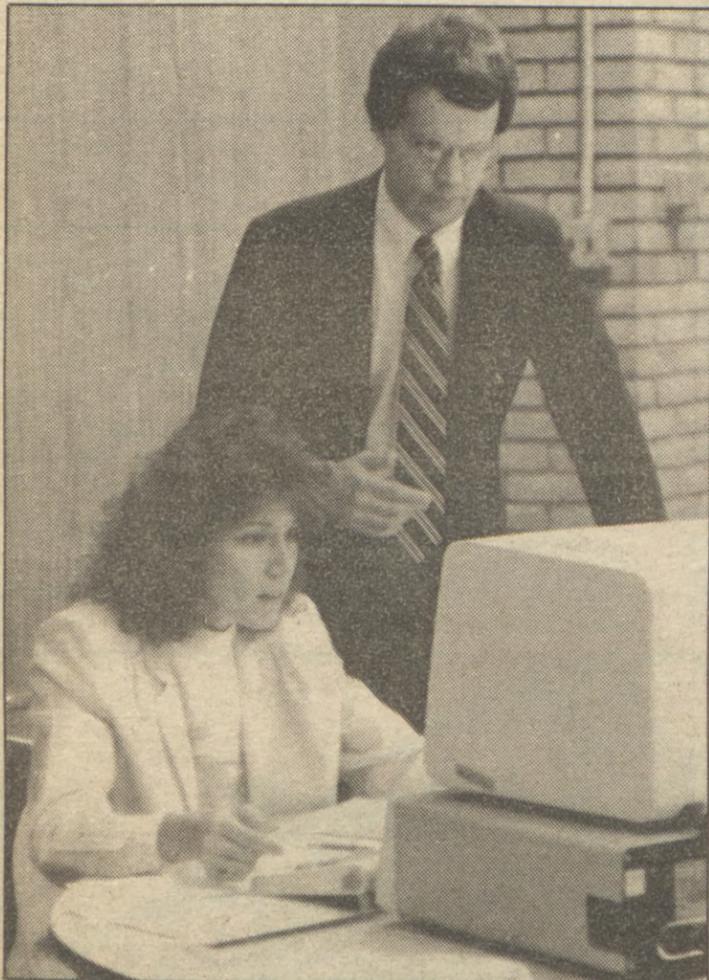


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The Oakland Sail/Kim Kaveloski
William Morscheck explains the new on-line computer system to
Cameron Brunet Koch during a recent training session for faculty
and staff.

Housing rates up 1.98 percent

BY STEVEN VILLET
Staff Writer

Students living in residence halls next fall can expect to see the effects of inflation reflected in their housing bills.

OU approved a 1.98 percent housing rate increase in the 1986-87 budget to cover the rising costs of food, utilities, wages, and equipment replacement.

This rate increase will mean a \$48 to \$53 additional charge to each residence hall student, depending on the meal plan chosen.

Eleanor Lewellen, director of residence halls, said that the rate increase reflects what is happening in the present economy. "The housing rates go up for the same reason any price is going up, there's a four percent inflation rate," Lewellen said.

OU is one of the two universities that have a finalized budget for the 1986-87 academic year.

The projected rates for other universities state-wide make OU's 1.98 percent increase one of the lowest.

Lewellen attributes this in part to the streamlining of the 1985-86 budget. She said, "We always start the (budget setting) process looking to hold the line on increases."

"Last year we had several major expenditures that were included in that budget that have been cut from this year's. If it hadn't been for the heating system replacement, we may not have had to raise the rates at all.

But all in all, I'm very pleased we could hold the increase down to this level."

Lewellen said that because of the broken heating pipes leading to the residence halls, OU began a three-phase plan to replace the hot water - high temperature heating system.

"The cost of the first two phases was covered by 75 unex-

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Administrators say no solution

Language problem unavoidable

BY KIM DIEHR
and
WENDY WENDLAND
Staff Writers

(The following story is the second of a two part series about the language barrier students often face when dealing with a foreign instructor.)

Oakland's administrators recognize the existence of a communication problem between foreign-born faculty and students, but admit little can be done.

"I'm aware that there are instructors here who have difficulty communicating," said university President Joseph Champagne, "But there isn't a ready solution. It's a problem every university has to face."

Competition among U.S. universities for qualified native

Computer registration slated for Spring '86

BY LYNN TEEL
News Editor

Students enrolling for Spring 1986 semester will be the first to use the on-line registration system, which after four years of planning, is ready for implementation.

On-line registration will cut significantly the number of stations students previously had to pass through when registering in the fall.

Instead of the various stations, most of the work will be done at the computer terminal with one computer operator.

Specially trained operators will be hired temporarily during registration days to run the IBM computers.

Lawrence Bartalucci, registrar, estimated that five or six minutes would be required for each student to register at a terminal.

Twelve terminals are available, but depending on the volume expected at early registrations and regular registrations, as few as five may be used.

Together with William Morscheck, assistant vice-president of Computer and Information Systems, Bartalucci has been working on getting OU on-line for four years.

According to Bartalucci, Morscheck was hired for his vast knowledge and experience with on-line registration systems. Morscheck is "trying to bring OU into the eighties," Bartalucci said.

"It's definitely moving Oakland into the 20th Century,"

said Cameron Brunet Koch, director of CIPO and assistant dean of students.

Brunet Koch attended a faculty/staff training session March 17 to familiarize staff with the computer system.

On April 3 and 4, a student open house will take place in the Alcove of the Crockery of the OC to allow students to preview the on-line registration processing.

Early registration for the Spring semester will take place at the Registration office from April 7-18. Registration will be alphabetical according to class standing.

(This is the first in a series of stories on the new registration system. Next week the actual capabilities of the system will be explained in further detail.)

Sail photo equipment valued at \$2,500 stolen

Approximately \$2,500 worth of camera equipment was stolen from the Oakland Sail office between 10:30 p.m. Thursday and 11 a.m. Friday.

The equipment, belonging to three staff photographers, was locked inside a cabinet. Upon discovery Friday afternoon, the theft was reported to Public Safety.

In an attempt to ward off just such occurrences, the Sail had all its locks changed on Wednesday afternoon. The lock on the cabinet, however, had yet to be changed.

