer could find an Arab negotiating partner who speaks for the Palestinian people, without fear of reprisal from his/her own people, and whose intent is peaceful coexistence instead of murder. History has demonstrated that Israel is ready to make peace, as shown by the Camp David accords and the peace treaty with Egypt.

Frankly the only thing salvageable in the distortions which you presented is the call for negotiations, which Israel agrees with.

B'shalon (in peace),
Sandy Loeffler
Director, Hillel/J.S.O.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to the large number of responses stemming from 'The Post's' two part Israeli-Palestinian story, the following space has been reserved for reader's letters.

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MARCH

KAREN BANKER is a freshman involved with University Congress. Besides being a representative, she is involved with the steering committee, and is chairing one of the Ad-hoc committees. She is actively involved with the Public Relations Committee, is a Faculty Senate representative, and is involved with the Handicap Awareness Committee. **YOU'RE DOING A WONDERFUL JOB KAREN!!!**

APRIL

KELLI JANKENS is a junior, currently involved with University Congress. Besides being a representative, she is the Student Input Chair for the P.R. Committee and is a member of the Campus Environment Development Committee. Kelli was the instigator of the "Ask your Congressmember booth." **GREAT JOB KELLI!!!!**

AD-HOC COMMITTEES

University Congress has instigated four Ad-hoc committees this semester. Through these committees, congress is searching for ways to provide a twenty-four hour study area, an expanded or improved Lepley Sports Center, an expanded Oakland Center, childcare for students with children, programs to educate students on A.I.D.S. and it's prevention, as well as researching facilities for handicapped students.

University Congress has been challenged by WOUX to a softball game, on Sunday, May 15, 1988, at 2:00 p.m. at pioneer field.



- How would you like a photograph taken by you on the cover of the next Student Directory? University is looking for a good photograph
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- available in the University Congress office. **GOOD LUCK!!!!**



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Thank you to all the Oakland University students who helped make University Congress a success this year.

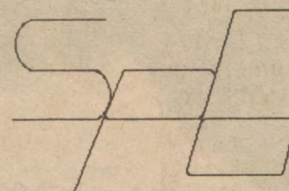
The Student Program Board has had a very successful year and we would like to thank not only the Oakland University students who attended and supported SPB events, but also those who volunteered their time and services to make the programs successful. Without their help and enthusiasm, SPB could not work effectively for the students. We would like to especially thank the following students, and we hope to see you all next year.

Sincerely,

The Student Program Board

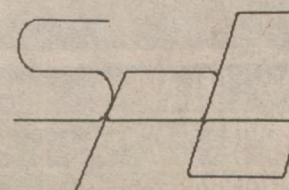
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Alternative Lifestyles group promotes self-esteem for gays

By CATHERINE KAZA
News Editor

The mix was not unusual. Black, white, male, female, older, college-aged—a small group, gathered in a circle.

But the meeting was not typical.

The speaker was Kathy Sarris, executive director for the Michigan Organization for Human Rights, a gay rights group.

The audience was members of Alternative Lifestyles Support Group, a five-year-old campus group for gays.

SARRIS TALKED about self-esteem. "If you treat yourself with the kind of respect you deserve...other people have to.

"Whether or not they like you is another story."

Sarris says gays face much hostility, and that gay violence is increasing.

Sarris does not fit a lesbian stereotype. She's petite, with short black hair and an olive complexion. She wears comfortable looking Levi's with a white shaker sweater. A steady smoker. A smooth voice. Dark eyes. She's had the same female lover for 12 years.

"This is not a movement about sex, this is a movement about love," Sarris says.

THE GAY movement has been around for only 20 years, she says, and it is important that historical

events are remembered, she said. "We have to document what's happening."

Groups like ALSG are helping make history, according to Sarris. "This is the cutting edge of the movement," she said.

For members, the group serves many purposes. "I like to think of it as an alternative to bars," says John, 21, who recently joined the group.

The support group was started in 1983 by university students, community members and two staff members of St. John's Fisher Chapel.

Lena, the 24-year-old president, said the group's recent movement to an on-campus site is an attempt to increase visibility.

MEMBERS CONSIST of about 40 students and community members. The group's purpose is to increase gays' and bisexuals' self-esteem, and unite people of all ages, Lena said. "We share a lot about who we are. We all come from different backgrounds."

The campus atmosphere is not hostile, Lena says, because Oakland is a commuter school and doesn't have a strong community.

However, Lena is not so positive about nationwide attitudes. "I think we've gone backwards. (We're) so busy putting people in closets that we're not accepting (them)," she said.

Lena emphasized that gays are not freaks of nature. "We are regular people who love people of the same

sex."

"We try to get away from the sex issue—it's not sex, it's relationships," she said.

LENA SAID she suspected she was gay at 12, but didn't "come out" until she was 19.

"Coming out is the most important thing that a gay person does," said Sarris. She came out when she was 17, but said she was lucky because she didn't have to deal with her mother's rejection.

Family support is powerful in the struggle for gay rights, Sarris said. "We can't expect to win without support of (the) family," she said.

John has family support now, but fought gay feelings since he was 15. It wasn't until he was 19 that he told his mother he was gay.

JOHN SAID it took four months for his mother to accept this. Unlike many others, he's never lost a friend after admitting homosexuality. "I'm the same person you've always known," he emphasized.

However, "certain people see me in a different light. (They're) more apt to always have gay issues in the back of (the) mind," he said.

He doesn't like abnormal connotations of his sexual lifestyle. "Normal is a very big word. It doesn't mean much of anything," he said. "If it wasn't normal to be gay, how come 10 percent of the population is gay?"

"Very often, people who are critical are unsure of themselves," John said.

Besides criticism, homosexuals face unique problems, according to John. AIDS is foremost in the minds of many. He says it has gotten to the point where he won't engage in high-risk behavior, but he isn't obsessed with fear.

"If you spend your whole life worrying about it, you might as well have it," John said.

GAYS OFTEN feel they have to hide from the general public, he added. There are few meeting places, John said. "Bars are not conducive to meeting stable people," he said.

"If you treat yourself with the kind of respect you deserve other people have to."

Kathy Sarris
Executive Director for the Michigan
Organization for Human Rights

He believes he doesn't have a choice—sexual orientation is something people are born with, although many fight it. "Being honest with yourself...is a hard thing for a lot of people to comprehend. Who in their right mind would (choose to) be gay?"



Moving day

Glen Quick, junior, and Bruce Richardson, sophomore, get ready to take home their loft. Residence halls students were

required to have all lofts down by 9 p.m. April 17 to avoid commotion during finals week.

Oakland Post/ Eric Kurtzy

Cool impact of sunglasses can backfire

By BOB MC MURRAY
Staff Writer

Some changes have been made in the rules of attraction concerning sunglasses.

