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Finance Professor Austin Murphy is concerned with university's ethics.

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## Slip 'n' Slide

The men's baseball team, riding high on a four-game winning streak finally got tagged out, by Old Man Winter, who scratched the Pioneers' game last Sunday.

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Chief Richard Leonard, right, and Lt. Mel Gilroy, second from right, and Officer Mark Gordon were honored at last Thursday's board of trustees meeting.

### DateLine: GALA

The student organization's push for equality began little more than three years ago when former GALA President Michael Petroni first brought the issue to former OU President Sandra Packard. Key dates in the fight:

#### April 1994

**Board Activity**  
Leader: Michael Petroni  
The board of trustees establish a special advisory committee to address GALA's request, thanks to Petroni and Shea Howell's insistence.

#### October 1994

**Board Confrontation**  
Leader: Delayne Elyse  
Elyse labels trustee Andrea Fischer as "homophobic, rude and offensive." Criticizes board's inactivity.

### GALA's Loudest Voices Over the Years



**Delayne Elyse**  
Perhaps the most vocal GALA member the past two years. Involved in chalk policy flap last fall

**Mike Petroni**  
Former president and main impetus in bringing discrimination issue before board of trustees

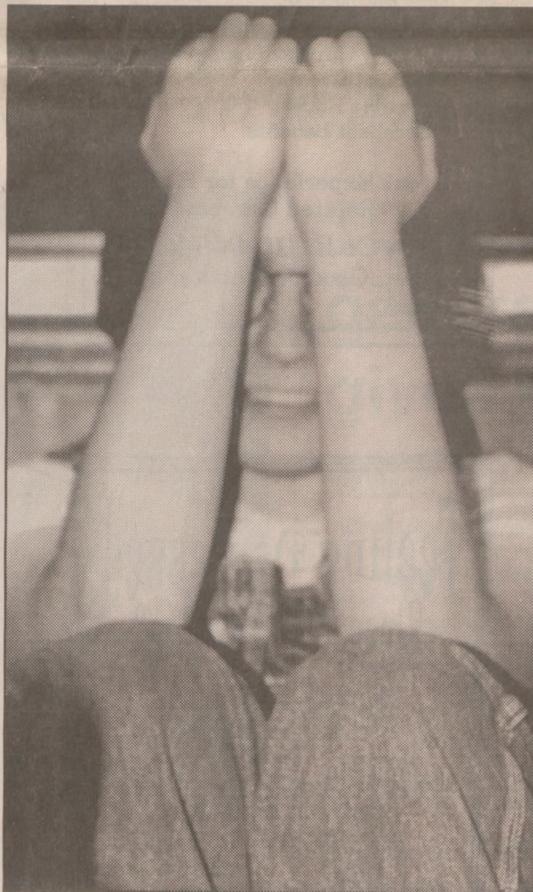


**Shea Howell**  
Advisor and professor of women's studies. Mentor and perpetual thorn in board's side



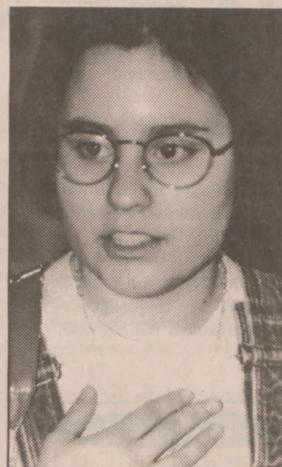
## GALA A DREAM deferred

# GALA's dreams slain by board



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Jackie O'Connor, below, before the trustees met last week and refused to amend the equal opportunity policy to include a sexual orientation clause. O'Connor, left, reacts to the board's decision outside JW's cafeteria.



## Decline in crime

By ERICA BLAKE  
Features Editor

Despite concerns raised after the Stuart Wang beating last month, crime on campus remains promisingly low, especially in the area of personal crimes as opposed

to property violations, according to crime statistics released by Richard Leonard, the director of the Department of Public Safety and Police.

Although the Department of Public Safety and Police are still waiting on the 1994 confirmed numbers from Lansing, Lt. Mel Gilroy ensured that the amount of crimes both serious and those which did not include any physical harm were down from last year.

"The overall is really pretty good," Gilroy confirmed. "Vandalism, larceny and stolen cars are up, however, crimes against the person (involving physical

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Chief Richard Leonard

## Marriott chef accuses bosses of sexism, racism

By ROBERT CARR  
News Editor

The head chef at Vandenberg Dining Hall filed a formal complaint with OU's Director of Equal Opportunity for what he calls racist, sexist and union-bashing practices by the Marriott corporation and their staff.

Jess Shelton submitted the complaint March 23 because he said the management staff of Marriott have "frankly violated my rights under the university non-discrimination policy and non-harassment policy." He claims that since he became union steward for the food

**"I think it's a wonder someone has not shot one of the supervisors there. There's an enormous amount of tension."**

-- David Szczesny  
Union President

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By JILL ROBINSON  
Assistant News Editor

Citing a need for continued discussion and further research, the board of trustees voted 3-3 against a resolution to include sexual orientation, height, weight and familial status in OU's Equal Opportunity Policy at its meeting Thursday.

The resolution needed support of at least five out of eight members to pass and only six trustees were in attendance. There is a slim chance, if the resolution is reintroduced at the June board meeting, that it can garner the necessary five votes for passage.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance is organizing a Monday, April 24

sit-in or protest march on the knoll near the library, according to GALA faculty advisor Shea Howell.

GALA has been fighting for the resolution for three years.

"Now it's totally different," said GALA member Delayne Elyse. "I am completely infuriated."

The campus group is calling other universities, Detroit area groups and the media to try and pressure the board to change its vote.

"They don't want anyone to know gays go to their school," said Elyse, referring to the board of trustees. "But we refuse to play around. We have gone

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# Crime

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harm) is substantially down. I guess if I had to take any break, I'd take it that way."

Most notably among OU's crime statistics is the zero next to the amount of sexual assaults which occurred on campus last year. Gilroy finds this number especially encouraging because of the fact that two rapes have been reported each year for six of the past eight years.

"This is the first time in 20 years, that I can remember, that we haven't had a reported sexual assault case on campus," Gilroy said. "I cannot guarantee that there were none because often these cases are not reported. However, we have always aggressively pursued those cases which are rumored but which are not reported." Gilroy also added that there has not even been a rumor of any sort of sexual assault that his department has had to look into.

The amount of felonious assaults is also down from five in '93 to two last year, another encouraging number despite the Wang beating which shocked the community, creating a new concern for campus security.

"A situation like this will open our eyes to the fact that a magic bubble doesn't exist around us protecting everybody. However, a single incident does not change the fact that crime is down," Gilroy said.

Gilroy maintains that many factors have gone into the current break from violent crime on campus, including the department, campus awareness and primarily crime avoidance education.

"We are not only educating the women on how in awareness and self-defense but we are more and more dealing with the men as well," Gilroy said. "We are teaching crime prevention and the students seem to be listening."

Whether its awareness or luck, OU students feel for the most part safe on campus. "I don't worry about it as much here at OU," admitted senior Raeanne Pilgrim, Management Information Systems major. "Where I live it's worse than it is here."

"I don't think (crime) is bad here at all," added senior Kenneth Briggs, Biology/Psychology major. "Overall, I'd say it's a really safe campus."

Gilroy cautions the community against a false sense of security that the low crime stats may evoke. Although crime is down, he warns, it is not non-existent.

"We are not saying that we are living in a risk-free environment and that we are immune to violent crime. We are just generally very fortunate," Gilroy said.

# Marriott

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service union Local 1418 in 1992 he has been subject to harassment, lies, write-ups and false rumors. He has also filed a complaint with the Marriott corporation.

"Prior to joining the union, I had a clean work record," said Shelton. "But during the time that Marriott was trying to get rid of the union employees, starting in 1992, a lot of little, petty stuff was added to my work record, destroying it."



Jess Shelton

Shelton has kept records of various infractions he has been accused of, from coming to work late, insubordination, to smoking marijuana in a Vandenberg Hall bathroom.

"I finally got serious after that incident," said Shelton. "The contract stuff had been mellow for a while, and I thought the hard part would be over, but after that..."

He said that a former staff member, Dale Curtis, confronted him Dec. 9, 1994. Curtis said he knew someone was smoking marijuana in one of VBH's bathrooms, and accused Shelton.

"They've spread lies about me. When Dale said that I just couldn't believe it. What was behind that I don't know," said Shelton. He admits that he has smoked marijuana as recent as three years ago, but

said he has never done it at work.

Shelton said another reason he is complaining is that he sees daily race and sex discrimination by the management, in particular Allan Sather, senior food service director. Shelton said part of his problems have stemmed from being a union representative, but he believes most of it has come from being black.

"Sather has a problem with blacks, he treats whites and blacks different," said

Shelton. Shelton cited a case where he represented a group who had been punished for leaving the work place without permission. The group received a written reprimand. Shelton said he did the same thing a few months prior, and received a two-day suspension.

"I think if I had been a white guy, they would have treated me with a little more respect," said Shelton.

Sather, in his defense, said he was surprised that Shelton was upset, and denied any discrimination exists in the food service department. He would not comment further about Shelton.

Greg Huyck, a food service manager who has also written up Shelton in the past said, "Our official statement on this is no comment."

However, two co-workers of Shelton agree that Sather and other Marriott staff

treat blacks with less respect and dignity than whites.

"(Sather) doesn't know how to talk to people or deal with people, he's prejudiced," said Barbara Powell, Food Handler II in Vandenberg. "We have students come to us and ask us why Alan was not being friendly, why doesn't he sit and talk with them about problems with the service."

"I feel some of the employees have been mistreated," said Joyce Pace. "When I first got hired as a pizza maker in Vandenberg, I was a pizza maker for Monday-Friday. Then, all of a sudden, they put me on week-ends and gave my job to a white woman. I don't know why, I have more seniority over her."

Pace said that the Marriott staff assigns more work to black employees, and that it seems like the staff wants them to quit.