"Breaking into that cabinet was such a surprise because we just had the locks changed," said Sail Photo Editor Sharon LeMieux. "It could be anybody with a master key or somebody with a specific key. Someone who has access in the late evening and early hours. Probably someone nobody would suspect."

"It could be somebody we

know and its sad, really sad. I'm taking the knife out of my back right now as we speak."

The Sail is offering a reward for any information leading to the recovery of the equipment.

School of Business Administration wants recognition

BY STEVEN VILLET
Staff Writer

The desire to achieve higher degree recognition for graduating students has motivated the School of Economics and Management to change its name to the School of Business Administration.

The Board of Trustees approved the name change and placed it immediately into effect during the March 12 Board of Trustees' meeting.

Dan Braunstein, the former associate dean of the School of Economics and Management and the current chairman of the Management and Marketing Department, said that the name change will help graduates when looking for jobs by removing some possible confusion surrounding the department's name.

Braunstein said, "Since the 1960's we've developed from strictly an economics school to a full fledged business school."

"The name 'Business Administration' is a lot more accepted and recognized by employers and other universities. We wanted to have a name that actually describes what we really do."

According to Braunstein, the School of Economics and Management began gathering a list of possible names last summer, and had a large selection to choose from.

"The faculty and students both participated in the selection of the new name," Braunstein

professors is stiff. They not only compete with each other, but with industry as well. The result is a flood of foreign faculty in America.

"Students must have an open mind-set to this problem," said Dean of Students David Herman. "They must learn to appreciate cultural diversity. I think a greater problem would be having no foreign faculty on this campus."

One student, who asked not to be identified fearing grade repercussions, believes a cultural difference creates this problem.

"School is much more difficult overseas, and I think foreign professors tend to look down their noses at American students. They think American students are lazier and take their education for granted. As a result they make their classes tougher."

Many students tend to inter-

nalize any difficulties. They feel it is their problem, according to one faculty member.

"Often the idea of talking with a professor is beyond them. The biggest problems occur in the math and engineering programs. With a subject that is technical, the student has a double handicap, and more than should, drop."

Provost Keith Kleckner and Assistant Provost William Connellan give conflicting reports on the situation.

Connellan, who is technically in charge of all hirings and firings, stated that as far as he knew, no one had been fired because of language difficulties.

"This is not a problem here. We have some foreign-born professors but not a large number," said Connellan.

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University Congress Report

Congress Meetings

The University Congress meetings are held every Monday at 5:00p.m., and are open to all students and faculty. All are encouraged to participate in discussions.

WHEN: Tonight at 5:00p.m.

WHERE: Rooms 126-127 Oakland Center.

SPECIAL TOPIC: Lee Anderson, Associate Director of Financial Aid will speak on the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Bill.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 31
Rooms 126-127, 5:00p.m.

Get Yours!

Beginning Monday, March 31, these coupons will be available in the Congress office for the Student Program Board's showing of "The Goonies." This complementary pass will allow free admission to each OU student (with OU ID) that is accompanied by his/her little brother or sister. (Each additional child \$0.50.) See you at the movies!!!!



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New Mascot ?!?

Do you agree that Oakland should change its mascot from the Pioneers to something else? Much discussion took place at last Monday's Congress meeting, and the general opinion of the Congressmembers was to keep the Pioneers as Oakland's mascot. If you wish to have your opinion or suggestions heard before any decision is made by the appointed committee, tonight's meeting will provide the avenue for you to do so. Let us know what you think!!!

Commuter News

Commuter Council will have a goal setting meeting for the upcoming year. It will be held Wednesday, April 2, at noon in the Meadowbrook Room, O.C.

Applications for the following executive positions on Commuter Council are now available:

- Commuter Services
- Commuter Programs
- Political Affairs
- Communication and Informations

All interested student should leave a note in Commuter Council's mailbox in the CIPO office, or stop by their office, 59 O.C.

Make a Copy

Ditto and mimeo machines are available to service student needs free of charge, paper and master must be supplied by the student. Stenciling is also available for a \$1.00 charge, paper must be supplied, and a 24-hour notice is required. Call CIPO at 370-2020.

The power of the students is their voice

Ex-dorm resident's case dismissed for carrying concealed weapon

BY CARALEEN VITALE
Staff Writer

The 19 year-old resident of Vandenberg Hall who threatened to shoot his roommate with a .357 Magnum was dismissed for charges of carrying a concealed weapon, according to Public Safety.

"Raymond Burkett's court case was dismissed because the prosecution did not establish a weapon outside of his domicile," said Mel Gilroy, assistant director of Public Safety.

Under Michigan law, one has the right to possess a weapon in one's own home.

In Burkett's situation, at the time of the reported incident, his home was his dorm room in Vandenberg Hall, and on that premise, the case was dismissed

under Michigan law for carrying a concealed weapon.

However, Chief Dick Leonard of Public Safety said, "If the gun would have been carried out into the hallway, the charge of carrying a concealed weapon would have held up in court."

Burkett, originally from Detroit, could not be arrested or charged with felonious assault because the weapon was not in his hand at the time of the incident, according to Public Safety.

A heated dispute which took place in Burkett's dorm room between Burkett and roommate Less Butler was caused by roommate tension which ended up with Burkett threatening to "blow off" Butler's head.

Butler was able to stop Burkett from using the .357 Magnum by slamming him up against a wall,

preventing him from reaching the briefcase where he kept the gun.

Burkett, who has moved out of Vandenberg Hall also faced disciplinary measures from OU. A conduct hearing was held for Burkett the week before spring break. Jack Wilson, associate vice-president of Student Affairs, was unable to release the outcome of the hearing due to university policy.

Wilson did say, however, that according to the university conduct code, Burkett could face the minimum of one year's suspension from OU.

Leonard stressed that, "Persons are not to have a gun or any other weapon on campus or in their dorm room under university ordinance regardless of Michigan state law."

Dealing with language barrier requires proper steps

If students are having problems with foreign-born professors, the following steps are suggested:

—Talk to the professor.

This is the first move. The professor cannot be expected to correct a problem he or she knows nothing about. The best approach is to tactfully explain the difficulties. Students should explain that if the professor could speak more slowly and clearly, much of the language barrier would be overcome.

