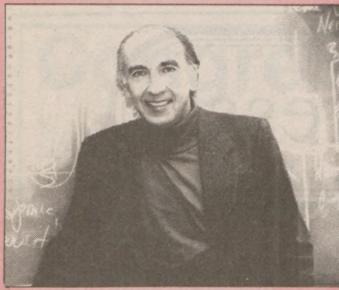


ELECTION HIGHLIGHTS



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IT'S ALMOST OVER!

Columnist Joanne Gerstner reflects on registering for classes for her last time. **PAGE 7**



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Briefly ...

Environmental Series

The Honors College, CIPO and the Environmental Studies Program are sponsoring an environmental film series. This week's installment, "Chernobyl: The Bitter Taste of Wormwood", will be shown today at noon in 215 O'Dowd Hall.

Brown Bag series

The Women of OU's Brown Bag Luncheon Series continues today at noon in 129 Oakland Center, with Wesley Berry Flowers discussing flower arranging for Thanksgiving. There will be a \$10 materials cost. The seminar is limited to the first 20 Women of OU members who pay the fee. There will be no Brown Bag Lunch next week due to Thanksgiving.

Smoke-free day on the horizon

This Thursday is the Great American Smokeout. Celebrate in a smoke-free way!!

Gift and craft sale

The Oakland Center will be hosting an Art, Book and Gift Fair and Craft sale on Wednesday, Dec. 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Crockery.

Student Retention Conference

A faculty forum entitled "Enhancing Student Retention: Positive Forces of Change" will be held at OU on Dec. 4. The object of the forum to address the causes of minority students' low rate of graduation and underrepresentation in colleges. The all-day conference will feature speakers Harley E. Flack, Ph.D., Executive Vice President and Provost, Rowan College of New Jersey and Anthony F. Grashar, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of Cincinnati.

The conference will be held at the Hilton Suites, 2300 Featherstone Road, Auburn Hills. There is no fee for attendance but participants must register by Nov. 25, 1992 at 520 O'Dowd Hall.

When the snow flies

There's snow in the air!
• In case of the wintery conditions closing classes, listen to AM radio stations WJR (760), WWJ (950) or TV stations WJBK, WDIV, WXYZ. Also, 370-2100 can be called for a recorded message on OU's status.
• In case your car decides not to start, jumper cables are available from CIPO at 49 Oakland Center. A driver's license must be left in order to get the cables.

Candlelight Vigil

There will be a Christmas candlelight vigil held on Sunday, Dec. 6 at Saint John Fisher Chapel. All are welcome.

Packard takes the helm in ceremony

By JOANNE GERSTNER
News Editor

Man often imitates nature. Last Friday, OU President Sandra Packard's inauguration day, nature menacingly threatened with black clouds and blinding snow squalls during the ceremony.

However, by the time the festivities were concluded at the Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion, the darkness and snow had been replaced by brilliant jewels of sunlight spreading across the winter sky.

Expressing hope for the future through the current menacing economic times, Packard's inaugural address presented a ray of light for OU's voyage to the year 2000 and beyond.

"In ten years, 2002, Oakland University has a chance to join the ranks of the nation's best universities, or in ten years we can be 45 years old. The choice is ours," Packard said.



President Sandra Packard (left) stands with Dr. Fred Obear, Larry Chunovich and Mary Karasch during the inauguration ceremony Friday.

Packard said while OU currently has lean available resources, it should "seek to educate a wider range of students, a stronger research mission and a broader service agenda."

Implementing the start of Packard's changes, OU will begin a "major campus-wide strategic

planning effort to determine our focus and priorities for our next decade."

"It is now time to broaden our perspective...it will mean adding selected doctoral programs...it will mean improving our campus residence and recreational facilities," Packard said.

Other speakers at the hour and a half ceremony included Packard's mentor, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Chancellor Fred Obear, OU Professor of History Mary Karasch and former OU Interim President George Matthews.

The ceremony featured an academic procession of robed OU faculty, staff, delegates from other U.S. colleges and universities and members of the Board of Trustees.

Board Chairman James Sharp installed Packard as OU's fourth president, giving her a medallion to wear at official OU future functions. Packard was presented with a replica of the medallion by OU

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Pioneers do it ... again!



The Pioneer soccer team surrounds a California State at Chico player. OU won the game 3-1. For the game story, see page 9.

Lepley's bad luck continues

By BRYAN LUXON
Staff Writer

It seems that some time ago bad luck knocked at the door of Lepley Sports Center and got in, but during the past six weeks, the building has seen some extraordinary activity.

Six weeks ago, an OU baseball player had \$100 stolen from his locker while he practiced. The following week, the same player returned from practice to find another \$200 missing. Both times showed no signs of forced entry into the players locker room and nothing else had been disturbed.

According to Lepley Facility Manager Steve Lyons said that the baseball team's locker room was locked at the time of the theft.

"Now we are making that key much more secure. You have to sign out for it and we follow it around more," Lyon said.

Just one week later, faulty wiring to an electrical fan in the men's locker room ignited, forc-

ing ceiling tiles on fire. No one was injured.

There were no smoke detectors or fire sprinklers in the locker room. However, according to Athletic Director Paul Hartman, Lepley is in full compliance to fire code regulations.

During the past week, the bad luck of Lepley has spread to the women's basketball locker room.

A member of the OU women's basketball team returned to discover her black leather purse had been swiped, containing state and federal I.D., personal finance account records and \$25.

More than bad luck hit the next day, when apparently someone again entered the women's basketball locker room and stole yet another purse from a player's storage locker. This time the perpetrator made off with a Michigan driver's license, social security card, some cancelled checks and a J.C. Penney's charge card.

The full magnitude of the theft was realized the following day, when she phoned J.C. Penney's to

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Oakland taps water in search of lead contaminants

By JENNIFER IZZO
Special Writer

Before you wander over to the nearest drinking fountain and absent-mindedly take a sip, take a look.

OU's Office of Environmental Health and Safety began testing on October 19, taking samples from drinking fountains

and taps to check for lead levels.

The 1988 Lead Contamination Control Act requires schools, specifically grades Kindergarten through 12, to sample and analyze their drinking water for unsafe levels of lead.

Lead seeps into the water from soldered joints and lead pipes in plumbing. Children are especially susceptible to lead

poisoning, which is cumulative and can cause brain damage.

The maximum lead level for schools is 50 parts per billion, however, 20 parts per billion is considered safe drinking water.

The first five of the 25 random samples taken at OU have tested well below five to 10 parts per billion, according to Rikki Schwartz, director of Environmental

Health and Safety. The sampling procedure will continue through next month.

Two students who work in the Office of Environmental Health and Safety are gathering samples for analysis at DiHydro Analytical Services.

"We are concentrating on water coolers and taps in the faculty lounges because they

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Patterson's dual role raises questions at OU

By TOM MULLIGAN
Staff Writer

A victory at the polls gives L. Brooks Patterson a new job come January, but will he keep his seat on the Oakland University Board of Trustees?

That's the question facing the incoming county executive as he prepares to take over the reins of Oakland County from Dan Murphy, who chose not to run for re-election.

Patterson said the question of conflict of interest was on his mind as soon as he won, and he said he is seeking a legal opinion from John DeCarlo, OU's general counsel for the Board.

"I've asked DeCarlo to investigate the legal ramifications-if it's permissible to do both without conflict of interest," Patterson said.

Patterson added that he does

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OU Board of Trustees member and newly elected Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson.

Post files complaints to open Board standing committees

By MARVA FLETCHER
Staff Writer

Hoping to open the tightly closed meetings of the OU Board of Trustees' two standing committees, The Oakland Post has filed complaints with the state Attorney General and the Oakland County Prosecutor.

The paper is asking both agencies to investigate the university's long-standing practice of researching and sorting through

issues in closed committee meetings before they are brought before the full board for a vote.

Senior Editor Margaret O'Brien said there were a number of things that concerned her about the way Oakland's committees operate, including the fact that she feels there is relatively little discussion before most board decisions.

"A 'decision' isn't just a yes or no vote. Decision making involves

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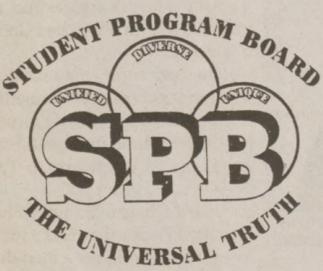
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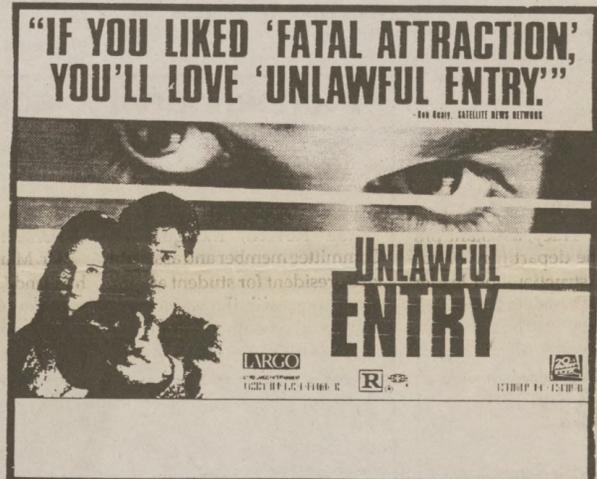
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Congress examines parking

By MARINA SHARA
Staff Writer

Oakland University's Student Congress wants to improve the on-campus parking situation.

