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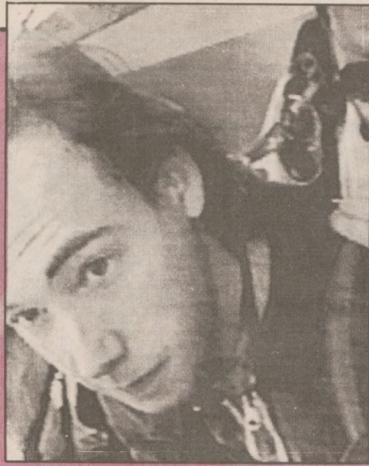
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Opinion

Binkley, Opus, Bill the Cat and crew from 'Outland' now appear weekly in *The Oakland Post*.

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## Features

Does jumping out of an airplane and plummeting 10,000 feet sound like fun? A Post reporter lives to tell about his first skydiving free-fall.

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## Sports

Pioneers, ranked tenth nationally in NCAA II, win two with two games left in the regular season and hope for post-season tournament bid.

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## Briefly...

### Board meetings

The Board of Trustees will convene in an open meeting Thursday Nov. 4 at 3 p.m. in the Vandenberg Hall Lounge (formerly Beer Lake Yacht Club).

The University Affairs Advisory committee will meet today at 4 p.m. in rooms 126 and 127 of the Oakland center. The Finance and Personnel Advisory Committee will also meet today at 4 p.m. in room 125 of the Oakland Center.

### Multicultural forum

After recent problems with racial graffiti in bathrooms and in various places on OU's campus, the Oakland University community will hold a forum to improve race relations on campus. All races will come together Nov. 9 in the Hamlin lounge at 8 p.m. to communicate, exchange ideas and seek commonality. For more information call 370-2987.

### Psychology Series

Psi Chi, the psychology club will present speaker, Gergann F. Fuller. She will discuss psychological trauma, sudden traumatic death, grief and loss and coping with grief at the holidays Nov. 17 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Pryale Hall conference room.

Fuller has a masters in social work from the University of Michigan and a specialist degree in clinical psychology.

### Global Preservation

Jungle Pharmacy, depicts the essence of tropical rain forest resource and natural development. The movie will be shown Nov. 3 in Annex 1 of the Oakland Center from noon to 1 p.m.

Living species, sources of medicines and indigenous cultures are discovered as well as the depletion of these sources of natural resource.

The series will feature the movie Rivers of Fire Nov. 10 in Annex 1 of the Oakland Center.

## Students sick at Kresge

By ROBERT CARR  
Staff Writer

Studying at Kresge library at Oakland University can be a long and boring task, especially if you're trying to cram for an exam.

However, Cathy Stramaglan, said she doesn't want to study in that building for very long, and for a good reason.

"On Sunday, October 17, a

### Ventilation may be to blame for ailments

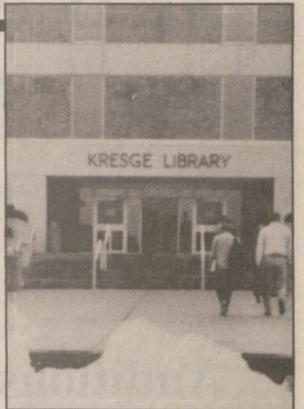
friend and I were studying for an accounting 301 exam on the third floor at Kresge," Stramaglan said. "We were there about four hours, from 4 to 8 p.m. Sometime between 6 and 7 o'clock, I began to notice I was getting light-headed."

Stramaglan said that at first she didn't worry, she thought that maybe she just had been there too long. She had experienced dizzy spells before at Kresge, and thought she just needed some food. That was until she looked down and made

a strange discovery.

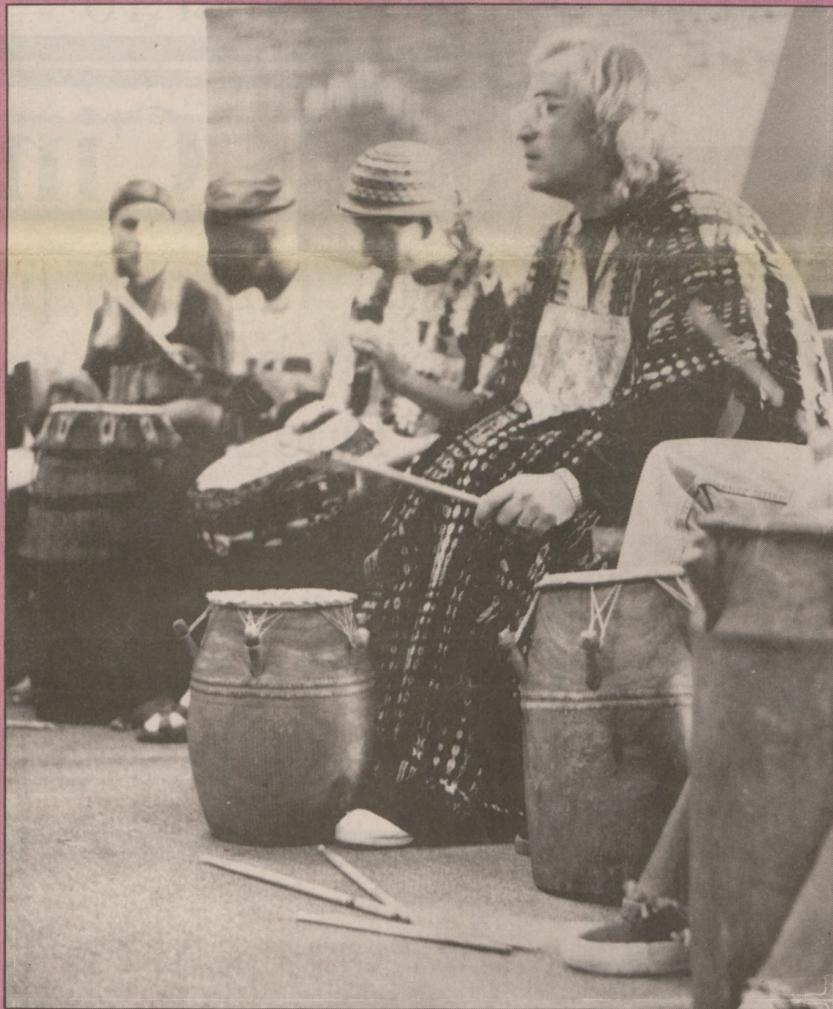
"I looked down at my hands, and noticed my fingernails had turned blue," Stramaglan said. "My friend's nails were blue, also." In a telephone interview in which he refused to give his name, her friend denied that his nails had changed color, but acknowledged that Kathy's had been blue.

Stramaglan said that the next  
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The quality of the air in Kresge Library has been questioned by several students recently.

## We got the beat.



Students of Nana Boachie-Yiadom's West African drumming class perform during last Thursday's lunch break in Oakland Center's Fireside Lounge.

## Packard tracks money trail to East Lansing

By ROBERT CARR  
Staff Writer

You would imagine that a university president's life would be hectic. Attending different functions, chairing numerous meetings on campus; the outside world seems far away and meaningless.

However, Oakland University President Sandra Packard doesn't just stay here on campus, she makes countless visits to the state capitol to lobby OU causes.

"I was in Lansing two days this week," Packard said Friday. "I'm making sure the legislators know about us



DeCarlo

and will care about us."

Lobbying support from Lansing is a complicated affair. The two main players, the Senate and the House of Representatives, both have sub-committees that deal with appropriations (money set aside for institutions). These committees

have sub-committees for higher education.

School administrators go to Lansing to lobby members of these committees for state appropriations. Sometimes it helps to go even higher.

"I paid a courtesy visit to Governor John Engler last year," Packard said. "He had 15 minutes set aside for me, but he spent an hour and a half talking, he was very positive about our university."

She said OU is very respected in Lansing, very well-known, and our presence is growing. She attributed some of this growth to John DeCarlo, senior vice-president general counsel.

"We're building on 24 years of political contacts with the legislature," DeCarlo said. "I go up once a week, and if there are important meetings I go two or three times a week. We meet with critical committee members to provide critical data and information regarding OU's needs and its objectives."

He said that the school administration also invites legislators to campus in order to confer with them regarding OU's needs.

One of those recent needs was funding for a new science and  
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## Plan helps bridge cultural differences

By ROBERT CARR  
Staff Writer

Oakland University's bi-annual Affirmative Action Report was presented to the Board of Trustees last month with one goal in mind for OU, according to Catherine Rush the director of the Office of Equal Opportunity.

"The primary motivation is that diversity is good for the university," Rush said. Women and minority hiring increased during 1992-93.

The report is based on OU's Affirmative Action Plan, a policy that was adopted by the OU Board of Trustees on May 20, 1981. It stresses "equal opportunity in hiring and employment," and that "no person shall be discriminated against on the basis of race, sex, age, handicap, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, marital status, or veteran status."