—Go to the department chair.

Students who find the professor unresponsive to requests should alert the department. Do not suffer in silence. Most departments want student feedback, and while student evaluations do help, they aren't completed until the end of the term. While this may help future classes, it does nothing for present students.

—Inform the dean of the college.

Students who still haven't gotten results should make arrangements to see the dean. Students should have recorded names, dates and reactions of the professor and the department chair involved before seeing the dean.

—Make an appointment with the Dean of Students.

It is his or her job to find avenues of recourse for students. While the Dean of Students does not generally become involved in conflicts, he or she can steer students in the right direction.

—Get a tutor.

If students are in a situation where they cannot drop the course, for whatever reason, a tutor may be the only solution.

The preceding list was compiled with the help of administrators, deans of colleges, department chairs and faculty.

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Name — Professors —

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said, "and the final decision on the name was very strong."

In addition to the name change, four separate departments were created to handle the administration of the new school.

"Up to now," Braunstein said, "the School of Economics and Management was one unit. What we've done is to divide it into departments. No new courses have been added."

The chairmen of the four new departments are: David Sidaway, acting chairman of the Accounting and Finance Department; Ronald Tracy, chairman of the Department of Economics; Dan Braunstein, chairman of the Management and Marketing Department; and David Doane, chairman of the Department of Quantitative Methods and Management Information Systems.

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Kleckner, on the other hand, said, "I can remember one or two cases within the last 20 years where the instructor has been pulled mid-term due to student complaints on his or her inability to communicate in English."

He also said at least three or four foreign professors have been let go because of communication difficulties.

Housing —

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pected housing enrollments," Lewellen said, "Phase three however, is the most expensive. The cost is being spread over a number of years and part of the 1.98 percent will go toward that work."

In addition to the rate increase, residence hall students will also pay a \$20 laundry fee that will eliminate the charges currently made for laundry tokens.

Lewellen said that this change makes access to the laundry room more convenient to students. She said, "The students are still being charged for the tokens, they're just paying for them at the beginning of the year."

"We're starting out by regulating the amount of tokens given to each student and the places the tokens will be available. We have to keep track to be sure students aren't abusing the system."

The laundry tokens will be distributed from the Vandenberg and Hamlin reception desks and will be available during posted hours.

The \$20 laundry fee added to the 1.98 percent increase will mean students will pay between \$68 and \$73 more for housing next fall.

Hit and run driver knocks over post, \$1,000 in damage

BY CARALEEN VITALE
Staff Writer

The large light post that was knocked down in front of Hamlin Hall on Wednesday was estimated to be at least \$1,000 in property damage according to Chief Dick Leonard of Public Safety.

The driver of the vehicle ran into the post at approximately 8:40 p.m. and failed to stop and report the accident.

Leonard said whoever ran into the post was "not very responsible" and could face a violation under state law. He also said that Public Safety checked a local hospital to see if any injuries were reported but that none were.

Leonard added that the incident is still under investigation.

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EDITORIAL

Parking problems exist in Residence Halls too

Everyone knows that parking problems exist in the commuter lots. But it is often overlooked that serious parking problems do exist in the residence hall lots as well.

We won't mention that dorm lots are seldom cleaned. Rather, we'll talk about the usual parking topic: lack of space.

The number of dorm students has increased significantly during the past few years—parking spaces have not.

In fact, an entire row of spaces was eliminated from resident use because parking between 2 and 6 a.m. was banned in that row. This special row was created to give food service workers, career placement job recruiters, and residence hall visitors a place to park.

It was a nice gesture, but the university has forgotten someone. Residence Hall students have been pushed aside again in favor of visitors and special guests.

It is the dorm student—not the food service worker, career placement recruiter, or visitor—who pays the university to live on campus.

We know that the parking situation in commuter lots is just as bad as that of the dorm lots. But this problem has been discussed more often, and changes were made this year in an attempt to alleviate some of the parking congestion.

In the residence hall lots nothing has been done to combat the problem. As it now stands, large numbers of dorm students must park in the overflow lot and hike back to the residence halls several times a week.

In addition to being a substantial distance from the dorms, the overflow lot is badly lit, dangerous, and a open invitation to thieves.

Obviously, there is not enough space to expand the existing lot. Unfortunately, there is not enough of an increase of resident students to substantiate the building of a parking structure.

But this does not mean solutions are not available to alleviate the problem.

Suggestions include requiring parking stickers for students who live in the dorms. Students without such stickers could be ticketed, eliminating a large amount of visitor parking.

Special stickers could be issued to resident students who work off-campus and use their cars more often than other students. A special row could be created exclusively for the use of these students, giving them an opportunity to park in convenient, safe spaces.

The special visitor's row could be eliminated altogether or placed less prominently in the lot.

Compact car parking rows could be created, giving an additional two or three spaces to each row.

If these measures do not to alleviate the problem, then the university will have to consider banning resident freshmen from keeping cars on campus. Exceptions could be made to incoming freshmen with special needs, but prohibiting a majority of them from parking in resident lots could lead to a substantial increase in space.

Although this seems unfair to freshmen, it is a last resort many universities have turned to. Until it becomes feasible to expand existing lots or build parking structures, something has to be done.

After all, OU residents deserve convenient, safe parking too.



Letters to the Editor

Credit for video programming due to Residence Halls and OC

In the March 10, 1986 issue of the *Sail*, an article appeared regarding video programming sponsored by the CIPO office. Credit for the purchase of the equipment was mistakenly given solely to the CIPO office.

The Oakland Center purchased the VCR unit and the large screen television set. The director of the Oakland Center, Bill Marshall, has been extremely supportive of innovative programming and the CIPO staff appreciates the progressive ways in which Mr. Marshall uses the

money obtained from students' Oakland Center fee.

The camera was purchased jointly by Residence Halls programming and CIPO programming. It will be used in both the Residence Halls and Oakland Center. Both Jean Ann Miller, coordinator for Residence Halls programming, and Paul Franklin, coordinator of campus programs, are excited about the possibilities of the new equipment.

The coordination and purchases of the video equipment il-

lustrate the cooperative working relationship that exists between the Oakland Center, Residence Halls, and the CIPO office. I regret that the CIPO office received all of the credit in the March 10 issue. Credit should rightfully shared by the Oakland Center, Residence Halls, and CIPO.

