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Urice backed
for dean post,
vote pending

Board fails to reach
quorum at meeting

By ANDY SNEDDON
Staff Writer

The College of Arts and Sciences will be without a permanent dean for at least two more weeks as the Board of Trustees failed to reach a quorum on an applicant last Wednesday.

"We didn't have time for the board as a whole to study it," Chairman Patricia Hartmann said.

Hartmann said that board member Howard Sims was out of town before the meeting and did not have time to thoroughly review the applicant, John Urice.

Four board members—Hartman, Phyllis Law Googasian, James Sharp and Stephan Sharf—approved Urice. Sims abstained.

Only five of the eight trustees attended the meeting. A five-vote quorum must be reached for the board to pass any motions, Hartmann said.

The board is scheduled to meet in early July to decide on the applicant.

A search committee headed by Robert Eberwein, English department chairman, recommended Urice to fill the position that has been vacant for more than a year. David Downing is the interim dean.

Urice is presently the Dean of Fine Arts at Ball State University in Eunice, Indiana.

Hartmann said that Sims' choosing not to vote and forcing the board to meet at a later date "has nothing to do with the candidate whatsoever."

Sims could not be reached for comment.



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Approximately 20 Chinese OU students, joined by faculty and administration members, marched around campus June 5 protesting massacre of students rallying for democratic reform in Tiananmen square on June 3.

Chinese students demonstrate support for struggling students and relatives

By WENDY GORSKI
Special Writer

The brutal enforcement of martial law by Chinese officials against thousands of unarmed students protesting for democracy in Beijing, China, alarmed OU visiting professor Peter Shi and others in the community.

Peter Shi, 30, is a native of Beijing. His friends and family still live there. Although he may not have protested here in the United States, he doesn't know if he will be allowed to return safely.

"I would like to go back, but obviously I cannot return now," he said.

Shi feels that reform in China is imperative. "China must become democratic in the near future," Shi said.

"The Western influences in their own country have compelled them toward democratic reform. The reformers tried to use the hopes of the students as a power play to maintain their position within the Communist Party. But, of course the stu-

dents had their own reasons," Shi said.

But June 3 brought a cruel conclusion to student protests for basic human rights in Tiananmen Square when the 27th Battalion of the People's Liberation Army massacred hordes of protesters calling for democratic reform.

Shi thinks that some of the problem lies with an insufficient understanding of political structure and the hierarchy of power.

He feels the PLA is also spreading propaganda.

"They want you to believe they are one of you, but it is not true," Shi said.

In a protest march around OU on June 5, students expressed their support for fellow students in China, as well as their anger and distrust of Chinese leadership.

Though some students expressed no fear of being recognized as anti-government, according to Margery Colburn, director of special advising, many have said they don't want to go back now. One student

has requested an extension on his status of immigration. She believes more students have not come forward because most statuses do not expire until September.

Colburn expects no problems with anyone else who wants to extend their status. "There is no reason to believe anyone will be treated unfairly at this point," she said.

According to David Beardslee, director of institutional research, of the 21 graduate Chinese students at OU, 18 are doctoral candidates in engineering.

"Though 21 students in a total of 12,000 may seem insignificant, 18 in the school of engineering is a very significant element of the program," Beardslee said.

Despite the turmoil and massacres in China, many Chinese nationalists here retain strong feelings for their country.

Shi said although he likes the United States, he still hopes to someday return to China.

"All my heart and all my life is in China," he said.

University and student groups combat racism

By KATHY MANN
Special Writer

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The university recently began a program for retaining minority students, which is called MARCS (Multicultural Association for Retention and College Success). MARCS pairs 100 minority students with 50 mentors from the university and surrounding communities. The program focuses on motivation, careers, retention and multicultural issues. It started through a grant proposed by David Herman, dean of students, and Maura Selahowski, director of Campus Information, Programs and Organizations.

"Racism is apparent in the attitudes of the administration and the students," said Association of Black Students president, John Smith. However, he believes the administration is working with students to build a better relationship with minority students through the programs they have designed.

One of those programs is the Academic Support Program, which offers a support network of 150 talented incoming minority students, helping them adjust to the university by creating an environment where they can feel safe and valued.

"With this program, we help people fulfill dreams," said Monifa Jummane, director of special programs.

Mission Unity, a newly formed race relations organization, honored by the university as best new organization, seeks to unite students and faculty. "The atmosphere here is against racism and students who are racist," said Mission Unity founder, Marc Payne.

Payne says it isn't equality but interaction that's important.

"By meeting and exchanging ideas, feelings and different points of view—understanding and enlightenment are the results. The best way to break down barriers is to be

open minded, extend your arms and say 'Hi,' he said.

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The university is also showing concern for racial tensions in its hiring procedures with a recently adopted Affirmative Action policy.

"Hiring of faculty and staff at all levels is a different challenge, as we are no longer in the growth mode," said Wilma Rae-Bledsoe, vice president of student affairs. In 1987 there were 13 full-time black faculty members, 3.6 percent of the university faculty, according to the equal opportunity office.

While hiring minority faculty is a high priority, writer Richard Banks, former director of Upward Bound at Stanford University, says attempting to solve this problem is misguided. He says the shortage reflects more expansive career opportunities available to minority groups in medicine law and engineering.

Increasing the number of minority students is also a priority throughout the United States as well as OU. In 1988, OU's undergraduate See RACISM page 3

Lowrey Education Center one of first programs to be accredited in nation

By ANNMARIE SANTAVICCA
Special Writer

completed her student teaching at Lowrey. After 14 years at the center, Riley has seen Lowrey's growth. "There was a real need for it to be recognized for its quality," she said.

Over a three-year period, the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs established a national system of quality in preschool programs. The Academy requires child care centers to perform self-studies before evaluation.

"Some centers stop after self-studies, but we wanted to have validators."

**Stephanie Riley
Lowrey Coordinator**

According to Riley, Lowrey's self-study was based on questionnaires completed by parents, staff and the administration as well as "the inspection of every aspect from physical buildings to health standards ... that we may have needed to correct."

After Riley felt satisfied with Lowrey's program, the Academy was called in to evaluate. Riley said,

"Some centers stop after self-studies, but we wanted to have validators."

Academy members spent time in extensive interviews with Lowrey's teachers, aides and administration. But Riley said that most of the time was spent in the classroom observing the program.

Riley is pleased with the national recognition of Lowrey's quality. Very few programs are accredited, she said. Those accredited are mostly non-profit organizations like hospital child care programs, she said.

