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The dark side of Ty Cobb is highlighted at Meadow Brook Theatre.

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## SWIM MEET ENDS IN SPLIT



OU and Northern Michigan women split wins at last weekend's swim meets.

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## Briefly ...

### Board Agenda

The Board of Trustees will meet today at 3 p.m. in the Gold Rooms of the Oakland Center to discuss the agenda. Among the items to be tabled is a discussion on a memorandum of understanding between OU and the City of Auburn Hills regarding the widening of Squirrel Road; a report on gifts and grants to OU for the period of Dec. 1, 1991 through Dec. 31, 1991, and to the OU Foundation for the same period; and a recommendation regarding a contract with the promoter for the Meadow Brook Festival.

### Whirlyball Cancelled

Whirlyball which was scheduled for February 15 has been cancelled. It will be rescheduled for March 14. SPB apologizes for any inconvenience they may have caused.

### Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

An open Alcoholics Anonymous meeting is held at the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute on Thursdays at 8 p.m. for anyone interested. For more information call 651-7246.

### Afro-Latin Lecture

Race, Ethnicity and Class in the Americas is the topic for Franklin W. Knight of Johns Hopkins University on Friday, Feb. 14, 1:20-3 p.m. in the Oakland Center Crockery.

### Black Awareness Concert

A concert by, about and for African-Americans featuring The Oakland University Symphonic Wind Ensemble will be held Friday, Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall. Tickets are \$5, \$4 and \$3. For tickets and information call 270-3013.

### Interviews postponed

Oakland will be hosting each of the four presidential candidates finalists for a two and a half day campus visit. Public interviews originally scheduled to take place during the visits have been postponed until March 3 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The board is expected to select a new president at its March 11 meeting.

The public meetings scheduled for Dr. Sandra Packard of the University of Tennessee Chattanooga are:

- Thursday, Feb. 13 4:53-5:30 p.m. A Faculty Forum open to all members of the community will be held in the Oakland Center's East Crockery.
- Friday, Feb. 14 3:30-5 p.m. A university-wide reception will be held in the Oakland Center Fire-side Lounge.
- Faculty, staff and students may meet Dr. Claire Van Ummersen of the University of New Hampshire System:
- Monday, Feb. 17 4:53-5:30 p.m. Faculty Forum
- Tuesday, Feb. 18 3:30-5 p.m. University-wide Reception

### Women of OU "Brown Bag"

On Wednesday, Feb. 12 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Oakland Center West, Crockery, Carlo Coppola will demonstrate the fine art of making creme caramel and creme brulee in time for Valentine's Day. Attendance is limited to the first 50 so bring your membership card.

## Prank problem not a joke

By BRYAN LUXON  
Staff Writer

Prank phone calls have become an annoying reality for many students living in the residence halls this year.

This year, more than ever, students have complained about everything from bothersome, late hour 'crank calls' to harassment situations, which show a pattern.

"Many cases involve previous interpersonal problems such as relationship indifference, a former girlfriend is jealous of her ex-boyfriend's involvement with someone else or vice versa," Senior Investigator Mel Gilroy said.

Unlike off campus situations where the phone company's annoyance bureau first handles a costumer's problem, Public Safety initially makes out a report. Depending on the nature and severity of the situation, the telecommunications department computer may be used for monitoring traffic either to or from any given exchange on campus.

Oakland's Telecommunications Department has been able to aid Public Safety with phone harassment since December, 1984, but the office reports an increased amount of traffic this year calling it a, "nasty exception," according to Telecommunications Manager Judy Wharry.

"We've had something going nearly every week, sometimes multiple traces going at the same time," Wharry said. "We're currently tracking two exchanges located in the Residence Halls."

The sophisticated abilities of the Telecommunications computer include detecting the origin of a call even if unanswered, and keeping records of calls made and when. The system cannot monitor an off campus exchange however, Gilroy said.

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## Quest for FM license near end

By KYLE GREEN  
Copy Editor

Interim President John DeCarlo was scheduled to sign Federal Communications Commission paperwork yesterday, placing OU's student radio station WOUX one step closer to broadcasting FM, according to Robert Kuron, station general manager.

The FCC will then begin the three-month to two year process of review and notification.

WOUX has been trying to acquire an FM license since 1977, when it first began the process with OU administration and the FCC.

## Presidential hopeful



Presidential finalist Luis Proenza speaks to an attentive group of faculty members Monday in the OC Crockery.

## OU campus crime on upswing in '92

By KEN POWERS, JR.  
Staff Writer

A recent 1991 crime report compiled by the OU Police Department indicates that most categories of crimes have climbed slightly from its lower levels in the previous year.

The report stated the following crimes rose from last year: 5 stolen property reports, up from 1 in 1990; 2 forgery and counterfeiting reports, up from 0; 2 rape reports, up

from 1; 5 felonious assaults, up from 3 and 6 stolen autos, up from 2.

Senior Investigator Mel Gilroy, however remains optimistic about the statistics.

"I think that we had an average year considering the fact that 1990 was one of our best years in terms of crime reduction. And the crime statistics for 1991 were only slightly higher than the ones in 1990," he said.

To decrease the numbers of rapes on campus, Gilroy plans to offer

educational sessions geared towards males that stress the importance of respecting women. He believes that a large number of rapes occur on dates.

Vandenberg House Council Chairman Lance Mark, nevertheless, does not feel that the sessions will be effective in preventing date rape.

"The sessions aren't a completely bad idea. But I do not believe that you can change a guy's lifetime

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## Search may land OU's first woman president

### UTC vice chancellor sets sights on OU

By KYLE GREEN  
and JENNIFER HEIL  
Staff Writers

Utilizing her knowledge of art, Dr. Sandra Packard paints portraits of achievement and sculpts the course of the universities she has served.

Packard, 49, is one of four finalists for the OU presidency in the running to replace former president Joseph Champagne, who resigned in June.

Packard arrives in Michigan tonight to begin her two-and-a-half day visit to OU which includes talks with staff, faculty, Board of Trustees and students.

There are many positive aspects to the university including the Meadow Brook Theaters, the new Chrysler Technological Center located in the Oakland Technology Park in Auburn Hills and the "excellent

instruction" at OU, Packard said.

"You have achieved a regional reputation with the programs you have and the (quality) of the faculty and students you serve, you could be moved to a national reputation. You ought to be drawing students nationwide," she said.

Packard is currently Provost and Vice Chancellor (vice president) for Academic Affairs at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC), where she administers an annual budget of \$27 million, and helped to raise over \$12.5 million for university development.

She also reorganized and raised student admissions standards, to name just a few of her accomplishments.

"After seven years in Chattanooga I am ready to extend my opportunities and changes elsewhere. I would like the opportunity to do more challenging things than

I do now," Packard said.

UTC is primarily a commuter campus with an enrollment of almost 8,000 students. It is one of four main campuses in the University

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### Campus environment lures Van Ummersen

By ROBERT PARKER  
and JOHN HONOS  
Staff Writers

Claire Van Ummersen may be the shortest (in physical height) of all the OU presidential finalists, but she has skyrocketed to the top of her career, a woman walking tall in a traditionally male dominated profession.

As chancellor of a system with more than 29,000 students, Van Ummersen, 56, has spent the last six years as the chief executive and academic officer for the University System of New Hampshire, distanced from students and the events of everyday college life. And she has missed both, prompting her resignation from that position last October.

The USNH has four schools, The University of New Hampshire, Keene State Col-

lege, Plymouth State College, and The School for Lifelong Learning.

Van Ummersen said she sorely misses being a part of the campus community.

"I have missed very much the contact not only with students but with other faculty," Van Ummersen said in a telephone interview. "The intellectual stimulation that you

get from being on a campus, from being able to interact with students, from being able to be a part of campus life that goes on is a critical part of a being a president."

"I think Claire was looking to get back onto the campus," Dale Nitzschke, president of the University of New Hampshire, said. "She has served her time as a central campus bureaucrat."

As chancellor, Van Ummersen's major responsibilities include oversight of a \$300 million operating budget and the legislative and governmental relations among the 25-member Board of Trustees, the USNH institutions and state government.

Since she took the position in 1986, the

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Sandra Packard



Claire Van Ummersen



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## Ummersen

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USNH budget has grown an average of nine percent per year, while she developed a 10-year capital plan for the system. Her tenure at USNH has seen the enrollment increase by 13 percent and state support of the system has grown by 27 percent. Although state budget cuts in 1990 forced tuition increases for in-state students ranging from \$150 to \$300 at Keene and Plymouth State Colleges.

Van Ummersen oversaw the development of a plan for an Instructional Television Network to link the campuses of the university system, and eventually to institutions throughout the state. The network will implement interactive television, or two way television, allowing the professor and student to communicate with each other.

According to Nitzschke, the first link of the network has been completed on his campus which will allow faculty to begin teaching classes to students in Manchester, about 40 miles away.

"The professor will be talking directly to students using a two way link," Nitzschke said. The second and third links at the Keene State and Plymouth State campuses are targeted for operation later this year, he said.

"It is a great educational tool," Nitzschke said. "The next phase will put interactive television into our technical schools." Nitzschke said the network may eventually spread to business and industry.

According to Van Ummersen, a system like the one under development in New Hampshire could open the door to many resources for OU. There could be real advan-

tages to the campus by developing ties with the neighboring technological park.

Joan Tambling, director of human resources for the USNH, who has worked closely with Van Ummersen for three years in such areas as establishing salaries for employees, developing recognition programs for faculty, and collective bargaining for union contracts, characterized Van Ummersen as a strong leader.

"She is certainly the best supervisor I've ever had," Tambling said. "She is strong at what she does, lean and mean, but nice ... an effective leader. Somebody will be very lucky."

Democratic leader of the New Hampshire state senate, George Disnard, who is involved extensively with legislation monitoring the USNH, said she has done an excellent job.

Disnard said, "the system has progressed under her leadership, and she understands the legislative procedure."

Arthur Grant, secretary for the USNH, said, "she understands what a university (OU) of that size is doing and needs."

According to Grant, Van Ummersen is the principal university official who deals with state government, and her primary goal as chancellor was "to develop strategic planning on a system basis and a campus basis for each institution."

She also reviewed the job performance of the presidents of each institution in the system, and is the chairperson of the administrative board that coordinates programs and services throughout the system.

When Van Ummersen took the position of chancellor in 1986, her salary was \$80,000 while her cur-

rent salary is \$120,400 plus benefits and a housing allowance.

Van Ummersen said that there have been no administrative salary increases for the system this year.

The USNH has not been without its problems.

According to John LaCourse, chairman of faculty council for the University of New Hampshire, the universities and the administrative bodies of the system have become disenchanted with each other.

He said that the system has taken on a "big brother" type of role, trying to micro-manage the campuses in its everyday decision making, instead of being more involved with the long-term planning and direction of the campuses.

LaCourse also said that the administration has ignored faculty caucuses and taken away some of the faculty's power.

"She (Van Ummersen) could have been more visible, she could have taken more initiative and could have voiced her opinion more," LaCourse said.

Paul Berrette, a University of New Hampshire professor of music since 1961, said, "there is a perception that the chancellor's office has gotten too powerful and removed from the campuses."

Berette also said that in the early 1970's when the chancellor position was set up, someone once told him, "having a chancellor of a university system is like having a zoo keeper for an elephant, two cats and a mouse."

In her letter of resignation last October to the Board, Van Ummersen said she had accomplished her objectives as chancellor and that the position was taking a different direction from her goals.

"The task of marshalling, allocating and accounting for resources has become an all-consuming re-

sponsibility," Van Ummersen wrote. "The years beyond ... will be dominated by pressures requiring a focus quite different from the concerns and interests which brought me to the USNH chancellorship."

Currently involved in two presidential races including OU, Van Ummersen would bring strong leadership, management, and budget knowledge to Oakland.

"I think it's important to have ideas, but I think it's equally important for those ideas to be debated, to be revised, to be augmented until there is agreement among the constituencies on future and specific goals," Van Ummersen said. "There has to be ownership of those goals if they are going to be achieved."

"As a public university, I think working with both the governor's office and key legislative people certainly will be very important for the continued health of Oakland," she said.

She went on to say, "I think building ... partnerships both on the campus and with the external community is clearly going to be important, because the visibility of Oakland as a university needs to be increased, and the public needs to be made aware of the high quality of the university," she said.

"As a person coming from a distance, it's (OU) one of the best kept secrets, I think, in the country. I thought of it in my own mind as the best quality university in Michigan, maybe in the Midwest."

Currently, Van Ummersen serves as the director of the first unit of the Lancaster Course in Ophthalmology that is sponsored by the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and Harvard's Department of Ophthalmology. Her own research and teaching has centered around re-

search of the eye, and she was excited to hear about OU's Eye Research Institute.

Married to dentist Frank Van Ummersen, and the mother of two grown children, Van Ummersen enjoys reading, ice-skating, bike riding and swimming in her free time.

Her daughter, Lynn, 27, is a resident at the University of Massachusetts medical center, and is currently completing her residency in oncology, while her son Scott, 24, is an engineer for Codex, a network firm for the Motorola Company.

Dr. Van Ummersen has practiced dentistry in New Hampshire for 30 years.

"He is prepared to close the practice here, and to move toward more of a part-time position as an associate with another dentist or possibly at a dental clinic in the area," Van Ummersen said.

Van Ummersen, a Phi Beta Kappa, did her undergraduate study at Tufts University and earned her Doctorate of Philosophy there in 1963. She taught biology at the University of Massachusetts at Boston from 1968 to 1986, served in academic administration posts there from 1975 to 1981, and was vice chancellor for management systems and telecommunications with the Massachusetts Board of Regents of Higher Education until her selection as USNH chancellor in 1986.