At Monday's meeting, OUSC passed a bill formally charging a parking ad-hoc committee (PAC) to deal with lot congestion due to the loss of spaces to the ongoing Squirrel Road construction project.

Congress member Terrence Flynn said that it's about time something was done concerning the lack of parking spaces.

Flynn added that coming early to find a space doesn't always solve the problem.

"Me and many students come half an hour to an hour early. You reach a point to where, 'Am I going to have to be late for class, sit out here and waste gas or am I going to just park and make it to class?'" Flynn said.

Many students seem to park illegally because they have to make a decision whether they can afford to be late to class or not.

"I think a lot of students don't want to intentionally illegally park," Flynn said.

PAC will attempt to create parking spaces with minimal cost, if any, to the school. The committee will also suggest to the office of the President and Student Life "an on-campus 24 hour contention period before parking tickets are processed with Oakland County."

Flynn feels a lot of little things can be done to mediate this parking problem.

"Here at Oakland there is a day environment and a night envi-

ronment. The signs on campus do not reflect the night environment...All they need to do is put 8-5 on a lot of signs and that would free a lot of parking spaces," Flynn said.

The bill passed unanimously. Another topic of concern was the filled and closed classes at registration.

Congress member Tameka Medley asked other members if there was anything Congress could do about the problem. Many Congress members offered their advice.

"It really helps to talk to the professor. A lot of the time they will let you in the class," Congress member Demeasa Heard said.

OUSC President Derek Wilczynski said that it is important to keep the lines of communication open with the departments.

However, Committee and Elections Coordinator Jennifer Schutt said much more can be done.

"If you have a problem, you can petition a chair to add a section to that class," Schutt said.

On a different note, Heard said that OU should strive for more publicity.

"OU should think up of some kind of fundraiser to raise money, because OU is getting to be known. It seems like OU should be more publicized and known," Heard said.

Some members felt that a football team is needed to push for more publicity. However, Congress member Joe Wydeven disagreed.

"It's almost a blessing that we don't see an emphasis on sports. I don't think that would help either...I just don't want it see it get out of hand like the other schools," Wydeven said.

Patterson

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not anticipate any conflicts, but he would like a formal opinion issued soon to clear any doubts.

June Rosenbloom, staff attorney in DeCarlo's office, said "we are researching the matter now, and it's under review."

She added that an opinion should be rendered "hopefully, within a week."

Larry Chunovich, another Board member, said he is confident there would not be a problem with conflict of interest. Adding, that if it came to making a decision involving Oakland County and OU, Patterson would abstain.

Patterson is also a partner in the law firm of Patterson, Potter, Carniak, and Anderson in Auburn Hills. Transition director Carmen Talbot said Patterson will be stepping down effective January 1 from the firm.

Patterson will draw a \$106,245 salary in his new job, with a 3% raise expected in 1993. As county executive, Patterson's duties will include submitting budgets to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, appointing department heads, and accepting or vetoing recommendations from the commissioners.



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 crimes on campus. Victims will not be named.

Nov. 6 - 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. - The daily routine for an Oakland administrative secretary cost her \$300 by day's end when she retrieved her purse from her desk and noticed that the three bills she planned on depositing at her credit union, were missing. According to the report, the 33-year-old female put her purse in her desk that morning and came and went from the office as she always did.

Nov. 8 - 6 p.m. - A 22-year-old Hamlin male returned to his car parked in the north lot four days before to find that his stereo-cassette player had been pried from the dashboard. According to the report, there were no signs of forced entry, but the male maintained the vehicle was locked. OU police believe that a pair of broken scissors found in the vehicle was used.

Nov. 8-9. - A 21-year-old Hamlin female received two obscene calls from an on-campus exchange. According to the report, OU police took the taped messages as evidence which described how they would like to sexually violate the female and what kind of personal tools they had to finish the job.

Nov. 9 - 11:08 p.m. - A 38-year-old female, while walking to her car parked in the northwest lot, turned to motion to the vehicle following her where her spot was and noticed the driver had fully exposed himself to her. While attempting to take account of the male's description and the car, she further noticed him masturbating. The female attempted to get the license number but failed as the driver of the small, black Plymouth abruptly stopped and backed down the aisle, then left.

Nov. 9 - evening. - After numerous attempts to bid her former boyfriend farewell, an 18-year-old Hamlin female employed OU police to make him leave the building. The male had made several attempts by phone to plead with her to discuss the break up, but the female refused. Realizing the situation was hopeless, the male took the advice of the police and a lift to the bus stop.

Nov. 11 - 9 p.m. - A faculty member of the Art and Art History Department told OU police that she fears for her safety as she is being stalked by a female student. According to the report, the instructor gave her home address to her students in the 1992 winter semester so they could stop over and discuss their art work. The alleged stalker, according to the report, did stop by on several occasions. The matter has been handed over to the College of Arts and Sciences and to the Office of Student Life for further investigation.

Nov. 12 - 8 a.m. - Breakfast at the Vandenberg dining hall ran about \$85 for a 21-year-old male Hamlin resident when he left his black canvas backpack containing various texts and a Sharp calculator at table side.

Compiled by Staff Writer Bryan Luxon

Packard

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Alumni Association President Marjorie Neubacher and Student Congress President Derek Wilczynski.

A reception with punch and hors d'oeuvres was held after the ceremony for the 600 attendees.

Those attending the ceremony were decidedly pleased with OU's first inauguration.

"I think she presented a vision for the campus, recognizing that it is due for many changes. I liked that she is not staying still, but moving forward with an aggressive view. We're all eager to work with her...I look forward to results," Mary Papazian, assistant professor of English said.

Dyanne Tracy, assistant professor in the department of curriculum, instruction and leadership said, "President Packard, in a brief review of the things she hopes to accomplish in the next

decade, renewed the faith of the faculty as part of a dynamic academic community."

Senior Dawn Aubry said, "I'd just say that what I liked was that OU does have a future. She'll (Packard) work closely with faculty, staff and students to achieve those goals. It made me excited to be an alumni soon. She's on the side of the students."

With regard to Packard's address, Professor of History Linda Benson said, "I was pleased that she adhered to the mission statements, and I hope to see a completed mission soon. The mission statement is very broad and vague. I think she cares a great deal about the mission...There cannot be budget cuts without considering what the mission statement imparts, in my view."

Ron Kevern, Inauguration Committee member and assistant vice president for student affairs, was happy with the way everything worked out.

"I couldn't have hoped for any



President Packard delivers a speech during her inauguration on Friday.

I pleased with the crowd and the remarks. This is a day to remember," he said.

Dr. Martin Packard, OU's "first husband", said, "I feel thrilled and exhilarated to share in all of this with the university community. The university's selection com-

mittee made a wise choice by choosing my wife."

As sunshine streamed through the windows, President Packard said, "I feel very warmly welcomed and very happy. Now I've got to get to work."

Open

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a whole learning process of questions, answers and discussion," O'Brien said. "At OU that learning process is conducted at the committee level and we feel it is important that the public be able to observe it."

O'Brien said that now that the board is a little more political with three new Republican members, there is more discussion due to disagreements than there used to be two and three years ago.

She referred to the quick se-

lection of the board's new chairman at the November meeting after a long fight during October's as a recent example.

"There had to be some sort of communication some time in between," she said, adding that she feels board members from different committees talking with each other is also a problem.

John DeCarlo, general counsel to the Board of Trustees, said the closed meetings do not violate the law because all decisions are made at public meetings and because the committees consist of fewer members that a full board quorum.

DeCarlo said, "The Open

Meetings act permits closed meetings of less than a quorum at which no final decision is made. The attorney general has stated this position."

"We (The Post and the Board) have a philosophical difference of opinions. Let's both of us work together if we can," DeCarlo said.

"I've been told that they would prefer to keep the meetings closed so trustees and administrators would be free to ask questions and engage in frank discussion.

"Well, what's wrong with the tuition- and tax-paying students or employees hearing some frank talk about what's happening to the university? Absolutely nothing — that's the only right way to do business when you are a public institution," O'Brien said.

O'Brien also pointed to the fact that most public universities in Michigan do hold open committee meetings including Michigan State, Wayne State, Eastern and Ferris. Oakland and Saginaw Valley are the only schools to close all committee meetings while Central and Northern Michigan close some meetings, according to the universities' board offices.

Staff Writer Clive Savage contributed to this story.

CENSORSHIP IS UNAMERICAN

"How to Get into Graduate School" will be discussed by Prof. Gole, of the English Dept., on Nov. 18 at 4:00pm in Room 125 of the O.C.

