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Briefly ...

Diversity Class

The Faculty Senate last Thursday approved a proposal to require students to complete as a graduation requirement at some time in the future, a course which will include at least three weeks on ethnic diversity. The course could be a general education class, a course within a major or minor, or an elective. The proposal will not go into effect until sufficient courses to satisfy the requirement are approved by a subgroup of the General Education Committee.

Forensics Team

The OU forensics team left Monday morning for a 10 day national competition in Mankato, Minn. with money from donations from various campus departments. Those who contributed include: Student Affairs, \$2,000; President's office, \$2,000; Rhetoric, Communications and Journalism, \$750; Academic Affairs and Provost, \$1,000 and Congress, \$500. The team needed \$5,000 to send 17 qualifying members and some additional funds to pay off a deficit.

Mini-Vacations

Women of Oakland University is sponsoring a talk on short and creative mini-vacations in Michigan with a representative from Berkley Travel today in the Gold A room in the Oakland Center from noon to 1 p.m.

Outstanding AP

Assistant Registrar for Records, was Elizabeth Millwood, was honored as the 1992 outstanding Administrative Professional after 15 years at a reception in the OC Monday afternoon.

Award Nominations

Members of the university community are invited to nominate faculty members for the 1992 College of Arts and Science Alumni Association Outstanding Academic Advising Award to be given at commencements June 6. Nominations should include a brief statement of why the nominees deserve to receive the award and should be turned in Friday, April 24. Call 370-4571 for further information.

Meadow Brook Theatre

Broadway director and choreographer Authur Faria will stage the Tony Award winning play "Ain't Misbehavin'" to Meadow Brook Theatre at Oakland University starting April 23 for a four-week run. Meadow Brook is also presenting Chicago's Puppet Place Theatre in a special children's performance of "The Firebird" on Saturday, May 2 at 11 a.m. Call 377-3300 for ticket information.

Eyeglasses and Hearing Aids Collection

The OU Jewish Student Organization/Hillel is collecting eyeglasses and hearing aids for use by new immigrants to Israel from Ethiopia and the former Soviet Union. Call 370-4257 for further information.

Wellness House Benefit

Pontiac night club Industry and the Center for Creative Studies are teaming up to present "Creative Visions for Life," an art show with works from CCS students and faculty to benefit the Detroit Wellness House, a hospice facility for AIDS patients, on April 14. General admission is \$5. For further information call Industry at 334-1999.

Budget cuts are deep, inevitable

By ROBERT PARKER
News Editor

Oakland University, in an effort to combat a zero increase in state appropriations for next year and tough economic times, put its \$64.5 million operating budget under the knife.

University divisions, including Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and the Office Finance and Administration have been forced reduce their operating budgets for the 1992-93 academic year.

Wilma Ray Bledsoe, vice president for student affairs, said her office was originally targeted to cut \$425,000 from its \$5.8 million general fund budget.

"Targets (for reductions) were established by the Budget Office," Bledsoe said. "Although, we had been exploring areas where we could save money."

"Some things identified by the Budget Office, like Graham Health Center, I disagreed with."

According to Bledsoe, the Budget Office had suggested the possibility of turning Graham Health Center into a "first-aid station", and reducing the staff at the neighboring counseling center to one professional.

"An examination of that option will continue, but I was not ready to make that shift yet," Bledsoe said.

Bledsoe's cut-back proposal includes a \$31,700 elimination of support to expand the orientation program, a \$25,300 elimination of an engineering co-op placement position and a \$14,700 elimination of stipends to faculty overseeing rhetoric.

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OU evaluating Sunset Terrace renovations

By JENNIFER HEIL
Staff Writer

OU is evaluating renovation needs and expenses for Sunset Terrace, the on-campus house new OU president Sandra Packard is scheduled to move into this June.

The 20-room home, which was built in 1953 and overlooks Meadow Brook Music Festival, has been used as a conference center since former president Joseph Champagne moved out in 1986. Paul McDowell, assistant managing director for Meadow Brook

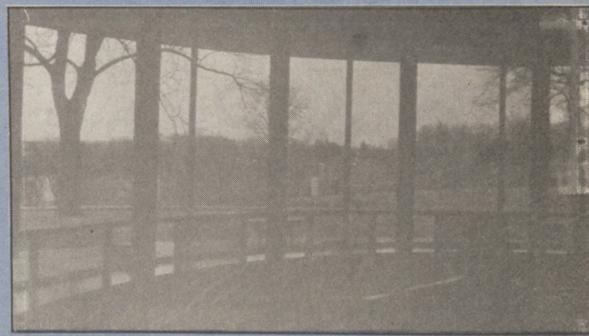
Hall, said.

The house is currently under the direction of Meadow Brook Hall, but will become the responsibility of campus facilities and operations (CF&O) as it now undergoes renovations in preparation to become a residence once again, Alan Miller, assistant vice president of CF&O, said.

"They (the renovations) range from minor changes to very significant items," Miller said. "They range from critical to nice-to-have."

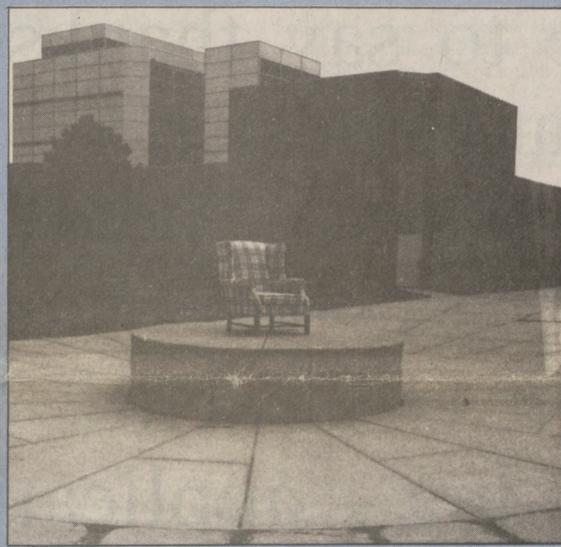
Miller said a major problem is a

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A view from the circular living room of Sunset Terrace.

Signs of spring(s)



The Oakland Post / Tim Shuller

It's spring. As sure as the Robin comes, so does discarded dorm furniture. This family-room armchair showed up outside the OC on Monday morning.

Board approves compensation

By AL COOK
Staff Writer

It's a deal.

The final document has yet to be signed by either party, but last Wednesday, OU's Board of Trustees telephoned Dr. Sandra Packard to perform the electronic handshake that completed the presidential search.

"Dr. Packard and her attorney are satisfied with the current version of her contract," Board of Trustees Chairman Howard Sims said.

The details of her employment contract were approved Wednesday at the board meeting and announced by Trustee Larry Chunovich.

Her term of office will begin on June 15 and continue "at the pleasure of the board," but she will be available for consultation immediately on signing.

The contract is modelled on President Joseph Champagne's 1991 agreement.

It indexes his salary of \$120,000 by five percent annually to arrive at Packard's 1992-1993 compensation of \$132,000, payable in equal monthly installments.

But it does not contain any future indexing provisions or cost-of-living clauses.

In addition she will receive the use of a university automobile which she will choose, along with options, subject to the approval of the finance and personnel committee.

She is entitled to 22 days annual paid vacation, holidays and recess time, 130 sick leave days annually, and an audited expense account, the value of which has yet to be determined.

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Local companies submit bids to operate OU Bookcenter

By DEBORAH DZIEWIT
Features Editor

Three book store companies have been asked to submit a proposal outlining how they would do at least as good or better job operating the Bookcenter.

Barnes & Noble, Follett, and the Nebraska Book Co. have been asked "based on your experience what would you do," Jack Wilson, associate vice president for student affairs,

said.

"I'm telling each company that last year I did \$3.6 million in sales and that we are a comprehensive university," Wilson said. "I ask that they tell me how they will run it (Bookcenter)."

The Board of Trustees finance and personnel committee decided last week to ask for a less formal proposal because it thought it would be premature to formally bid it out without more information," he said.

The plan to possibly outsource the Bookcenter is part of university's search to solve its severe budget crunch.

"Outside companies can probably produce \$150,000 more in profit. But not at the student's expense," Robert McGarry, vice president of finance and administration, said. "The book stores are multi-million dollar companies and they have ways to make money."

Last week, Keith Kleckner, vice

president for academic affairs and Wilma Ray Bledsoe, vice president for student affairs, presented the faculty senate with a "budget in review," in which the university is expected to reduce its budgets q3 by \$2.5 million.

Bledsoe was given six weeks to come up with a plan to cut \$500,000 or 25 percent out of student affairs' \$2 million budget.

One way that would ease the crunch is to increase profits out of its

money-making operations such as the Bookcenter, according to Kleckner.

"We want service, inexpensive books and to make a lot of money," Kleckner told the faculty senate.

Wilson, in his letter sent to the companies Thursday, included a five-year history of the Bookcenter sales, beginning with 1988's sales and ending with projection of 1991-1992 budget. He also sent the Book-

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Expense account is a profitable perk

By MARGARET O'BRIEN
Editor in Chief

While university department budgets are being stretched to the breaking point, Interim President John DeCarlo has exceeded the set limits on his personal expense account by nearly \$3,000 for the last three quarters in 1991.

Expense accounts reveal that meals, flowers, gifts and nursing costs made up the bulk of the \$6,910.86 DeCarlo turned in for expenses in 1991. The first quarter of 1992 was not yet available.

DeCarlo spent \$3593.29 during the last quarter of 1991, exceeding the \$1,800 budget. He spent more than \$600 at Jacobsons for flowers to give as gifts including \$287 for azaleas to members of the Board of Trustees "as a thank you for the year's support."

DeCarlo wrote off other gifts including a \$20.23 present for Phys-

ics Professor Abe Liboff and his wife who invited the DeCarlos for Thanksgiving dinner.

Three dinners at Meadow Brook Hall during the fourth quarter ate more than \$2,000 of DeCarlo's expense account including a \$531 dinner in October to recognize "outstanding work of the OU negotiating team" and two \$700 dinners before Meadow Brook Theatre performances.

The university agreed this summer to pay nursing costs for the mother of DeCarlo's wife Mardell, to allow her to attend university functions such as dinners and Theatre luncheons and meetings. For the last quarter of 1991, nursing costs totaled \$265.

In 1989 and 1990 while serving as vice president for governmental affairs, general counsel and secretary to the Board of Trustees, DeCarlo stayed within his yearly \$3,000 limits spending \$2,237 and \$2,793 re-

Presidential Expenses

\$108 - Flowers
For University Party

\$531 - MBH Dinner
Contract Negotiation Team

\$702.40 - MBH Dinner
Introductory Dinner

\$287 - Azaleas
Gift to Board members

\$20.23 - Gift
Liboff Thanksgiving Dinner

\$21.15 - Cards
Holiday Greeting Cards

spectively.

DeCarlo receives the expense allowance in addition to a \$120,000 salary, university-provided car, \$19,000 in housing and tax reimbursements, life insurance, maid service, trash pick-up, yard maintenance, snow plowing, window cleaning, utilities, 30 days of vacation and three-months leave.