Rush said that the report she gives twice a year is "sort of like a report card." She said that



Trustee chairman James Sharp believes OU's affirmative action plan helps people respect cultural differences. When there are vacancies to be filled in the university, broad outreach is made to people who would have these skills. Also, when the hiring process begins,

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## Employee morale views differ among OU staff

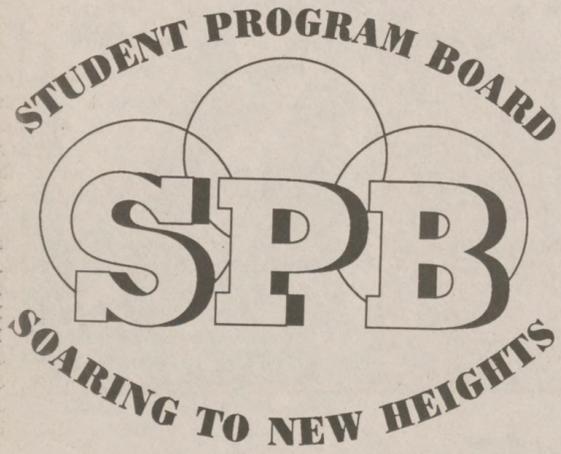
By KEN POWERS  
Assistant Features Editor

"Hello," freshman worker Tabatha Chapa at Sweet Sensations says to an impatient customer. "Can I take your order please?" she asks with a friendly smile.

After the customer sneers at her and rattles off his order, Tabatha patiently gives him his order and to her surprise, he leaves her a tip.

While the Campus Family task force states that most employees do not find Oakland University to be an "employee friendly" place to work, several employees like Chapa enjoy their jobs as well as serving the campus community.

The task force, which is part of a strategic planning process to meet the goals of OU's mission and vision statements, is composed of OU employees and people outside the university. They also research



# upcoming events

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## SPB & RHC Present TALENT NIGHT

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contact Jean Ann Miller  
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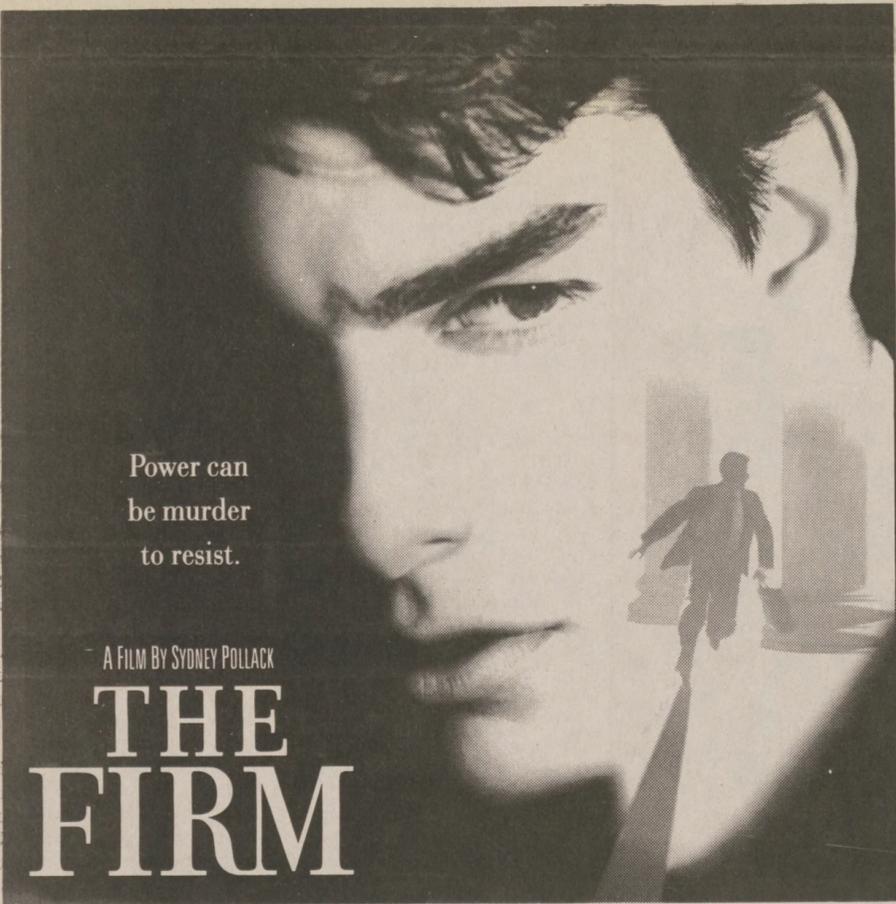
Wednesday nights, 8 p.m.  
Beer Lake Yacht Club  
Admission: **FREE!!!**

*Rebel without a Cause* -  
November 3  
*American Graffiti* -  
November 10

## SPB Cinema

Friday nights, 7 p.m.  
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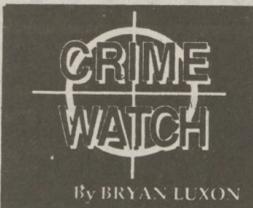
## "REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE"

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Oct. 31 - 1 a.m. A Hill House resident had the driver's side of her car window kicked by a passer-by, while looking for a parking spot in the North parking lot near Vandenberg. The passer-by was a male with short brown hair. He was approximately 20 years old, six feet tall and weighed approximately 160 lbs. The victim followed him and he was last seen entering a tan, 1988 Chevy pick-up with a few other individuals.



Oct. 26 - 11:00 a.m. More racial hatred graffiti was found in the men's room of the OC basement. The content of the graffiti was another backward swastika with the inscription "Die Jews" written beneath it.

Oct. 25 - 2:15 p.m. While at home in Warren on September 4, a 19-year-old Hamlin resident and her roommate received what they thought was a call from a close friend. After they had given their OU address and phone number to him, they realized that he was an imposter. The roommates began to fear for their safety. They told OU police that they received a call from the imposter at their Hamlin room on October 15, and less than a week later, he called and told the Hamlin resident's former boyfriend, "I'm gonna slit your throat and then shoot you," according to one of the roommates.

Oct. 25 - 7 p.m. A Hamlin resident was allegedly abducted and raped while exiting Varner Hall by a male, approximately 20 years in age, with a medium build who stood almost six feet tall, according to OU police. According to the report, the alleged rapist grabbed the victim from behind as she exited the building, covered her mouth and took her to the loading docks behind the Varner Hall. The victim told OU police that she recovered her keys during the struggle and drove the set into the assailant's lower eye and then delivered a kick to his groin area, which then allowed her to escape to her car and she drove off. A Campus Awareness and Securities Act bulletin was issued throughout campus.

## Credit cards aid students in search of quick cash

By JENNIFER BURGESS  
Special Correspondent  
College Press Service

College students across the nation are armed with credit cards. Although the temptation to spend may lead to financial disaster for some students, a majority of students control the urge to just charge it, officials say.

A survey of college student's spending habits revealed that about 90 percent of the students polled said it was important for them to have a credit card history in their own name, said Stuart Himmelfarb of Roper College Track in New York.

"That means recognizing the importance of not messing it up," Himmelfarb said.

According to Bob Moss, a spokesman for American Express, most of the college students who use the American Express card understand the

severity of ruining their credit by charging more than they can afford. Card members are required to pay the American Express card's balance at the end of the month, eliminating revolving credit and high interest rates on the remaining balance.

"College students tend to understand that they have to pay the bill in full each month," Moss said.

According to Moss, some students prefer to use a credit card that must be paid off each month because they have "built-in financial discipline."

According to Roper's survey of 4,000 full-time students on college campuses students are not going on massive shopping sprees with their credit cards.

Moss said most college students who use American Express charge between \$100 to \$200 per month.

Despite their lack of credit his-

tory, many college students are deemed worthy of credit without a co-signer.

American Express, Nations Bank and Discover take outstanding student loans, employment and credit history into consideration when reviewing a credit application.

Credit card companies are seeking students because they usually do not already have credit cards and because they are active consumers.

According to spokespersons at Nations Bank and American Express, college students who use their credit cards actually have a lower failure rate than the general public.

"They pretty much watch that they're doing," a Nations Bank spokesman said.

College students may see their undergraduate years as the perfect time to establish credit because it is available to them everywhere.

## Packard

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engineering building. Over the past few years DeCarlo, and most recently Packard, have been lobbying members of the House and Senate to back money for the project.

"We had support of the entire Board of Trustees, who personally contacted the governor and legislators," DeCarlo said. "In addition, former Trustee L. Brooks Patterson personally met Engler in support of the project. In the end we got a \$39 million building, totally funded by the state."

DeCarlo said that all around the country, higher education has been cut in state budgets. However, he said that Gov. Engler has cut other budgets rather than cut higher education. That doesn't mean the money is there, there is a sort of standstill in university funding; but that doesn't mean OU's leaders have given up.

"We have been trying to mount extra efforts to position ourselves favorably, so that if additional resources are found OU will capitalize on these efforts and receive these funds," DeCarlo said. "Lansing has treated OU fairly, and in some situations have given us more money than larger colleges. They recognize us as an important institution in the state."

Greg Rosine, of the House of Representatives Fiscal Agency, said he meets with Packard and DeCarlo on a weekly basis.

"OU has a presence in Lansing," Rosine said. "It's important to have someone here to answer questions about OU that might be asked by the legislators. OU has been able to do this consistently."

