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Briefly ...

Information system

OU will complete converting its student records to ISIS, a new information system which will provide enhanced services to current and former students, this month. All student records from billing, financial aid and cashiering will be converted into one system under ISIS. The office of the registrar said the new system will provide better service in the future during the registration process or when students need academic advising. Over 60,000 records have been transferred, and ISIS will be fully operational by Spring session 1992.

Campus Clean up

The Residence Hall Council's Environmental Committee is sponsoring a campus-wide clean up on Wednesday, April 1 from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Gloves and bags will be distributed in the Oakland Center across from Sweet Sensations during this time period. A free two liter bottle of pop will be given to the first 100 volunteers. For further information call Residence Halls Council at 370-2998.

English Club

The English Club's publication, *The PEN* (Publication of English Novices), is now accepting poetry, short stories and essays for Volume V, to be published this spring. Please turn in submissions to the English Club mailbox in CIPO, 49 Oakland Center, by the end of the semester.

The club is also presenting "Detective Novels by Women: Gumshoes and Private Eyes with a Difference," a discussion on the impact of women mystery novels led by English Professor Susan Hawkins, Wednesday, March 25 at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Center room 125.

Alann Steen

Former hostage in Lebanon and current journalism professor at Albion College will talk on Saturday, April 4 at the Grand Manor at Fairlane, Dearborn. The speech is sponsored by Wayne State University's Center for Peace and Conflict Studies and the Detroit Council for World Affairs. For more information call 577-3453.

Job Fair

The Engineering Society of Detroit's Young Engineers Council is sponsoring "Careers Unlimited: Architecture and Engineering Job Fair" on Thursday, April 9 at Cobo Center. Call 832-5400 for further information.

The Race for the Cure

One of 24 nation-wide road races to help promote awareness and early detection of breast cancer will be held at the Detroit Zoo Saturday, April 11. The race begins at 9 a.m. and features an all-women's 5K run/walk and a one-mile for beginners and men who want to participate. For further information call the Michigan Cancer Foundation 833-0710 or the Motor City Strider hotline at 544-9099.

Summer hours for OU staff run out after 11 years

By ROBERT PARKER
News Editor

For many of OU's administrators and secretaries, leaving work at midday on Fridays in the summer was an attractive perk, but that apparently ended when Interim President John DeCarlo announced last week that OU will discontinue its 11-year practice of operating on summer hours.

Since 1981, the university has adjusted its office hours during the summer, allowing staff members to

DeCarlo concerned about student needs; staff is angry over decision

work from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from either 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 8 a.m. to noon on Fridays.

"Our (university's) purpose is to meet the needs of the student body and the general public. That is the critical factor," DeCarlo said. "Ethically, we've got a public-service duty to be open during regular office

hours. Individuals who feel they need to take time off can take vacation time," and, "that way, we can still keep the office(s) open," he said.

The change is not being well-received in departments and offices.

The university maintains that the staff is here to serve the students, but there are hardly any students on campus Friday afternoons in the

summer, Kathleen Ford, administrative secretary for the college of arts and sciences, said.

Friday classes will not be offered during this year's Spring and Summer sessions.

According to Orientation Coordinator, Fran Mayfield, traditional age, in-coming freshman will be on-campus Friday afternoons this summer on June 19 and 26 and July 10. They are scheduled to leave campus by 1:30 p.m. There will be a one-day orientation for transfer stu-

dents on Friday, August 14.

According to Ford, the university made a unilateral decision, and sought no input from the people the change would affect. Ford said for many staff members, the shorter work day on Friday allows them to save on child care costs.

"Leaving earlier on Friday gives us 12 days that we don't have to pay for child care," she said.

According to Susan Forgette, UAW Local 1925 president, part of See HOURS page 3

Conference allocation bill vetoed

By JENNIFER HEIL
Staff Writer

Members passed Bazoooka comics and the time Monday night while the Orientation Department waited for Congress to decide whether or not to override president Derek Wilczynski's veto of a bill allocating money for a conference for orientation group leaders (OGLs).

Last week Congress passed a bill that allocates \$1,100 to the Orientation Department for sending 14 OGLs to a conference in Ohio, but Wilczynski decided to veto it because he said the bill sets a dangerous precedent.

"Congress is being called a blank check Congress," Wilczynski said. "I think we're reminding the point when it comes to this bill," he said.

Wilczynski said because Congress is giving money to one department that this will pave the way for other departments to expect money, even though some members do not share his view.

"I think they have a different philosophy on this than I do," Wilczynski said.

Committee and Elections Coordinator Jennifer Schutt, who is also an OGL, said that future bills calling for Congress to allocate funds should be taken on a case-by-case basis.

"I don't think you can just draw the line and say we'll fund student organizations and not departments," Schutt said.

Orientation Coordinator Fran Mayfield thanked Congress for overriding the veto after the lengthy See CONGRESS page 3



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A section of the mural located in the basement of Kresge Library.

Mural depicts diversity

By DEBORAH DZIEWIT
Features Editor

Campus artists have taken a brush to the drab gray walls in the basement of Kresge Library.

The piece of work, a *Salon Wall*, is the third project funded by Robert Robinson, executive director of computer and information services, and organized by La Pittura, a student organization made up of art history majors.

When completed, the wall will contain 45 "framed" pieces of art, representing various styles ranging from portrait to landscape, realism to abstract.

The artists paint in the different sized and style frames which members of the La Pittura sketched on the the basement wall, according to Charissa Lopez, president of La Pittura and an art history major.

However, questions arose over a sign posted last week by Lopez in the center of the work in progress which asked artists to first See MURAL page 3

Packard contract still under negotiation

By AL COOK
and KYLE GREEN
Staff Writers

Without a ratified contract, Sandra Packard has agreed to accept the position as OU's new president and is looking forward to living on-campus at Sunset Terrace.

Packard anticipates starting her position in mid-June, she said at a press conference last Wednesday.

She would not release details of her contract and referred all questions to Board of Trustees Chairman, Howard Sims.

"The contract is not finalized yet," Sims said. "We appeared to be in complete agreement, but we're not down to the point of putting it in writing yet."

Once the fine details are worked out, Sims will present the completed contract to the board on April 8.

"We'll show it to her to make sure we're in general agreement," he said. "It will be pretty much consistent with historical precedents of university compensation packages. There is nothing unusual in it."

Former president Joseph Champagne received a salary of \$120,000,

a university-owned car and house, insurance and a pension plan and a sizeable expense account.

Packard is currently Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC) and makes approximately \$80,000.

Packard, 49, said she is looking forward to living in the Sunset Terrace home because it is located on-campus. Currently, it is used as a conference center and is managed as an extension of Meadow Brook Hall.

The house is a "little large" for her See PACKARD page 3

Student pressure leads to review and suspension reversal

By KEN POWERS, JR.
Staff Writer

Freshman Omari Thomas' suspension from the university, stemming from an altercation with a female OU student in January, was reversed by Vice President of Student Affairs, Wilma Ray-Bledsoe after he agreed to complete 20 hours of community service and attend alcohol and conflict management sessions.

Thomas is on probation for the remainder of the winter semester and the spring semester.

Wilma-Ray Bledsoe, who reviewed the USCB's decision that found Thomas guilty, said she decided to reverse the suspension, because after reviewing his prior records, there was no indication of physical violence within the system.

"I hope that Thomas has learned

how to settle his conflicts in a different manner, because violent behavior is not acceptable in a university setting," Bledsoe said.

More than 50 ABS members wrote letters to Bledsoe disagreeing with the USCB's decision to suspend Thomas.

"Most of the students who wrote the letters were angry because they thought the decision to suspend Thomas was racist," Chaunci Wyche,

president of ABS said.

Bledsoe planned to meet with ABS members to discuss their concerns, and inform them about the trial process, but no one from the organization attended.

"I was disappointed to see that not one ABS member appeared at the meeting, because I would have given them a chance to understand the appeal process," she said.