Sponsored by the English Club

Lepley

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obtain her account balance and discovered that someone had bought \$945 worth of goods and charged it to her account.

Lyon said that during both incidents, the basketball team's locker room had been left unlocked during practice. However, no changes have been made to the locks in the room.

OU Police Senior Investigator Mel Gilroy said, "Sporadic theft activity has always radiated from Lepley. Right now we're pursuing the identification of who actually used the credit card."

News Editor Joanne Gerstner contributed to this story.

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OUR VIEW

Malcolm X: get beyond the myth

"Policies change, and programs change, according to time. But objective never changes. You might change your method of achieving the objective, but the objective never changes. Our objective is complete freedom, complete justice, complete equality, by any means necessary."—Malcolm X, December 7, 1964

Spike Lee's "Malcolm X" hits the big screen today after years of work and anticipation. I intend to see it this weekend. I want to know more about this man that was gunned down in the 60s. I want to know more about the man that seemed to be in opposition to the philosophy of Martin Luther King. I want to know why Malcolm and violence are oftensaid in the same breath. I want to get behind the usual media image of an angry Black Muslim. I want to know the man who had the courage to call white people devils. I want to know more about the man who refused to turn the other cheek. I want to know about a man whom many call "hero."

I want to know more about this African American who had an such an impact on society in the 60s and whose memory and beliefs continue to have an impact on Americans—black and white. Why are there so many others who could care less? According to a recent NEWSWEEK poll, many "white people today know and care little about Malcolm. Even among African American's ... only half have a clear knowledge of who he was and what he stood for."

Maybe that will change beginning today. The movie is an opportunity to open one's eyes and mind to a different point of view. It's a chance to gain insight into the differences between African Americans and whites that still exist today. Malcolm's message, "... by any means necessary ..." still rings true—true for the African Americans and should ring true for whites. We need to educate ourselves and our children. Malcolm believed that with education, racism could be lessened and respect gained. As human beings we need to do whatever is necessary to build bridges of equality, freedom and justice so that every man, woman and child, of any color can walk on without fear.

Everyone—do whatever is necessary.

DEBORAH DZIEWIT
Editor in chief

ANOTHER VIEW

African Americans walk in shadow

Despite the socio-political movement of the 1960s, African Americans in the 1990s are still walking in the shadow of their white counterparts. The crisis of the American economy has compounded traditional problems (i.e., chronic unemployment and poverty) and the pressures on African Americans have increased at a quick pace. The pressures are reflected in dismal statistics, from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, that indicate that African Americans have a criminally high rate of unemployment, a lower life expectancy and a higher age-adjusted death rate than any other racial group in the United States.

Comprising one-third of the poor in the United States, African Americans have experienced economic instability despite economic prosperity in the greater society. Numerous factors have been offered as explanations: the exodus of industry to the suburbs; unemployment and underemployment; lack of adequate job skills; low educational levels; and discrimination.

The exodus of jobs from the cities to the suburbs, exacerbated by a stagnant economy, has led to the ghettoization and massive unemployment of African Americans living in the nation's urban centers. Consequently, it becomes evident that the alarmingly high rates of joblessness among African-American youths and adults, ages 15 to 31, is an impetus to criminality (e.g., homicide, robbery, and assault), as individuals are unable to support their families.

The disparity in opportunity that exists between African Americans and their white counterparts has relegated African Americans to the lowest levels of the economic and class structure. Hence, many African Americans, denied access to gainful employment and unable to obtain the benefits of a materialistic society in a manner that is consistent with middle-class America, have assimilated negative characteristics superimposed upon them by the greater society.

I offer no excuses for the problems (i.e., teen-age pregnancies, illegal drugs, and crime) that are pervasive in the African-American community. There is no question that African Americans should focus more on themselves, as the above mentioned issues are ominous social problems that have had profound implications on the cultural fabric of the African-American community. However, it is imperative that we acknowledge the external influences that impact the survival and development of African Americans—in a nation that offers excuses for police brutality, racism, homelessness, and poverty.

KEVIN EARLY
Assistant Professor

Opinion



Letter "legitimized" intolerant attitude

I have several problems with Eric Rurikson's letter in the November 4 *Oakland Post*. First, let me start by saying that you showed considerable lack of thought. By degrading Christians in Action (as well as Christians in general) through your letter, you exhibit the same intolerant attitude that you feel *The Oakland Post* "legitimized."

As for the claim that there are "those who threaten our right to religious expression," look in the mirror, Mr. Rurikson, for you are the one to watch out for. If you had your way, no religious groups, including yours (whatever that may be), would exist on this campus in the "facilities built by tax dollars." If you desire equal access and support from the university, go for it. If your view is that the university supports some

groups and not others, then blame the university. Do not begrudge others the support that they have worked hard to get.

By putting *The Post* at fault for allowing groups (and its views) to be heard, then are you not attempting to set a standard? And, under that standard, would not the paper be at fault for printing your letter containing your views? What you fail to see is that you are guilty of the same crimes that you accuse *The Post* and Christians in Action of committing.

Although not a member of Christians in Action, I am a Christian who feels attacked by your letter. While I will not take it upon myself to get into theology, I will say that you need to be more tolerant of all groups and ideas. Otherwise, you will become one of those you apparently despise.

I am not against your religious beliefs, however they may differ from mine. However, I do have a problem with the way you defend them at the expense of others. I feel, also, that from now on, you should look more carefully at *The Post's* disclaimer at the bottom of the Opinion page. It says clearly that "signed editorials reflect the views of the writer, and

not necessarily of *The Oakland Post*." If you have a problem with an article, take it to the author. Don't try to involve the university or *The Post*, which is intended to be a venue or the expression of various opinions and ideas.

COLLEEN VAN WINKLE
English major

Beware of cheap, white socks

I purchased two pairs of white ankle socks (with "OU" on them) from the school book store for \$3.24 a pair in September of this year. I now have a hole in one sock and the rest of the socks are all worn out in the front. I haven't been rough on my socks, so I do not feel that I caused the problem. I

feel that the socks are made from cheap material. Everyone should be made aware of this warning before they purchase their next pair of socks!

KRISTI KAY
Student

Senior gives thanks for the memories, encouragement

I really like Oakland University. The people, professors, staff and members of the student body I have come into contact with are like no other I have met in the academic world. They are serious, dedicated, helpful, concerned people.

It has not been all fun and games. We have worked hard. I am pursuing an International Studies Program degree: African and African American Studies. The director of International Studies Programs and my academic advisor Professor Peter Bertocci have worked very closely with me for I had some unusual problems. I transferred to OU in my senior year with 90 plus credits. Most of my college credits from prior institutions transferred. Professor Bertocci advised me to write letters of petition to the In-

ternational Studies Programs department and OU to accept some of my transferred courses into requirements for both my major and university requirements, which the university did.

Just when did I begin to think, "Who cares?"—when someone shows me he/she does. Sometimes people may say things you do not want to hear, but may need to know. More often than not it is because they care about you. This is true of me and Professor Graham. He truly criticized my history essays. Naturally I was angry and upset at first, but I followed his suggestions and took a course in writing that taught me a writing skill I had somehow missed earlier. I truly believe he was not just doing a job, but that he cares about me and his students getting the skills

we need to succeed.

Another professor whom I feel truly cares about her students is Professor Woodman. When I told her I would be a little late getting to each of her classes this semester because I had to ride four busses to and from Pontiac on Saturdays; she then graciously offered to pick me up and take me home each week. That made me feel really good. She cares not only about me coming to class but coming to class on time. She really wants me to do well in her course.

I live on planet Earth, so I know there are yet problems we have to work on here—things like racial tensions, etc. However, I feel the university is doing its part in trying to prevent and resolve conflicts. If anyone has a problem it is expected of that person to

contact the appropriate persons and find a peaceful solution to the problem. Since you are in college now, you are expected to handle problems like an intelligent adult. I am very glad I came here to Oakland University. Thank you for the experiences.

These are some of the people I have come into contact with here at Oakland University: Howard Splete and the Counseling department; Eric and Chris and the Academic Skill Department; Oakland County Pretrial Services and Angela Gordon-Greely; the Internship Office; Professors Dykes, Graham, Rahman, Warren, Woodman; and friends Brenda Washington, Mona, Tiffany, Valarie and Nora.

SARAH CLOYD
Senior

United Nations must act now to cap world's population

The population of the world is exploding at an ever-increasing rate. It has become the primary threat to the future of mankind.

About 1830, the world reached the one billion mark in human population. By 1930, we had added our second billion; we will reach the six billion mark by about 1997. Demographers predict that the world's population will double inevitably—even assuming the most conservative growth estimates. According to scientists, the globe cannot sustain our present quality of life if its population exceeds 10 billion people.

Current efforts to control population growth are much too limited and faltering. It is time to confront the problem directly and decisively. The world must act to set a cap on its population.