"It's true that appropriations have been flat," Rosine said. "Oakland has been keeping a solid base, a sound foundation of lobbying in support of its students to stay on top of legislative business."

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## Morale

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employee relations by interviewing, surveying and getting feedback from fellow employees and peers about how they felt about their jobs at OU.

Chapa, who has worked at the cash register and in stock for three weeks said her employers understood her needs as a full-time student when they schedule her work hours.

Sophomore Carin Peyok said that she quit her job at Elias Brothers to work at Sweet Sensations because her employers are more sensitive to her class schedule.

"They are really good about getting time off, especially for exams. I like this job better because the hours are flexible and I get weekends off," she said.

Chapa also added that the Sweet Sensation's friendly atmosphere helps her to enjoy the hours she spends "on her feet".

"Everyone (the customers and the workers) are really patient when there is a rush, or a big line. And this helps the day go by faster," she said.

This friendly working atmosphere was also attractive to non-OU student, Richard Smith, who quit his full-time job as a stocker at Target to work part-time in the school cafeteria.

"Even though I got more hours at Target, I was never happy because of the dull people who worked there.

"But here all of the students seem to be friendly. Here, if a come in with a bad mood, the friendly atmosphere brings me out of it," he said.

Paulette Gagny, a card checker in the cafeteria also said the friendly, young students make her job easier.

"Since I am from France, this job has not only given me a chance to meet new, interesting people, but mixing with the students has helped me improve my English," she said.

Ella Root, a Marriot employee who recently retired enjoyed her job but felt a need for more communication between employers and employees.

"I think it could be improved," she said about employee morale. "It's a little bit touchy. Communication is kind of bad. There should be

Furthermore, Jenks said that the university needs to hire university employees for maintenance work rather than contracting outside workers.

"It does not make sense for the university to contract workers for maintenance jobs when we have workers here. Any work that should be done, should be done by university employees," he said.

Jesse Shelton, who is a union employee agrees with the Task Force's report and also believes that OU is not an employee-friendly place to work and that employee morale is low. He says that the problem stems from not having enough workers.

"The amount of work we do is wearing us out and it affects the worker's attitude. They (the management) say that no one is applying for jobs but there are plenty of students looking for jobs," he said.

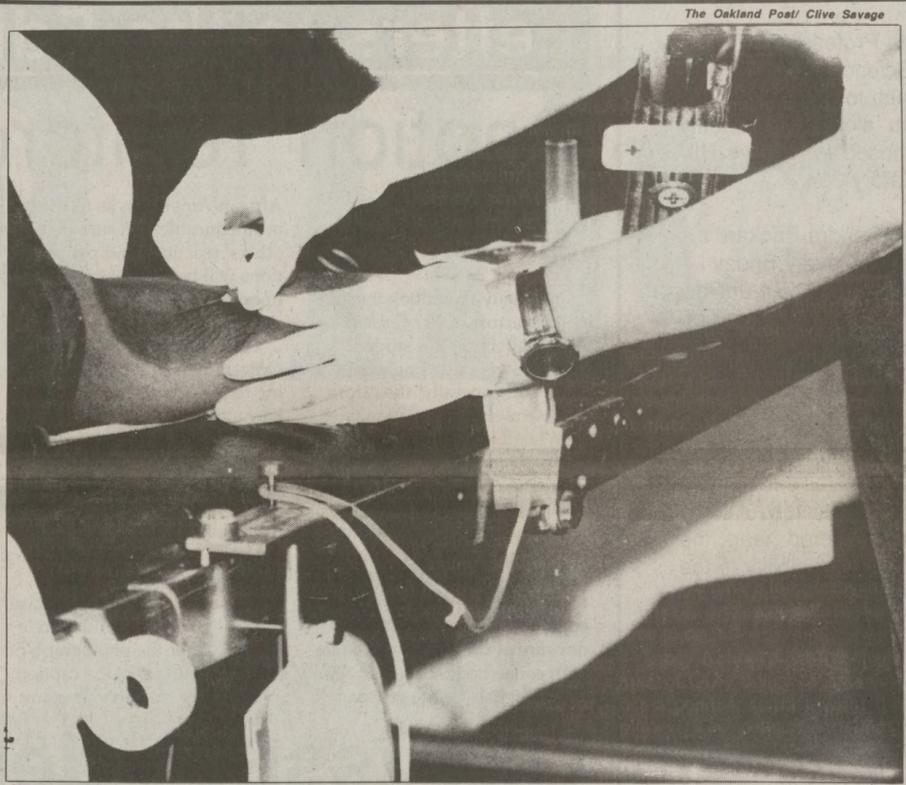
Shelton said some of these problems would be resolved if the administration took a more active role in work-related issues on campus.

"A lot of people have been working here for 10-20 years and they are still having some of the same problems in trying to get management to listen to their concerns.

"Packard talks about this university as being one big family and a lot of the workers here feel like stepchildren," he said.

But Shelton said that workers should not let some of their problems with management discourage them.

"I tell the workers to keep their chin up because we (union employees) and the management have different styles. And we have got to learn how to live with it before we can try to make any changes," he said.



A university sponsored blood drive was recently held in the Oakland Center. If you missed them, any interested parties may visit the Graham Health Center located on campus.

## Library

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day she had tried to reach Eric Condic, the assistant to dean of Kresge library, but could only get through to his secretary. However, she said the secretary told her that other people had made similar complaints.

"I was really ticked off," Stramaglan said. "They have other complaints from employees, but they seem like they're just waiting for students to complain. Does someone have to faint or keel over, and threaten to sue before something is done?"

Condic contacted Stramaglan later, and she said he told her that they have been pumping more oxygen into the building than usual in the last three weeks. Stramaglan said Condic suggested she stay on the first and second floors.

Also, about three weeks ago, two students complained about a smell of gas in a library stairwell. Jason LaFay, a senior philosophy/sociology major who works at Kresge,

said he received the complaint.

"I called a guy to check it out," said LaFay. "He said he also smelled gas, and we decided to call Public Safety. They also smelled something, so they called someone from plant facilities over. They arrived to make the check an hour later, and found no leak."

Indra David, the associate dean of university library, said that to her knowledge only the one student has made this kind of complaint recently. However, she said that the problem will be checked.

"We have notified the authorities in plant facilities," David said. "They promised they will find out what is going on. Usually it's just a little stuffy in the library, but because the student registered a complaint we have to check it out."

David said that these types of complaints are nothing new to the library, but usually they turn out to be just paranoid worries.

"All year long we have people complaining about different things: How hot or cold it is, the water, etc.," David said. "We always check them out, even though it's usually very

expensive. We expect the checks to come back normal, the staff work here about eight hours a day and they're fine"

Michael Lucas, a cataloger who works in the library basement, would tend to disagree. He said that he and the people he works with have been complaining about the lack of air in the building for years.

"There's no circulation of any kind. It just kind of sits there," Lucas said. "On a given day, by 11 a.m. everyone is yawning, and by early afternoon everyone just wants to go to sleep."

He said that his office has discussed the problem with the administration, and sent a letter to the library president this summer. According to the administration, when the library was built, the insulation was stripped down to save money, and there is no adequate airflow.

"Since then, they've played with the vents to send the air around, but it hasn't had much effect," Lucas said. "The temperature is usually stifling or freezing."

"We've found nothing abnormal," said

## Action

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her office monitors the application and screening process to see that everyone has a fair shake.

She also said that the Plan, "does not include quotas that must be met" and that the position does not have to be filled by a woman or minority; rather, it simply promotes the consideration of affirmative action goals.

For faculty hiring 1992-1993, four tenure track positions were filled; 50 percent women, one minority. Eleven new visiting positions were filled; nine

women, one minority.

For staff hiring in September 1992 and of August 1993, seven administrative professionals were hired; 57 percent women, 29 percent African-American, 14 percent Asian-Pacific Islander. Fourteen hires were made in paraprofessionals and non-paraprofessionals; 93 percent women, 29 percent African-American.

However, many of the affirmative action goals were not met. The report attributes this to a hiring freeze by the university, and low availability of protected group members in some fields.

"We've had a hiring freeze for a few years," said Rush. "The

progress has been limited, but that doesn't mean we haven't made progress."

Oakland President Sandra Packard said that because of a number of budget cuts, there were fewer opportunities for hiring. However, she emphasized that this will not impede affirmative action in the future.

"Absolutely, we've got to make more progress," Packard said. "We have a long-term commitment, and we have a long time to do it."

James A. Sharp, Jr, the chairman of OU's Board of Trustees, has a positive stand toward the plan. "The policies are being

met, and OU is doing a very fine job in meeting those objectives."

Sharp said it's important that people from all ethnic groups learn to seek commonality and in doing so, improve market opportunities on the global spectrum.

"Affirmative Action is not a social program, it's an economic program," Sharp said. "Our job base is growing worldwide. If we can foster better relations and get along with each other better, when these graduates go to other countries for jobs they will respect differences, and not be the 'ugly American'."