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The Oakland Post / Tim Stuller
Sandra Packard

Privatizing costs jobs

By AL COOK
Staff Writer

The majority of full-time staffers at the Meadow Brook Music Festival and Theatre are discovering a hidden cost attached to OU's decision to use a private contractor to operate the Festival — their jobs.

"It's necessary to have our administrative ranks match what the current work is," said Margo King, assistant vice president for university relations.

With the privatization of the music festival, many long time employees are no longer needed. Those that remain face new challenges as the theatre administration reorganizes, according to King.

"This is a transition period," she said. "We have to discover as we go and adjust our whole administrative structure accordingly. The contract (between OU and Olympia Arenas to operate the music festival) is not final yet. We'll have to be flexible and hope attrition will help."

That means most people are being placed elsewhere in the university unless they decide to pursue other opportunities, according to King.

But John Fischer isn't so sure about that.

Fischer had been with the theatre and festival for 7 and a half

years until February when he was moved from his position as finance manager to become an administrative assistant to Dean Howard Witt in the engineering and computer science department.

"As far as I know, I'm the only one that was reassigned, and that was because I had a continuing contract," Fischer said. "Jim Spittle (former Managing Director of Meadow Brook Theatre) was laid off in February too."

Fischer said he does not question the need for the move, noting that privatization of the festival meant that \$390,000 in salaries had to be cut.

"The university can't be associated in any way with the festival period," said Fischer. All salaries that were associated with it had to be eliminated.

OU box office staff will also be affected, meaning a loss of four full-time jobs and 13 or 14 part-time summer positions usually filled by students, according to Fischer.

"It's a difficult situation," he said. "We were all one happy family for a long time. This has to lower morale with people doing three or four jobs."

However, King is more optimistic.

"We are still going to have an See JOBS page 3

Outsourcing postponed until May

By DEBORAH DZIEWIT
Feature Editor

The decision to "outsource" university campus stores has been postponed until May, according to Robert McGarry, vice president of finance and administration.

The finance committee of the Board of Trustees is scheduled to receive and review the proposals offered by Silvers and Macauley's Office Products to take over operations of Central Stores operations.

Campus Stores is responsible for ordering and delivering office items to department offices. By privatizing the stores, the university will save money, McGarry said.

"We were late on putting the proposals on the committee's agenda," McGarry said. "It's got to be entered on the agenda so many weeks before a meeting and we didn't meet the deadline."

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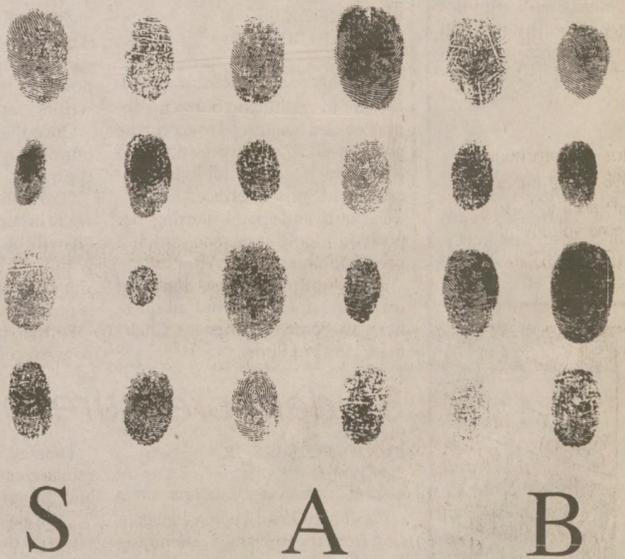
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check with organizers before taking a brush to the wall.

Dave Lewis, an artist whose work is in progress said he questioned La Pittura's intentions because he was never asked to submit any samples or given any direction as to what to

paint.

"I want to know if they intend to take a brush to my work or to anybody else's work," Lewis said. "They (La Pittura) are dealing with artists and they will get people's emotions."

While the organization claims it does not intend to censor any artists work already on the wall, Lopez said they now require an artist who wants a spot on the wall to submit his/her ideas to the group for approval.

Fight

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Thomas said the reason why no one went to the meeting is because they were protesting the decision to suspend him.

The USCB trial stemmed from a fight involving Thomas and senior Rachael Ann Kallen at the annual Student Program Board touch football game on the lawn outside of the Oakland Center.

Thomas said that he is satisfied with the final decision, but did not want to go through the appeal process.

"I'm happy that I'm back in school but I don't think that I should have had to go through the trial process in the first place," he said. "I also believe that the USBC's initial decision to suspend me from school was both racist and sexist."

Kallen, however, believes that the decision was not racist nor sexist.

"I still get riled up when I think about it, because he was raising a fuss because he's black," she said. "This is not a black-white issue, it's about a guy hitting a girl. The final line is that a guy shouldn't hit a girl for any reason."

Kallen also believes that the incident has affected her personal life.

"I'm scared to walk alone and now I'm even scared of guys in general because I have never been hit before," she said.

According to a statement by Kallen, submitted to police, she attempted to hit Thomas after a he tackled a female quarterback on her team. A group of male students then restrained Thomas in an effort to keep him from hitting her back. After the crowd dispersed, Thomas pur-

sued her and hit her in the right eye, she said in her statement.

"He actually tackled the girl quarterback. I didn't feel that there was any reason for him to do that," Kallen said. "He came at her full-force and grabbed her by the neck and swung her down."

In a police report, Thomas said he didn't tackle the quarterback but slipped, causing them both to fall. He said Kallen chastised him for tackling the woman and slapped his face.

He said he hit Kallen, but not until she struck him a second time, according to police reports.

Thomas also said that he initially pleaded guilty in the USCB because his representative, David Monroe advised him to. When Thomas later asked Monroe to write a letter to the USCB stating that he advised him to plead guilty, Monroe refused to write it under the direction of Bledsoe.

"From talking to Moroz, he advised him to plead guilty, but did not coerce him," Bledsoe said.

Hours

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the reason for the change in hours during the summer was to reduce energy costs. But according to DeCarlo, the university looked into that issue and determined there is no great savings by closing early on a Friday.

The Clerical Technical workers are being punished for the administrative staff's abuse of the system, with no way to rebut since their contracts have already been negotiated, Ford said.

"The administrative people will leave early on Friday anyway," she said. "We anticipated these hours and made arrangements accordingly, and now it's going to be taken away," Ford said.

A big concern about different summer hours, according to Willard Kendall, assistant vice president for

Congress

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debate, which lasted over half an hour, but noted Congress faces a greater problem.

"I really don't appreciate being part of a political game," Mayfield said. "We didn't mean for it to cause problems, we meant for it to be a leadership opportunity."

Congress also reorganized another bill that was first read last week. The bill, 92-03, allocates \$125 to be spent on each of two lecture events that will focus on promoting Japanese and American relations in an effort to curb Japan-bashing.

Bill 92-03 previously called for \$250 to be allocated for one lecture event.

Congress approved a slim Winter 1992 budget after its second reading.

Congress has \$520.58 left in unbudgeted funds after the meeting's bill allocations and a \$450 additional charge from the National Association of College Activities (NACA) convention in Dallas last month, Financial Assistant Diane Tomaszewski said.

Congress was charged an extra \$50 for each of the nine people who attended NACA because the early registration deadline was missed due to "mix-ups in paperwork between voucher audit, purchasing and the Congress office," Tomaszewski said.

In other business, Nancy Schmitz, assistant dean of students, told Con-

gress that an ethics committee to investigate last fall's Congress elections had been formed and will meet this week.

The committee is composed of three students who are not currently involved with Congress — Rama Madugula, Candy Vanderhoff and Andrew Depage — and two administrative professionals.

Schmitz said she is pleased with the students selected.

"I'm very impressed with the quality of the applicants we got," Schmitz said.

Two vacancies were also filled at the meeting. David Martin, a junior majoring in systems and computer engineering with a math minor, and Patty Bucknavich, lecture/special events chair for student program board, were elected.