Van Ummersen is a director of the New Hampshire Business and Industry Association, a college accreditation reviewer for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, and a member of the executive committee of the New England Board of Higher Education.

"It is really hard for a woman to move up in her field, so I think it is impressive. Going from a college art teacher to Provost and Vice Chancellor of a university is very admirable," Shana said.

Martin practices in Chattanooga. He considers himself a "pretty liberated-type husband," noting he pulls some cooking and laundry duties, on occasion.

"I separate the whites from the colors, even," he said.

At 50, Martin said he is getting an "empty nest feeling" with both of his daughters away from home. He refers to the family dog, Leo — a cocker spaniel, beagle and labrador mix — as "his son."

He said his wife is not quite as fond of Leo as he is because Leo's fleas bite her legs.

They live in Signal Mountain, a suburb of Chattanooga and commute in "not a Detroit made car ..." which was bought from a dealership which supports UTC. Packard said she would buy a domestic vehicle if she came to OU.

A move to OU will involve several adjustments, particularly for Martin, who must be relicensed in Michigan and set up a new practice.

"I'm comfortable with moving again. The toughest part for me is how to deal with taking care of the people who have become dependent on me," he said.

Moves are a joint decision they make carefully.

"We make those decisions together and we talk long and hard about them," she said. "(This move) will be easier because it will be the two of us. The last move (to UTC) was the most difficult on our oldest daughter because she was a junior in high school. But she is creative ... and she came to the university and took classes."

"I personally like the idea of living in different parts of the country because there are different cultural aspects to each section of the country."

Although Packard has never been to OU, she is not a stranger to Michigan. While working at Bowling Green, she and her family would visit relatives in Southfield several times a year and they have also sailed on Lake Michigan.

While Packard has moved around, she feels she and her family have also moved forward.

"I would love the opportunity to become president of Oakland University, and ... I would like to see both my daughters settle into the career of their love and would like to do what my daughter (Dawn) is doing, but in a sailboat ...." she said.

## Packard

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one of four main campuses in the University of Tennessee's state wide system.

Packard was nominated for the president's position by UTC chancellor and former OU provost, Fred Obeir.

Obeir, who has worked with Packard for the last seven years, said he will miss her if she leaves for OU.

"She is a doer ... she is not a person to quietly sit back and let others do the work. She is very much an active verb and not a passive verb," Obeir said. "She is a fast learner and I suspect (she) would not have a (problem adopting) to the OU environment, or I would not have nominated her."

A Buffalo, N.Y., native, Packard met her husband Martin, now a clinical psychologist, during high school. Both worked as camp counselors on their summers off from college — she attended Syracuse University and Martin attended State University of New York at Buffalo.

Packard received a bachelor of fine arts degree from Syracuse in 1964. The two wed the same year. She earned both a masters and doctorate in art education from Indiana University.

Packard has been in many roles in her various university positions. While an art professor at Miami University in Ohio, she received an American Council on Education Fellow Scholarship, a year long program designed to increase the representation of women and minorities in higher education.

Packard moved up the administrative ranks at Miami, becoming the special assistant to the executive vice president for academic affairs and provost and then associate provost for special programs.

While associate provost for special programs, she oversaw academic areas, developed a cooperative education program with a neighboring university and revitalized the university's honors program. She was at Miami for three years.

In 1981 Packard became dean of education and allied professions at Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

During her four years as dean, she balanced the college's budget, expanded the faculty governance, established a computer lab and developed computer literacy requirements while increasing grants and external funding by 60 percent.

Dr. Martha Tack, now the head of the department of leadership and counseling for the College of Education at Eastern Michigan University, remembered Packard's work at Bowling Green where Tack taught in the College of Education.

She said Packard works too hard and is "enthusiastic" and a "team player."

"She's able to single out the situation, and when a window of opportunity arrives, she is there to capitalize on it and able to move with it," Tack said. "She has the charisma, from my perspective, to lead a university."

Packard left in 1985 to become UTC's provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

In her present position as UTC's Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, she has raised more than \$12.5 million for university development, increased external grants, established the College of Health and Human Services and the School of Social and Community Services.

Packard feels she can help to improve OU, including fund raising, she said.

"Fund raising really is not raising money for the university, but raising friends for the university," especially big business in the area, she said.

"Today's college student 15 years down the road can be Chrysler's next vice president, and it's in Chrysler's best interest that the student is well educated," she said.

Packard's salary at UTC is \$77,936. She receives health insurance, but no other perks.

Champagne's salary as president was \$120,000. Some of his perks included a Rochester Hills home, a university car and a \$7,000 expense account.

Champagne was criticized for not being seen by students and faculty on campus, but Packard should not have the same problem, said UTC's philosophy and religion department chairperson, Herbert Burhenn.

"She is a very energetic and active person and I can't imagine her not being visible on campus, but you have to understand the Vice Chancellor is different than a president," Burhenn said, who has been at UTC for 20 years.

According to Charles Nelson,

chairperson of UTC's department of biology and environmental sciences, Packard comes across as not having a short attention span, but she does.

"She has her opinions on subjects, and she will listen and will modify her opinion," Nelson said. "I would like to say she is very quick. She is so quick to see a point it appears she isn't listening, but she is listening ... in a day or two she will get back to you and say 'I do see your point.'"

One of Packard's goals as an administrator is to link research done at a university with its surrounding community, both globally and locally.

"Universities have a responsibility to support research that enhances the knowledge base of the fields (at the university)," she said. "... it helps the communities by applying the knowledge ..."

Packard explained if American universities commit to research about the unified currency and trade markets in Europe which starts this year, they in turn can share their knowledge with area businesses. The businesses can then use the information in order to compete.

Broadening horizons is what higher education is all about — it is not just the "next step" in education, Packard said.

She said that the university's role is "... to expand the world, to understand the world and to change the world for the better."

"I think I can influence (higher education) by providing talented and able people in faculty and students ..."

Personal involvement in the community is also important to Packard and her family.

Packard's husband volunteers his expertise as a psychologist to counsel police and fire fighters who have had traumatic experiences on the job, preventing them from having post-traumatic stress disorders.

Packard is a member of the Chattanooga Rotary Club, one of the oldest organizations in the city.

As one of only four women in the 311-member Rotary club, Packard recently joined the club when the ranks were opened to women. She is described as one of the most "active members," according to Gerry Stephens, president.

"She is new in the Rotary, definitely a leader, an excellent organizer. She knows how to delegate," Stephens said.

Executive secretary for the Rotary Club for 20 years, Thelma Hipp, says Packard can hold her own in the predominantly male club.

"I don't recall any new member

doing so well," Hipp said.

Packard describes herself as a fast talker, a "caring human being" and a feminist.

"I think I'm a feminist. I think I feel women ought to have choices. I think women should be paid as much as men do. I think what's important is who the person is as a human being, how hard they will work at their jobs and how well they do their jobs," Packard said.

Packard is not intimidated by the possibility that she could be the first female president in OU history.

"... The fact is how well of a job I can do for the campus and the community," Packard said. "I'm proud that I'm a woman. When I do my job, I will do my job whether I'm a woman or a man."

She also describes herself as a workaholic.

"I forget I have a great capacity for work and not everybody else has the same capacity," she said.

Packard has dealt with challenges not only on a professional level, but on a personal one.

Doctors told Packard and her husband that they were unable to have children, so they adopted their daughter Dawn when she was 12 days old. Two years later they proved the doctors wrong with the birth of their second daughter, Shana.

"As a parent of an adopted child and a parent of a natural child there is not a difference ... the only difference is pregnancy," Packard said.

Dawn, 22, recently graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder and will begin work as a park ranger with the Boulder Colorado park service in May. As a graduation gift, she is traveling alone on a world tour and is currently in Singapore.

"I'm very proud of her because she feels comfortable in the world. That took me many years to do. When (children) get older they always want to do things before their parents want them to do," she said. "I'm really envious. I must say at my age I don't think I could do it the way she is doing it, living out of a backpack and sleeping in \$2 a night youth hostels."

Closer to home, Shana, 20, is a junior at University of Kentucky at Lexington majoring in psychology and expects to graduate in December, Shana said.

Even though she is following in her father's footsteps, she admires her mother's accomplishments starting when Packard began teaching college art classes in 1972 at State University of New York College at Buffalo.



The following is a summary of incidents on campus filed with the Oakland University Department of Public Safety and Police. The purpose of this column is to inform

By KEN POWERS, JR.  
Staff Writer

**Jan. 30- 2:12 p.m.-** An OU staff member reported a stolen Spartus Quartz clock valued at \$10 from the wall in the Psychology Lounge in Pryale House.

**Feb. 3- 1:45 p.m.** A man, who had parked his vehicle in Southeast Parking Lot, later returned to discover another vehicle had struck his rear bumper on the driver's side.

**Feb. 4- 11:36 p.m.** A computer engineer told police that he saw smoke coming from a telephone room in North Foundation Hall. When police arrived at the scene they smelled a strong smoky odor, but were unable to locate any sign of fire.

**Feb. 5- 2:56 p.m.** An OU staff member sprained her ankle when she slipped on some lettuce in the Oakland Center Kitchen. Apparently, she attempted to regain her balance by grabbing onto a counter but it was on rollers and she fell.

**Feb. 5- 5:00 p.m.** An OU staff member told police she injured her left leg after slipping on a patch of ice and landing on her back in the Northwest parking lot.

**Feb. 5- 9:50 p.m.** A woman reported that she accidentally struck a snow-covered traffic island in Northwest Parking Lot. According to the report, she was unable to avoid hitting it because of the dim lighting in the area.

**Feb. 6- 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.** An OU staff member reported a missing wallet containing \$35, and a calling card from her purse that was in her desk in the Oakland Center.

**Feb. 6- 11:47 a.m.** A student employee told police that she had received a threatening telephone call. According to reports, the person who called her told her that an acquaintance of hers "is dead". She also told police that it was an on-campus telephone call.

**Feb. 7- 1:54 a.m.** OU Police arrested a woman for drunk driving after she was stopped for running a red light on Meadow Brook and Wilson. While talking to her, the police officer noticed several empty bottles of beer in her car and an alcohol odor coming from the vehicle. After she failed five of six sobriety tests, police impounded her vehicle.



The Department of Special Programs is seeking students to serve as Peer Counselors (PCs) and Tutors in the Academic Opportunity Program.. Ten PC and ten Tutor positions are available. Candidates must be available for training June 16-20. The position extends Summer, Fall and Winter terms. For additional information, please call 370-3262.



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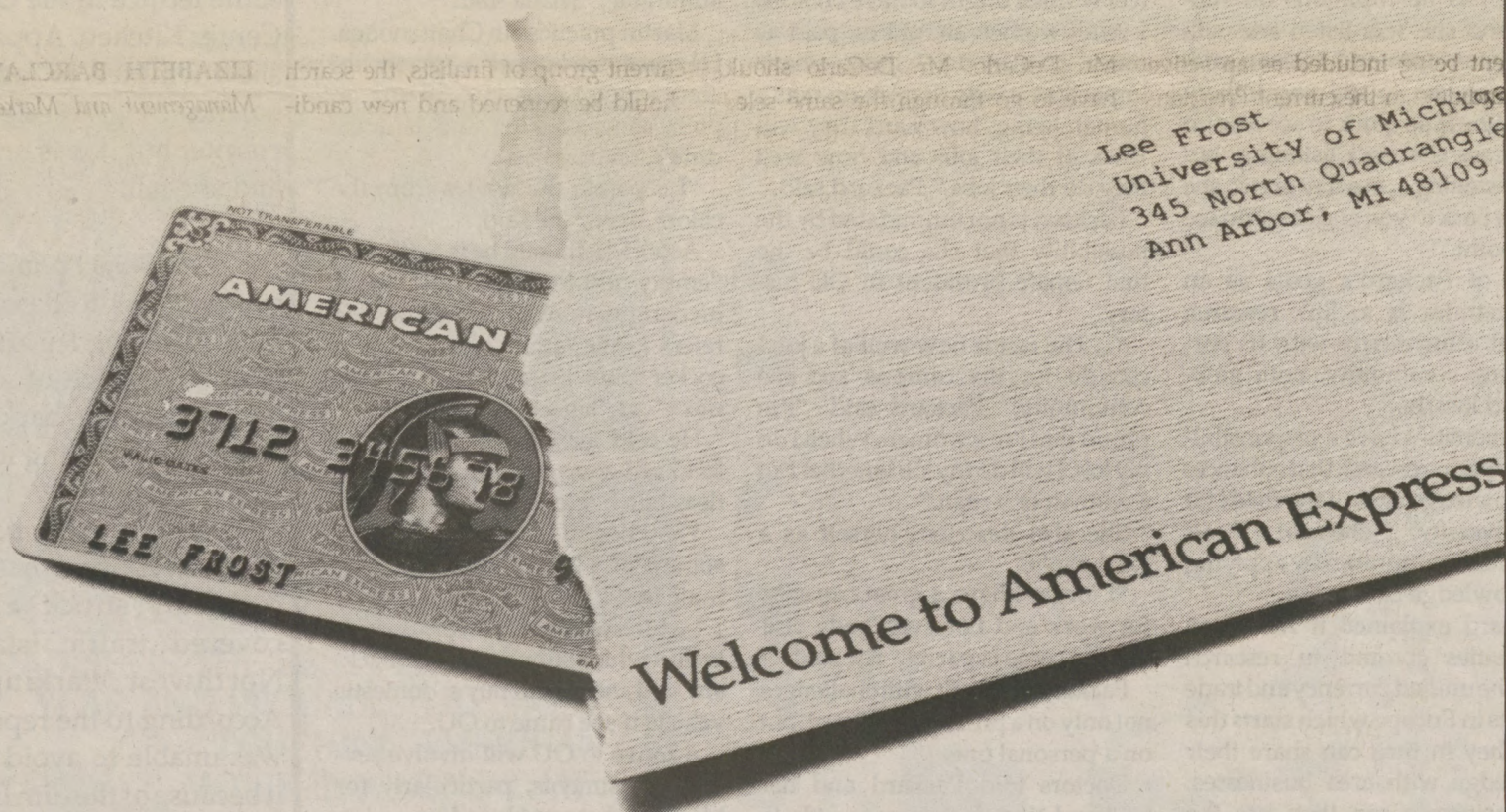
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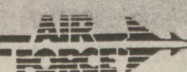
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## OUR VIEW

### Process leaves us in search of interested board members

#### Googasian a pleasant sight

It was encouraging to see nearly 100 faculty and staff fill seating in the OC Crockery for a faculty forum with presidential finalist Luis Proenza Monday. It was especially nice to see Trustee Phyllis Googasian in the audience, taking advantage of an opportunity to familiarize herself with the candidate. We are a little worried that the majority of the board, with the exception of the three who were involved in the search process, will be relying on a marathon day of interviews, giving each candidate about an hour and a half of "quality time" to determine whether a candidate can fill the university's substantial needs.