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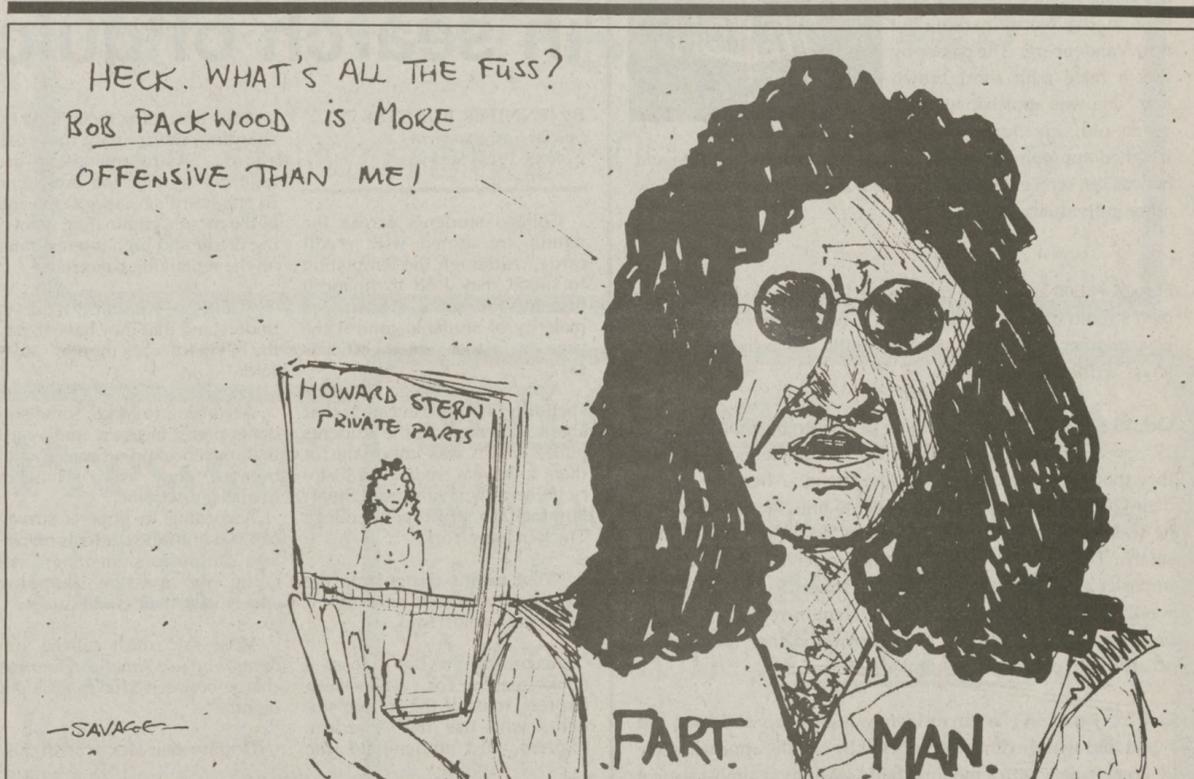
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# Opinion



## Letters to the Editor

### Caption 'reinforces stereotypes'

Subject: Cover Page of The Oakland Post-Wednesday, October 20, 1993

Normally I overlook the journalistic errors in *The Oakland Post*, realizing it is a student publication - a learning experience, and generally, the errors are harmless.

When I read the caption under the picture of Kanique "Precious" Morand, my blood boiled. In my opinion, it was totally unnecessary to include the second sentence of that caption, "When asked which elementary school she attends, she could not tell because she was not sure of the spelling." In fact, I am concerned that it may reinforce a negative stereotype of

African-Americans as illiterate or uneducated. I'm sure that others' reactions and perceptions will be different based upon their individual life experiences.

However, at a time when the University is in the midst of trying to create an illusion or racial harmony and unity, when there is such unrest among the students of color, when the hottest "buzz word" on campus is diversity, I find it hard to understand what positive/constructive purpose was served by that sentence. Journalistically, I fail to see how what elementary school that child attends is relevant to either the photograph or the first sentence of the caption. There are probably as many

interpretations to the picture and caption as there are people. Among those I polled, most agreed they found it negative and all found it unnecessary. I don't advocate censorship, rather journalistic responsibility and I do not appreciate the utilization of the student newspaper to perpetuate negative stereotypes of minorities.

While I am most concerned that the author of the caption be made aware of the insensitivity of his remark, I would like to see some sort of apology in a future issue of *The Oakland Post*. Also, since the author did not say the child did not know what school she attended but rather she could not "spell" it, I won-

der whether or not the author could "spell" the name of the school?

Your prompt attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Cecilia Gilford  
Junior  
Communications  
OU Staff member

**Editors Note:**  
This memorandum was initially sent to the Dean of Students David Herman. The memo was then forwarded to The Post's office. The Post received permission from Cecilia Gilford to publish her memorandum that was initially sent to the Dean of Students David Herman.

## OUR VIEW

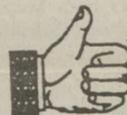
### College deserves thumbs up in several departments



To Associate Professor of Biological Sciences Fay Hansen-Smith for pressing the university to alert any students who may have been exposed to the live HIV virus in Dodge Hall laboratory 304.



To President Sandra Packard's open door policy every Friday afternoon. How often is a university allowed access to the ear of its leader? Not very often, so take advantage of her availability.



To the appointments of Tim Eckstein and Sharon Long as the new medical director and nursing practitioner, respectively. After a period of teetering above the scrap heap, the appointments once again lend credibility to the university's health center.

## Another View

### OU is 'white bread population of students'

Dear Editor,

In reference to the letters you received regarding 'upsetting' Gay and Lesbian 'advertising,' I would like to make two comments.

First, unbeknownst to the majority of Oakland University's homogeneous student population, there exists many minority groups, some of which are oppressed or are not given the same opportunities of 'open' communication as the rest of the university. Being gay or lesbian still carries a stigma of social hate and rejection. Banners and paper flyers which student groups such as GALA make are often quickly torn down, presumable by those who are afraid of what they see.

Secondly, I highly doubt that your readers' concerns about spray painting or pink confetti are aimed towards environmentalists protection. I have yet to see an *Oakland Post* reader comment about the magnanimous amounts of plastic and styrofoam used by our beloved food service. Nor do I see protest about the costly and environmentally research performed in the science labs, your readers' protests amount to one clear fact: Oakland University is and continues to be a small town, uneducated, white-bread population of students who refuse to learn from and appreciate the diversity which surrounds it.

Until students learn to appreciate the real education a university has to offer, oppressed minorities will continued to speak out in any way necessary.

Michael Weber  
Senior  
Nursing

## Gay issues demand attention

Dear Editor,

I was glad to see two letters raising issues around gay, lesbian and bisexual students here at Oakland. They provide an opportunity for us to advance public dialogue on homophobia.

First, thank you to Ms. Power for her suggestions for more environmentally friendly ideas for direct action. I have long advocated the chalk avenue and think life at Oakland would be a lot more interesting if more groups and individuals took to

the streets with chalk in hand. However, I find it disturbing that the letter focused on "graffiti" which celebrated the dignity of gays, lesbians and bi-sexuals and remained silent on the equally environmentally insensitive and humanly destructive comments we see everyday in the elevators and bathrooms of our campus. In the long run, slogans of hate against people of color, Jews, Lesbians, gay men and anyone else not liked by narrow, right wing elements pollute not only our environ-

ment but our minds and hearts as well.

The second letter was more troubling. Rather than get entangled in a discussion of constitutional issues, let me suggest that J.S.E. take a basic political science course. GALA, currently has in it people who identify as Christians, Jews, Republicans, Democrats, Pagans, atheists and anarchists. Our mission is to support Gay, Lesbian and Bi-sexual students. We are, of course, open to anyone, of whatever religious or

political affiliation who shares our basic mission. To imply that GALA is somehow opposed to "some Christians" reflects a lack of understanding of the presence of gay, lesbian and bisexuals throughout our society. As the saying goes, gays are everywhere, possible even in the pews next to you.

Sincerely,

Shea Howell  
Faculty Advisor  
GALA



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# Features



**ELIZABETH  
CARTER**

I was something my classmates feared becoming. I was a teenage nerd.

My high school years were something a little less than wonderful. I'd heard stories from my mother that high school was supposed to be the best years of your life. High school wasn't for me.

Nerds often ask themselves, what in the heck makes the popular people so popular? Even though I've been out of high school for more than three years, I still can't figure it out.

Facing high school everyday was daunting. I was unfortunate in that I was not bubbly, cute, thin or flirtatious as all of the popular girls were. My clothes were different from the "norm" and I was constantly laughed at for that.

Nerds seem to be stigmatized by the teenage population because they are smart, dress funny and have their nose constantly in a book. What sort of signal does this kind of stigmatization send out to kids who want to be smart and excel in their studies?

Kids today are faced with a dilemma in that parents want them to succeed in school, to take their studies seriously. This is undermined by the hassling kids get by their classmates for not wanting to party, do drugs or sleep around.

Being a brain these days doesn't seem to matter as much as having a date to the prom. Academic achievement is not as lauded as much as being able to grind someone in football or having the honor of becoming a cheerleader. Evidence lies in the millions of dollars sports figures earn a year. Would a doctor or professor be paid this much? Of course not.