The next meeting is Monday, March 30 at 5:15 in the Oakland Room.

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Packard

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and her husband, Martin, but she described it as "... a beautiful home."

Some OU faculty did not back Packard as a presidential nominee, because she does not have a solid science background. Packard said she feels confident to work with all departments, including science, to ensure the university runs well.

"Of course I will have many things to learn and hope the faculty and staff will help me learn about the campus," she said to a crowd of 30.

She describes her management style as "collective" and said she would run the university with the use of faculty and staff teams.

One of her goals is to bridge the university with the surrounding community while maintaining a focus on education.

"Our first responsibility is to provide educational bases. That is, what the tax payers allocate to the state. Our students and alumni are telling us we are doing that," she said.

She said she will become involved in student events and is anticipating regular meetings with student leaders.

"I have to learn what kids of the campus are interested in," she said.

Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Phyllis Googasian, was present during the press conference and pleased with Packard's acceptance.

"I think Dr. Packard, of the four candidates, will bring the widest range of experience, the greatest leadership style and the personality to lead this university," she said.

Due to overwhelming interest by over 20 staff and faculty, the press conference had to be moved from the small Oakland Center's Meadow Brook Room to the larger Gold Room A.

Jobs

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exciting festival," she said. "They are beginning to put together the new season. The Meadow Brooks still exist, and we have an exciting cultural experience to enjoy."



The following is a summary of incidents on campus filed with the Oakland University department of Public Safety and Police. The purpose of this column is to inform students of crime on campus. Victims will not be named.

By KEN POWERS, JR. Staff Writer

March 14 - 8:45 a.m. An OU professor reported receiving sexually harassing telephone messages on her voice mail.

March 14 - 11:01 a.m. An OU student reported to police that five rap tapes valued at \$50 were missing from his vehicle in North Parking Lot.

March 15 - 10:08 a.m. An OU student told police that she found pornographic pictures under the windshield wiper of her parked vehicle in Southwest Parking Lot.

March 16 - 10:57 p.m. A student reported that someone stole her leather jacket valued at \$200, her purse which contained \$20 in cash, and a bag with contents valued at \$50 on the third floor in Kresge Library. She stated that she left her table to look for reference materials and when she returned her property was missing.

March 17 - 6:16 p.m. An OU student reported her book bag missing in North Foundation. She said that she left her bag outside of the financial aid office and returned later to find it missing. Someone turned the bag in, but her electrotherapy book, valued at \$50 was missing.

March 17 - UNK A woman returned to South Central Parking Lot to discover that someone struck her vehicle.

March 19 - 11:35 While riding the elevator to her fourth floor West Vanderberg Hall room, a student reported that a fellow student snatched a box of Ultra Tide detergent from her hands and refused to return it. The victim got off the elevator on the fourth floor and the suspect still would not return the detergent. Later, the victim and her roommate went to the suspect's fifth floor room to demand the detergent back. The suspect returned the detergent, but threatened to beat her up.

March 19 - 12:50 a.m. An OU student passed out while having a seizure in the Oakland Center. When Fleet Ambulance Service arrived, he was lying on his back unconscious.

Stores

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Steps to possibly lease the Bookcenter to a private company are also underway.

Bid proposals will be mailed out March 30 to the four companies who expressed an interest in running the campus book store: Barnes & Noble, Fowlett, Nebraska Book Exchange and Student Book Exchange.

In addition, The Bookcenter management will also be part of the bidding process, according to Jack Wilson, associate vice president for student affairs.

Wilson said he expects the proposals back by April 15 that will show how the companies intend to save the university money and still provide the same level of service.

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OUR VIEW

Search found much more than Packard

After running stories and letters warning of gloom and doom had the "what ifs?" in the presidential search process become a reality, it is now time to recognize its successes. Not only did the search begin a much-needed healing process by opening dialog between different segments of the university, it also taught some valuable lessons about openness.

Though some members said that they felt confined by the Michigan Open Meetings Act or were uncomfortable with the open interviews, the end result was the selection of a highly qualified president who will probably enjoy popular support from the university community because members felt they had a voice in her selection.

TRUSTEE PHYLLIS Googasian said at the March board meeting that though she understands and supports the Open Meetings Act she will be "committed to doing everything I can to change the provisions of this act" when her term ends in August. We hope she will have a change of heart.

The most important lesson to be learned from this whole process is that closed doors are not necessary to reach good, informed decisions. Trustees have an obligation to ask the tough questions and discuss problems openly and honestly.

The large crowds at the candidate interviews, faculty forums and the March board meeting, showed that the people who work and teach at Oakland not only care deeply about what happens, but also want to be a part of the process. As we have come to find out during this process, these people often have valuable input to offer.

THE BOARD'S request and acceptance of this input is another success. Trustee Jim Sharp called it right when he spoke of the "coming-together" of the OU community. Faculty, students, staff and trustees working together and seeking input from each other was an important step forward.

"When we started our mission, it was really over the hill ... but the healing process and coming together in the last three months will serve this university in the years to come," Sharp said.

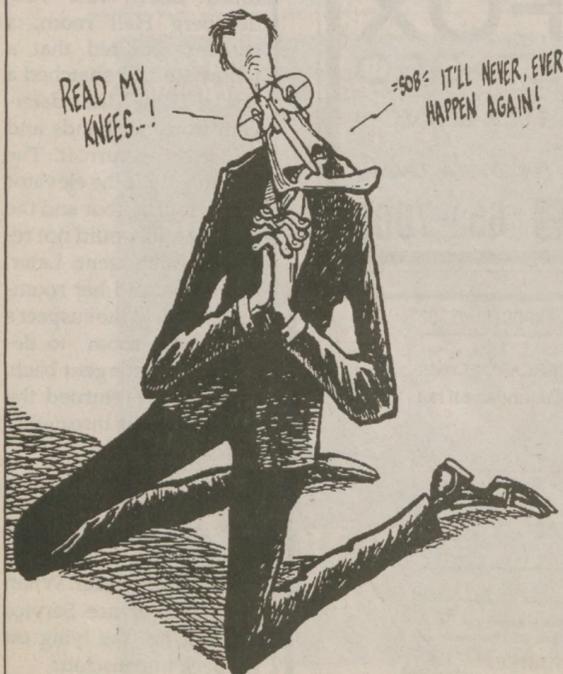
We were searching for a president but we found new goals, a renewed sense of pride in the what we have, that openness works and that communication among university constituencies can yield great things.

Congratulations are in order for the Board of Trustees for its commitment to and the completion of an admirably open search process for OU's new president. Not only would other institutions do well to model their searches after the fine example set by the board this year, but the university might also benefit from a regular intense examination — no rush, though.

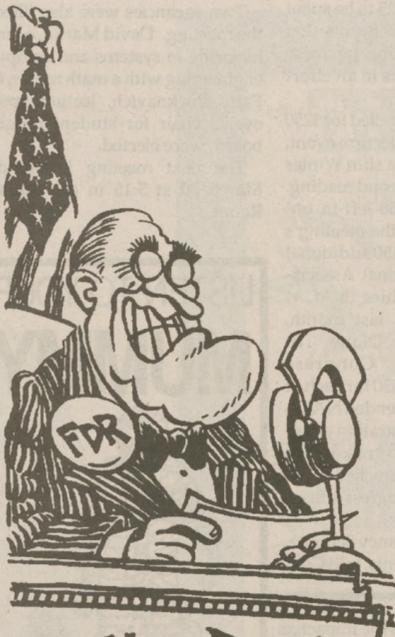
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Safety, development need to be considered in Squirrel deal

As a parent of two students at Oakland University, I have become greatly concerned over several important issues this past year, one being the Squirrel Road widening. I am wondering if this is in compliance with Mrs. Dodge's intentions when the property was donated to the school.