Tuition increase is a reality for OU students next year

By KYLE GREEN
Copy Editor

Every student's dreaded nightmare is going to come true.

A tuition increase is going to be a reality for the next academic year, maybe in the double digits, and should be decided at the May Board of Trustees meeting, Board of Trustees member, Larry Chunovich, said during last Wednesday's meeting.

Gov. Engler has provided a zero state funding increase, so a tuition hike is vital to the university, he said.

The Board is presently examining how to balance the university's budget with a mix of cut backs and cost saving measures, but a tuition increase is certain, Chunovich said,

who is also the Board's Finance and Personnel Committee chairperson.

"I see a tuition increase as absolutely unavoidable when you see it as a sole, absolute resource," Chunovich said.

State appropriations contributed 56 percent to last years OU's annual budget while tuition contributed 41 percent. Investment incomes, private donations and indirect cost recovery from grants provide the remaining three percent, according to Patrick Nicosia, Budget and Finance Planning director.

For the 1991-92 academic year, state appropriations totaled \$36 million while tuition and fees brought in \$26.5 million from the

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"I see a tuition increase as absolutely unavoidable ..."

Larry Chunovich
Board of Trustees

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Christine Wodkowski

Anyone interested in the SABS committee, please call me at 4290 for an application for nine openings this fall.

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Well, here we are. Another semester gone by. We here at the Student Congress and Student Program Board would like to take this space to say thanks for a great semester.

One last "point of order;" the Student Congress will be accepting applications for a representative to the University Senate.

Good luck on your final exams, keep a box of baking soda in your refrigerator, and have a great summer.

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Melissa Winter

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Congress focuses on tuition increase

By JENNIFER HEIL
Staff Writer

Congress focused on the probable OU tuition increase at its last meeting of the semester Monday night. Vice President for Student Affairs Wilma Ray Bledsoe was a guest speaker at the meeting and discussed OU's financial state with Congress. Bledsoe and Congress talked about various ways to decrease costs and raise revenue for the university,

including increasing or decreasing OU's enrollment, joint use of university space, revenue from sports and building on-campus apartments to attract students.

"You (Congress) can play a very important role in helping to get those facts in," Bledsoe said.

Congress surveyed approximately 150 students for their opinions about a tuition increase and where cost cutting should be focused, Congress member Darisha Davis said.

Davis said she and Executive Assistant Amy Rickstad talked to students in the Oakland Center's North and South Foundation Halls, and plan to talk to residence halls' students.

"Everyone seemed concerned," Davis said. "Everyone seemed upset."

In other Congress business, Candy Vanderhoff, Ethics Committee chair, reported to Congress that the committee was still in the process of

investigating possible ethics violations during last fall's invalidated Congress elections.

"This is an update. We've by no means finished what we are working on," Vanderhoff said.

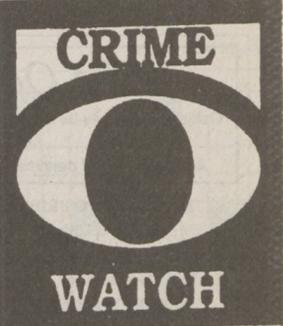
"Our goal is to make sure that this doesn't happen again."

Jennifer Schutt, Congress committee and elections coordinator who is also an Orientation Group Leader (OGL), said the OGL team who attended the conference that Congress

allocated money for would present a report at a later meeting.

"It was a great conference and we got so much out of it we just wanted to thank you for helping us out," Schutt said.

Student Program Board chair Melissa Winter announced upcoming events for fall, including a homecoming during soccer season and the return of Septemberfest.



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

April 3 - 1 a.m. A man returned to North Parking Lot to discover that someone damaged his parked vehicle.

April 6 - 1 p.m. A woman returned to South Central Parking Lot to find that someone damaged her parked vehicle.

April 7 - 5:35 p.m. An OU student reported that someone stole her economics book, a bag and three folders valued at \$45 when she left them on a desk in Kresge Library.

April 8 - 10:30 a.m. A man reported that someone struck his vehicle in South Central Parking Lot.

April 9 - 8:45 a.m. A man told police that someone stole his 1985 Buick Skyhawk when he returned to North Overflow Parking Lot. He added that the vehicle contained several textbooks and class notes.

April 7 - 4:30 p.m. The publisher of UMOJA, a black newspaper, reported to OU police that someone sent her a threatening, racist letter. The letter, which was signed by a group that refers to themselves as "White Unite", made several references to "niggers" and putting them in their place."

April 9 - 8:30 p.m. An OU student reported that someone had broken the window of her vehicle and stolen a "Cobra" model radar detector valued at \$100 in Northwest Parking Lot.

April 10 - 2:20 p.m. An OU student told police that someone smashed the window of his vehicle and took his Cobra Trap Shooter radar detector valued at \$70 in North Overflow Parking Lot.

Report shows affirmative action improves at OU

By AL COOK
Staff Writer

The annual report of OU's Affirmative Action Plan was presented Wednesday to the Board of Trustees by Equal Opportunity Director Catherine Rush.

"The data reflect diligent efforts made by the faculty and staff search committees to recruit, identify and attract women and persons of from diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds to OU," said Rush.

The report noted that over the last year, 56 percent of the 39 faculty hirings were women, 15 percent Black and three percent Hispanic.

Administrative professional staff vacancies were filled at a similar ratio: 55 percent women, 15 percent women and eight percent

other.

However, staffing opportunities have been reduced 75 percent over last year.

"A hiring freeze, lay-offs, and movement of some non-instructional staff into vacancies in other units have resulted in limiting hiring in non-instructional position," Rush said. "They will have significant impact on our affirmative action efforts."

Two new concerns for Office of Equal Opportunity have been added to the action plan.

Retention rates of women and minorities will be studied and strategies developed, if necessary, to improve them.

The merit pay plan will be monitored to make sure it is not discriminatory.



OU maintenance workers survey the damage after a pipe burst in front of Wilson Hall this past winter.

OU's physical plant reaches critical point

By DEBORAH DZIEWIT
Features Editor

Time and normal wear and tear takes it toll on everything from people to facilities.

As universities across the country get older, their physical plants—buildings, sidewalks, parking lots, grounds, heating, electrical and plumbing systems—begin to show their age.

At 35, Oakland University's physical plant has entered a critical period, according to Grover Tigue, central heat plant supervisor.

"The average life span of a mechanical system is 30 to 40 years and then it starts to fail," said Tigue, who is in charge of the plant that supplies heat to 80 percent of the residence halls, office and classrooms.

"Unfortunately, what has happened is that years have gone by, and we only needed to put in maintenance—paint and patch. After 30 to 35 years, our buildings now need major work," he said. "People in charge face huge problems ahead."

OU's budget won't support such large ticket repairs or maintenance; instead, they usually are put on a deferred maintenance list—just like other higher education facilities do as they face tight budgets and shrinking dollars from state and federal governments.

The university receives two streams of state funding. It receives close to \$36.3 million from the state's general fund which is added to tuition and grant money to make up OU's general fund operating budget.

State funding for special maintenance and repairs comes out of the state's capital outlay budget. Universities submit a proposal which under goes review before an institution will be granted money.

However, money supplies dried up in light of Michigan's budget crisis.

Up until two years ago, OU used to receive a "lump sum" of \$650,000 to \$700,000 from this fund for deferred maintenance and repair, Alan Miller said, assistant vice president of campus facilities and operation.

But not any more. OU found out the hard way how it can get cut from the special fund.

Two years ago it was given the nod from Lansing to go ahead and re-roof Varner Hall and to replace high temperature lines.

"We had money the previous year that the state had allocated (\$300,000 to \$400,000) into special funds," Ray Harris associate vice president of

finance and administration, said "Then the state budget cut it out, and we had already started the projects. We had to eat it, and the project funding ended up coming out of general funds."

Meanwhile, OU crosses its fingers and hopes nothing serious breaks such as the high temperature lines that blew this past winter. The university opted to repair the lines instead of replacing them despite the age of the lines. To replace the lines it would have cost the university close to \$700,000.

While the buildings are not tumbling down yet, its mechanical systems have started to fall apart.

"If OU had the money, the recommended procedure would be to replace but it doesn't, so the (replacement) requests are bounced back," Tigue said.

"If a roof leaks and needs repair, it's put on the deferred list. If the roof has exceeded its life span and has gone beyond the economics to repair it, it's put on the capital renewal list," Miller said.

He has identified approximately \$760,000 worth of deferred maintenance and repair and another \$16.5 million in capital renewal and replacement.

The proposed changes include one that would require an institution to cover 50 percent of the cost on any new construction.

In addition, the proposal calls for the elimination of "lump sum" or one-time allocations reserved for deferred maintenance.

And the picture doesn't look any brighter for OU.

Miller has been asked to cut \$200,000 from the base of the \$4.3 million CF&O budget.

"We're looking at possible layoffs, a possible reduction in staff," Miller said. "We're streamlining our activities."

At this time, parking lot repairs, major renovations, purchases of equipment and "retro-fits" have been put on the deferred listing, according to Dan Niezurawski, director of plant maintenance.

"We can keep up with the preventive maintenance," Niezurawski said. "But the big repairs ... replacing major components that cost over \$50,000, that's another story," Niezurawski said.

Board approves Marriott's four year contract

By LAURIE WESSERLING
Special Writer

The OU Board of Trustees unanimously voted to extend Marriott's food service contract through 1996 at last Wednesday's Board meeting.

Due to a decline in residence hall occupancy, the relocation of the Lions' training camp off campus and a weakened economy has left Marriott in the red for the last three years.

Marriott lost \$258,248 in 1988, but improved that loss to \$112,208 in 1991 after hiring a new senior food service director, reducing its staff by 16 percent and increasing its efficiency. Marriott is seeking a projected profit of \$16,507 next year.

"We basically have eight years instead of four years to pay," Ken Debelius, senior food service director for Marriott, said about the new contract. "That's where our profit will come from."

Marriott is presently looking into the feasibility of including brand name concepts, such as Burger King,

McDonalds, Pizza Hut, Subway, and Taco Bell to the existing retail outlets here on campus, and Marriott is also planning on extending the hours in the Hot Shop, located in the basement of the Oakland Center, into the evening hours next year.

"If students can come up with some ideas they like, we will try to implement them", Debelius said. Debelius said that food prices for students will not change drastically with the new contract, because Marriott's prices are based on the consumer price index, which caps the amount that Marriott may raise its prices.

"There have been some significant changes in the residence halls," Eleanor Reynolds, director of residence halls said.

According to Reynolds, Marriott is planning on using the "scatter system" in the residence halls' cafeteria, which will bring in a greater selection of entrees.

Instead of having the traditional one-cafeteria line, Marriott will provide several separate food lines for students, including a salad bar, a waffle line, a "light" line, and the standard normal entree line.

serves to be put back into shape."

Various methods of funding the repairs are being considered by the board, including a special renovation fund that would not impact general revenues or foundation money.

In addition to her position as president, Dr. Packard will be appointed the title of Professor of Education and be awarded tenure.

"It is not expected that she will perform the duties of a faculty member while she is holding the position of president," said Susan Gerrits, board of trustees staff attorney, "but it is more than an honorary title."

As a tenured faculty member, she is protected by the university's collective bargaining agreement.