First of all, most students recommend throwing away those mirrored sunglasses—especially guys. No one seems to like them.

Next, contrary to popular movie impressions, most students agree that sunglasses do not make all people cool, (unless they also own a convertible).

MOST PEOPLE say the impact of sunglasses on a person varies with each individual.

Sophomore Jennifer Hughes said sunglasses could be a bad move. "If someone has beautiful eyes, you wouldn't want to cover them up."

On the other hand, some people can make sunglasses work for them. "The right pair of sunglasses on the right face can make things look better," said John Jacoby, a junior.

Stephany Ramso, a freshman, said she believes some men find women in sunglasses more attractive. "They make the woman look more mysterious, and men want to know what's under them."

Most women said they thought men did not consider sunglasses when looking at a woman. "I don't think that's the first thing men look at...In fact, I know that's not the first thing they look at," said Hughes.

"I think men like to see a

woman's eyes," said Senior Terri Center.

MEN ALSO said they did not believe women were more attracted to a man wearing sunglasses. "Nowadays, men just need to have money," said Bruce Balentine, a freshman.

Senior Joe Pellerito said he didn't think women liked men in sunglasses because then they wouldn't know what a man is looking at.

"I don't think women prefer men in sunglasses. Mirrored sunglasses are a turn-off to them I think, a respectable pair is OK," said Jacoby.

Another reminder to keep in the rule book is that most people, especially females, feel uncomfortable talking with someone if that person is wearing sunglasses that obscure their eyes, students claim.

Whether or not this would be true for a person who owns a convertible is unknown. Regardless, students said, wearing sunglasses on a date could be deadly to a relationship.

ONLY A few men and one woman said they didn't mind talking with someone while they're wearing sunglasses. "I hate that, I have to see their eyes when I'm talking with anyone," said Dan Ducat, a junior.

"I like eye contact, and sunglasses would be a problem," said Center.

If both men and women say the opposite sex isn't more attractive in

See SHADES page 9

Presidential candidate speaks on campus

By CHRISTINA FUOCO
Staff Writer

Tax reforms, a \$6 minimum wage and an overthrow of the capitalist system are among the goals of Ed Winn, Worker's League Candidate for President.

Winn outlined his platform before a small Oakland audience last week.

Socialist Winn and his running mate Barry Porster believe that the capitalist system should be overthrown and a socialist one established. He said this is contrary to the ideology of the Communist Party which claims there can be peaceful coexistence of socialism

and capitalism throughout the world.

"The only way that the working classes can help each other can only be through the overthrow of capitalism everywhere and socialism established," he said.

Marty McLaughlin, editor of the *Bulletin*, the weekly newspaper of the Worker's League, said these revolutions began with the 1917 Russian Revolution.

AS FOR domestic policy, Winn feels that problems such as drugs and racism are the products of the capitalist system.

"Drug use began with minorities and is now widespread. It is the actual method that the state uses to

immobilize the working class," Winn said.

He also said that racism is used by the capitalism system to keep black and white people divided. He feels this is another method of the continued exploitation of workers.

Winn is for massive tax reform. People who are making less than \$50,000 would not be taxed at all under his presidency, he said. Those with incomes greater than that "should bear the burden of the tax," he added. Winn feels that putting taxes on the working class is yet another method of exploiting them.

"Workers having less than \$50,000 need all the money that

they made to provide themselves and their families with the necessities—food, shelter and clothing," he said.

THE PARTY is for raising the minimum wage to \$6 an hour and improving better working conditions for teenagers.

"Youths are being faced with low paying jobs, unemployment and a drive towards an imperialist war," Winn said.

The platform also calls for abolishing the Pentagon, the CIA and other agencies that "defend the interests of imperialism."

Winn first ran for office in the 1984 presidential race in six states.

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Lafayette String Quartet wins national, international competitions

By FLORI ROSENBERG
Features Editor

Within a month's time, Oakland's Lafayette String Quartet has won several prizes in national and international competitions.

In March, the group took first prize for strings along with the overall grand prize in the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition in South Bend, Indiana.

The quartet then won third place in the Portsmouth International String Quartet Competition in Portsmouth, England April 10.

"We were very, very happy," said member Sharon Stanis.

"It (national award) meant our hard work paid off," she added.

AS PART of their prize at Portsmouth, the quartet performed in two concerts on April 11 and 12.

Stanis attributes the group's success to hours of practice. "Hard practicing, the four of us in a room," she said.

Pamela Highbaugh, another member, agrees that the group's capacity to work led to their success. Each member is willing to con-

sider the quartet's success one of the most important priorities in their life, she explained.

"We have the talent; we were willing to work," added Highbaugh.

SHE RECALLED a saying which describes success as "50 percent inspiration, 50 percent perspiration."

Originally, group members Stanis, Highbaugh and Joanna Hood met as students at the Indiana University School of Music.

Ann Elliott joined the quartet when all four were selected to perform with a professional chamber orchestra.

The four musicians joined the faculty of the Center for Creative Studies/Institute of Music and Dance in Detroit to establish the quartet on a full time basis.

IN 1986 the group was inaugurated as String Quartet-in-Residence at Oakland.

The members are close, said Stanis, adding that sometimes they have no choice.

"During the concert (in Europe) we lived together in a dorm suite," Stanis explained. "We try as best as

we can to understand each others' personalities," she added.

Highbaugh said that while she feels the competition was one way to establish the quartet's name, the musicians need more time to concentrate on performing and teaching.

Eventually, however, she would like to see the group performing more and teaching less, she said.

"Fifteen hours of teaching a week is a lot of energy drained," said Highbaugh. She said the group needs time for practice and learning.

BECAUSE THE quartet has new national management, she feels it will be performing more within a few years.

Also valuable are study sessions with members of the Cleveland String Quartet at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, said Stanis.

She hopes for "a lot more concert tours all over the world."

"I think they're bound for much greater things," said Judy Peason, spokesperson for the Center for the Arts. "They are the only all-female quartet that seems to be on the move."



The Lafayette String Quartet, Joanna Hood, Pamela Highbaugh, Sharon Stanis and Ann Elliott, became resident musicians at Oakland in 1986.

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The play, by Mary Chase, is about a bachelor, Elwood P. Dowd, and his companion Harvey, a six-foot-one-and-a-half-inch rabbit that is invisible to all but Elwood.

For ticket information call 377-3300.

Flavio Varani: The pianist will perform at 3 p.m. May 22 at Varner Recital Hall.

Call 370-3013 for ticket information.

Alternate Study Room: A room at St. John Fisher Chapel will be open to students from noon to midnight April 18 through April 21.

The room will also be open from noon to 5 p.m. April 22 and April 25.

Senior Health Fair: Free health tests and information for senior citizens will be available April 22 at Rochester's Older Person Center.