Also, is this legally permitted and has anyone involved in negotiations questioned these actions or, more importantly, surveyed

other areas where this has been done in order to get a general feeling of great dissatisfaction from homeowners and businesses in areas involved. One in mind is the Orchard Lake Road project in West Bloomfield. Pressure was put onto the community year after year and finally the plans of the developers were put into effect. It has been a major disaster ever since.

County statistics published often, show this has created one of the worst, most accident prone intersec-

tions in the County, that being Maple Road at Orchard Lake Road. Is this what you want at the entrance of your University? Has anyone in charge considered the safety of your students? The traffic and noise will be right at the doors of your walkways parking lots, dorms and classrooms!

The \$700,000 scholarship fund is hardly significant in comparison to what your advisors and Board are literally giving away. There must be someone who has questioned this

move other than myself. Those who are voting for this monstrous roadway at the doorstep of your University clearly do not have the University nor students safety in mind. It appears that "dollars have clouded sensible thinking once again.

To the students I must point out that you are allowing outsiders to take over what was meant to be yours and once this most precious commodity, land, is gone it can never be gotten back.

What will they ask for next? If allowed, developers will build and widen and unsuspectingly rob us of every acre of earth available and your beautiful campus will never be the same.

Widening Squirrel Road is the easiest route out of many other alternatives for these people. Why not fight to keep what is yours and force them to find another alternative. Good luck in your endeavors, I hope it is not too late.

IS ANYBODY OUT THERE?

How do you feel about lay-offs, no more summer hour-options, the selection of President Sandra Packard, check bouncing, student conduct hearings, computer fees, Squirrel Road or life in general at Oakland?

Let us know ... Write a letter to the editor.

Submit letters to 36 Oakland Center by Monday at 5 p.m. for Monday publication. Letters must be typed and signed for consideration.

Search coverage kept all informed

Congratulations to you and your colleagues on the fine job of covering the presidential search process. It is apparent that you invested many extra hours and your contributions to keeping the university community informed were most significant. Keep up the good work.

WILMA RAY-BLEDSON
Vice President for Student Affairs

MRS. F. KARCHNAK
OU Parent

Check bouncing fiasco missing elements of scandal

WASHINGTON—The rubber-check scandal is Topic A these days — in the newspapers, over family dinners, on talk radio. It is already implicated in the defeat of one incumbent member of Congress (Illinois Democrat Rep. Charles Hayes), and dozens of others are running scared. There's even talk of a possible criminal investigation, with the implicit possibility of jail terms for the worst offenders. It is, by every barometer, a major scandal. And yet, I am embarrassed to say, I can't even figure out just what the scandal is.

I've followed the stories and at best I can tell it goes something like this: For more than 150 years—until it was shut down last December—the unchartered House "bank" had been just another congressional perquisite. Members could have their pay deposited there, write checks against those deposits, and handle a few other transactions normally handled by real banks. There were a few differences, of course. For one thing, only members of Congress could use the facility. For another, it paid no interest on deposits. But the big difference — the source of the scandal that still eludes me — is that, whether by specific rule or time-honored custom, members were allowed to write checks against anticipated deposits.

Do it at Fourth National, and it's an overdraft that either results in a bounced check and a penalty or (if

you've got overdraft protection) triggers an interest-generating loan sufficient to cover the shortfall. But if you did it at the members-only congressional bank, it was no big deal. The bank simply paid the check and waited for the next payroll deposit. It had been done that way for a good 40 years and more.

But then the story broke that hundreds of "kiting" checks, dozens of them on a regular basis and a few in ways that seem clearly abusive. It was reported as such a scandal that an internal investigation was quickly launched, with a promise to name the worst offenders. Since then, the names of virtually all the kitters have seeped out — even those no longer in Congress.

The House is chagrined, the voters outraged and vengeance-minded, and I — a newspaper guy who imagines himself reasonably decent and morally sensitive — can only say: What scandal?

It may be absurd that so many smart people had so much trouble balancing their checkbooks. It may be a fact that many of them knowingly used the casually run bank as a routine source of short-term no-inter-

est loans. And it may be true that you and I couldn't have gotten away with it down at Fourth National.

But so what? Fourth National handles everybody's money, and is subject to rules designed to protect the safety of the deposits. One of those rules defines advances to cover overdrafts as loans on which interest must be paid. The congressional bank, on the other hand, handled only members' money, paid no interest on deposits and collected none on advances. It's not as though the taxpayers had to cover the shortfall; in the long term, there was no shortfall.

Ah, but the taxpayers footed the bill for the bank facility itself, including staff. Isn't that enough to make it a public scandal?

No — unless the scandal is the existence of the bank itself. A casual attitude toward overdrafts covered by other members' paychecks does not, so far as I can see, increase the cost of the operation.

Of course the bank was casually — even sloppily — run. Jack Russ, who (as sergeant-at-arms) was responsible for managing the bank and who (as scapegoat) resigned a week ago, reportedly had been ordered by

his congressional superiors to clean up the place. Plainly he failed to do so; indeed, he apparently did a little check-kiting himself. Maybe he deserved to lose his job.

But it isn't sloppy staff work that has the voters (and the media) so exercised. It's the unpunished overdrafts. We talk about them as though we are talking about embezzlement or fraud or corruption — as though we'd never borrowed a few hundred from a friend and failed to report the interest on our 1040s.

Where's the scandal? My friends tell me the outrage stems from the fact that members of Congress treat themselves as exempt from the rules that apply to the rest of us. But there's nothing new about that. Members of Congress have always had their perks: their tax-subsidized meals and barbershops and gyms, their free postage and free parking at National Airport, their immunity from arrest en route to and from the House. You think they put special plates on their cars so the voters can identify their favorite congressmen? No, it's to allow them to park where they please without fear of being ticketed.

As I see it, the now-closed bank was just another perk. Tell me that some members abuse their special privileges, and I say Amen.

But career-ending scandal? I don't get it.
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NATIONAL VIEW

WILLIAM RASPBERRY



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Magic moments realized

It's that time of year again. Time to find that oasis in the desert of back-to-back education when I'll make my yearly pilgrimage to that mecca of eternal kiddom, that haven of never-grow-old bliss, that brief respite from a life of adult responsibilities and problems.

Disney World. All those years of Jiminy Cricket's voice ringing in my ears about how my dreams could come true paid off.

This will be my fourth journey to Florida's fantasyland but, whereas last year I left in my '87 Celebrity for the Magic Kingdom with a homemade bumper sticker that read "Disney World or Bust" (adorned with a waterproof-Crayola-marked Mickey and Donald on either side), I might try a new twist to let my fellow motorists know where I'm headed.

I'll probably roll down my window and scream, "Walt's World! Party Time! Excellent!" while my two children slowly sink into the back seat, cringing with embarrassment.

I shared this idea with my son and daughter. Needless to say my sense of humor went unappreciated.

"Cool, Mom," my daughter said. "Not."

It's no secret to anyone who sees me that I am a Disney junkie.

I have Tinkerbell earrings, a Mickey Varsity sweatshirt and pictures of that famous pair of mousy lovebirds in various places around my apartment.

I can beat my kids hands down at "Disney Trivial Pursuit" and probably have seen "The Little Mermaid," "Peter Pan" and "Fantasia" more than anyone, including those under the age of twelve.

And I still cry when Bambi's father says, "Your mother can't be with you anymore."

Par for the course, speaking for one who used to sit glued to the TV set many moons ago (many, I admit), watching the Merry Mouseketeers with a pair of plastic mouse ears perched on her head, trimmed with a spongy pink bow so as not to confuse gender.

I counted the 20-minute videotapes from last year—six of them—with unforgettable scenes of Goofy doing a Scottish jig at Epcot, that fascinating automa-
tronic parrot who greets you at the entrance to "Pirates of the Caribbean" in the Magic Kingdom, and legendary movie star Ann Miller as she stepped out of a limo (escorted by Mickey, of course) in front of "The Great Movie Ride" at MGM Studios.