"If Dr. Packard should be terminated from the position of president and the board does not take any action to terminate her from the faculty," said Gerrits, "then the board would establish compensation and other terms and conditions of employment that are consistent with the faculty agreement."

But that doesn't apply if she should

resign.

"If the president terminates this agreement by resignation, the resignation shall be from both the position of President and from the position of professor of education," according to the contract.

Both the board and the president have the right to terminate the contract with or without notice and for any reason, although it is expected she would give adequate notice of any decision to leave.

Beyond that, the contract is open-ended with no set expiration date.

Changes in the annual salary or any other benefits must be approved by the board before they can be implemented.

The president will be subject to annual physicals and general evaluations by the board.

In turn, once she has become familiar with the administrative and academic procedures of the university, she will evaluate the performance of the executive group which is comprised of university vice presidents.

Packard

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mined but which will probably be higher than Champagne's \$7,200.

The university will reimburse her relocation expenses, and she will have the use of Sunset Terrace as her home.

It is hoped that the university will be able to sell Champagne's Munster home, however the poor condition of Sunset Terrace prompted Chairman Sims to recommend delaying that action.

Repairs to Sunset Terrace may include a new roof, heating system, installation of a central cooling system to replace worn-out window air conditioners and repair or replacement of windows, according to trustee Phyllis Googasian.

"It really is in bad shape," said trustee James Sharp. "I don't want anyone to be fooled. When you see the numbers going into the building, the dollars going into the building from wherever they come from, they will be huge, because the damage is huge, but the building de-

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OUR VIEW

Creative action eases tensions

In the recent letters to UMOJA and the Oakland Post about campus racial issues and in the news-making tensions at Michigan's Olivet College, we find few concrete suggestions for improvement.

Most of the talking, writing and reporting are about reactions, not constructive action or planning ideas. Perhaps we are all fumbling because the vocal ones speak with a vehemence that is frightening.

Fear causes either non-action or retaliation. Both add to the fear and a circling motion begins with no end and no beginning — only a loop where no one knows the way out.

OU does not have to follow other college campuses in hatred and bigotry. Because we are smaller than most, we can work more closely in solving the problems, rather than adding to them. Instead of slinging words at each other, we need to be sharing words face-to-face, finding ways to learn about each other.

No matter what the gender, the color of skin, ethnic or religious backgrounds of each of us, we have all had some prejudices built into us while growing up by people we respected. That does not mean those prejudices must be kept, but it is a hard battle on all sides.

Trust is difficult to build and stereotyping is a terrible flaw in many of us. In a struggle to reach peaceful co-existence, we must find ways to build trust and eliminate stereotyping. This can be done through additional course offerings, social events that include the entire university community, and organizations that actively try to diversify racial, gender and religious make-up. None of us can learn about others if we are excluded from these activities.

We all need to learn about each other as individuals, and acceptance or rejection of each other must be based on our own moral standards, not on the physical description or religious persuasion of a person.

Instead we must work to find a common thread.

That common thread is here. On this campus all of us have one thing in common - we're all members of the same Oakland community and therefore we share a loyalty and an opportunity to build pride in this university.

That's a good common ground where talking and working together can begin.

YOUR VIEW

Hate flyers will be investigated

As the Director of Public Safety and Police and a citizen of the University community, I feel that it is important that I express my personal feelings and concerns regarding the recent hate letters and flyers distributed throughout the campus. Further, in my official capacity as the Director of Public Safety and Police, I feel it important to share information that our citizens may use to assist us, the University, in appropriately reviewing these types of incidents.

As a citizen, I feel this type of activity is a disservice to the overall attempt by the University community to resolve the perceived and real differences between ethnic and racial groups. It's pitiful and a shame that in our advanced society today that a few people can cause so much hate and distress—not a good testimony for our learned environment that we work, play and learn in.

As the Director of Public Safety and Police, I feel it is important for those few persons who wish to continue spreading this type of ill will and hate messages to know that I and members of the Police Department treat this type of inappropriate behavior very seriously and are committed to thoroughly investigating incidents of this nature. As in any investigation, we depend on the cooperation and assistance of the university community. If you discover biased related materials or graffiti, it is important that the matter be reported to the University Police Department immediately. As offensive as this material may be, do not throw it away. It may provide valuable evidence. If graffiti is discovered, a call should be made to the Police Department (3331) and an officer will respond to investigate the complaint. If flyers or other related materials are observed, the material should be removed and turned over to the Public Safety and Police Department as soon as possible.

If we work together in dealing with this distasteful and pitiful behavior, our environment will be even that much better to work, live and learn in.

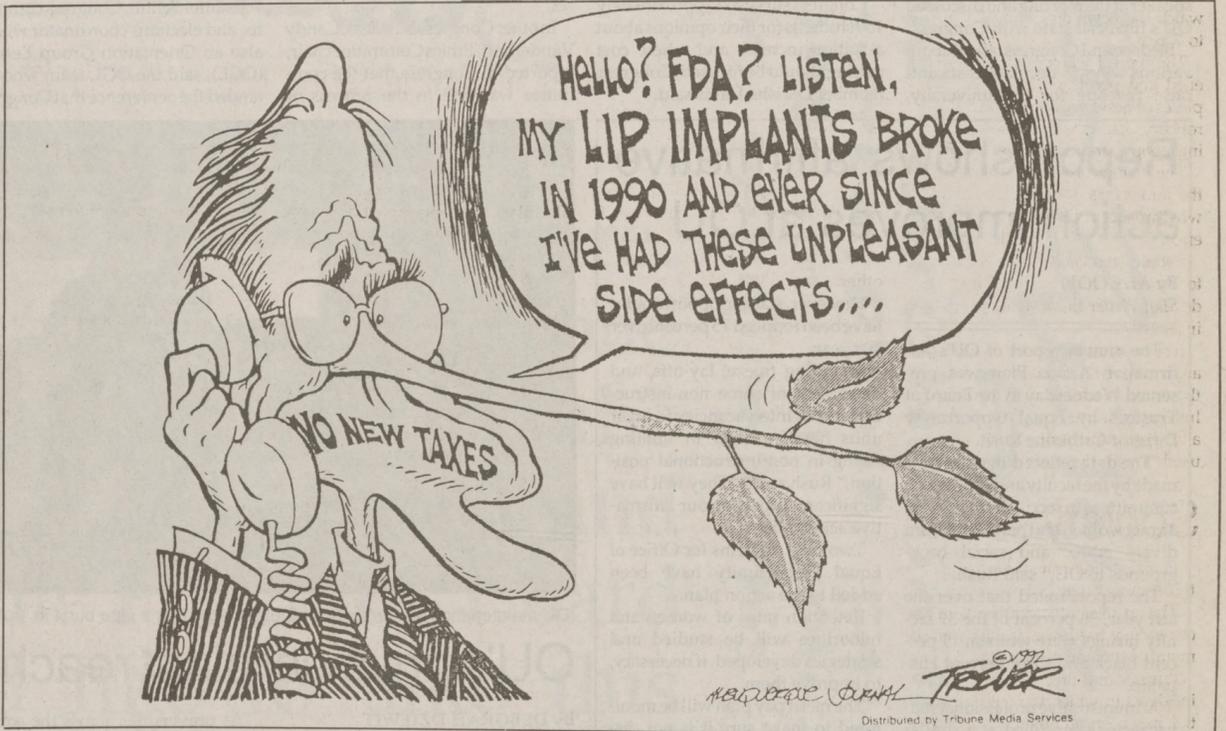
RICHARD W. LEONARD
Director, Public Safety and Police

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Letter shows ignorance

Dear White Unite: The UMOJA newspaper staff as well as the rest of the African-American community appreciates the fact that you have voiced your concerns about our newspaper in your recent letter.

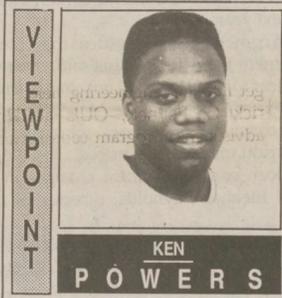
In fact, one of our top priorities is to spark student involvement. However, in the future we hope that you will express your opinions in a more rational and intelligent manner.

For instance, the letter's greeting was absolutely inappropriate. The reason why is because the word "nigger" does not even appear in the dictionary. Imagine if someone called you a name that was an unknown word.

Therefore, in the future, we would prefer that you addressed the UMOJA staff and the African-American community at OU as African-

Americans.

In addition, I also felt that your statement which said, "I and the white race will be there to beat you down and put you back in your place," was extremely unclear and irrational.



What is the meaning of "our place" at Oakland when prominent African-Americans such as Wilma Ray-Bledsoe is the Vice-President of Student Affairs and Alicia Cunningham-Sampson is the publisher of a black newspaper and a recipient of the Fisk Award. As for beating us down, I feel that the UMOJA nor the African-American community at Oakland fear this statement because we have laws to protect us from physical abuse.

In short, the UMOJA staff accepts and will continue to accept opinions and viewpoints from students who oppose our newspaper. However, we would prefer that anyone who wants to write a letter in the future would respect the opinions presented in UMOJA and respect the African-American community.

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Correct the part-timer faculty number

I'd like to correct an error in your April 8 article on part-time faculty, in which it is stated that 80 to 85 percent of the sections offered by the math department are taught by special lecturers and graduate students. The correct figure is nowhere near that high.

During the 1991-92 academic year, we offered 151 sections of courses (not counting a few graduate statis-

tics courses at automobile company sites).

Of these, 98, or 65%, were taught by regular (tenured or tenure-track, Ph.D.) members of our faculty; 53, or 35%, were taught by part-timers (lecturers, special lecturers, or graduate teaching associates).

Let me add two comments. Our part-time staff is dedicated, experienced, popular with their students,

and under close supervision of regular faculty members. We are proud of the job that they do, and we have no doubt that Oakland University students are receiving a good education in their sections.

Nevertheless, it is intolerable that the university finds it necessary to hire part-timers to teach more than a third of our sections.

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JERROLD W. GROSSMAN
Professor/Associate Chair
Mathematical Sciences

Reality check: accept tuition increases

As the semester comes to a close, I would like to charge every student at Oakland University with the task of thinking about tuition. Or, more precisely, the rising cost of tuition. I've heard the argument that no increase is the only good increase. I'm sorry, but it's time for a reality check. The sad truth is unavoidable -- tuition is going to have to be raised to meet the increasing costs of running a state university.

You see, the State of Michigan has decided not to appropriate more money to its public institutions. And, due to inflation, a salary increase for faculty, and other conditions, something has to give. The solution to this problem is not enjoyable, nor is it desirable, but is very limited.

There are only a few viable options which we can consider. And, I use "we" in this case because I want to know what the students of Oakland think on this matter. We could hope the state decides to appropriate more money. That would do as much good as me wishing for a new car. It just won't happen. The only solutions which we can consider are to cut existing positions or programs to save money or to raise the price of tuition.

The first solution may seem very workable. Just cut what we have. Trim the fat, you might say. But where? The most common answer I have heard is to cut administration. But

CIPO, Student Life and Student Affairs are all considered administration, and I don't think it would be wise to cut them.