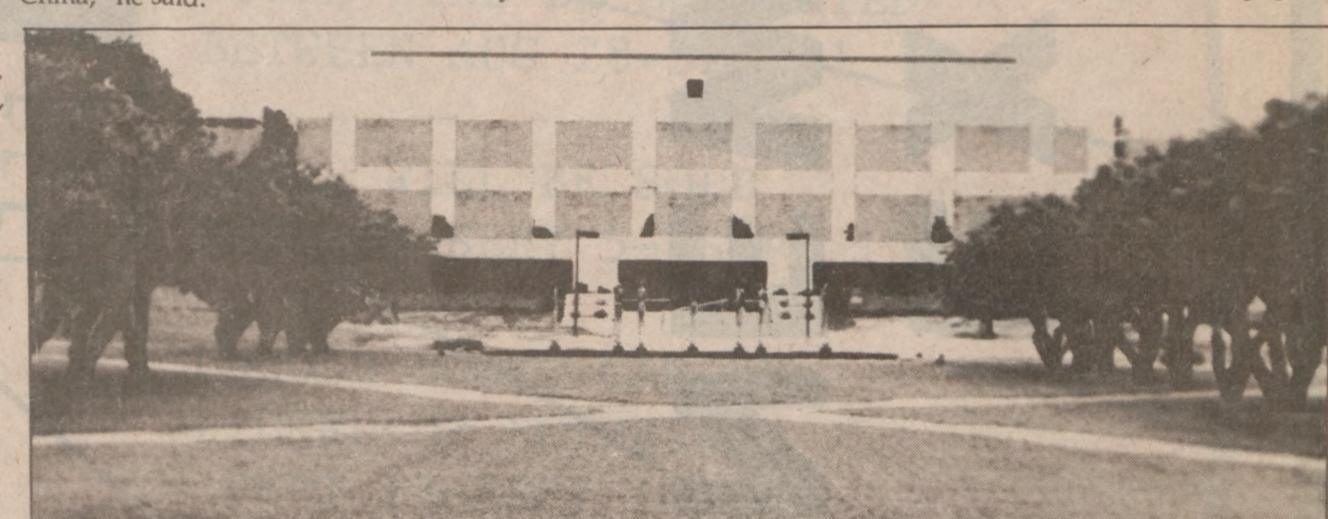
One parent who is satisfied with the program, said the instruction is top quality.

"The teachers truly understand child development, and the way they present the material really reflects this," said Terry Hughes, who enrolled her daughter in the pre-school program. "I fully understand how they got the accreditation. It's an exceptional program."

Lowrey is closed during OU's summer semester, but reopens in the fall '89 term.

The center grants enrollment to children of Oakland faculty on first priority. They then accept community children, should space permit.

The "new features" include a restricted eating place, vending ma-



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Kresge construction on schedule, extras to take years

By RAE HIGGINS
Special Writer

chines, a computer lab, two special collection areas and a reading room in the basement.

The first floor will have a glassed-in student study lounge, a large meeting room and a new circulation desk.

The second floor will house administration offices and collection expansion from the wings.

Condic said the third floor will be a journal stack area, including pre-1970 science journals that have previously been in storage.

The construction, which began in 1987, has been difficult for the library staff. "I would've liked to go on vacation for two years," said Condic. "But the facility staff has been very patient and cooperative..."

They deserve to be commended for that."

Condic said the library's expansion and renovation was a necessity.

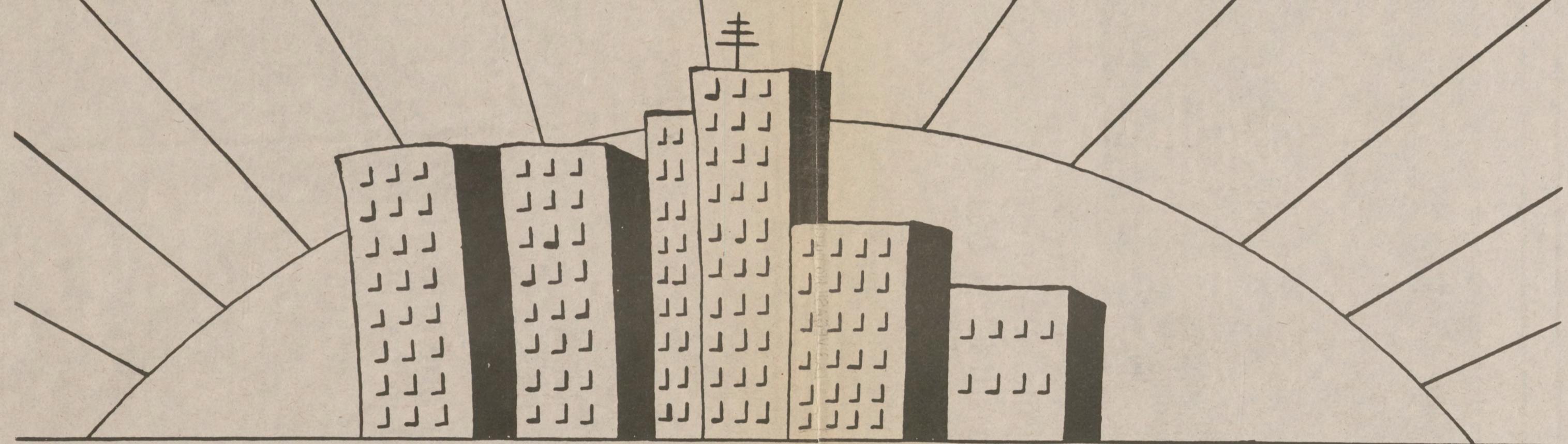
"It was almost unfunctional," he said. "It (the expansion) was primarily for the students and the staff. We weren't able to provide good services, collections or the study room."

However, the construction has met a few stumbling blocks, most notably the asbestos found in the penthouse boiler room, basement and pipes outside the library.

Leroy Duda, Artco assistant supervisor, said, "The building construction is pretty much on schedule, but we ran into an asbestos problem... There was a delay in getting the right people out here to remove it."

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Condic said the asbestos find led to a worker walkout earlier this year. "It set back the air conditioning work for many months," he said.

He hopes the air conditioning system will be completed by this August. "The staff and students have

really suffered," he said.

Barbara Mabee, assistant professor of German, is extremely impressed with the transition the library staff has provided. "I've had no problems and I don't see students having any problems," she said.

Junior Susan Norton agrees. "It wasn't really a problem," she said, "but truthfully, I avoided the library."

But not everyone agrees. Sopho-

more Lavinia Arnold said she has had trouble locating materials. "No one helps you anymore. It's been a burden," she said.

Mabee thinks it is important for the library to keep abreast of technological improvements in the library and to concentrate on acquisition. "Ultimately, the resources will be much more effective and complete," she said.

Condic said there should be no more construction setbacks. "But anything can happen," he said.

A November, 1989, dedication is scheduled for the newly-renovated Kresge Library.

Racism

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headcount consisted of 869 minority students and 9,024 white students, according to Herman. However, last fall, black enrollment doubled, which was the direct result of hard work, according to Bledsoe.

Although they say they are not planning protests, black student leaders supported the effectiveness of the recent Michigan protests. Many feel optimistic with the direction the university administrators

have demonstrated in working to achieve similar goals.

"We need to focus our attention on black students to graduate," said former ABS president Derrick Lewis. Lewis says OU needs to develop classes dealing with racism and black studies to benefit all students.

While black student leaders feel racial tensions on campus are not critical, Bledsoe says incidents of racism do exist but are handled on an incident-by-incident basis.

Bledsoe said she has no apprehensions about the progress the university is making in the area of race relations. "We have good students and administrators committed to equality. We are an educational community and our process involves reason," she said.

Biochemistry institute approved at meeting

The Board of Trustees accepted a proposal to establish an institute for biochemistry and biotechnology at its June 14 meeting.

The Board has been discussing the proposal since 1981, when it was first deferred due to budgetary and housing problems.

The institute will be under the direction of the College of Arts and Sciences and will initially be housed in Hannah Hall.

The institute will be moved to the new science and technology building, which is currently being designed, once the building is completed.