Going into college was a totally different world for me, one more tolerant of diversity. College showed me that it is a virtue to be smart, that brainpower will get you a lot farther than looks or being able to shoot a basketball.

Having been out of high school now for almost four years, I've learned something about life. Life has taught me that we are all human beings, that we all have problems and that no one is perfect. No one should be laughed at because they are different and want different things for themselves.

Today, I am more confident of the person I am and the person I want to be. I am proud that I am a unique person and that I strive to be as smart as I can. At least I can say that I never sold myself out as a person or was someone I was not.

## Skydiving! Adrenaline-pumping sport or pure insanity?

By JASON DOBRY  
Staff Writer

People can be stupid sometimes. And although examples of such behavior reveal themselves in sports such as skiing and paintball (also known as "tree-dodging" and "weekend-warriorism," respectively), I would have previously denounced skydiving as one of the most idiotic activities a sane person could ever do.

To test this theory, I drove to Skydive Michigan at Brooks Field in Marshall. For \$135, I was to be harnessed to a jumpmaster and subsequently plummet 10,000 feet. And, if all went well, I wouldn't die.

The jumpmaster in this case was Tandem Instructor Mike Tudor, who has survived 800 jumps over seven years. In a tandem skydive like this one, the teacher gives about a half-hour of ground-school, explaining things like how to exit the plane and how not to worry because everything will be fine.

It was suspiciously simple. Of course, Mike was the one in charge of deploying the parachute and teaching me how to steer and land us both during the actual fall to earth's unforgiving surface.

Mike also had a sense of humor. When I saw him packing the parachute from the previous jump, I asked about the drough, which is a small canopy deployed before the main chute during freefall to slow the jumper(s) down.

"Why do we need to slow down?" I asked in blissful ignorance.

Mike said something about "being torn apart" from the sudden slow-down caused by deployment of the main chute if "we didn't have the drough." He wasn't worried, though. Neither was I. Yet.

After ground school, we and four other divers (all of whom were experienced) boarded the plane. The passengers more-or-less lie down on the floor because the plane seemed obviously designed by the Munchkins from Oz.

According to Mike, the seat-

belts we wore "for when the engine goes out on our take-off." Mike was having a good time.

About 20 minutes later, we were at 10,000 feet and preparing for the jump. It might as well have been 100,000 feet, because I was looking out the window during the whole ascent, watching the landmarks getting smaller and smaller, and all I knew was that it was a LONG way down.

But I wasn't scared, partially because I hadn't fully realized just what was going on in the midst of the building surge of adrenaline and partly because I'm stupid. After all, I'm practiced at both tree-dodging and weekend-warriorism and there-

fore my danger filters are non-functioning.

Or so I thought. Standing on the edge of the door, looking almost two miles straight down, I felt total exhilaration as I realized that people jump from great heights to commit suicide, not for fun.

Mike was quick. "Head back?" he asked. "Yeah!" "Arms crossed?" "Yeah!" "Ready?" "No!"

And off we went. I went rigid (I was supposed to relax) as we tumbled from the safety of the plane. I actually saw the plane flying away from us as my mind and body reeled.

The instinct of self-preservation kicks in full-force for the first five seconds of the fall, which only heightens the thrill. I felt like I was going to die for sure but I seemed totally unable to do anything but try to enjoy it.

Mike then flawlessly deployed the drough to slow and stabilize us as we freefell for about 35 seconds. My face felt like it was going back behind my head because of the rush of wind, and the sight of the onrushing ground below spawned an incredible rush.

When the parachute opened, the harness jerked and we slowed from 120 mph to 10 mph in seconds. The roar of the wind totally disappeared, and almost

complete silence followed except for our screaming and cheering.

On the way down, Mike let me steer us about and perform spirals during the descent. About five minutes later, I found out that the landing was almost as scary as the freefall. After all, it's not the fall but the eventual landing that kills people.

But we came to a soft landing and then fell on our behinds, something professionals aren't supposed to do but something that was good enough for me and my ankles.

I was dazed and speechless from the experience, though I knew that it was worth both the two-hour drive and the money. As a hobby, it can get expensive: a full rig costs anywhere from \$1,000 to \$4,000, not including training fees. But everyone who likes thrills should consider spending the money for a single jump.

And the danger is minimal, especially if the novice jumps in tandem with a jumpmaster. "Beginners almost never get hurt," said Linda Humphreys, who co-owns Skydive Michigan! with Jim West. "It's the ones who've done it before, get cocky, and then try to hot-dog it who can hurt themselves."

Skydive Michigan! offers two full training programs that can be spread out over several weeks, although one's \$880 and the other is \$1,030, so those who want to just "get their feet wet" are better off with the tandem at \$135.

Experienced skydivers with the benefit of possessing their own equipment can jump for \$10 plus \$1 per 1,000 feet.

One last bit of advice: make sure whoever jumps uses the bathroom. I didn't have any problems with it, but we've heard stories.

Call (616) 781-9411 for further information and a brochure.

Jason Dobry's and jumpmaster Mike Tudor's free-fall was videotaped as they dropped from 10,000 feet at 120 mph for about 35 seconds. After their parachute opened, they floated to earth at 10 mph.



## Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity's 'Pennies with a Purpose' tallies over \$1,000 for medical research

By JODI SMITH  
Staff Writer

The Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity became founding donors last semester of the American Autoimmune Related Disease Association (AARDA) after raising over \$1000 in funds for the organization's drive called 'Pennies with a Purpose.'

AARDA is a non-profit organization that supports research on multiple sclerosis, lupus, rheumatoid arthritis and other related autoimmune diseases.

The organization was founded by Virginia Ladd, who wanted a foundation that focused on autoimmune diseases as a whole, rather than one specific disease.

"Approximately seven out of the 90 known autoimmune diseases have their own organizations and I wanted to focus on autoimmunity in general," Ladd said.

Ladd, who has several autoimmunity diseases including Lupus, has done volunteer work for various organizations over the past 20 years.

"I started my organization because all of these diseases have a common genetic link. Many people don't realize that if they have a specific disease, such as MS, their children may inherit the gene but could get a different disease, like lupus. This often leads to misdiagnosis. This

organization focuses on spreading this awareness," Ladd said.

Alpha Kappa Psi heard about the organization from an alumni member of the fraternity who happens to also be Ladd's niece.

"The fraternity was looking for an organization to sponsor and AARDA was suggested by a former member of Alpha Kappa Psi. We wanted to help out because the organization was relatively new," said Andrea Parisi, public relations director of Alpha Kappa Psi and a junior human resource management major.

For the last year, members of the co-ed business fraternity have set up canisters at various business locations and solicited donations outside of local grocery stores, cleaners and restaurants.

Each member was given five to ten cans and had the task of monitoring them closely to guard against theft.

The nickels and dimes added up and a check was presented to the AARDA on March 27, 1993 for over \$1000.

"We wanted to do something for the community, something to help make society better," Parisi said.

For more information on autoimmune and related diseases call AARDA's national hotline at 1-800-598-4668.

## GALA opposed to family values amendment

By DARYL M. PIERSON  
Feature Editor

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance is sponsoring an awareness forum tonight with a lecture from Triangle Foundation president, Jeff Montgomery, on the subject of the Michigan Family Values Amendment.

MFVA, proposed in 1992 by George Matousek of Owosso, is identical to the controversial bill passed in Colorado this past year which denied Gays and Lesbians special status or any claims of discrimination.

Even though the amendment is not yet on the ballot, Montgomery believes that education must start early so people will not be deceived.

"I'll talk a little bit about the process in case this becomes a duplicate of Colorado," Montgomery said. "I'll talk about

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Delayne Elyse wants to educate for equal rights.

# Chippewa writes on 'Rez' life, Vietnam

By DARYL M. PIERSON  
Feature Editor

Jim Northrup stood there before a crowd of approximately 120, red bandanna wrapped around his head, moccasins, a suede vest with embroidered designs and a leather tobacco pouch draping from his neck.

His eyes glared out at the audience as he read his poetry, telling the story of his experiences, while the captivated audience stared intently at the Chippewa Indian.

"I thought his readings were wonderful," English major Rebecca Roberts said. "I was interested in his approach, he goes back to the roots of literature which is story-telling."

Author of "Walking The Rez Road" (Rez is Native American slang for reservation), Northrup believes that his success comes through his familiarity of his subjects.

"You must believe what you have to say is important," Northrup suggests to beginning writers. "And once you get that down the rest will follow."

Reading Northrup's writings, it's apparent that he believes in the importance of his words as each word, of each sentence, of each paragraph paints a picture which lingers in the mind.

A poet, writer and story-teller, Some subjects he touches on are relative to the Native American experience while others refer to his time spent in the Marine Corps and the affects of Vietnam.

When asked if he felt any conflict being Native American and serving in the Marine Corps, since many of the afflictions of his people came at the hands of the U.S. government, Northrup says that for Native Americans it is an honor to be consid-

ered a warrior.

"It's better than being a medicine man, it's better than being a chief of a tribe," Northrup explained. "But I don't want my children to do it, I've seen war and I don't like it."

For me It's been 26 or 27 years and I can flash back like nothing...like it's yesterday."