The board had originally planned to interview each candidate during their two-and-a-half-day visits to campus this month. When it was determined at the board's finance committee meeting, that not all members could attend each interview, the board opted to fly all candidates to campus again March 3 for a full day of interviews.

Aside from brushing aside a chance to save at least \$2,000 in plane fares and other expenses for this financially strapped university, we are disappointed that all the trustees could not make arrangements to be present for the on-campus visits and planned interviews.

Though it is certainly an honor to be selected by the governor to serve as the trustee of a university, the job is not intended to be ceremonial. The board is ultimately responsible for all aspects of the university administration, curriculum and community affairs. It is responsible for all budgets, hirings, firings and nearly everything else right down to approving each graduate.

Though we do not pay them, we are justified in expecting our trustees to go beyond the basics of attending monthly committee and full board meetings for something as important as the selection of our new president. We cannot imagine what could be happening during the couple of Tuesday and Thursday evenings during February that is worth spending an additional \$2,000 to bring candidates in for a third, frivolous time.

We think all board members should follow lead of Trustee Googasian who took time to attend the faculty forum to learn about the candidates. Thanks for caring.

## ANOTHER VIEW

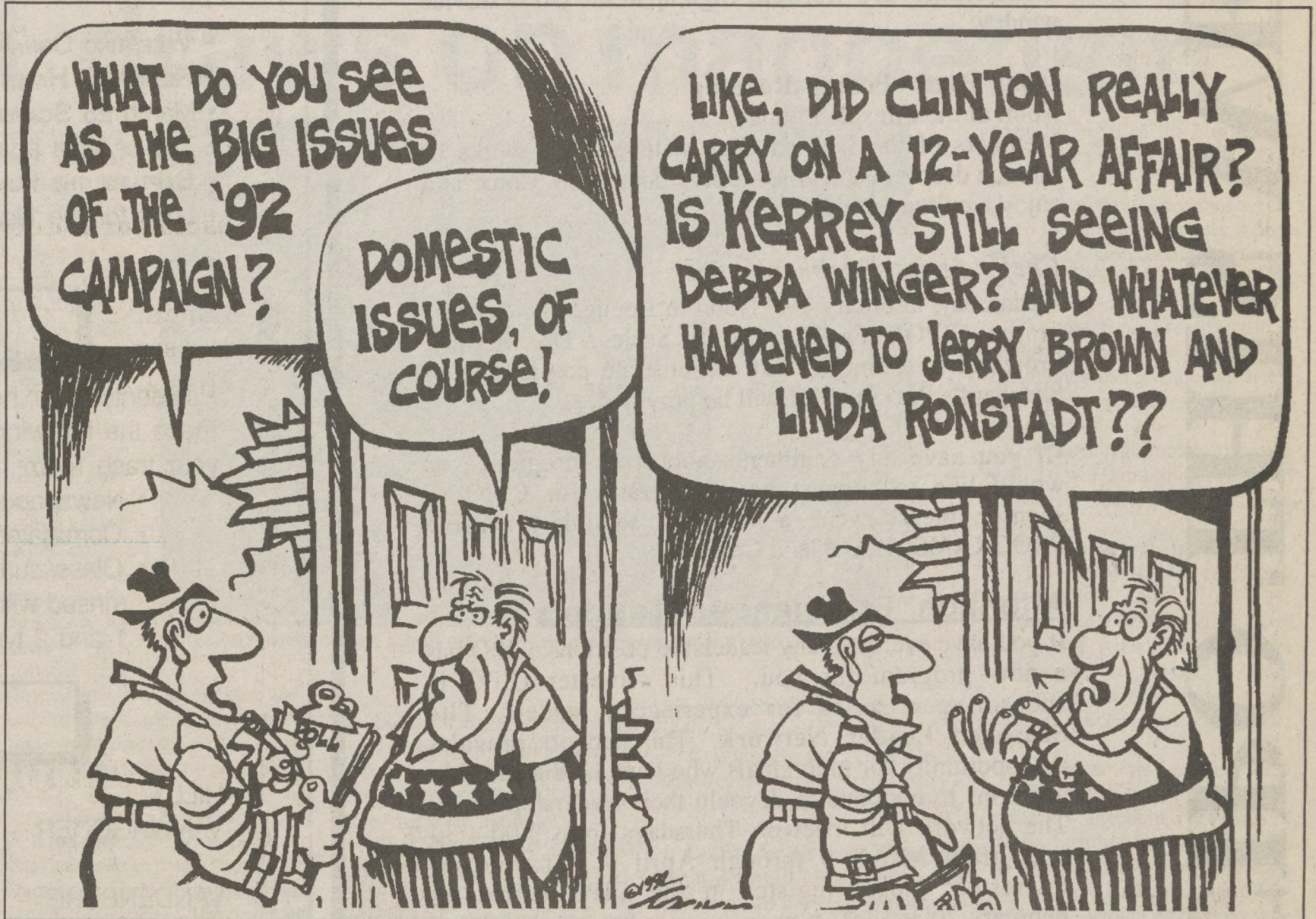


# Opinion

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### Changes would compromise search integrity

As a concerned member of the Oakland University community, I would like to go on record as opposing any move to lift the Board's restriction on the interim president being included as an active candidate in the current Presidential search.

My concerns are based on my training and research in the field of Human Resource Management. If the interim president were allowed to be a candidate, the integ-

riety of the process would be compromised.

The search committee has possibly already eliminated applicants/nominees with credentials similar to Mr. DeCarlo. Mr. DeCarlo should have to go through the same selection process as all the other candidates so as not to violate the spirit of EEO/AAP or the procedures of the search committee. Since we already have campus visits scheduled for four finalists, the timing of such a

rule change is highly inappropriate and could produce a "chilling effect" on the visits.

In addition, if for any reason a president is not selected from the current group of finalists, the search should be reopened and new candi-

dates should be solicited. The future direction and success of the university demands such action.

LIZABETH BARCLAY  
Management and Marketing

### Fair, open search merits community involvement

Selecting a president to lead Oakland University is one of the most important decisions that members of the Board of Trustees will ever be called upon to make.

This is a critical time in the life of OU and there is an urgent need to select a leader who has the respect and trust of all members of the community — students, faculty, staff, and graduates.

The Search Committee is to be congratulated for establishing a fair and open process to select candidates. For this reason I applaud the decision of Mr. De Carlo to assure us

that he will not interfere with the agreed-upon process. It also is important for all of us to meet the candidates and tell members of the Board of Trustees our views on the finalists.

Board members have promised to pay attention to written evaluations provided at the open meetings.

We have a responsibility to use this opportunity to express our views.

JACQUELINE SCHERER  
Sociology

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### Citizens need to bring back sense of community

WASHINGTON—If you enjoy dewy-eyed nostalgia, get a group of middle-aged Americans talking about the places where they grew up. The streets (they'll tell you) were safe, people cared for and looked out for one another, every adult was every child's parent, and people were happy. What a shame their children can't enjoy the peace they once did.

They mean every word of it — even those who grew up (as they'll also tell you) in places where cops were brutal, local merchants used to rip them off, biased officials starved their schools for resources, and snobs (or bullies) from the other side of town made their lives miserable. What's going on? Surely they know that in virtually every measurable way their children are better off than they themselves used to be. What is it they imagine their children are missing?

Their nostalgia, I am convinced, is not for the tenement, the farm, the sleepy town or the malt shop, but for community. What your middle-aged friends are remembering with such poignancy is the "belongingness," the relationships and the ethical moorings that once transformed residential areas into neighborhoods. And they are saying — or at any rate they are feeling — that today's relative insulation from civic and economic insult is not enough to offset

the loss of community. John W. Gardner makes the point in the first chapter of "Building Community," a paper he wrote last fall for a Washington-based volunteer association called the Independent Sector. Listen: "Families and communities are the ground-level generators and preservers of values and ethical systems. No society can remain vital or even survive without a reasonable base of shared values — and such values are not established by edict from lofty levels of the society. They are generated chiefly in the family, school, church, and other intimate settings in which people deal with one another face to face."

Gardner (he was Lyndon Johnson's secretary of Health, Education and Welfare and founding chairman of Common Cause) is not content to join the growing choir of those singing the praise of some amorphous thing generalized as "community." He wants to define and describe the thing we're losing in terms specific enough to help us reclaim it. For him, the attributes of community (he lists ten, along with suggestions as to how they might be

restored) include a balance between the common good and individual freedom — he calls "wholeness incorporating diversity."

But perhaps the major attribute of community is its shared commitment to its young people — both because they are special in and of themselves but also because their protection, development and internalizing of the

community's values and standards of behavior preserves the common heritage.

If low-income neighborhoods

seem particularly hard hit by the deterioration of community, it is because (as Charles Murray pointed out in his book, "In Pursuit of Happiness") poor people tend to have fewer opportunities for mutual connection. A physician, for example, is likely to enjoy vital connections based not merely on where she lives but also on her profession, her sorority, her volunteer work or her recreation, whereas many people have few such links outside neighborhood, church or workplace.

"But," as Gardner notes, "the breakdown is evident at all social levels, and the consequences, though

less violent, may be just as devastating. Social disintegration is no less malignant when it occurs in an environment of physical comfort. Many of the gifted transgressors whose criminal activity has shattered public confidence in Wall Street and Washington have come from backgrounds characterized by affluent disintegration."

It rings right. The business executive who feels no internal constraints on his exploitation of markets or people may be as much a product of dysfunctional community as the inner-city drug dealer who can blow you away at noon and sleep soundly tonight.

The tough question, which Gardner, to his credit, recognizes and grapples with, is how to reclaim a facsimile of what we've lost.

Community was relatively easy when neighbors were homogeneous, when conformity was the norm and when people stayed put for years—even generations.

But even under the much tougher circumstances of today, we have to try to bring it back—not merely because it feels good but because hardly anything else can provide the setting in which families can get the support they need, children grow up healthy and free, and neighbors look after neighbors.

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# CIPO THIS WEEK

## CIPO PROGRAMS

### Geography Game Show

Monday, February 17 at noon in the Fireside Lounge. Planning is underway for a Geography game show to test your knowledge of the USA's geography. **Contestants are needed!** Sign up at the CIPO service window.

### Dead Poets--Poetry Reading

Noon in the Fireside Lounge  
Members of the English Club will read the works of famous dead poets and some live poets also. Come and enjoy a cultural experience.

### Chef's Series--Shepherd's Pie

Wednesday, February 19. Noon in Lounge II. Another in the CIPO's Faculty Chef's Series. Dr. Marney, Professor of Chinese, will demonstrate preparation of Shepherd's Pie. Samples will be provided.

•If you have any comments about our programs, or would like to suggest noon programs for CIPO to sponsor, please write a note and send it to: CIPO PROGRAMS, 49 Oakland Center.

### Attention Experienced Leaders

If you have ever held any leadership positions, CIPO has a new program for you. This semester CIPO is sponsoring a series for experienced leaders, **The Seasoned Leader Network**. This network provides an opportunity for individuals who have held leadership positions to continue to develop their leadership skills. The network will meet on Thursdays from 3:00-4:30 p.m. from March 5 through April 9. If you are interested, please register in the CIPO office by February 20 at 12:07 p.m.

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The winners of the Student Organization of the Month awards:

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•February 18

-Members: Finding New Ones and Keeping Old Ones  
Peter Eckel

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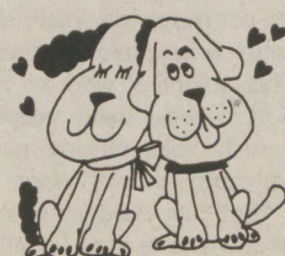
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- TUG OF WAR against floors
- CAPTURE THE FLAG game coming soon!
- Look for the NEW CAMPUS NEWSLETTER.

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### House Council Events

HILL -	Euchre Tournament
VANWAGONER -	Multi-cultural Festival in March
	Talent Show
VANDENBERG -	The Dating Game Feb. 17. 10 p.m.
	Beer Lake Yacht Club
FITZGERALD -	Valentine's Dance
	Assassin Game
ANIBAL -	CPR Lecture
HAMLIN -	Spring Fling II

RHC Meetings are 6:30 p.m.. Room 401 Hamlin. Everyone is welcome, so get involved!

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BARBARA BUTTERWORTH

## Marriott monopolizes menus

When discussing OU's campus life, the amenities have to be taken into account.

One amenity that matters to all students, commuter and on-campus, faculty and staff is food.

Yes, there is food available on campus, but that's all it is, sustenance. At OU you don't get atmosphere, choice or china, you get what Marriott decides you want and that's that.