Where else could we cut? After three-plus days of asking students, no one could come up with any cuts substantial enough to offset the increases. The only solution available seems to be to raise tuition.

I give Mr. DeCarlo, Mrs. Bledsoe, Dean Herman and other administrators credit in that they have included (and promise to include) student leaders in the process of deciding how much to raise tuition.

Mr. DeCarlo has said it is not fair to put the burden of increasing costs on students and he's right.

But, if we really want a voice in how our money (which makes up less than 40% of the total budget) is to be spent, then we have to know what you think. Oakland University is the best buy for a Michigan public institution. For the money we currently spend, we have professors, not teaching assistants in our classrooms, a la Michigan State. We have one of the finest faculty in the states and offer a wide range of programs. We have been lauded by U.S. News

and World Report magazine as one of the best buys in the midwest. Often times we forget this. The administration has done an admirable job in the past of keeping tuition rates low compared to our sister institutions. We are going to have to deal with an increase. But this time, instead of complaining after the fact, let's hear what you have to say now. If you have a concern, voice it.

Let Mr. DeCarlo know, or stop by the Congress office, but make sure you do it.

DEREK WILCZYNSKI
University Congress president

Narrow-minded notions condemn cross-cultural differences

Normally I feel extremely fortunate to be a part of a campus community with such outstanding students, faculty and staff.

Campuses are typically exciting, tolerant, idealistic places where freedom of thought and inquiry are cherished and nurtured. In most cases, I feel Oakland's students are second to none.

After reading the recent letter sent to the African-American Journalism Club and the "New Order" neo-Nazi flier in the Oakland Center, I

can only express my deepest sorrow for the hate-filled, narrow minds that conceive and support such notions.

We all live in a diverse world culture. Our success as individuals and as a nation depends on cross-cultural understanding and tolerance.

It is time to STOP condemning difference and time to START learning about diversity. As we say in orientation, we need to "celebrate our diversity," not perpetuate racism and prejudice.

As I leave the workplace today, I

will take solace in the fact that most of our campus community does not support racism or condone such letters.

Most of our society deplors the cowardice exhibited by anonymous letters.

And finally, most of us know that diversity is a fundamental part of our cultural heritage and is a vital part of our future.

DAVID E. HERMAN
Dean of Students

Television reports irritate foreign student

My view as a foreign student who just came to the United States not long ago: I like to use every chance to improve my English. Watching TV is one of good ways for this purpose. Besides, it can help me understand the culture and the society better.

Every evening I turn on TV and watch the news on Channel 7 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The more I watch, the more frightened and perplexed I become. Many pieces of news are about murder, rape, robbery, car crash, gunshots, missing people, frauds and so on.

These kinds of news can surely draw the audience's attention. But think of what impact it can have on the audience.

People, especially those who came to America for the first time, may develop feelings of fear, blues and insecurity.

It seems that the people in the world are mean, cruel and cunning, and that the world is unsafe, dirty and chaotic. Inevitably, some people will gradually get indifferent, frustrated and used to all these. But some others

might become the news spots themselves.

When a crime is committed, throngs of newsmen and photographers will rush to report it. The person concerned will become the center of attention overnight, providing a negative model for those who are immature and vulnerable.

Rid campus of black/white tensions

Does anyone care? It's almost over, however it will occur again. Will it ever end?

This semester has come to a close and the racial tension continues to rise. Not just on this campus, but also on other Michigan campuses.

I have been on Oakland's campus since 1987, and each year the boiling pot of racism seems to get hotter and this year the top has really been tilting.

Now, let's reflect upon the most recent publicized incident which occurred at Olivet College.

It became so intense that threats

Being an integral part of people's lives, TV has a massive influence on people, particularly on children. Are there any heroes in the society?

Of course, there are. There are people who sacrifice for their friends, communities and the society, who help the weak, the disabled and the poor, who fight against the wicked-

ness, injustice and crimes.

Why can't the newsmen and reports extol and write about these characters and help build a social morale to uplift people's spirit, for them to speculate on, work and live with?

MISA
foreign student

were placed upon black students' lives. They expressed their concerns and needs for increased campus security, but due to the request denial, the black students opted for home life for personal security and protection.

Is this what Oakland University wants?

Does anyone care about the Nate Wells incident? Does anyone care about the Omari Thomas incident?

It is time for everyone to have some type of morals and fairness in treatment of individuals, and rid themselves of prejudice and favorit-

ism. Does anyone care about the achievements and goals of the black students at Oakland University, besides the black students?

It is time for this situation to be addressed.

Let's look at our present situation, let's rid ourselves of the black, white tensions and study together as students.

Oakland administrators, are you listening?

BRIGITTE ANDERSON
senior

Society's negative attitude to women appalls student

Female discrimination is one of those things that just won't quit.

The persistent negative attitude our society has towards the advancement of women is appalling.

I'm sick and tired of hearing about incidents in which the female potential has been smothered and suffocated because of intolerance. Women have as many rights as men to pursue their talents and interests to the best of their abilities, and nothing or no one should stand in their way.

We women have come a long way in our struggle for rights and equality. However, we still have a great deal of obstacles to overcome.

Just last month, Ron Russell of *The Detroit News* published an article indicating that some Michigan high schools continue to discriminate against female students.

"This discrimination stifles the girls' self-esteem and steers them away from certain academic and vocational classes," feminists and other critics say.

"Girls are receiving an unequal education, but in most cases both men and women teachers are not aware it's happening because it's mainly a cultural thing based on gender-role stereotypes," said Diane Neth Covell, an official of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Michigan told *The News*.

According to a 1991 state report, "Michigan high school students of

both sexes say gender — not skills, attitude or aptitude determines their future."

Why should differing biological reproductive organs influence the way a person thinks or restrict his/her intellectual capabilities? This doesn't make sense to me.

It doesn't matter whether these deeply-rooted cultural biases stem from family values or school situations. All that matters is that these negative attitudes continue to infiltrate and shape our society, and often prevent women from reaching their true potential.

I find it particularly tragic that women continue to be the victims of irrational stereotypes. Our world is already filled with so many problems and incurable diseases that we cannot afford to divide ourselves any further. We should work together and help solve our existing conflicts instead of creating new ones.

It would be a shame if a chemistry student with the potential for discovering a cure for AIDS or cancer

was dissuaded from going into science simply because she was a female.

Some schools still discourage a women from going into traditionally male-dominated fields such as science, math and administrative professions. However, other schools, like Oakland University, do everything they can to help interested female students advance in non-traditional

careers. "We encourage a lot of women to get into the engineering field," Patrick C. Bennett, OU's academic advisor and program coordinator of engineering and computer science. "Oakland probably has more female engineering students, per capita, than any other university in the state."

Women at most universities account for 25 percent of all engineering students, according to Bennett, but at OU, women make up 30 to 35 percent.

"The women here are not only doing well, they are doing exceptionally well," Bennett said. "The

people here who perform the best and receive university honors are very often women."

I was exceptionally pleased to hear these promising statistics, and I decided to verify the claims with some female engineering students themselves.

To my delight, two females I talked with reported no discrimination against them.

"Varsha Kamat, 25, a Ph.D. systems student, and Cindy Finnigan, 21, a junior majoring in mechanical engineering. Both students said they never experienced any negative confrontations at the university because of their gender.

According to *Women's Issues*, a magazine for graduate engineers, "Recruiters are going after women more aggressively than their male counterparts and once hired, females are expected to find management jobs opening up."

It's refreshing and optimistic to hear all of these promising claims. I sincerely hope they come true.

OU's recent selection of a woman president, Sandra Packard, is also highly commendable. I hope either other universities and administrations will soon follow suit.

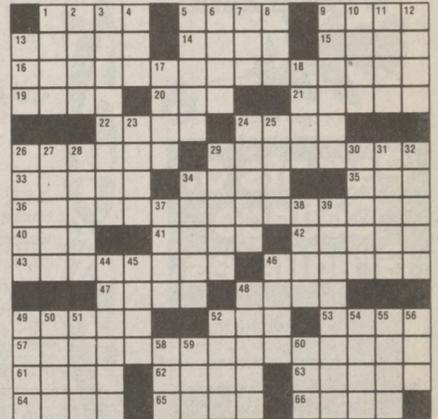
If the present is a sign of things to come, I think women are well on their way to the top.

CAROL COHEN
Communication Junior

THE Crossword

by Bernard Meren

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36 Convention VIPs
40 Overhead trains
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42 Stephen Vincent —
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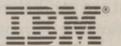
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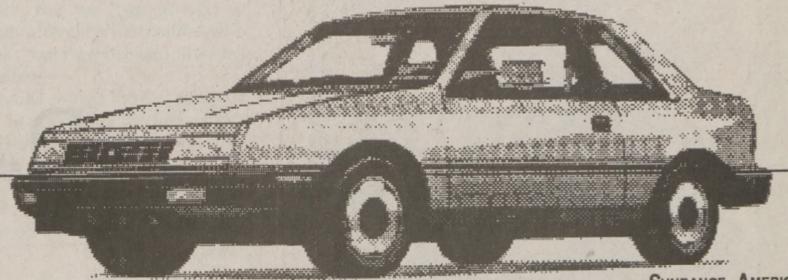
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Budget

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ric and math in the Academic Skills Center.

In addition, an announced retirement of an assistant vice president, and the elimination of clerical support for that position will total \$127,000.

Bledsoe said she is looking into the possibility of establishing a registration fee for students participating in co-op programs, which should generate \$32,000. She said the cost of that fee would be less than tuition for a two-credit course.

The Bookcenter is another potential target of the budget axe. If outsourcing is approved and an outside vendor comes in, the projected revenue would be \$150,000, she said.

"I think that this certainly imposes hardships," Bledsoe said. "We won't be able to proceed like we normally have in the past."

According to Bledsoe, the current situation required quick, decisive action by Interim President John DeCarlo, but a university-wide budget committee would be something to consider.

"We are at a point now where decisions in one division are affecting other divisions," Bledsoe said.

The Office of Academic Affairs and Provost has proposed a \$1.2 million reduction from its \$37.4 million operating budget.

Keith Kleckner, vice president for academic affairs, said the largest cut backs, \$800,000, will be in the elimination of vacated faculty positions and resignations.

Other reductions, totalling \$250,000, effected the Registrar's Office, computer services, staff positions in the library and the School of Education.

"Students will notice fewer sections being offered and a slight decrease in options," Kleckner said. "I don't think it will be a huge effect, but it will be noticeable."

According to Ray Harris, associate vice president of finance and administration, the finance office is projecting an approximate reduction of \$275,000 to \$300,000 from its \$9.2 million operating budget.

"It is tough for the university right now," Director of Budget and Financial Planning, Patrick Nicosia said. "We are trying to do whatever possible to close positions currently vacant."

Tuition

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11,829 students, Nicosia said.

OU received \$3,826,149 during the 1990-91 fiscal year from private contributions, according to Paul Osterhout, director of Development and Alumni Affairs.

The university is primarily run from a \$64.5 million fund which supports the daily activities of the institution such as payroll, Nicosia said.

OU is currently operating with a \$2.9 million deficit which occurred when the state did not pay the last quarter appropriations, 12 days before the end of OU's fiscal year last June.