But writing about his experiences in Vietnam has helped him deal with the trauma of war.

"It's been therapy for me, my poems are a way to deal with my struggles," Northrup said. "It's a way for my brains to take a s—."

After returning from Vietnam, Northrup spent time working in factories, a stint as a deputy sheriff and also worked as an investigator in

public defender's office.

Realizing that this was not the life he'd live, Northrup packed up his things and moved back to the rez where he could regain his identity and

his peace of mind.

But because there were no accommodations for him, the 50-year old decided to improvise by heading into the rough-land and pitching a teepee.

serene and peaceful for Northrup and his people.

Sometimes there are threats and gunfire by people who do not acknowledge the Indians rights to the land.

"We have the right to hunt, fish and gather in all areas they gave up for the reservations," Northrup said in reference to the treaty which gave Native Americans 80 acres for each adult.

Northrup said even with the encroachments on their land, some of his people on the tribal government are steadily trying to 'sell-out' the people.

Even the profits from the casinos, which is around \$2 million, slips out of the hands of the people on the reservation.

"There is a high level of corruption," Northrup said. "The tribal government sells out many of our rights to the whiteman."

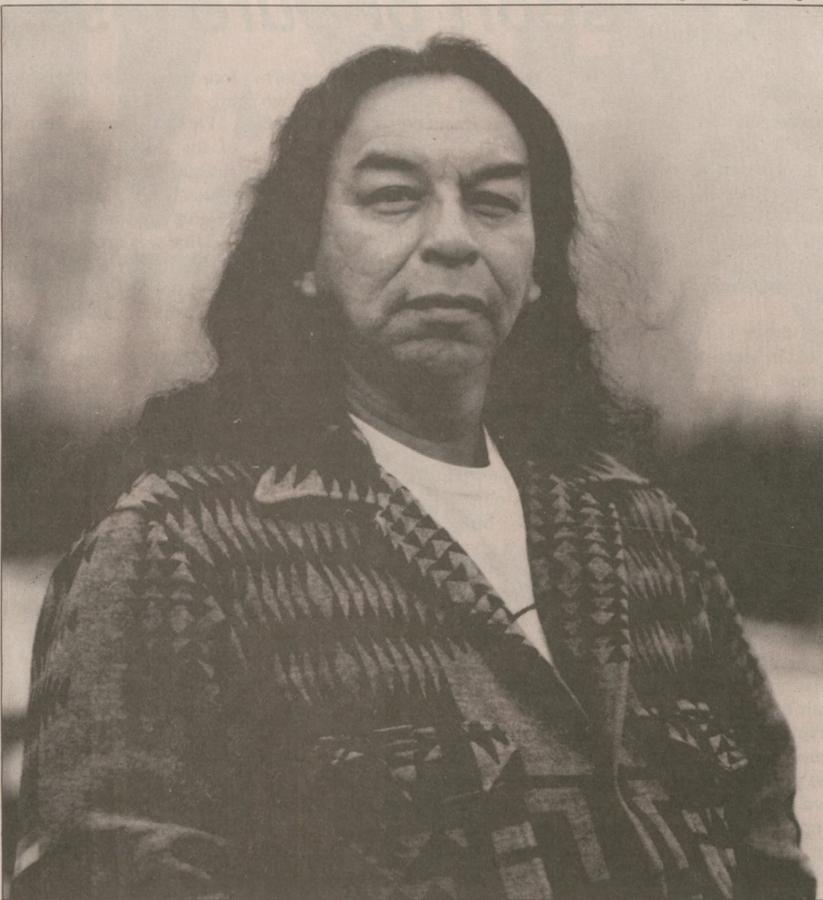
There are a lot of apples on the 'rez', red on the outside and white on the inside."

As Northrup peers out into the audience through the eyes of a million stories, he shares a person from his past who has helped him shine the light for future generations.

He cracked a smile and said "My grandfather was a writer back in the 1920s when they were still shooting Indians for their feathers."

This is the humor that comes across in many of Northrup's writings. While the problems of alcoholism and unemployment are problems on the 'rez,' Northrup tries to turn the negative into a positive.

"Humor is one of our survival mechanisms," he said. "Sometimes things are so bad you have to laugh to keep from crying."



Writer Jim Northrup uses his experiences as his subjects.

"I lived in a teepee about a mile from the nearest road," Northrup said. "It kind of kept out the riff-raff and only serious people would walk out to see me."

Three seasons out of the year it was great living, the other seasons it was just staying warm. In winter I'd go to my sister's to take a shower and I'd end up staying for a week."

Life on the 'rez' is not always

Nov. 3. If your job search is becoming endless and you feel like giving up, you can seek valuable advice on job leads at the Job Search Placement Seminar in the Gold Room C, Oakland Center. This informative seminar lasts from 11:30-1:30 p.m.

Nov.3. If you are majoring in Arts and Sciences, you have an opportunity to register for your classes and receive advice in Rm. 130 in the OC. Don't miss this opportunity that lasts from 12 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Nov. 3. Are you looking for genuine Christian fellowship and insightful Bible studies? Well, make sure you don't miss the Lutheran Students meeting in Rm. 125 in the OC. These spirit-filled meetings lasts from 1:30-2:30.

Nov. 3. Time to polish those awkward dance steps and give them a touch of style and grace because you will have a chance to show what you know in the ballroom. Ballroom dancers can glide into the night from 6 p.m.-11 p.m. in Annex I and II, Oakland Center.

Nov. 4. Make sure you are ready after class for the J.S.O.'s speaker in the Fireside Lounge, OC. The speaker will give his/her presentation from 12 p.m.-1 p.m.

Nov. 4. Do you have trouble biting your tongue or keeping your fist in your pocket when that certain someone pushes your last button? If you do, come out to the Managing Anger workshop in Rm. 126-7, OC to learn about this side of your personality. This insightful event will

last from 7-9p.m.

Nov. 4. Come out and join the OU Gospel Choir lift Jesus higher through song and praise at their weekly rehearsal in the Abstention, OC. All are welcome to join these song warriors from 6-10 p.m.

Nov. 8. While the early bird is catching the scoop, accountants who are involved in the CPA luncheon definitely cannot miss this event in the Oakland room. You can enjoy good food and pleasant people from 11:25-1 p.m.

Nov. 6. The Old Shillelagh presents the World Heavyweight Championship, with Bowe and Holyfield. For more information call 964-0007.

Nov. 18. 101 WRIF presents "Meat Loaf, Everything Louder Than Everything Else World Tour '93, '94, '95 7:30 p.m. at the State Theatre. All seats are reserved. Tickets available at all ticketmaster locations, at Off The Record in Royal Oak or charge by phone at 645-6666.

Nov. 4. The Majestic invites everyone to come and see the "Dead Milkmen" at the Michigan Theater. For 24-hr concert and club information dial 99-Music.

Nov. 10 "Concrete Blonde" will take the stage, with special guest "The Oblivious" 8 p.m. at Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor. For more information call 99-Music.

Nov. 4. St. Andrew's hall presents Big Country with special guest 700 Miles. Doors open at 8 p.m. for ages 18 and over only. Tickets are only \$8.50 in advance. For more information 645-6666.

Nov. 5 and 7. The Firm is playing at 201 Dodge on Fri. at 7 p.m. and Sun. at 3 p.m. \$1.50 admission.

# Sure Things

# Strong performance by 'Black Coffee' cast

By CHRISTINA WALKONS  
Staff Writer

Meadow Brook Theatre's production of the Agatha Christie play Black Coffee is a mysterious who dun it full of confusion, alibis, and murder.

The setting is in the library of the Amory house just outside of London in 1936. An experimenter/inventor is murdered for the formula to an explosive.

Several characters possess strong alibis. Lucia Amory, the Italian daughter-in-law, has many secrets giving her credibility for murder. There is a shifty Italian doctor, Dr. Carelli, who nobody really knows or trusts, and son to the deceased, Richard Amory, who lives off of his father but wants to take his wife Lucia away when he gets enough money.

Every mystery needs a Sherlock Holmes and Watson,



satisfied in this production by Hercule Poirot and his clueless assistant Captain Arthur Hastings. Poirot is a strong character who displays drive and intensity to find the murderer and clear the innocent.

Miss Caroline Amory, the dead man's sister, is an amusing old lady full of gossipy tales. She never gives a straight answer but reveals a lot of information by their tangents.

Throughout the play different

characters perform actions that make the audience think they are the murderer. The clever detective Poirot has his hands full probing for clues, interrogating everyone involved, and keeping the family together.

The continuous joke throughout the play is the ethnicity of the characters. The Italians are stereotyped by certain peculiar actions, as well as the conservative English ways of Amory family.

The play keeps the audience guessing up to the end. It's up to the tricky detective to bring the answers together and foil the plans. Sometimes the answer is all too obvious.

Black Coffee runs through November 21. Tickets are available at the Meadow Brook Theatre Box Office. For more information regarding tickets call 370-3300.

# Recycling program becomes priority amid concern over environmental issues

By MARINA SHARA  
Copy Editor

Oakland University is joining in the fight to preserve the world's natural resources and decreasing environmental hazards through a stepped-up recycling program.