The one-day event, sponsored by Crittenton Hospital and Older Person's Commission, will feature free cholesterol and blood pressure tests, vision and hearing checks and diabetes screening.

For more information call 652-5269.

Kids Know: An anti-drug program will be held April 22 through April 30 at Winchester Mall on Rochester Road.

The event will be sponsored by the International Council of Shopping Centers and the Oakland County Health Department.

Several booths will be available for information and answering questions.

Kiss Me Kate: Pontiac Theatre IV will present Cole Porter's play at 8 p.m. April 22 and 23 at Pontiac Northern High School.

For more information call 334-2390 or 338-2908.

Self-Esteem Course: Ray Maloney, director of the Self-Esteem Center in Birmingham, will present an one-evening session at 7:30 p.m. April 19 at Cranbrook Schools.

For registration information call 645-3635.

Learn to Fall: James Burnstein's play will open April 29 at the Attic Theatre.

Based on the events in the life of a mime, the play is written from the point of view of his childhood friend, Burnstein.

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Blood pressure drug improves SAT scores

(CPS)—A drug used to treat high blood pressure has dramatically increased Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores for students who suffer from severe anxiety, a preliminary study says.

The test, however, will not help students who suffer from normal pre-test jitters, Dr. Harris Faigel, the study's author, said.

Faigel, who heads the Brandeis University health service, said he had given propranolol, a heart

disease drug, to 25 high school students during a two year period. The students were chosen, he said, because IQ tests and other academic evaluations suggested they had not done as well as they should have on the SAT.

When the students re-took the test after taking propranolol, their scores improved by a mean of 50 points on the verbal half of the test and 70 points on the mathematical section.

Each section of the multiple-choice SAT is scored on a scale of 200 to 800.

The students who responded best to the drug improved their scores by 120 points, Faigel said. "I was flabbergasted by the results," he added.

Students who retake the test without special preparations usually increase their verbal scores by 18 points and their mathematics scores by 20 points, reported Robert

Cameron, director of research and development for the College Board, the firm that sponsors the test.

The study, Faigel said, should not be interpreted to mean that "suddenly someone has discovered the magic pill that will unlock SAT

for thousands of students who believe they do not do as well as they should have because they're nervous."

Socialist

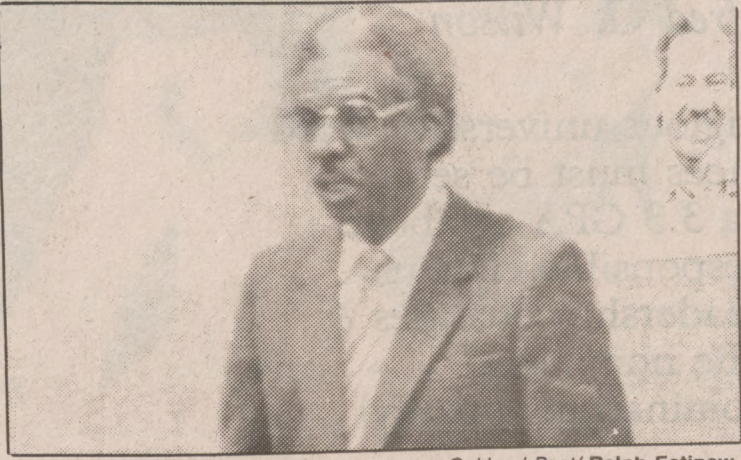
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According to McLaughlin, he received about 14,700 votes. For the 1988 election, Winn is petitioning to be on the ballot in more states, including Michigan.

He originally became interested in politics during the 1960s civil rights movement. He was involved in a controversy regarding the desegregation of schools in Destrehan, Louisiana outside New Orleans. During this time, there was a demonstration against bussing that was, according to Winn, organized by whites. One member of the crowd tried to shoot at the bus.

The bullet killed a white demonstrator instead.

A YOUNG black man on the bus, Gary Tyler, was framed on phony murder charges for the shooting. The belief was that the shot did not come from the crowd, but from the



Oakland Post/ Ralph Ectinaw

Ed Winn spoke April 10 in the Oakland Center.

bus. The bus driver testified that it did come from the crowd, but this statement was ignored, Winn said.

The Young Socialists and the Worker's League took up the case and contacted Winn, who had met members of the organization when they visited his shop when he was a New York Transit bus repairman. Winn organized a demonstration

in Harlem, New York where he collected funds and signatures for a petition to send to Louisiana governor at the time, Edwin Edwards. The attempt to release the 16-year-old was unsuccessful.

In 1976 Winn left the democratic party and became a member of the Worker's League.

Shades

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sunglasses, why are sunglasses so popular?

This brings up the distinct possibility that sunglasses are simply practical items used to see better when the sun is bright. Could it be?

Not according to men. "Keeping the sun out of your eyes, watching girls and basically trying to look cool, that's the purpose of sunglasses," said Jacoby.

"Blondes driving convertibles on a sunny day—that's the only good purpose for sunglasses," said Junior Brian Sheehan.

OTHERS CONFESSED that even if they don't believe the opposite sex likes them more in sunglasses, they like themselves more in sunglasses. "Well, I admit it, I'm vain...I don't think women are more attracted to men in sunglasses, but I wear them anyway," said Ducat.

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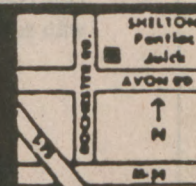
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Give me a break

'You've come a long way, baby' may apply to smoking cigarettes, but it hasn't reached the playing fields just yet.

Temple University athletes learned that. Eight of them filed a 1980 lawsuit against the school, charging that the athletic department violated Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments by not providing equal funds and scholarships for women.

Radicals that they were, they demanded the university give female athletes more scholarships and opportunities to participate in sports.

The case recently took a new twist with last month's passage of the Civil Rights Restoration Act by Congress. The act, which requires an entire institution to comply with federal anti-bias statutes if any part of it receives federal aid, is now part of the amended Temple lawsuit.

Before, under *Grove City College v. Bell*, only programs that directly received federal money were bound by the statutes. That meant college athletics programs could discriminate, on age, race, sex and physical and mental disabilities.

Oakland's athletic director, Paul Hartman, said the civil rights act won't affect OU. "Most of the changes have been made" among athletes, although female coaches and administrators are still a minority.

When he came to the university five years ago, disparities between men's and women's sports were more prominent. "The program just wasn't funded well... (I) try to make things as equal as possible."

Still, Oakland has only four women's varsity sports teams—basketball, swimming, volleyball and tennis—compared to seven men's teams.

Also, of the athletic department's \$141,300 budget, \$51,500 (36 percent) goes to women's sports. Women's swimming and tennis receive less than the men's teams, but Hartman plans to equalize the swimming budgets next year. Athletes this year numbered 183 at the beginning of the school year—122 men, 61 women (or 33 percent).