OU fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30; the state's fiscal year is November 1 through October 31. As a result, OU has had problem with the state and receiving money from in the few years, he said.

"The state has always had the attitude that we can balance our books, then (it) can take money away for July, August and September allocations," Nicosia said.

Next year's budget anticipates reve-

nues of 55 percent from state appropriations and 42 percent from tuition, he said.

The chance that it could happen this year is realistic, he said. If the last quarter of the state's appropriation does not come through, there will be trouble for the university.

"The state is the biggest revenue source and when that doesn't come in you have to raise tuition or cut back on expenditures... the concept is not to pass it off onto the students completely, but a balance of cut backs and tuition increases," Nicosia said.

Currently at OU, each department and the Board of Trustees are examining possible budget cuts; nevertheless, Student Congress is helping by collecting student input by request from President DeCarlo, according to Deric Wilcznski, Congress president.

Congress is distributing written surveys which asks if the student wants a tuition increase, where the budget cuts could originate and if there is a tuition increase with no decrease in the budget, what things should be added to the university, Wilcznski said. The surveys will be distributed from the Congress of-

fice until the end of the semester.

Last year OU was ranked eighth for out of the 15 state institutions in tuition prices and sighted as the best buy among regional universities in the Midwest according to "US News and World Report" magazine, Wilcznski said.

There for a balance between tuition increases and budget cuts will not essentially affect the students, he said.

"I don't think the students at OU realize the education they gain from the tuition we pay," Wilcznski said.

The fall tuition increase will seem like a large amount for students now, but a small expense to pay for their future aspirations, Nicosia said.

"A student is making an investment in their education. The gap is growing between what college educated student is doing and what a high school educated student would be. The gap is now growing—it's an excellent investment. As an investment in your future, it a pay off," he said. "No one likes to raise tuition, but better that than not get an education."

Books

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center's hours of operation and a floor plan of the Oakland Center's ground floor plan which includes the Bookcenter.

He requested responses by April 24.

Once the proposals come in, Wilson will first review the proposals with William Marshall, director of the Oakland Center and with David Bixby, current manager of the Bookcenter before he sends a recommendation to the finance and personnel committee.

If any of the companies claim they can "outperform our store (in sales and service)," they will then be compared against the Bookcenter's current record and future plans, according to Wilson.

Bixby delivered the Bookcenter's formal proposal to Wilson Tues-

day. It included the current and future mission and goals and the services provided, along with projected finances.

"We (the staff) know we can do it," Bixby said. "It's my ace in the hole because we can do it—it's a proven factor. The onus is on them."

However, Bixby and staff members are concerned what will be the focus of the comparison—bottom line (profit margin) or service.

Staff believe that the bottom line is service, according to Denise McGee, merchandizing coordinator.

One example to her of the "personal touch" service the Bookcenter staff members provide is standing in the rain during graduation making sure students and faculty have their caps and gowns on properly.

McGee, who has worked 12 years for the store, said they have taken care of a student's two small children while she went to search for a lost purse, looked after a faculty member's new-found stray dog

while she attended a conference and met a student off campus with a book so he would have it for class the next day as part of that service.

"Will an outside company stand in the rain or take care a faculty's dog?" McGee said. "I don't think so."

Bruce Johnson, assistant manger and full-time staff member of the Bookcenter for 22 years, questions if the university community would still receive the same quality of personal service by outsourcing the Bookcenter.

"The bottom line is going to be that the students will pay more for books and receive less service," Johnson said, who has worked for the book store for nearly 22 years. "It will not be a university store and it (new store) will be free to price any way they want."

"There's more to a book store than just dollars," Bixby said. "We're here to support and enhance the academic mission."

Sunset

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leaking roof that could cause a delay in the date Packard moves into Sunset Terrace if extensive roof repairs are needed.

Richard Moore, director of buildings and grounds, said Packard will hopefully be able to move into Sunset Terrace by June 1, but the extent of some renovations will not be known until they are evaluated by a contractor.

"Most of the work over there will be contracted out," Moore said, and will not be done in-house by OU employees.

With contractor estimates still pending, Moore did not know how much money the renovations will cost.

Besides roof repairs, the thermal pane windows in the 40-foot round living room need to be replaced,

Moore said. Carpet must be replaced, and painting and plastering must be done to repair water damage.

Trustee Andrea Fischer said funding for the renovations should come from private donations.

"The university shouldn't extend anything over general maintenance from what they've been doing all along, not with a tuition increase," Fischer said.

Phyllis Law Googasian, trustee, said she agrees with a suggestion Trustee James Sharp made at the Board meeting last Wednesday to develop a special fund raising project for the renovations.

Googasian said the project could be handled by the OU Foundation.

Another possibility is to use money that would come from the sale of the university-owned house on Munster Street, Googasian said.

Sunset Terrace was built in 1953 by Alfred and Matilda Wilson as a retirement home. After Alfred Wilson died in 1963, Matilda Wilson

moved back to Meadow Brook Hall and lived there until her death in 1967, McDowell said.

Since then the home has been used off and on as a residence for OU presidents, McDowell said.

The 1950s-style home looks very much like it did when the Wilsons first built it, McDowell said, with a large Swedish crystal chandelier in the living room and colorful wallpaper with recipes for various drinks printed on it in a pantry located near the den.

Numerous windows are meant to bring the surrounding environment—complete with feeding deer on the north side of the yard—into the home, which is styled after the prairie homes designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, McDowell said.

Sunset Terrace has a large kitchen, a library with mahogany shelves and paneling, a vault and a large room on the second floor that has been used as a home office by past presidents, McDowell said.

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Name dropping not a bragging matter

We all have something to brag about. I like to brag about my hockey cards (especially my Wayne Gretzky rookie), my Beatles' collection, and the fact that I've paid for most of my college education. But there is one item that most of us and I brag about: we enjoy name dropping.

I have met several local sports celebrities such as Gerard Gallant of the Red Wings, Lomas Brown of the Lions, Orlando Woolridge of the Pistons, and Alan Trammell of the Tigers.

But the best person I have met is Bob Talbert of the Detroit Free Press.

I interviewed him for a journalism class project and I met the journalist that I think is the greatest.

How much do I idolize Bob Talbert? Do I have a statue in my room that I worship daily? Not quite, but my admiration is about that close. His columns about his experiences have touched an emotion in his readership at one point or another, and I just love that involvement.

I believe he is a trend setter with his column. Hasn't there been a time that we've learned an insight into someone that we wouldn't have read in any other column? His columns have made me feel like I've been a part of his life for the few years that I have read his column, and I am grateful for that.

I also respect Talbert for his publishing reader letters that both praise and despise him. He takes the good and bad with a grain of salt, unlike me. Bottom line—he listens to us when not all journalists do.

When I called Talbert about interviewing him, he was more than willing to meet me. In fact, he even drove out to Rochester to meet me. That impressed me. He even bought my lunch. Now that is more than a columnist; he is a caring man.

We met a noon and I recognized him immediately. Well, almost. He has a full beard now and weighs more than his "mug shot" would allude to. He had to almost squeeze in the booth.

The Free Press hired Talbert in the late 60s and he has been an institution since then with his flamboyant personality and distinctive writing style.

Over lunch we talked about many things. I thought I would ask some questions and leave, but he was too fascinating not to want to stay and talk.

We seemed to agree on almost every subject we talked about during the interview. It was as though I was seeing myself 30 years down the road. I thought for a while it was just because we were trying not to offend each other, but as the time passed, we seemed to appreciate what the other was saying.

Some of his columns deal when he's "in charge of the world." In one column, he said that all magazine pages would have the page number at the bottom, not just occasional pages. I hope he comes into power soon, I still can not find where this one story starts at in Billboard.

Talbert said his column style is writing what ever he thinks in a way his readers can relate. By covering so many demographic, social and ethnic groups, anyone can feel involved with him by reading his column daily like I do.

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Prof questions Packard's vision

By AL COOK
Staff Writer

Most of the people crowded into the OC's Gold Room on March 11 were visibly elated when Sandra Packard received the board of trustee's nod as president.

But some viewed the outcome as a potential disaster.

Beverly Berger, a professor of physics, is concerned about OU's choice of a new president and a new future. For her Sandra Packard was the worst choice.

"Oakland came to a crossroad and turned the wrong way," she said.

She believes Packard will strip away funding and support for academic research, leaving the university no different from any community college.

It's a question of priorities.

"Her view of the university is the type of view I have been trying to overturn," Berger said. "She said the main function of this university is teaching, and it is not; that's not the main function of any university. The main function is to provide an environment for all of us to learn together. You're not the consumer of education; you're the participant in it."

And it's a difference of vision.

"I sit on a committee that reviews tenure and promotions for faculty," Berger said "so I get to read what people are doing, and it's really impressive, not just in the sciences. Of the candidates that we had, three of them seemed to be aware at least of what is going on here, and Sandra Packard wasn't one of them."

She sees a real danger in Packard's approach.

"If the environment becomes uncongenial to research, the people most mobile, the ones with the greatest research credentials, may leave," she said.

However, for the next year, she is willing to wait and see.

"I'm hoping I'm wrong and her vision will come into line with what's happening here," she said. "I would be thrilled to be wrong."

And many of the science faculty agree both with her assessment and her patience.

"The planning document from the senate steering committee created considerable opposition in the science departments," accord-



Associate professor Beverly Berger has taught at OU since 1977.

ing to Abraham Liboff, physics. "Eighty faculty members signed a petition opposing it because it did not acknowledge the value of graduate programs and research in the community."

He perceives a tension between graduate and undergraduate concerns that he feels doesn't have to be there and fears a further shift to teaching as a priority over research might endanger advanced programs.

"If we don't pursue the doctoral programs we have, we may lose them," said Liboff. "We can't survive if we are going to compete solely on an undergraduate basis."

And the loss of those programs could be a blow to the university, both in terms of prestige and money, threatening what Norman Tepley, physics chairman, calls the intimate link between research and good teaching.

"OU gets great national and international

recognition for its research in grants, invitations to conferences and other forms of recognition that are unusual for an institution this size," Berger said.

But that sort of recognition requires a commitment from the university that is already slipping.

"Dr. Berger is internationally known for her research and is often invited to conferences around the world," Tepley said. "Sometimes it gets expensive to support her travel."

And the people in the sciences point to a very large and, as yet, invisible symbol of that university support—the science building.

"It was first proposed in 1976 and what year is it now? — 1992," said Liboff.

For Berger, having the prospect of the new building, to be built with state funds, seeing it grow on paper with all its promise of new, modern lab space, is worse than having nothing at all.

"The fact that it doesn't yet exist means there is a reluctance on the part of the administration to do any re-organization of existing space," Berger said.

That adds to the frustration.

"Without lab space, without start-up funds, it's hard to get a research program started," said David Garfinkle, physics professor. "It's difficult for a lot of people coming here without a lot of colleagues in their area, given inadequate equipment, to set up a lab to produce results that attract a funding agency."

Garfinkle can also see the issue from other's points of view.

"There is a danger of a misunderstanding here," Garfinkle said. "When people in the sciences say they need start-up money for labs, people in the administration may think — gee, we have limited budgets. Where are we going to come up with all the money for this? Other academic areas may be saying if all this money is going to the sciences, what is going to be left for them?"