When a student comes to OU he/she is isolated, whether living in the dorms or a commuter. There is no place to go except by car. If you don't have car you can't go anywhere.

The addition of the bus service is fine if you live along the University/Walton, Rochester Road or want to shop at the Oakland Mall, but realistically once you take the bus to campus you are stuck here.

You are forced to use the facilities provided by the university. That means good things such as the library, but it also means the food arrangements made by OU and Marriott.

Part of this contract is that there is to be no competition for Marriott on campus. What a deal!

When Marriott builds a hotel, do they make deals with the community they are supposed to serve so there will be no competing hotel within a certain distance? I doubt that that is possible.

Yet at OU it is Marriott or nothing.

Because of the overall size of the campus (some 1200 acres) anything off-campus is outside normal walking distance or time. Even if you have a car, an hour between classes is not enough time to go off campus and come back in time—10 minutes to get to your car in the parking lot, a minimum of 10 minutes each way to get to where you're going and another 10 minutes to re-park your car and get to your class—you end up with about 20 minutes to order and eat. That means if you want something to eat between classes you have to go to a Marriott-owned and operated facility.

There is no chance to shop for price, quality, variety, efficiency or hours of operation.

All that is determined by Marriott with the approval of OU. Or, the present twist of closing the Hot Shoppe at 1:30 or 2 instead of the posted 2:30 and upstairs they seem to close the hot food and deli whenever they feel like it. Is this part of the contract with OU or is it a spur of the moment decision by one of the servers?

Also determined by Marriott is the hiring, payment and attitudes of the people working in various food areas.

In general the people seem to have no interest in service, friendly or otherwise. Why should they? You can't go somewhere else if you don't like their attitudes and they all know it.

There is also no place to eat but the "institutional" areas of Oakland Center with their regimented tables, practical institution. See MENUS page 8

# Features

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## Patent draws on magnetism

By AL COOK  
Staff Writer

OU physics professor, Abraham Liboff, describes his next ten patent applications as "wild." But the patent his research team received in January for a device which uses electromagnetic fields to improve the yield of fava beans could hardly be called tame.

Dr. Liboff and his fellow scientist-inventors Bruce McLeod, professor of electrical engineering at Montana State University; and Stephen Smith, professor of anatomy at the University of Kentucky used precisely calculated magnetic fields to induce fava beans to grow 22 percent larger.

The process evolved from a concept Liboff postulated in 1985 in his paper "Geomagnetic Cyclotron Resonance."

Since that time, his theory has been applied to bone repair and to an explanation for the increased incidence of cancer deaths in children living in homes near electric power lines.

"The activity in this area, I'm a little bit proud to say, has spurred worldwide interest in this," Liboff said. "We have people in many countries around the world trying to reproduce our results."

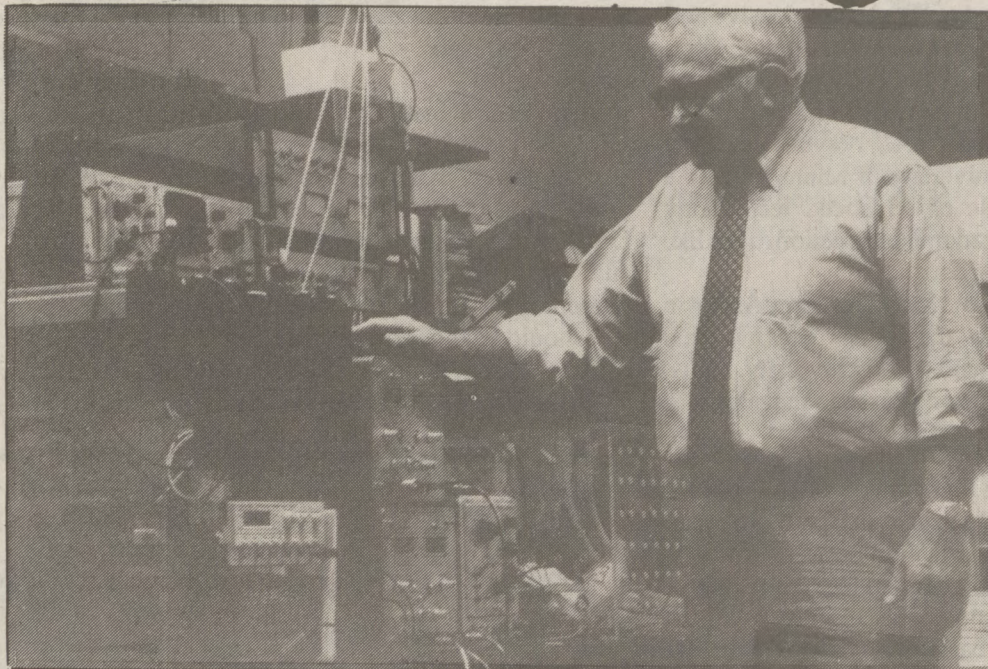
By using two distinct magnetic

fields, one fixed and one pulsing at a specific frequency, Liboff's model controls the flow of ions, positive or negative, across a cell wall in much the same way a drug like aspirin or beta-blockers would do.

"All these pills work the same way," he said. "They control the flow of ions in a very specific way; they're tailor made. I like to think of this (cyclotron-resonance hypothesis) as a pharmaceutical replacement."

And the concept works. It has already been used as an improved treatment for "non-union fractures," a condition that affects tens of thousands of Americans, according to Liboff.

Breaks in long bones refuse to heal for a variety of reasons, often necessitating amputation of the



Physics professor Abe Liboff stands next to electromagnetic field devices.

limb.

Since 1973, doctors repaired the breaks by using massive equipment to pass an electric current through platinum electrodes inserted into holes drilled in the bone.

Using Liboff's theory, a group of Denver and Seattle investors devised a set of coils that could be fitted over or under a cast and powered by a cigarette-package-sized battery.

Not all the effects of electromagnetic fields are beneficial, but

Liboff's theory might explain some of the hazards.

"It is now the model of choice in connection with the reports on cancer that occur from power lines," Liboff said.

Despite denials from utilities and other scientists that a link exists between cancer and power-transmission lines, public concern continues to grow about their powerful electromagnetic fields.

"There is no doubt in our mind, the resonance-model hypothesis

basically explains the business of the 60 hertz cancer deaths," Liboff said.

Although the theory does not explain the how cancer starts, it does suggest a reason for the apparently inconsistent cancer statistics the utilities like to point to.

The power lines provide the fluctuating magnetic field pulsing at 60 cycles per second, while the earth's gravity provides the stable magnetic field.

The relationship between the two fields, how far the child's bedroom is from the power line, is critical to the effect.

Remarkable as the fava-bean patent is, Liboff does not envision a practical use.

"We know we can grow more productive wheat fields, but we don't need more wheat," he said.

Some far-sighted investor will have to discover an appropriate need.

In the meantime, Liboff is getting ready for the future, training three doctoral students in a new area of study, blending physics, biology, chemistry and bioelectromagnetics.

"We have a new paradigm," he said. "Is there an electromagnetic basis to living things? At one time, if you understood the chemistry, you understood it all. That's going to change over the next few decades."

## Prof trades classroom for county boardroom

By AL COOK  
Staff Writer

Time is no match for Patrick Johnson.

At age 62, having already raised four children, and spending 23 years teaching at Oakland University, Johnson launched a successful bid for Macomb County's top political job, chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

On Jan. 9, he finessed enough support from his fellow board members to secure the post by a one-vote margin.

Experience and political savvy carried the day as the old warrior, last of the original commissioners, forged the needed consensus among his Democratic compatri-

"When I first came to Oakland almost everyone was full-time, white, middle-class, born of yuppie parents..."

Patrick Johnson  
Macomb County Chairman

ots to oust incumbent Republican Michael Walsh.

That sounds a familiar chord for Robert Payne, Department of Human Resource Development chairman.

"Talk about warring factions - the picture of Patrick Johnson in the middle of that strikes me as right," he said.

Johnson found plenty of opportunity for a few scrapes at OU while serving as Director of Student Teaching between 1968 and 1972 and Department of Education head between 1976 and 1982.

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## KRS-ONE raps common sense

By SCOTT BERRY  
Staff Writer

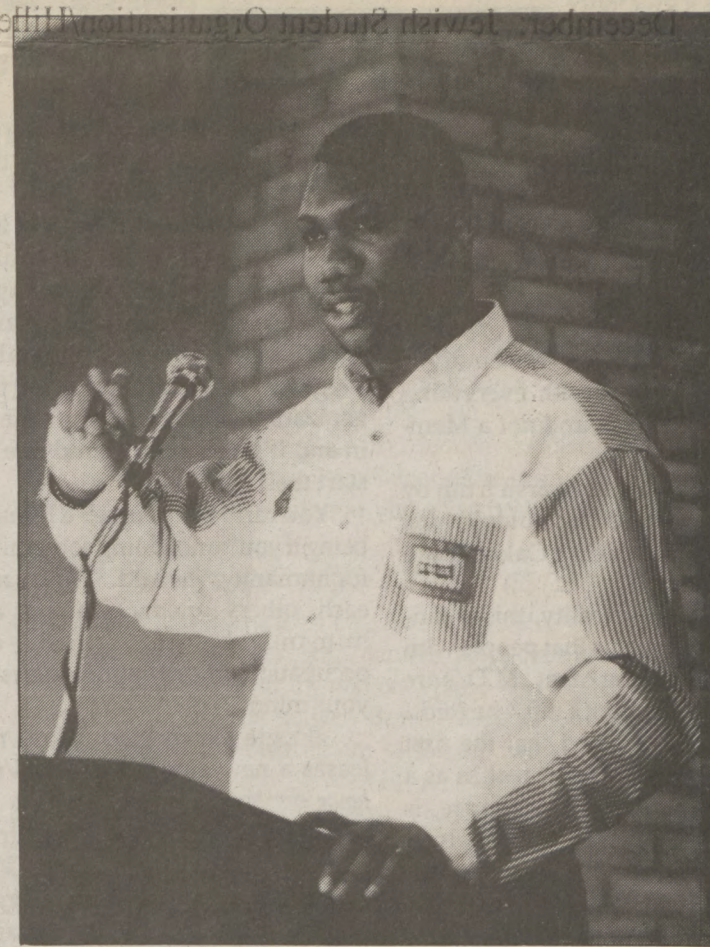
Rap artist KRS-ONE spoke to an audience of approximately 200 people in the Oakland Center last Wednesday as part of Black Awareness Months activities.

Human Education Against Lies (H.E.A.L.), the title of his talk and the name of the cultural awareness project he founded, focuses on motivating students to question the status quo of politics, education or religion and to use common sense as a guide to furthering the human race.

"Human beings need to be educated to move forward ... if you're not using your brain the senses being to lead you ... our brains are turned off. Common sense leads all senses," he said.

KRS-ONE spoke of what he calls the precursor to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) being CSDS—Common Sense Deficiency Syndrome.

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KRS-ONE tells over 200 students the importance of education to combat lies Feb. 5.

## Fingers do the talking for students, deaf

By EILEEN OXLEY  
Staff Writer

To many, the deaf community is a lonely world, isolated and apart from those of us who hear and speak. Surely they miss the beauty of Mozart's music, children's laughter, and other sounds most of us take for granted.

Not so, says Nanne Derby, adjunct faculty member of Oakland University's Department of Rhetoric, Communications and Journalism.

"Rather than to be regarded as a deviation from the hearing norm, deaf people prefer to be regarded as a variation of mankind. They don't consider themselves to be handicapped. They have a whole different way of looking at life," Derby said, speaking in The Oakland Center Saturday.

Derby's green eyes sparkled with enthusiasm as she described her experience as a teacher of American sign language (ASL) at OU.

An Orientation to Deafness or beginning ASL class is offered each fall with an advanced ASL class presented the following

winter semester.

"I took beginning ASL as an elective. I thought signing would be easy to learn," said Dana Mascari, 22, a senior communications major and former student of Derby's who sat beside her.

Mascari found the class so inspiring that she developed a real compassion for the deaf community. She wants to learn more and hopes to do volunteer work for the deaf after graduation. One of her goals is to make hearing people more aware of the myths and problems that surround the deaf community.

Derby, who says she "loves to sign," finds most of her students are like Mascari, hearing people who are curious and want to learn sign language as another form of communication.

For years, Derby said, parents of deaf children have tried to teach them to speak in order to make them like hearing people and thus more "normal."

"They think they're doing the right thing. They want them to

speak," Derby said.

But there is a lack of understanding on society's part, Derby said, because signing is a language that deaf citizens grasp as quickly and naturally as the hearing adapt to the English language.

"Only five percent of hearing parents sign and only very few sign well," Derby said.

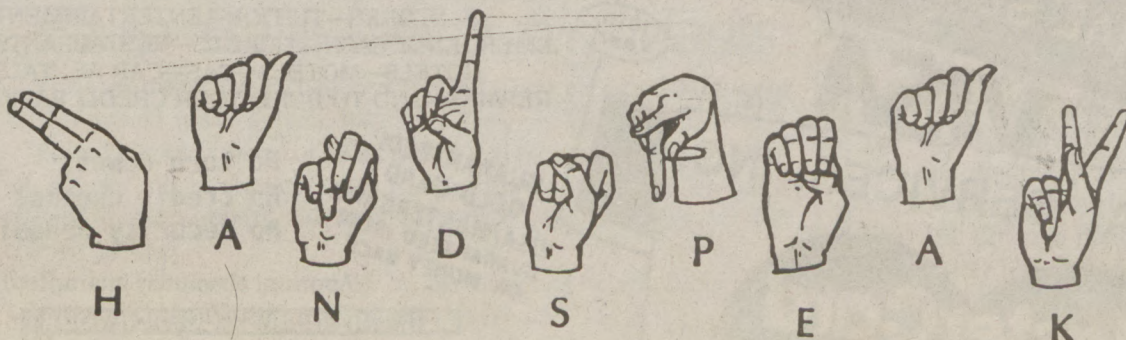
One of the stories Derby likes to tell is about a mother of one of her deaf students at OCC, where she is also an adjunct faculty member and bilingual implementor.