"This is an opportunity for Oakland University to take a leadership role regarding environmental issues, such as recycling and pollution prevention," environmental consultant Dawn Furlong said.

A survey done last year by Furlong and OU alumna Cathy Thorton, showed that OU and Ferris State University were the only universities in Michigan that weren't recycling. But this year, OU is getting serious.

Furlong was hired by the university last year to conduct a waste stream audit by researching the current marketplace to ascertain if revenue exists for recyclable materials and to revise the solid waste hauling contractors requirements.

"Dawn is extremely knowledgeable and has been a real asset to Oakland University. She is very hard working and dedicated," assistant vice-president of campus facilities and operations Alan Miller said.

"I actually picked through trash in most of the buildings just to see what exactly was being thrown away...and I found a lot of material that could be recycled," Furlong said.

After Furlong's waste audit, she put together a recycling plan and presented it to the university.

"What I presented to the university was a detailed description of an effective recycling program," Furlong said.

The plan was then reviewed by Miller. Miller said white paper is valuable and is going for \$40 to \$60 per ton.

"Once we had a feel for what was in the mainstream, it became clear to us that one option stood out head and shoulders above the rest, and that was white paper...So we're moving ahead with the white paper program," Miller said.

However, Miller also said there is a possibility that the university will expand the white paper to include mixed paper as well.

A formalized recycling plan was then presented to the campus Development and Environment Committee. The com-

mittee basically agreed with the plan and returned a response to Miller.

"The plan is an improved university plan for recycling. It undoubtedly will be updated and revised as time goes by," Miller said.

The plan suggests the university work on certain standards.

"One of the criteria that we're operating on is that recycling will be accomplished with sufficient funds and it will be self-planning," Miller said.

Currently, the university is considering contracting with one of two companies. Miller and Furlong met with two possible bidders on October 18. One bidder does decentralized pickup and the other does centralized. Miller says they will take the, "best deal."

The recycling plan is on the go, but

student volunteers are crucial.

"It takes time and effort. You need to translate this into action. With that you need volunteers and support...There is plenty of room for volunteer help. I hope there are some students that would like to help," member of the Campus Development and Environment committee, Professor Jeff Brieger said.

Also in strong agreement with Brieger are Miller and Furlong.

"The key to the success of this program are the student volunteers. They are what make it work. We could move ahead faster if we had that cooperation," Miller said.

If anyone is interested in volunteering, you can call Alan Miller at extension 2160 or Ken Daniels at 2168.

# Sports

## Pioneer of the Week

**Angie DeLobel**  
women's tennis  
5-9 senior

DeLobel won the GLIAC championship at number six singles last weekend at the GLIAC Tournament in Midland, Mich. DeLobel is the first OU women's tennis player to win an individual GLIAC title since 1979.

## THE PIONEER DIRT BOX

•Oakland soccer is unbeaten in its last seven matches, going 6-0-1 over that stretch. The Pioneers have raised their record from 5-0-1 to its current 11-3-2.

•With its two wins last week, OU has won 10 or more matches for the 14th straight season.

•Senior goalkeeper Mike Sheehy was fifth nationally in last week's stat leader report for NCAA Division II with a 0.60 goals against average. OU's defense was also fifth nationally, giving up 0.61 goals per game.

•The volleyball team's 20 wins represents the 10th time in the 18 year history of the program that the team has won at least 20 matches. Coach Peggy Groen has won more matches in her first year than any other first year Oakland volleyball coach.

•Oakland's three regional wins last week boosts its record against regional foes to 19-3. The Pioneers are 5-1 against Great Lakes Valley Conference competition.

•Senior setter Natalie Koan had another outstanding week. Koan had 40 assists in three games last week and is averaging 10.6 assists per game overall.

## THIS WEEK IN PIONEER SPORTS

Wed., Nov. 3, -Men's Soccer vs. Eastern Michigan, 3:30 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 5, -Men's and women's swimming vs. Wright State, 5 p.m.

-Volleyball vs. Michigan Tech, 7:30 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 6, -Volleyball vs. Northern Michigan, 1 p.m.

-Soccer vs. Mercyhurst, 2 p.m.

-Men's and women's cross country at the Great Lakes Regionals in Joplin, Mo.

-information compiled by Andy Glantzman, Sports Information director

# Quest for playoff berth at hand

By KEN FILLMORE  
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team increased its unbeaten streak to seven this past week at the friendly confines of Pioneer Field by upending Siena Heights College, 3-0, last Wednesday and Tiffin University, 4-3, on Saturday.

In OU's match with Siena Heights, the Saints were their own worst enemy as they made poor decisions in passing the ball. When outlet passes were made to the midfielders, they were out of position to properly receive them.

Those miscues led to giveaways that the Pioneers (11-3-2) jumped on. After missing wide of the goal on plenty of their shots, with a couple big stops in between by goalkeeper Charles Juglar, junior forward Eli Tiomkin hit the target on a rebound opportunity at 33:22.

OU scored twice in 2:24 past the midway point of the second half to insure its triumph.

At 70:07, sophomore midfielder Chad Schomaker scored from junior sweeper Andrew Wagstaff. At 72:31, Tiomkin scored his second of the match, 15th of the season, from freshman midfielder Andy Kalmbach's feed.

It took a while for OU to get

those tallies, but head coach Gary Parsons knew that they would have come sooner or later.

"You get a little worried when they're not going in, and they may not go in for you," Parsons said.

"I felt confident that we would get a few. I told the guys at halftime to just be patient and keep working at it."

The way OU has played defensively for most of the season does not require a flurry of goals to win games. That was no different last Wednesday as Siena Heights was on defense for most of the contest, and when they did penetrate, the shots on goal were few and far between and balls were sent the other way. From Wagstaff's point of view, playing defense seems easier to talk about than it is to actually perform and execute.

"We got two excellent stoppers and they make the job pretty easy for me.

Anything that comes through, I just step up and clear so there's not much chance of any second balls coming down," Wagstaff said.

After Tiomkin's goal, OU cleared its bench. Freshman goalkeeper Ryan Adams made his first appearance as a Pioneer, replac-

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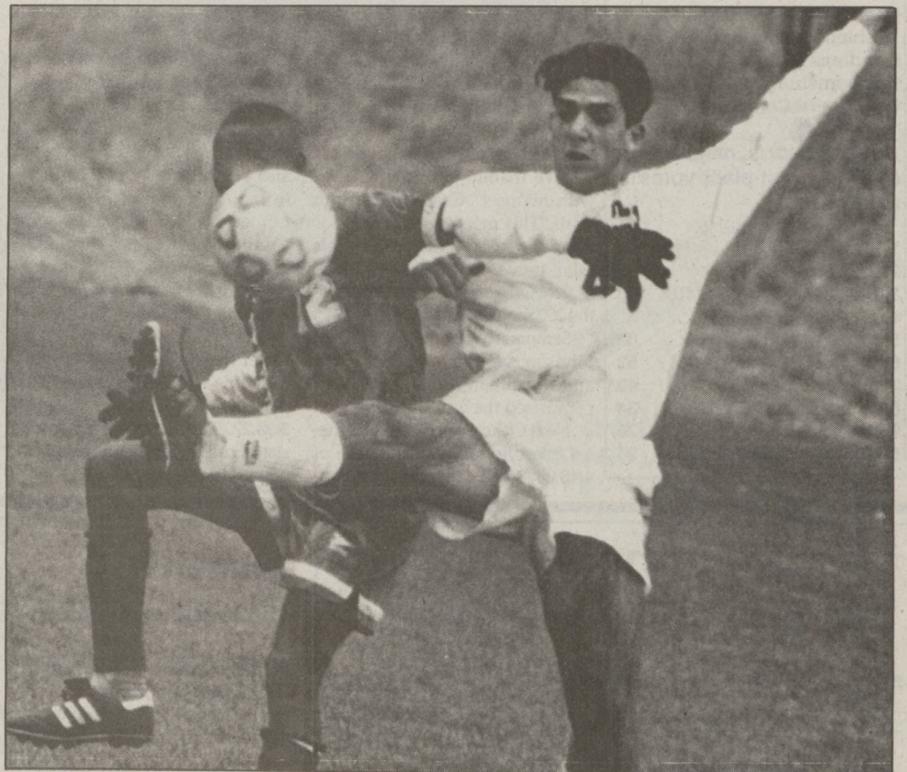


Photo by Bob Knoeka

Sophomore defender Will Bothe puts his best foot forward in action versus Tiffin on Saturday.

## Tankers unleashed

### Top-ranked teams open seasons at Bowling Green

By ERIC DeMINK  
Sports Editor

These are the best of times but could end up the worst of times if the Pioneer men do not live up to the great expectations heaped upon them.

Perhaps it is unfair to burden any team with a top ranking, especially one as young as that harnessed by head coach Pete Hovland. But if it is indeed worthy of the title, then it will perform as such.

While the tankers did not win the Bowling Green Relays held at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, on Oct. 29, the pressure was certainly there.

What most people don't realize is that number one ranked teams don't always win regular season meets and may drop in the rankings from week to week or month

to month, but focus on the fact that the only thing that counts is who is on top after nationals.

