

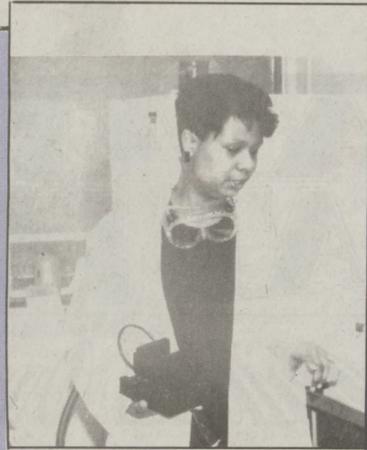
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Former Pioneer Tracey Bearden replaces Peggy Groen as OU's head volleyball coach. See page 10.



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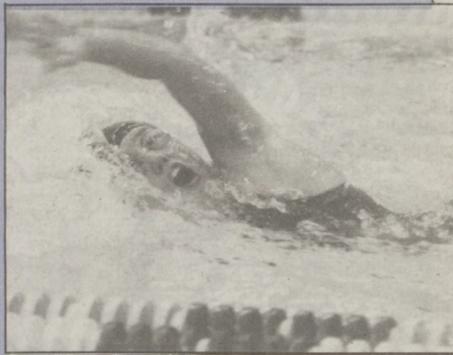
OU graduate student searches for a breast cancer cure under the King, Chavez Parks program for minority graduate students.

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Sports

Women's swim team tunes up for the postseason GLIAC and NCAA tournaments by thrashing Northern Michigan University.

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Photo courtesy of the Uecker family

Christina Uecker was killed instantly last Thursday when her car collided broadside with a pickup truck in Holly.

Crash claims new teacher's life

By ROBERT CARR
News Editor

Christina Uecker, who friends described as a compassionate woman whose life was based on caring for children, died Feb. 3 in a car accident. She was 26.

The Mt. Clemens native and recent OU graduate was driving her Chevrolet Celebrity on Holly Road when she hit a patch of ice, swerved into oncoming traffic and was hit broad-side by a pickup truck.

Grad student hits icy patch, collides with pickup truck

Even though she was wearing her seatbelt, paramedics told the family that she died instantly of a broken neck.

Uecker had just secured a teaching job at Patterson Elementary School in Holly two weeks ago and was accepted

into OU's master's program in early childhood education last fall. She was not currently enrolled this semester.

"The kids were very attached to her," Steve VanEffen, a teacher at Patterson said. "They loved her a great

deal."

After Uecker graduated last December, she applied at Holly Elementary, where she was picked out of 200 applicants to teach a fifth-grade class of 30 students.

"She really impressed us at

the interview, and when she started work Jan. 18 she really whipped her class into shape," said VanEffen.

He had been discussing projects for the school with Uecker an hour before her accident.

"She was going to do Disney 3D figures for our 'Winter Carnival' activities; she was very excited about it," said VanEffen.

This creativity was inherent in Uecker, said Mark Vachon,

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Briefly...

Housing, testing

Thursday, Feb. 10 is the due date for students in the residence halls to pay the second housing payment.

Monday, Feb. 14 is the last day to take competency examinations.

Valentines Day

In celebration of Valentines day, C.A.R.E. will be selling chocolate roses in the OC on Monday Feb. 14 from 11-2 p.m.

Tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and combination pots will also be on sale in the OC on Thursday, Feb. 10 from 9:30-2 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Meadow Brook Estate Greenhouse.

A romantic dinner will be served at Meadow Brook Hall on Sunday, Feb. 13. French cuisine will be featured, dishes including saucisson, scallop ceviche, grilled beef filet with black truffle sauce, sauteed pheasant breast or fettucine with shiitake mushrooms among other tempting entrees. The cost is \$50 per person complete.

For those who are looking for a more cost conscious meal, a Valentine buffet will be served on Friday, Feb. 11 in the Oakland Room. Cost is \$5.49 plus tax.

Engler seeks 2.3 percent state aid hike

By ELIZABETH CARTER AND EILEEN OXLEY
Staff Writers

A 2.3 percent fund increase from Governor Engler's higher education budget recommendation may combat Oakland University's present financial woes, according to administrators gathered at the Senate Higher Education subcommittee meeting last week.

This same increase, if accepted by the state legislature this year, is expected for nine other public universities. Five other public colleges will receive higher increases from Central Michigan's 4.2 percent raise to Grand Valley's 17.1 percent jump.

Since those universities had no money to begin with, the boost will financially bring them up to par with the others.

With the 2.3 percent raise, Oakland University will see an additional \$822,394 in funding, or \$3,927 appropriated per student.

The last time OU saw an increase was more than three years ago. But in the subcommittee hearing held at Oakland University on Feb. 4, Michigan Collegiate Coalition Chairperson Kellye Roberts spoke for students who are worried about how those additional funds may be used.

"Students are concerned that increased state funding will be used to further line the pockets of top-level administrators instead of passing on the saving to students—the true consumers of postsecondary education," Roberts said.

Those concerns mainly include "the skyrocketing cost of tuition" which is rising faster than the the rate of inflation—an event that Roberts said creates a situation "where a segment of our population is being priced out of a higher education."

Students feel this very real need takes a back seat when it comes to institutional priorities like deferred maintenance where funds may instead be allocated to areas such as building repairs.

But others like Paul Bissonnette, vice president of finance and administration at OU, said that even if the fund's increase goes through, it will make no difference in halting the ever-rising cost of tuition.

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The Oakland Post/Clive Savage

Campus Landscape Architect Al Nordheden drives to his Pontiac home Monday afternoon. In four more days he will join his wife who lives in a separate home in East Lansing.

Landscaper labors far from his better half

By MELISSA HARRINGTON
Staff Writer

Students and Oakland University employees alike, complain about commuting, but for Al Nordheden, a campus landscape architect, work means setting up camp in Pontiac during the week and traveling to East Lansing on the weekends.

Al Nordheden started working at OU 14 years ago, and that's when it all began. Living in East Lansing, an hour-and-a-half drive away, caused problems for Nordheden, who routinely works between eight and nine hour days.

"In the beginning I commuted (on I75) only until I found a place to live in Pontiac, he said.

Nordheden knows that stretch of expressway well. He spends his weekends driving home to see his wife Angie. Nordheden, 65, has been married for 42 years, 14 of them spent in Pontiac during the weekdays. For the Nordhedens, a difficult situation is lightened with humor.

"I can eat anytime I want, watch whatever I want. We have his/her t.v sets and I don't have to explain why I'm coming home late, this way we

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Trustees examine addition of Detroit College of Law

By ROBERT SNELL
Editor in Chief

A committee established last Thursday by the board of trustees will study the merits of forming a partnership with the Detroit College of Law.

The board also named John DeCarlo a Vice President Emeritus in honor of his more than 27-and-a-half years of ser-

Board honors DeCarlo as VP Emeritus

vice.

Board vice chairman Stephen Sharf, who has served on the board since 1987, had a few kind

words for his friend.

"I told John he's like an old toilet seat. He fits everybody."

Detroit College of Law would either lease building space on campus or create an affiliation with OU. DCL is currently exploring possible sights for relocation after learning that its campus is located on the projected

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- Stephen Sharf
Board of Trustees
Vice Chairman



John DeCarlo received a standing ovation during last week's board of trustees meeting. DeCarlo retired Jan. 31 after 27 years. President Sandra Packard, left, looks on.

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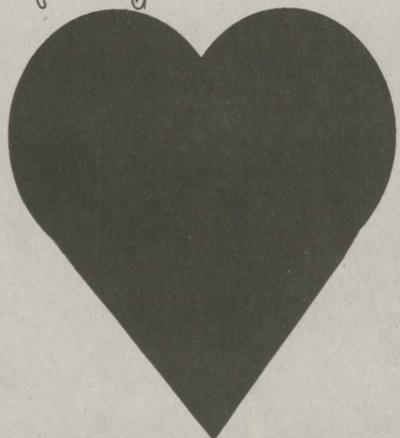
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Jan. 27 - 4 p.m. Someone entered into an East Vandenberg resident's room and removed his 3/4 length brown leather jacket, valued at \$626.

The 18-year-old student said he was sleeping between 12 p.m. and 4 p.m., with his jacket hung on a hook in the room's closet. He said he believes someone gained entry through the adjoining room. He also said he is a sound sleeper and did not hear anything suspicious.