Oakland is unusual

Athletic scholarships actually favor women, individually anyway. Men's scholarships totaled \$179,206 this year. Women received \$116,800.

The relative comparability between funding and participation is unusual compared to many colleges and universities. Still, the main reason is probably because Oakland doesn't have a football team, which traditionally is funded very highly.

Hartman says the difference between men's and women's athletic funding is historical. Once a program is started, the university is caught in an effort to keep up. Of course when budgets are tight, as Oakland's is now, this is all at the expense of adding new teams. If the budget ever loosens up, a women's team is on the agenda, said Hartman.

In the Temple case, there are some amusing reasons given by the university's lawyers for the disparities. The main one is that the budget is based on the number of male and female participants.

However, only 35 percent of Temple's athletes are female, although about half of its students are. Women's teams receive 20 percent of the operating budget and 30 percent of the scholarships.

Even a better copout is the "society makes us do it" excuse. Basketball and football teams are expected to be strong, thus using more money.

I'm sure it's not coincidental that those are the teams that generate the most money, justifying inequities in the minds of coaches and administrators.

In Division I sports "men's sports generate revenue," said Hartman. "The educational system has created a monster it's not willing to destroy."

Sexism stinks

And let's not forget stereotypes, which Hartman agrees contribute to funding and representation differences in college sports. "There's a certain appeal to go see (the) rough side instead of finesse and technique."

A male co-worker, who is also an athlete, claims such disparities are just. Who wants to watch women's sports? he wants to know. There just isn't the excitement.

Spectators apparently feel the same. Men's basketball attendance here was more than 4,000 last season while the women's team drew less than 2,500.

Well, I guess it all depends on your idea of excitement. In college sports, this is directly linked to how much money a sport can bring in.

How can women's sports ever be 'exciting' when funding levels remain unfair, and tied to how much revenue a sport can bring to a school?

The year may be 1988, but the prevalent attitude remains mired in the early 20th century, before women could vote.

The media is equally to blame in this mess. The sports best represented on television and in newspapers are the money-generators: football and basketball. Of course, audiences get generous flashes of cheerleaders during the games, so they can't complain, can they?

The outcome in the Temple case may have a big impact on college sports, hopefully making funding equal between men's and women's sports. Who knows? 'You've come a long way baby' may apply to more than just cancer sticks someday.

Hovland former 23-time All-American tanker

By ANDY SNEDDON
Sports Writer

Pete Hovland says the mark of success is consistency. He should know, he's been pretty consistent about winning the Division II swimming coach of the year award.

He won it most recently just last month for his team's second-place Division II finish at nationals. That goes nicely with the one he won in 1983, also for a second-place finish.

And who could argue with the man whose swim teams have finished in the top three in Division II National Championships eight out of the nine years he's been associated with them.

"This is a great area for swimmers and swimming but the winters are a little too long."

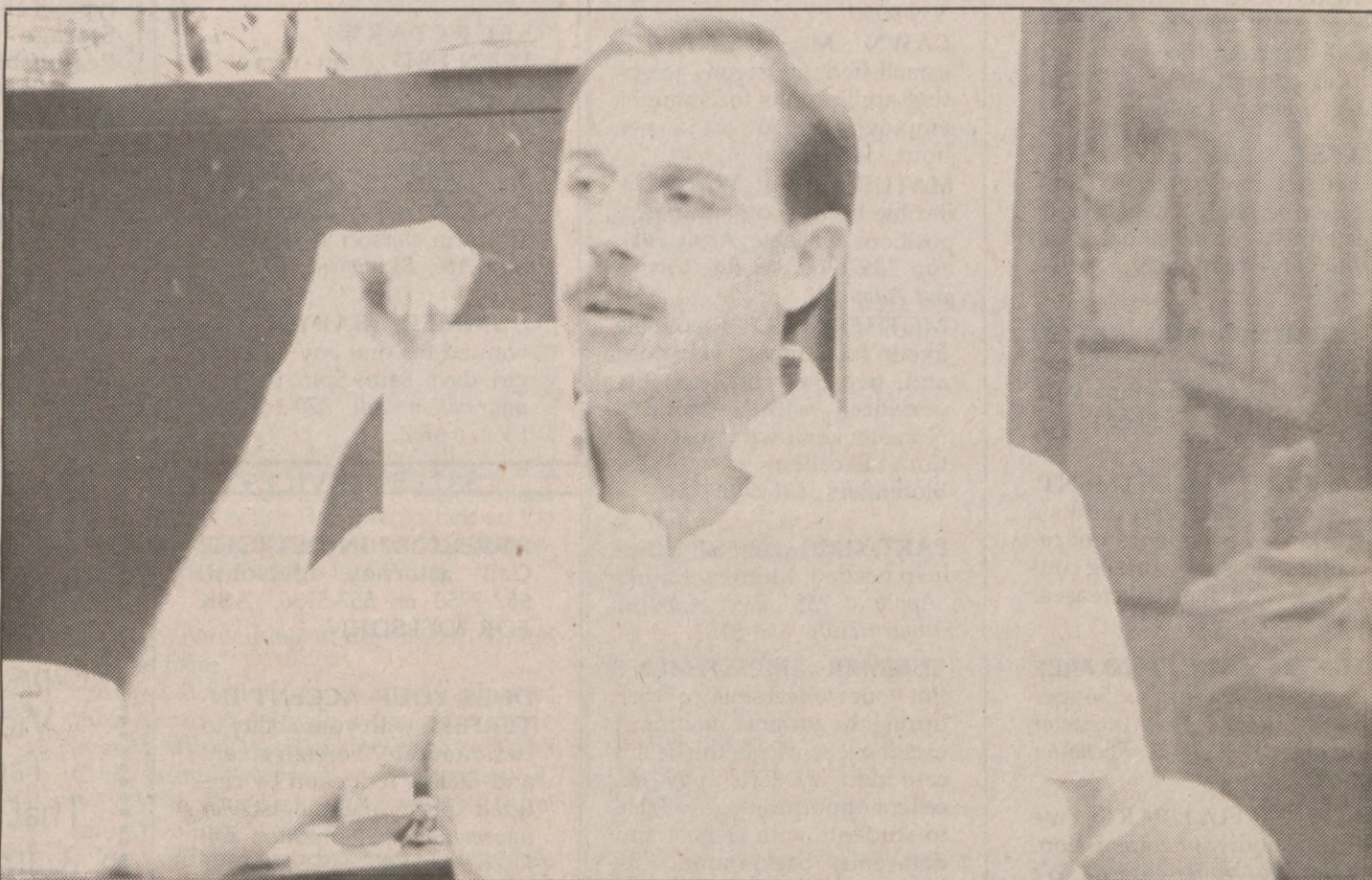
Pete Hovland, tanker coach

In 1980, when Hovland was an assistant to then OU men's coach Ernie Maglischo, the Pioneers captured the national crown. The following year Hovland was handed the head coaching reigns after Maglischo left. Hovland's teams have since finished second five times and third twice.