I gained a lot of respect for Miller when she emoted, "What more would anybody want? You don't care about war, you don't care about gang killings—When you come to Disney World you're coming to Brigadoon."

Is that so bad? Not for those of us who are young at heart, who haven't lost the magic of childhood, who still find solace and joy in the realms of our imaginations where we retreat when the world is too much with us.

Except for the first time I was in The Magic Kingdom and saw Minnie waving to me from the top of some steps.

"Quick—get up there!" my
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Comic book engineers awareness

By DAVID SALMONSON
Staff Writer

Ultron, a mechanical menace with a lust for power, has just seized control of New York's latest theme park, Robotworld. From his new headquarters, the robot villain plans to crush humanity with his android army and crown himself Earth's next ruler!

Fortunately for the world, Peter Parker is touring Robotworld with some engineering students when the takeover occurs. Will he, as the Amazing Spiderman, and his bright young companions be able to foil the metal monster's diabolical plot?

To find out, you'll have to get the new comic book, 1200 of which are being distributed to four local junior high schools by Oakland's School of Engineering and Science.

"Riot at Robotworld" is the latest effort by the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering (NAMCE) to get precollege students, specifically minorities, thinking about careers in engineering.

Professor Bhushan Bhatt, the associate dean of the engineering and science department, and his secretary, Candy McLellan, are behind the project.

Bhatt said he hopes the comic books will "sow the seeds in stu-



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Candy McLellan reads the comic book that engineering passed out to area junior high schools.

dents' minds about the excitement of engineering." He added that Spiderman's message will ultimately have to be reinforced by the teachers.

The comic book was originally made available during National Engineers Week, Feb. 16 to 22. According to Bhatt, the week coin-

cides with Washington's birthday because he, once a surveyor, is considered the first engineer.

Both the comic and that week are designed to make people, particularly youth, more aware of what engineers do. As Bhatt pointed out, just how often do we as consumers consider the person behind the

gadgets we buy?

"Technology is progressing at a break-neck speed," he said, "and it's very important that people are in tune with that. There is a concern that there are fewer people getting involved (in engineering)."

In light of this, organizations like NACME are teaming up with engi-

neering-related corporations like IBM to reach youngsters who are still considering career options.

The Spiderman story features young minority students in a setting filled with various technological creations—all the products of engineers. Appropriately, the bad guy is defeated with some electrical engineering know-how.

The last page and the back cover encourage students to take classes in math and the natural sciences to prepare themselves. As Spiderman says, "That's Algebra, not just general math."

According to McLellan, the web-slinging wall-crawler apparently appeals to more than just kids. A stack of comics placed in the office of the dean has attracted a lot of a attention, she said.

"The professors will come in and say, 'What's this?'" McLellan said. "They sit down and read them while waiting for the FAX machine, so it's kind of cute."

"They were quoted as saying, 'Are these our new text books?'" she said.

Copies of "Riot at Robotworld" have been taken to all of the junior high schools in the Rochester area—West, Reuther, Hart, and Van Hoosen, and Pontiac schools are the next targets for receiving the comic book.

Professor would like to write women back into history

By KAREN AVERY
Special Writer

In recognition of National Women's History Month and in collaboration with the Columbus Quincentennial Lecture Series, Asuncion Lavrin will present a tour of Latin American history from the Columbian era to the present today.

Lavrin, a Howard University professor, will give a visual lecture emphasizing awareness to labor, motherhood, religion and political involvement of women in Latin American countries.

"Through the awareness of women in other countries, women can develop their own assessment of themselves," Lavrin said.

She said she hopes to increase students' appreciation and awareness of women's contributions to history and hopes to alert people of the many aspects of Latin American societies, instead of solely emphasizing the classic heroines.

"We want to write women back into history," Michelle Piskulich, co-chair of OU's Women's History month, and assistant professor of political science, said.

"This nation needs to be more aware of the problems women face," she said.

The lecture will be practical and insightful while offering a more complete version of history that includes men and women, she said.

"The history of women of any culture is significant to all people," said Shaye Dillon, special lecturer at OU and seminar speaker for the advancement of women.

"And Latin American culture especially, because their culture is 40 to 50 years behind ours. We can see through them, how far we've come," Dillon said.

She is considered one of the foremost scholars on Latin American women's history. Born and educated in Havana, Cuba, Lavrin earned a Ph.D. at Harvard University and has since taught at seven

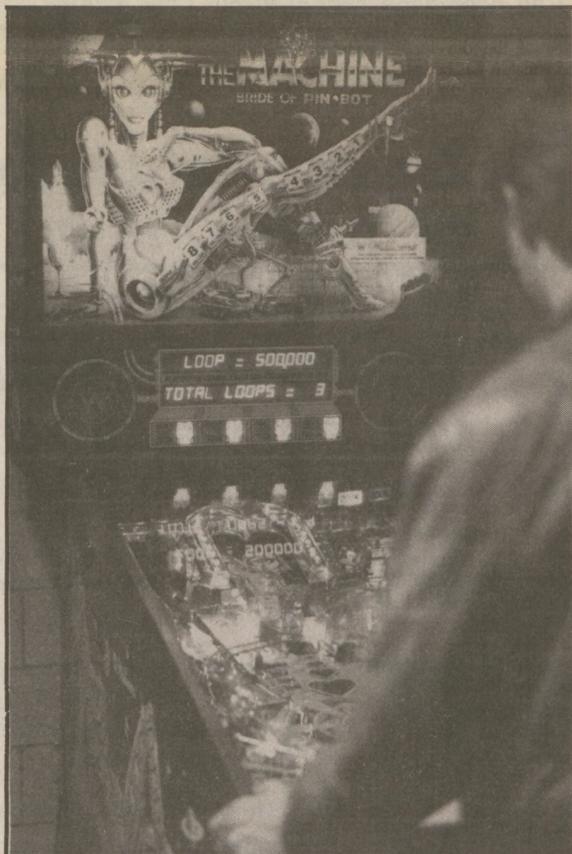
U.S. universities. She is editor and co-author of "Latin American Women: Historical Perspectives: and Sexuality and Marriage in Colonial Latin America." She is presently completing "Women, Feminism and Social Change in the Southern Cone, 1890-1940."

Lavrin came to the U.S. as a Radcliffe exchange student. During her dissertation on "18th Century Mexico" at Harvard, she developed interests in the church as an institution and from a women's perspective.

"I'm a social historian," she said. "My lecture is a springboard to explore a variety of subjects."

Over the past 15 years Lavrin has traveled on the Harvard, Princeton, Yale and Duke touring circuit, underlining movements and themes she wants to convey to students and the general public.

Lavrin's slide presentation can be seen today from 1:20 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Gold Room C of the Oakland Center.



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A student plays one of the many games in the Oakland Center.

Pin-Bot beckons stressed students

By ALEXIS HASPAS
Special Writer

Tension, stress and the need to escape often hit many during this time of year. The final weeks at OU will be filled with reading the final chapters, studying for exams and writing the big term paper.

Some find exercise a way to reduce the stress and tension, while others dig in their pockets for a quarter and slide it in one of the many arcade games in the Oakland Center to escape momentarily from the pressures of school and just to have fun.

"It's fun...we (Ricky Bell) always play when we get out of class," David Barnes, freshman, said.

Bell, freshman and roommate of Barnes meets him everyday around 1 p.m. for at least an hour to play their favorite game The Machine Bride of Pin-Bot, located currently in the Game Room.

"We're fascinated by computers and games; the lights and everything," Barnes, math major, said. "It talks to me. Great sound."

While video games can be a
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Columbus faces mock trial at University of Minnesota

ST. PAUL, Minn. (CPS)—A mock grand jury at the University of Minnesota's Human Rights Center recently charged Christopher Columbus with murder, theft, slavery, kidnapping, torture, violence, genocide, rape, terrorism and crimes against nature.

The explorer, represented by a Minnesota actor, was indicted by a mock grand jury for crimes committed under his authority as a conquerer of the Americas.