Thank you for allowing me to inform your readers on this matter.

Cameron Brunet Koch
Assistant Dean of Students
Director of CIPO

Not notified of scholarship change

Student Lifers caught off guard

Monday, March 3, was the last chance for all Student Life Scholars to submit their applications for the renewal of their scholarship.

Ever since the initiation of the Student Life Scholarship, the most important part of the students' renewal has been the submittance of two letters of recommendation along with the renewal form. These letters of recommendation have, in the past, been filled out by Head Residents, RA's, and other student leaders from around campus, all of whom have been in touch with a student and would have first-hand knowledge of their contributions to university life.

The purpose of these letters is to cite a student's willingness and participation in an activity or organization.

At the beginning of each Fall semester, a meeting is held for all Student Life Scholars in order to inform them of any changes made in the scholarship renewal process or the actual requirements.

At the start of the Fall 1985 semester, all the students present at the meeting were informed by the new Dean of Students, David Herman, that the actual dispersal of the award was to be made more cautiously in order to weed out the students who seemed to be misusing this system by not fully participating in two required activities that "enriched the quality and diversity of university life."

However, the students at this time were given no further insight as to how this change was to take place.

Upon obtaining the renewal in February, I, like all of the other scholarship students, discovered that for the coming academic

year, in order to renew the Student Life Scholarship, the recipients would now need three letters of recommendation instead of the original two.

The third letter was to come from a faculty or staff member who knew the student and would be able to write a positive overview of the activities that they knew the student to be involved in. This third letter did not have to be from another leader of a campus organization that the student actively participated in.

This was not an easy qualification to fulfil on most students' parts, simply because they had not been told that they would need a third letter of recommendation. They had been told that the program was going to be made more demanding, but not in a specific way.

If the Student Life Scholarship Renewal Committee intended for the students to submit three recommendations, then it was its

responsibility to notify students that the rules for the scholarship had been changed.

Without proper notification of any changes made in the program within a sufficient time period for the students to make arrangements, then it is impossible for many students to meet these new requirements.

The final problem is that notification of scholarship renewal is not until August, a time that is usually too late for students to make other arrangements.

I feel that the chance to attend Oakland University is indeed a privilege that is worth working for. However, working toward a goal has no relevance if the requirements are changed without proper notification or any regard to the students' likelihood of fulfillment.

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Applicants must have a minimum of 1 year of experience with The Oakland Sail.

Applications are available at CIPO, 49 O.C.

FEATURES

College-age crises can lead to suicide

BY JANI PRESCOTT
Staff Writer

Suicide is the number two killer of young people under 24, second only to auto accidents. Five thousand people under 24 kill themselves every year; that breaks down to approximately one every 90 minutes.

"Why?" is a common response to the overwhelming statistics. "It's happened before," says Susan Ankrom, Crisis Intervention Specialist at Common Ground in Birmingham. "When any given kind of society reaches a level of maturity at which the individuals ... realize they have personal choices, the rate goes up."

As people start to pay attention to suicide, "it seems almost to feed on itself," Ankrom said.

Stories, songs and TV movies about suicide permeate the culture, and a "chicken and the egg" process starts, says Ankrom. People start thinking of suicide as a way out.

According to Dr. Andrew Barrer, Director of Psychologic Services at Havenwyck Hospital in Auburn Hills, many suicides occur between the ages of 15 and 24. Over the last two decades, an increase in broken homes, sexual and identity pressures, drug and alcohol use, among others, have resulted in people feeling "caught in a trap," said Barrer.

Years ago, people associated suicide with mental illness. But

"It can happen to anybody," Ankrom said. "The suicide isn't the crisis." Ankrom stressed that depressed people need to realize that suicide isn't their only option.

Some characteristics are common among those who try suicide. Isolation, a view of the world in "black and white", rigidity, and "tunnel vision," all may lead a person to believe there is no other way out.

If you think a friend is seriously depressed, there are signs to look for. Talking about, "I won't be around much longer," neglecting his appearance and not getting out, indicates that he may need help, warned Robert Fink, Head of Counseling Services at Graham Counseling Center at OU.

People considering suicide also "tend to say good-bye to people" by calling friends and telling them how important they are, said Ankrom.

To help, Fink recommended expressing concern and trying to get your friend to talk. Notify an RA if the behavior continues, he said.

Don't ignore a friend's depression. "I think that most of the (suicide) victims have attempted to get some help and have been ignored. As the person becomes more and more depressed, they're less likely to seek help," said Barrer.

It's also a good idea to check your own schedule to prevent (See Suicide, page 8)



The Oakland Sail/Jeanine Andreski
The band "To be Announced," third place winners in Open Mike Night, performed at Thursday night's Mainstage. From left to right, they are: Greg Vella, Frank Herzenstiel, Sal Canu and Matt Champagne.

Open Mike Night acts perform at Mainstage

BY JIM UICKER
Staff Writer

And now for something completely different...Mainstage tried an entirely new approach to entertainment Thursday from anything they've ever done in the

past.

This, the 49th show, was a dance. Every hour, a winner from the Feb. 6 Open Mike Night performed. Between performances, the audience danced to pop music from a professional DJ.

The three Open Mike Night acts were: "To be announced," Rhonda Buckner and "Elvis and Company."

Rhonda Buckner, who is also chair of the Mainstage Committee, won second place at Open Mike Night. She sang ballads of, among others, Barbra Streisand and Billy Joel.

"In the past, we have always used professional acts. We wanted to see some of Oakland's stars shine," said Buckner.

One of the advantages of Mainstage, she says, is that it takes the place of the usual Thursday "Bar Nite." "It's a

place where people can go and have a good, safe time."

"To be Announced," a rock n' roll band that played classics by superstars such as Dire Straits and The Cars won third place at Open Mike Night. The group has been together for about seven months, said lead singer Matt Champagne. "I think we had a good turnout for a first time," he said of the mixer.

"Elvis and Company" won first place at Open Mike Night. Paul Ayotte was "Elvis," and he sang many of his best-selling hits, including a heartbreaking rendition of *Heartbreak Hotel*. He was backed by his "Company," four other members of Meadow Brook Estate. He agreed that the mixer was a good idea. "A lot of people don't see Open Mike Night," he said.