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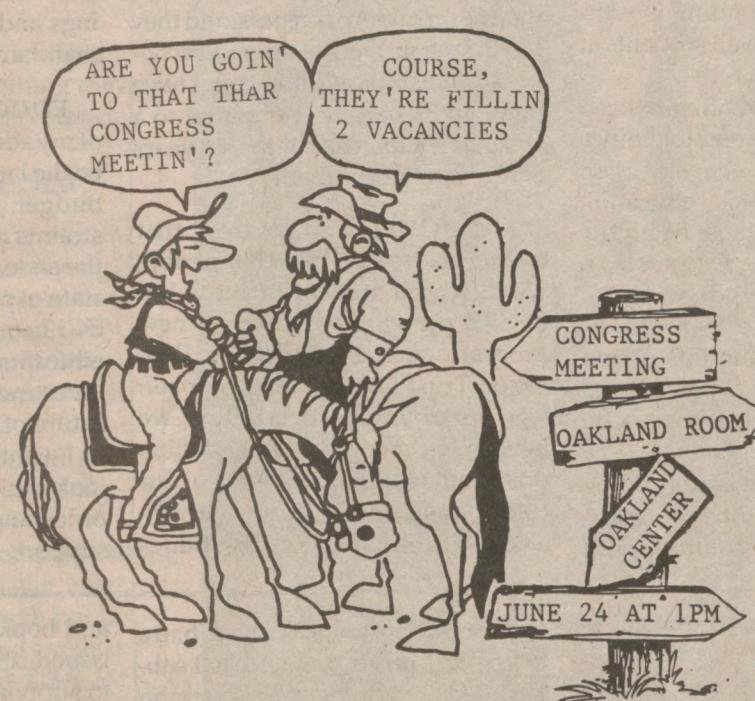
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Blanchard fails to be straight with us

Governor James Blanchard deserves points for taking time to respond, albeit in a blanket letter to the editor, to OU students who wrote to him last semester about tuition costs. But those points can be quickly cancelled out by the governor's refusal to deal straight with his audience.

LIKE ANY document that has been washed and rung through the PR machine, the letter fails to mention anything negative. Blanchard's Michigan Education Trust—investing \$2,000 to pay for college in the future—is a good idea on the surface. However, it is already causing severe problems for higher education, especially at small schools like OU.

In order for the MET to succeed, tuition rates must not exceed interest earned in the fund. To keep tuition rates down, the governor has frozen tuition increases at below 10 percent annually. Meanwhile, state funding for OU remains at the bottom of the scale for the 15 Michigan public institutions. We rank 12th.

WHILE WE don't want steep tuition increases for OU students, the alternative is no better. In January of this year, President Joseph Champagne ordered 2 percent university-wide budget cuts totalling \$1 million.

Cuts of this magnitude only cripple the education process. Department chairpersons, instead of concentrating on how to better educate students and lead their departments, must spend valuable time trying to figure out how to save a buck. Not only do instructors have to worry about providing students with a quality education, they have to do it with one arm tied behind their backs. And if more budget cuts are needed down the road, we can add "and blindfolded."

BLANCHARD SAYS that 38 percent of all state expenditures go for education. However, he doesn't mention that the all-inclusive figure represents operating budgets, capital outlay and financial aid. Blanchard makes it look like the education process gets a huge chunk of Michigan's pie, when actually the day-to-day operating budgets that keep universities functioning get only 7 percent. Meanwhile, 27 percent of state funds are allocated to the building and maintenance of prisons.

When are policy-makers going to realize that education is society's first priority?

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Plagiarism in any form not worth risk, no matter how tempting

Viewpoint

By DEANNA STRELLS

Remember all those agonizing reports and boring research papers you had to suffer through during high school? What a drag! Didn't you always ask yourself, "Why am I wasting my time doing this? I don't really care about the art of gardening (or whatever ridiculous topic the English teacher assigned)." What was the purpose?

At the time you may not have known the reason, or really cared, but it was important. Those painfully boring teachers were preparing you for life, particularly college life. They may not have always

stressed its importance, but the lesson is extremely important. Learning about quotes and paraphrases, for example, is a must. When writing any sort of paper, using any source without giving it credit for the facts is no joke.

I did not quite understand this myself, and I recently learned my lesson the hard way. You do not want to learn about plagiarism the way I did.

PLAGIARISM, one of the more common forms of academic misconduct, is using someone else's work or idea without giving credit for it. It is equivalent to stealing. Using only a fragment of a statement of another person's work without quoting, footnoting or paraphrasing is pla-

giarism. Even if the student has only heard the information, that student MUST document the source.

Paraphrasing is when the student writes the statement using his or her own words while still crediting the source. Quotations are used to document word-for-word information.

As students, you must be careful when doing research papers because the university does not look kindly on such misconduct. Plagiarism is a very serious violation of the school policy, even if done unintentionally. The paper will be turned over to the Dean of Students, then a hearing will be held by the Academic Conduct Committee. This is not a pleasant place to be, and no one wants to learn about plagiarism in this man-

ner, believe me.

There are many different sanctions this committee can suggest—anywhere from probation to suspension, of which the latter is common. In extreme cases, a student can be dismissed from the university.

IT IS NOT worth it to be careless and rush through assigned papers. Take the time to use your own words. Make sure you use quotes, footnotes or paraphrases. Professors often recognize plagiarism in a student's work. You may think you are doing well and will get a good grade on the paper, when you may actually end up being accused of plagiarism and find yourself expelled from school. Don't take the chance.

Signing should count as foreign language credit

Viewpoint

By NANNE DERBY

One minority which contributes to the cultural diversity of our society is the American deaf community. In order to give proper recognition to this group, I'd like to see American Sign Language (ASL) offered for foreign language credit by the Modern Languages department at Oakland University. Currently, it is offered through the Rhetoric, Communications and Journalism department as SCN 114 and SCN 115, only as an elective.

ALTHOUGH MANY students have requested foreign language credit for this class, it has been denied. There is resistance to changing the status of ASL from an elective to a valid language. I believe this resistance is due merely to a lack of awareness on the part of those teachers and administrators in a position to effect this change.

Research on ASL is a relatively new field of endeavor. It was not until the early 1960s that Dr. William Stokoe at Gallaudet University started to identify and analyze the grammatical features of ASL. Since that time, there have been numerous studies undertaken to prove and disprove the linguistic authenticity of ASL, producing an abundance of information confirming its legitimacy. ASL is a visual, kinesthetic language with its own lexicon, syntax and grammar, used by the American deaf community and others to share thoughts, emotions and cultural values.

The American deaf community is comprised of those individuals whose hearing loss is severe enough to make communicating in a spoken language (that is, a language based on sound) impossible, with or without a hearing aid. It is therefore natural that more than a half-million Americans use ASL as their primary means of communication. These deaf

citizens consider themselves members of a separate cultural group. They do not regard themselves as "handicapped" or as defective hearing people, but as citizens with a unique history, set of values and orientation to life.

A large percentage of the deaf community lives in the state of Michigan. As a matter of fact, we have the seventh largest deaf population in the entire United States (90,000 citizens) and 85 to 90 percent of this group resides in the Tri-County area. The opportunities to use ASL abound!

IN OTHER areas of our society, awareness of the deaf community has spread rapidly. The Michigan Department of Labor's Group, the Division on Deafness and the Michigan Association of Deaf Citizens have introduced legislation which will allow public high schools to offer ASL for foreign language credit and

will recognize ASL as the official language of deaf citizens. This became law over two years ago.