"If a black person stands around, they find something for you to do. They keep track of you if you go to the bathroom. Whites, they can stand around, and the management won't say anything," said Pace.

David Szczesny, Master Trades VI with Campus Facilities and Operations and the Shelton's union president, said that the Marriott management at OU is shrewd

and manipulative.

"There have been a lot of complaints of mistreatment," said Szczesny.

He said that he believes Shelton calls attention to himself by speaking out, but said that Shelton probably is being harassed.

"Mr. Shelton has no halo. He loses his temper, and they write him off as a hot-head," said Szczesny. "But they drive him to it. Sometimes he just gets frustrated. One time, I remember, he was given permission by a lower supervisor to go to a union meeting, and when the higher management asked where Shelton was, instead of telling the truth they concocted a story to get him in trouble."

"Shelton is kind of a hero in my book, he's put up with a lot," said Szczesny. "I think it's a wonder someone has not shot one of the supervisors there. There's an enormous amount of tension."

Jack Wilson, associate vice president of student affairs, was one of the people who Shelton went to for help. Wilson launched an investigation in June 1993, at the request of former President Sandra Packard, into Shelton's claims. However, Shelton said he has never heard anything back from Wilson.

"The investigation found no violations (by Marriott)," said Wilson. He said because the OU employees are being phased out of the food service jobs by 1998, tensions are so high.

"In that climate, everybody becomes hypersensitive, and personality conflicts are inevitable," said Wilson. "It's been a very difficult transition."

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**-- David Szczesny  
Union president**

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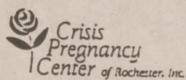
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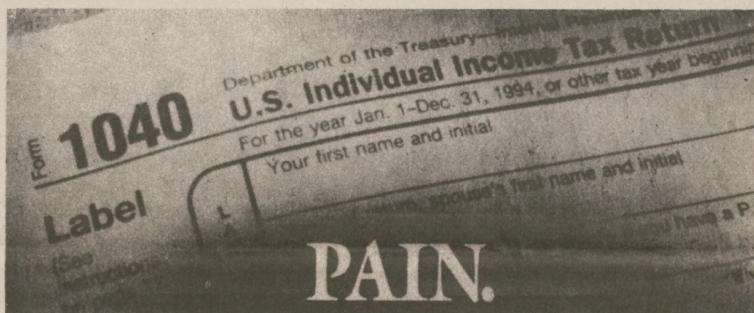


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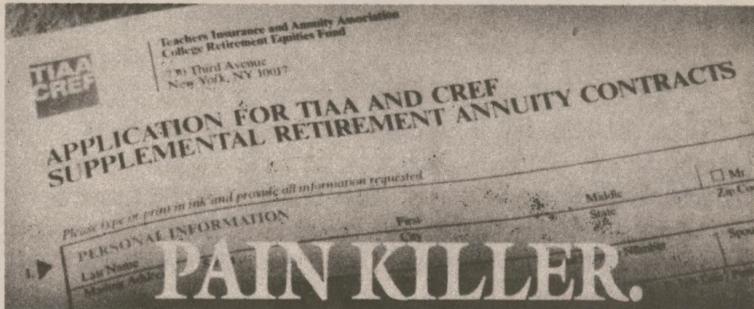
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# Campus News

April 3 - 9:39 a.m. The vending machine on the lower level of Vandenberg Hall was broken into between March 31 and April 2. Approximately \$100 in damage was done, and \$65 worth of food products were missing.

## CRIME WATCH

By Marianne Ochtinsky

April 5 - 8:35 p.m. Members of the swim team are suspected of damaging the door to the Resident Assistant's room on the first floor of Van Wagoner.

The RA discovered damage done to the wood around the door handle and something jammed in the key hole. It appeared to have been kicked or struck from the inside.

The RA had been having trouble with the residents on his floor for a few days. Someone had written "bye-bye" in graffiti on his door and sprayed talcum powder under his door.

The residents of the floor consist mostly of swim team members.

April 8 - 12:17 a.m. A fight which occurred on the fifth floor of East Vandenberg resulted in hospitalized students.

Two male students answered the door to their room and were immediately punched in the face by three assailants. A large fight broke out in the hallway.

One of the students went to Crittenton hospital for a broken nose. The other sustained a bruised and swollen cheek. A third student was struck in the chest, but was not injured.

The students did not know three instigators, all of whom were non-student men. They believed that the men were simply picking a fight. The students plan to press charges against them.

April 8 - 2:37 p.m. Between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Apr. 7, \$588 in cash and two payroll checks were stolen from the safe in the Vandenberg Kitchen Office.

Two deposits were put into the safe on that day. When opened again on the April 8, the cash and paychecks were missing.

The names of all student, the food service union and Marriott employees who were working at the time have been recorded.

## Slywka voted president

By ASHLEY ROWELL  
Staff Writer



Slywka

Candidates Rayissa Slywka and Michael Manson won their unopposed battle for Student Congress president and vice-president last week during elections.

That's not a surprise, considering the fact that the winning duo received 275 votes, with only four votes going to write-in opponent Michael Grant.

The ballot total reached 415, falling short of the 664 ballots cast in last year's election. However, this year's numbers surpassed the record low turnout of 235 in 1993.

"I'm disappointed," said Slywka about the low turnout of voters. "Students need to get more involved in their student government. Students here are apathetic to issues on campus."

All 15 Congress candidates running for the same amount of seats were elected, defeating nine write-in candidates. The winners were: Lisa Belanger, Angela Dodson, Bryan Barnett, Kirsten Sapelak, Will Pailen, Valentina Djokaj, Matthew Karrandja, Tom McDonald,

Bradley Perry, Jon Livingston, David Lingholm, Jonathan Raiss, Andre Tchakerian, Tim Melton and Greg Kretner.

Two referendum questions were passed.

The votes were to expand congress to 25 members next fall. The new positions will be filled by the Research and Review Committee as soon as a chair of the committee is appointed.

Slywka said congress will set up a mass mailing in order to announce the open positions to students. Applications will be available the beginning of fall semester.

According to Slywka, the 10 members should be selected by the third week of fall classes.

A congress meeting is set for Monday, May 15 at 6 p.m. in the Oakland Room in the OC. Approval of staff and chair positions will be one of its first acts. Applications for these positions are now available.

"This past year was like an elevator, with a lot of ups and downs," said Student Congress President Michael Simon. "Too many people focused on the negative, but we accomplished great things."



Manson

## A&S dean search meeting closed

By ROBERT CARR  
News Editor

The Arts and Sciences dean search committee joined the rest of OU's ranks when it kept its doors closed at their Monday meeting.

The meeting was to discuss recommendations the committee would make to Interim

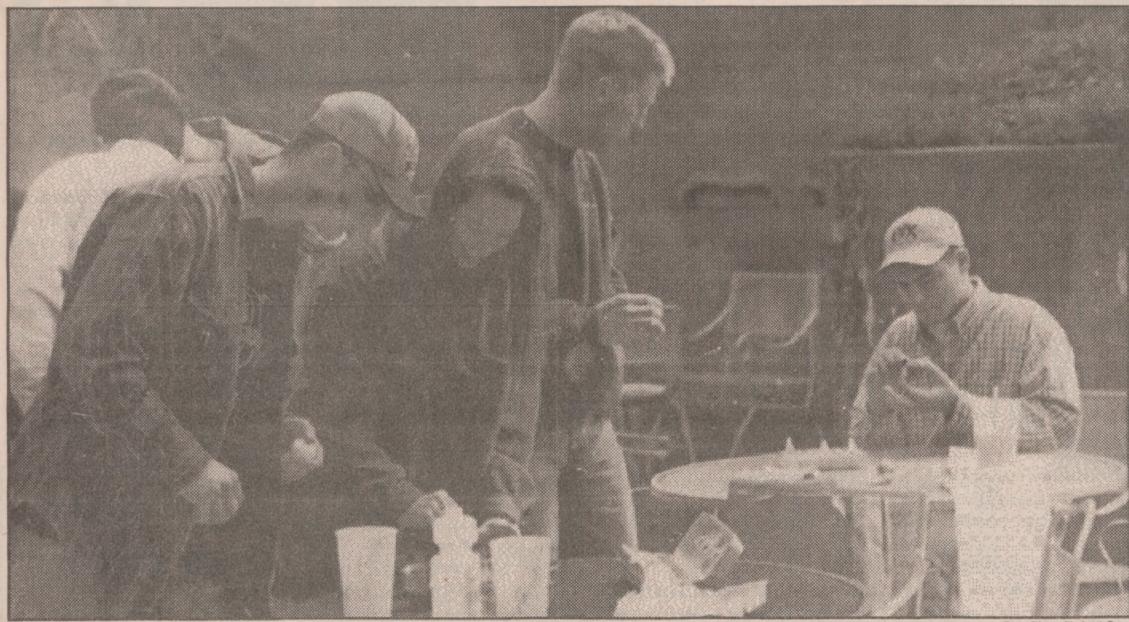
President Gary Russi on which of the five current candidates would be called to OU for final interviews. Interviews with all candidates were held Saturday and Sunday in the Auburn Hills Hilton.

"(OU) legal counsel has said our committee does not fall to the purview of the Open Meetings Act, and need not hold open meetings," said Peter Bertocci, the A & S search

committee chair. He said after the meeting that he does not wish to disclose what transpired at the meeting without first making a selection with Russi.

The five candidates are: David Downing, acting dean of OU's College of Arts and Sciences, Andrew Goudy, professor of chemistry at West Chester University, Judith

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EGG COLORING: Angelo Loria, a freshman Theta Chi member, and Theresa Perkins, a junior Chi Upsilon, along with various other Greeks color Easter eggs Thursday outside the Oakland Center. The event was part of Greek Week, a unity rally to promote Greeks or interested students on OU's campus. Other activities included skits and a mock rock.

## Hildum's to retire after decades at OU

By PENNY SMITH  
Staff Writer

In 1961 a Harvard University graduate arrived on OU's campus to teach psychology in the newly developed social science division.