Science fiction buffs sponsor unique activities at convention

BY MARY COWAN
Staff Writer

Feel like doing something different this weekend?

OU's annual science fiction convention, Nova, offers students, free of charge, a chance to attend a masquerade ball, join a writers' guild, meet a comic-book artist, learn medieval dancing or swordplay and other unusual pastimes.

The convention is sponsored by the Order of Leibowitz, OU's science fiction club. It also sponsors weekly fantasy gaming sessions, and the annual Oakland Game Day. Nova is its biggest project of the year. Attendance this year is expected to match last year's 700 people.

Guests of honor include local author Leo Frankowski, whose novel *The Crosstime Engineer*, was recently published by Del Ray Books; artists Randy Asplund, whose work includes covers for Phantasia Press; and Sandy Schreiber, whose specialty is comic art; Diana Stein, head of the fan club for the popular comic book *Elfquest*; and the entire Michigan Writers Guild.

The people attending the convention may exercise their imagination in startling ways, like dressing as their favorite fantasy heroes. But they will also enjoy the more serious side of the subject. Panel discussions are scheduled for topics ranging from "the mercenary mystique" to the controversies surrounding role-playing games.

There will also be programs on writing, comic books, making costumes, illustration and a slide show of Asplund's art.

Co-chairmen Bill Proctor and Scott Young agree that Nova is an ideal place to meet new people who share an interest in the unusual. And, says Young, "It's a good escape from reality when you need it, like before finals."



The Oakland Sail/Kevin Kulpa
George Xiao, left, an exchange scholar, and grad students Xue Wang and Jan Liu do the Chinese Lion Dance at International Nite.

International Nite gains appreciation of ethnicity

BY KEVIN KULPA
Staff Writer

A festival of ethnic entertainment and cuisine, labeled as International Nite, was held in the Oakland Center March 16.

Oakland's International Students Organization sponsored the event.

About 200 people enjoyed a Chinese ballet, dances of India, Slavic folk dances, and OU's version of a Chinese Lion Dance. Afterwards, there were enough international foods — Indian, Arabic, Iranian, European and Chinese, to feed the crowd.

When the entertainment was

over and everyone had their fill, two DJs played and the floor became a melting pot of nations dancing to all-American musicians such as Bruce (Born in the USA) Springsteen.

The Chinese ballet, performed by Hui Fang Mao, was a mixture of Chinese music, clothes, and movements, combined with Western ballet to create a unique and graceful performance.

Hui said she trained in Shanghai for six years in one of China's two most highly acclaimed dance schools. After graduation, she performed with the Chalute Dance Company in China, Japan, Korea and France. (See International, page 8)

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New officers set commuter goals

BY RENEE POKOJ
 Staff Writer

Commuter Council has newly elected members with high goals, duties and aspirations for the upcoming year.

On Feb. 19th, elections were held for new Commuter Council officers. Sue Jezewski, a sophomore, was elected by student commuters as president and freshman Lisa Wilson, was chosen as vice-president.

Four commissioners who will hold the positions of services, programming, communication/information and politics, along with the president and vice-president, will complete the executive board. The elected commissioners will be appointed this fall. The final vote on elected commissioners is left to the students. Applications are being accepted for any commuters who have the experience or desire to fill the positions, said Jezewski. Applications can be picked up in congress office or CIPO.

The committee has established a number of goals for the upcoming year. Producing a newsletter is one of them. The newsletter will consist of such information as "different student organizations and how to get involved...a calendar of events for the month...and give students more knowledge of services on campus," said Jezewski.

Helping commuters feel a part of campus by holding special events such as a video dance and special lectures spoken by professors in different areas of study is a second goal, she said.

Committee shirts will be worn by the executive board and workers of the council at special events. The purpose of the shirts

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Sexy cards get mixed reaction at Bookcenter

BY RENEE POKOJ
 Staff Writer

A large profit-maker for the OU Bookcenter is greeting cards. The line has doubled in size since last year.

Among the assortment of cards, David Bixby, manager of the bookcenter said "Recycle" cards sell the best.

Among the "Recycle" line, "Adult Humor" cards, which display sex-oriented messages, have received mixed reactions from students and faculty. An example message of such a card is, "You have an important place in my life... between my legs".

"I don't think they're necessary," said Terri Julien, clerical technician.

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U-M prof discusses riot causes, impact

BY RENEE POKOJ
 Staff Writer

As he approached the podium, the audience became silent and a loud applause was heard throughout the room.

This was the atmosphere Thursday in the Oakland Center when Dr. Sidney Fine, American historian and professor at U of M, spoke on the topic of "Chance and History: The Detroit Riot of 1967."

Fine began his presentation by speaking of the causes and conditions of the riot. The riot was a "quest for racial harmony...a determined effort to equalize blacks and whites," said Fine.

The professor continued his lecture with the uprising which broke out on 12th Street, a major issue in the 1967 riots.

The results of the disorder and ways the fighting could have been avoided were included in Fine's lecture. Timing and the amount of people engaging in the riot were the top reasons for the large outbreak in Detroit, said Fine.

The lecturer not only told the hard facts of the riot but threw witty comments into his speech which charmed the audience.

The professor ended his talk with a chance for audience participation. A number of students and teachers raised points and Fine answered the questions

dealing with the outbreak with a sophisticated knowledge on the topic.

Fine has published eight books and is currently working on his ninth which discusses the Detroit Riot.

Fine has received numerous awards during his career including U of M's Henry Russel Lecturer of 1985, the university's highest teaching honor and has been a mentor and teacher to two of O.U.'s history faculty members, said Bernard Thomas, chairman of the history department.

Fine has been selected to deliver the Third Annual Michigan Council for the Humanities Distinguished Lecturer at the State capitol in Lansing, said Thomas.