IN OTHER parts of the country, many schools, colleges and universities offer ASL for foreign language credit. They are Harvard; Brown; Princeton; Georgetown; MIT; University of Minnesota; University of California at Berkeley; L.A.; San Diego and Northridge Campuses; Northeastern University and every state-funded school in the state of Texas. Locally, Wayne State University and Madonna College give language credit for ASL.

I'd like to see Oakland University follow suit and update its thinking in regard to ASL and deaf people. The American deaf community with its own language and culture should be recognized as one of the threads that weaves the tapestry of our multicultural nation.

Derby is an ASL instructor at OU.

Governor responds to Michigan students about tuition costs

Editor's Note: Following is a letter from Governor James Blanchard dated April 25, 1989.

I recently met with student representatives from Michigan's public universities. We had an excellent exchange of ideas on higher education accessible and affordable. With the help of the Legislature, we have been able to increase higher education appropriations by more than 61 percent since 1983. During this period inflation rose by only 21 percent and the overall state budget increased by 43.4 percent.

In view of this increased funding of higher education, I have repeatedly asked university boards to hold

the line on tuition increases, and they have done so. During the six years of my administration, tuition rates have gone up 38 percent, compared to a 100 percent increase in the six years before I took office.

IT SHOULD also be noted that during the same 1983-1988 period, we increased student financial aid by 67.5 percent and launched new programs such as the Michigan Education Trust to provide greater college opportunities. In addition, we have spent more than \$100 million dollars on research excellence at our colleges and universities, appropriated \$445.5 million for new build-

ings and \$15.3 million to open and maintain these facilities.

EDUCATION remains a priority of my administration. It continues to be the largest single item in the state budget despite budgetary constraints and other demands put on the state. Thirty-eight percent of all state expenditures go for education (K-12, community college and higher education). Education is our best investment in our citizens and in the future of our state.

I want to thank those of you who took the time to send a card to my office and all who have expressed support.

social change, we added this gift to the collection.

IN THE PAST we had *Playboy* (1968-81) but those issues suffered mutilation and had to be withdrawn. *Playboy* (1953 through current) is available at the Auburn Hills Campus of Oakland Community College.

For the foreseeable future, Oakland University's Kresge Library is unlikely to be able to even consider adding subscriptions to either

of these publications. We have had a long freeze on any new journal subscriptions, and there is a strong demand for a number of journals directly related to Oakland curricula.

WE CONSIDER a number of questions before we add library materials. After books were burned in Europe in the 1930s and American civil servants persecuted in the 1950s, the American Library Association

and book publishers organizations issued several statements pledging to support freedom to read and the right to intellectual freedom. Sometimes whether to add a gift is a "close call," but in accordance with those statements, we do not apply censorious criteria in making these kinds of decisions.

Janet Krompart
Library Collection Development

Playgirl magazine was gift to library

Mr. Dave Nykanen is correct in his letter to the editor published April 17. Kresge Library has *Playgirl* (1979-87). These issues were not purchased, however, but were received as a gift. Since no library in this area has copies of *Playgirl*, and it represents primary information on

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Lisa
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Beijing crisis hits home

No one can walk through the O.C. these days. Although Hamlin Hall residents have been on their hunger strike for three weeks, news crews worldwide continue to infiltrate, surround and remain camped within the building around the clock.

The residents are protesting until they are given an election in which they can vote and perhaps take Emperor Champagne out of power.

Since the university opened its doors in 1957, students haven't had the power to elect the higher-ups controlling this institution, declare their own major, nor select their own classes. They would like to see the university governed as a democracy but are fully aware such a change cannot occur overnight and are asking just that steps are taken towards political freedom...

This is what brought the crisis in Beijing to truly mean something to me and transformed OU into a Beijing prototype in my mind.

As the students began their hunger strike, I thought to myself: What in my life means so much to me that I would put my life on hold and refuse nourishment for an extended period of time?

Family comes first

My family was my first answer. I then realized that this would be the universal response.

In the O.C., students spend time studying, playing video games, sipping frozen Cokes and scoping. Conversations voicing political unrest and planning protests for freedom simply aren't overheard.

We have political freedom. We have religious freedom. We have sexual freedom. We have the freedom to live our lives in the style of our choice without any repercussions so long as we stay within society's legal limits.

Democracy is a luxury

The question is: Are we as a population and as individuals grateful or has democracy sadly become another luxury taken for granted in a society born out of our ancestor's blood?

Our power to elect public officials is the best example of our ignorance.

Did you vote last November? Who did you vote for in the last school board election? Who did you put into the last vacant seat on your city council?

Bingo. The students in Beijing see democracy as something they can dream about, but can't touch.

A peaceful America

There is war continuously raging around the globe. However, here in today's America we don't have religious wars or political wars. We don't live in fear of death each day as so many do.

We battle poverty, deficits and drugs; problems born by a money-hungry, spoiled society.

Yet, there is still compassion and some gratitude in the heart of America. It shows through public support of telethons and projects such as Farm Aid and USA for Africa.

It would be wonderful if we could look at Beijing and appreciate just how blessed we are to have our freedom. Perhaps China's system will change someday and the bloodshed will lead to a better life for future generations.

Mansion's charm is just like home

Guests welcome at Meadow Brook Hall

BY NICK CHIAPPETTA

Staff Writer

The 36 chimneys of Meadow Brook Hall are barely visible above the rolling hills of Rochester from Adams Road. The immense, museum-like structure with its English Tudor-style stone and woodwork is both intimidating and welcoming.

The sounds of workers and machines fill the air as chimneys and other parts of the Hall are being repaired. When one learns that Meadow Brook Hall was once home to one of Detroit's wealthiest families, the imagination wanders back nearly 60 years to the sounds of servants and children.

On June 14, 1929, our country's flag was raised at the Hall for the first time, marking this month as the Hall's 60th year.

In many cases, a mansion may be one of the many homes built by the auto barons but Meadow Brook Hall is different. It was built for a family and, despite its museum-like quality, was once a home.

"They (visitors) can't believe that one family could live in a home of this size," said Margaret Twyman, director of Meadow Brook Hall.

It was built on land originally acquired by John Dodge in the early 1900s. After his death in 1920, his third wife, Matilda, inherited the land. Five years later she married Alfred G. Wilson, a wealthy lumber



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Meadow Brook Hall, which raised its flag 60 years ago this month, rests at the top of Katke-Cousins Golf Course.

broker, and together they expanded the land and supervised the construction of Meadow Brook Hall.

It was completed in 1929, at a cost of nearly \$3.5 million and is now a part of OU's campus.

"People on Sunday (when tours take place) who have never been here before, kind of walk in bewildered," Twyman said. "They can't believe that the Great Hall is just an area to welcome guests."

To the right in the Hall is a large stone fireplace—the only one

of 24 fireplaces still used—and the Grand Stairway, in which the carved wooden head of a wolf both warns and beckons from the main post of the railing.

In the back of the room is a large painting of the late Frances Dodge, one of John Dodge's children, sitting on one of her many horses. A separate room houses the administrative office of Meadow Brook Hall. Inside, a modern computer contrasts with the Hall's ornate woodwork and elegance.

Richard Wilson, one of two sur-

viving children of Matilda and Alfred, said he is happy with the way his former home has been preserved.

"I couldn't be more pleased with the dedication and the work done to preserve it," Wilson said.