Don Hildum

Thirty-four years later Donald C. Hildum is in his last year at Oakland. He and his wife, Priscilla, will retire later this year.

The couple went to graduate school with OU's first president Don O'Dowd in the early 60's, who persuaded them to come to OU. "I was in on the ground floor," said Mr. Hildum.

Mr. Hildum, 64, will retire on Aug. 15. "I will miss teaching. It is something to look forward too," he said. He has taught psychology for 11 years.

At that time he was approached by a fellow colleague to help set up a new university program focusing on communications.

Hildum has been teaching and advising students since 1971. "I believe that advising is part of the job. Students do better if

### Priscilla and Donald Hildum retire this August, ending a 52-year combined tenure at Oakland University

Wilson donated land and money for a new college in Oakland county.

Hildum saw first hand the construction of Varner, Dodge, O'Dowd and Hannah Hall and was one of the first two people to move into Hannah Hall.

"I remember we couldn't drink the water because they hadn't cleaned the pipes out yet," said Hildum.

Priscilla Hildum, the assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, hasn't decided on a retirement date, but said it would likely be with her husband in August.

"I have mixed emotions," said Priscilla, who has been with OU for 18 years. "I will miss contact with people and doing good things, it has been an enjoyable experience."

"We won't lose contact with people and will still live in the area," said Mr. Hildum. "We won't break clean."

they are advised by the people that are running the program," said Hildum.

Hildum is the right person to approach if you want to know about the history of OU, which was established in 1957 when the late Alfred G. and Matilda R.

## TCI Cablevision general manager gives the update

By IAN S. HOUSTON  
Staff Writer

Cable television is finally coming to OU.

"I think, hopefully, everything will be ready to go by fall semester," said Mike Cleland, general manager of TCI Cablevision of Oakland County, Inc. He said the contract is currently in the final stages of negotiations, going through insurance clauses. Once it receives final approval from TCI, installation planning will begin.

Cleland said that after the contract is signed, the first step will be to design the system. After that is completed crews will begin work installing the main lines to the residence halls and finish by prewiring the rooms.

According to the Cleland, cable service for students will be exactly the same service as people receive in their homes surrounding campus.



TCI Cablevision

A student who wishes to get cable in his or her room will have to pay a reconnect fee to have their room activated.

If necessary, a TCI installer will go to the students room to hook up equipment such as converter boxes.

"Students will be able to choose the services they want including pay-per-view movies. The amount of services they receive will determine their monthly cost," said Cleland

Cleland also expressed that although they mainly deal with people who are over 18, they will work with younger students to provide them cable service.

"Cable television is something we've been working on for the past four years," said Judy Wiegand, Residence Halls Council President. Wiegand and other residents on campus have been frustrated in past years by promises that cable would be installed that never came through. "I hope they don't back out like they have in the past," Wiegand added.

Wiegand feels that cable offers a lot of bonuses for OU. From a recruiting stand point, students considering which college to attend or whether or not to live on campus will be interested in cable.

Students on campus will also have more access to campus information through an OU channel.

TCI Cablevision of Oakland County Inc. provides cable service to most of Oakland county including some of the communities surrounding Oakland University. According to Cleland, through the process of negotiation it was determined that OU will benefit by receiving cable services for its residents and TCI will benefit by gaining access to more customers.

"For us, the big thing is we are pleased to be able to work with OU," Cleland added.

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# Opinion

## EDITOR'S VIEW

### The new OU: Ignore voice, force agenda

At least the OU Board of Trustees is consistent--consistently impervious to the wishes and desires of the university community.

Last Thursday's denunciation of more than three years of lobbying efforts by GALA which had the blanket approval of the university community is just the latest example. Politics have definitely contaminated the board. Community be damned.

With the same hidden-agenda fashion that is tainting the presidential search, the board ignored its community and rather than show allegiance to its community, pledged its political faith. Governor John Engler must be proud.

Where can GALA and the university seek reparation?

By urging the resignations of a significant portion of the board of trustees. There will be literally no impact on the presidential search.

We need more trustees like Ann Nicholson, who after deliberations in the University Affairs Committee secured the three votes in GALA's favor. Hers was an informed decision -- not based on the party line or personal bias.

She is the rare trustee who is not carrying political baggage or a political debt when she walks into the Oakland Center. Other members simply prefer to ignore and vote with a tainted heart.

OU's newest trustee David Doyle, who for one brief shining moment turned down the job when he was contemplating working for the Quayle presidential campaign, voted as expected. He didn't let information get in the way of his decision to vote no. That's a real signal to this community and does not bode well for the future.

Had the distinguished voice or inquisitive spirit possessed by former trustees Stephan Sharf and Andrea Fischer been present, debate would have been spirited and open. Fischer would have inevitably voted no on Thursday, but, at least she would have told us why.

The willingness to give a basic explanation is wholly lacking from the current board. GALA, the Post, and more students than you can stuff in Engler's back pocket, (which we hear can accommodate at least five trustees), have left discussions with board members without the benefit of a justification or explanation.

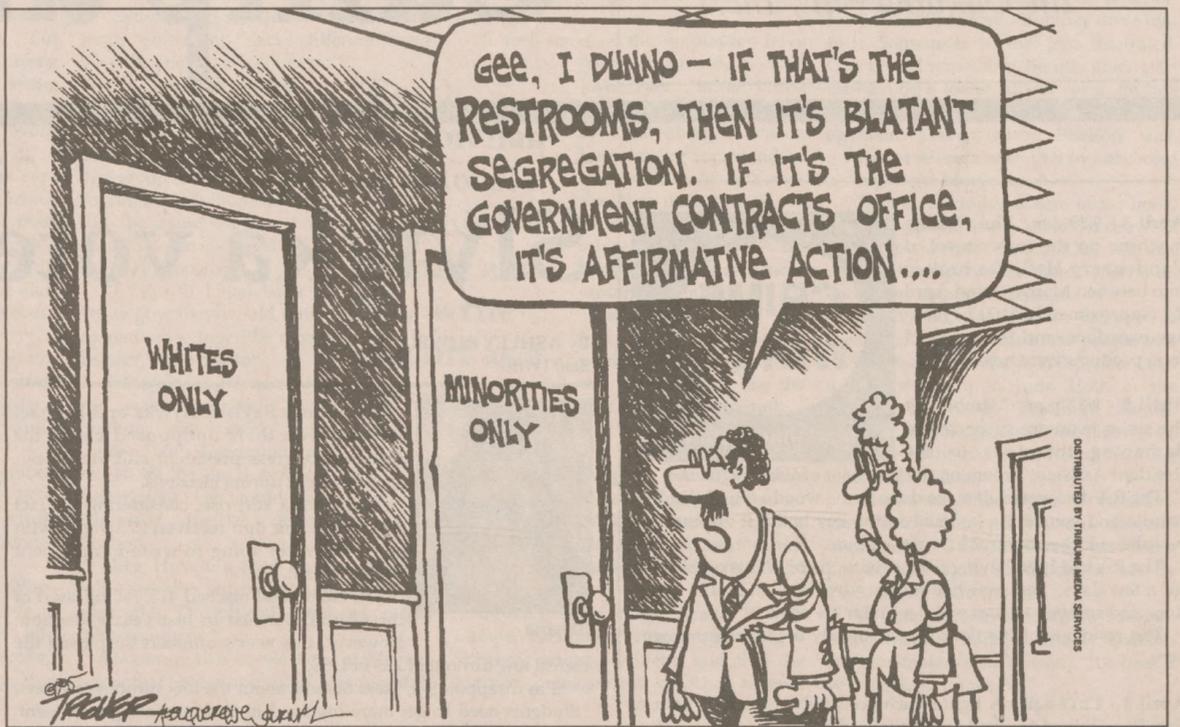
That attitude lends credence to the fear that Oakland University, once a voice of thousands, is being run by an out-of-touch corporate board.

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## Letters to the Editor

# Trustees breached trust, lead with closed minds

Dear Editor,

Someday people will look back at this time and shake their heads in disbelief. Just as most of us ask how universities of the south prior to the civil rights movement could have been so ruled by prejudice, people will wonder how OU could be among the last to take a stand to protect its own gay and lesbian students from discrimination.

Today in most of Michigan it is legal to deny gays and lesbians jobs, housing, the right to visit a loved one in the hospital and

custody of children. Hate crimes and violence are escalating. Oakland County is receiving national attention because a gay man was shot to death by another young man who could not bear to be thought of as gay. Gay and lesbian people are a community at risk. The board of trustees has increased that risk for every student on this campus.

In almost thirty years of university life, I have rarely witnessed such crass disregard for the welfare of students, for the advice of faculty, administrators and the student body as a whole. Students have asked the board to specify its objections to protecting them

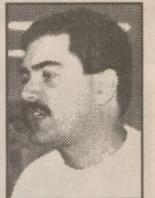
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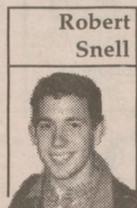
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from discrimination. The three who voted against the anti-discrimination amendment still have made no comment. In fact, the entire three-year process was dismissed in less than one minute. The thoughtfulness, openness to discussion and courage displayed by the students stands in stark contrast to the crude disregard for them displayed by the

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# I'll miss the mess, Deep Throats, the 800-lb. Gorilla & the janitors

I will miss the mess, both literally and metaphorically speaking. Those of you who have braved the chaotic and perpetually dilapidated Post office can relate. But those who have also faithfully read the Post have noticed the disgusting transformation of this university to a business -- and a mess.



But I only half mourn the change -- after all, the conflict, high level bickering, lawsuits and forced resignations made for a good newspaper.

But I have attempted to balance the bad with the good because OU has some fascinating members of its community -- from the Geranium Cowboy to Spanish Professor Adine Golemba, to Kat, the happy-go-lucky student stripper, to geez, throw a dart in the CIPO Office and you wouldn't miss.

But for some reason, I was most fascinated with conflict.

Whether it was the proposed Jonestown-like poisoning of Dodge Hall's pigeon population which drew death threats and dozens of letters which eventually halted the pigeonicide, or

tainted vice presidential searches, I loved a conflict.