The mother, who was concerned about her deaf daughter, was told by authorities to not even gesture, but she began to sign anyway to her nine-month-old baby.

"Her eyes popped out and she paid attention immediately. This is what it's like for them to see their own language at first," Derby said.

Though research on ASL is relatively new, programs and opportunities are slowly beginning to change for the deaf community, Derby said.

Community Services for the Hearing Impaired, located in Pontiac, is an agency that can put you in touch with other benefits such as See SIGN page 8





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"We were doing a reorganization of the school, streamlining, ten years ago," said Gerald Pine, Dean of the School of Human Resources and Educational Services. "He exercised strong leadership to bring it and all the folks in the school together. He went so far as to eliminate one of his own positions - not a faculty position, but a leadership position."

Progress - finding a better way to get the job done - is always important to Johnson.

This month, he will present his State-of-the-County address, outlining plans to encourage new, high-tech industry, an airport, and a university for Macomb.

Looking back, he remembers OU when it was "2500 students in a cow-pasture" in 1967 that grew into

a "large diverse institute with a personal touch."

Now he sees a school providing the products the community needs like providing doctorate degrees at night at a time when many universities cannot attract graduate students.

"When I first came to Oakland almost everyone was full-time, white, middle-class, born of yuppie parents or aspiring to be yuppies. Its nature has changed completely. In the future the trend will be to put the universities where the people are. It's less expensive and makes for a more variegated, interesting student body," he said.

He hopes his new initiatives will help unite OU, Wayne State and the University of Michigan into a triangle of advanced technology and academic innovation much like Ann Arbor.

"I can remember Ann Arbor in the late thirties - a dreamy little town with a fine university. Now, Ann Arbor's part of a megalopolis.

It does tremendous research - world famous - world class. It's one of our greatest assets. Oakland is moving in that direction now," said Johnson.

One proposal Johnson makes is to hire a professional administrator to handle Macomb's growing bureaucracy, noting the county has a population greater than six states.

That would leave the County CEO free to lead effectively.

"The things that affect us most don't happen here; they happen in Lansing and Washington as a result of other federal and state bureaucracies. The board chairperson should be the front person, the contact person, not only to get the right things done, but to prevent

the wrong things from happening before they get to the floor in Lansing or Washington," Johnson said.

He sees the same logic applying to OU's presidential position.

"Anybody who gets that job at any university and breaks even as an administrator is lucky because the professors have one idea how a university should be run, and they are powerful. They almost always demand a professor type, a well-known scholar to be the administrator. Quite often great scholars aren't great administrators," he said.

Not that he has anything against professor types.

He finds himself nostalgic at times for the professorial life, and the stimulus of keeping ahead of

the students, but he turned down an opportunity last year to teach summer school.

"Some people can do it part-time successfully if they dedicate themselves to it, but right now I feel I can make my contribution in government," Johnson said.

That dedication and sense of contribution shows up in Johnson's favorite hobby.

Since 1976 he has been uncovering his family tree and writing a history to be passed down to his children and grand-children.

As a scholar, only verifiable facts would do, and the story must be complete, but with the family names of Johnson and Murphy, "the Irish version of Smith and Jones," the quest is formidable.

"There were 69 who could have been my great-grandfather," said Johnson. "We found the church where we were pretty sure my grandfather was buried. The priest took us out on this beautiful bluff overlooking this huge valley. It

was still kind of pristine. He said now this is the part of the cemetery we have all the records for, and the part over there is where the poor Irish are buried with just a wooden cross for a marker."

At times, his sometimes-fumbling search has left him "feeling chagrined and foolish, but never frustrated."

Much of his family history, he learned at his grandparents' knees.

"We stand on the shoulders of others as far as progress is concerned," Johnson said.

He practiced that sermon at his Oakland retirement party in 1990 when he requested, instead of a farewell gift, that a collection of children's books be donated to the School of Human and Educational Services Resource Center.

He probably could have had a gold watch, but he wanted something more timeless.

**"Quite often great scholars aren't great administrators."**

Patrick Johnson  
Macomb County Chairman

# KRS-ONE

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"Before you rob anybody first you lose your common sense ... Before you go to the crack house you lose common sense."

KRS-ONE, whose actual name is Kris Parker, is a self-taught individual who at one time was a street person in New York City. He went on to form the rap group Boogie Down Productions (BDP) who have consistently produced albums which stimulate thinking at the price of commercial success. He most recently recorded the song "Radio Song" with the rock band R.E.M. which brought KRS-ONE to a mainstream audience.

The idea of human civilization not truly existing since there is no social interaction between one another to advance humanity, KRS-ONE said.

"Barbarians look for better ways to kill versus prolonging life. In a society like this (where) more money is in the military than education we have no chance but to become barbarians," he said. "We're acting out of barbarism not out of love for other people."

KRS-ONE criticized organized religion as a system of beliefs that are rarely questioned and as a result humans end up following blindly without truly knowing God.

"The only way you know God is to ask questions about God. Our belief is what is holding us back from God," KRS-ONE said. "We're so lost we're looking for God in the Bible ... God is

**"We're acting out of barbarism not out of love for other people."**

KRS-ONE  
Rap Artist

KRS-ONE discussed the state of the education system in the U.S. and urged students to get beyond "memorization training" by asking real questions and not accepting the words of their teachers as fact.

"People who rely only on memory can react only from memory ... intellectuals deal with everything so use your mind and not a Memorax tape."

He drove home a harsh truth by saying that students shouldn't think they are going to leave Oakland and get a job.

"This is not reality, this is fantasy. The reality is that people with Ph.D.'s are driving cabs ... M.D.'s are working in Burger King," he said.

He also stressed that the first thing that people must realize as a society who wants to advance, is the need to do away with labels.

"Label number one - black-white. Who's that? Who is really black or white? Can you imagine if a yellow man walked across this stage? We resort to these labels, but you are a human being first ... why can't we exist as human beings? ... Ain't nobody acting human," he said.

something you feel ... God is not living in the sky he lives in the body."

He urged listeners to respect life regardless of race, creed or sexual orientation. He asked people to get in touch with their history and appreciate their ancestry. He also suggested that students join an organization with ideals they believe in and if they couldn't find one to start their own.

"You can't call yourself a human being if you're not doing something for humanity," he said. "We are not each others enemy ... we are all human before race or occupation ... the revolution starts in your mind."

Boogie Down Productions releases a new album *Sex And Violence* on February 25. The H.E.A.L. Project's album *Civilization Vs. Technology* features Ice-T, Ziggy Marley, Michael Stipe, Billy Bragg amongst others and is currently available in record stores.

# Sign

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interpreting services, AA programs for deaf only and education programs.

ASL interpreters are provided now in courts and hospitals, he said.

Bloomfield Hills Public Schools has a mainstream program for deaf children, where interpreters are provided in classrooms where deaf students participate.

"In our area, you can also contact Oakland Schools who provide special education experts on 'ness," Derby said.

There are also deaf rights groups such as The Michigan Association of Deaf Citizens (MADC) and The Oakland Society for Deaf Children (MSDC).

Derby would like to see colleges and universities offer ASL for foreign language and college credit.

"Some colleges do, but not in Michigan," Derby said.

When Derby was asked about her hobbies, her warmth radiated as much as the gleaming auburn hair that caught the lights in the Oakland Center.

"My hobbies are my deaf students and my hearing students," she said.

# Congress

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Davis, executive assistant Amy Rickstad and student services chair Matt Taszreak were elected to attend the conference. Rickstad and Taszreak were originally chosen by Wilczynski to attend.

Controversy about the conference arose last week when Congress members argued that the representation at the conference, which five SPB members will also attend, was not diverse enough to ensure a variety of programs for OU students.

Davis, who is also active in the Residence Halls Council, told Congress she plans to add her input to

diversify entertainment.

"I feel the programs (now) are very separated - the majority goes here, the minorities go there. It (diversified programming) could unite us, possibly," Davis said.

Wilczynski took himself out of the running to attend the conference, although he was nominated to go.

"Due to the reaction we got from Congress last week I'm not going to go," Wilczynski said. "It would probably not be in the best interest of Congress if I went."

In other business, Maura Selahowski, director of CIPO, said that when lines on the parking lot are repainted in the spring, half of the spaces reserved for ride pool students will become regular spaces.

# Pranks

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puter, however, investigators can't determine who actually made the call.

"Unfortunately I can't charge a telephone with an offense, I must charge a person," Gilroy said.

This creates problems when as many as four to six people live in a suite plus guests. During past situations, sometimes a resident of the suite wasn't even there.

"In instances like that it makes it

real tough to nail down the responsible party so we'll turn it over to Residence Halls because their rules and standards are different than the statute," Gilroy said.

When Residence Halls gets a complaint, a fact finding process occurs where residents, witnesses and anyone else involved is questioned. "University sanctioning against a guilty party can range from a warning to probation to suspension from the Residence Halls depending on that persons level of involvement and prior disciplinary history," McGill said.

# Crime

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perspective on women in a few sessions. The problem goes far Gilroy should change the focus of the sessions.

"I think that the sessions should focus on the consequences of rape because if men see more instances when more men are convicted of rape, it would definitely decrease,"

she said.

To decrease the larceny reports on campus, OU student Corey Speight believes that OU Police needs to investigate the larceny complaints.

"Last year, I reported my sweater stolen from the laundry room to the OU Police. They did not investigate my complaint even when I told them that I knew the girl who stole the sweater," he said.

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# Menus

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tional chairs, plastic flatware and styrofoam plates and cups.

There is nothing on the south end of the campus and if you have a class ending at 9:30 p.m. you can just starve.

One of the things a person hopes and expects to get from a university campus is the chance to meet with fellow students and exchange ideas. OU is unique in that it has a mixture of on-campus and commuter students, full-time, part-time, young and old and accessible faculty members. But there's no place on campus where these people can meet in a setting that does not scream "institution."

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## THEATER

Cobb is Meadow Brook Theatre's latest play which is a presentation of the former Detroit Tiger Ty Cobb's life. "Cobb" starts Feb. 13 and will be performed through March 8. Call 377-3316 for ticket information. **West Side Story**, a contemporary version of "Romeo and Juliet," is being produced by the Department of Music, Theatre and Dance and begins March 13. **Cruisin' Detroit**, is a montage of the best skits, monologues and brief one-acts from the plays "Detroit Stories," **Cruisin' Woodward** and "Jingle Bells the Hard Way" and is being performed at the Detroit's Attic Theatre. Call 875-8284 for ticket information.

## CONCERTS

**Black Awareness Concert** featuring The Oakland University Symphonic Wind Ensemble and directed by Dr. James Dawson will perform in the Varner Recital Hall, Feb. 14. Call 370-3013 for more information. **Panic In Detroit 2** featuring *Charm Farm* and *Brotherhood Recipe*, a fashion show provided by Detroit Motorcycle Company and an appearance from James Hyde from *Dead Or Alive* will happen at St. Andrews Hall, Feb. 14. Call 961-MELT for more information. **Primal Scream** at St. Andrews Hall, Friday, Feb. 21. Call 961-MELT for more information. **The Precursors of Bach**, music for two violins, violoncello and harpsichord by Johann Sebastian Bach, will be held at Christ Church Cranbrook-Guild Hall on Friday, Feb. 21. Call 643-7788 for more information. **Peter Himmelman** at Industry in Pontiac Sunday, Feb. 23. Call 334-1999 for more information.

## MOVIES

**Life Is Sweet** a comical look at an English family will be shown from Feb. 14-16 at The Detroit Institute of Arts. Call 833-2323 for further information. **Wayne's World** opens nationally, Feb. 14 and stars Mike Myers and Dana Carvey. The movie is based on the "Saturday Night Live" skit which depicts the rock 'n roll misadventures of Wayne Campbell and his sidekick Garth who together host a late night cable access TV show which broadcasts from the Campbell's basement in Aurora, Ill. **The Adventures of the Great Mouse Detective**, Walt Disney Pictures' 26th full-length animated feature which opens nationally Feb. 14, is a tale about a mysterious kidnapping of a master toymaker which sets into motion an entertaining comic caper.