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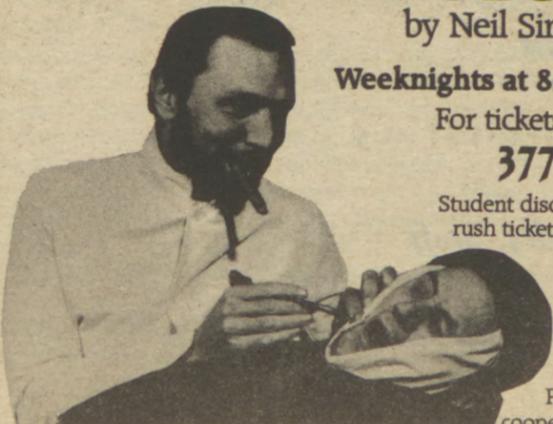
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The Slavic folk dances included a variety of Romanian, Serbian and Polish dances. They were performed by OU's Slavic Folk Ensemble. The group has been in existence for 25 years and has 15 members.

The Indian dances were almost a form of story-telling. They portrayed a lesson or story with music and dancing.

The entertainment ended with the Chinese Lion Dance, which is a form of martial art. Kwek Chang, vice-president of the ISO, said the Chinese perform lion dances at festivals and they represent prosperity and courage.

Suicide

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depression, Barrer said. "Effectively plan so that you don't have three days of partying and three days of cramming." Too many ups and downs can throw off your sense of balance.

For those who need help, or just want someone to talk to, Common Ground operates a 24-hour hotline at 645-9676; Barrer encourages questions at 373-9200, extension 263; and Fink takes regular appointments through Graham Counseling Center, on campus at 370-3465.

Cards

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"They're enjoyable to read, but some can be vulgar...I would buy one for a good friend as a joke," said freshman Lisa Steele.

The "Adult Humor" section covers about four rows of the "Recycle" cards. Bixby said that the bookstore has been cautious not to receive large shipments of this line.

There have been no complaints on the "Adult Humor" cards. "If it got to be a problem we would just pull them out", said Bixby.

However, as long as the "Adult Humor" cards sell well, they will stay on the shelves. "If they weren't selling, we wouldn't have them there", said Bixby.

Commuters

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is to better enable commuter participants to identify members of the committee and "know who to come to, to solve their problems," said Jezewski.

The committee will continue its work during spring and summer term, Jezewski said, the summer will mainly be devoted to raising money for the upcoming year by holding such fundraisers as car washes. An informational pamphlet will also be a summer project for the committee. It will be available to students in the spring and consist of the goals and current duties of commuter council, she said.

Officers for the fall term will be required to spend two hours in the commuter office per week,

which is twice the amount of time spent providing student services last year, said Jezewski.

Commuter Council surveys, which are informal questionnaires asking for student input on services, will also be part of the committee's goals and will be distributed next fall.

Jzewski said, one of the committee's duties is to make the council "more visible...to meet different organizations and make it a point that we are working for students."

The next commuter council meeting will be held April 2 at noon in the Oakland Center Meadow Brook room for all interested commuter students. The meeting will consist of the mini-goals and implications for the upcoming terms.

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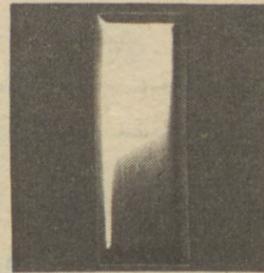
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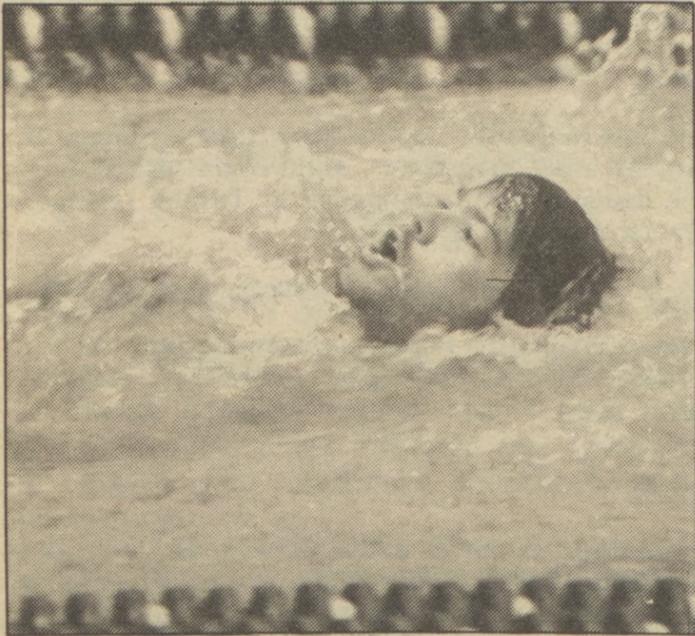
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The Oakland Sail/Sharon LeMieux
Senior Jeff Pryor churns through the water in action from a meet earlier this season. The men's team finished third nationally in the NCAA meet March 12-15.



Bruce Heller
Sports Editor

Dropping wrestling proves to be tough

Athletic Director Paul Hartman has had a much tougher time than he originally anticipated in dropping the wrestling program and reinstating baseball at Oakland.

Hartman said at the time he made the recommendations in February (citing lack of interest in the sport and the team's poor league showing) that he expected the board of trustees to go along with the proposals. Many people thought it would be no more than a rubber stamp. Wrestling coach Mike Ozga was preparing to close out the program and perhaps find spots for his wrestlers and himself elsewhere.

But that was before the Pioneers' solid fourth-place finish at the Midwest regionals and their second consecutive national top 20 finish — 18th, just 1.5 points behind GLIAC champion Lake Superior State — at the NCAA Division II meet March 1-2.

The finishes at those meets — where the focus is on a few individuals who can total up points, rather than on the entire team — still came as unexpected, coming on the heels of a dismal season. The team lost half of its 18-man roster due to personality conflicts and injuries, and fielded wrestlers in just seven of the 10 weight classes at the conference meet en route to finishing a distant fourth in the four-team field. This followed an 0-6 league dual meet record.

Now it appears the pendulum is swinging toward saving the program.

The late-season results inspired Ozga, who decided not to go down without a fight.

A board subcommittee approved the recommendation to drop wrestling March 5, but the board tabled the issue amid confusion at its meeting March 12.

With Hartman at the national swimming finals in Orlando, Fla., Ozga presented his side of the story to board members, who apparently weren't aware of the entire issue.