Jan. 31 - 3 p.m. The front of a radio was smashed, but nothing else was disturbed in a 1994 Dodge Caravan, said authorities.

The 22-year-old owner parked the van in the Northwest Lot about 2:30 p.m. When she returned 30 minutes later, the face of the radio was cracked, and none of the buttons on the radio would operate. There was no other damage and no signs of forced entry.

The complainant is unsure if she locked her doors when she left the vehicle. "It's usually a habit with me," she said.

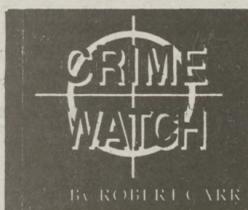
Feb. 3 - 9:46 a.m. There was a bomb threat in North Foundation Hall, but no one was asked to leave the building.

A staff member in the public relations office received the call, which said, "Get out, it's about to blow!" The caller then hung up. The caller sounded female and was calling from an off-campus line.

The police were alerted and made the determination not to evacuate the building. A search of the building was conducted, but nothing suspicious was found.

Feb. 6 - 1:35 a.m. An 18-year-old East Vandenberg Hall resident punched out a pane of glass in the hall's fifth floor lounge.

The student was found by police laying on a couch in the lounge with his badly bleeding left hand wrapped in several paper towels. When asked why he punched the window, he said, "I was stupid and felt like hitting something."



Financial Aid overhaul 'needed'

By CHRISY BLANDINA
Staff Writer

Oakland University's Financial Aid Office is failing to meet the students' needs in terms of service and efficiency, according to many aid recipients.

Recent government changes in the financial aid eligibility formula have allowed more students to obtain loans and grants. An increased number of loan applicants put a strain on OU's cramped and understaffed office.

The Financial Aid Office provided service for 3,500 students during the 1993-1994 academic year. Staff members were forced to take on an increased workload to compensate for the fact that there is only one financial aid adviser available to meet with people, according to the Director of Financial Aid Lee Anderson.

To combat the increased traffic, a second adviser position has been vacant and posted since late

August.

Anderson acknowledges that some of the students' complaints are valid and is currently looking at ways to make the loan application process run more smoothly.

"We're in the process of developing a new staff position called a Financial Aid and Veterans Coordinator," said Anderson. "This new position would relieve some of the workload and free up a clerical worker to help out the students."

Student complained that long lines, inconvenient hours and unhelpful staff workers made getting financial aid a time-consuming and exasperating experience for some.

"The Financial Aid Office isn't very well-organized," Eric Osborn, a sophomore English/pre-law major said. "Also, there's only one tiny window with one person working behind it and two, maybe three workers available during walk-

in advising to serve several thousand students."

Others complain that once they do meet with an adviser, that person is often rushed and doesn't take the time to explain procedures to the students.

"In an office that serves the students, you need more than just walk-in and call-in advising. The advisers need to be sure to go over the fine print with the students," Susan Bissett, a junior Communications major said.

There is also dissatisfaction with the mandatory loan counseling required of first-time financial aid recipients.

Diana Pletz, a freshman Journalism major, was upset that the meeting didn't provide students with the chance to ask questions and obtain further information.

"A lot of time is wasted on mealy required tasks," Pletz said. "Wasted time and confusion could be fixed through

revised procedures and dispersing of information."

Anderson also recognizes the need for improved hours and, when resources become available, would like to see a larger office with a waiting area for students so they aren't forced to stand in a hallway for long periods of time.

Anderson would also like students to be realistic in their expectations.

"Individual counseling is an impossible task with the amount of students applying," Anderson said.

The general consensus among OU students is that changes must be made in order to better serve the university community.

"Many students and administrators make the analogy that Oakland University is a business," Bissett said. "If OU is a business, the offices that serve the student's must meet the customer's needs."

Accident

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her boyfriend of two years. He said they had been discussing getting engaged this summer.

"She was the warmest, most compassionate person I've ever met; the world needs more people like her," he said.

Vachon said that Uecker would often show her affection in subtle ways.

"Sometimes she would stop by where I was, whether it was the gym or wherever, and leave a love note on my car window," he said. "It was the little things that made Christina special."

The night of the accident she

had been heading to her new apartment in Grand Blanc.

Vachon said she had made the move from a home where she worked as a nanny in Rochester to move closer to his home, and she would have been totally moved in Feb. 12.

"She was really special with the children," said Cynthia Keener, the mother of the children Uecker was nannying for most of her senior year. "She was very creative, and she used it in the way she dealt with my kids. Christina touched their lives, and they touched my own as well."

Her four-year performance at OU was exemplary, according to Sharon Muir, her student teacher advisor. She graduated a *cum*

laude Elementary Education major with departmental honors, and had won two writing awards at the university.

Vachon said she had hoped to start writing children's books this summer.

Mostly, Uecker had devoted much of her life to caring and teaching children, by spending time with autistic children, and working at Lowry Child Care Center for three years.

OU student Janette David, who worked with Uecker at Lowry, said she "was always smiling, always ready to help people. We're all going to miss her."

The chairperson of School of Education and Human Services, Joyce Eckart, said that Uecker

was a "very talented, very focused on being a teacher."

Her mother, Marion Uecker said that she was also an avid bicycle collector but her love of children consumed her life.

Uecker is survived by her mother, her father Gordon, three younger sisters: Tanya, 24; Tara, 15; and Mandy, 13.

Funeral services were held at Trinity Lutheran Church Mt. Clemens in Clinton Township Feb. 8.

Contributions, in Christina's memory, will be used to buy art education resources for the Educational Resources Laboratory at OU. Checks should be made out to Oakland University and sent to Vicky Hunt (544 O'Dowd).

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fight only on the weekends," he said.

Lately, with the unpredictable weather, traveling to East Lansing is problematic.

"If the weather goes bad I don't go home on that weekend, just because I have a wife in East Lansing doesn't mean I don't fulfill my obligations to OU," he said.

Besides the travel hazards, their living situation isn't always convenient or fair.

"It's lonely," Angie said. "We miss out on a lot of social events together, because we don't want to go single. Also, his co-workers invite him out because he doesn't have a spouse there. Mine

don't. I don't think that's fair."

Nordheden jokes that he always wanted someone to look up to him. Angie, 4'11", spends a lot of time looking up to her 5'11" husband.

Working long hours and rooming with graduate students helps to ease the loneliness and he gets the family dog to keep him company.

"The dog is happy to see me, but balls me out when I leave him to go home for the weekends," he said.

Finding time and fighting loneliness isn't easy, especially for a perfect gentleman.

"She's from the old school and I believe I should pick her up and take her home," he said. "We work hard during the week and play hard on the weekends," he said.

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"It will help, but you have to consider the size of an inflation increase," he said. "Unless we cut programs, which is in no one's best interest, then we have to raise tuition. It is difficult but it is reality."

Bissonnette also stated that because no funds have been "earmarked" for anything, it is uncertain as to where and how moneys might be used.

"The increased appropriation is so very little and the university has huge needs," he said.

President Sandra Packard was happy about the proposed 2.3

percent increase but didn't think the amount was ample.

"The 2.3 raise is a welcome relief, but it certainly is not enough," Packard complained.

"Are we going to raise standards so only the brightest can attend?" Packard said.

Diane Fischer, a sophomore psychology major, said she would rather there not be an increase.

"They should make do with the funds they are getting," Fischer said.

One student, Keith Zbrudzewski, a sociology senior, had a laissez-faire attitude about the matter.

"The price of everything goes up. That's just the way it is," he said.

Student fee wins

By KRISTEN SMITH
Staff Writer

An overwhelming majority of students voted yes for the proposed residence hall student activities fee increase Feb. 2.

Residence halls students were given a chance to vote on the proposed \$5 increase to the student activities fee which was proposed by RHC.

This increase will raise both RHC and the individual house councils budgets, plus give \$ 1 per student to their individual floors accounts.

While only 27 percent of students voted, 76 percent of those students voted yes.

Even though the number of students that voted was low,

Jean Ann Miller, Assistant Director for Student Development and advisor to RHC believes that "everyone had equal opportunity to vote, and in comparison to other votes that have taken place over the years, it was probably a pretty big turnout."

"I don't think \$ 5 is very much to ask from each student," said Michael Oblizajek, mechanical engineering major, who lives in the Scholars Tower. "I think it could go a long way, especially for each floor."