Dr. Scott McNabb, my first newspaper advisor at Grand Rapids Community College once told me that you should not enjoy making a person look bad, but cover the story fairly and let the chips fall where they may.

During my two year stint as editor, I have tried to honor that pledge made four years ago: comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. And whether it was the Rasul Chaudhry incident or the anonymous administrator who liked to address former President Sandra Packard as an "800-lb Gorilla," I never made anything up.

I will miss the science projects identifying dead food, the all nighters and darkroom sessions -- late-night, staff bonding sessions in the Post's photo lab.

I have also realized that when you're a journalist there are three types of people: those who call you back; those who call you names; and those who call you back, tell you 'no' and call you names.

The staff of the CIPO office, William Macauley; Stephan Sharf; Rob. Erica, Ken, Joe Pickering, Kat and Eric DeMink, who made this past year possible, and the rest of the

Post staff; Lt. Mel Gilroy; Mona Wallace and Bill Marshall for not napping our office; the many tipsters on campus, (this campus has more Deep Throats than an adult movie store); select departmental secretaries; the janitorial staff of the Oakland Center, Paul Bissonnette, who's taken a beating but still calls back (thanks, Paul, and sorry we thwarted your presidency); the voucher audit office ladies who make the IRS look like Sesame Street cast members; astronomy professor Bob "Ron" Bombach; Joey, D-Man and Janitor Dan, and Jane Briggs-Bunting, Post advisor.

Jane is the reason I came to OU. I'll never forget the first time I met her, she was busy intimidating a conference room full of college journalists. I think she even spit to prove her point. Right then, I knew that she could compel me to succeed.

Thanks. But more than anyone, I will miss the janitors who know more than the most tenured professor.

I guess it's because I feel at one with them -- especially in job detail.

For much like them, I too, tried to clean up the mess.

Thanks for letting me try.

## Professor questions ethical behavior

Dear Editor,

As a teacher of finance in the School of Business Administration at Oakland University, I have an obligation to teach students to act in an ethical fashion. However, it is difficult to convince students of the correctness of morally responsible behavior in an environment where the administration of our own university breaks laws and rules at will. Although I will state, as a general concept, that we at lower level positions should try to set an example for morally bankrupt supervisors, students question (probably with justification) whether such a strategy can succeed.

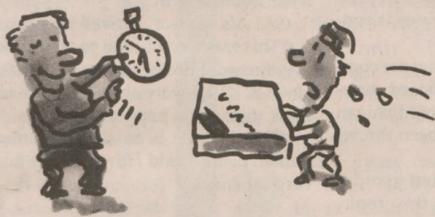
The problem at OU goes deeper than numerous rule and law violations. I have

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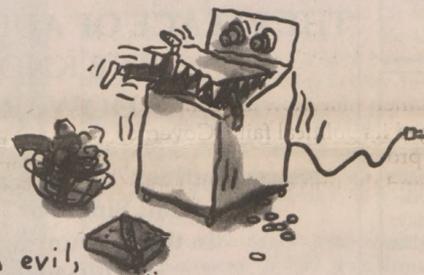
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# GALA

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through the system exactly how we were supposed to, now we're done with the system," said Elyse, who was disturbed by the lack of support by OU interim president Gary Russi, who just a month prior had praised the resolution at the March University Affairs Committee meeting.

"What we did or said didn't matter because the board had their own mind already set," said GALA supporter Jackie O'Connor.

O'Connor was also surprised by the board's vote. "I don't know where they're coming from, everyone seemed willing to pass this. We thought things would be fine," she said. "I guess our fight is just starting."

Trustee Howard Sims, one of the three trustees who voted in unanimous approval for the resolution at the March University Affairs committee meeting, was absent, as was trustee David Handleman.

Trustees Ann Nicholson, Louis Ross and David Fischer voted in favor of the resolution while Rex Schlaybaugh, James Sharp and new member David Doyle opposed its passage with virtually no discussion.

"We have no definition of where the issue goes from here," said Sharp after the meeting. "The categories covered by state law have not included this in their policy," said Sharp. "Because we are an extension of the state, I think we need to consider things more."

New trustee David Doyle said when interviewed later that the board has no intention of discriminating against anyone at OU and wants everyone to feel welcome and safe.

"The question is whether or not this is something that needs to be explicitly expressed in policy," said Doyle. "The policy definitely needs continued review."

"Our main goal is to have students that are comfortable with the climate at OU," said board chairman David Fischer. "Because the state of Michigan has been silent on this topic, we have been throwing out language to fit our concerns."

Fischer has suggested a campus forum in order to ensure continued discussion on this topic.

Fischer has also asked Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Beth Snyder to report back to him personally on the matter.

Snyder says she intends to do so. "I want to find out what people's true feelings are, in order to see if the university's mechanisms have done an adequate job at assessing this issue," she said.

Snyder also wants to find out if others in the community have ideas on how to address this issue because of the complexity of gay rights. "Many people have deep beliefs that sexual orientation should not be the basis for laws," said Snyder.

"I wanted this resolution to be defeated because there are already existing laws that cover discrimination," said Public Administration Junior Jim Golec. Golec's answering machine message ends with "God bless you."

Golec, along with three other students, spoke to the board on the resolution. "I had a John Engler bumper sticker that was keyed, but are we supposed to pass laws protecting conservatives?"

"It boils down to a lack of self governance," said Golec. "In the end it must be the heart's intent to stop these crimes."

Golec suggested that group discussion and education on a personal level are needed to solve existing problems, instead of passing what he felt was a meaningless resolution.

GALA supporters at Thursday's meeting, included Student Congress President Michael Simon.

"We have an obligation to protect (gay students) and the board basically said 'so what'," said an angry Simon after the meeting. Simon wondered why the students who spoke had never approached him with their feelings prior to Thursday's meeting.

"The official voice of the students is in favor of equal rights," said Simon. "We have said this is what we believe in."

GALA's advisor Howell was equally angered.

"This was a resolution to adopt, not discuss, yet they turned it down with no discussion at all," said Howell. "I am very shocked, we had no reason to think this would happen."

"The decision is an embarrassment to me as a human being," said Howell. "The board should be very ashamed."

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# Features

Like the rest of Oakland County, OU will soon face the wrath of the destructive gypsy moths as they migrate south, leaving a path of eaten greenery and stripped trees.

## BEWARE

### They're coming



By MICHELLE ALVAREZ  
Staff Writer

Did you notice last spring those fat caterpillars inching on the leaves of trees or dangling from a branch? Have you been witness to caterpillar 'frass' (feces) on the benches around campus? These creatures were abundant last spring and now threaten the lives of many trees in our area.

In an attempt to control those annoying, feasting caterpillars, Oakland County trees will undergo biological insecticide treatment.

Commissioned by the Department of Public Services, the Gypsy Moth Suppression Program will use the insecticide *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki*, or B.t., to control the Gypsy Moth population and save the local natural foliage.

The problem with the Gypsy Moth is that they damage foliage of trees and feast on the leaves, as well as cause allergic reactions for many. Once the caterpillars consume a leaf contaminated with B.t., they will become ill and within a few days, die.

Coordinator of the Suppression Program Carol Lenchek describes B.t. as a "specific insecticide. It won't kill birds, squirrels or other

insects," she said.

B.t. could only potentially hurt humans and other animals if taken in great quantities.

She believes the insecticide will not be effective if the caterpillars are not in the right stage.

"It will only kill gypsy moths at the right stage of its life. If it is too late in the stage and they become too big, B.t. will not work," she said.

The gypsy moth's stage of vulnerability is during its 4th molting stage as a caterpillar.

Those who are concerned for the animals and its natural habitat need not fear. Unlike manufactured chemical pesticides, B.t. won't harm other insects and is environmentally friendly. The Michigan State Extension program assures that B.t. will not remain in the environment, like some chemical pesticides, but will break down.

B.t. is a biological insecticide utilizing ingredients such as fungus, bacterium, virus and nematodes, according to a Michigan State University bulletin. It is a protein based pesticide which has been studied by county municipalities trained in this field, according to Lenchek.

Studied extensively since the 1900's, it was discovered

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By ERICA BLAKE  
Features Editor

It's one of the largest enrolled classes in the dance department, attracting 14 students and a lot of enthusiasm, however, students are under the impression that Tap I will most likely not be offered again, at least not for awhile.

Sophomore Jenefer Stickradt is the instructor of OU's only tap class, however, the teacher, like her students, is paying to take the class.

"A lot of members (of the class) are upset to learn I had to pay to teach a class and that they're not continuing it," Stickradt said. In order to teach the class, Stickradt registered and paid for a two-credit course labeled Apprentice College Teaching, however, Stickradt and her students see it as paying to work.

"Once is fine, but I'm not willing to pay to teach again," Stickradt said. "People keep asking me when they will offer class again and I don't know what to tell them." Stickradt added that the school could call her but that the situation would need to be changed.

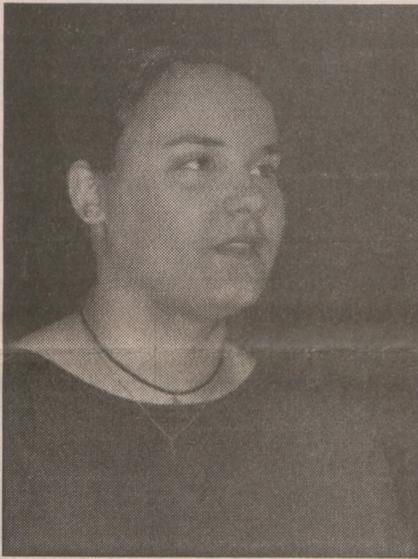
"The student who is teaching the class is taking a course called Apprentice College Teaching, a class where I have to be in the room and I give her critiques and eventually a grade," explained Carol Halsted, associate profes-



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**TAPPING THEIR HEARTS OUT:** Members of the 'tap team' who will be performing this weekend in Varner Recital Hall on Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., are under the direction of Jenefer Stickradt.