As the world's leading power, we should take the lead. This country, with a current population of 250 million, should set an absolute cap on its future population of 300 million. The world,

through the United Nations, should cap its population at 10 billion. Each country of the world, led by the industrialized countries, should set caps on their own populations.

One argument against which I will call the fatalist approach, maintains that the world will self-destruct from one force or another before population reaches the danger point, so why bother to control it. What a different world it would be if we had allowed smallpox, polio, and other killer diseases to go unchecked.

Another theory, held by some economists, maintains that economic growth automatically brings down population growth. This has occurred in some industrial nations. The problem is that there is no certainty that large areas of the world will realize this kind of economic growth and we do not have that kind of time.

A third argument against setting population limits is that to set limits will give dictators li-

cense to destroy elements of society for ulterior reasons.

While history shows a propensity for such brutal and inhumane treatment of minority groups, I think there are reasons this argument is not sufficient to dismiss setting a cap on populations.

I believe the United Nations is beginning to show the muscle necessary to prohibit coercive birth control programs, and should be given the task of enforcing a voluntary family planning policy in every country.

In addition, the risk of exceeding the earth's carrying capacity far exceeds the risk posed by adopting reasonable limits; there is evidence that unrestricted population growth is, in itself, one of the factors that allow dictators to assume power.

It is time to cap our population. Our overall population density is not large, compared to many nations, but our people are not moving to rural areas. The trend, in fact, continues to be

toward our greater urban areas. Yet our cities are decaying, unable to meet the needs of their ever increasing populations. Urban blight is reaching the suburbs.

Setting these population caps will take tremendous political courage on the part of the leaders of the world.

We know there are programs that work to bring down population growth. Witness the substantial cuts in the fertility rates of several developing countries. We must find the courage to apply these programs worldwide, to set a population stabilization goal and marshal the resources to achieve it.

It will be a huge undertaking, comparable to our successful effort to reach the moon. It is imperative that we begin now.

LARRY RODWICK
Adjunct Assistant Professor
University of Alabama
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(Campus Information, Programs and Organizations)

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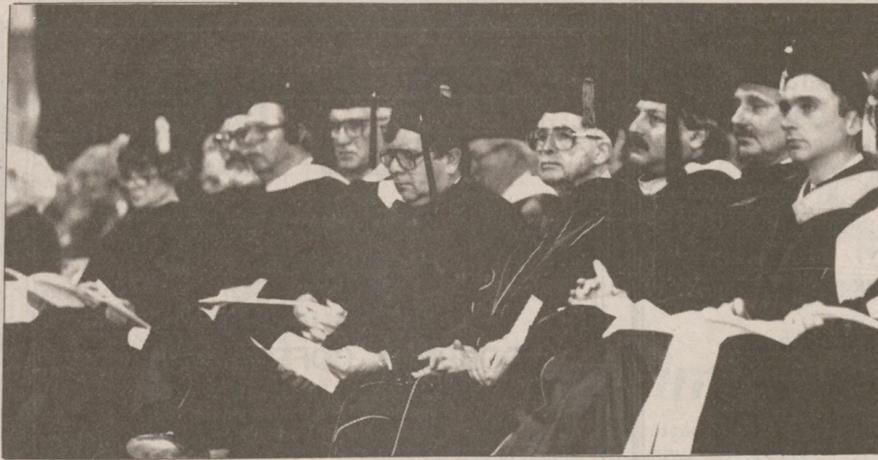
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Inauguration honors new president

Over 600 people crowded Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion to watch Dr. Sandra Packard become OU's fourth president. The Moon Trumpet Ensemble performs during the recessional (right) and robed OU faculty, staff, delegates from other U.S. colleges and universities and members of the Board of Trustees watch the inauguration (below). Packard recognizes her husband, Martin, and mother, Ethel Podolin, for their "... gifts of strength and love ..." (below left).



Chairman of the Board Of Trustees, James Sharp, bestows the Presidential Medallion on Packard (above).



Photos by Clive Savage/The Oakland Post

Video tapes bring classes into homes

By JOHN WILLIAMS
College Press Service Writer

Instead of living on campus or commuting to school, thousands of students nationwide are receiving a college education through high-tech means, including twoway live video and television courses.

With video tapes and text-books, or two-way video and audio, students can now receive an associate of arts degree without ever stepping on campus. Some colleges are investigating ways so students can earn four-year degrees at remote sites.

Leaders in the television education movement say such delivery makes a college education available to people who live too far to commute to school or don't have time to attend classes out of their area.

"What we are finding is that students at a distance do not perform any less than if they were here on campus," said Clark Ketchum, a spokesman at the University of Maine at Augusta. "The advantage for these students is basically access. Distance precluded them from taking classes."

The University of Maine's seven campuses are tied together by an electronic distance education system. Students at one campus can hear and see a lecture on another campus. This system is not interactive, but at various other sites there is an audio system that enables students to respond to instructors and vice versa. Fifty high school sites are tied into the system.

There are 2,641 students enrolled in the University of Maine's distance programs out of a total of 32,826 in the university system, Ketchum said. They pay no extra tuition or fees for the telecommunications courses.

These students can receive associate of arts degrees in business administration, general studies, liberal arts and social services. "Hopefully they can transfer to a campus and get a bachelor's degree," he said. "Down the road they will be able to get a bachelor's on television."

The system, and several like it nationwide, are not without detractors who say students lose out by not being in a classroom with an instructor and fellow students. Ketchum said the University of Maine's system, which began in 1989, has determined that the students in telecommunications courses do no worse or better than traditional on-campus students.

"The underlying element is the student's motivation to learn. They are independent people who aren't missing anything," Ketchum said. "The down side is

the traditional socialization that we are aware of and participated in. For many students, this is a minor issue. The major issue is getting an education. Students are basically more pleased to have the access than to have lost that social contact."

Lou Poirier, assistant dean for continuing education at Fort Hays

State University in Kansas, said his school has a unique mission. The university is located in western Kansas, a rural area in which students live up to 250 miles away from the campus. "Distance is a major factor that we are trying to bridge. Many nontraditional students can't come to campus," he said.

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Features

OU prof brings US election to Europe

By JOANNE GERSTNER
News Editor

While Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton was winning the Presidential election on November 3, OU Assistant Professor of Sociology Donald Warren was in Vienna explaining how he did it.

Earlier in the week, he was also presenting a paper to a sociological conference held in Berlin.

In total, Warren spent a week in Europe, from October 29 to November 5.

At the request of the U.S. Information Agency, he spoke to the University of Vienna's Business School and a student group about how Americans conduct the election.

The U.S. Information Agency is a government agency that aims to inform foreign cultures about the United States through speakers, films and other multi-media pres-

entations.

Before Warren spoke to Viennese students about what the election's results meant, he first had the job of working at the U.S. Embassy in Vienna.

The election night party at the Intercontinental Hotel (rather, election morning, since Europe is six hours ahead of Michigan's Eastern Standard Time zone), saw Warren

prognosticating on who would be elected Commander-in-Chief.

"Every four years, most of the embassies overseas have some kind of a political social gathering, whether you're a Republican, Democrat or whatever," Warren said.

"It was sort of strange, I didn't know what to expect, I was there as a re-

source person and as a resource person at a party. I was invited there to interpret the election and to talk to people about what was going on...I first started at 11:15 p.m. (Vienna time). Looking back at surveys and I more or less predicted that this election has been over for quite a while. I said that Clinton would win. I was wondering if I'd look foolish at 2:30-3 a.m. when the returns would be coming in," War-

ren said.

Warren's prediction proved to be correct, and the next day he shared his views on how the election played itself out to the Viennese students.

He said that he was impressed with the enthusiasm and zeal for knowledge the students possessed for learning about the United States.

"I was invited to speak to them

as part of 'American Week', partly sponsored by the U.S. Embassy because of the election. There is a great deal of interest in what the United States does on the part of these people. I was amazed with the level of media coverage that our election received," Warren said.

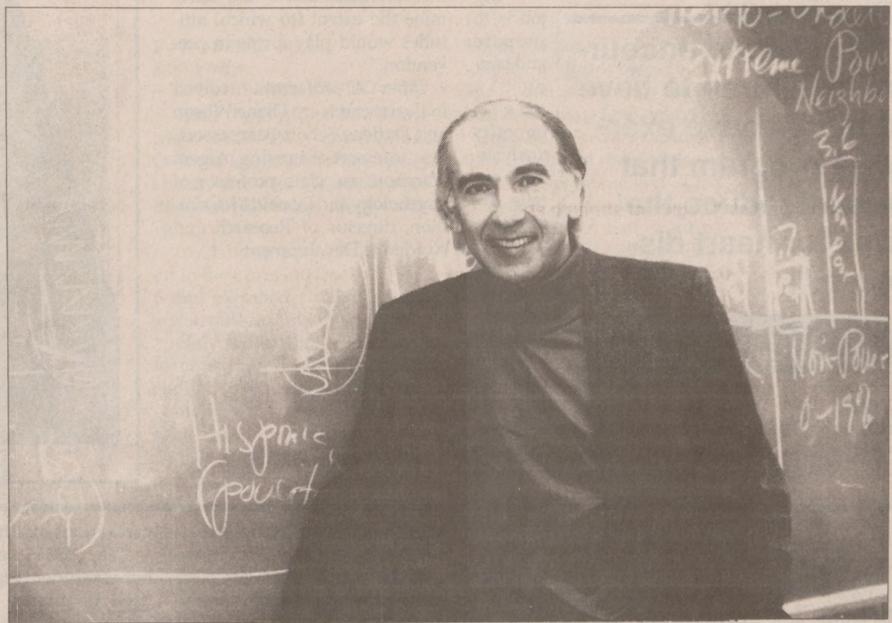
Earlier in the week, while Warren was in Berlin, he attended the first European Conference on Social Movement in Sociology.