The proposal stated that the wrestling program's \$20,800 projected budget for next year isn't enough to make it more competitive, and it would cost too much to make the traditionally-weak program top caliber. Ozga pointed out the high national finishes and said with just a few thousand dollars more, he could turn the program around.

The decision is essentially forthcoming at the audit and finance committee meeting April 2, with Hartman and Ozga present. The issue will come before the board officially April 9.

It could go either way, but here's one voice that says Ozga and his troops have earned another shot, problems and all.

If wrestling is dropped, Oakland would be competing in just eight of the 14 conference sports, one below the minimum number needed to maintain membership in the GLIAC, according to sports information director Andy Glantzman.

Baseball would be at the top of the list of replacements, as Hartman proposed.

Many people (myself included) would love to see baseball return — the program was one of the few successful sports at Oakland when it was axed — but not necessarily at the expense of wrestling, or any sport, for that matter.

VanderMey leads way as Pioneers finish 3rd

BY MIKE JORDAN
Sports Writer

Sophomore Mark VanderMey won the NCAA Division II title in the 100-yard breast stroke and was All-America in two individual events and three relays to lead the Pioneer men's swimming team to a third-place finish at the national meet in Orlando, Fla., March 12-15.

Cal State-Bakersfield won the meet with 549 points, followed by Cal State-Northridge with 438 and Oakland with 335. The Pioneers were pushed along during the meet by the University of Tampa, which finished fourth with 321 points.

In addition to VanderMey's performances, the Pioneers had All-America swimmers in eight individual events as well as both the 400 and 800 freestyle relays and the 400 medley relay. (The top eight finishers in each event earn All-America honors.)

"I thought they swam well —

we were pleased," Coach Pete Hovland said. "I believe that all but one swimmer was All-American."

VanderMey won the 100 breast stroke in 56.92 and finished second in the 200 (2:01.98). He placed fourth in the 200 individual medley (1:52.72).

Junior Bruce VerBurg finished second in the 200 freestyle (1:40.24) and eighth in the 500 freestyle (4:35.02). He was a member of the 400 and 800 freestyle relay teams.

Senior Mike Koleber placed sixth in the 50 freestyle, finishing in 20.70, and swam legs in the 400 medley and 400 freestyle relays.

Matt Croghan clocked a 15:59.80 in taking third in the 1,650 freestyle, and junior Steve Larson came up with a third-place finish in the 100 backstroke (51.95) and a fourth in the 200 backstroke (1:54.75). Larson was a member of all three All-America relays.

Freshmen Todd McNeal, Eric Dresbach and Dan Andrus earned national honors.

McNeal finished sixth on the 3-meter board with 436.05 points. Dresbach took eighth in the 200 butterfly (1:52.73) and swam on the 400 medley relay, and Andrus swam on the 800 freestyle relay.

"I thought we had a chance (at third place)," Hovland said. "We swam well enough to score enough points and realize our goal."

Hovland said Cal State-Bakersfield will be the team to beat at the nationals next year.

"Tampa will be just as strong, so it should be a tough battle," he said. "Northridge graduates a lot of people, so if they don't recruit well, we hope to move up a notch. But any time you win the national championship, it does wonders for your recruiting."

VanderMey's victory in the (See Pioneers, page 12)

Late rush keys 8th-place finish

All-Americans pace women

BY MIKE JORDAN
Sports Writer

All-America performances from three individuals March 15 helped the Pioneer women's swimming team end the 1985-86 season with an eighth-place finish in the NCAA Division II national championships at the Justus Aquatic Center in Orlando, Fla.

In the 1,650-yard freestyle event Oakland had two All-Americans, Nancy Schermer and Kim Pogue. Schermer placed third in 17:22.25 while Pogue finished eighth in 17:39.90.

Sophomore diver LeeAnn O'Neill earned national honors in 3-meter diving with a fifth-place finish (420.40 points).

(The top eight finishers in each event earn All-America honors, the next eight receive honorable mention.)

Clarion University won the meet with 433 points. Oakland totaled 193 points.

Schermer was the key to the Pioneers' success during the four-day meet. In addition to her 1,650 finish, she took national honors in the 200 and 500 freestyle events and the 200 and 800 freestyle relays.

She placed third in the 500 in 5:03.03 and finished sixth in the 200 (1:54.53). She joined Linda Scott, Pogue and Ginnie Johnson in the 800 relay — placing fifth in 7:47.60 — and Pogue, Scott and Allison Klump in the 200, finishing eighth (1:39.80).

O'Neill took sixth on the 1-meter board with 393.40 points.

Dana Goerke also was named an All-American as a result of her eighth-place finish in the 100 breast stroke (1:07.51).

The Pioneers earned honorable mention status in four individual events and two relays.

Pogue placed 13th in both the 200 and 500 freestyle races, finishing in 1:56.43 and 5:07.05, respectively.

Tennis team opens year with easy victory

BY TIM DYKE
Sports Writer

Pioneer netters started their season off on a perfect note Wednesday, crushing Siena Heights College 9-0 in an indoor match in Adrian.

"We were the better team," Coach Gary Parsons commented "I was pleased with the guys getting in and winning in straight sets."

Freshman Eric Sahlin led the Pioneer victory parade with a 6-3, 6-0 romp over Ron Miller at No. 1 singles.

Rob Martin beat Mike Powell 6-2, 7-5 at No. 2, freshman Mike Paolucci downed Pat Walsh 6-2, 6-3 at No. 3, and Mike Karl won

Scott came in at 1:56.70 in the 200 freestyle to finish 15th.

Schermer finished ninth in the 100 freestyle (52.75) and swam a leg in the 400 medley relay team's 10th-place finish (4:01.42).

The 200 medley relay team of Kristi Spicer, Goerke, Johnson and Klump came in 15th (1:52.55) while Spicer, Goerke and Johnson teamed with Schermer in the 400 medley relay.

6-3, 6-3 over Emory Haslem at No. 4.

Sean McPhillips went to three sets to defeat Jerome Herkey — 6-0, 4-6, 6-1 — and Tim Kade, filling in for Phil Dawson, who is nursing a minor ankle injury, defeated Jeff Jechura 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 in his first college match.