The preservation of Meadow Brook Hall is no small task. According to Twyman, it costs \$1.7 million per year (or about \$2,500 per day) just to keep it open.

All the original furniture is intact and repairs are carefully planned. Twyman said the reason

for the continuous repairs are because "winters are tough here."

"After every winter there are leaks, and the roof has to be repaired," Twyman explained. Because the roof is made of slate, each leak costs between \$2,000 and \$3,000 to repair.

The hall, which gets only a small amount from the university, is largely self-supporting.

According to Twyman, events such as the Christmas Walk, Concours d'Elegance (an antique car show in August) and weekly tours help supply the money needed.

In addition, 17 percent of the budget comes from businesses like General Motors and National Bank of Detroit who use the mansion for educational conferences and meetings.

Wilson has not lived in the Hall for some 40 years but the 60-year-old manager of a race track in Ohio talks casually about his old bedroom and his parents.

It seems less like a museum as he describes his favorite rooms — father's den, the games room in the basement, and "Dan's and my room," referring to the bedroom that was used by both Daniel Dodge, Matilda Wilson's son who died tragically at age 21, and Richard, who used the room after Daniel's death.

Wilson said he is presently "as involved as they want me to be" with the Hall.

"I try to do anything to make it more successful," he said.

Wilson gives occasional talks to the volunteers about the Hall and is available to Twyman for consultation.

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Student trashes name, plans for studies in Japan

By EDIE PARADOWSKI
Special Writer

Kuzma, a green-eyed blonde, who expects the Japanese to be intrigued with her looks.

Once, while vacationing in Hawaii, a busload of Japanese tourists who stopped to see the beautiful scenery were more interested in being photographed with Kuzma than with the mountains behind them.

"I'll be an oddity," she said. Kuzma, 28, credits OU Linguistics Chairperson Bill Schwab for helping her to become selected for this new program, which is sponsored by the state of Michigan.

Explained Kuzma, "My plans were to get on a plane and go to

Japan to maybe teach ESL (English as a Second Language). Schwab really helped me. He got me involved."

Schwab said studying the Japanese language is not necessary to be selected for this academic program, which promotes cross-cultural communication. Because what Schwab called a "desperate need for students with basic Japanese cultural knowledge," those returning will be able to "write their own job ticket."

Kuzma, a Grand Rapids native, has applied for student loans and is working temporarily as a computer hardware saleswoman to come up

with the additional \$8,000 she estimates she'll need for her 10 months away from the States.

Before her August 24th departure, Kuzma must give up her Birmingham apartment and store her car and furniture, and she also plans to get Japanese tutoring this summer. She said all the preparation details are mind boggling.

Kuzma said she won't mind being without some modern conveniences while sharing her quarters in Japan with another student.

"I'm easy going and can easily go without hair dryers and curlers," Kuzma said. She is looking forward

to living in blue jeans and tennis shoes.

After she spends the eight months with other students at the Japan Center for Michigan Universities, Kuzma said she is planning an extra two months of travel to Hong Kong, Malaysia, Taiwan and hopefully mainland China.

Funding by the Michigan State Legislature will continue, and interested students can apply next January or February for the 1990-91 program, according to Schwab.

Older students share different views

BY NANCYAITKEN
Staff Writer

An increasing number of Americans aged 50 and over are attending college. Many are attending for the first time, and others are finishing educations that were interrupted by the needs of family and financial concerns.

This is particularly apparent at OU, where 85 percent of the students commute, allowing for a high number of older students who balance a career, family and education.

Last fall, 164 students aged 50 and over enrolled for classes, according to David Beardslee, director of institutional research. Beardslee added that approximately 100 more such students may be enrolled but chose not to divulge their age. At any rate, the enrollment of older students is increasing, he said.

While it is generally understood why young people attend college, it is not so apparent why older people, with a lifetime of work behind them, are choosing to attend.

"OU is reflecting trends," said Jackie Scherer, professor of sociology. The "economy is changing," the "whole society is changing" to an economy based on producing information and a society which de-

mands people who are "lifelong learners," she said.

Ours is an aging society. There are more older people who are living longer, so the trend for older students will continue, she added.

In the past, campus scenes bustled with young coeds. Keg parties, football games and exams were the main preoccupations. Today, one is as likely to spot a face etched with experience as a face tanned from spring break in Ft. Lauderdale. Some students still plan keg parties but others are planning family dinners and retirement.

When Wilma Boscaglia rushes around campus she looks like a mother in search of her son's dorm room. Actually, she is a "non-traditional" student whose frantic pace and preoccupied expression can probably be explained by the cares of multiple roles: mother, wife, student and business partner.

"I want to die a bachelor," said the 60-year-old Boscaglia when she explained her goal to graduate from OU with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

"I had always wanted to go back to school. This is a self-goal. I'm not going to set the world on fire as a sociologist or a psychologist. Hopefully, I will be a better human being," she added.

"I'm not the sick old lady I might have been," Boscaglia said.

Margaret Webb, 64, who is retiring next year, after working for 25 years, said she attends OU to participate in a "stimulating environment." She shuns the idea of a stagnant life spent only with people her own age.

"The greatest thing (about college) is the opportunity to be with different people with different points of view. I know I'm not 20 years old but on the other hand I don't want to be regulated to only older people,"

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Courtesy of Rick Smith, Publications
President Joseph Champagne presented a medallion and \$500 during spring commencement to 1989 Wilson Award Winners Melinda Alessi and Anthony Boganey.

Hall

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He said he would like to be involved in the Matilda R. Wilson Fund, a trust in which his mother set aside \$16 million for her favorite charities, including the Hall. Wilson said he is not involved with it because the other directors do not want him to be.

"I think (by being on the board) I could have contributed something to the Hall," Wilson said.

Most of those who work at the Hall are volunteers with an interest in preserving it.

George Karas, 64, the first employee of Oakland University, saw the hall for the first time in June, 1957.

It was just after the Wilsons agreed to make one of the largest single-party donations in the history of Michigan. They donated their

entire estate, plus \$2 million, to Michigan State University, for the construction of a campus in Oakland County known as Michigan State University - Oakland. In 1970 the campus became independent and was renamed Oakland University.

"Coming from East Lansing, I was very pleased and very impressed; the Hall itself was magnificent," Karas said, who is a retired engineer of Oakland University.

Karas soon developed a friendship with Wilson who treated him as a friend.

"She was the most gracious, generous lady that I had ever met. She thought of everyone's feelings and would never do anything to intentionally hurt anybody," Karas said. "She's just a beautiful lady."

Over the years, Karas has done much work on the Hall, including putting in fire doors that are so close in design to the original doors, he dares anyone to tell them apart.

He still volunteers his help from time to time on various restoration projects.

"I just can't understand anyone not wanting to preserve it," Karas said. "I was down at the Ford mansion (in Dearborn) in the '50s, before it was open to the public and there's just no comparison."

Upon leaving Meadow Brook Hall, visitors are both tempted and encouraged to explore the surrounding grounds.

In the vast back yard one may linger at the Pegasus fountain on the patio before looking for the sundial on the south wall of the home.

Circling the grounds, one may choose to walk up a hill only to find small moss-caked stone steps leading down the other side of the hill to a seldom-used path. Eventually the path leads to a small house that belonged to Frances Dodge; it was her playhouse. On the walkway leading up it is a monument that explains all



The Oakland Post / Margaret O'Brien

Matilda Wilson's portrait hangs in Meadow Brook Hall's library that Meadow Brook Hall was and still strives to be.