Since the fall of the Berlin

Wall and the consequent liberation of the former Eastern Bloc nations, the study of sociology has exploded in those countries. Before, since there was officially only "one" class in society, social movement was difficult to study.

"It was the forbidden subject, the study of the sociology of social class. There really was nothing to study. It was a religious

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Sociology Professor Donald Warren lectures in his classroom after visiting Europe to discuss the recent American presidential election.



JOANNE GERSTNER

Registration is the final frontier

It's over! To quote the baseball manager and malaprop philosopher Casey Stengel, "It's not over until it's over."

It's over. I've had enough of playing the registration game with all of you who have your last name start with "G."

I registered for the last time as an undergraduate at OU last Monday, believe it or not the first day, and boy was it an affirmation of the human will to survive four years of torture.

I've had it with standing in line. First, for 45 minutes to get in the door, be handed a slip of paper, spend two minutes scribbling my desired classes on it, and then stand in line again for another 20 minutes to see the class selection executioner sitting at a computer terminal. Then you're told that all of your classes are closed.

So, you get out of line, find some new classes and get back in line.

And wait. And wait. By the time I get back up to the terminal to have my new classes entered in, I am near the brink of total insanity. What sends me over the edge is that pregnant pause of eternity from when the registration clerk enters your schedule to when the computer printer finally spits it out.

Arrrrgh!! It's happened to every student here at OU. (And if this is not the case, I hope that it happens very soon to you - join the crowd - everybody's doing it...)

You spend the first few days figuring out what classes you need to take.

Then you spend the next few days juxtaposing your working and commuting schedules.

Finally you make THE MASTER SCHEDULE - a space-age schedule made of a marriage of academic science, time magic and no social life.

However, feed this master schedule into the registration computer. Watch it come back with three million holes shot in it.

Reread that stupid schedule of classes newspaper again to harvest that one class that doesn't appear on the closed class list. Then watch me cry.

However, I don't cry anymore. It's over.

At this round of registration mania, I am proud to say that I received all five of the classes I need to graduate next term. I got them at the sections, days and times I wanted.

Wow! I started to get suspicious and then, extremely paranoid. I almost thought that I was being filmed by Candid Camera as the registration executioner told me that everything was going to work as I had planned.

No more games, no more headaches, no more looking through class schedules for that elusive class at the end of the rainbow.

Now that I seem to have achieved that elusive handle on the registration biz, I can turn my full attention to what OU is doing now to bug the hell out of me - parking!

It's almost over.

"I said that Clinton would win. I was wondering if I'd look foolish at 2:30-3 a.m. when the returns would be coming in."

Donald Warren
Sociology Professor

African American students look to ABS for an outlet

By KEN POWERS
Staff Writer

Adjusting to college life and her predominately white campus were initially difficult tasks for junior Keshia Jefferson when she first came to OU.

After becoming involved in the Association of Black Students, she said she is no longer afraid to become involved in the campus community.

"ABS gave me a feeling that I belonged to something and a chance to air my concerns. They also made me feel like I had a voice on this predominately white campus," she said.

Several African-American students also feel that the ABS offers them a social outlet as well as a chance to improve their grades or become more culturally aware.

According to ABS president and spokesperson Chaunci Wyche, the role of the organization is to serve and produce an acceptable social and political atmosphere and help students graduate.

Wyche also noted that the university fails to provide an effective social and cultural atmosphere for African-Americans.

"If the university was doing its job as providing an effective social outlet for students they would not go home every week-end. I have also noticed that whenever our organization sponsors a party or a bowling night students actually stay up here," Wyche said.

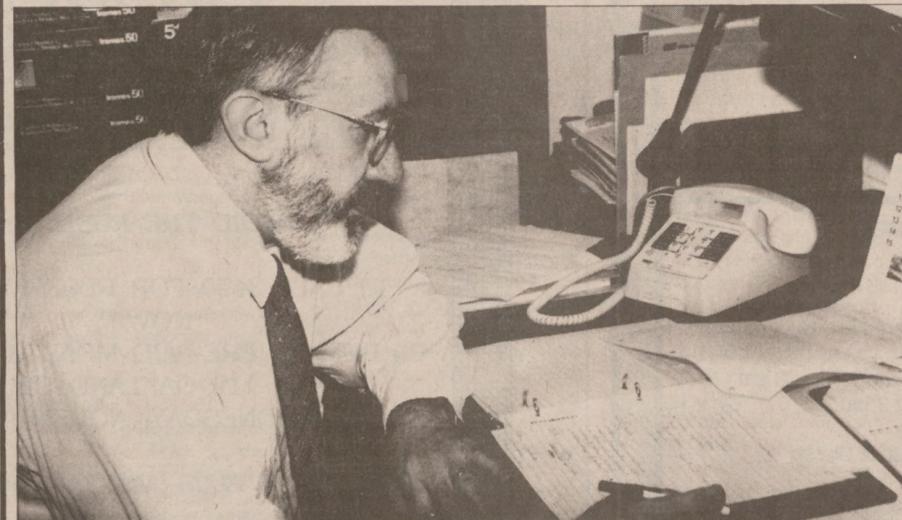
Kathy Wagner, SPB film chair, however, believes that the university does provide a friendly social atmosphere for all students.

"We try our best to get a variety of movies each weekend to please all types of people. I also feel that if students would try to go out and find something fun to do on campus rather than complaining about being bored they will have a better time," Wagner said.

Several ABS members said that their leader's friendly persona and ability to relate to the students on a one-to-one basis attracted them to the organization as well.

"Chaunci was like a big sister to me when I first became involved with ABS. She helped guide me through my rough freshman year by

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The Oakland Post/Clive Savage
Professor Brian Goslin chairs a healthier life style habits research team.

Alumnus donates presidential medallion

By JASON DOBRY
Staff Writer

The inauguration of President Sandra Packard last Friday not only brought to her a formal acknowledgment of her position, but it also presented her with a symbol of her office.

During the hour and a half ceremony, she was presented with a replica of the president's bronze medallion made and donated by P.R. Haig Jewelers in Rochester.

Paul Haig, owner of P.R. Haig, is an Oakland alumnus and the medallion is just one of many contributions he has made to OU.

In the past, Haig has also made class rings and commemorative pieces for Meadow Brook and the Lepley Sports Center.

Haig came to Oakland from Virginia and graduated with an education degree in 1973. Haig then stayed in the area and started a jewelry business.

Haig calls his career a "hobby that turned into a business."

The medallion itself took one month to produce with the efforts of nine full-time workers. Its value is placed at \$2,200, but



The Oakland Post/Clive Savage
President Sandra Packard poses with her bronze medallion at her inauguration.

Haig says he "didn't figure exactly how much" the medallion cost during its production.

On the medallion is a three dimensional brass rendering of the university seal—Ulysses' sail, representing his journey for knowledge and experience of the world.

Below the seal, is the univer-

sity motto: "Sequitur Virtute E Canoscenza," meaning "Follow Truth, and Knowledge."

The original medallion will be passed on to future OU presidents and a replica will be given to each president to keep. Although Haig played no role in the presentation of the medal, he did attend the inauguration ceremony.

Healthy habits aim of OU professors

By KARYN DUNFORD
Staff Writer

Promoting healthier habits for minority children is the focus of a group of OU faculty currently doing research on the topic.

Chaired by Brian Goslin, associate professor and director of the exercise science program, the group includes faculty members from the health sciences, nursing, psychology and business departments.

Goslin said participation from the different areas of study should

improve the outcome of their research.

"I think it allows us to view things from many more angles instead of just one," Goslin said.

He said the group is looking for African American children who come from low socioeconomic backgrounds with a high risk for heart disease.

The goal, according to Goslin, is to find the best intervention techniques by conducting tests on fitness, diet, family and

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cognition. Their hope is that these techniques will promote low fat diets and adequate exercise for these children.

"The idea is to find the children who most need our help and find the best way to help them," Goslin said.

Ronald Olsen, dean of Health Sciences agreed.

"We want to encourage children to have a more active exercise program that would reduce the risk for heart disease," Olsen said.

Goslin also said that reducing

these risks and learning to live healthier lives may lead to reduced costs in medical care because these children would be less likely become ill.

These factors are being considered by Sherman Folland, associate professor of Economics.