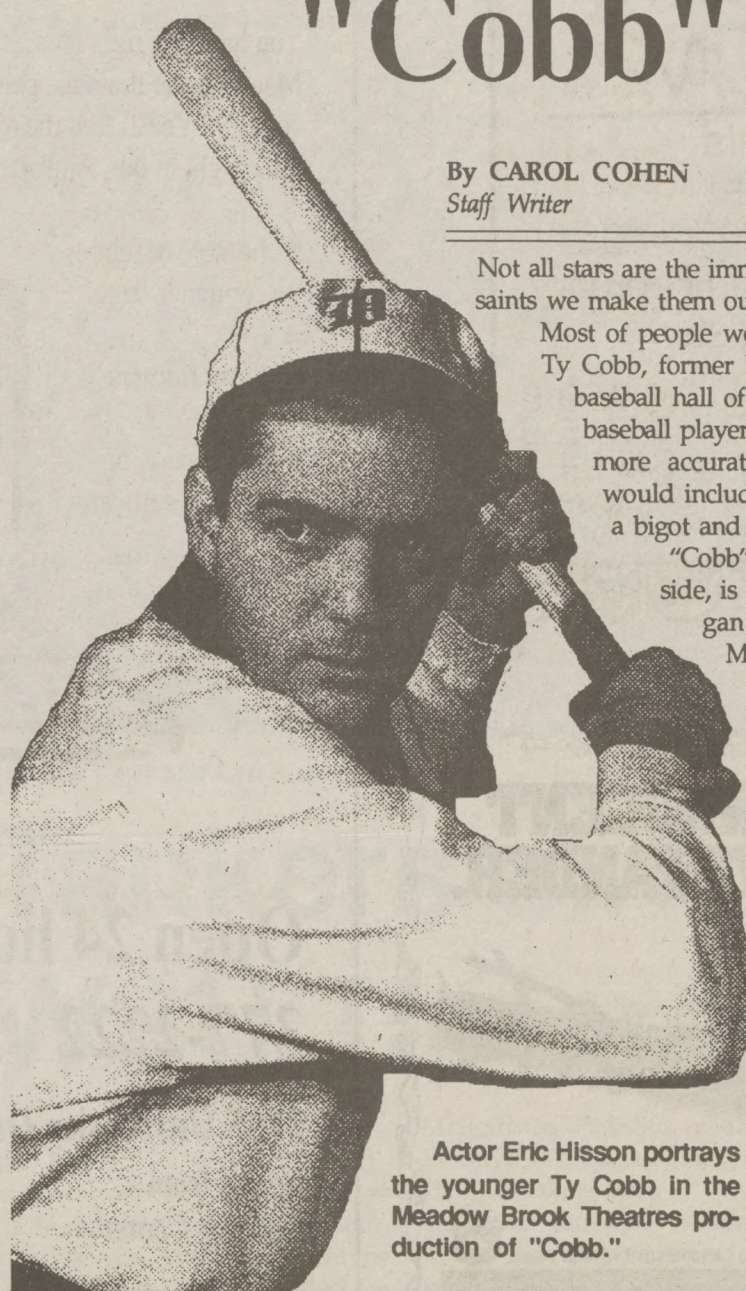
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## "Cobb" hopes for a grand slam

By CAROL COHEN  
Staff Writer

Actor Eric Hisson portrays the younger Ty Cobb in the Meadow Brook Theatre production of "Cobb."

Not all stars are the immortal or super human saints we make them out to be.

Most of people would like to remember Ty Cobb, former Detroit Tiger and first baseball hall of famer, as the greatest baseball player who ever lived, but a more accurate description of him would include the fact that he was a bigot and a violent man.

"Cobb" a play about his dark side, is explored in the Michigan debut tomorrow at Meadow Brook Theatre.

The plays portrays the truth behind the legend, Jim Spittle, managing director of Meadow Brook Theatre, said.

"The play is a very theatrical presentation of Ty Cobb's life. It reveals the man behind the legend and what makes him tick. It talks about him as a sports hero and as a troubled human being," Spittle said.

In fact, Cobb was so disliked that only three people showed up for his funeral in Atlanta on July 17, 1961, after he died of cancer at age 74.

In the play, which is set in an imaginary ballpark, Cobb is forced to confront his past. He pleads with the audience to remember him differently than what he is.

Cobb's life story is put together by three characters representing various life stages. There is the 20-year-old "Georgia Peach," a 40-year-old Ty and the 70-year-old Mr. Cobb. The actors portray the complex ballplayer's different sides and memories.

During the performance Cobb's thoughts are frequently interrupted by Oscar Charleston, who was nicknamed the "Black Cobb" of the Negro Baseball League because of his strong playing capabilities and quick temper.

Although Cobb and Charleston never played against each other, Charleston serves as the antagonist in the play, who reminds Cobb of certain instances in his life he would like to forget. These incidents include hideous examples of the way Cobb treated other people.

"The play accurately reflects the life of Ty Cobb and it's not a Cobb bashing play," Spittle said. "You walk away feeling sorry for the man, but at the same time in awe of him for what he accomplished as a sports star, but not as a human being."

"Cobb" is the latest play by Lee Blessing who is also the author of "A Walk In The Woods" which was produced at Meadow Brook Theater in 1990.

"My play is more about Ty Cobb than baseball. He was a very, very bitter man. But he was driven to be the best," Blessing said.

John Ulmer, who has directed more than a dozen shows at Meadow Brook including "The Boys Next Door" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream," returns to direct this fascinating and somewhat disturbing portrait of the man known as the "Georgia Peach."

Meadow Brook is the fourth theater in the country to produce the play, Spittle said. "Cobb" opened in 1989 at the Yale Repertoire in New Haven, Conn. Later it traveled to Atlanta and then went on to San Diego in 1990.

Cobb was the first player to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame and played for the Detroit Tigers from 1905-20 and was a player/manager, like Pete Rose, from 1921-26.

For the first three decades of the twentieth century, he lead the field in hitting with a life time batting average of .419, also lead in base stealing and run producing.

Cobb used violence to intimidate opposing players and early 1900's social prejudices were reflected in Cobb's racist gestures. He refused to play against black baseball teams fearing a black man might show him up. He was in favor of maintaining the Negro Baseball League.

"Cobb" runs from Feb. 13 to March 8 at Meadow Brook Theatre. Student, senior and group discount tickets are available. For more information call 377-3300.

Mississippi Masala  
spices up  
the screenBy EILEEN OXLEY  
Staff Writer

In India a masala is a mixture of pungent spices guaranteed to set fire to anyone's lips.

In *Mississippi Masala*, Indian director Mira Nair (*Salaam Bombay!*) sets fire to the screen by presenting a film that dares to cross the boundaries and challenge the taboos of interracial romance in America.

Like Spike Lee's *Jungle Fever*, *Masala* is also lovingly and painstakingly woven through colorful characters, settings and stories.

This time around though it's not black and white, it's Afro-American and Indian-American.

The picture begins in 1972 with a confrontation between two friends—an Indian, Okelo, and an African, Jay, who learn of Idi Amin's plan to expel the Indians from Uganda. Jay, a descendent of those who were brought from their native land to build the East African railway in the 1800's, has only known Africa as his home.

But now, Okelo tells Jay, "Africa is for Africans—black Africans."

Jay, his Indian wife, Kinnu and young daughter, Mina, move from Uganda to Greenwood, Miss., living in one of the many Indian-owned motels in the South.

There, two different strong cultures exist—the Afro-Americans



Dexter (Tico Wells), Mina (Sarita Choudhury), Tryone (Charles Dutton) and Demetrius (Denaai Washington) enjoy a barbecue in *Mississippi Masala*.

who have never known Africa and the Asian Indians who have never known India. But both are fiercely loyal to their own traditions.

One day, years later, grown-up Mina literally collides with Demetrius, a proud Afro-American, when she crashes into the back of his truck.

They collide again one night in a club and realize they're strongly attracted to each other.

They also realize they are sort of kindred spirits, both "masalas", who have been mixed-up and uprooted from different countries and cultures, never knowing what home is. In this respect, their differences ironically become similarities.

And they both know the hard labor of living in white society. He cleans carpets, she cleans johns.

Ultimately, love blossoms, and Mina and Demetrius embark on a clandestine romance, hidden from the protection and watchful eyes of their parents.

When their relationship is discovered—in a motel, of course—the worlds of their families collide too.

Most of the actors in this film are refreshing unknowns with the exception of Academy Award winning Denzel Washington (Glory).

Sarita Choudhury plays Mina with deftness and depth, as the shy young woman who must choose between losing her family's rigidity and respect and gaining her own free will within a country that prom-

ises freedom to choose.

Washington, who can play anything from the brash young soldier in *Glory* to the tragic historical figure in *Richard III*, is comfortable and laid-back as Demetrius.

The other characters, notably Roshan Seth (*Gandhi*) as Jay, and Joe Seneca (*Crossroads*) as Williben, Demetrius' father, are simply superb.

With the music, ranging from African tribal drums to Indian sitar to American blues, the photography of lush Uganda and seedy streets in Greenwood, and the humor and pathos of the characterizations, Nair has created a "masala" that never fails to provide us with unforgettable images.

But it's the central theme of color that is the real star of this movie.

Audiences will realize this is a film about the huge melting pot of America and the many interesting hues of the rainbow that exist here.

It's a film about and for Americans and what America really stands for—the freedom to defy, to choose and to change those prejudices, colors and traditions that have barricaded us from reaching out and knowing each other as humans.

"I know you and your daughter ain't but a few shades away from this right here," Demetrius says to Mina's father.

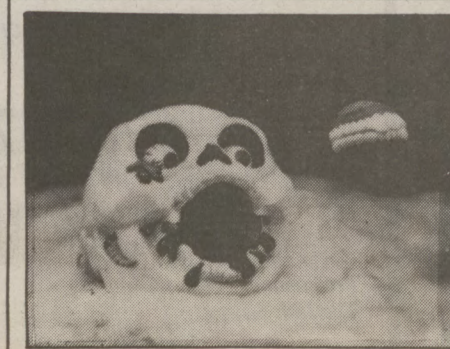
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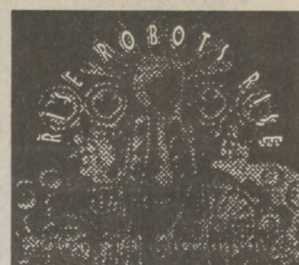
## Latest Releases

By SCOTT BERRY  
Staff Writer

## Rap rhymes and horns mix for a solid beat

**RISE ROBOTS RISE** Talk is Cheap/Flowers and Birds EP TVT Records 1992

This band remains quite mysterious on the CD sleeve, but after popping the disc into the player their jazzy hip-hop beats speak for themselves. This EP features two mixes of each song, and the original mix of each is recommended. Dare I say that Rise Robots Rise is a funkier version of P.M. Dawn? I dare. The band mixes funky rap rhymes with horns over a layer of beats that will keep you busy on the dance floor. Both tracks feature male and female vocalists laying smooth vocals over robotic rhythms. Rise Robots Rise's single is preceding a full album which will be coming at you this spring.



## Reed continues with more intense lyrics

**LOU REED** Magic And Loss Sire Records 1992

The master poet is back with another song-cycle of introspection and wonderfully sparse instrumentation. *Magic And Loss* follows *New York* his critically acclaimed success from 1988 and his most recent release *Songs For Drella* a tribute album to former manager and mentor Andy

Warhol which he performed with fellow Velvet Underground member John Cale. *Magic And Loss* is dedicated to two people who died from cancer and the songs throughout reflect on the theme of death from various cancers. Lou Reed always has a way with words and this time around is no exception. Besides death, the songs revolve around dealing with despair and a longing to change the crumbling world around him.

The music is as intense as the lyrics and usually consists of Reed's recognizable electric guitar along with guitarist and co-producer Mike Rathke's trademark strumming and Rob Wasserman's electric upright bass. The song "No Chance" is an exercise in regret: "But me I'm all emotional no matter how I try you're gone and I'm still here alive...No I didn't get a chance to say goodbye." The first single "What's Good" is also featured in the film and on the soundtrack of *Until The End Of The World*. Lou Reed has crafted another album of intense lyrics and music that is emotional without being overwhelming. *Magic And Loss* is actually inspiring in a beautiful way. He will embark on a U.S. tour later this spring in which he will perform the album in its entirety.

## Pop fans should take notice of Saints

**SAINT ETIENNE** Foxbase Alpha Warner Brothers Records 1991

Saint Etienne hail from England and are currently enjoying some stateside success with their cover version of Neil Young's "Only Love Can Break Your Heart" which actually dates back to 1990 when the band released it on England's Heavenly Records. Neil Young lyrics with a catchy dance beat—it was waiting to be done. Saint Etienne comes up with some light-hearted dance fare on their debut release which often includes dreamy pop and spoken word interludes. Besides the first single, other suggested cuts include "People Get Real" and "Nothing Can Stop Us" although nothing quite stands out as much as "Only Love Can Break Your Heart." Fans of Dream Attack, Dee-Lite and even the Dream Academy should really take notice of Saint Etienne.





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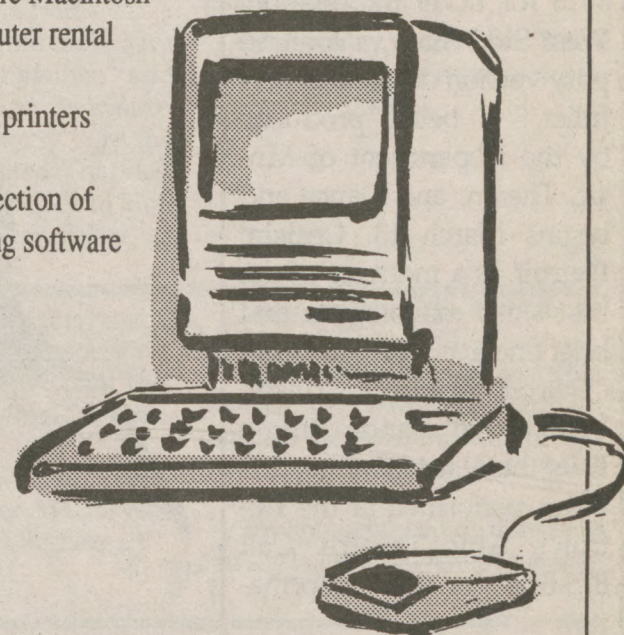
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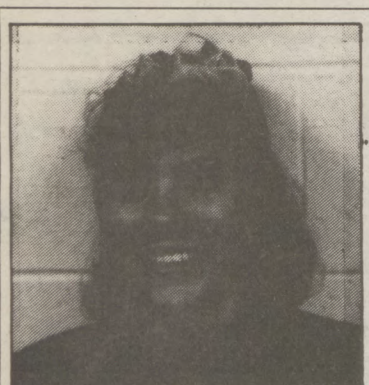
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## Take me out to the ballgame?