## Tapping to a new tune



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**TEACHING STUDENT:** Sophomore Jenefer Stickradt watches as her group practices a tap dance routine which will be performed in OU's Spring Concert. Stickradt teaches the one and only tap dance class on campus, however, is forced to pay for the two-credits as well.

sor of Dance. "Also, we will be offering tap dance again in the Winter semester. We're not a big school and so we aren't able to offer every class every semester, but we do what we can."

Although tap is not considered an official program in the department, this form of dance has attracted the attention of interested students and admiring faculty. Stickradt, who signed up to choreograph a dance to be submitted into consideration for OU's Spring Concert, was chosen as one of nine numbers to be performed this weekend.

In addition to the concert, titled "Spontaneous Combustion", the tap dance piece was chosen by the American College Dance Festival Association (ACDFA) to be performed in an informal concert at Cornell University in New York. Stickradt uses these accomplishments as proof for the popularity of tap and so continues to wonder why it is that the university doesn't continue with the program she has already begun building.

"It's almost like I started a tap program and they won't let me continue it," Stickradt said. "It feels like all my hard work is going nowhere."

Students in the dance department agree with complaints Stickradt has raised. "I think it's a shame that they (the department) offer a class at the 100 level and then they don't let you continue it," said freshman Bill Langley, dance major and performer in Stickradt's dance routine. "It's like giving you a bite without giving you the whole dinner and who knows when or if they will ever offer it again."

Halsted, however, insists tap is not a dead class. "I guess they never thought to ask me," she said.

Although not willing to fight the organization, Stickradt and her students have not remain mute over the matter. In an attempt to make the university community aware of the exist-

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By SALLY TATO  
Staff Writer

Not quite the shade of Goldilocks' curls, yet still too loud to pass for the tone of gold in OU's emblem, the new bright yellow awning protruding from Meadow Brook Theatre is definitely an eye-catcher.

Or an eye-sore, at least to one OU student. "It's bright, it's yellow and it's an eye-sore, but it's better than being bare," said Stephanie Gandolfi, junior.

Ordered during former President Sandra Packard's administration, the yellow awning was intended to be part of an university awareness program that she advocated.

"The color was chosen by the university administration to promote university colors wherever possible," said Greg Bloomfield, managing director of Meadow Brook Theatre. Currently, university colors are gold and black.

However, promotion of school colors was not the

only reason for the change. Bloomfield said that the old burgundy awning, which was installed in 1987 and repaired in 1994, was coming apart at the seams. So the university administration ordered the new awning in January and it was put in place in March.

Students, however have mixed feelings about the new canopy. "I know it's for the school colors, but it sticks out and looks really odd," said Tony Barger, senior.

Junior, Mason Backie disagrees. "It has a nice touch to it. It gives a new clean look to an old building," he said.

The yellow awning, which displays the university emblem on the nose, and the Meadow Brook Theatre on the lower sides cost \$9,300, \$700 less than the old canopy according to Bloomfield.

Regardless of the financial savings though, students are still wary of the change. "I think it looks gaudy in comparison to the burgundy canopy," said Adriano Camilleri, senior.

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**APRIL SHOWERS?:** Although last Sunday's surprise snow storm would never let on that it is indeed Spring, this little guy's appearance on campus last week let OU know that it's all almost over. Not only does that includes the frosty weather, but the dragging classes as well. As it all begins to wind down and with Easter right around the corner, students find themselves itching for warmer weather and the taunting freedom they are so near grasping.

## Something short and sweet

Throughout the year there has been a lot of heat in the news concerning presidents, equality fights, and cable television. Sports brought an onslaught of winning teams whether it was in the water, on the field, or across the court.

We did manage to throw a few nets into the campus waters in hopes on catching some students. We had an intense interview with the Jerky Boys, talked with two students who starred on the Maury Povich show,

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Special Columnists

and unveiled a variety of body art on several students. We even managed to come up with a few wild and crazy headlines after hours of turmoil in the office. (We know the April Fool's story had you going for a bit).

Who can't forget some of the outspoken lecturers that we got up close and personal with.

Nonetheless, while there are stories we missed and people we could not capture on paper, bear with us, for next year begins a new Features Section and a variety of stories to entertain and inform everybody-That's a Sure Thing!

Thanks OU for being featured.

# This is the end

## ...or is it?

For one OU student, campus life is much too fun to let go... or maybe it's the cafeteria food he can't let go of. Doubt it.

By CHRISTINA L. WALKONS  
Assistant Features Editor

While the end of the semester is near and graduation only a heartbeat away for many students, this is not the end of "Thurston's" five year reign at OU.

Charles Thurston Coleman began his life at OU in the summer of 1989 as part of the AOP (academic opportunity program). "I graduated high school with a 2.5 but wanted to get a little edge on the situation," he admitted.

"My mother was completing her Ph.D in reading at OU and I gave the campus a look and thought... I'll give it a try," he said.

And try he did. In the fall Thurston moved into his new "home" known as Hamlin Hall where he had, and will, remain until the college deed is done and the education battles are over.

What is keeping this fellow here so long? The answer lies in the department of engineering.

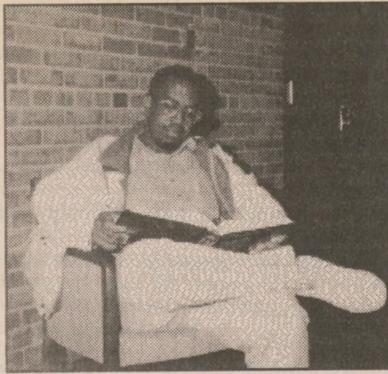
"I started as an electrical engineer and within the first three semesters I changed it to mechanical. Then after I took engineering 101 I knew that I wanted to be a systems engineer." No wonder he plans on five to ten more years! (He had to take a few classes over.) Not to mention his part time job limits the number of classes he can handle.

The residence halls have become a "permanent" part of the 24-year-old's college habit. He explained that it's the people that make his stay, or rather life, most enjoyable.

"I could not believe how many people I met in the first three months, it was amazing," said Thurston who loves meeting all sorts of people. "I just consider myself a kind person, easy to get along with."

While an OU lifer, Thurston got involved in the SPB Visual and Performing Arts committee, rather by accident. "I've been on it for three

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**OU VETERAN:** Thurston Coleman shares memories of his five years as an OU student, living in the dorms and meeting new people. As he looks back on his experiences, and forward to those to come, Coleman is most thankful for the friends he has made throughout the years.

# Finals mark the grand finale

By ERIN BROWN  
Staff Writer

It seems like just yesterday; students were pondering which classes to pick out for the winter semester and then, well, actually, now-finals are almost here. Finals can cause many problems for many people, such as Student Stress Syndrome attacks, headaches, and mild gas pains. While studying is of much importance to final takers, the manner in which one decides to study can be most deadly.

The Oakland Center Approach

The Oakland Center may seem like an ideal place for one to brush up on their classes, but actually this gathering place can prove most fatal for last minute crammers and social butterflies. A crammers' attention may be distracted by the melange of music coming from WXOU and/or the bevy of beverages and tasty snacks in those neat spinning vending machines. The cool whirring noise that

those neat-o machines may also prove more interesting than studying as well.

Social butterflies may find studying in O.C. next to impossible. How can one concentrate on their notes when cute boys are meandering by and the latest sorority/fraternity formal is coming up? Not to mention the fashion that the butterfly's peers may be sporting is too tacky not to gossip about. In other words, the butterfly's mind is focused on

too many other topics to be concerned about school.

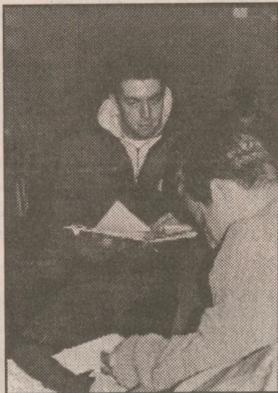
The OC does have its redeeming qualities, however. Jeff Davies, sophomore, thinks the radio station music and people eating, supply just the right amount of background noise for one to get work done.

"When it's really quiet, it's too quiet," Davies said. "When there is music, it's more relaxed. You can bounce ideas back and forth."

The Pinball Approach

While the radio station's cranked up tunage may help one calm down, the video games

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**STUDY BUDDIES:** Accounting students Jim Perry(left) and Ryan Farris(right) go over speech critiques in the OC on Monday afternoon. "We're supposed to be preparing for an accounting speech," said Perry.

# They're outta here

By DIANA PLETZ  
Staff Writer

In the fourth grade spelling bee they had to spell D-I-P-L-O-M-A, in the sixth grade, it was G-R-A-D-U-A-T-I-O-N. June 3, both will be spelled out for them.

With winter graduate's goals set and plans tentative, a new chapter of their life is about to begin.

So what are their plans? "By June I want to have a good job lead," Kristin Zamjohn said, an East Asian major. Excited to facilitate her Japanese abilities, Zamjohn recently interviewed at a business found through her father's connections.

Connections, she said are crucial! "Use your networks. That's the bottom line. You have to know somebody!"

Getting along without a connection, Melissa Winter, a history major, has a third interview coming up with

Mutual of Omaha and a second interview with Lady Footlocker. But, school isn't necessarily ending for her. "I'm looking at a masters program at Wayne State, in dispute resolution," she said.

Beyond classes and grades, Winter is counting on her involvement in SPB and Congress and other activities to play a part in finding a career.

"Employers really want to see that you didn't just stick your nose in the books," Judy Weigand said. Weigand, an accounting major, already has a job lined up working in the auditing department at Deloitte & Touche, and just finished with four other job inter-

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# CIPO This Week!