"We want to encourage children to have a more active exercise program that would reduce the risk for heart disease."

Ronald Olsen
Dean of Health Sciences

Folland He anticipates that professional help will be the biggest expense but he hopes that the benefits of

reduced risks for heart disease will outweigh that.

Attitudes toward health are also being studied.

Led by Larry Lilliston, associate professor of psychology, he said "We are working on developing instruments, tests and measurements that would determine the extent (to which) attitudes would play a role in prevention."

Other OU professors involved in the research are Diane Wilson and Darlene Schott-Baer, associate professors of nursing, Algera Harrison, associate professor of psychology and Donald McCrimmon, director of Research and Academic Development.

"My job is to prepare and conduct a cost/benefits analysis. This entails determining whether such an intervention is worthwhile," said.

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teaching me how to avoid procrastination," Elbert Norwood said.

Wyche feels that this personable image is more effective than presenting an extremely professional image to students.

"When people see that you care about them and you truly care about helping them, they will be much more inclined to participate in any organization," she said.

Adrian McCall, ABS vice president, has noticed that attendance at the organization's bi-weekly meetings has increased in the past years.

Wyche attributed this to members dedication in spreading information about the meetings through word of mouth instead of concentrating on fliers.

"It is interesting to see how spreading information by oral transmission is more effective than written records because it is part of the African-American culture," Wyche said.

Freshman JeVonna Ramsey went to the ABS's first meeting with a negative perception of the organization but she left with a more clear understanding of the executive board's goal.

"I was amazed to see how positive this organization was. I had heard that they were real overly militant before I came to the first meeting," she said.

In addition, Wyche said that a surprising number of students participated in their latest program, an

ABS Black Unity Day last week.

Events planned for the day included a march, guest speakers and a game night downstairs in the Oakland Center.

"I've been here since '89 and I have never seen a cohesiveness among black students that was present during Unity Day. Black students on this campus are finally taking the time to see that we must work together," Oluwayemisa Bain said.

Nevertheless, other students feel that the ABS needs to be more open to

"The ABS gave me a feeling that I belonged to something and a chance to air my concerns. They also made me feel like I had a voice on this predominantly white campus."

Keshia Jefferson
ABS member

ideas from people of other organizations of different races.

"The ABS has good intentions but as a student organization they need to present themselves as being open to ideas outside of the organization as well as inside of the organization. By doing this they will gain more respect from the administration," senior Jonathan Jones said.

"I think that the ABS should stress unifying all students including whites," Ramsey said.

Currently, ABS is trying to convince the administration to implement an Office of Minority Affairs. Director Fred Martin said that an Office of Minority Affairs would effectively deal with racism on campus.

"An Office of Minority Affairs would centralize racism by attacking specific departments or areas where a student complained about being discriminated against," Martin said.

Warren

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taboo. Also, they had to conform to government intentions," Warren said.

"We now have more academic contact with them. (Former Eastern Bloc sociologists) There are a lot of teaching opportunities opening up over there," Warren said.

He presented his paper, "The Dynamics of Social Movements, Working the Fringe to the Extreme", which discussed how extremist social movements are becoming increasingly accepted into the mainstream of society.

Warren looked at extremist movements in the United States

and Europe for his paper. "There are connections between the two. Today, any social movement has the potential to be international because of technology like computers," Warren said. Also, through presentation and the language chosen for the extremist message(s), Warren said that extremist groups are able to bring their message into the mainstream's consciousness. Basically, extremist groups are using good old-fashioned marketing principles to present the product.

"They are finding ways to present their messages in a form that is more acceptable to the mainstream. A good example would be David Duke," Warren said.

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The aluminum "Rhythms and Vibrations" sculpture flows in a field on the southeast side of campus outside of Meadowbrook Hall.

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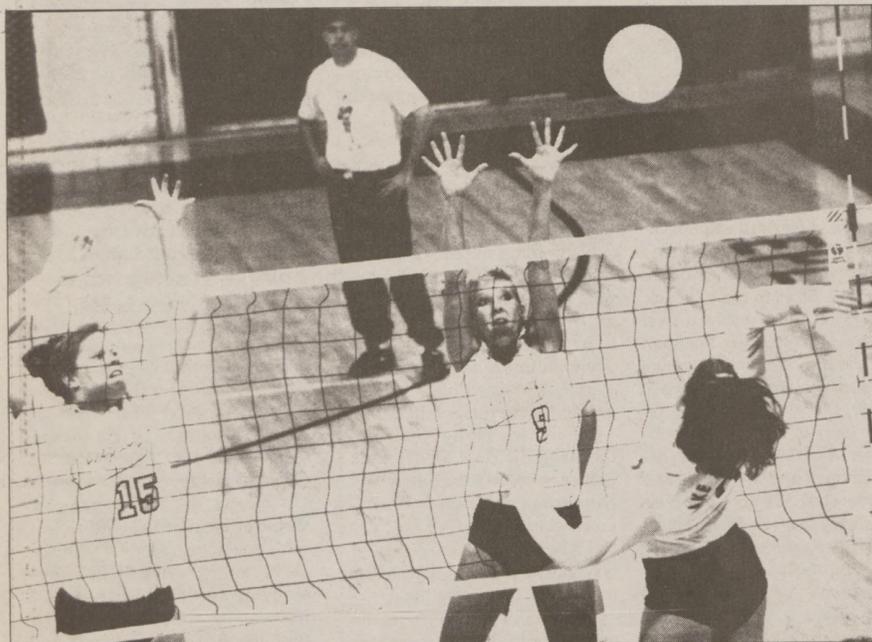
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Sports

Spikers survive Hillsdale scare



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Seniors Amy Ruprich (L), and Julie Bardoni (R) ready their "wall of doom" for the return spike.

By ROBERT SNELL
Staff Writer

With three games left before the season's conclusion, Oakland's volleyball team eagerly anticipated GLIAC conference doormat Hillsdale College's arrival.

Oakland trounced the Chargers in their previous meeting Oct. 6 and expected similar success against the last place team.

Only, Hillsdale, a talent rich team with few wins, gathered enough momentum in the first game to worry head coach Bob Hurdle and his team.

"We may have been a little overconfident," Hurdle said. "I don't think we were as ready to play. It's really hard to convince the kids they're (Hillsdale) capable of beating you and when you think that way it means you don't show up ready to play."

Fortunately for the Pioneers, the Chargers' self destructed in subsequent games, allowing Oakland to rally for a 4-15, 15-13,

15-6, 15-6 victory. The win put the Pioneers in third place in the GLIAC, one game behind second place Ferris State University.

Oakland staked a 4-2 lead on a kill by freshman middle blocker Karen Ill, who was named GLIAC Volleyball Player of the Week. After point four, they went nowhere, as several Pioneer kill attempts hit the net prompting a timeout call by Hurdle.

The Chargers' momentum kept growing in game one, and would have continued had Hurdle not rallied his troops.

"I don't think you could print what I told them after game one," Hurdle said. "We didn't pass well or hit well. Our service reception got us in trouble. We made too many mistakes in game one."

"Once you allow a team to get on a roll, you don't know what happens. This game is so momentum oriented. It doesn't matter if it's a team that hasn't played well all year."

The Pioneers also appeared destined for failure in game two.

Behind a struggling service game, the Pioneers found themselves down 2-7, but chipped away at the deficit.

While their service game faltered, Ill's and senior middle blocker Darlene Monroe's defense tabled more spikes than a motorcycle mama's wardrobe.

Monroe tied the game at 9-9 with a monster kill which sent the predominantly parent-filled crowd stomping their feet in support.

The teams battled for the lead for several possessions and with his team trailing 11-13, Hurdle wiped the thought of dropping the second game from his sweaty forehead.

Finally, Hurdle's crew strung together kills by Monroe and senior outside hitter Julie Bardoni to even the match. A subsequent Hillsdale error and another clutch Monroe kill, clinched the game.

"Game two broke their back," Hurdle said. "Fortunately, we found a way to win game two. I

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Tankers vanquish Ohioan aquanauts

By ERIC DEMINK
Copy Editor

Looking to right themselves after an 0-3 start, the Pioneers stopped their slide in convincing fashion, knocking off Division I foes Cleveland State University (Friday).

Ohio, which has been a scourge to OU teams in the past, did not disappoint when OU opened its season three weeks ago, against Bowling Green University.

Two weeks ago, OU suffered a similar fate at the hands (and feet) of the University of Cincinnati, so it was not with any great trepidation that one might expect more of the same if the Pioneers held true to form.

But the defending champions had other ideas when they invaded Cleveland, Friday eve.

With seven victories in 13 events, the Pioneers axed the Vikings 121-98

Junior Amy Comerford led the way with victories in the 50 yard Freestyle and 100 Butterfly events, and anchored the successful 200 Medley Relay quartet.

Freshman diver Becki Bach opened the Pioneer scoring on Friday with a third on the three meter boards. Her 220.20 was just over 19 points off the Viking mark of 240.07. Senior mate Dawn Thomas with a 188.10, and freshman Angela Puchalsky with a 175.72, finished fourth and fifth, respectively.