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to opening day 1993 at your new Detroit Tiger Dome. Today, the Tigers are taking on the Seattle Mariners. Whoa. Stop the tape. Did I hear the Seattle Mariners?? As if the thought of having a new Tiger Stadium doesn't tick me off enough, the concept of having Japanese ownership of a major league baseball team is really scary. With the growing climate of hostility between Japan and the United States, major league baseball is sitting on a very large powderkeg of controversy no matter which way the owners elect.

The situation facing baseball is the following; the American League West's Seattle Mariners Baseball Club is in financial trouble. The team's current owner, broadcasting tycoon Jeff Smulayan bought the team in 1988 under special financing deal worked out with baseball. Thanks to the recession, Smulayan is unable to meet his loan payments, so he is either shopping the Mariners around or threatening to move them to St. Petersburg, Fla.

A group of investors, backed by the Nintendo Corporation of Japan, is proposing an offer to buy the Mariners from Smulayan. No one knows how serious this offer is or if Smulayan would even accept it, but the mere thought of foreign ownership of a baseball team disturbs some people.

However, the thought of a Japanese owner in "our" national pastime has enraged even more. I'm not outraged or enraged about this, but call me actively concerned.

I'm not a Japan-basher. In fact, I like Japan. I'm just not sure if any major league baseball team should have foreign ownership. I understand that some minor league teams are indeed owned by baseball-crazed investors and that they are running those clubs very successfully.

The part of anti-foreign protestors' argument that rings true with me is that foreign investors are not allowed to own Japanese major-league baseball clubs thanks to protectionist laws. If we cannot own one of their teams, why should they get a crack at ours??

I understand that this is quite a protectionist theory, but I believe in fair play in baseball, both on and off the field.

The Nintendo group cannot be blamed for wanting to own a baseball team, but they are a mere pawn in Smulayan's game to keep the Mariners to himself.

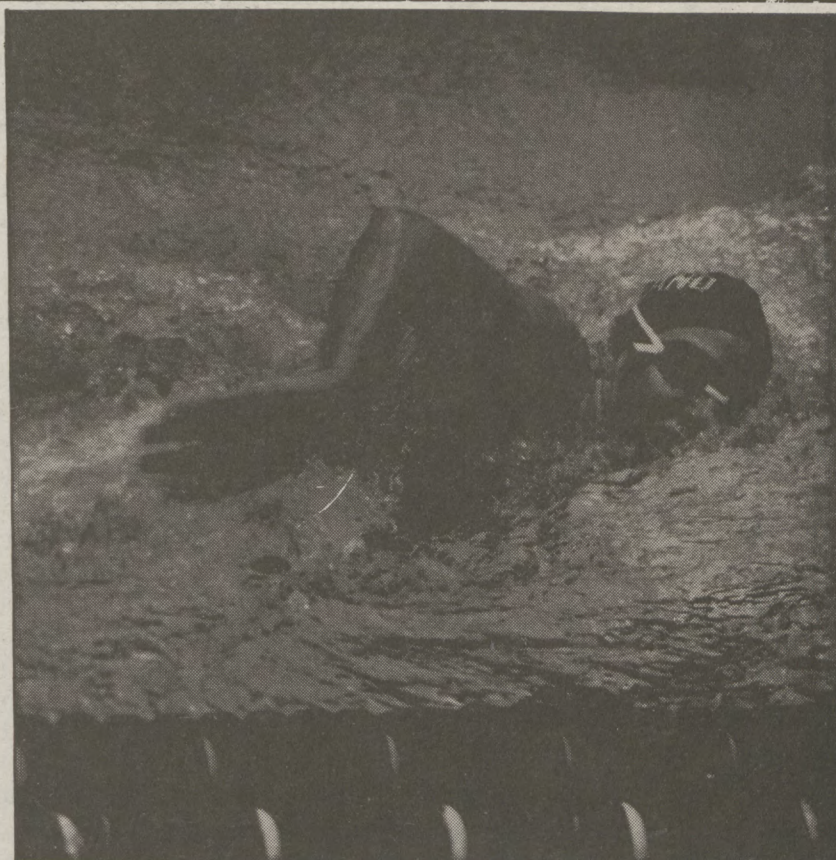
That threatened move to the Sunshine state is supposed to force Seattle of put together a favorable package of economic incentives to keep the Mariners in town.

So far, Seattle has not put together a package, so Smulayan is back to possibly selling the team.

Hence, that's where the Nintendo group has jumped into the game.

In the end, Major League baseball's board of owners get to decide if Dr. Mario will indeed cure the Mariners financial woes.

But, if I had a vote, I would turn off Nintendo's bid until other foreign owners receive the same opportunities of Japanese professional club ownership.



Senior swimmer Lyn Shermer

## Tankers sink WSU Tartars

By ERIC DeMINK  
Staff Writer

OU, swimming against an out-manned and outclassed Wayne State squad, severely thrashed the Tartars, 128-46.

It was a washout from start to finish with the Pioneers taking 11 of 11 events (with the two diving events run as exhibition). "It was a low pressure situation for us, and the outcome was a bit disappointing," said Coach Pete Hovland. Disappointing, that is, if you made the trek from Detroit to Rochester.

OU, who humbled the Tartars last year, once again sent them packing in this return engagement at Lepley Friday afternoon.

The Pioneers came out swinging at the opening bell with the 400 yd. Medley Relay squad of seniors Shayne Wilson, Zak Rogalski, and Phil Schwaiger and sophomore Sean Peters (3:46.64) cruising in 18 seconds better than the WSU corps. Junior Carl Boyd (10:34.16) and freshman Jamie May (10:51.10) were one-two in the 1000 Freestyle, and were heralds for Pioneer sweeps in each of the next three contests.

Senior Jeff Seifert (1:47.85) edged mate-nemesis senior Eric

McIlquham (1:48.56) in the 200 Freestyle, with junior Enos Pritchett (1:54.06) taking third.

The 50 Freestyle belonged to junior Jeff Van Norman (:22.37), who was just over a tenth better than Schwaiger (:22.48). Wilson (:24.58) capped it, pulling in third.

Freshman Eric Newton (2:04.99) captured the 200 Individual Medley over junior mate Doug Allen (2:06.90) and Peters (2:07.20), and returned in the 100 Butterfly to score his deuce, in :56.86. (Note: Freshman Steve Traube swam the event in :55.30, but ran exhibition).

At this point the score was 81-20 and the Pioneers showed some mercy, swimming seven of eleven swimmers exhibition in the last four events, while winning all four.

Winners included Pritchett (:49.64) in the 100 Freestyle, May (1:02.90) in the 100 Backstroke, Schwaiger (4:58.93) in the 500 Freestyle, and Rogalski (1:04.97) in the 100 Breaststroke.

The Pioneers finished the afternoon as they began - in a blaze.

Teal, McIlquham, Seifert, and Boyd just missed on the 400 Free Relay. Their time of 3:05.65 was just four tenths off the pool record (3:05.25).

## Senior Schermer swims to success

By THERESA O'KRONLEY  
Staff Writer

As graduation time approaches, most seniors will reminisce about the good times they've had and close friends they've made. But few can walk away with the memories of senior swimmer Lyn Shermer.

Shermer, second-year captain of the two-time National Division II Championship Pioneers said what she will miss most about her years at Oakland is the closeness of the team.

"Being on any athletic team, you have an instant family. It's not just a friendship we've made because I know ten years down the road I'll still be in contact with a lot of the people who were part of the swim team," she said.

It is this same "family" that has contributed to one of the fondest memories of her OU career.

During her sophomore year trip to the National meet, she was a part of the relay team that was the decid-

ing factor.

"We had this big joke going all year that 'wouldn't it be funny if the national meet came down to our relay event' - then it did and we won it. It was really exciting to be a part of that."

That is only one of the many accomplishments Shermer has achieved during her swimming career.



Lyn Shermer

In 1986, her junior year in high school, she was Class B Swimmer of the Year for Zeeland High School and in 1987 she helped Zeeland obtain the Class B state crown.

At Oakland, Shermer is a 21-time All-American and holds school records in

the 200 and 400 individual medley and has played a part in the 200, 400, and 800 freestyle relay teams.

In addition, she holds the GLIAC record in the 200 and 400 IM. She

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## OU splits with NMU

By ERIC DeMINK  
and Nanci ROSENBERG  
Staff Writers

The OU women squared off against backyard nemesis Northern Michigan University this weekend and came away splitting meets held over Friday and Saturday at Lepley.

The top ranked Pioneers defeated second-ranked NMU Friday evening, 105-99.

Led by sophomore Amy Comerford, the Pioneers took four of eleven events, while establishing two pool records.

The 200 Medley Relay squad of Comerford, seniors Katie Ill, Cindi Parker, and junior Laura Fischer shattered a pool record (1:52.66) set

by CSUP. Their effort (1:49.79) was just under three seconds better.

After taking consecutive seconds in the 1650 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle, and 50 Freestyle, Comerford returned to capture the 200 Individual Medley in 2:11.15, ahead of senior mate Lynn Schermer who placed in at 2:13.23.

She then scored her deuce in the 100 Backstroke (:57.70) over heralded NMU junior Jennifer Kleeman (:59.64).

The Pioneers garnered their second pool record in event nine, three-meter diving when OU sophomore Ingrid Bartnik scored a 457.125. The effort was 11.125 points off the school record set by Leslie Ann O'Neill in 1987.

NMU picked up 21 points over

the last three events to make things close.

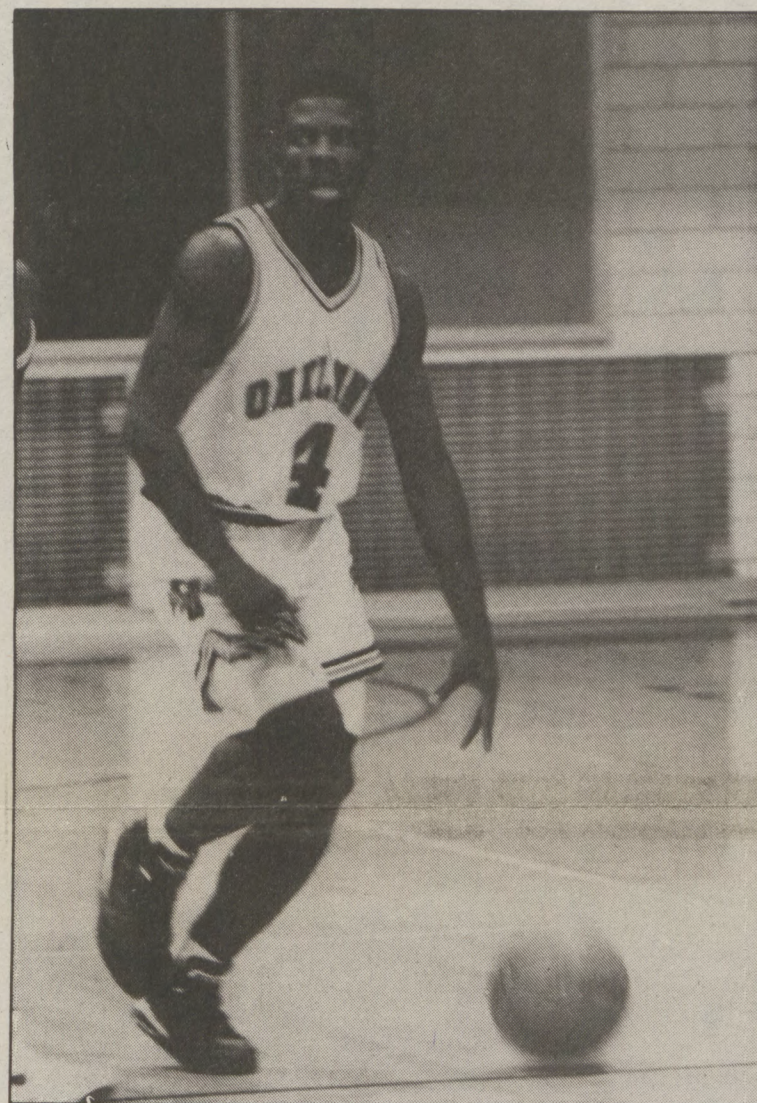
"There was a nice crowd Friday night who got to witness a pretty intense meet between two big rivals," said coach Tracy Huth.

The Pioneers returned Saturday afternoon "a little flat" according to Huth.

NMU, having jumped out to a 13 point lead through three events (34-21), took five of the last eight, and finished OU, 109-95.

The Pioneers first triumph did not take place until event four, the 400 Individual Medley, when all-American Schermer bested the field in 4:41.09. Junior Shannon Taylor pulled in third (4:50.70).

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Pioneer senior guard Eric Taylor in action.

## Pioneer success is Taylor made

By JOHN HONOS  
Staff Writer

He's a pure athlete. He's pure Pioneer. He's Taylor made.

Oakland University's All-American Eric Taylor is in control on the basketball court and in the game of life.

"Eric has meant a lot to this university and a lot to this basketball program, this university is lucky to have him," OU head coach Greg Kampe said.

In the past week alone, Eric reached two milestones in his basketball career.

First, he reached the 2,000 point plateau last Tuesday and second, he broke the all-time GLIAC career scoring record on Saturday.

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## Basketball takes to the road

By JOHN HONOS  
Staff Writer

The singer Meatloaf said it best: "Two out of three ain't bad" and that's exactly how the Oakland University men's basketball team fared last week.

The Pioneers are 13-8 overall, 6-4 in the GLIAC, after winning two out of three games. By splitting their conference games by winning a nail-biter against Saginaw Valley, losing in the last second to Grand Valley and winning convincingly in a non-conference game against Grand Rapids Baptist.

"If you were to ask me if I would have taken a split going into Grand Valley and Saginaw Valley before the season, I would have taken it," OU head coach Greg Kampe said.