The evidence presented pointed to Columbus' immediate capturing of natives and selling them as slaves, or slaughtering them.

The controversial explorer goes on mock trial Sept. 16 in prelude to festivities commemorating the 500th year after Columbus' historic voyage to the New World.

"We had 23 jury members. We tried to get a mix, a diversity of cultures, genders and professions," said Kristi Rudelius-Palmer, co-di-

rector of the Human Rights Center, which is sponsoring the trial.

"We had an explorer, someone who is a counsel to Italy, writers and actors, teachers and professors, and, of course, Native Americans," she said. "The grand jury was a closed session, and it took hours. We didn't expect it to take so long, but everyone had such an interest."

Rudelius-Palmer said the hearing, which was created to "become a bridge between the university and the community, and the upcoming trial has sparked controversy among students and Minneapolis residents.

"We asked the Knights of Columbus for two members on the jury, and they said they couldn't find anyone, but rumor has it that they didn't want to do it," she said.

Columbus, played by actor Ron Schlatter, was advised by his attorneys not to appear at the grand jury hearing. It was not known whether he would testify in his defense at the

September trial.

The grand jury tried to judge Columbus by the standards of his day. For example, a 13th-century Spanish code was discussed, along with laws written as recently as 1975.

Rudelius-Palmer noted that Columbus will battle two prosecuting attorneys who have special training in Native American affairs.

Prosecutor Deanna Fairbanks is a Fon du Lac tribal court judge and an American Indian Bar Association board member; Larry Eventhal is a Minneapolis defense attorney who specializes in Native American law.

Columbus will be defended by Fredalyn Sison, assistant Ramsey County public defender and John Stuart, state public defender.

The jury hearing and upcoming trial are segments of a series of 12 events titled, "1492 to 1992: Cross Cultural Perspectives," funded by the Otto Bremmer Foundation.

CIPO THIS WEEK

CIPO PROGRAMS

Spring Blood Drive

The Red Cross Blood Drive is April 8, 1992 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the West Crockery. Pre-sign up registration is taking place at CIPO, 49 O.C. or call 370-2020. Volunteers are also needed. Contact Cathy Mullins at the same number for more information.

Photo Contest March 25

Come by the Exhibit Lounge today and get a last look at our annual Photography Exhibit and Contest. Prizes have been awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in color and black and white categories. Prizes are supplied by First Foto Inc. and CIPO.

Jeffrey Zaslow

March 25th at noon in the Fireside Lounge. Jeffrey Zaslow is a zany, unconventional, and witty comedian and columnist. *Harpers Bazaar's* described him as "... a cross between columnist Bob Greene and Miss Manners". Don't miss this entertaining and educational event. Cosponsored with JSO and Theta Chi fraternity.

Interview Etiquette

March 26th at noon in the Fireside Lounge. Looking for a job? This program is not the typical "how to interview" program. It is intended to give you information how to make a good first impression by understanding interview and dinner etiquette. Cherrill Cregar of Cregar Enterprises will be the presenter. It is a must see for anyone who will be in the job market in the near future.

Barbershop Quartet

March 30th throughout the Oakland Center. Why not enjoy the harmony of this wonderful music? It will help you think of warm weather!

Lefties

March 31st at noon in the Fireside Lounge. Righties have it easy. Scissors are comfortable. Desks are easier to write on. The spiral coil in a note book does not get in the way during writing. Well, this program is for all the lefties out there. Come by and see some of the products which are available to make your life easier. Righties should come to understand the things they take for granted.

Join the Leadership and Programming Adventure

Come by CIPO to pick up a job description and application for a paid CIPO Program Intern. Be part of the team which plans eighty activities a year. Applications are due Friday, March 27.

Non-Traditional Students Seminar

This monthly Saturday workshop takes place April 11th from 9-11 a.m. The topics include Stress and Time Management. More information will follow soon.

14th Annual Student Organization Recognition Night

This annual event is Monday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. It will take place in the O.C. Crockery. Come and see the coveted student organization of the year and advisor of the year awards.

•If you have any comments about our programs, or would like to suggest noon programs for CIPO to sponsor, please write a note and send it to: CIPO PROGRAMS, 49 Oakland Center.

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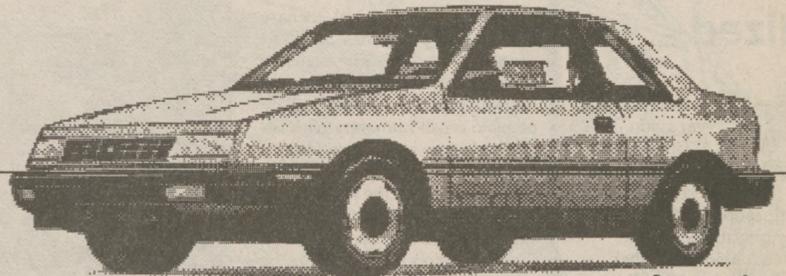
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Panel selects Sidney Fink Award winners

By ELIZABETH REGHI
Staff Writer

After sorting through 13 nominations and recommendations for possible recipients of the Sidney Fink Award, four OU students were honored last Wednesday afternoon with the presentation of a certificate of appreciation and a check for \$100.

The students who received the award were those who worked to promote and improve race relations on campus.

Dr. Robert Fink, director of the counseling center, presented Eric Taylor, Christy Hicks and Bryan Paraham and Alicia Cunningham-Sampson with the award.

According to Nancy Schmitz, assistant dean of students, students are eligible to apply for the award if they fit the following criteria: the applicant should be either a graduate or an undergraduate student, have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA, and be nominated by a member of the faculty, staff or student body.

The award "gives public acknowledgement of students who work to promote and improve race relations on campus (either) programmatically, such as student leaders who work to bring majority and minority groups together or work on an interpersonal level (such as) resident assistants or tutors," Schmitz said.

"It's not an award where there is a set number of (winners)," she said. "We look at the pool of people and see who is the strongest."

Alicia Cunningham-Sampson

Age: 22 Year: junior
Major: English
Nominated by: Geoffrey Upward, Director of Publications

What she did to improve race relations on campus: "I started a black newspaper, Umoja, on campus."

Cunningham-Sampson is the publisher of the newspaper, which consists of a staff of between 20-30 writers. "Umoja, Swahili for unity, began November 5, 1991.

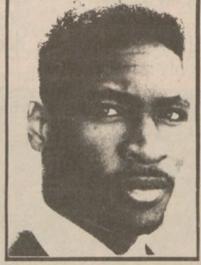


Bryan Paraham

Age: 23 Year: senior
Major: industrial health and safety
Nominated by: Ron Kevern, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs

What he did to improve race relations on campus: "I didn't do anything that outstanding. I worked with incoming freshman in our Celebrating Diversity program"

Paraham's program targets mixing groups of minorities with groups of majorities to relinquish stereotypes.



Eric Taylor

Age: 22 Year: senior
Major: human resource development
Nominated by: Paul Hartman, Athletic Director

What he did to improve race relations on campus: "I did a variety of things off campus. As far as on campus, I spoke at a few lunches to promote race relations."

He and fellow Phi Beta Sigma members visited different high schools in the Detroit area and talked about the various racial stereotypes.

In addition to discussions on stereotypes, Taylor also talked to the high school students about why they exist, their specific causes and the different, possible solutions that can be employed to clear up people's minds to these racial stereotypes.



Christy Hicks

Age: 22 Year: senior
Major: history
Nominated by: Brian Murphy, Director of Honors College

What she did to improve race relations on campus: "I was involved in programs not

so much on campus, but related to the campus."

Hicks was involved bringing 8th grade students from Detroit and Pontiac to the campus for advising.

She was part of the Modern Language Club which helps teaches foreign languages to different ethnic groups at the McMichael School after regular classes.

Disney

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husband yelled, as he adjusted the camera lens, hoping for a once-in-a-lifetime picture.