The words carved on the slab of red granite show both the immense wealth of those who lived at Meadow Brook Hall as well as the family life they shared:

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Dinarth Sunbeam was one of the Wilson's pets.

together and said, "Now U of M would be the 'Cadillac' of universities." He may, however, attend Southern Illinois University, the school he started out at so long ago.

Boscaglia, too, cited some difficulties budgeting time between home and school, but she has managed.

Most often, her family has helped her with school.

"A lot of times I've just thrown down the books and said that's it. There's nothing in the world worth this. I can't cut this anymore. Then my family says, 'Aw come on, Mom. Just take one course,'" Boscaglia recollects with a smile.

"Everyone can do a lot more than they think they can do. You must reach for your potential," Boscaglia said.

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Webb said.

Planning to graduate within the next year, Webb hopes to use her journalism degree to get a job on a small town paper in Missouri where one of her daughters lives.

Billy D. Williams, 52, returned to college after a 23-year absence. "I always wanted to finish school" since dropping out "changed my career plans," Williams said. Family and work, however, prevented his return to college.

"I wanted to mesh my school-career goals along with my family goals. When my kids grew up and I had some time, I was able to return to school," he said. "My wife had the greatest adjustment to

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make—out of an environment that was she and I to an environment that is just me—she had to find something to do," he added.

The main reason for his attending college is to "stay current," Williams said. "Everything changes and we either have a choice of staying current or falling by the wayside. I am interested in personal growth as well as whatever I can do career-wise," he added.

Williams attended Southern Illinois University initially and transferred 60 academic credits to OU in '83. He ran out of money the first time around but now receives 75 percent of his tuition money from Michigan Bell, his employer since he left school in '59.

Returning to school hasn't been

hard for Williams except for a brief period when he worried about

"I know I'm not 20 years old but... I don't want to be regulated to only older people."

-Margaret Webb, 64
Student

memory. Apparently he has gotten over that, since he is now a junior majoring in psychology and he is contemplating graduate school.

Previously soft spoken and reserved, his whole manner changed when he discussed his plans to attend graduate school. His eyes lit up, he gleefully rubbed his hands

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Summer time slumber time

Happy Father's Day, Dad, belated. Most people don't realize, but Father's Day is not only the day on which dad gets that hand-picked, store-bought tie he really needs—and wants.

Father's Day also marks the unofficial ending of the sports year, at least to the average sports fan. To answer your next question, the sports year will resume the first weekend in September when pro football kicks off another season and the U.S. Open tennis tournament crowns its champion at Flushing Meadow, New York.

THE TWO months of the year that can't qualify for part of the sports year are fast approaching—July and August, the 60 days sports fans dread. Nothing happens, unless you get into watching guys like Mike Schawbe and Frank Williams pitch behind the hitting attack of Al Pedrique, Mike Brumley and Rick Schu. Rick who?

Baseball, especially the when the Tigers play, can't get more repetitive and boring during the dog days of July and August. Even if your team is in first place, there's still a full month of games in September before the fall classic takes center stage. No wonder bleacher seats are only four bucks.

BESIDE THE national pastime, not much else goes on for the next eight weeks, except of course for your local truck pull, oh, and the Detroit Lions will open training camp here on campus. I'm sorry, stop crumpling the paper. Just grasping at ideas.

Who cares about having to watch Atlanta Braves and Chicago Cubs games on cable for two months? With the climax we've had to the end of this sports year, I'll go through any torture, except maybe a Lions pre-season game.

What hasn't been said about the Pistons? I've been a fan ever since the doctor said to my mom, "It's a boy," but I kinda wished the series wasn't so injury-filled.

TAKING NOTHING away from the bad boys, but a line-up of Tony Campbell, David Rivers and Jeff Lamp couldn't even win a game in the Gus Macker 3-on-3 tournament, let alone a game in the NBA Finals. But hey, we'll take it—and run. How can this be topped though?

Well, basically it can't, but we have two months to savor the victory and come down from this championship high. But, before sports fanatics can go into hibernation for eight weeks, there was other excitement warranting some thought.

Just yesterday, the Grand Prix raced through the streets of Motown. The world's best golfers were teeing it up in New York at the U.S. Open.

A WEEK before that Chip Hanauer won his sixth Detroit Trophy by hydroplaning his "Circus Circus" hydroplane around the Detroit River.

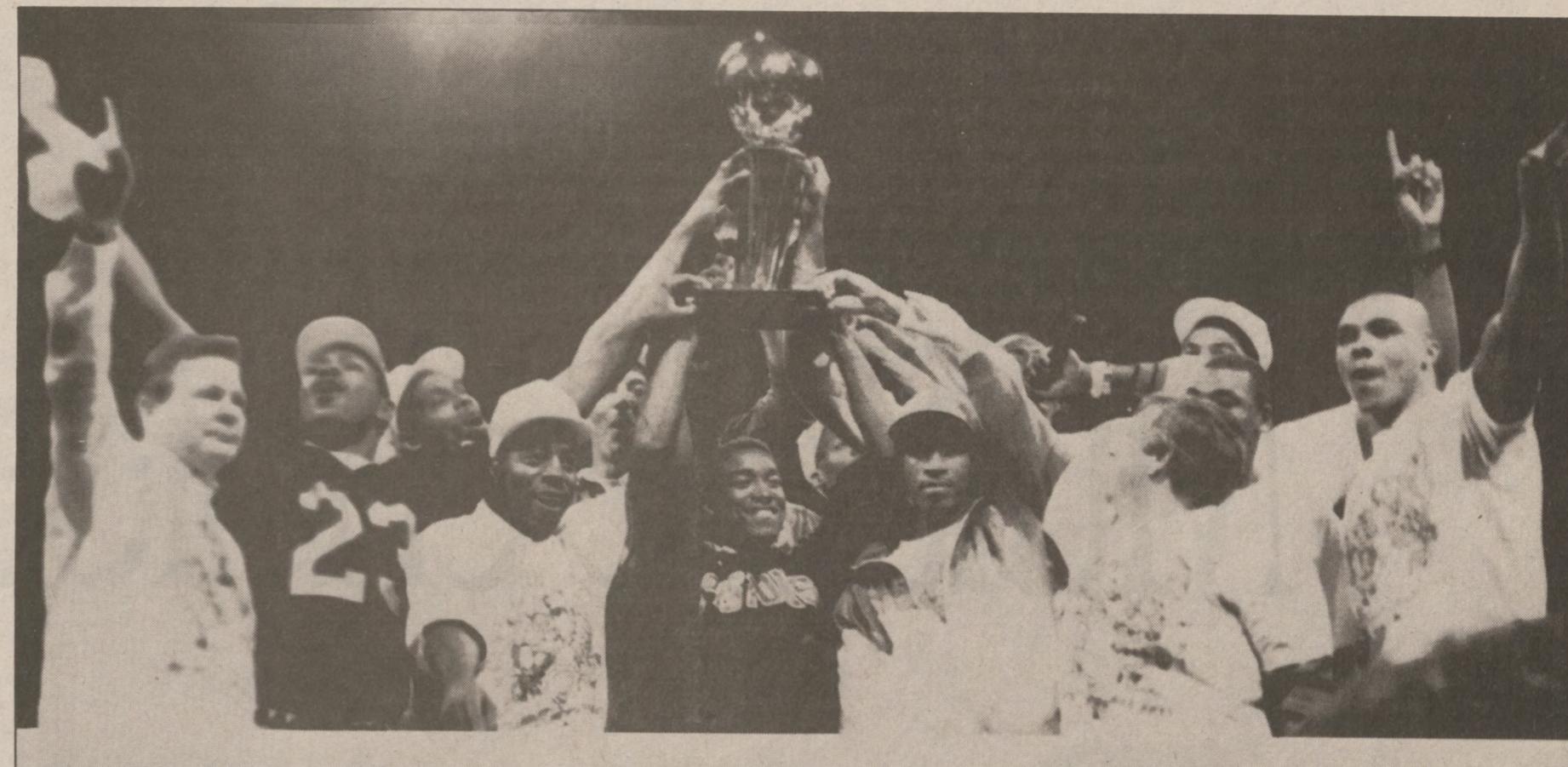
Earlier that Sunday, 17-year-old Michael Chang became the youngest man ever to win a grand slam tennis tournament, as he served and volleyed past Stefan Edberg to win the French Open. He was also the first American to win on Roland Garros' clay surface since Tony Trabert did it back in 1955.