"I voted yes for the floor accounts because the floors need more money to do things," said Lisa Boley, an RA in Hamlin Hall and an Industrial Health and Safety major.

Freshman recovers from surgery

By JASON DOBRY
Staff Writer

Freshman Heather Dennison, who suffered cardiac arrest Jan. 19 in a physics class, has returned from surgery at a Cleveland clinic and is currently recovering at her home in Ovid, Mich.

"I'm up and walking around," Dennison said.

"Everything is coming back to me."

After coming home from the clinic Feb. 4, she has been concentrating on strengthening her motor skills.

Rickstad plows forward in quest for seat on board

By MELISSA LAROSE
Staff Writer

Student Congress President Amy Rickstad, in her quest to add a student to the board of trustees, received some encouragement last week during a meeting with Susan Heintz, director of the governor's southeastern Michigan office.

"She gave us three options to look at," Rickstad said.

The options include amending the state constitution which would call for a constitutional convention, having a student apply to the board as a non-voting member and contacting Saginaw Valley State University to see how their student government president got non-voting status on the Board of Control.

"The constitutional amendment would be a very lengthy

The surgery, according to her mother, Cindy Dennison, installed a fibulator, a device designed to deliver a shock to the system should her heartbeat become irregular.

Dennison, 18, was in a physics class when the cardiac arrest occurred at about 6 p.m.

Life-saving techniques were administered by Greta Harney, Michael Savage, and police officer David Birkholz until the Auburn Hills Fire Department arrived.

Over the next few days, she was visited by dozens of friends and acquaintances, and

Dennison described it as "good to know that people are thinking and care about you."

The incident was attributed to a "heart defect," one which may cause "sudden death," Dennison's mother said.

Dennison will re-enroll "probably this fall" to pursue her physical therapy major, and she thanks those who made her return possible.

"I really appreciate everything they've done...without them, I'm sure I wouldn't be here."

process," Rickstad said.

Rickstad presented Heintz with copies of resolutions passed by Student Congress and the Michigan Collegiate Coalition which called for adding members throughout the state.

"She was really supportive of the issue," Rickstad said. "The meeting went well. I was really happy with it."

Rickstad plans to continue working with Heintz to determine the best possible path in getting student representation on the board.

"She will call Saginaw Valley to see how their student got non-voting status on the Board of Control," Rickstad said.

Rickstad primarily plans on looking into ways to amend the state constitution but wants to keep the other options open.

She wants to keep legislators updated on her progress in getting a student board member by writing newsletters and mailing them to representatives at the state and federal levels.

"I want to do a newsletter update to keep the idea fresh in their minds and see where it goes from there," Rickstad said.

Another school fighting for student representation on the Board of Trustees is Central Michigan University whose efforts by the student government have been at the university level.

After the student government submitted a proposal requesting a non-voting student member on the board, a student liaison committee was established to open up representation to a more diverse range of students.

Board

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second base-path of the proposed Detroit Tiger Stadium.

"This collective effort would present an educational opportunity in Detroit and vice versa," board Chairman James Sharp said.

The board also adopted President Sandra Packard's resolution to reassign duties previously performed by John DeCarlo.

DeCarlo, the secretary to the board, legal counsel and senior vice president, retired Jan. 31 from OU after 27 years.

Packard's resolution split DeCarlo's duties between two people.

"It is not possible to replace John DeCarlo with one position, so I'd like to make a resolution to name Robert Bunker acting secretary to the board of trustees... and Susan Gerrits acting general counsel.

Gerrits, who currently makes \$53,389, and Bunker, at \$79,452, both assistant general counsels, received pay increases of \$700 and \$400 per month, respectively.

"Both have already stepped into these positions and I believe both will do a fine job," Packard said.

Although a search committee for a general counsel or senior vice president has not been formed, Packard said both Bunker and Gerrits would be considered as candidates should a search be initiated.

Setting it Straight

A headline in the Feb. 2 edition should have stated, "Congress members impeached, internal probe continues."

Happy Valentines Day
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Oakland University is now accepting nominations/applications for The Michigan Association of Governing Boards (M.A.G.B.) Outstanding Student Awards. Two awards are given annually to upper class students (usually one male and one female student) who have excelled in scholarship, leadership and/or service. These two students will be honored in Lansing on Wednesday, April 6, 1994, at the M.A.G.B. Convocation.

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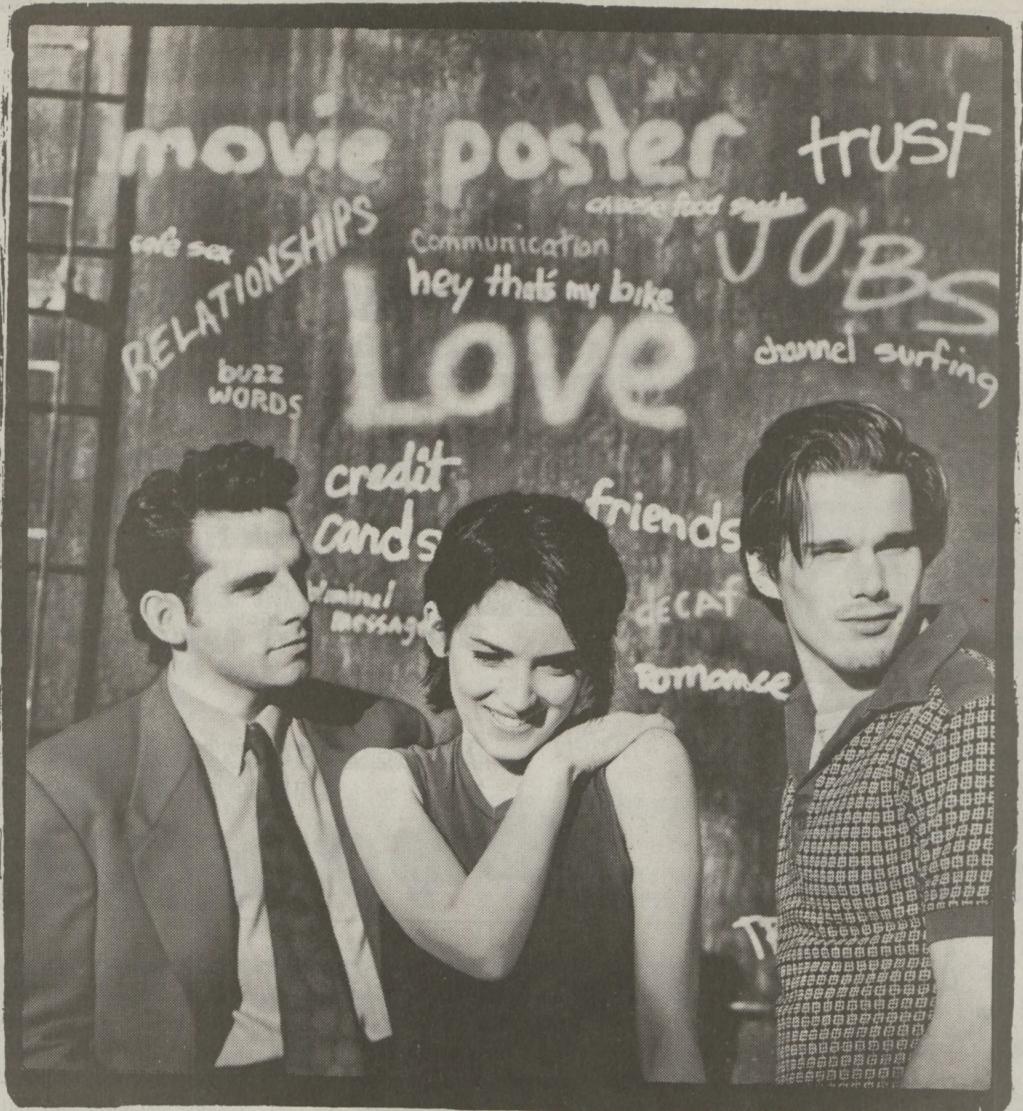
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Features

Grad student seeks cure for cancer, souls

By DARYL M. PIERSON
Feature Editor

Life is a precious gift. No one understands this fact better than Edith Carter, a Ph.D. student in chemistry, who participates in the King, Chavez Parks program for minority graduate students.