In 1983, Hovland's Pioneers lost the national championship in the final event by one-half second.

"I'm a competitive person," the 33-year-old San Jose, Calif. native said. "I've never been disappointed with the finishes we've had."

Naturally Hovland would like to lay claim to the top spot in the land some-



Pioneer men's swim coach Pete Hovland has taken his teams to five second-place Division II finishes and two third place finishes.

day. "I won as an athlete and would like (to win) as a coach," he said.

As a collegian, Hovland was a 23-time All American at California State University-Chico where Maglischo was his coach. Hovland led the Wildcats to four national championships in as many years, scoring 159 points in those meets; a school

record that remains on the books today.

In 1976, Hovland capped his swimming career by being named Western Conference swimmer of the year, Chico State athlete of the year and Division II swimmer of the year.

At Chico Hovland was coached by Maglischo, "One of the top coaches in

the country if not the world," according to Hovland.

Maglischo said Hovland was a pleasant surprise. "He (had) no particular credentials when he came (to Chico). He was the best Division II swimmer in the country when he left."

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Ball team splits doubleheader

Already won more games than last year

By DAVID HOGG
Sports Writer

The baseball team bumped its Great-Lakes-Conference record to 2-2 with a doubleheader split at Grand Valley State University April 10.

The Pioneers opened up the twinbill with a 7-2 victory behind the three-hit pitching of Dave Kalist. "That was the best game I've ever seen an Oakland pitcher pitch," said outfielder Ron Ciurla.

Oakland jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the second on hits by Rob Alvin, Dennis Milobar and Damon Salisbury. Grand Valley tied the score at two in the bottom of the second, and it stayed tied until the sixth.

In the top of the sixth, Alvin, Milobar and Dave Walczyk hit consecutive singles, followed by walks to Salisbury, Tim Bradley and Bill Franzen. Add a single by Tom Zerna, Mike Gunn's sacrifice fly and two wild pitches and you get five Pioneer runs.

Kalist cruised through the last two innings, allowing only one runner to reach base, hit by the pitch.

Oakland got two hits in the seventh, but couldn't score. Kalist got the complete game victory, and Salisbury picked up the game-winning RBI.

Milobar was another hitting star for the Pioneers, getting three hits in four at-bats with two runs and an RBI.

The Pioneers' luck didn't hold for the nightcap, as they were beaten 6-2.

Oakland took a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Dave Szpak drove in Zerna. The Pioneers held the lead until the third inning when the Lakers pushed across three runs.

Grand Valley got only two hits in the inning, but Derek Smitz walked two batters and hit another. After Smitz gave up a single and a triple to lead off the fourth, making the score 4-1, he was gone in favor of Jeff Dorfman.

The Lakers added two more runs in the fifth to make it 6-1. After giving up the two runs, Dorfman was pulled in favor of John Jacoby, who finished the game with 1½ shutout innings.

Ciurla singled in Szpak in the sixth to make the score 6-2, but Oakland went out 1-2-3 in the seventh to end the game. Tim Schuppe picked up the win for the Lakers, with Ed Finch getting the save. Smitz took the loss for OU.

The split raised Oakland's record

to 2-2 GLIAC and 5-9 overall.

With five wins, the Pioneers have now won more games than they did all of last season.

Tom Zerna, who suffered through last year's 4-28 disaster, credits the improvement to the new coaching staff.

"Last year we weren't really that bad. We just had a bad attitude. We weren't trying to win."

Tom Zerna, ballplayer

"Last year, we weren't really that bad," he said. "We just had a bad attitude. We weren't trying to win, we were just going through the motions. This year, the new coaches have made it much more serious and our attitude is better."

Jacoby agreed, saying that one reason for the team's improvement was that "the coaches are working with the players and stressing the fundamentals."

Oakland is one win away from last year's league win total, and has already surpassed the number of conference victories won on the field. (OU received two GLIAC wins by forfeit last year.)

The Pioneers were snowed out of a scheduled doubleheader last Friday against Olivet College.

The ballplayers have three twinbills coming up this week. Tuesday, they travel to Ohio, to take on the University of Toledo. Saturday they have Ferris State University at home. Likewise for Grand Valley State University Sunday. The GVSU affair marks the half-way point of the GLIAC season for the Pioneers.



Fencer Joe Burley earned his D rating April 10 when he finished fifth at the Oakland University Open.

Fencer Burley places fifth

By RALPH ECHTINAW
Sports Editor

Students looking for something to brag about can now claim to go to the same school as Joe Burley, Oakland's first student fencer to earn a D rating from the United States Fencing Association.

An A rating is as high as a fencer can go and Burley beat an A-rated fencer as well as a C on his way to a fifth-place finish at the Oakland University Open April 10.

"Two of the bouts were two of (my) best bouts all year," said Burley. "I sort of threw a little more caution into the wind than usual."

Along the way Burley beat Oakland assistant fencing coach Tom Decker, a C-rated fencer, after being down 4-1. (Five touches is enough to win a bout.)

Burley said that he'd seen that done only once before and agreed that it's like winning a baseball game after being five runs down in the ninth inning with two outs and nobody on base.

Burley said he won the bout with the A-rated fencer by getting lucky. "The last touch it was like hail mary," he said. "It

could have gone either way. I just barely got him on the arm just in time."

Losing 10-7 in direct elimination to end his day, Burley said his opponent, who fences both foil and epee, confused him by assuming a foil stance, only to start "fencing linear epee all of a sudden."

E-rated Todd Dressell didn't fare as well as Burley. "I got beat real bad," he said.

Dressell was "double stripping" again (competing in both sabre and epee) as he does in most tournaments. He was shut out in the second round in epee and went only 1-3 in sabre.

"The quality of the sabre directing this year has really gone down the tubes," said Dressell, who also admitted, "I wasn't as sharp as I could've been."

Unrated Mark Rudnicki, who fenced foil, came in third in an 18-man field. "I fenced my heart out basically," he said. "I'm more aggressive. I attack a lot."

Rudnicki said he beat a hotheaded C-rated fencer named Surowiec during the open. "It coulda gone either way," he said. "He started going crazy because I got so close. He does that a lot. That's sort of his trademark. He's got the temper. He throws his mask."

Epee fencer Mark Ament went 4-5, finishing 10th, and came close to earning his E rating. Had he won one more bout he would have had it.

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Paul Chapoton

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Mark Spezia

That time already?

Is it that time already? Ah yes, this is the last week of Oakland University sports coverage from *The Oakland Post*. It's time to reflect on the seasons' triumphs and tragedies.