Who can forget last Monday night? The Hit Man Tommy Hearns and Sugar Ray Leonard took their differences outside, into the parking lot at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas to be exact. But a draw, what were they doing, boxing or playing tic-tac-toe?

THEN THERE was last Thursday. The Pistons walked down Woodward in their victory parade, then proceeded to run past pursuing fans as they held a rally in the Palace. The celebration quickly turned to sadness as Rick Mahorn was eaten up by the Timberwolves of Minnesota, one of the two new NBA franchises. Quick comment, how can a newly crowned champion leave one of their five starters un-protected? Six foot ten inch enforcers who are worth their weight in gold when it comes to locker-room leadership are not that easy to come by.

On the other hand, the guy is getting old and he's got a back only a chiropractor could love. Let's sit back and wait to see if the Pistons made a boo-boo.

Baaad Boys!



The Oakland Post / Marc Moraniac

The Detroit Pistons, A.K.A. The Bad Boys, celebrate their NBA Championship victory at The Palace of Auburn Hills June 15. Next time they hit the court is likely to be at our Lepley Sports Center, since they regularly use it for training in late summer.

Baseball season ends up leaving Pioneers all wet

By DAVE HOGG
Staff Writer

Like the saying goes, close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades, not baseball.

No one knows that better than OU's baseball team, which finished only a half game behind Ferris State University in its effort to add OU's sixth GLIAC title of the 1988-89 school year.

The Pioneer's finished the league campaign with a 10-7 conference record, and a 31-16 record overall, the second highest win total in school history. FSU had a 12-8 league mark.

THE DIFFERENCE came on April 9-10, when three of the Pioneer's scheduled four games against Saginaw Valley State University were canceled due to inclement weather. OU won the only game played, at SVSU, 6-5.

Hartman struggles through recovery

Athletic director hopeful to return after heart attack

By ALICE HULL
Special Writer

The American Heart Association estimates that of the 1.5 million heart attack victims per year, almost half are under the age of 65.

Paul Hartman, 54, OU's athletic director became part of those statistics after suffering a heart attack April 30, caused by a blockage in his coronary artery.

The symptoms of the attack started around 3 p.m., while Hartman was getting ready to leave for the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Hartman's wife, Jane, drove him to the emergency room at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester, where he stayed for eight days. "Crittenton did an excellent job," Hartman said. "I had visions of waiting in the emergency room forever trying to get attention. But I don't think I said more than two words—"chest" and "pain"—before I was in a room hooked-up to machines and receiving medication."

The blockage in Hartman's artery, a result of plaque buildup, was reduced by a procedure called angioplasty which improves the blood flow to the heart.

According to Hartman this outpatient procedure is quick, painless and usually requires no recovery period, but for a heart attack victim, the recovery period is six

If OU had been allowed to make up the three games, they would have only needed two wins to tie for the GLIAC title, and three to win it outright. But GLIAC rules prohibit makeups.

Pioneer Head Coach Paul Chapoton hoped to get the rule changed after the season.

"WE WANTED to save the last week of the season for makeups," he said.

Despite the league disappointment, Chapoton was "very, very pleased" with his team's season.

"We had hoped to improve at a steady pace, but this much improvement was unexpected," he said.

The main cog in the Pioneer machine was powerful offense. The Pioneers hit .336, and outhomered their opponents 44-20. Leading the attack were senior rightfielder Rob Alvin and junior second-baseman Tom

Perkins. Both were named First Team All-GLIAC.

Alvin hit .390 with 44 RBI, 42 runs and a school-record 12 home runs. Perkins hit .377 with 38 RBI, 41 runs, eight homers and a team-high 14 stolen bases.

"I knew Alvin was capable of that kind of batting average and RBI total, but the 12 homers was a pleasant surprise. So was Perkins' power, although we knew he could generate offense," Chapoton said.

Also contributing were third baseman Mike Gunn (.374, 4 HR, 22 RBI), first baseman Dave Szpak (.358, 4, 30) and Ron Ciurla (.337, 4, 20).

FOUR OTHER Pioneers hit over .300, and left-fielder Dennis Milobar hit .299.

Pitching was also a large part of OU's success, as the Pioneer hurlers held their opponents to a 4.70 ERA, while the opposition racked up a 7.44 ERA.

Senior Duane Moore and Junior Pat Sadowski were the leaders of OU's pitching staff. Moore went 7-1 with a 3.35 ERA, while Sadowski was 5-1 with one save and a team-low 3.05 ERA.

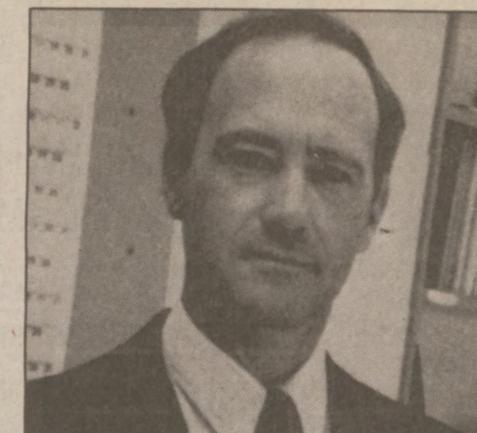
Also pitching in were Derek Smits (2-3, 3.24), John Jacoby (2-1, 4.50, 3 saves) and Scott Tucker (3-3, 4.63).

In all, nine pitchers started games for OU and all nine picked up at least two wins.

"(Pitching Coach) Steve Lyons did a great job. If the pitchers hadn't improved as much as they did, we couldn't have had as good a year," Chapoton said.

When asked if the Pioneers could take one more step and be GLIAC champs next year, he said the key will be replacing graduating pitchers Moore and Smits.

"Alvin will be a void, but we have Ron Ciurla to step in. The pitching is really hard to replace. There is no clear favorite for next year, and we could do it," Chapoton said.



Paul Hartman

weeks.

"It's been a rough six weeks," Hartman's wife said of her husband who has been admitted to the hospital twice since the surgery. The doctors are monitoring Hartman's condition closely because an estimated 30 percent of patients who've had angioplasty are expected to have the procedure again.

Hartman is taking medication, getting plenty of rest and watching his diet, but good nutrition is nothing new to him.

Greg Kampe, OU's head basketball, said Hartman is very health conscious.