I plunged recklessly up to the

top and found myself face-to-face with the ravishing rodent who has managed to stay so incredibly young-looking (with a little help from plastic surgery, Oil of Olay and false eyelashes, no doubt) for the past 60-some years.

I was the only big kid in a group of 20 or so pint-sized ones.

Then a man's voice broke the reverent stillness of that magic

moment.

"Will somebody get that lady outta there? I'm trying to take a picture!"

Oh well. I have no shame.

Anyway, this year I'm debating whether to buy the Minnie Mouse ears with the traditional red and white-polka-dotted bow or the newest headpiece, accented with a glittery gold one.

Wares and Stares



King David, from Naim Imports, sells his wares during Friday's art fair in the Oakland Center.

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way to relax and to relieve stress for students, playing the games can have its darker side.

"Video games reveal people avoiding good interpersonal relationships, technology cuts our interaction with one another," Dr. Robert Fink, director of the Counseling Center at Graham Health Center, said.

In addition the games could have an addictive quality, he said.

Junior Phil Lickman, who calls himself a former video junkie agrees. He said he played for one to two hours a day and spent \$20 a week on games. He now substitutes a game of pool or pingpong.

There are few complaints about theselection of the games, but when there are, Mona Wallace, assistant director of OC, puts a word in with Alpha Amusement, a local video contractor who provides the machines and takes care of the maintenance. The company gives OC 55 percent of its revenues in exchange for space.

The OC makes about \$15,000 a year on the video games, which helps fund their administration of daily activities, Wallace said.

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The Human Relations Award will recognize an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to intergroup understanding and conflict resolution in the Oakland University community. The major consideration of the award is the individual's service to the community.

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JOANNE GERSTNER

Spring sports have omissions

This column has become an annual tradition - the type of thing that I would willingly give up at a moments notice.

It's very easy to stop me - the ante rests squarely in the hands of the OU athletic department.

In honor of the OU men's baseball and tennis teams starting their respective seasons, I am once again forced to point out the inadequacies of the athletic department.

Namely, the glaring lack of any spring sports for women.

Earlier this year, I conducted an interview with Athletic Director Dr. Paul Hartman regarding the state of Pioneer athletics in light of OU's overall budget problems. Hartman said that while he would like to bring additional sports to OU, it is not possible to do so at this time because there is no money.

I know that if the athletic department truly wanted to have a spring sport or two for women, the money could be made available from somewhere.

Maybe a less successful sport like women's tennis could be dropped in favor of women's soccer or even softball. OU even has a co-ed fencing club that is struggling to gain varsity status to no avail.

OU is using financial hardship as an excuse. The other eight GLIAC universities have made women's spring sports a reality. Maybe OU can take a hint.

In women's softball, there are six teams competing; Ferris State, Grand Valley State, Hillsdale College, Lake Superior State, Saginaw Valley State and Wayne State. OU is the only lower peninsula school that is not fielding a team. Creating a softball team wouldn't be too difficult. We have a softball field and recruiting softball players in Metro Detroit should pose no problems.

Heck, even Lake Superior State can convince players to come up to the U.P. and play ball for that arctic tundra of a school. OU would have no problem - trust me.

Next women's GLIAC spring sport missing on OU's agenda: outdoor track. The participants - Ferris, Grand Valley, Hillsdale, Michigan Tech, Northern Michigan and Saginaw Valley.

Once again, the facilities are there.

I see a track lying vacant next to the soccer fields. Let's kick the weeds off of the track and use it!!

The athletic department should be ashamed at the blatant disparity between men's and women's sports at this university that allegedly prides itself on providing equality no matter what the race or sex.

Let's look at the big picture. Pioneer men's sports are; baseball, tennis, golf, soccer, cross country, basketball, and swimming/diving - seven sports in total. On the women's side; basketball, tennis, volleyball, swimming/diving - four sports.

I think the athletic department is looking at a +3 situation in favor of the men.

This glaring disparity is the

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Baseball swings into spring

By JOE PICKERING and JOANNE GERSTNER
Staff Writers

The calendar may say spring, yet it's been cold recently and OU has been buried in a ton of wet, miserable snow.

Amid the bleak and dreary weather, there is one sure sign of spring slowly creeping up on OU - Pioneer baseball.

The sport that provokes

thoughts of summer sun and best of all, warmth, is ready to show its face on campus in the form of the 1992 OU baseball team.

The young Pioneer squad, with only six seniors and three juniors, enters this season's campaign determined to top last season's second place GLIAC finish with high spirits and an excellent attitude, but also with many question marks.

Most of those question marks center on the mound in regard to the

pitching staff, but if some of the younger players come through and injuries are recovered from, watch for a tough group of hurlers.

"I think the pitching is as strong as it's ever been since I've been here," said assistant coach and pitching coach Steve Lyon, entering his fourth year at OU.

Senior lefties Tracy Piehl and Jeff Tungate are recovering from arm problems incurred last season and from over the summer. Piehl posted a 4-4 last season with a 4.74 earned run average over 57 innings of work. He also threw the first no-hitter in OU history in the 1991 campaign.

Tungate had a 11.30 ERA, an 0-2 record and was limited to only 14 innings pitched last season due to his arm problems.

OU hopes to have a four-man rotation with Tungate, Piehl, senior Jim VerVaecke and junior Matt Byrd.

Right hander VerVaecke had a 3-1 season with a 5.86 ERA last year. Meanwhile, Byrd was OU's workhorse last season, leading the Pioneers in wins with an 8-2 mark, as well as leading in innings pitched (58), complete games (7) and ERA (4.19).

In the relief department, the Pioneers will rely on sophomore Ralph Muglia, who set a school single-season record with five saves last season.

Rounding out the staff are freshmen Bob Michalak, Brian Downs and Jason Edwards. Lyon has confidence in them and feels that they will improve with experience.

"We just need to get their feet wet a little," Lyon said.

Head coach Paul Chapoton,

beginning his fifth season at OU, is pleased with the attitude his squad has shown and with the success of the recruiting class, but is also concerned with the youth and inexperience of the team.

"We graduated a lot of bats and we really go into this season with a lot of question marks," said Chapoton.

One of OU's major questions marks will be the recuperative powers of junior infielder Dylan Raymond, who is out with a leg injury and Piehl, who is still battling his arm injury which required elbow surgery over the summer. This will force the squad to rely heavily on the younger players.

age, this year's seniors helped pace the team to a team record .342 batting average last season, which ranked OU eighth in the nation.

The outfielding duties will be divided among many young players because there are only two returning players from last year; sophomores Ron Zill and Eric Resch.

OU's tough schedule is also a reason for concern for the team. "This year is the toughest schedule OU has ever had," Chapoton said.

The Pioneers have dropped all Division III opponents this year in the 56 game schedule

which will include six Division I teams and 30 GLIAC games. Teams like Bowling Green, University of Dayton, Kentucky State and the University of Toledo are on the Pioneers schedule along with GLIAC foes Wayne State and Ferris State.

In the GLIAC, OU hopes to challenge perennial league favorite Ferris State for the league title. Last year, Ferris captured the league crown for the fourth year in a row with a 11-3 record. OU finished in second, posting a 10-5 mark.

Overall, the Pioneers went 31-16 in the 1991 season.

The team is currently in spring training swing, playing five games versus teams in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio.