He see it as a problem of perception.

"Start-up costs are a one-time thing. Research is actually a good proposition for the university, because a lot of it gets paid for by the grant agency, and it attracts more good people and pays for some of the overhead like maintenance."

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"Get rich quick" schemes usually profit schemers

By CANDICE SCHWARK
Managing Editor

"No gimmicks. Extra income now" advertisements proclaim in bold type—except that the income is for the company doing the recruiting, usually from a post office box.

Cindy Finnigan, mechanical engineering junior, and her sister Col-

leen, 27, secretary, learned the hard way that "if it looks too good to be true, it probably is." Becky Reckling, 19, communications, almost became a victim too. All three are now wary of quick cash schemes.

Cindy took a copy of the *Oakland Post* home, showed it to her sister, Colleen, and they decided to answer a classified advertisement that offered extra income as envelope

stuffers. They sent a letter Jan. 29 to the Florida company asking for more details.

Within a week, on Feb. 7, the Finnigans received a flyer from Brooks International, Inc. explaining that they would receive instruc-

tions about the job and "in order to get you started immediately, we must require a one-time payment of only \$20." The money, according to the flyer, was to cover the company's expense in showing the prospective employee what to do.

"In as much as we would like to send you our program without the small charge of \$20, we must protect ourselves from those few who are serious and have no intention

ing the extra \$5 for fast priority service, but the flyer arrived so quickly after their first contact with Brooks that they decided it wasn't necessary.

Brooks cashed the \$20 check on Feb. 12 and that's the last contact the Finnigans had from the company.

Colleen Finnigan said, "Mail order usually takes four to six weeks, so I waited that long for a response, before becoming suspicious."

The *Post* was unable to reach any representatives from the company for comment.

Becky Reckling, 19, communications junior, said, "This is a rip-off."

Fortunately, she recognized it in time. She sent a self-addressed envelope to Brooks International, Inc. so her experience cost her 58 cents for two envelopes. When she received the flyer, she decided her parents were right about the job being a fraud and didn't send them anything else.

Postal inspectors, the federal law enforcement officers of the U.S. Post

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Spring cleaning time



The Oakland Post/Tim Shuller

Rachel Selph helps pick up trash during last weeks campus clean up day. She was one of six who volunteered an afternoon to sweep away winter's garbage.

Fraud

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Office, check out cases such as these daily, according to Leonard Aron, an inspector in the Chicago regional office.

"We're not the Better Business Bureau, we can't require refunds," but administrative action can be taken if the company doesn't voluntarily discontinue operation, Aron said.

The inspectors probably aren't even aware of many cases such as Brooks International because people, out of embarrassment, don't report them, according to Lee Edwards, Miami region postal inspector. "We do have an open case on this company (Brooks)," he said, adding that there are 29 complaints on file about Brooks.

Complaints against a company are compiled and an investigation is conducted with the information forwarded to the U.S. Attorney's office or state's Attorney office for determination about prosecution for mail fraud, according to Edwards.

Edwards said their case load includes advance loan schemes, pyramids, chain letters, child pornography, robberies and burglaries of mail and post offices.

He said that individuals who open post offices boxes are asked on the form if they will be operating a business, which requires completion of another form. The applications are not checked, because of the time it would take to review

each one, Edwards said,

He advised those who get stung by these schemes to contact their local post office for the telephone number or address of the regional postal inspection office so that a complaint form may be mailed to them.

The form is accompanied with a pre-addressed envelope for the appropriate region where the questionable business is operating. Forms require information about the person making the complaint,

"We're not the Better Business Bureau, we can't require refunds."

Leonard Aron
regional inspector

the company and all contacts made with the company. Individuals should keep receipts, advertisements, cancelled checks and letters, so that copies of them can be forwarded to the inspectors.

An important notice is included in the postal inspection materials, "For your protection, we ask that you be very cautious in the future. Through our investigations we have found that people who have been victims of a fraud may be contacted again by the same fraud operator under another name or with a new scheme.

"We have also learned that fraud

operators also sell their mailing lists and frequently identify those people who were victimized, regardless of whether the victim complained or not."

The regional office for the Detroit area is, Postal Inspection, 433 West Van Buren, Chicago, IL 60607-5471.

The Oakland Post received the advertising contract from Brooks with a prepaid check for a full year's run. The ad was pulled in March after a complaint came into the office. Establishing a policy for acceptance of classified advertising will be considered, according to David Herman, Oakland Sail chair, after reviewing guidelines used by other newspapers.

"We can't be censors," Theresa Kromer, advertising salesperson for the Detroit News Agency, said, adding that they do have classified they won't accept. Most of their classified ads are accepted on good faith, but she said they don't accept envelope-stuffing or work-at-home advertisements, even if they are prepaid.

An ad is pulled if there are one or two complaints about it, she said.

The Finnigans have responded to three other envelope-stuffing ads they have found, "just to see what happens," Colleen said. She said they will not send money this time. They also will write a letter of protest to Brooks and file a complaint with the fraud division of the Tampa, Fla. postal inspection office.

Their \$20 added to 30 other \$20 checks sent to Brooks, gave the company a \$600 profit, and, according to Edwards, it's probably more.

Berger

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But Howard Sims, board of trustees chairman, has a different viewpoint.

"The science building has been a priority with the university for several years," Sims said, "but we don't get everything we want from the state, just as other universities don't get everything they want right away."

With state and federal funding for education drying up, major projects like the \$30 million science building are becoming difficult to justify.

"It's on our wish list," Sims said, "but when we'll get our science building, I don't know."

In the meantime, token efforts continue to keep the promise alive.

The widening of Squirrel Road will mean a new water line and the university will pay to have a 12-inch water-main tap installed now to service the new building when it is built, according to Robert Bunker, assistant general counsel.

Berger hopes the OU observatory which she believes will be lost in the expansion of Squirrel Road, will be relocated to the top of one of the buildings on campus.

And other funding methods are being examined.

"One idea is to make the project a co-pay proposition with the university picking up 50 percent of the tab," Sims said. "That seems like more than this institution can afford to pay, but it may be just a beginning bargaining position."

But the science faculty can live with that disappointment if other concerns are dealt with.

"The new building would be nice," Garfinkle said. "It has been on the agenda and is supposed to be funded by the state, but if we can't get a new building, it would also be nice to know we can replace colleagues who retire and that we can get start-up money for new research projects."

In particular, he was referring to the up-coming retirement of physics professor John McKinley, but according to Arts and Science Associate Dean David Downing, he is in for more disappointment.

"He won't be replaced," Downing said. "With the hiring freeze there will be no replacements for anyone. Of the 12 possible searches this year, we had three. Two were in modern languages and literature because we received external money in the form a grant, and one was in history because they were down five faculty positions. The provost made an exception."

And that is the essence of the threat the science faculty perceives.

"That's a very dangerous trend, because if someone retires, there is one fewer colleague in the department and it becomes a much less attractive place, more people consider leaving and, before long, everybody has gone away," Garfinkle said.

Their frustrated concerns may prompt desperate action.

"One option we have is perhaps to try to move towards a separate science college," said Liboff, "to provide advocacy for the sciences. There has been some discussion about that for some time, mainly out of frustration."

But Downing doesn't see that as a solution.

"As Dean Urice (Arts and Sciences) would say: If you take a fixed pie and cut it into several pieces, it doesn't increase the size of the overall pie," said Downing.

But Garfinkle would like to borrow a piece of that pie for research start-up costs.

"What one needs to do research is enough time and some colleagues to talk to, and, for the experimentalists, a fair amount of equipment," said Garfinkle. "To get a research program going, we do not need to siphon off funds from other parts of the university, but we do need a little spark to start the fire going, and the rest will be taken care of by outside funding agencies like the National Science Foundation."

He sees the need for a balance between research and teaching. "For us on the faculty, we view ourselves as having two jobs; both very important," said Garfinkle. "We are teachers and we are researchers, and we would feel uncomfortable if we were to do a bad job of either."

That sense of a needed balance is echoed by Katherine Dahlstrom, visiting associate professor of rhetoric, communications and journal-

ism. She wants to avoid the "ivory tower" image of the theoretical researcher that she saw at U of M who may not even teach a freshman class.

"There are a lot of people who are teaching as if this should be the Harvard of the Midwest," said Dahlstrom. "When I was here in the '60s, that was the idea. This was supposed to be the Harvard of the Midwest and all these young PhDs came here, and they were going to teach all these elite students. Then they found out we were all middle class, regular kids, and there weren't any elite students."

But that makes Liboff see red. "This has nothing to do with elitism, ivory towers, or Harvard; it has to do with the emergence of science as a requisite tool for students," said Liboff. "This is not being addressed at this campus or at other campuses to the detriment of our society."

Like any big business, the "bottom line" looms huge.

"That's short sighted," Berger said.

She finds it hard to fight the "bottom-line" mentality that places a dollar value on the arts and on research like hers which will, as she says, "never build a better mouse trap."

"Education is not just facts," she said. "Take a student and give him 200 facts in a course. At the end of 32 courses, he's given a piece of paper that says he has learned his 6400 facts and then he goes out into the real world? That's not going to happen here for a long time, but if the atmosphere becomes too mechanical — who needs it?"

Talbert

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He said, "I don't write for the angry black woman like Susan Watson, the mothers like Erma Bombeck, or the gossips like Liz Smith. I write for me."

Talbert is really quite the person and meeting him meant a lot to me. Sure he can be a real sometimes, but if your name and photo were at the top of a column for over 20 years, wouldn't you have something to brag about too?

Preparing for an interview.

Now, you can have a successful interview if you prepare in advance. Before your next interview, think of possible questions that may be asked and formulate strong responses. Here are some to get you started.

1. What training or qualifications do you have for a job like this? Don't repeat your entire resumé or cover letter. Just give a brief summary of two or three of your most important and applicable qualifications.
2. What kind of decisions or jobs are most difficult for you? Discuss the decisions you have found difficult and how you successfully handled them.

3. What was the biggest challenge you ever faced? How did you handle it? Discuss either a personal or professional challenge you faced and be sure to give specific actions you took to resolve the situation.
4. Would you eventually like to have your boss' position? Absolutely! Don't be afraid to show your ambition. You might add "when an opening develops."
5. How long do you plan on staying with the company? An appropriate answer might be, "As long as I experience growth in my field."

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JOANNE GERSTNER

News and views wrap up loose ends

As this is the last issue of the Oakland Post for this semester, there are a few bits and pieces of information that need to be swept under the rug before this sports page (and staff) gets its much deserved summer sabbatical. So now, here is the semi-annual presentation of news and views.

NEWS - The Red Wings come roaring back after the NHL's first strike and are poised to do some damage in the playoffs.

VIEW - As a Wings fan, we have been genetically trained to enjoy their successes but not to the point where we could actually start believing that they could win the Stanley Cup. Well, this year I have that illegal vibe that they could do it. I just do not want to get my hopes up and have them summarily crushed. Please guys, don't let me down now that I've started to place some faith in you.

NEWS - Lepley Sports Center is crumbling and there are no improvements in sight.