The year began as the Detroit Lions broke training camp and left OU with mixed reviews. "The Hill House dorm is the ultimate in uncomfortable living," said Jerry Ball. Keith Ferguson was unhappy with the heat. "I had three fans in my room," he said.

As the Lions moved out, OU coaches moved in. Soccer coach Gary Parsons was itching to get back into the playoffs and "see if we can do better than last year." (They didn't.)

Jim Pinchoff stepped in as the new women's tennis coach, and Senior Marge Messbarger assured us that the female netters were "taking it more seriously (this year)." New cross country coach Hal Commerson's team had just five members and he was "looking for a few good men."

Meanwhile, Bob Hurdle was playing volleyball mind games. "If we feel mentally good after the first three weeks we will be tough all year," he said.

Hurdle wanted more

The soccer team jumped out of the gate with two straight victories. In the season opener Paul Phillips set a school record, scoring a goal just 16 seconds into the contest. "I thought it had been more like two minutes," he said.

A quick start was also in order for the volleyball team as it began the season with an 8-1 record. But Hurdle wanted more. "We played well but not as well as we're capable of," he said.

The soccer team beat Michigan State University Sept. 30 amid rain, freezing temperatures, hail, and 55 mph winds gusting across the field. Parsons began a two-month stint on crutches after he tore knee ligaments in an over-30 soccer game.

The volleyball team knocked off Northern Michigan Oct. 20 to reach a week-long break sitting in third place with a 4-3 league mark. Hurdle said the break would "give them time to become people again."

At the same time, Hilton Woods, a 1984 Olympian and 1987 Pan-American Games bronze medalist from the Netherlands-Antilles, made his OU swimming debut, winning the 100-yard freestyle in the team's second annual Black/Gold Alumni meet.

Soccer brawls

The soccer team had a four-game winning streak snapped Oct. 16 by Ohio Wesleyan in a game that featured a bench-clearing brawl after Al Stewart tackled OWU's Charlie Blanchard who kicked him. Stewart, Blanchard, and Dominic Rominelli of OWU were ejected. Parsons got his 100th OU coaching victory as the Pioneers whipped Siena Heights 3-0.

Meanwhile, the lady netters finished second in the post-season GLIAC tournament, their highest finish since 1979. Pinchoff was named GLIAC coach of the year.

The soccer team fell 2-1 to the University of Missouri-St. Louis in the first round of the Division II playoffs in November. Stewart was ejected again, and UMSL coach Don Dallas didn't like the Pioneers physical play. "They tried to get our guys mad," he said.

On the cross country front, Ken Osmun was the first Pioneer harrier in history to be named All-GLIAC.

The women's hoop team kicked off its season with a 95-61 romp over Siena Heights Nov. 23, leaving Greg Kampe impressed. "I think they could beat some guy high school teams."

Kampe's men did some impressing of their own, destroying Northeastern Illinois 150-76 in its opener.

Meanwhile the volleyball team struggled down the stretch, finishing fourth with a 9-7 record.

During the holiday break, cager Brian Gregory, or Little Zeke, dished out his 171st assist to break the OU season record in just 11 games. The women moved into first place by defeating Grand Valley 68-62 Jan. 14.

On the waterfront

January ends as the men's basketball team downs first-place Ferris 90-80 before a record 1,442 screaming toilet-paper-throwing fans.

After streaking to a 10-0 GLIAC start the woman hoopsters suffered their first conference loss Feb. 6 at the hands of Bob Taylor's old command, Lake State. Taylor's crew dropped their next two games as well and fell permanently out of first place.

Things were brighter on the men's side as Scott Bittinger became the all-time single-season GLIAC scoring leader in a Feb. 9 triumph over Ferris.

On the water front, the men's swim team captured its 11th consecutive GLIAC crown.

Despite an 11-5 record and a highest-ever third-place finish, the men's hoop team missed the post-season tournament. Ditto for the women who finished 24-4, the best hoop record in school history.

At the Division II national swim meet the men placed second and the women sixth. Mark VanderMey, Eric Strom, Jim Surowiec and Nancy Schermer qualified for Olympic trials.

VanderMey broke the OU 100-yard breaststroke record at Division I nationals and made Division I All American for the second year in a row.

I probably don't have to tell you that the Pioneers will still be playing when we all go home at the end of this semester and *The Oakland Post* goes into hibernation. The men's tennis, baseball and golf teams will be playing well into May. Good luck to 'em.

Netters slide by Hillsdale

By MARK SPEZIA
Sports Writer

The netters upset Division I University of Detroit and conference rival Hillsdale College last week to raise their record to 3-2.

The 6-3 win over Hillsdale marks the start of the netters' Great-Lakes-Conference schedule.

"They're the second best team in the conference," said coach Jim Pinchoff of Hillsdale. The best GLIAC team, according to Pinchoff is Ferris State University.

"He didn't have an overpowering shot until then. He just pulled it out of his ass or something."

Paul Vrzal, netter

Pinchoff said he was pleased with the 6-3 victory but that Paul Vrzal should have beaten his opponent. Vrzal was ahead 5-1 and 9-8 in his match before losing 10-9.

"He's not able to use two hands on his backhand," said Pinchoff. Vrzal is recovering from a minor wrist injury.

Pinchoff said his players are "starting to get match tough," after the April 14 narrow 5-4 win over the Titans.

An afternoon sun smiled on the tennis courts behind Lepley when the match began. But by the time Mike Corey clinched victory for the Pioneers with a 7-5, 6-4 win over Chris Ring, rain and sleet had come and gone and the temperature was plummeting toward 40 degrees.

Corey, whose father is terminally ill with cancer, said he played inspired tennis. "Thinking about my dad helped me through it," he said. Corey added that his "groundstrokes had more depth. (And that) allowed me to get more volleys."

Rob Martin raised his singles record to 3-1, knocking off Chris McMican 6-3, 6-2. The match featured several lengthy rallies. But on nearly every one Martin said he held his concentration well, eventually forcing McMican to stick a return in the net.

Freshman Rick Cummins also won in singles, blanking Ted Clark 6-0, 6-0.

Mike Graff, Paul Vrzal and Tom Norum didn't fare as well. Graff dropped a 6-3, 6-2 decision to Neil Akerman, while Norum suffered a loss at the hands of Glen Koegrz 6-4, 6-2. "Tom didn't hit his backhand as he is capable of today," said Pinchoff.

Meanwhile, Vrzal suffered through perhaps his most heartbreaking day on a tennis court. He and doubles partner Cummins won the first set 6-1 and were serving for match point in the second only to lose 7-5. They dropped the third set 6-0.

Later in singles, Vrzal went up 6-2 on Bill Koppesch, dropped the second set 7-5, then lost the third 7-6, 7-5 on a tie breaker.