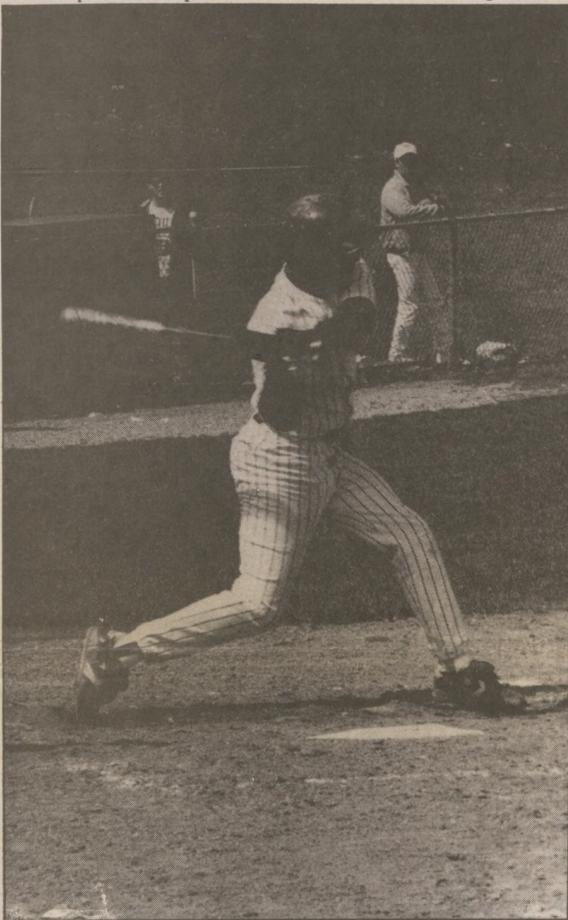
PIONEER BASEBALL --ON-THE-ROAD--

• Friday, March 20 - at Kentucky State University - rained out

• Saturday, March 21 - at Indiana University-Southeast vs. Marian College (Wisc.) - OU win, 8-4, winning pitcher (WP) - Matt Byrd - Indiana U. - Southeast, OU loss, 6-4, losing pitcher (LP) Les Burley

• Sunday, March 22 - Doubleheader vs. Marian - game one: OU win, 4-2, WP - Jason Edwards, game two: OU win, 8-5, WP - Jeff Tungate

• Monday, March 23 - Doubleheader vs. Hanover - game one: OU loss, 10-0, LP - Jim VerVaecke, game two: OU loss, 10-4, LP - Bob Michalak



A scene from last year's OU baseball team

Golfers have high hopes

By JOHN HONOS
Staff Writer

Drawing confidence from the most successful fall season ever, the Pioneer golf team is preparing to enter the spring season.

In the fall, the team won three out of five tournaments and captured second place in the other two.

"I don't see us losing to anybody," sophomore Matt Greco said.

The Pioneers placed third in 1991 in the GLIAC behind the first place Ferris State Bulldogs and one behind Saginaw Valley State. OU's placing behind Saginaw Valley was especially disappointing since the Pioneers had defeated the Cardinals four times last season, only to lose by one shot in the conference finals.

OU head coach Dave DeWulf feels that the team's depth and quality of the players are its strengths.

"As a team, player for player, we are as confident as we ever have been," DeWulf said.

Regarding depth, DeWulf refers to freshmen Todd Heifner and Bill Durham, who will be competing for a spot in the top five.

This year, the Pioneers will field seven eligible players with two red shirt freshmen.

The top five players qualify to start and travel with the team to tournaments and DeWulf thinks the competition will be fierce.

But, the team will have to play this season without last year's conference champion Andrew Moog due to his academic ineligibility.

"Obviously when you lose a conference champion it hurts, but when your number one and number two men, (referring to senior captain Rick Howles and Moog), are so close, it doesn't hurt so bad," DeWulf said.

Howles will lead the Pioneers into the spring season that is filled with great expectations and they won't be happy with anything less than the GLIAC championship.

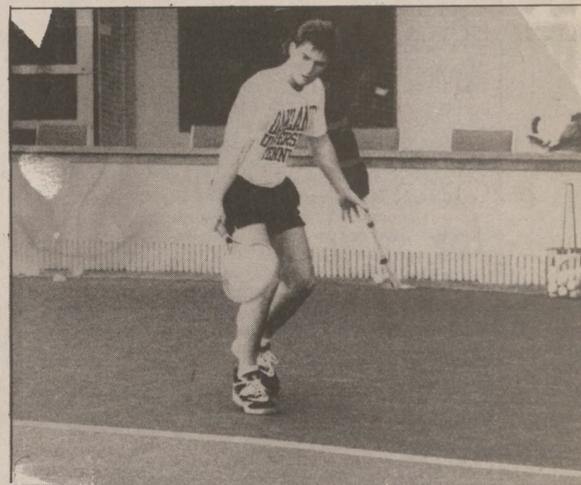
The team's ultimate goal is to reach the NCAA's, but, even winning the conference is no guarantee of a bid to the NCAA's.

"We have four or five players on this team who can win a tournament on any given day. Two years ago we had one player who could," DeWulf said.

DeWulf said the team has to win convincingly and play excellently in all tournaments, aside from winning the conference, to gain a NCAA bid.

"We're so strong because we're so motivated, and I see this when they come here, (DeWulf's store), to practice their swing and hit balls," DeWulf said.

"A gym is a gym, but a golf course is always different and when our freshman see the courses more and more, I hate to see what will happen," DeWulf said.



OU men's tennis team member Jim Fleming at practice.

Netters take third in first tourney

By JOHN HONOS
Staff Writer

Fittingly, the Pioneer men's tennis team commenced the 1992 season on the first day of spring, but a third place finish didn't fit into the OU's first place hopes.

The squad finished behind Grand Valley State and Grand Rapids Junior: College who tied for first with 13 points each. OU finished with eight points while Aquinas posted two. Every win in a match was worth

one point and winning the flight was worth two.

First single seed Jim Fleming lost in the finals of his flight in the third set, while five seed Brett Colley, who was the only other Pioneer to reach the finals in singles play, also lost his final in the third set.

"We were a little disappointed in our showing, but it was a good experience for us," junior Mike Vogel said.

But, Saturday proved to be a bet-

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Pioneer of the Week

Ralph Muglia

• sophomore pitcher • baseball •

Muglia, a 6 foot 205 lb. righthanded relief pitcher, posted saves in all three of OU's wins over Marian College (Wisc.) on its current spring trip. He pitched 3 1/3 innings of scoreless relief enroute to the victories.

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- Scott Spaansta, NMU - 3.47
- Paul Turino, MTU - 3.46
- Jason Andrews, HC - 3.94

HONORABLE MENTIONS

- Lee Fitzpatrick, OU - 3.47
- Tom Eller, OU - 3.36

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reason I will make this column an annual spring tradition until I graduate. Maybe new OU president Dr. Sandra Packard, who brought the University of Tennessee to Chattanooga's athletic department up to NCAA Division I and cleaned it up can do some work on OU's.

However, it would be better to see the athletic department take the initiative on its own and rectify the situation without Packard having to step in.

OU's athletic department is one of the powerhouses in the GLIAC. Let's keep the Pioneers on top by keeping pace with the opportunities that other schools provide for female athletes in the spring.

I am sick and tired of writing this. But athletic department beware, it's going to continue and continue until YOU change.

After all, it's only about 20 years overdue.

Tennis

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ter day for the Pioneers as the one seed doubles pairing of Jim Fleming and Chris Dobson won their flight as they beat G.R.C.C. 7-6, 6-2.

Oakland's two and three seeds in doubles play placed third as they both won their consolation games.

Pioneer coach Kris Jeffery said this was the team's first showing of the year, while the other two teams that finished above them had played in previous tournaments. She said she was pleased with the team as it seemed to regroup on Saturday.

"Doubles is definitely our strength by far, but we expected a few more wins on Saturday," Vogel said.

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- Sunday, March 29 - away at Siena Heights College 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 31 - home vs. MADONNA COLLEGE 1:00 p.m.

Tennis

- Friday, March 27 - home vs. UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT 3:00 p.m.
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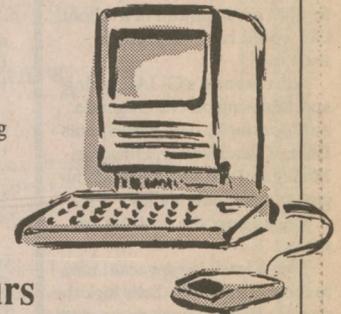
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