In her quest to save lives, Carter is researching a cure for breast cancer, the same ailment which claimed the life of her mother years ago.

Her mother's death however was not her motivation for this project.

"I believe it was God's idea first and mine second," Carter said.

Not just another pipe dream to save the world, Carter's research, combining platinum drugs and hormones, has been very promising. An abstract of her findings was presented before an international panel during a gathering of the Society of Professors in Europe last summer.

"It was an honor for them to accept my work and an honor to go and represent my work," Carter explained.

Her mentor, Dr. R. Craig Taylor, saw potential in Carter's proposal when she first came up with the idea.

"I encouraged her to pursue the project," Taylor said. "The work she has done looks promising, but there are no definites."

Taylor believes Carter is doing a good job, espe-

cially with the work load she carries.

"She's very independent," he explained. "There are a lot of outside activities that occupy her time. She's very busy, but she does a good job."

Currently Carter teaches freshman chemistry and is a Radiation Safety Officer while also conducting research. To top off the many hats she wears, Carter is pastor at Trinity CME Church and has been ordained for the past 10 years.

Nearing graduation at Kalamazoo College, Carter originally wanted to become a physician, but her goals changed after a few deciding factors changed her course.

"I was only accepted to medical school as an alternate, so I figured I'd do what everyone else did who didn't get accepted. I went to work in a hospital," Carter explained.

She was later hired at a small chemical company, an experience that opened her interests to the world of chemistry. Unfortunately the company later went out of business.

"I don't regret the experience. They were a smaller company," Carter said. "At a larger company I would not have had all of the learning opportunities."

Carter then taught high school in the Pontiac School District.

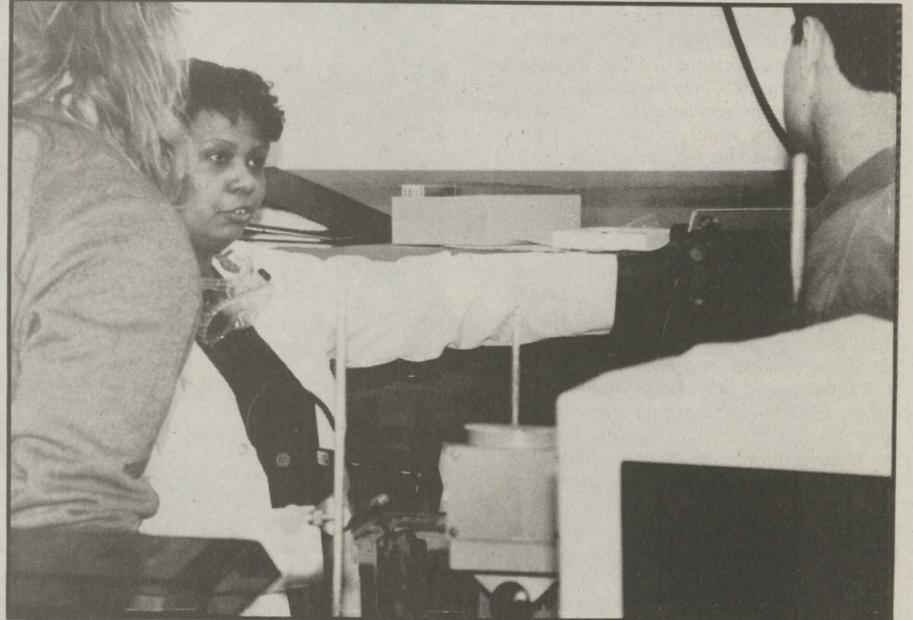
"After six years I thought, 'why am I still teaching, I want to be a chemist,'" She recalled.

A friend then told her about the King, Chavez Parks Program at OU and she pursued the tip.

Now, she is closing in on her Ph.D. and on the brink of a ground-breaking discovery.

"If it pans out, you get famous and argue about who gets the money," she joked. "If it doesn't pan

out then I walk across the stage and say 'see ya!'"
"Regardless of what happens, I've become rich because this is something I enjoy doing."



Edith Carter likes sharing her knowledge with up and coming students.

The Oakland Post/Clive Savage

Old drug balloons its way to new popularity

By ELIZABETH WISLEY
Staff Writer

A dorm room is opened and a smoky haze filters out.

Only this time it's not that familiar sticky sweet marijuana smell that is being covered up by vanilla incense. This time it has a more unpleasant odor.

It reminds you of the time you had four teeth pulled, and you didn't really feel like saying the alphabet backwards.

This time the fog is thicker. The inhabitants of the room look like their doctors all prescribe Xanax - they're calmer than your closest dead relative.

Some of them are passed out, eyes rolling back, heads wobbling.

In the middle of the room is a five foot tank and balloons drape over the floor surrounding it.

In the tank: N₂O, Nitrous oxide, Laughing gas.

"Nitrous parties" seem to be the newest kick for the "safest" high. College students are migrating from their homes to inhale this chemical from a balloon, for a 30 second high.

According to some students, these parties are a big (pardon the pun) hit, although they do strain the cash flow.

At these parties, every balloon will cost you two to three dollars and a special discount rate for

refills.

Sam, a Michigan State University pre-med. major who has participated in several of these parties, says "One balloon is good for about six or seven

hits."

Lance, 21, a Michigan State senior disagrees, saying "Depending, some people do a whole balloon at a time."

So, what's the attraction? Six

or seven hits for 30 seconds a piece at three dollars each. That would mean to stay high for two hours, it would cost you about 120 dollars.

This is fairly expensive, considering the average beer drinking student could be drunk all night for a flat rate of three dollars.

Lance has never tried Nitrous, he drinks beer to get messed up. "I've never done it. Not because I didn't want to, it's just because cash flow was low."

The possession of Nitrous oxide is not illegal, but inhaling it for the purpose of getting high is illegal.

Detective Alan Haggerty, of the Troy Police Department says purchasing pure Nitrous oxide requires special permits and licenses, but that the substance that most college students are using is not pure and is, therefore, legal to possess.

The penalty for inhaling Nitrous oxide for an adult (17 years or older) is a misdemeanor: 90 days in jail or a 100 dollar fine. Minors are charged in probate court.

In the May 30, 1989 issue of "Patient Care" medical journal, it states, "Nitrous oxide abuse occurs primarily among high school and college students and among certain health care professionals who have access to

large quantities of the gas. Nitrous oxide is also readily available to employees of ice cream parlors and shops selling auto racing equipment because the gas is used both as a whipping cream propellant and as a pre-ignition booster."

A popular method of getting high from Nitrous oxide is by doing "Whippets", or one of the newest terms according to Gary Solanskey, Clinical Supervisor at St. Joseph's Outpatient Behavioral Clinic, "Glading" (referring to the air fresher). When cans like these are held upright and not shaken, bursts of Nitrous oxide are expelled. Catch it in a balloon, or put it in your mouth and inhale. Whala! 30 seconds of low anxiety!

According to the July 1992 issue of the "Journal of Forensic Sciences", other methods of obtaining a Nitrous high include placing a plastic bag over the head secured with a rope or belt, while Nitrous oxide is pumped in by whipped-cream chargers or Nitrous oxide anesthesia tanks.

One case study done by this particular journal involved a man who routinely enjoyed watching porno's, masturbating, and you guessed it, sealing his head in a plastic bag, and pumping in Nitrous oxide.

His wife found him dead and naked in front of the television.

He died of asphyxia, breathing in a gas other than oxygen.

Brian, 21, a Michigan State Food Industry Management major has had two experiences with Nitrous. "I've found that I just laugh a bunch. You know what I mean? It doesn't hit you right away, it takes like 15 seconds to kick in and suddenly... it just gets in your head."

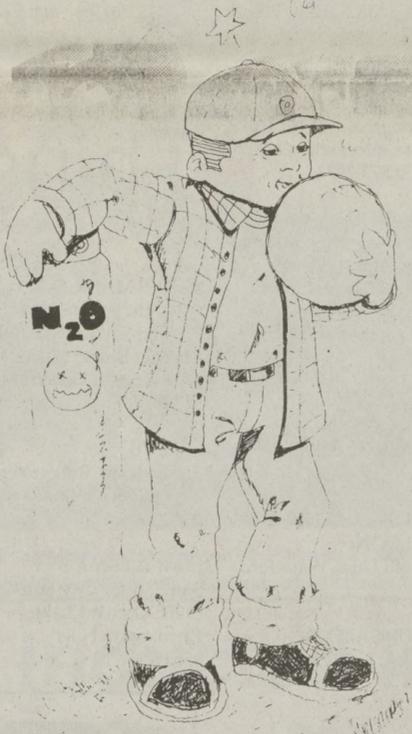
This gas is also popular because it does not produce a hangover, and cannot be detected in routine drug screens.