CIPO Programs will offer a variety of programs this year which we hope the OU community will find interesting and enjoyable. The Winter schedule includes:

### How to Interview

Bob Thomas, Director of Placement and Career Services, will give tips on how to conduct a successful interview. Wednesday, April 12th noon- 1pm in the Fireside Lounge

### How to Write a Resume

Prasanna Datta, Assistant Director of Placement and Career Services, will give pointers on how to write an impressive resume. Thursday, April 13th noon- 1pm in the Fireside Lounge

### Summer Travel

Come and hear about cheap ways to travel this summer. Friday, April 14th noon- 1pm in the Fireside Lounge

### Student Org Recognition Night

This year, Student Organization Recognition Night will be held Thursday, April 13, 1995 at 6:30 p.m. Student Organizations, their members and advisors will be honored for making 1994/95 a tremendous year. If you are a member of any student organization, plan on attending this highlight year ending event.

### Spring Summer Patio Concerts

CIPO's Spring Summer Patio Concerts will begin Wednesday, May 17 and continue every Wednesday through July 26. The concerts will feature the best of local classical and jazz music and will be held 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A grilled lunch will be available for a very reasonable cost served by Guest Chefs from the Oakland Community. If your going to be on campus during the spring and/or summer terms, please enjoy the patio concerts.

### A Big Thank You!

The CIPO Office would like to thank the following for helping the 1994/95 year go so smoothly for the CIPO office. These students worked hard at delivering CIPO's programs and providing service to approximately 35,000 people this year:

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Nominations for quotation of the week are due into CIPO each Friday. Quotations should be profound, about some aspect of leadership, or about a positive outlook on life. Please include the name of the person attributed to the quotation.

This week's quotation is:

"Doesn't anyone around here know how to play this game?"

Casey Stengel

### OU EVENTS

The Department of Music, Theatre and Dance presents OU Concert Band Season Finale on Wednesday, April 12 at 8 p.m. in Varner Recital Hall. Cost is \$6 general, \$5 seniors, \$3 students. CALL 370-3013 for tickets and information.

Men of Brotherhood and SPB Lecture & Special Events presents Jam Session '95 a 3 on 3 basketball tournament on Friday, April 14 from 6-10 p.m. at Lepley Sports Center. Sign up at CIPO. Cost is \$8 a team.

The Department of Art and Art History hosts Basic Training 1995, a student-faculty exhibition, April 21-May 14 at Meadow Brook Art Gallery. The gallery is open one hour prior to MBT performances and on Wednesdays from 1-5 p.m.

The OC becomes a greenhouse for the Easter Plant Sale on Thursday, April 13 from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Meadow Brook

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### FILM

The Detroit Film Theatre at the DIA presents An Unforgettable Summer, on April 15. Showtimes are 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door or in advance. Call (313) 833-2323.

### CONCERTS

The Ritz in Roseville hosts Mule on Friday, April 14. Doors open at 8 p.m., 18 and



come together in an exciting double concert on April 12-13 at 8 p.m. For more information, call (313) 833-3700.

### THEATRE

1515 Broadway hosts the premiere of A Bright Room Called Day, April 6-23 (Thursdays-Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 7 p.m.) For more information, call (810) 334-LOFT or (313) 965-1515.

The Hilberry Theatre at Wayne State University continues the comedy about a romance. You Can't Take It With You runs through April 29. Call (313) 577-2972 for tickets and times.

### OTHER

The Rainbow Connection is looking for volunteers. Call hotline at (800) 850-6940.

The American Lung Association of Michigan is looking for volunteers. Call (810) 559-5100.

Classical and jazz musician Bobby Mc Ferrin, trumpeter Arturo Sandoval and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra

over welcome. Tickets are available through Ticket Master for \$8.

Record Time and 7th House present a mix of local talent to benefit WXOU on Saturday, April 15 at 8 p.m. at the 7th House in Pontiac. Cost is \$5 at the door.

# Sports

## Pioneer of the Week



**Tom Long**  
Baseball  
5-10 Junior Outfielder

Long hit .636 for the week with two doubles, a triple and five RBI's. He also had three stolen bases and a 1.000 slugging percentage. Long had the game winning RBI's in both of Oakland's wins over Saginaw Valley State on Saturday.

## This Week in Pioneer Sports

Today- Baseball at Michigan State, 3 p.m.

Thu., April 13 - Men's Golf at the Detroit College of Business Invitational

Fri., April 14 - Men's Golf at the Detroit College of Business Invitational  
-Women's Golf at Tri-State Invitational

Sat., April 15 - Baseball vs. Grand Valley State (2), 1 p.m.  
-Men's Golf at Ferris State Invitational  
-Women's Golf at Tri-State Invitational

Sun., April 16- Baseball vs. Grand Valley State (2), 1 p.m.  
-Men's Golf at Ferris State Invitational

# Recruiters snag two All-Staters

By KEN FILLMORE and JEFF AISTHORPE  
Sports Writers

When college coaches hit the recruiting trails, a main objective they pursue is to accumulate depth by position.

For the men and women's basketball programs, that may have been one mission that the respective coaching staffs surely accomplished.

While the women's program was on the lookout for more centers and point guards, the men's program was searching for point guards of its own.

The women, losing only forward Kelli Krajniak to graduation, added a redshirt and a 1994 Class A All-State recruit for the 1995-1996 campaign, and could have another Class A All-Stater signed to a letter of intent to become a Pioneer sometime today.

"We will get more increasing numbers next year," head coach Bob Taylor said. "We will certainly be stronger in terms of depth."

Redshirt point guard Lori Young sat out this past season

because she was not given her release to play from her previous institution, Ferris State University.

At Ferris in the 1993-94 season, Young played in 21 games, starting in 17 of them. She averaged 10.7 points, 6.7 assists, four rebounds and 1.9 steals for the Bulldogs. She was also third on the team in three-pointers made (17) and three-pointers attempted (55), making good on 31 percent of her shots behind the arc.

Next year, Young will have junior eligibility.

Stacy Piasecki, a 5-9 guard from Muskegon Mona Shores High School, made her verbal commitment in mid-October and signed her letter-of-intent to attend OU on Nov. 15, the first day of the early signing period.

In her senior season, the versatile Piasecki averaged about 17 points, five assists, and seven steals to make up one-half of one of the top prep backcourts in the state. She finished fourth in the Miss Basketball voting and led Mona Shores to the Class A quarterfinals before losing to eventual state champion Flint Northern.

"They (OU) wanted to bring me in either as a forward or at point guard," she said.

As a junior, she averaged about 12 points an outing as Mona Shores reached the Class A quarters before falling to eventual state champ Flint Northwestern.

Piasecki was a four-year starter for coach Mike Mack. Mack said that her competitiveness and her ability to cut off the passing lanes are the strong points of her game and that she has improved in her outside shooting from her junior year.

"Her biggest attribute is that she is a great athlete," Mack said. "She can change a game."

"Bob (Taylor) will be good for her. She likes the up-tempo style they (OU) play."

In Piasecki's opinion, the Pioneers' appearance in the Elite Eight in March helped make the decision for her.

"I was looking for the school with the best chance of winning a national title," she said.

Piasecki has a 3.3 grade point average and plans to study human resource development.

Sue Karber, a 6-0 center from Grosse Pointe North High School, made her verbal commitment on Feb. 2 and said she will sign sometime today.

Karber, the Macomb Area Conference White Division Most Valuable Player, averaged 18.1 points per game and set a school rebounding record with 234 in 25 games as a 12th grader. She also averaged about 11 points per game over her prep career.

She led the Norsewomen to the MAC White title and to the state quarters before losing to Detroit King.

GPN co-head coach Gary Bennett calls Karber a determined post player who loves to play the game and said that she improved greatly between her junior and senior years.

"Sue's a very talented inside player. She works very hard," Bennett said.

"When she puts her mind to it, she can do a good job controlling the boards."

Karber was impressed by the coaching staff and the beautiful landscape and wants to contribute in returning the Pioneers to the promised land and reach the ultimate goal, a national championship.

"I want to work very hard and help the team make it back to the Elite Eight," she said. "I want to become the best player I can be."

Karber carries a 3.2 GPA and wants to study either exercise science or special education.

Piasecki and Karber were both chosen to the Class A All-State First Team by the High School Coaches Association.

Taylor is also looking to add a Division I transfer from the University of Missouri.

For the men, who also earned an NCAA Tournament berth, head coach Greg Kampe and his staff snared a pair of Division I transfers, both guards, to replace graduating seniors Bryan Borchardt and Chris Wasilk.

Newcomers Kris Matuszewski, a 6-3 redshirt sophomore out of Stetson (Fla.) and Denny Amrhein, a 6-0 sophomore from Bowling Green who intends to transfer for the fall semester, will both be eligible.

See RECRUIT page 10

# Golfers open at second fiddle

By DEREK STARK  
Sports Writer

With only two days of practice on the golf course, the men's golf team finished second out of 13 teams in the Malone Invitational April 7-8 in Canton, Ohio, hosted by Malone College.

Northern Kentucky won the invitational with a score of 304 on the first 18 holes, and a 296 on the second for a final score of 600. OU shot 308 and 300 for a final score of 608.

Senior Matt Greco was runner-up in the tournament, losing in a two-hole playoff to the eventual winner from Northern Kentucky.

Greco shot 77 and 69 for 146, and went par-par in the playoff. The golfer from NKU went par-birdie, sinking a 30-foot putt to win the Malone Invitational.

Jeff Champine, a transfer from Oakland Community College, tied for fifth overall and was OU's second lowest scorer with a 78 and 74 for 152.

"Greco, Heifner, and Champine all played very well," men's head coach Dave DeWulf said.

"We have not had enough practice this season because of the weather. This is our first time competing on a golf course this season."

This is OU's first time beating Malone in the Malone Invitational. Malone has won the NAIA National Championship the last six years.

"I saw a lot of good things from our team. It was very encouraging to place second with only a couple practices," DeWulf said. "Next weekend at the Ferris Invitational, we will see how well our team has improved from last year."

The FSU Invitational is one of five conference tournaments this year.

The women's golf team participated in the Indianapolis Spring Classic and the Findlay Spring Invitational this past week. At the Indianapolis Classic, OU placed in a tie for second out of six teams, shooting 396. At the Findlay Invitational, it placed second out of three teams, shooting 731.