OU's play last week placed them in a tie for third with Grand Valley behind second place Michigan Tech and first place Wayne State. The GLIAC race continues to be ex-

tremely tight as six teams are within two and a half games of first place. But more importantly, they are all vying for the top four spots which will give them a berth into the GLIAC post-season tournament.

Senior guard Eric Taylor scored 24 points in the routing of Grand Rapids Baptist 89-61 last Tuesday. Including Taylor, five Pioneers scored in double figures.

Sophomore forward Phil Johnson continued to respond well after being inserted in the starting lineup. He scored 10 points and grabbed five rebounds.

The Pioneers travelled to Grand Valley on Thursday and lost an important conference game 73-71. Oakland made a last minute run at Grand Valley, by recovering from an eight point deficit with 46 seconds to play, but fell short as the Lakers had four shots at the basket in the final 10 seconds.

Four Pioneers scored in double figures as Taylor led the Pioneers with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

Sophomore forward Tom Eller helped out with 15 points and six boards, while sophomore guard Ty McGregor chipped in 13 points. A solid game by sophomore forward Ken Crum netted him 10 points and seven rebounds.

However, the Pioneers rebounded on Saturday with a crucial overtime win at Saginaw Valley in a low-scoring game 56-53.

Taylor, the only Pioneer in double figures, was OU's offense as he scored 26 points and snagged 10 rebounds in the nail-biter. He shot a jumper with 14 seconds left in regulation to tie the game and with the help of McGregor's steal on Saginaw Valley's final possession sent it into overtime. Taylor scored eight of the Pioneers' 11 points in overtime to propel OU over Saginaw Valley.

"I hit my first shot in overtime which gave me confidence and I thought it was time for me to step up. I got in a rhythm and the shots

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## Pioneer of the Week

• Jennifer Golen • Senior guard • Women's Basketball •

Golen was named Pioneer and GLIAC player of the week for her offensive efforts versus Grand Valley State and Saginaw Valley State Universities. She scored 21 points in OU's 80-57 win over GVSU and single-handedly gave OU the win 78-77 over SVSU by scoring a clutch shot at the buzzer. Golen scored 20 points against SVSU.



# Taylor

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"He's the type of guy who comes along once in a coaching career; there aren't many coaches who coach a player who scores 2,000 points," Kampe said.

This is just one week in the life of Eric Taylor and he's not done yet. Taylor dreams of one day playing in the NBA, and if he has it his way, he will.

Surprisingly, football, not basketball, was Taylor's first love when he was growing up.

Taylor was raised in Wyoming Mich., just five minutes out of Grand Rapids, with his two sisters Lakeshia, 15 and Ericka, 9, by his mother Earline.

"For the most part I didn't have a father figure around," Taylor said. "It was basically my mom, she played both roles and she did a great job."

Eric's mother described him as a teaser. When he was young she said, he liked to make people laugh and he was fun. He wasn't too much trouble.

Sundays were go-to-church-days in the Taylor family. Taylor's mother remembers Sunday mornings well, especially the difficult task of getting him dressed for church.

"I would get him dressed up for church, and we'd be leaving and he would run out of his room in his gym shoes," Earline said. "And don't even try to put a tie on Eric," she said.

Taylor speaks highly of his mother and said that she has had a great impact on his life.

"My mom was very supportive of me in anything I wanted to do, she always gave me leeway, but at the same time it was discipline," Taylor said. "She would make me go to church when sometimes I wouldn't want to go. But, when I got older I realized it would help me in the long run," he said.

Taylor said he learned and nurtured his athletic skills in his home town, Wyoming. Older cousins Keith, Rodney and Ken DeBose pushed him to excel in all areas of athletics.

Saturday mornings at the YMCA were where Taylor realized he could play basketball. His friends coaxed him, at age 10, to join the basketball league and eventually his team won the championship that year.

Taylor attended Wyoming Park High School where he participated in three sports, football, basketball and track.

But, in his junior year, Taylor decided his real potential was in basketball, so he streamlined his talents by dropping football and track and focused on basketball.

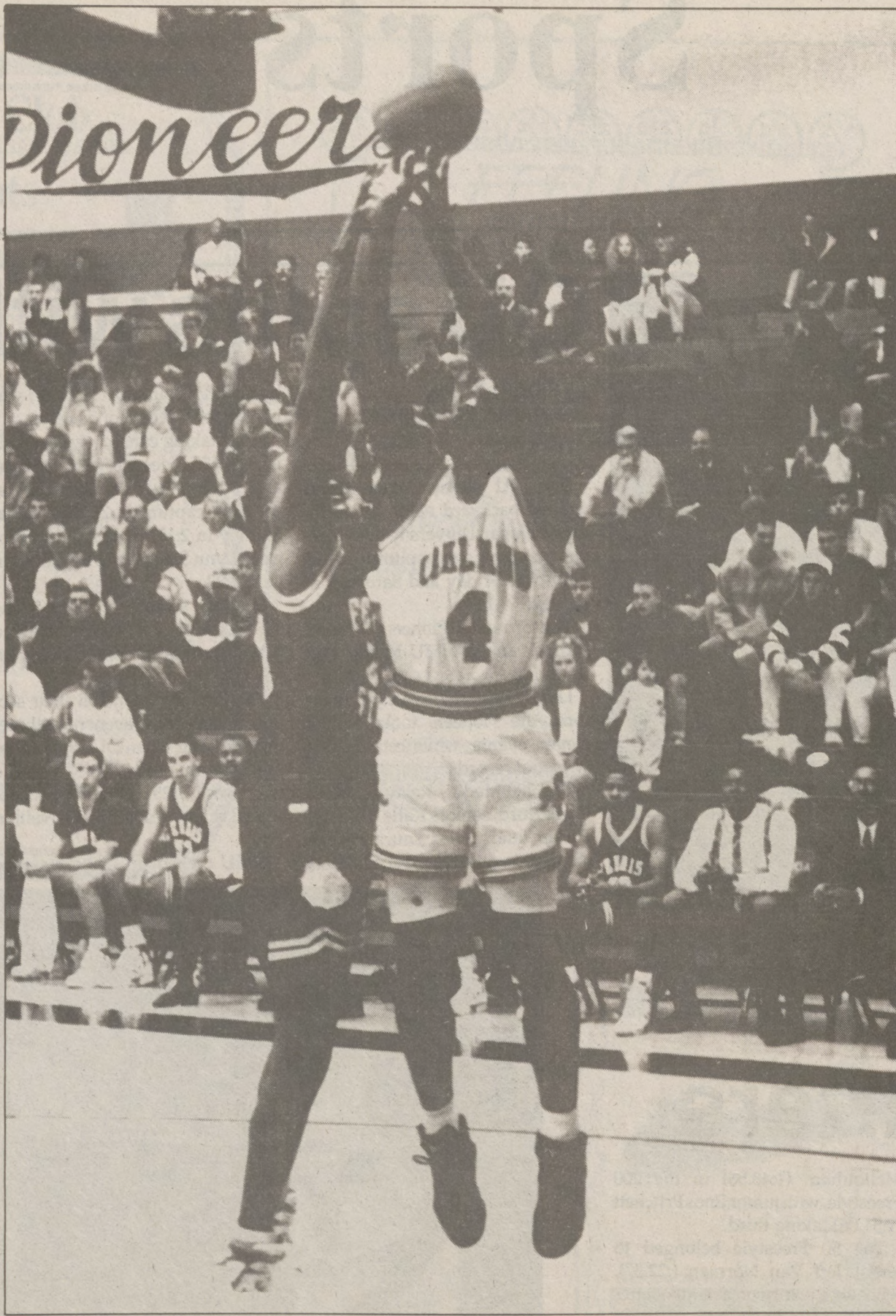
By focusing on basketball, he received All-State honors in his junior and senior years.

Taylor attributes his success to his high school coach Kelly McKwen.

"He helped me find myself, as far as finding potential and how far a good work ethic would take me," Taylor said.

As a senior, Taylor's dream was to play basketball at a Division I college. He was recruited by such schools as South Carolina, Southwest Missouri and Kent State.

But, these schools were looking for a guard to step right in his freshman year, and because Taylor took his ACT late, the Division I schools



Eric Taylor showing his jump shot form over an outstretched Ferris State University Bulldog defender in a recent GLIAC game at Lepley.

saw Taylor as a risk. They didn't want to take the chance he would become a proposition 48 and lose his freshman eligibility.

Division One's loss was Oakland's gain.

McKwen and Taylor came to Oakland to look at the school and the basketball program.

"I liked it. I liked the fast paced game Oakland ran—the run, gun and shoot—it was my type of game," Taylor said.

Oakland offered him a full scholarship to play basketball which he accepted.

In his freshman year, Taylor came off the bench and averaged about 20 minutes a game. Halfway through the season he got a chance to start, and has assumed that role ever since.

Responsibility is no stranger to Eric. As a senior and captain of OU's basketball team, he finds himself helping the younger players with the same problems he faced as a freshman and sophomore, on and off the court, and he thrives in the leadership role.

Basketball is a very important part of Taylor's life. He also feels that it has given him the work ethic, discipline and the tools to put him a step above the competition off the court.

When reflecting on Taylor's time at OU, Kampe said that you couldn't have found a better representative for Oakland, on or off the court.

Kampe also said that Taylor has spoken publicly to groups and young kids about enhancing their lives.

Taylor, a member of Phi Beta Sigma, will receive his degree in human resource development and maintains a 2.9 grade point average.

He describes himself as independent and outgoing.

He said he doesn't find much time to relax between juggling the rigors of college basketball and studying.

When he does relax, he said, he likes to spend time with his fraternity brothers or watch movies in his apartment.

Education is important to Taylor, but his dream is to play professionally with his heroes such as Joe Dumars.

"My number one priority is getting my degree, but if the opportunity in basketball comes along, I'll definitely go with it," Taylor said.

After attaining his degree, he said he plans on going full throttle toward playing in the NBA.

He has had contact with some NBA scouts, but declines to discuss which teams at this time.

However, he said he does know that he will give every fiber of his being to realize his dream.

Taylor has other options available such as the Italian league and the CBA, if the NBA doesn't pan

out at first. He has also set up a timetable, giving himself four years or when he comes to the realization that he can't make it in the pros.

But, can't, isn't in Taylor's vocabulary.

He also hinted that coaching might be a viable choice in his future.

"There's not a day that goes by, that I don't play or think about basketball, it's like it's a part of my body," Taylor said.

When Taylor is not practicing with the team, he is in the gym perfecting his moves and his shot. Because someday, as he believes, he will be playing amongst the best.

He said he doesn't want to look back on his life in 10 years and say he never tried.

# Shermer

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won an individual national title in the 200 IM as well as titles with the 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams that broke the NCAA Division II record.

Shermer's interest in competitive swimming didn't begin until she was 10. "We had a pool in our back yard and always enjoyed swimming and then one day my sister came home and told me our area had started a swim program and that we had practice at 5 p.m. that night, and that's when it started."

Her sister, Nancy Shermer, former OU All-American, is a role model Shermer admires.

"The first month here was weird because everyone expected us to be the same, but we're two completely different people and once everyone realized that, it was OK," she said.

When asked if her sister was the reason she came to Oakland, Shermer said, "No, Oakland was the only Division II school I looked into, I liked the size, they have a good Elementary Education program, and I was really impressed with Tracy Huth, the coach."

Being part of a two-time National Championship team is a huge accomplishment but Shermer doesn't think the full effect has hit her yet.

"I don't think we all realize what an accomplishment we've made. It's great wearing the National ring, but it's hard to comprehend right now because it's all still exciting, she said. "I know that we'll have some really good memories down the road."

Shermer said she wasn't really sure where that road may lead her and if it will include swimming. She said she'd like to obtain her degree in elementary education, put in some applications and teach for awhile, and maybe go back for a masters in administration.

As for swimming, Shermer is going to take a break for awhile.

"I'll still stay active in sports, but swimming, probably not," she said.

# Road

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were there," Taylor said about his overtime performance.

Johnson again came up big again with eight points and six rebounds, while Eller, McGregor and Crum assisted in the win with six points each.

"I thought it was a good week," Kampe said.

But, the week belonged to Taylor as he achieved two major milestones. Last Tuesday, he became the second player in OU's history to reach the 2,000 point mark as he sank a three-pointer against Grand Rapids Baptist with 10:44 remaining in the game.

Taylor ended the week with 2,052 career points and has the rest of the season to increase that total. The other OU player who reached 2,000 point mark was Carvin Melson, 1970-73, who holds the Pioneer record of 2,409.

On Saturday, Taylor became the GLIAC's all-time scoring leader by surpassing the old record of 1,148 points set by Saginaw Valley's Louis O'Neal, by ending the week with 1,160 points.

# OU

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But though accumulating points with a trio of seconds in the 200 Backstroke, and the 100 and 500 Freestyle events, the Pioneers did not again find paydirt until Bartnik controlled the three-meter boards (event nine) with a 376.95 NCAA qualifying score.

At this point the OU deficit was 22 points (down from 28), with two events remaining.

Pioneer freshman Danni Lentine and senior Kathy Van Houten took second and third in the 200 Breaststroke, respectively.

Then, the 400 Free Relay squad of Schermer, Fischer, senior Kerry Leavoy, and sophomore Angie Johnson followed with a national qualifying conquest, but it just wasn't enough.

"I'm glad it's over," said Huth. "I think the team was focusing too much on winning individual meets the past two weeks. The duel with Northern (NMU) was intense, the focus was on Northern. We need to focus on ourselves and what we're doing. It has been a tough, cold month."

# Tankers

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The Pioneers next climactic action will happen on the campus of Northern Michigan University when they travel north for the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships, Feb. 21-23.

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