The OU women then reeled off

a string of victories winning the next four events in order.

Starting with the 200 Medley Relay, the Pioneers eclipsed the CSU quartet by a three second margin. The squad of Comerford, senior Laura Fischer, sophomore Danni Lentine, and freshman Ellen Lessig touched in 1:50.56. The "B" squad of seniors Beth Surowiec, and Shannon Taylor, junior Angie Johnson, and sophomore Jody Parker took third, pulling in at 1:54.28.

Freshman Debby Nickles, with a time of 10:41.25, outdueled her CSU opponent by better than 10 seconds in taking the 1000 Freestyle distance event.

Next, the Pioneers went one and three in the 200 Freestyle Taylor was best in a close shave 1:58.92 to 1:59.18., with Lessig touching at 2:01.36.

Comerford scored her second triumph of the day (the Pioneer's fourth in five events) in the 50 Freestyle, beating out freshman mate Kristen Nagelkirk by just over three-tenths, :24.65 to :25.02.

The Pioneers went two-three-four in event six, the 200 Individual Medley. Johnson, in at 2:18.52 (off by four seconds), was followed by Fischer (2:20.30), and freshman Ellen Surowiec (2:27.09).

Bach captured her second second of the meet on the one meter boards. Bach's 217.18 score was 20 points off the mark. Teammates Puchalsky (203.85), and Thomas (189.38), took fourth and fifth, re-

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Sophomore Mali Walton (6) jockeys for position in front of the Wildcat net, while fending off two Cal. State-Chico defenders.

Pioneers advance to Central Region championship game

By JOHN HONOS
Sports Editor

Last year at this time, California State University-Chico junior goalkeeper Chris Starr was in Desert Storm defending our country.

This year, Starr found himself defending an eight by 24 foot rectangular soccer goal in the first round of the NCAA Division II Soccer Tournament. But, this time the enemy was the Oakland University Pioneers.

Last year's battlefield was in Saudi Arabia, and this year's was the Pioneer Soccer Field.

The battle was fought in near freezing temperatures and occasional snow flurries, but when time ran out the Pioneers had simply worn their opponents down and came away victorious 3-1.

Oakland drew first blood as sophomore Eli Tiomkin opened the scoring 47 seconds into the game. Sophomore Mali Walton sent a pass upfield in front of the Chico goal to a streaking Tiomkin, where Tiomkin beat Starr to the

ball and slipped it under the Wildcat goalkeeper.

Tiomkin's goal, his 20th of the season, tied the single season goal-scoring school record set by Ken Whiteside in 1973 and equaled by Morris Lupenec in 1981. Tiomkin has now tallied 51 points, increasing his single season point-scoring record, and surpassing the previous record, (47), by five.

The Wildcats retaliated and tied the game at one with a goal at 9:11 by Chico midfielder John Schreiber.

The contest was stalemated until just before the intermission, when junior midfielder John Gentile hit the back of the Chico net at 39:28 on a deflection from a senior Derek Williford free kick to put Oakland back on top 2-1.

"The first half wasn't like the second. The second half we broke them down. Usually we run down teams in the first half," senior John Kropinski said.

The second half proved to be fatal for the Wildcats.

Oakland's defense played well and did not relinquish their one-goal lead as they faced a "do or



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Sophomore Eli Tiomkin falls in his attempt to control the ball.

die" Chico offense. Chico was one goal down and had nothing to lose, as they faced elimination from the tournament.

Junior goalkeeper Mike Sheehy imitated a brick wall in the second half as he held the Wildcats scoreless, and on one occasion stopped a point-blank Chico shot. Sheehy's exceptional play is one reason for OU's 11-game un-

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Comerford has Olympic ideals

By DEREK STARK
Special writer

Division II Swimmer of the year, three individual national championships, two team national championships, and a thirteen time All-American, these are the credentials of junior swimmer Amy Comerford.

Most college athletes would be more than satisfied with these accomplishments in their four years of eligibility, Comerford, however has achieved these in two seasons, and is not finished yet.

Comerford was introduced to the sport of swimming at the age of six by her babysitter who was a swimmer.

Her major influence in competitive swimming was Kenneth Gillilan. He was her first coach at

the Lancaster YMCA swim club in Ohio.

Comerford trained at Lancaster until her freshman year. She then started training with the Great Columbus Swim Team of Ohio until her sophomore year, while also competing at her high school, Pickerington, in Pickerington, Ohio.

Comerford was first introduced to Oakland University at the age of 16 while swimming on The Total Performance Swim Club, the summer after her sophomore year.

While at Total Performance, Comerford met Mark Vandermeij, Hilton Woods, and Jim Surowiec, three OU swimmers who were training at Kenyon College, Ohio, for the '88 olympic trials.

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She trained with the Pioneer swimmers during the summer, but quit after the summer training session, because there was no place to swim competitively in Fredricktown.

Comerford moved from Pickerington to Fredricktown, also in Ohio.

Comerford ran cross-country and track her junior and senior years lettering four times. While Comerford was on hiatus from swimming she kept in touch with OU swimmers Vandermeij, Woods, and Surowiec throughout her junior and senior years.

Unbeknownst to Comerford, when she quit swimming, they informed Tracy Huth.

Colleges such as Ohio State, Eastern Michigan, and Miami of Ohio had been recruiting her at Pickerington her sophomore year, but stopped pursuing the talented swimmer after she quit.

Their loss was O.U.'s gain. In Comerford's senior year, she received a call from Huth who knew of her swim times from her sophomore year in high school.

Her swim times as a sophomore were good enough that Huth recruited and offered her a scholarship on that basis, even though she had not swam competitively in two years.

Because of her natural love for competition she accepted the offer and began to train on her own. When Comerford is not in the pool or studying for classes, she likes spending time with her parents, Robert and Linda and her brothers Jeffery, 10, Robbie, 13, and her sister Heather, 18.

She also enjoys going out with her friends, going to the movies, and horseback riding.

When asked what impact college swimming has had on her life, Comerford said, "Swimming has taught me a lot of discipline, in training and in everyday life. I have a commitment to compete and practice and it helps me to be competitive in the classroom."

Comerford respects her parents, because they always supported her in what she has done, and have never forced the sport of swimming on her.

"They also reminded me a lot of my dream in high school, which was to become a college athlete," Comerford said.

She also admires to her swimming coach, Tracy Huth.

She respects the way he coaches the team in and out of the pool.

Comerford's primary goal for the season is for the team to win its fourth consecutive national championship.

Her individual goals for the season are once again be voted as NCAA Division II Swimmer of the Year, and to win individual national titles in the 100 yard backstroke, the 200 medley, the 200 freestyle relay and the 100 butterfly.

Comerford has already set one NCAA Division II championship meet record (100 backstroke :55.49), and this year she hopes to capture the national record in the 200 backstroke. (The record is held by Jennifer Kleeman of NMU, 201.14)

Comerford's personal best in the 200 backstroke is 201.26.

As for future goals and aspirations, Comerford would someday like to swim in the Olympics and win a gold medal.

Comerford said, "Having the olympics in the U.S. in 1996 inspires me even more to achieve my dream of winning an Olympic gold medal.

Two weeks after the Division II national meet, she will compete in the 100 backstroke at a senior national meet in Tennessee.

The swim meet is a qualifier for the Pan-Am games, The World games, and the Olympic Festival, (which is a last spot to showcase talent and potential qualifiers for the Olympics.)

If Comerford shows the same dedication and commitment that she has proven to the Oakland University swim team towards her dream of winning gold, she will be standing on top the awards podium in Atlanta with a gold medal around her neck in 1996.

Pioneers discipline Spartans

By ERIC DEMINK
Copy Editor

On Saturday, Nov. 14, the "revitalized" Pioneers returned home to sack Division I power Michigan State University, 162-137.5, avenging last year's 165-135 setback at East Lansing.

On the day OU garnered nine of 16 events in reasserting themselves.

We knew we had a chance to beat them if we swam well, and by taking the close races and both relays we are able to do that," Coach Tracey Huth said.

The Pioneers were quick off the block in this contest, building an early 50-24 lead, capturing the first four events.

As against Cleveland State, junior Amy Comerford proved too much for the Spartans with three individual and one relay triumph.

Comerford captured the 100 yard Backstroke, the 200 Backstroke, and the 100 Butterfly events, and anchored the 200 Medley Relay squad that launched the meet.

Comerford, with senior Laura Fischer, and sophomores Jody Parker and Danni Lentine, flashed to a two second victory in taking the 200 Medley, 1:49.53 to 1:52.02. The "B" squad of seniors Beth Surowiec and Monika Bunting, junior Angie Johnson

and sophomore Tracey Bruins finished third.

Freshman Debby Nickels captured the 1000 Freestyle as she did on Friday. Nickle's 10:35.79 bested her previous time by just under eight seconds. Senior Shannon Taylor's 10:44.5 earned her a third.