Sahlin and Paolucci teamed to overpower Miller and Powell at No. 1 doubles, 6-4, 6-2. Martin and Karl rolled 6-3, 6-1 at No. 2, beating Walsh and Haslem, and McPhillips and Dawson handled Herkey and Jechura 6-2, 6-2.

"You can't tell much from this match," Parsons said. "There was quite a bit of talent

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March 26

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March 27

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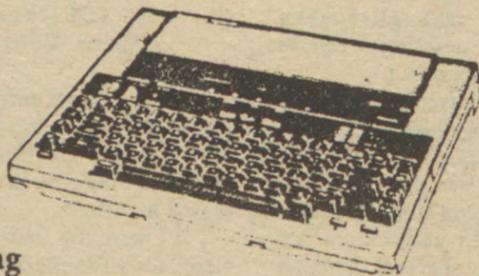
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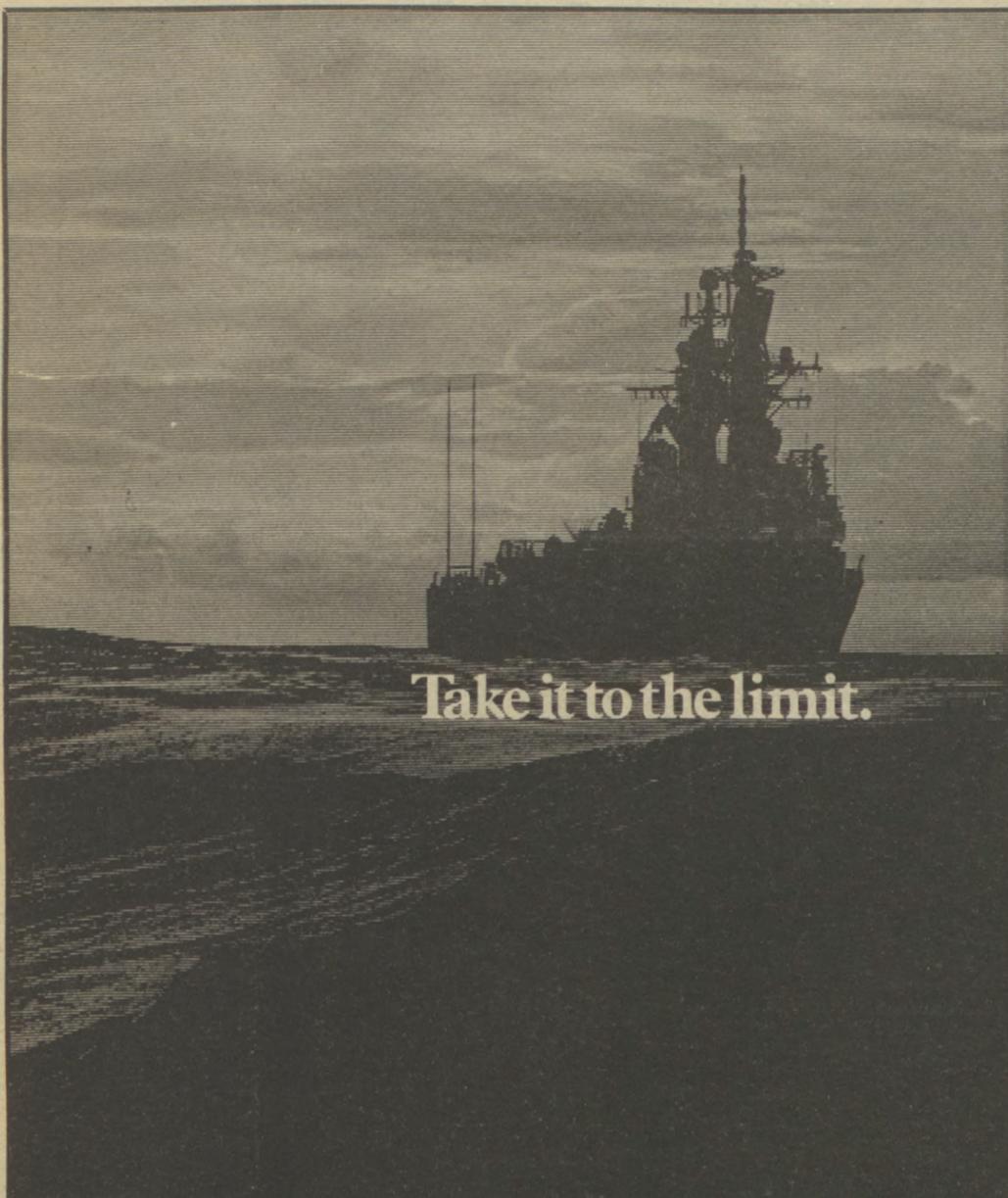
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Pioneers

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100 breast stroke gave him the opportunity to swim at the Division I nationals in Indianapolis, Ind., April 3-5.

Hovland said that VanderMey was the first Pioneer to qualify for the Division I meet during his five-year stint at Oakland, and his appearance could be helpful for the team.

"If Mark does well it could get more visibility for the school and the program," Hovland said. "This is part of our goal — to place people as high as we can."

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Tennis

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difference. The big test will come against Ferris (April 2)."

The Pioneers have been unable to practice outside due to the inclement weather. They have a practice meet with Wayne State, Oakland Community College and the University of Detroit scheduled for Friday.

"We have to prepare for the conference," Parsons said. "The important thing is to get outside."

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Steve Ramsey — 50 freestyle (15th).
Dave Rogowski — 50 freestyle (16th).
Todd McNeal — 1-meter diving (16th).
Mike Nation — 200 butterfly (12th), 100 butterfly (11th).
Doug Cleland — 100 backstroke (13th), 200 backstroke (15th).
Dan Andrus — 100 freestyle (15th), 200 freestyle (11th).
Jeff Cooper — 400 individual medley (9th), 500 freestyle (12th), 1,650 freestyle (11th).
Mike Koleber — 100 freestyle (13th).
Bruce VerBurg — 200 backstroke (11th).

Sports trivia

1. Name the school whose sports teams are nicknamed the Vandals.

- Montana
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- Tulane
- Austin Peay State

2. Name the only player among the following to be named MVP.

- Zoilo Versalles
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3. Which of the following all-time greats wasn't a Rookie of the Year?

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