And Brian has never experienced a hangover. "The buzz only lasts for 30 seconds. You do feel kind of weird for the rest of the night you know. Just a little bit weird, but I don't know if that's the beer or the Nitrous."

So, what's the catch? Well, there is a list of side effects that can occur with prolonged use. Such as: oral frostbite, sphincter impairment, loss of coordination, impotence and mood disorders with paranoid delusions - just to name a few.

Although, Kerry Brown D.D.S. believes that unless the use of it was consistent, like three or four times a week, there is not much likelihood of side affects.

Dr. Brown said Nitrous Oxide is, "probably safer than a lot of drugs they (referring to users) could get their hands on."



Getting high is no laughing matter on college campuses.

Blues pioneer experiences rebirth

By LARRY V. WEISS
Columnist

The blues and violence are the flesh and blood of humanity. Because at some moment, life blesses every person with a cursing despair followed by a rage to kill.

The music of Robert Johnson expresses that empty void of the soul. And the prose of Jack Womack evokes the sticky crime scene inside the mind in a way more intimate than any film.

Johnson's been dead since the late 30s. A jealous husband spiced his whiskey with rat poison.

As for Womack, he takes the English language and twists it around tales of grand mal violence, erotic disease and comic despair.

The two form an unlikely duo, writer using the legacy of a bluesman to add a constant backbeat of grief to a lingo with ten-

drils in a culture of birth-defected rejects.

We're talking a heady mix of prose and primal chords. A synergy that'll leave the innocent lying slack-jawed in the gutter, begging for just a little bit more.

Terraplane: A Future History of New York, 1939 by Jack Womack, sent me into a rumbling hell of wonder. And, this book of fiction introduced me to the reality of Johnson's musical poetry.

Imagine an America Bosniaized, ruled by one megacorporation backed by a kneeling government bootlicking a fascist CEO. A place where birth defects are the fashion, aborted fetuses art and the favorite entertainment's the violence channel.

So far my description sounds as lame as a book jacket blurb. But it's Womack's characters and invented grammar that vibrates the frontal lobes.

There's Jake, a bodyguard,

who never vomits before or after a kill. Jake replies when asked his views on Russia examples:

"Schizo. One face lips, another voices."

You'll get the idea when you find nouns verbing sentences that gum the brain until understood.

Jake's just an incidental character in this story. He accompanies his boss to Russia to retrieve a scientist who develops a time machine disguised in a VCR cassette.

When they hit rewind, the trip's not through time, but to an alternate universe.

And Jake loves the music of Robert Johnson. Hence the connection. His music wails constantly on Jake's personal player. And in the universe next door, Johnson is still alive.

I'm leaving much out but be forewarned. You'll come upon a scene where Jake's switchbladed chainsaw butchers flesh into

gristly chunks. Better than any movie!

Womack kneads the familiar into a cultural funhouse of mirrors. You'll never see Coca-Cola as an innocent soft drink again. Because after reading *Terraplane*, you'll understand how one insignificant moment in the necklace of time, changed, can alter reality into a believable horror.

There's no reciprocal cash for my endorsement. I'll just make a recommendation. Read Womack's work to understand the potential for evil when governments are allowed to kiss the corporate sphincter. And listen to the blues of Robert Johnson to remind how bad it was, still is for some, and could be again for many.

"Blues fallen' down like hail. And the days keep 'minden me, there's a hellhound on my trail." Robert Johnson

African American Celebration Month February 9 - 15

Wednesday- The residence Hall through Marriott is hosting an African American Dinner in the Vandenberg Dining Ctr. from 4-7 P.M.	1P.M. in Hamlin.
Thursday- At noon Ethnic Notions 126-127 O.C. SPB Comedy Show (Main Stage) Crockery 8 pm. AOA- "Jazz in the Abstinence" 9:30-11 P.M.	Sunday- Residence halls/BFS Network "Dessert Theatre"- "Mo Better Blues" Beer Lake Yacht Club at 8 P.M.
Saturday- Residence Halls field trip African American Museum & Steve's Soul Food, meet at	Monday- Residence Halls Discussion on "Interracial Friendships" in the Hamlin Lounge at 10 P.M.
	Tuesday- Residence Halls Video 7:30 P.M. 442 Hamlin HRD Career Day 2 at 7 P.M. in the Crockery/ Lounge II.

Winter heats up campus community

By ELIZABETH CARTER
Staff Writer

When students think of college, they think of the enormous quantity of homework, unfinished papers and fast-approaching exams they must deal with. It takes a very special person to combine academics and free time for students. Melissa Winter, head chairperson for the Student Program Board, is such a person.

"I truly enjoy working for SPB," remarked Winter, thoughtfully. She feels this is an essential quality for any leader.

Winter, who has been head-chairperson for 2 1/2 years, remembers the first time she approached the office of the SPB, only two weeks after coming to Oakland. She recalls seeing a guy in the SPB office, laughing about something. He noticed Winter and asked her to come in.

Winter was attracted to the SPB because it was a way for her to get involved on campus.

"(SPB) was a way for me to meet people," Winter added.

Winter ended up joining three committees, Promotion, Publicity and Recreation and Leisure.

In January of 1992, Winter was appointed to head-chairperson by former Student Congress President Derek Wilczynski.

"I just trusted her," said Wilczynski in a telephone interview. "I thought she was a hard worker."

Winter's duties as head-chair include overseeing 10 committee chairpeople, delegating responsibilities to the different chairpeople, setting up agen-

das, speaking to agents and reporting frequently to Student Congress President Amy Rickstad and Paul Franklin, coordinator of campus programs about possible activities.

"She's (Melissa) shown a tremendous commitment to diversity," Franklin said, regarding SPB's openness to everyone. He also uses the adjectives "Calm, rational and level-headed," to describe Winter.

"She delegates well (and) she has a good style,"

Franklin added.

Franklin went on to say that Winter has roused some of the excitement back into the members of the SPB. According to Franklin she had gotten more people involved and has tightened the budget, a budget bigger than most organizations on campus to handle.

Rickstad, who is the present president of Student Congress and works with Winter, said that she was very comfortable with reappointing

Winter to head-chair.

"Her maturity and dedication" was what made the decision easy according to Rickstad.

"I was very impressed with the job she did last year," noted Rickstad. She also added that Winter dedicated more time to the SPB as head-chair than any other member and really made a conscious effort to offer programs that were more diverse. Obviously Winter has been successful by the reactions she has gotten from students.

"I wanted to make SPB fun again," Winter stated when asked how she feels she has improved the SPB.

Jeff Lewis, a member of the SPB, described Winter as "one of the gang." However, he added in a joking voice, Winter needs to be tougher on her staff.

"She seems to be really easy to get along with," Yvonne Wilder mused, a business major who used to work on the film committee of the SPB.

Winter, in the past, has been able to bring to OU activities such as a 1964 Beatles revival, "Songs of My People," a slide show of photos of African-Americans, and an outdoor movie, "Wayne's World," in the fall of '92. Other programs sponsored by the SPB include Mainstage, featuring national touring acts, Family Matters, entertainment for the whole family and more recently the Underground, OU's coffeehouse.

Winter, who is a fourth-year junior at OU and History major, along with the job at SPB, is also a member of the Student Life Lecture Board and night manager of the OC. Her outside interests include photography, biking and running.



Homework and providing quality entertainment is all in a days work for Melissa Winter.

Happy Valentine's Day From Pat and Chris



Everyone's favorite androgynous couple, Pat and Chris, are coming to theaters this summer in the hilarious comedy 'It's Pat.'

Movie Review: Golden Gate

By EILEEN OXLEY
Staff Writer

Stories about good and evil have always been captivating, especially when they tug at the hearts and consciences of those of us who have been caught up in the conflict between right and wrong.

"Golden Gate" is an attempt to be that kind of story by spinning one that resembles a sort of Chinese fairy tale or fable. Its characters metaphorically resemble angels, devils, warriors and goddesses. But its campiness and choppy direction (by "M. Butterfly's" Tony-Award winner, David Henry Hwang) bring about "Golden Gate's" collapse.