Vrzal said the key to the match was the sudden emergence of his opponent's backhand early in the second set. "He didn't have an overpowering shot until then," said Vrzal. "He just pulled it out of



The Oakland Post / Ralph Echtnaw
Number-one netter Rob Martin helped the tennis team to a 6-3 victory over conference-rival Hillsdale College last Friday.

his ass or something...I don't know where it came from."

Also in doubles, Martin and Graff raised their record to 4-1 with a 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 win over McMican and Ring. While Norum and Corey bested Koppesch and Ackerman 6-4, 6-4. "With Tom's big serve I was able to get (more) volleys," said Corey.

In regard to the nascent GLIAC schedule Pinchoff said, "We're starting to get enough tough matches under our belts so that we can win when it counts."

In other action last week, April 12 the netters walloped Spring Arbor College 9-0. "We beat them about as bad as you can beat a team," said Pinchoff.

Spring Arbor is such a weak team, according to Pinchoff, that "I had the guys avoid their strengths and (work on) their weaknesses."

The Pioneers dropped a 6-3 decision to Albion College April 11 with Graff being the only winner in singles.

April 9 the team lost to Eastern Michigan University 7-2 with Martin in singles and Norum/Corey in doubles being the only winners.

The Hillsdale results follow:

Number-one singles: Martin beat Dennison 10-4.

Number-two singles: Norum beat Guccisreo 10-8.

Number-three singles: Corey beat Isabelle 10-5.

Number-four singles: Vrzal lost to Yaccko 10-9.

Number-five singles: Graff lost to Dunn 10-3.

Number-six singles: Cummins lost to Fry 10-5.

Number-one doubles: Martin/Graff beat Dennison/Guccisreo 10-3.

Number-two doubles: Norum/Corey beat Isabelle/Dunn 10-7.

Number-three doubles: Vrzal/Cummins beat Yaccko/Fry 10-3.



Joe Burley

Open

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Roger Fachini, fencing foil, won his first bout but lost the last four and was eliminated in the first round.

Burley and Dressell, who went to the national fencing tournament last year plan to go again this June in Chicago. "If I have to lie, cheat, steal, kill, whatever, I'm gonna go to nationals," said Dressell.

Pete

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Hovland earned his bachelor's degree at Chico in 1977 and went on to the University of Northern Iowa where he received his master's degree two years later.

Hovland landed at OU in August 1979 to assist Maglischo, help start the women's swim team and to coach an age-group team (the Oakland Live Yers).

"I didn't want to be a club coach," Hovland said, "But I couldn't pass up the opportunity to work with Ernie."

When Maglischo left Oakland in 1980 to return to California, Hovland

got the head coaching job on the former's recommendation.

Today the pair are friendly rivals, meeting annually at the national championships. "We respect, admire and like one another personally," said Maglischo, whose Cal State-Bakersfield teams have won the Division II championship for the last three years.

As successful as Hovland has been here, he remains modest about it. "The (swimming) program has always been successful...all the coaches here have done exceptionally well and I'm trying to perpetuate the tradition," he said.

As for the future, Hovland says he enjoys Oakland University. "We get a lot of support from the administration. This is a great area for swimmers and swimming but the winters are a little too long."

This summer, Hovland plans to coach the Netherlands-Antilles Olympic team. "That means Hilton Woods," Hovland said. Woods is one of Hovland's star performers. He's from Willemstad, Curacao in the Netherlands-Antilles, an island nation off the coast of Venezuela.

Hovland will train Woods along with Pioneer teammates Eric Strom, Jim Surowiec and Mark VanderMey at Kenyon College in Ohio. Strom,

Big-Time Pioneer Sports Quiz

Composed by David Hogg

1. The soccer team's leading scorer set a school record by scoring a goal after only 16 seconds of the Hope College game. Who was he?
A. Sel Eren
B. Paul Phillips
C. Jeff Vakratsis
D. John Stewart

2. Which of the following athletes competed in the 1984 Olympics?
A. Scott Bittinger
B. Mark VanderMey
C. Hilton Woods
D. Sarah Knuth

3. On Jan. 28, 1,442 fans packed the Lepley Gym to see the men's hoop team win an overtime thriller. Who was the opponent?
A. Ferris State
B. University of Michigan
C. Northern Michigan
D. Wayne State

4. Which of these athletes was not named an All-American this year?
A. John Stewart
B. Scott Bittinger
C. Ken Osmun
D. Mark VanderMey

5. Which women's swimmer had the highest individual point total at the NCAA Division II meet?
A. Micky Buono
B. Kristi Spicer
C. Kelly Williams
D. Nancy Schermer

6. Other than Scott Bittinger, who was the only men's basketball player to score 40 or more points in a game?
A. Andre Bond
B. Brian Gregory
C. Bryce Phillips
D. John Henderson

7. Match the Oakland athlete with his hometown:
A. Skip Townsend 1. St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago
B. Earl Parris 2. Perstop, Sweden
C. Hilton Woods 3. Anchorage, Alaska
D. Michael Carlstrom 4. Wilemstad, Curaco/Stuyvesant

8. Which women's basketball player led the team in scoring with 29 points in the Pioneers' 92-70 victory over Michigan?
A. Debbie Delie
B. Sarah Knuth
C. Maura Conroy
D. Kim Klein-Green

9. Which OU coach was recently named the coach of an Olympic team?
A. Greg Kampe
B. Tracy Huth
C. Gary Parsons
D. Pete Hovland

10. Who hit the first home run of the season for the Pioneer baseball team this year?
A. Rob Alvin
B. Mike Gunn
C. Chris Takemoto
D. Pat Sadowski

Answers: 1-B, 2-C, 3-A, 4-C, 5-D, 6-A, 7-A, 8-B, 9-D, 10-C

Wright stuff fails golfers Team finishes next to last in tournament

By TOM COOK
Sports Writer

Finishing 15th in a 16-team field, the Pioneer golfers had a thoroughly bad tournament at Wright State University April 8-9.

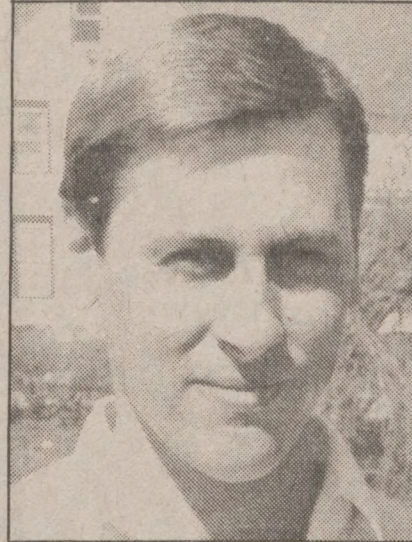
"I think the reason they played so bad is because they know they have a lot of talent and they put too much pressure on themselves," said coach Glenn Busam.

Busam said he noted that both co-captains, Mark Bruttell and Paul Deckard seemed nervous before the tournament.