Marilyn Michaelson led OU with an average of 90.7 for eighteen holes in the two tournaments.



Personalities from the OU National Championship men's swim team and from the metropolitan Detroit area faced off against the Junior Challengers from the Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation division Friday night at the Lepley Sports Center with the proceeds going to the Spinal Cord Society. The event was sponsored by the Physical Therapy Club and co-sponsored by the OU Greek Council of fraternities and sororities. Some of personalities on hand included OU men's assistant swim coach Sean Peters, swim team co-captain Morgan Bailey, Detroit Police Chief Ike McKinnon former Detroit Lions player Rich Strenger, and WWWW (106.7 FM) disc jockeys Mason and Dixon. At halftime, a raffle and auction took place. Some of the items raffled and auctioned off were a t-shirt signed by Home Improvement star and Detroit native Tim Allen, Dumb and Dumber items signed by fellow actor and Detroit native Jeff Daniels, and a Detroit Pistons jersey signed by its players.

-Photo by Bob Knoska

# Pioneers sweep Michigan Christian, Saginaw, fall to the snowy weather

By JEFF AISTHORPE  
Sports Writer

With four straight wins under its belt, it seemed nothing could stop OU's baseball team from chewing up its competition—until Old Man Winter crashed the dinner party.

On Thursday, Oakland swept Michigan Christian College in a doubleheader, 11-4 and 5-1.

In the opening game, senior captain Ryan Snodsmith became the first player in school history to play all nine positions, doing it in a seven-inning game.

"He came here as an outfielder and actually stayed there as a sophomore until we got in dire need of a catcher last year," head coach Steve Lyon said.

"We tried to showcase his versatility, it's kind of a unique thing that not everyone can do."

Snodsmith saw the most action from the mound, facing three hitters. He walked one and the final

batter reached first on an error. He gave up two runs in a third of an inning, one of them being unearned.

Freshman Jason Muxlow evened his record at 1-1 with the 11-4 win in the first game despite pitching only the first two innings.

In the nightcap, junior Aaron Carpenter supplied all the necessary runs with a two-run homer. Sophomore starter Fritz Coyro (2-1) pitched three shutout innings for the win.

Saginaw Valley State came to Pioneer Field on Saturday riding a four-game win streak and left the field as losers of two straight.

In the first game of the double dip, Oakland scored twice, on a pair of infield errors and a junior Derrick Ross two-run double before SVSU recorded an out.

Senior starter Jason Edwards then gave up all four of his earned runs in the third, three of them on a home run. Oakland came back though as seniors Ted Allesie and

Mike Armstrong and junior Tom Long each drove in a run in the fifth and sixth to seal the 5-4 victory.

"We started well, then we got behind but Jason shut the door on them and we came back," Lyon said.

Edwards hurled seven innings, giving up four runs, five hits, and striking out six to even his record at 2-2.

Oakland (14-11, 6-2 GLIAC) got another strong pitching performance in game two as junior Tim Hellebuyck scattered seven hits over seven innings, giving up two earned runs.

Hellebuyck upped his record to 5-4 with an ERA of 2.02.

In the 7-2 win, Oakland got two RBI's from Long, and one a piece from senior Jeff Harwood, Allesie, Ross and Snodsmith.

OU had momentum and was ready to complete a four-game sweep over SVSU with another doubleheader on Sunday. And



Photo by Bob Knoska

Snodsmith on the hill.

then it woke up to snow and had the afternoon off.

"You play well and you think you have them on the ropes and then that happens," Lyon said.

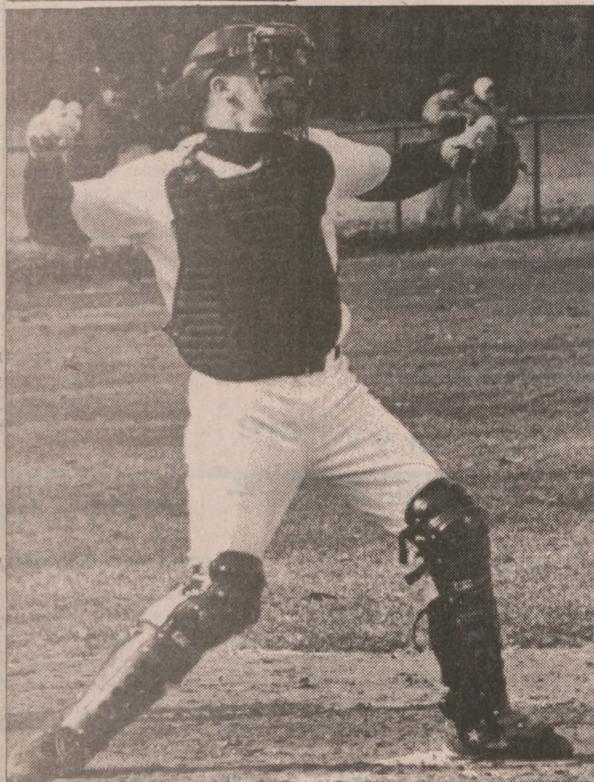


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Senior Ryan Snodsmith comes out of his catcher's crouch.

# Schmitzer: Grit, wit make first-baseman a perfect fit

By CHRIS TAIT  
Sports Writer

Oakland Pioneers senior first baseman Dan Schmitzer is as good with a bat as he is with his wit.

He adds a dash of humor at the right moment to relax his teammates and drives home a winning run in a pinch.

Steve Lyon, OU's head baseball coach, said that "in clutch situations I just feel he's going to produce."

Senior Mike Armstrong, who graduated and played baseball with Schmitzer at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor, said that after last year's GLIAC tournament "some of the guys started calling him 'Clutch' because he scored the winning run in the championship."

The tournament has been the highlight for Schmitzer who, according to Lyon, batted close to .500 and hit everything hard.

"He rose to the occasion and that's kind of typical of what he does," Lyon said.

"I like to watch him hit because he hits so well," Lyon said.

He continued to say that the right-hand hitting Schmitzer naturally drives the ball to the opposite field.

"It is something that you try and teach hitters to do," Lyon said. "He has the ability to hit to all fields, so he's not strictly a pull hitter or a hitter that goes the other way the whole time."

"He goes with the pitch as well as any one on the team and that is a distinct advantage for any hitter."

Although Lyon said that Schmitzer is "intense on the field and thinks the game of baseball real well, he's got a great wit. He keeps the team loose with his one-liners."

Lyon said that he is one of the more humorous guys on the team

and has a great wit about him. He keeps everyone loose and relaxed by telling jokes.

During a game last year, Lyon said that he was in the dugout talking to an assistant coach about a hearing problem that has developed in his right ear.

"I said that I only have 50 percent hearing in my right ear and Dan heard us talking," Lyon said. "I heard him say to the guy next to him: 'Make a mental note of this. Anything derogatory you say about Coach Lyon, say it to his right.' And he said it loud enough so that I could hear him."

"I'm not blessed with a lot of talents," Schmitzer said, "I'm more of a probowler than a pro baseball player."

He said that baseball is just a game.

"I'm here to have fun. I get as much enjoyment at batting practice as during a game and I try and bring that attitude to the game," Schmitzer said.

"Our team is made up of a lot of guys who like to have fun, but they don't bring it onto the field—I do."

Armstrong said that Schmitzer takes baseball seriously.

"He jokes around off the field much more than on the field, but that's because he's getting focused," Armstrong said.

Times were not always so bright for Schmitzer who said that he almost had given up on playing collegiate baseball when he was not recruited out of high school.

"I had earned All-State honors and I hadn't been recruited," Schmitzer said. "I was going to try out and be a walk-on at Kent State, but I really didn't like the campus and it was too far from home."

"I was ready to give up baseball. I had been accepted into the

Kinesiology program at the University of Michigan."

Rip Kinney, his high school coach, had talked with Lyon when he had recruited Armstrong.

"I was impressed with Lyon and I thought that OU would be something that Dan should look into," Kinney said.

Lyon recalled Kinney's call, "He said that he had a first-team All-State first baseman who didn't have a place to go."

"I was assistant coach then, but I told him to have Dan come in for a visit."

"He had a great visit and decided to enroll at OU. He made the team and earned himself a scholarship. It's kind of a nice success story."

Kinney said that one of the reasons that Schmitzer might have been overlooked by colleges is that he did not have a great high school career, but "he had a great, great senior year."

"Even when he wasn't playing well as an underclassman, he'd still get you a winning run," Kinney said.

He recalled Schmitzer playing in the state championships as a senior and going eleven at bats and getting on base each time. He had eight hits and three walks to accomplish this feat.

In Schmitzer's senior year at Ann Arbor Pioneer, Kinney said that Schmitzer was instrumental in beating Ohio's defending state champs, Toledo St. Francis.

Schmitzer came to OU to play baseball and because of its physical therapy and accounting programs, and is happy he made that decision.

Armstrong said he was happy because he was headed to a team and university where he didn't know anyone—until Schmitzer

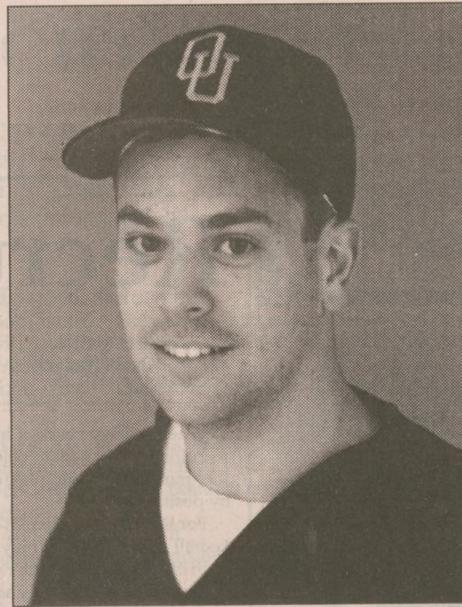


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Senior first baseman Dan Schmitzer

made the team.

"In high school, we knew each other but we didn't hang out. But now, we've become a lot closer. This gave me another four years to get to know him," Armstrong said.