Set in San Francisco's Chinatown, the film spans two decades—the '50s and its obsession with Communism and the '60s and its chaotic transition into acceptance and brotherhood. It draws us into the tortured life of an FBI agent named Kevin Walker played by an overly-brooding Matt Dillon) who must struggle between duty to his country or

moral obligation to his fellow man when he is ordered to frame several Chinese—one of them an innocent laundry-man (Tzi Ma)—as anti-Americans for sending money to their relatives back in the homeland. The accusation: Smuggling funds out of the U.S. to politically aid the Reds in Communist China.

This action ruins the laundry man's life and affects his small daughter who gives Walker a piercing look as her father is led from the courtroom.

You can guess what happens. The child grows up into a beautiful woman (Joan Chen) and Walker falls in love with her. The rest of the story has to do with her trying to wreck his life in order to avenge her father's death and him seeking to redeem himself from the guilt he suffers.

The film has the look all right—all those wet foggy streets with neon signs reflecting in mud puddles that the gents get to lurk around in. But then, when things seem to get serious, we get a sudden shot of snappy jazz that sounds like it came out of "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?" Also we get putty-faced

Bruno Kirby ("When Harry Met Sally") as Dillon's silly sidekick who looks like he popped out of that film as well.

Dillon and Chen are blocked from any kind of emotional connection by sappy lines, most notably the film's hyped up ad campaign slogan:

"Some loves are impossible," whines Dillon. "but they are loves just the same."

And then there's a lot of embarrassing visual imagery to depict the angels-and-devils theme: In one scene Dillon appears—Puff!—like a god out of a dense fog. Chinese letters are streaked in blood across apartment walls to remind us that Chen is a woman warrior. Dillon's constant tortured expression rings of Christ.

"Golden Gate" tries to bridge the gap between races and repair an era in history that we Americans aren't proud of.

But instead it's like opening a gigantic fortune cookie and finding a blank piece of paper inside.

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Sports

Pioneers of the Week

Tom Eller and Heather Bateman
Basketball

Eller had 19 points and seven rebounds against Grand Valley State on Thursday and 20 points and 17 rebounds versus Wayne State on Saturday. Bateman continued her exceptional play with 15 points and 16 boards against GVSU Thursday and 16 points and 10 rebounds versus Wayne State on Saturday.

THE PIONEER DIRT BOX

•For the second straight week OU is the only Division II school in the nation to have nationally ranked teams in men's and women's basketball and men's and women's swimming at the same time.

THIS WEEK IN PIONEER SPORTS

Sat., Feb. 12, -Women's Basketball vs. Lake Superior State, 1 p.m.
-Men's Basketball vs. Lake Superior State, 3 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 16 -Sat., Feb. 19, -Men's and Women's GLIAC Swimming Championships at Hillsdale College.
Wed., March 9 -Sat., March 12, -Men's and Women's NCAA II Swimming Championships at Ashland, Ohio.

-information compiled by Andy Glantzman, Sports Information director

Tartars knock Pioneers off perch

By KEN FILLMORE
Staff Writer

The men's basketball team, ranked 15th in Division II, hunted long and hard on Saturday only to lose to its latest prey Wayne State University, 79-74, in a duel for first place in the GLIAC at Lepley.

First, the stage had to be set on Thursday night as the Pioneers and the Tartars had prior business to attend to on the road.

While WSU was beating Lake Superior State University, 99-97, up north in Sault Ste. Marie in a contest that was more lopsided than the score would indicate, OU went west to Allendale to upend Grand Valley State University, 96-82.

In Allendale, Oakland outscored the Lakers 17-4 in the final 7:21 of the first half to take a 47-38 halftime lead and never looked back. Oakland outrebounded GVSU 61-40 and held the Lakers to 39 percent shooting (32 for 82) from the field.

Senior forward Tom Eller led the Pioneers to its school record sixth straight GLIAC win with 19 points and seven rebounds. Junior guard Bryan Borchardt and sophomore forward Jason Burkholder each scored 18 and respectively grabbed nine and 10 boards.

In Saturday's battle against WSU for the Bolt portion of the Nut and Bolt trophy, OU scored the first seven markers of the contest as the Tartars missed its first

four shots.

WSU got its first points 2:14 into the contest from a leaper in the lane from senior Scott Armstrong, but OU built its largest lead of nine at 13-4 and, according to head coach Greg Kampe, should have been larger if it was not for lack of player and ball movement, bad shot selection, and a lid on his team's target.

"I've got no problems with the loss. It just wasn't meant to be. The ball didn't go in the basket for us," he said.

"I thought we played defensively as well as we can play. We had a game plan. The kids executed it to perfection. It worked. They (WSU) couldn't score in the first 10 minutes of the game. The problem was we stopped scoring."

Senior center Brian Koscielski helped lead the comeback that gave his club a 27-21 lead and the momentum as he slammed home two and blocked a shot in the middle of a 10-0 run in 1:50.

The Pioneers answered that run, but after one nip-and-tuck half, the matchup was even at 33 apiece.

The game stayed that way to start the second half until WSU gradually established its largest lead of seven at 51-44 with 14:38 left as junior guard Terrance Walker (17 points, five assists) took charge by taking what the OU defense gave him. Despite making only seven of 18 shots from the field, he made the occasional open jumper that he was given the



Photo by Bob Knoeka

Sophomore forward Jason Burkholder (left) has his layup attempt blocked by determined Tartar.

chance to shoot all game long and was able to penetrate with success.

Fortunately, a 15-3 run by the Pioneers in 3:19, highlighted by freshman forward Dan Buza's

baseline jumper, gave it a 59-54 advantage with 10:49 to go.

"In the second half, I thought we started getting back to moving (the ball) a little bit, and we scored a little bit better. But by then, they

(WSU) had started getting comfortable with what we were trying to do to them defensively," Kampe said.

Oakland maintained that five-
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Photo by Bob Knoeka

The men's swimming team raised \$2,863 in its October "Swim-A-Thon" to help pay the hospital costs of former OU swimmer Mike Schmidt who had a bone marrow transplant last summer.

Cagers on a tear, win 13th in a row

By ERIC DeMINK
Sports Editor

The women cagers took two more big steps toward a GLIAC title with two more big wins over Grand Valley State (Feb. 3) and Wayne State (Feb. 5), improving its record to 12-0 in the GLIAC and 17-2 overall.

The wins were OU's 12th and 13th straight and allowed the Pioneers to maintain its two game lead in the GLIAC.

Thursday, the Pioneers came away with a narrow 80-78 triumph over the Lakers who had only lost two games at home this year.

In this contest, the Lakers led 47-41 at half time, shooting 48.6 percent (17-35) overall to the Pioneers 38.1 percent (16-42).

"We didn't shoot very well in the game, especially in the first half," Coach Bob Taylor said, "but we played better defensively in the second half and that kept it close."

That, and the fact that the Lakers could not sustain the tempo it had established and that it got only two points and 28 minutes from its bench.

"They came out emotionally charged to start the game," Taylor said.
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Super six inducted into Lepley's Wall of Honor



GEORGE WIBBY AWARD
GEOFF UPWARD

In his 10 years as Oakland University's Director of Publications, Geoff Upward has lent his support and guidance to the Pioneer athletic department in a number of ways. His long-time and varied service to the athletic department has earned him the George Wibby Award.

Upward is a past committee member and co-chairman of the Marriott Soccer Classic and is currently a member of OU's World Cup Soccer Committee.

He has used his position at the University to lend his services and advice to the department regarding different publications and has been responsible for articles and mentions of athletics in the alumni magazine.



Athletic Hall of Honor
SCOTT BITTINGER
Men's Basketball
1985-88

The rise of Oakland University's men's basketball program in the mid to late 1980's is tied in to the arrival on campus of Scott Bittinger, the first men's basketball All-American in school history. His presence helped bring the program to a new level and provided the impetus for the team to become and remain a perennial GLIAC power. Bittinger is also the first Pioneer to have his jersey retired.

A two-time Academic All-GLIAC honoree, Bittinger received a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Oakland in 1988.



Athletic Hall of Honor
NANCY SCHERMER DEJONGE
Women's Swimming
1985-88

One of the most talented and versatile women's swimmers in OU history was Nancy Schermer DeJonge, who ruled the pool for Oakland from 1985-88. Nancy was a 24-time All-American for Oakland.