"He runs every day or swims, and his eating habits were very good," Kampe said. "He seldom ate meat. He took the skin off his fried chicken. He's very conscious of those things, so when we heard that he had a heart attack, we were shocked."

KAMPE, 33, said although his own habits haven't changed since Hartman's attack, it made him more conscious. "It's one of those things, you always think it's going to be somebody else and not you."

The position of athletic director remains vacant while Hartman is recovering. For now, the staff is supervising themselves. "It's brought our staff a little bit closer together," Kampe said. "I think we are doing as good of a job as we can, but he's still needed here."

"Paul looks good," Kampe said, "but I think he's a little concerned. He wants to find out what's causing the problem and get it taken care of. He wants to get back to work and get going."

Hartman does not know how long he will be away from his job. For now, concentrating on getting well is his first step in the process of returning to OU.

Gus Macker coming soon

By Matthew Basham
Special Writer

Oakland University alumnus Mitch McNeal is returning to OU on August 26-27 with his and brother Scott's Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

The tournament this year is officially called "The Sweet 16th Annual One and Only Original Heartbeat of America, All Silk, All Covered Village, All Mackerville, All Ionia County, All PrimeBank Shots, All World, All Galaxy, All Universe, Hello Nurse, This is Dr. J from St. Mary's, Read my Lips...No more Rain! Kinder and Gentler Gus Macker, who needs a T.O. Baby! Thirst Quenchin' Invitational Takin' It to the Hoop in Belding's Mostly Sunny Neighborhood Three-on-Three Outdoor call your own Hopefully on Time U.B.U. Charity Basketball Tournament."

The entry fee is \$50 per team and each team is placed into one of many categories according to age and experience.

"Half of the entry fee goes to Oakland University," said Andy Glantzman, OU sports information director. "OU is expecting to raise around \$30,000 from the tournament, most of which is going to the women's basketball team."

The money raised will be used to replace equipment and update some of the Lepley facilities.

The tournament is going to be held outside of Lepley in the parking lots adjacent to the east side building.

The rules are as follows: four people to a team (three will play), 21 points will win the game. Each basket counts as one point and there will be a two-point shot line.

Each of the 16 courts will be 35 square feet and players will have a designated line to return the ball to, after turnovers and goals, before attempting a shot.

A game must be won by two points, and each team faces double elimination before exiting the tournament.

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Pioneer Notes '89

Finally!

By a 21-5 vote the GLIAC executive council made it mandatory that schools in the conference must compete only in NCAA Division II playoffs for team sports before the fall or leave the league. "Thank you very much, we are very happy," is what the OU athletic department is saying because automatic bids to national tournaments are not that far away.

Congrats!

- Oakland golf coach Glen Busam was named GLIAC Coach of the Year.
- Rich Dagenais, junior, is the first Pioneer golfer to make all-conference in 13 years.

- Pioneer second baseman Tom Perkins, was named a baseball academic all-American. Perkins, a biology major, carries a 3.80 GPA.

- Senior guard Ann Serra has been named head coach of the women's basketball team at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, her former high school. Serra said if a conflict arises between playing and coaching, racing from sideline to sideline as a player will come before pacing the sidelines as a coach.

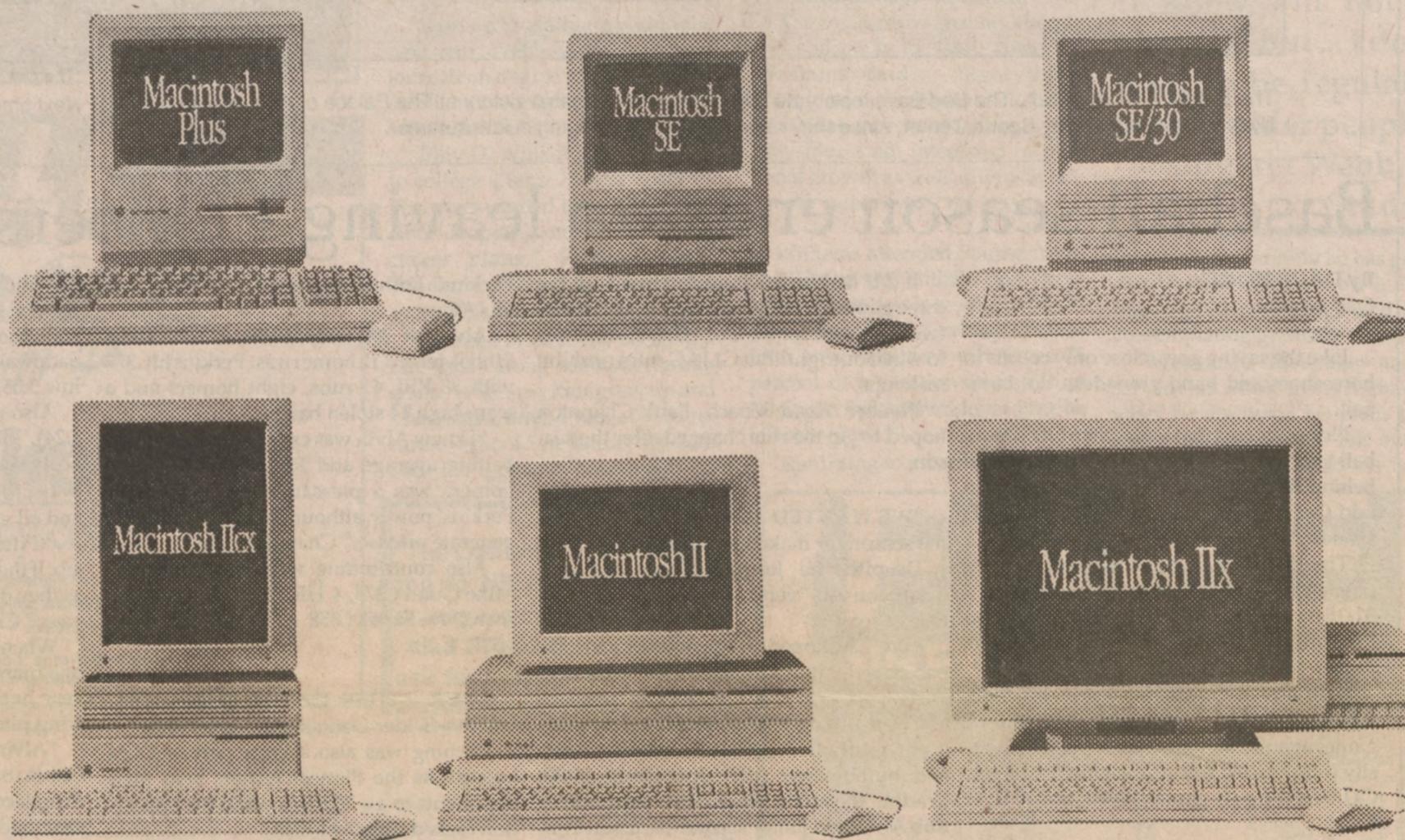
A Bad Boy?

- Rumor has it former Pioneer forward John Henderson will be invited to a Detroit Pistons summer rookie camp in California. Stay tuned.

Other News...

- Assistant men's basketball coach Bob Lees has resigned effective June 30.
- The 16th annual OU summer sports camps opened Saturday and will run through August 4. The boys basketball camp is full and this year the guest speaker will be a real-life worm—the Pistons' Dennis Rodman.

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