Sean Peters, the lone senior on the squad, feels the extreme youth could be a boon as much as it a burden.

"Despite our youth, I have the utmost confidence in this team, he said. "I think we can be just as competitive as last year."

We go into each meet competitive and try to put our best foot forward. That is just the nature of the beast. And I believe that we have what it takes to win," Peters said.

On Friday, Oakland had its hands full with the likes of Division I MAC conference schools in Ball State, the University of Toledo, Eastern Michigan University, host BGSU and Findlay of Ohio (Division II) but in no way was it outclassed.

Although the relay success dis-

played in past years did not quite emerge, Pioneer tankers did break the surface in the, 800 and 1500 free relay events and qualified junior diver Dario DiFazio for the nationals on both boards. DiFazio scored a 286.10 on the one-meter board, and a 307.93 on the three-meter.

While score was not kept at the event, Toledo captured four of 11 relays. Eastern Michigan two and Bowling Green and Ball State one a piece.

For the Pioneers, the trio of freshmen David Paxton and James Collins and sophomore transfer Arturo Albiero captured the 800 free event and were later joined by freshman Ken Ehlen in taking the 1500.

"We swam well in a couple of places," Hovland said, "but we did not win as many relays as we normally do."

"But we also did well in races that

we normally don't."

Still there are a lot of questions that Hovland hopes will be answered between now and the shave meet in December.

"It is a period of adjustment for us now with all of these new faces, and the freshmen must adjust to a new college environment, he said.

"Swimmers respond differently to different situations. Some swim well at practice, but not at meets. Others swim well at meets, but not at practice, and there are some that don't swim well at meets but swim well at nationals.

But as far as gauging Pioneer success on one meet, Hovland is cautiously optimistic.

"I look at the season with trepidation," he said.

"It's really a guessing game, a crap shoot for me and Chuck (McClune), but we are learning something new everyday."

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## 1993-94 College Swimming Coaches Association of America preseason polls: Men

1. OAKLAND
2. Cal. St.- Bakersfield
3. California -Davis
4. California Poly SLO
5. Clarion
6. South Dakota
7. Shippensburg
8. North Dakota
9. Southern Connecticut State
10. Edinboro

College Sports magazine ('92 finish, 1st-place votes in parentheses)

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| 1. OAKLAND (2nd)            | (7) | 106 |
| 2. UC Davis (3rd)           | (2) | 98  |
| 3. CS-Bakersfield (1st)     | (2) | 81  |
| 4. Clarion (6th)            |     | 67  |
| 5. Cal Poly SLO (4th)       |     | 66  |
| 6. South Dakota (5th)       |     | 47  |
| 7. Shippensburg (9th)       |     | 38  |
| 8. North Dakota (10th)      |     | 36  |
| 9. SCSU (8th)               |     | 20  |
| 10. Alaska-Anchorage (12th) |     | 16  |

## Spiker no Ill wind for Pioneers

By PATSY PASQUE and STACEY ZOELLNER  
Staff Writers

She came to Oakland University for volleyball...or was it basketball?

Last year at OU, sophomore standout Karen Ill did a rare thing, by participating in two sports in the fall.

But that was nothing new for Ill who was a two sport athlete at Millington High School in Millington, Michigan.

During her senior year in high school, Ill was captain of her team and voted MVP her last two years.

Also a leader in basketball, Ill was the only girl to ever make the Dream Team for both sports.

Upon graduation she was recruited by former Coach Bob Hurdle from OU and received a partial scholarship to play volleyball.

She is glad she made the choice to attend Oakland.

"It is far enough from home (Millington) to feel like I'm away,

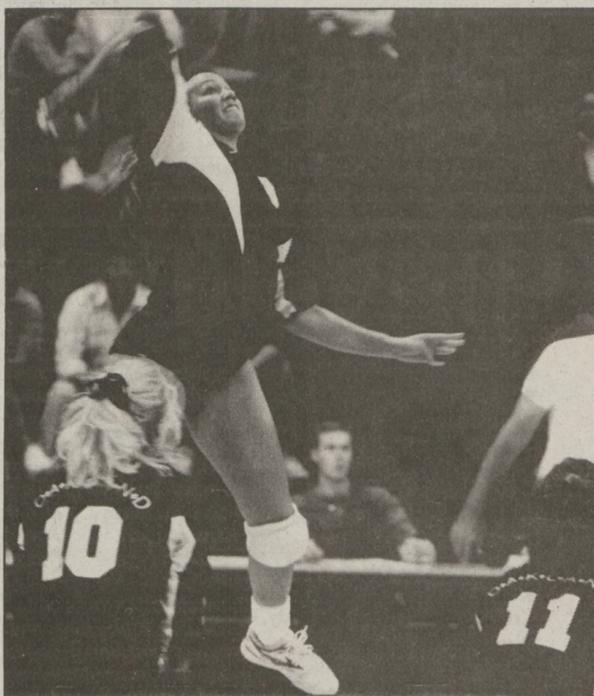


Photo by Bob Knoeka

Sophomore Karen Ill takes the elevator for a devastating spike. yet I'm close enough to come home whenever I need to," Ill commented.

Since becoming a Pioneer, she has improved greatly in several areas of her game.

For instance, before coming to OU, Ill had never played on a technical offense.

"I had to learn a new type of the game that I never had a chance to experience," Ill said.

Now that she is more knowledgeable about the game, Ill feels she is now a smarter and stronger player. Due to her dedication and hard work Ill has achieved GLIAC

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## Spikers reel off sixth straight

By PATSY PASQUE and STACEY ZOELLNER  
Staff Writers

The volleyball team's winning streak reached six straight when they added three more last weekend.

After defeating Hillsdale College (15-8,15-2,17-15) at home last Tuesday, the Pioneers then travelled to Kentucky where they beat their regional rivals, Northern Kentucky (15-3,11-15,15-12,15-6) and Bellarmine (15-3,15-2,15-9) on Saturday.

Meeting the Hillsdale Chargers at Lepley, junior Donna Sowa had a hitting percentage of .538 and seven kills. Sophomore Karen Ill followed with a .485 hitting percentage and 20 kills.

On Saturday, the women traveled to Kentucky to deliver a double defeat.

Senior co-captain Melissa Hixon had the best match of her career against Northern Kentucky. She led the team with 29 attacks, 16 kills, 12 digs and a .517 attack percentage. Hixon said,

"It was more of a team effort. The team played extremely well and really worked together."

That same day the Pioneers crushed Bellarmine in three straight games.

"The victory was a team effort and everyone worked solidly," Ill said, "Communication is a big part of our game. If our communication breaks down, then so do we."

This win also contributed to head coach Peggy Groen's record of winning more matches her first year than any other first year volleyball coach at Oakland.

The upcoming weekend for the volleyball team is very important. The women face the two top teams in the GLIAC on Friday and Saturday in Michigan Tech and Northern Michigan.

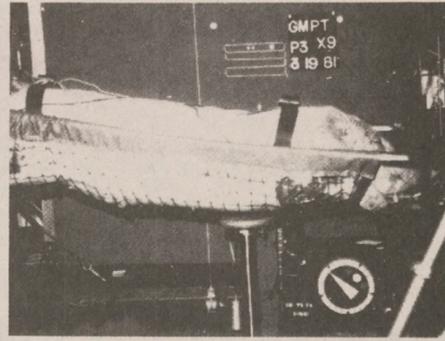
"It was good to come away this past weekend with a big performance," assistant coach Andrea Chisnell said.

"We need that confidence for this weekend," she said



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## Oakland University Student Congress

Meeting #11  
November 8, 1993  
4:00 P.M. Oakland Room

### -AGENDA-

- I. Call to Order/ Roll Call
- II. Correction and Approval of Minutes
- III. Guest Speaker  
- Shaye Dillon-Cocco: Goal Setting
- IV. Executive Staff Report
- V. Senate Committee Reports
- VI. Congressional Committee Reports
- VII. Approval of Appointments
- VIII. New Business
  - A. First Reading: Constitutional Bylaw Amendment  
-Section 1, Subsection D
  - B. First Reading: Constitutional Bylaw Amendment  
-Section 14, Subsection A, Clause 1
- IX. Discussion Topics  
- Comments from the Gallery
- X. Announcements
- XI. Adjournment

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**Brooke Smith  
SAB Chair**

Dear Student Body:

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some of the progress Student Congress has made this semester. First, we have passed a resolution which endorses the creation of a student seat on the Board of Trustees, the university's highest governing body. We are currently planning a trip to Lansing to meet with various legislators to obtain their support on this issue. Second, we are planning a President's Roundtable to be held in January at Oakland University. The President's Roundtable will be a day long conference which will be attended by student government presidents from across Michigan. The purpose of the roundtable is to promote information sharing between universities. Finally, our Student Services Director has completed the Student Directory. We hope to have it available for distribution no later than mid November.

In the meantime, if there are any questions or concerns you as a student may have, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 370-4290. As stated in last week's advertisement, "you know who we are, you know what we are, but we don't know what you want . . . tell us."

Sincerely,

Amy A. Rickstad  
President  
University Student Congress