The Pioneers went one and three in the third event, the 200 Freestyle. Swimming in lane five, freshman Kristen Nagelkirk was best, clocking a 1:58.09 to the Spartan 1:59.55. Swim mate Parker touched third at 2:00.68.

Comerford garnered her second individual conquest of the day with a :58.19 in the 100 Backstroke. Her effort was just over two seconds better than her Spartan pursuer. Senior co-captain Beth Surowiec pulled in third at 1:02.55.

The Pioneer lead shrank to 57-36 after the 100 Breaststroke despite having Lentine (1:08.93) and Johnson (1:11.50) go two-three, then shrink further to 12 points (62-50) after a three-four finish in the 200 Butterfly.

That was as close as MSU would come.

Freshman Ellen Lessig captured her first of two victories of the meet in the 50 Freestyle. Lessig blazed to a :24.77 over Fischer who clocked a :25 even.

Lessig's second triumph occurred in the next sprint, the 100

Freestyle where she once again edged swim mates Fischer (:54.45), and Parker (:55.58) with a :53.73. The trio consummated a one-two-three finish.

Comerford (2:09.02) scored her deuce in the 200 Backstroke, four seconds better than her Spartan foe and seven seconds better than third place finisher Beth Surowiec (2:16.69).

OU followed with seconds in the 200 Breaststroke (Lentine 2:27.03) and 500 Freestyle (Nickels 5:16.17) before Comerford staked claim to her trioka.

Swimming in lane three, the junior outraced the field, winning the 100 Butterfly by a margin of just two clicks at :59.48.

In diving, freshman Becki Bach continued her outstanding start notching seconds on the one and three meter boards.

After a second by Nickels in the 400 Individual Medley, the Pioneers closed their day with a two second conquest in the 200 Free Relay.

Led by Fischer, the squad of Nagelkirk, Lessig and Parker touched at 1:38.08 for the win.

Although impressed with the overall contribution of his squad, Huth paid particular attention to the up and coming freshman element. "But the big question will be," Huth said, whether or not these swimmers can handle the pressure of their success."

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spectively.

Comerford returned in the 100 Butterfly for her second individual triumph of the day. Her :58.44 time bested Lessig's 1:02.33. Lessig took third in the event.

OU went two-three in the 100 Freestyle with sophomore Danni Lentine beating out senior Monika Bunting by just over two

tenths of a second, :57.71 to :57.95.

Parker (2:17.05) and Ellen Surowiec (2:25.82) mirrored that performance by capturing second and third in the 200 Backstroke.

The Pioneers got back on track in the 500 Freestyle event. Taylor, in garnering her second triumph, edged mate Nagelkirk by just under five-tenths.

Following a second by Johnson (2:36.04) in the 200 Breaststroke, the women finished their day with the 400 Freestyle Relay.

In this event, the Pioneers har-

nessed two squads to a one-two finish. Touching at 3:49.31, Parker, Bunting, Nagelkirk and Fisher beat out the "B" squad of Nickels, Lentine, Ellen and Beth Surowiec who clocked in at 3:54.78.

Head coach Tracey Huth was pleased with the team's recovery. "We were coming off two weeks where we were in the heaviest training phase of our season. But we also knew going in that they (Cleveland State) would not be as tough as in the past, and we took advantage of that," Huth said.

Chico

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beaten streak, and during that span Sheehy has seven shutouts and a 0.54 goals against average.

Oakland's offense had many chances as play was predominantly contained in the Chico zone.

At one point, Walton had a clean breakaway and a clear shot at the net, but was foiled by Chico defenders.

Walton, though, was not to be denied twice. With six minutes remaining, he scored his 16th goal of the season adding salt to the Chico wound. The goal increased Oakland's lead to two and sealed the fate of Chico's chances to recover.

Freshmen Lamarr Peters and Chad Schomaker assisted on the goal. Schomaker, who also assisted on Tiomkin's goal, gained a pair of assists for the game giving him a total of 12 for the season the highest single-season assist total for a freshman in Oakland history.

Chico wasn't able to mount a viable offensive threat after Walton's goal which seemed to break its back. In winning its ninth straight, the Pioneers extended its unbeaten streak to 11 (10-0-1), two shy of the school record.

Oakland finished the regular season (17-2-1) and ranked sixth nationally in NCAA Division II top 20.

Oakland has now taken the first step towards its goal of winning the national championship.

Now the Pioneers must face the Lock Haven University Bald Eagles, who handed OU one of its two defeats this season. Oakland was blanked 4-0 at the Bald Eagles tournament on Sept. 13.

The Bald Eagles finished the season with an 18-4 record and were ranked 9th in the NCAA Division II top 20 poll.

Lock Haven received the Central Region's (OU's region) top seed, which gave them a first round bye and gives them home field advantage against OU.

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was not happy with our play. We did not take control."

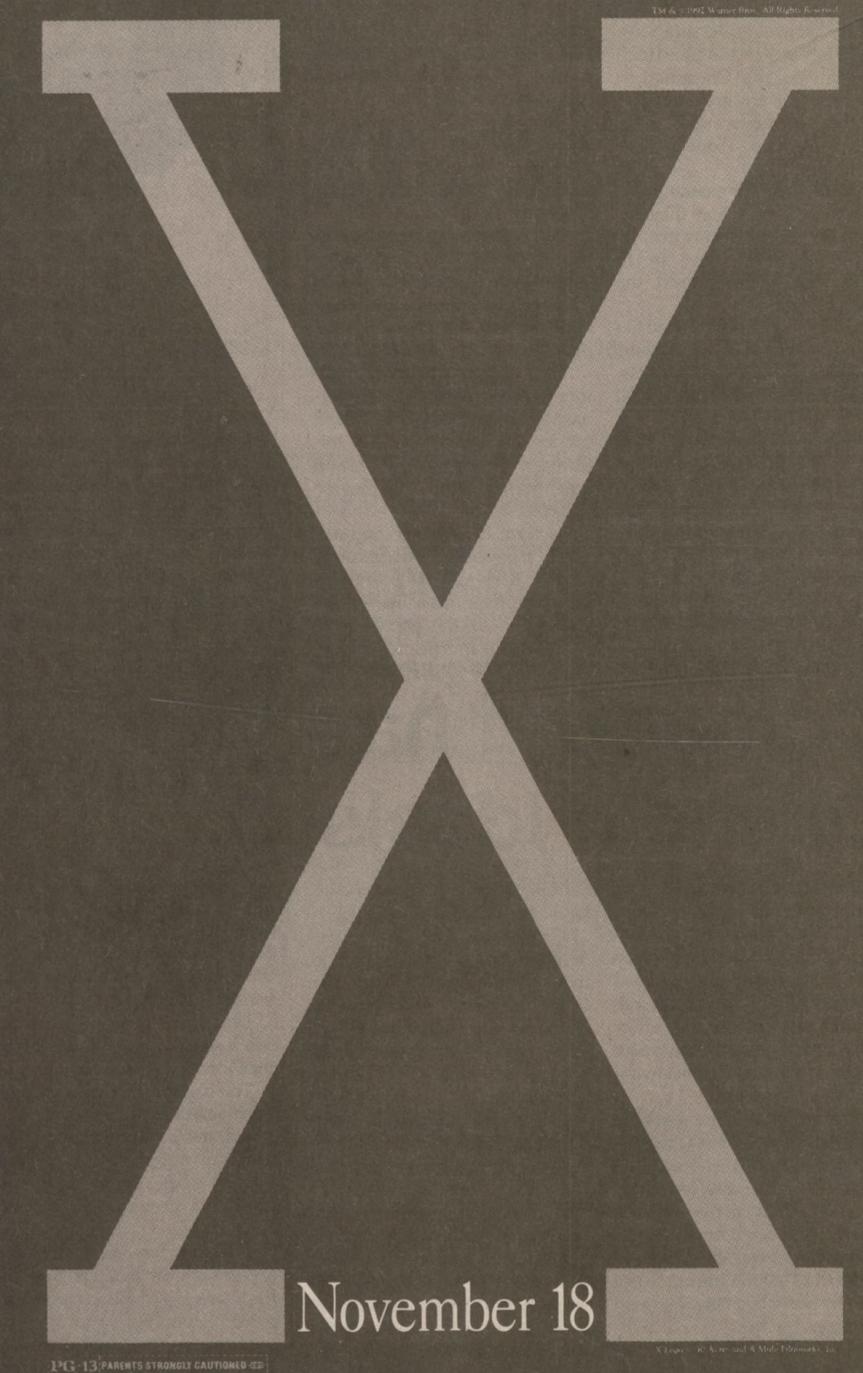
Hurdle credits Monroe as the

deciding factor in the match.

"Dar (Monroe) has had an outstanding last three weeks," he said. "She's averaging close to five kills a game and is about third in every statistical category in the conference."

Having stolen Hillsdale's momentum, the following two games passed quickly. Dar's hot streak continued as did Ill's offensive output. Junior setter Natalie Koan busily spread the ball, disrupting Hillsdale's defense.

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