Schermer held 14 different school and pool records during her career at Oakland. She earned seven All-America honors in both her sophomore and senior years. Schermer also qualified for and swam at the 1988 United States Olympic Trials.

Schermer earned a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Oakland.



Athletic Hall of Honor
MEALLY FREEMAN
Soccer
1984-85

Meally Freeman was one of the most exciting forwards ever to play soccer at Oakland University. Freeman led the Pioneers in both goals and points during his two seasons at Oakland, and earned All-America status after his senior year.

Freeman transferred to Oakland from Rogers State College after coming to the United States from his native Liberia.

In his first season, 1984, Freeman led the Pioneers with 16 goals and 10 assists for 42 points. The goal and point total are among the best ever at Oakland.



Athletic Hall of Honor
MARK VANDERMEIJ
Men's Swimming
1985-88

One of the greatest swimmers in OU history, Mark Vandermeij did something no other athlete at Oakland had done before or has done since - earned NCAA Division I All-America status. Vandermeij, who was a Pioneer swimmer from 1985-88, was a 27-time All-American and seven-time national champion.

Vandermeij was a member of the 1986 U.S. National Team and swam at the Goodwill Games in Moscow and qualified and swam in the 1988 Olympic trials.

He earned a bachelor of arts degree in communications from Oakland in 1989.



COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
RALPH CROCKER

Ralph Crocker has been an important figure on the Marriott Soccer Classic committee for a number of years. His involvement with this committee has earned him the Community Service Award.

Crocker has volunteered to undertake the difficult and important parking aspect of the Marriott Soccer Classic with the Optimist Club of Auburn Hills. His organization of the parking has added funds to the Classic's Stadium Improvement Fund, as well as insuring the smooth running of tournament parking for the many parents who come and go during the two days of the competition.

OU Athletic Department

Bearden named volleyball coach

By ERIC DeMINK
Sports Editor

Rochester, Mi.—Oakland University Director of Athletics Dr. Paul Hartman named Tracey Bearden as the school's new volleyball coach Wednesday, Feb. 3. Bearden was one of the top players in Pioneer volleyball history playing at Oakland from 1985-88, when she was known as Tracey Jones. Jones replaces Peggy Groen who resigned after one season.

Bearden, currently the volleyball coach at Linden High School, brings eight years of high school varsity coaching experience to the job. She coached at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School from 1987-90 before taking a similar

position at Birmingham Marian High school. Bearden had a three-year record of 106-26 at Marian, including a 37-7 record in 1991 when Marian advanced to the state quarterfinals, and a 42-9 mark last season when Marian was the state runner-up. This is the first season at Linden.

Bearden was the GLIAC Player of the Year in 1988 when she led Oakland to a 25-7 overall record and the GLIAC Championship. A three-time All GLIAC and two-time All-Region honoree, Bearden was a four-year starter and three year co-captain for the Pioneers. She is the school's season and career holder in kills, attacks, and hitting percentage. Oakland had a four year record of 102-51 dur-

ing her four years as a Pioneer. Bearden is a 1990 graduate of Oakland with a bachelor of science degree in finance and economics.

"I'm very excited to come back here and coach where I played and went to school," Bearden said. "I'm very familiar with the campus and the staff, so it's like coming home for me. Coaching on the collegiate level in a program like Oakland's and in a league as prestigious as the GLIAC is a tremendous opportunity for me."

An All-State player at Fenton High School, the 26-year-old Bearden lives in Flint. She will begin her duties immediately.

Sports Information Director Andy Glantzman contributed to this report



Tracey Bearden

OU intramurals

Note: Volleyball rosters are still available at Lepley Sports Center (cage window) until next week. Call Steve or Wendy for more information at x4059.

Men's Floor Hockey Standings

Eastern Division	W-L
University Drive Bullies	7 - 0
Nine-Inch Stix	5 - 1
Supernaut	4 - 3
Spam	2 - 3 - 2
Flaming Mestizos	2 - 5
Penthouse	1 - 5 - 1
Animal	0 - 6 - 1

Western Division

Western Division	W-L
Mixed Bunch	6 - 1
Golden Seals	5 - 1
Sin Bin	5 - 2
Nine-South	4 - 3
GTBRLDTLPTPIA	2 - 4
Dead Beat Club	2 - 5
Molson Icing	0 - 7

Tuesday, Feb. 1

University Drive Bullies 7, Supernaut 0.
Nine-South 11, Dead Beat Club 4.
Mixed Bunch 10, Sin Bin 3.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

Nine-Inch Sticks 9, Penthouse 2.
GTB 11, Molson Icing 4.
Animal 2, Spam 2.

Thursday, Feb. 3

Golden Seals 10, Flaming Mestizos 2.

Leading scorer: Jeff Ross, Nine-South 25 goals.

Men's Basketball Standings

Gold Division

Gold Division	W-L
Baecdafucup	3 - 1
The Edge	3 - 1
Jordan Stoppers	2 - 2
The Ducks	2 - 2
Flaming Mestizos	2 - 2
The Boofers	2 - 2
The Chumps	1 - 3
The Dawgs	1 - 3

Black Division

Black Division	W-L
The Simpsons	4 - 0
Out of Control	4 - 0
Breakaway Gypsies	3 - 1
Missionaries	3 - 1
Theta Chi	3 - 1
Penthouse	2 - 3
Just Players	2 - 3
The Briscoes	1 - 4
The Scrubs	0 - 4
Trix	0 - 5

White Division

White Division	W-L
5-East	3 - 0
Murmur	2 - 1
Roch Yu	1 - 2
OXB Team	0 - 3

Tuesday, Feb. 1

Five-East 53, Roch Yu 26.
Baecdafucup 60, Flaming Mestizos 44.
The Edge 47, The Chumps 31.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

Just Players 45, Trix 22.
Murmur 32, OXB 0.
The Dawgs 51, The Ducks 50.

Thursday, Feb. 3

Out of Control 47, The Scrubs 25.
Penthouse 43, The Briscoes 21.
The Boofers 43, Jordan Stoppers 32.

-Stats and results compiled by Wendy Gerstenschlager

Caged!

Tankers snare docile Wildcats 181-95 at Lepley

BY CHUCK NASSAR
Staff Writer

On Saturday the women's swim team bid farewell to a 9-2 regular season and three seniors. In a somewhat emotional goodbye, head coach Tracy Huth honored Amy Comerford, Angie Johnson and diver Dawn Thomas with warm wishes and a bouquet of flowers. All three women cap off four-year careers at Oakland having won an impressive array of All America honors, personal records and four NCAA Division II championships.

The Pioneers also said goodbye to Northern Michigan University as they sent the Wildcats home with a 181-95 defeat. NMU was supposed to be a challenge for the women, but Oakland's only challenge was staying focused.

"Northern seemed a little down as they have yet to qualify a relay team for nationals," Huth said. "Yet we worked fairly hard this past week and with the natural rivalry we expected to be up."

Huth was pleased with the overall performance of the team despite a heavy training schedule. In addition, Oakland's 200 medley relay team of Comerford, Johnson, freshman Gisa Alessandri and sophomore Ellen Lessig swam its fastest time of the dual-meet season.

The Pioneers jumped to an

early lead, as they finished one-two in the first four events including the 200 medley relay. Sophomore Debby Nickels and freshman Jennifer Stair teamed up to win the 1000 freestyle while sophomore Kristen Nagelkirk and junior Jodi Parker captured the 200 freestyle. Finally, Comerford

sig, Nagelkirk and sophomore Ellen Surowiec claimed Oakland's fifth sweep of the meet in the 50 freestyle.

Lessig also became OU's first back-to-back individual winner of the afternoon with a win in the 100 freestyle. Bailey captured a solo victory in the 200 backstroke as

tyle, Nagelkirk and Nickels teamed up to claim the seventh and final Pioneer sweep of the afternoon. Alessandri captured her first solo victory with a win in the 100 butterfly.

In diving competition, Oakland divers made quite a splash themselves. Sophomore Michelle Rademacher turned in an impressive performance of her own finishing first for OU in the one-meter and second in the three-meter. Teammate Becky Bach, a sophomore, captured third in both events.

With the regular season over the Pioneers are posed to begin post-season action. According to Huth the team is headed in the right direction as they get ready for the GLIAC meet on February 16th.