Schmitzer was voted as team captain and said, "I really didn't want it because I get uncomfortable when I'm put in a situation where I'm supposed to lead."

"They didn't vote for me to be a captain so that I'd change. They voted for who I was," he said.

Schmitzer explained that the title is nice, but said that "I hope I can lead without it."

In addition to impersonating Adam Sandler and *The Simpsons* characters, Schmitzer carves designs into oranges with an Exacto knife and lets them dry out and petrify.

His flair with food stems from the combination of his desire to cook and his appreciation for art and drawing.

Schmitzer says that he plans to go into culinary arts, possibly at

Schoolcraft, so that he can achieve his goal of someday opening a restaurant.

All joking aside, Schmitzer offered some advice for a ball player who is looking to become a better hitter.

"For hitting, get as many different theories as you can. I listen to all my coaches and watch as many games as I can," he said.

"I take from each what is right for me. Never stop experimenting."

"You can combine a stance with a grip. You don't have to do something one way. There is so much stuff out there in baseball and no single thing is right."

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## Recruit

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gible to play next season.

Matuszewski played in 29 games for Stetson, starting in six of them, two seasons ago and had a game high 20 points versus Southeast Louisiana. He averaged 17 points per game in his senior season at Toledo Catholic Central.

"He's a great stand-still three-point shooter," assistant coach Eric Stephan said. "But he's not afraid to get inside and bang."

Stephan said Matuszewski has great court vision and will add some offensive boards from the guard position.

Amrhein averaged 3.2 points

for Bowling Green last season but had an astounding high school career. He averaged 17.7 points, 4.7 assists and shot 51 percent from the floor in his senior season at St. John's High School in Toledo.

Amrhein was selected as Northwest Ohio Division I Player of the Year by the Associated Press and made USA Today's honorable mention All-USA list.

Also on the floor next season will be freshman Matt McClellan, a 6-7 forward who redshirted last season for the Pioneers. McClellan averaged 13.4 points and 10.3 boards for St. Francis de Sales High School in Toledo.

"He may be the best leaper we've ever had in our program," Stephan said. "He's gonna get a lot of offensive rebounds and tip-ins."

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## Finals

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in the OC are even more helpful to some people. While physics/math major types of people will play pinball geometry style (measuring trajectories, checking angles, and hypothesizing), others simply play for fun.

Sophomore Steve Settles swears by the "Guns 'N Roses" pinball machine to break up the monotony of problem solving.

"I'd like to have been prepared all along," Settles said, "but right now I'm just playing catch up. I'm not to stressed out, yet. We still have a couple of weeks."

*The Midnight Cowboys*

You'll catch these night owls in various campus facilities, from the computer labs to the...OC. Downing coffee and chomping Doritos all night helps them maintain energy for power studying sessions.

Senior Dan Oliveri was still in school at approximately 10:30 p.m. on Monday because of a

test that would take place on Tuesday.

"You shouldn't study at all until the last couple days of a class; then cram and regurgitate it all. You should go to class and follow everything, but you don't really have to read the book, just work problems," said Oliveri, wizened by his stay at OU.

When the night is over, cowboys usually prefer the breakfast of champions, a liter of Mountain Dew and Marlboro red. Whatever works.

*The Library*

While the library may seem like a logical place for one to study, the general consensus is that Kresge is evil. You can only eat in one place there; and it's muy silent. Most students find it difficult to speak in the place, let alone ask a question.

*The Conclusion*

While seniors have to try extra hard to pass all of their finals, the underclassman may not um, give it their all to put it bluntly. Whatever your strategy may be, remember one thing. No question is stupid.

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## Dance

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tence of tap on campus, as well as to experience a change of venue, the tap class toured the school stopping to strut their stuff in various spots on campus.

"I'd like to see more tap on campus," explained junior dance major Gail Hoekstra. "They offer just one semester and then there's no more talk of

it." Hoekstra also expressed disbelief at the fact that her teacher was in fact paying as much to instruct the class as she was to learn from it.

"I don't think a student should have to pay to teach a class," Hoekstra said.

The department insists that the class will return next Winter, taught possibly by dance studio owner Claudia Cutler.

"I just feel used by the department and the university," Stickrad added. "Bottom line is 'where is this taking me?'"

## Howell

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board.

I would hope the board would move to reconsider its decision, but I have little confidence that they will do so. This announcement was endorsed by the University Congress, the Faculty Senate, Residence Hall Council, virtually every student group on campus, the AAUP, and numerous community organizations. Statements of support have been forwarded from WSU, CMU, WMU, U-M, and MSU. Students have spoken of the importance of this issue at every single board meeting since October 1993. They have had representatives from WSU, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays and the AAUP join them in testimony before the University Affairs Committee. At the request of the board they held an open forum on issues facing gay, lesbian, bi-sexual students and universities. The amendment was endorsed by the vice president of Student Affairs and approved by university counsel.

After all of this, three members of the board voted to withhold protection from discrimination for students.

It seems fair to ask why since none saw any need to explain their vote. Trustee Ross, who voted yes, offered the only comment of the day, saying no vote should be considered an endorsement of violence. Well, what are we to think? What do they think the consequences of their actions are on students? Have they not heard the students say that 30 percent of all youth suicides are by gay and lesbian young people; that more than 70 percent of gay and lesbian students drop out of high school, that they make up more than 50 percent of run-away youth?

The only conclusion I can come to is that the three dissenters are quiet because they cannot defend their prejudices. These prejudices may belong in partisan politics, but they should not be voted into university policy.

Public leadership matters. In every state facing a discriminatory challenge, violence against gay, lesbian and bisexual people has gone down when public officials have spoken against such discrimination. In every state where public officials have been silent or advocated such discrimination, violence has escalated. The board has violated the trust placed in them to lead the OU community.

If the board continues to be ruled by what is apparently nothing more than narrow prejudice, why should anyone in the university community believe that the comments of faculty, administration, staff and students will have any affect on the selection of a new president. I wonder why they bother to close their meetings. They already have closed minds.

Sincerely,

Shea Howell  
Advisor  
GALA

## Murphy

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heard from one administrator (and others) that the goal of the university is now to maximize enrollments and cash flow. Instead of seeking to provide a quality higher education, it appears that we are now supposed to just "sell" diploma's (along with possibly some entertainment), and any talk of providing education is just a "sales pitch."

Our only real hope is to find a

new president who will return our university to its old standards of maximizing the education excellence that we all have worked so hard to achieve. Unfortunately, administrators have successfully made the selection of the new president a secret process that they can control to choose someone in their own image.

Sincerely,

Austin Murphy  
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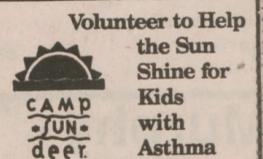
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## Veteran

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years. What happened was, I was coming from a night class and a friend of mine called me in because she had trouble with the movie projector, loading the film. I did it, and stayed to watch the film."

The chair of the committee commended him and he was unanimously nominated to join the committee.

Thurston is content to remain in the residence halls.

"I have enjoyed the experience and plan to continue. I feel I've become a better person since I started here, and I will be in the dorms next year."

While he'll wander around campus next fall, Thurston's bit of advice to students is easy. "Don't let what's around you pass you by, you can't get the days back once they're gone, so live them and enjoy them while you're still young." He still enjoys his days.

## Moths

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B.t. is a bacterium, a microorganism that could kill caterpillars. It has been used widely in controlling agricultural pests.

MSU Extension Pesticide Education program commends B.t.'s safety and effectiveness.

Some, however, are still wary of the insecticide. "The bacterium not only destroys gypsy moth larvae but all other butterfly and moth larvae as

well," said Professor of Biology Esther Goudsmit. However, Goudsmit admits that this is not her area of expertise.

Oakland County plans to begin spraying in May, depending on weather factors, insect development of the gypsy moth, and the canopy closing of the trees, according to Lenchek.

Although OU's campus will surely be affected by the spraying, Dr. George Gamboa, professor of Biological Sciences, maintains no one at the university is involved with this.

## A&S

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Levy, professor and head of the department of chemistry at Eastern Michigan University, Elise Jorgens, associate dean and professor of English, College of Arts and Sciences at Western Michigan University, and Steven Pontius, dean and professor of geography, College of Arts and Sciences at Radford University.

Russi refused to release the contents of the letter sent by the search committee. "The next step is that I am to meet with the committee to determine finalist group," said Russi.

In other search news, Paul Bissonnette, vice president for finance and administration and sole member of the search for a Director of University Relations has released the final four names for that search.

Those names are: Anne T. Armstrong, assistant director of legislative affairs, State of Michigan, Lansing; Rochelle Black, marketing and communications director, Michigan Department of Public Health, Lansing; Christopher M. DeRose, deputy director for Management Service, Michigan Department of Management and Budget, Lansing; and Mary Lou Terrien, House appropriations aide and clerk, Michigan House of Representatives, Lansing.

Bissonnette previously released only six names of the 10 current candidates. He said that the other four had asked for confidentiality, despite a Freedom of Information Act request by The Oakland Post.

"These four candidates have now dropped their request for confidentiality," said Bissonnette.

The other six candidates are: Candice A. Black of Lansing, self employed; Joseph Conte, Lansing, deputy director, Michigan House of Representatives and an OU alumnus; Mark J. Michaelson, Lansing, self employed; Genise K. Smith-Watkins, Lansing, director of regulatory affairs, Michigan Chemical Council; Robert A. Stevenson, Bloomfield Hills, self employed; and Phyllis D. Sykes, Lansing, self employed.

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3. Brain surgeon with hiccups.
2. Anyone with a cranky disposition and a chainsaw.
1. People who offer you drugs.

## Grads

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views.

She believes it was her leadership experience and the extracurricular activity experience that helped put her ahead of other applicants.

Celebrating hard work and achievements, they bid farewell, Saturday, June 3. The schedule of commencement ceremonies goes as follows:

At the Baldwin Pavilion by Meadowbrook Music Festival-School of Business administration....10:00 A.M.

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