VIEWS - Like that children's song "London Bridge is Falling Down", so is OU's Lepley. It's pathetic that a university that attempts to pride itself on athletic prowess practices in a dump. The coaches admit this and so does athletic director Paul Hartman, Lepley is an embarrassment for OU. There need to be changes made not only for OU's varsity athletic teams but for the average student who would like to use the gym. Granted, the money may not be available right now. However, when times do economically improve, OU should have an active fundraising plan in place to bring a sports complex worthy of OU here - and hopefully what will be soon.

NEWS - The Detroit Tigers are off to a 1-6 start on the 1992 season.

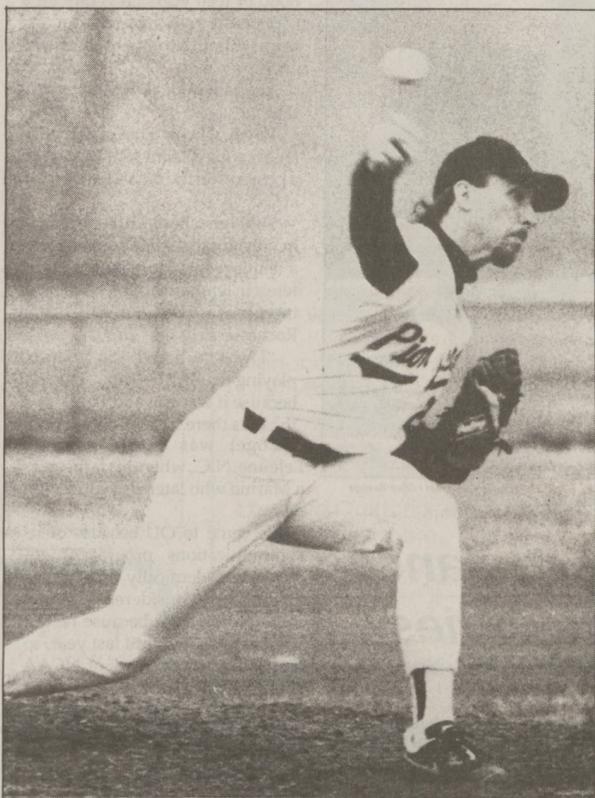
VIEWS - Maybe it's just me, but isn't the pitching supposed to be stronger than the hitting at the start of the season? If this is true, the Tigers are in for real trouble this season. The almighty offense that the Tigers seemed to be the house on is nonexistent and we knew that the pitching would not be Cy Young-ish this season.

But, no one could have ever have dreamed up our dead offense and defense. Unless Cecil Fielder turns into the next Babe Ruth and starts pitching incredibly as well as hitting, the Tigers may be in serious trouble. Please tell me that things will change...or it will be a long, long season at Michigan and Trumbull.

NEWS - The Pistons are finishing the regular season and heading into the first-round of the playoffs, probably to face the Boston Celtics.

VIEWS - Was it just me, or was nobody else really surprised at Bill Laimbeer's tongue-lashing of the Pistons and general manager Jack McCloskey? The Pistons are like the NBA's version of Three Mile Island - a large disaster waiting to happen. The team is being held together by a lot of skill - but skill alone can't carry one to an NBA Championship and the Pistons are keenly aware of that fact. They might be able to beat Boston since the Celtics are really a geriatric basketball team. However, beyond that, the Pistons will have to summon some higher basketball power in order to win.

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Senior righthanded pitcher Matt Byrd in action versus FSU.

Baseball blitzed by Bulldogs

By JOE PICKERING
Staff Writer

The Pioneer baseball team was roughed up last week, losing six of seven games, including two to GLIAC rival and first place Ferris State University which dropped OU to third place with a 4-3 league mark and 10-13 overall.

OU travelled to Ohio and lost two doubleheaders to NCAA Division I University of Toledo, 9-2 and 11-1, and Bowling Green State University, 9-2 and 4-1.

The Pioneers committed five errors in the 9-2 BGSU loss and were out-hit 34-20 and out-scored 33-6 in those four losses. Games are hard to win with lack of offensive output like that.

"Those were tough Division I teams and it's always difficult to win those," assistant coach Steve Lyon said. "We haven't been scoring a lot of runs and our pitching has been only adequate at best."

OU returned home on Saturday,

April 11, and dropped a 6-1 decision to the Bulldogs of FSU. OU pitching gave up eight hits and senior right-hander Matt Byrd was charged with the loss after working six innings.

The second game of the scheduled doubleheader was called due to rain.

On Sunday, April 12, the Pioneers improved slightly by splitting a doubleheader with FSU once again, winning the first, 5-4, and losing the second, 1-0.

A 3-3 tie was broken in the fourth inning of the first game when sophomore outfielder Ron Zill scored on a suicide squeeze by freshman outfielder Mike Armstrong to give OU a 4-3 lead.

Sophomore outfielder Eric Resch added an insurance run in the sixth inning with a triple and with a 5-4 lead, senior righty Jim VerVaecke came in and got the last three outs for the save.

An exciting finish came with two out in the seventh and FSU threatening to score. After a base hit, Zill

nailed FSU's Eric Wagner at the plate with a throw from the outfield for the final out to seal the win.

Senior right-hander Les Burley pitched six innings for the win.

In the nightcap, FSU's Tim Walega and Rob Byrd combined to pitch a three-hit shutout to end the Pioneer win streak at only one game.

The only Bulldog run of the game came in the third inning with a solo home run by senior outfielder Jeff Boshaw off OU's sophomore righty Ralph Muglia who pitched a complete game and gave up eight hits while striking out five and walking three.

"You hit those spells once in a while," Lyon said of the six of seven losses, "But with a 4-3 league record we're still in position to make a run for the title."

The Pioneers need to begin that run immediately as they travel to Big Rapids to face FSU again before heading to Saginaw Valley State University to battle the second place Cardinals in upcoming GLIAC games.

Golfers take two third places in Detroit College of Business, Pioneer Invitational tourneys

By JOHN HONOS
Staff Writer

The Oakland University men's golf team commenced its spring season last week with the season opening tournament at the Detroit College of Business Spring Invitational on April 9th and 10th.

OU finished third with the help of its two seniors, captain Rick Howles and Greg Scarfe. Howles shot a 75 after 18 holes, which was good enough for third place individually. He moved up one place through the last 18 holes and after the smoke cleared at the tournament, he ended up to placing second overall. Scarfe shot a 157 and

finished eighth overall.

The other OU golfers that contributed to the third place finish were freshman Todd Heifner, who shot a 161, junior Matt Greco shot 167 and freshman Bill "Bull" Durham shot a 169.

Ferris State University, the GLIAC golf powerhouse, finished first with an overall low score of 608. Ferris left the rest of the field behind as the Bulldogs posted four of the top six scores. Ferris shot 20 strokes better than second place Detroit College of Business (628) and 26 shots better than OU (634).

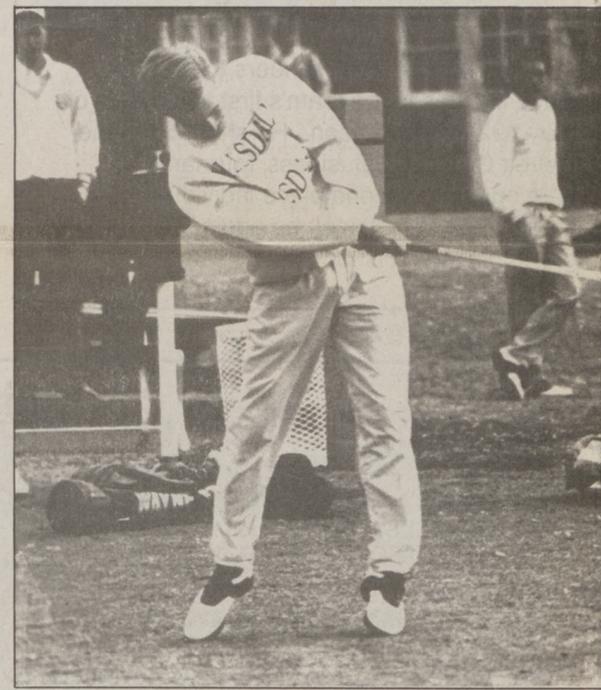
In other action, the Pioneers hosted the Oakland University Pioneer Invitational at Katke-Cousins on April 11th and 12th.

It was deja vu for the Pioneers, attained a third place finish in their home opener.

"Mr. Consistency" and home course favorite Rick Howles fired a 154 for 36 holes and won the individual competition for the tournament. Howles also shot a 154 in the Detroit College of Business tournament.

Again, Howles' and Scarfe's strong play led the Pioneers to a third place finish. They were the only Pioneers in the top eight echelon in both tournaments. Scarfe again finished in eighth place.

Heifner shot a 161, Greco shot 167, and Durham shot 169 to propel the Pioneers.



A member of OU's golf team tees off at Katke-Cousins.

Lepley rated last in GLIAC, money for changes not available

By JOHN HONOS
Staff Writer

It's inevitable, like a child growing out of his clothes, Oakland University has outgrown its athletic facilities.

But, to correctly visualize this idea, this child would be a man and the clothes would be those of an infant.

While OU's athletic program is among the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic League (GLIAC) elite, its facilities are among, if not the worst, in the league.

"I have come to accept them, they are the worst facilities in the league, the total athletic facilities are very bad," men's basketball coach Greg Kampe said.

The athletic program is not a priority at Oakland, according to OU athletic director Dr. Paul Hartman and neither is a student recreation center.

"When I came here in 1983, Dr. Champagne (OU's former president) said we'll try to help you but, don't ask for any facilities, but as time went on he realized we needed to do something. Presently, the state doesn't have sufficient funds for the science building, which has

already been approved by OU and awaits final approval from the state, so it's not realistic for the state to allocate funds at this time for an athletic facility. However, there are other options, such as a student initiated and funded facility or the solicitation of corporate backing or private enterprise," Hartman said.

There are more than 12,000 students at OU and only one gym for the students' use. If the gym is occupied by a varsity team, the students do not have access to another court.

Schools around the GLIAC, such as Hillsdale with just 1,100 students, have at least three multi-purpose courts for the students to use. So, if one court is in use, students can still play a pick-up game of their choice. OU's students can't.

Originally, Lepley, which was completed in December 1962 at a cost of \$1.6 million was the Intramural Sports and Recreation Building and was financed by student fees.

Lepley was built for general student use and intramural athletics, not for a burgeoning NCAA Division II intercollegiate athletic program.

In fact, an athletic program was nonexistent at the time. Organized intercollegiate athletics didn't be-

gin at OU until 1964 with three varsity teams and the enrollment was 1,500. Currently, OU's athletic program fields 11 varsity teams.

"There just isn't enough room for the number of students we have. A lot of students get discouraged when they come over here and can't get on the basketball court or use the swimming pool," Hartman said.

Every other GLIAC school has built or added on to its pre-existing facilities for their students in the past 10 to 15 years according to Kampe.

Grand Valley State University, whose current enrollment is slightly under 11,000, built a fieldhouse for \$16 million in 1982 that houses a weight room with nautilus and free weights, an indoor track for walking and jogging, eight racquetball courts and three multi-purpose courts for basketball or volleyball. A Grand Valley student just needs to show a valid student ID to use any of the facilities.