"We're in a full rest phase now and we'll be concentrating on the little things like turns, starts and finishes," Huth said.

Huth also hopes to use the GLIAC to qualify five more swimmers for nationals. Doing so would give Oakland the opportunity to carry a full team into the NCAA championships for the first time ever. Last year the Pioneers sent 12 qualifiers to nationals.

According to Huth, "This is a very big meet [the GLIAC] for those who haven't qualified. This is their last chance. For those who have qualified it will be a good dress rehearsal."



Freshman butterflyer/sprinter Jennifer Stair Photo by Bob Knoeka

and freshman Jessie Bailey swam to victory in the 100 backstroke.

Johnson and freshman Heather Bockmann finished second and third respectively in the 100 breaststroke while Stair touched first in the 200 butterfly. Lessig

she finished over six seconds ahead of the second place.

Next, in the 200 breaststroke, Bockman took first and freshman Tracy Bruins touched second giving Oakland its sixth one-two finish of the meet. In the 500 frees-

Wayne

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point margin at 65-60 at the 5:41 mark when Wayne State head coach Ron Hammye called a time out.

According to Kampe, the game's key play came after the time out when Armstrong, who had three fouls in the first half and committed his fourth early in the second, hit a three-pointer to close the gap. The triple started a 19-9 Tartar surge in the final 5:30 en route to the victory.

After the lead changed hands once in each squad's favor, OU senior guard Ty McGregor fouled Walker with 3:21 left, 12 seconds after OU's floor general buried a trey to give his club a 71-70 lead. Walker made the two upcoming free throws and WSU never trailed again.

After Armstrong split two free throws with 22.7 seconds left to expand WSU's lead to 77-74, OU had two chances to knot the game up. But the only things that were able to fall in the Pioneers' favor is the possession arrow and the fruits of its hustle as senior forward Ken Crum's last gasp triple try with about five ticks left fell short.

Senior guard Mark Herron iced the win by hitting two free throws with 3.6 seconds left and contributed to the Tartars' eight for 10

shooting from the charity stripe down the stretch.

"Everything seemed to go their (WSU's) way at the end. They came through big, but we got six games to go. It's (the GLIAC race) not even close to being over with," McGregor said.

Both defensive units stepped up their games a notch as Wayne State made 38 (28 for 74) percent of their shots to OU's 36 (26 for 72). The Pioneers could only make seven of 31 triple tries.

"I think it was a game with championship implications, and those are usually defensive struggles, and that's what it was. Unfortunately, for us, they won the last five minutes," Kampe said.

Wayne State, winners of 12 out of its last 13 games, earned first place honors, the Bolt Trophy, and an edge in possibly hosting the GLIAC Tournament in March with the help of senior forward Michael Aaron who scored 21 points and grabbed nine boards as the cast on his dislocated left thumb affected his shot, making only eight of 20 shots from the field.

"It's (the LSSU trip) probably the most difficult trip to come back from the play right away... We got back at 4:30, quarter 'til five on Friday morning and we didn't have much of a practice yesterday. We're fortunate to win today," Hammye said.

Eller led Oakland with 20 points and 17 rebounds. Burkholder added 18 points and six boards.

Lead

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lor said," but they came down in the second half. (On the other hand) we were a little tentative, but we played consistently."

Just as consistent as the Pioneers have played all year.

Senior guard Angie Bond led the Pioneers with 21 points and three rebounds in 39 minutes.

Bond got help from sophomore center Heather Bateman with 15 points and 16 boards and senior guard Doreen Belkowski who came off the bench to score 13 in 12 minutes.

For the contest, four of the five Laker starters finished in double figures, each playing a 30 minute plus game. But despite shooting well, fatigue proved to be a factor for GVSU at crunch time.

OU got off to a good start in the second stanza popping in its first two chances to pull within two at the 19:30 mark, but GVSU responded in kind. Going up by as many as seven at one point, the Lakers were able to maintain its lead all the way to the 8:19 mark.

That's when Bond hit on a trey to tie the contest at 65 and from there on it was OU's game to win.

The Pioneers then got the next deuce on a pair of free throws from Bateman. It gave OU its first lead in the half-one that although

broached, could not be bridged. The Lakers tied it twice more at 67 and 76 before it was over, but could advance no further.

On Saturday, the Pioneers captured the Nut part of the Nut and Bolt Trophy with an 82-63 victory over Wayne State at Lepley. The win was the ninth straight in the Nut series in which the Pioneers hold a 13-4 lead. Oakland has also beaten the Tartars 17 straight times

It was quite a different story for Oakland and quite a different team than the one it played on Thursday.

The Tartars proved no match for the Pioneers who shot 48.3 percent in the first half (35.7 percent from three point land) charging to a 41-22 half time lead.

OU scored early and often putting WSU in a hole with 12-0 run to start the contest. The lead, which was double figures for most of the half, burgeoned to an apex of 22 at the 13.4 second mark.

"When we jumped out to a big lead that took them right out of the game," Taylor said.

The laughter continued in second half as the Pioneers emptied its bench while expanding its lead to 35 (82-47) as late as the 3:48 mark.

Senior forward Patty Robak led four Pioneers in double figures with 17 points. Bateman had a double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds, while Belkowski and freshman center Kim Bailey each snapped in 10.

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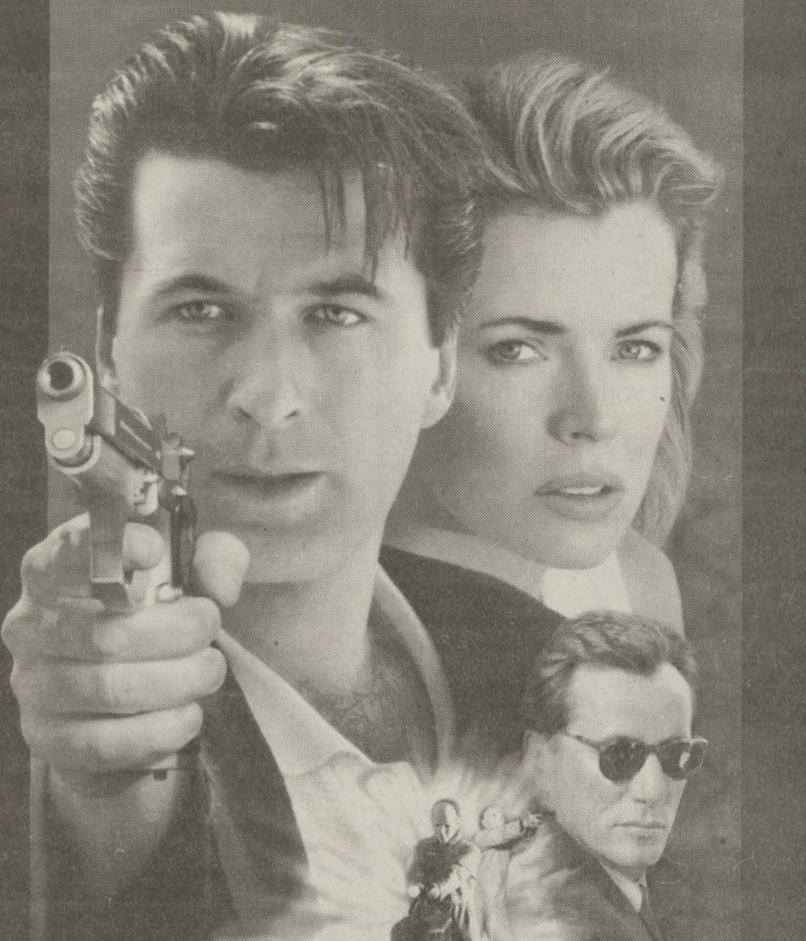
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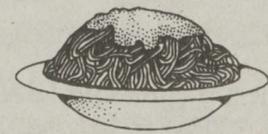
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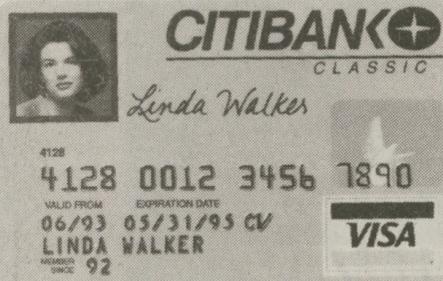
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