"Hopefully that was their worst tournament of the year," said Busam. "I was really counting on those two guys to keep the scores low. It was definitely the worst I've ever seen (Deckard) play."

The coach said other factors contributed to the bad performances as well, citing heavy winds, low temperatures and fast greens.

"I think they kind of gave up a bit," said Busam. "It was cold and windy and it played on their concentration."



"I think the guys learned a lesson. They're not going to be that bad anymore."

Glenn Busam, golf coach

Busam alluded to the fact that there are other team members who could play in the tournaments if his top players continue to play badly.

"I think the guys learned a lesson. They're not going to be that bad anymore. If they are, they know there are five other guys waiting to play."

Dave Wieme led the Pioneers with scores of 77 and 84. His 77 was only two strokes more than the best round shot in the two-day event.

Todd Stevens shot 80 and 82, Rich Dagenais 85 and 83, Bruttell 86 and 89, and Deckard brought up the rear with a pair of German 88s.

The Pioneers' rival for the Great-Lakes-Conference crown, Ferris State University, finished 30 strokes ahead of them in the tournament.

The Pioneers have three weeks off before their next tournament. In the interim Busam said he plans to work the team hard. "I'm still optimistic that we should do well the rest of the year," he said.

Surowiec and VanderMey will try to qualify for the American Olympic team in August. Woods and Hovland will travel to Seoul, South Korea in September for the big swimfest.

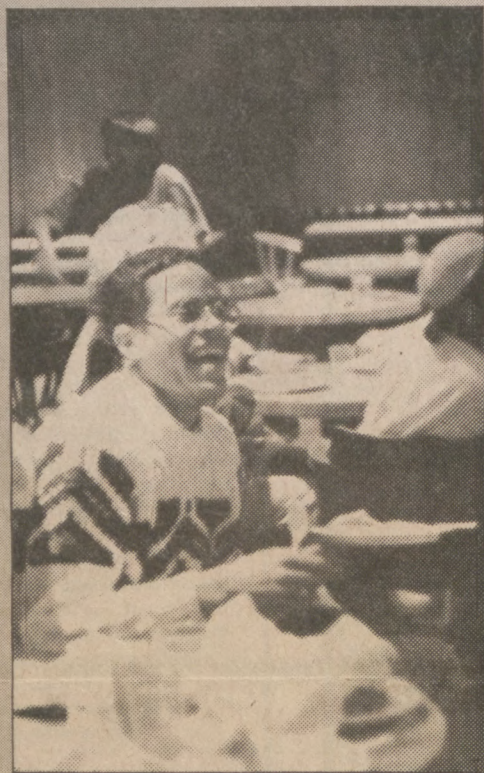
Hovland was married just last summer. His wife, Kathie, is a student here and will graduate this year. She plans to attend Detroit College of Law in the fall.

Despite the long hours that go along with coaching and attending law school, Hovland said he and his wife still find time to spend together. "We have a household rule that we have dinner together on Sunday nights," he said.



Crowd plays musical chairs in the Abstention (center), Marc Payne labors over the grill while Monica Moore and Laura Johnson wait (right), Deno Burgess watches musical chair participants (bottom left).

Oakland Post photos by Eric Kurtycz



ABS picnic draws students

By DAVID HOGG
Staff Writer

The Association of Black Students held their third annual Leadership Picnic April 16 in an attempt to "build unity" among the university community.

According to Marc Payne, ABS Leadership Committee chairman and picnic organizer, the picnic was intended for everyone, not just black students.

"We want to show that the Association of Black Students isn't just for black students," Payne said. He cited the group's work with other minorities such as Hispanics and Vietnamese.

The picnic, which was held in the Oakland Center Abstention because of cold weather, included such events such as a scavenger hunt, musical chairs and dancing. The food included picnic classics like hot dogs, hamburgers, potato chips and baked beans. In addition, ABS planned to give away an OU shirt as a door prize, as well as awarding prizes to game winners.

The picnic's total cost was about \$580, according to

ABS event organizers.

The food though, was the main attraction to the crowd, which numbered about 65 during the early afternoon.

Payne said that the theme of this year's event was Anti-Apathy.

"We found that apathy was running wild on campus. Everybody wanted to come to the events, but nobody wanted to help with them," Payne said.

To help combat apathy, the event's organizers held an award ceremony at day's end. Over 60 awards were given out to people and student organizations who participated in the events. ABS sent an invitation to every student organization on campus.

Payne said that a picnic was chosen because "everyone loves to eat." He also stated that the goals of the event were to foster unity, stress participation and to "have some fun before finals."

This was the attraction that attracted junior ABS member Deno Burgess. "I wanted to have some fun before I had to hit the books next week," he said.

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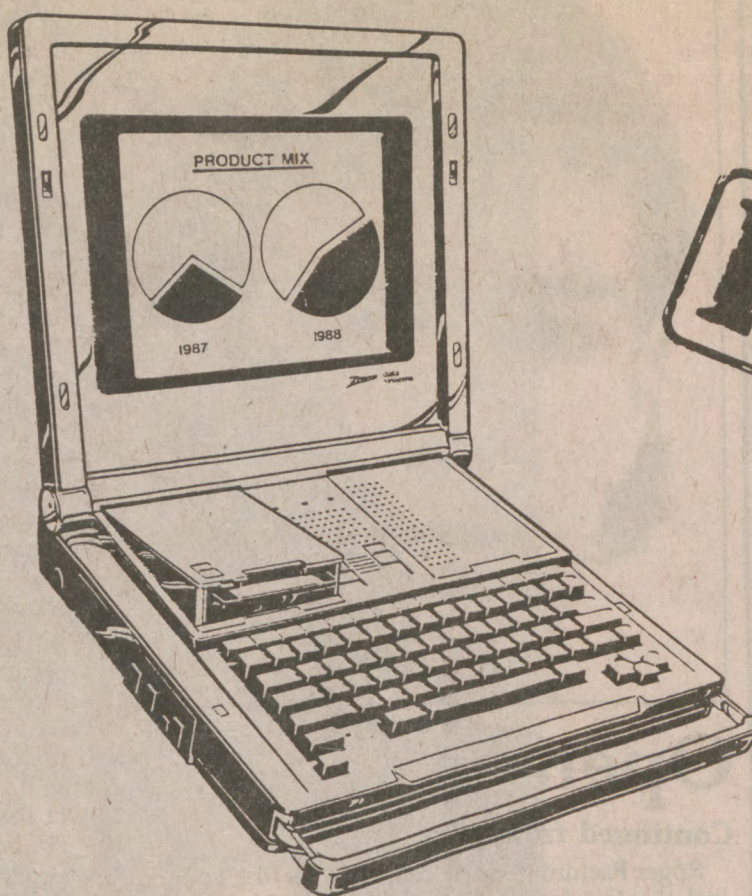


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