Another GLIAC school, Saginaw

Valley State University, built a new facility at an estimated \$18 million for its students in 1989. Saginaw Valley's enrollment, 5,197, is half of OU's. The facility, built on to an existing gym, now accommodates the students with a large weight room, four multi-purpose courts, eight racquetball courts, classrooms, an indoor track, and an Olympic size pool. Ironically, SVSU does not field a competitive swim team.

SVSU's sports information director Tom Waske said that Lepley is smaller than the other sports buildings around the GLIAC. Waske also said, in the conference, Lepley ranks eighth out of nine in appearance and last in facilities.

OU has not done anything to improve or expand its facilities, with the only large-scale change being a new basketball floor in 1982 at a cost of approximately \$10,000.

Women's swimming coach Tracy Huth said that athletes have started to use off-campus private facilities such as Powerhouse and Gold's

gym for weight training, because the facilities at OU are so inadequate.

"Our weight room is disastrous," Hartman said. "No matter how you slice it, no matter how much you did to the weight room, it still would be, probably, the worst facility of that type in the conference. Most of the other schools have separate weight rooms for the student population and the varsity teams. When the teams are using the weight room, the students can't."

"Aside from the weight room, our pool is in bad shape, our gym is in bad shape, our bleachers are in bad shape, our multi-purpose rooms are in bad shape, and the racquetball courts are in bad shape. Everything you look at is deteriorating and is inadequate for the number of students we have and we need to change that," Hartman said.

The pool facilities are another serious problem, according to Huth.

"Not only does the facility not suit the needs of the university and the two varsity teams, but the community," he said.

Because of the pool's small size, only one activity can be accommo-

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Paul Hartman
Athletic Director

Lepley

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dated at a time. When the pool is rented to the community, no one else can use it, even students of OU. Currently, there is one six-lane 25 yard pool and a dive pool at Lepley. According to Huth, the state of Michigan is discussing the recommendation that swimming pools have a depth of five or six feet for safety reasons. OU's swimming pool is currently four feet. If the recommendation is adopted, Oakland's pool would become obsolete for competitive use and Huth said that the varsity swim teams would have to move their meets elsewhere, like a local high school.

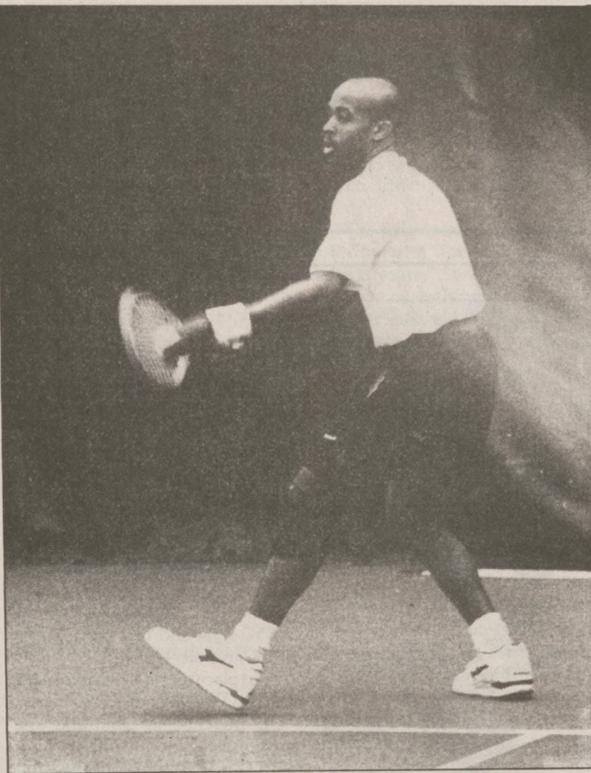
Plans have been drawn up in the past for additions and remodeling to increase the facilities at Lepley, but they fell by the wayside for lack of funds. According to Hartman, plans for a field house were drawn up before he came to OU in 1983 and the cost was estimated to be at four to five million dollars. Also in 1982, a new pool facility was looked into and its estimated costs were in the same ballpark of 4 to 5 million dollars.

Hartman's latest proposal came in 1990 to build a weightroom/activity center on Lepley's westside patio entrance with a price tag of several hundred thousand dollars, but again there were no funds available.

Hartman said the price of building or adding new facilities on to Lepley for a student recreation center goes up every year. The price also depends on what type of facilities would be built.

"Our responsibility goes beyond intercollegiate sports. I think our first obligation is to the general student body, and we provide very little to them and yet we are in a time in our society where we are supposedly trying to promote health," Hartman said.

"We need a student recreation building, and it's not going to happen until the students band together and say we need an athletic facility or a recreation facility that the students can use," Kampe said. "If the students band together and form a petition and take that petition to the president, and the president looks at that and realizes that it's not a basketball coach sitting over in the athletic building, saying what should be, but its the students saying what has to be. Then they're going to take a good look at it, and they're going to come up with a way to fund it," Kampe said.



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Brett Cooley during a recent GLIAC match held indoors

Senior Cooley balances school, tennis duties

By MICHELLE PICARD
Special Writer

Brett Cooley, a 21 year-old OU senior has climbed his way to the number three singles position for the 1992 season on the men's tennis team.

Cooley took up tennis eight years ago after a knee injury disabled him from playing a contact sport again.

"I've always had my heart set on playing football," Cooley said. "But after my injury, my dad encouraged me to play tennis."

Cooley practices up to 12 hours per week with the team.

Men's tennis coach Kris Jeffrey says about Cooley, "Brett is just a good hard worker."

He likes to play tennis because it is so individualistic, yet his favorite aspect is the camaraderie of the whole team in general.

"The worst part is the emotional roller coaster of winning and losing," Cooley said. "I can lose a match, but still feel totally good because of how I played."

In his spare time, Cooley likes to go shopping, spend time at his Auburn Hills condo with his friends, and he recently has taken up golf.

After this year, Cooley will have completed his allotted NCAA playing eligibility of four years on the tennis team. He plans to graduate in April 1993 with a degree in management and a minor in marketing.

Vogel starts tennis late, but makes up for time

By ANGIE JONES
Special Writer

Most college athletes begin training for a sport in their early childhood or teen years. It is rare for a sophomore to gain a spot on any team without a competitive experience.

Yet, Mike Vogel, 20, did exactly that.

Vogel, who had never played in an organized team setting, earned a position on the men's tennis team at OU.

His high school, Lutheran North in Washington, Mich., did not have a tennis team. He acquired an interest in tennis in high school, playing Great Oaks Country Club in Rochester.

"I was so bored. So I started playing tennis," he said. "I liked it because it was fun and I beat all of the kids there."

Vogel was born at Camp Lejeune, N.C., where his father was a Marine who later served in Vietnam.

He came to OU because of its communications program. Although academically Vogel is a junior, he is considered a sophomore on the team because he did not start playing until last year, so he has two more years of NCAA eligibility left.

On his playing last year, Vogel

said, "I had no team experience...I learned a lot."

"The toughest obstacle in tennis was getting a spot on the team from walking on because I had to play well consecutively," Vogel said.

"Mike started out rough around the edges," men's tennis coach Kris Jeffrey said. "He has put in more practice than last year. He is learning to play matches. His serve is becoming more of a weapon, but his net game or volley is his weakness."

Vogel has not been getting a lot of playing time this season because the team is playing better. "I've been on and off," Vogel said. "But, we worked a lot this summer and as team we expect to finish in the top three of the conference."

When Vogel isn't playing tennis or studying, he works at Star Theatres in Rochester Hills. He says that he hasn't experienced any problems handling all of his responsibilities.

"I am not missing class for tennis...I'm doing ok academically," he said.

As for Vogel's future, he plans to continue with tennis after college and he wants to go to graduate school to get a master's degree in advertising or public relations. He would like to follow in his father's footsteps in the field of advertising or production-related field.

Pioneer of the Week

• Rick Howles •
• senior captain • golf •

Howles led the Pioneers to two third place finishes in the team's first two meets of the 1992 spring season. He shot 154 at the Detroit College of Business Tournament, earning him a second place individually. At the Pioneer Invitational, he again shot a 154, giving him medalist honors.

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skill - but skill alone can't carry one to an NBA Championship and the Pistons are keenly aware of that fact. They might be able to beat Boston since the Celtics are really a geriatric basketball team. However, beyond that, the Pistons will have to summon some higher basketball power in order to win. Somehow, I think that the Bad Boys Dynasty is taking its final curtain call this year. Look for some major house cleaning next year... Laimbeer, Blanks,

Bedford and Daly or Mc Closkey. And so the Roundball One soap opera continues...stay tuned for the new playoff episodes

NEWS - OU athletic department marketing and promotions director Tom Van Voorhis is retiring soon.

VIEW - Tom is one of the sweetest, kindest and most gentlemanly people on OU's campus. He has bent over backwards for the Post's sports page needs time and time again. I personally wish him all the best in his retirement. Viel Gluck und Gesundheit!! (Tom, your wife will know what this means!!)

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- Wednesday, April 15 : at Ferris State University, 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 17 : at Northwood Institute, 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 18 : at Saginaw Valley State University, 1:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 19 : at Saginaw Valley State University, 1:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 25 : at Hillsdale College, 1:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 26 : at Hillsdale College, 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 28 : home vs. Northwood Institute, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 29 : home vs. Hillsdale College, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 2 : home vs. Grand Valley State University, 1:00 p.m.

Tennis

- Wednesday, April 15 : at Wayne State University, 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 16 : at Aquinas College, 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 24 : GLIAC Tournament at Midland
- Saturday, April 25 : GLIAC Tournament at Midland

Golf

- Thursday and Friday, April 24, 25 : Tri-State Invitational in Angola, Ind.
- Saturday and Sunday, April 26, 27 : NCAA District Qualifier at Purdue, Ind.
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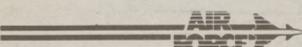
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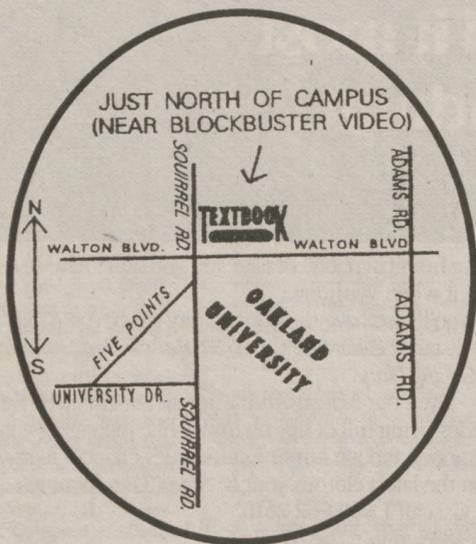
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M-TH: 9:30 to 8:30
SAT: 10:00 to 6:00

- EXTENDED HOURS -
DURING THE FIRST
WEEK
OF THE SEMESTER
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
8:30 a.m. TO 9:30 p.m.
SAT.: 10-6 * SUN.: 10-4

CHECK, VISA, & MASTERCARD ACCEPTED