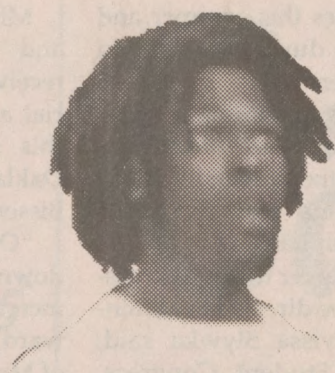


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Heading into the neon lights

Six OU soccer players were invited to try their luck at being the next generation of the Detroit Neon.

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The Oakland Post

Tuition hikes recommended

By DIANA PLETZ
Staff Writer

Students will probably face a 5.9 percent boost in tuition starting the Fall 1995 semester.

The Board of Trustees Finance and Personnel committee approved the proposed increase last Friday. The increase is scheduled for a full Board vote at the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 8.

The increase will affect students who register for 12 or more credits this fall. Tuition for those students will increase approximately \$156 per year, according to Paul Bissonnette, vice president of Finance and Administration.

A tuition hike is the university's only option as a result of the low appropriation proposal of only three percent by state said Bissonnette.

He said the two key reasons for the increase are because of contractually mandated salary costs of existing union contracts for faculty and staff (which consume approximately 80 percent of the budgets general fund), and improvements in technology.

"Education has gone far beyond chalk and blackboard. In addition to providing the advanced technology for which our University is nationally known, we must maintain updated computer systems, maintain and update infrastructure as mandated by federal and state law, improve our classroom equipment, increase University scholarships and provide for implementation and operationalizing of the strategic plan," said Bissonnette.

One aspect of the strategic plan is an emphasis on technology. This year two electronic classrooms for distance learning are being developed in hopes that classes taught here on campus can be transferred to anywhere in the state. "Students will be able to follow education aspiration without the framework of the institution," said Bissonnette.

Efforts to raise more money haven't stopped at the students' pockets. This spring, interim president Gary Russi and Bissonnette

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Commencement ceremonies offer an end

By IAN S. HOUSTON
Staff Writer

With summer finally here, some students are going on vacation, some are working hard, some are even taking more classes, but a few are thankful they don't have to return in the fall.

Commencement for the Fall and Winter 1995 graduates of Oakland University will be held on Saturday, June 3.

Former student congress president Amy Rickstad, graduating with a dual major in Communications and English, will speak at the commencement ceremony for the College of Arts and Sciences. The ceremony, which includes the School of Health Sciences and the General Studies Program will be held at 1 p.m. at Baldwin Pavilion.

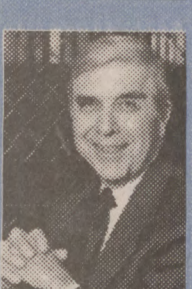
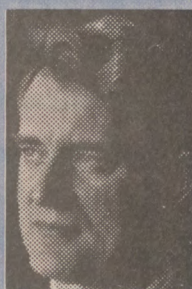
Three other commencement ceremonies for the other schools will be held at Baldwin Pavilion throughout the day.

Graduates of the School of Business Administration will hear a commencement address by Conrad L. Mallett, Jr., Associate Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court. The SBA's ceremonies will be held at 10 a.m.

The School of Engineering and Computer Sciences will hold its ceremony at 4:30 p.m. Roger Tetrault, President of General Dynamics, Land Systems Division, will address the graduates.

The School of Education and Human Services ceremony will be at 7:30 p.m. with a commencement address by Sam Abram, Superintendent for the School District of Pontiac.

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Search Terminated

By SALLY TATO
News Editor

The Board of Trustees voted to terminate the presidential search process until further notice Monday after the Michigan Court of Appeals did not act last week to stay the effect of a lower court ruling opening up the search process.

The trustees voted to terminate the search and dismiss the committee it had authorized to conduct it after a closed session during a special board meeting Monday morning.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Gary Russi will continue to act as interim president until the Court of Appeals rules on the Oakland County Circuit Court injunction against OU or the state legislature act to exempt university presidential searches from the state Open Meetings Act (OMA). A bill to do just that passed the state senate earlier this year and is currently in committee in the state house.

The board went into a 45 minute closed session to discuss the university's legal options following a ruling by Circuit Court Judge Gene Schnelz that the university violated the OMA.

According to Schnelz, universities are public bodies under the OMA and, as such, searches for top slots, such as a university president are subject to the openness requirements of state sunshine laws. A meeting can be closed, however, to review specific contents of an application for employment or appointment to public office, if the candidate requests that it remain confidential.

The Oakland Press, filed a lawsuit against OU's board in April when a reporter was forced to leave the March 21 search committee meeting.

The Oakland Post filed a similar complaint with the Oakland County Prosecutor who is authorized under state law to prosecute violations of the OMA. That complaint and an additional one challenging the closed search

The Russi Years

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Interim President
Jan. 1995-date

VP Academic Affairs
1993-date

Career Highs
Vice-President for
Research and
Strategic Planning
at Drake University
1992-93

Vice-Provost for
Academic Affairs at
Drake University
1989-92

Director of
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Association to the
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processes used in the ongoing deans' searches is still pending.

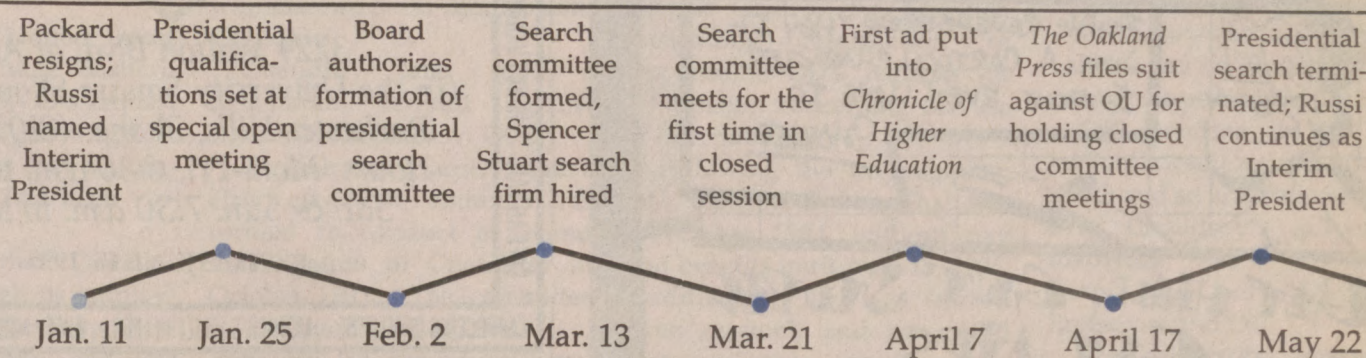
"I think this (ending the search) is the best thing for the university," said search committee member and trustee Ann Nicholson. Throughout the duration of the lawsuit, the financial resources could be better spent, she said.

The trustees see confidentiality among presidential applicants as an issue. "The pool of candidates will get smaller," said Nicholson. "Consulting firms said that confidentiality is a major factor in this."

OU board secretary Susan Gerrits said the search firm retained by the board to help will receive a portion of the authorized \$40,000 payment for services already provided.

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The path the search has taken



Termination

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ed. Gerrits said she did not have a specific dollar figure, at this point.

In addition to violating the OMA by closing search committee meetings, Schnelz also ruled the board could not delegate its job of selecting a new president to a search committee, the process that was used three years ago. In the presidential search which brought Josph Champagne to campus the board operated as a committee of the whole.

Schnelz's decision left the board no other choice but to terminate the search, according to Board Chairman David Fischer. "Judge Schnelz's decision eliminates the option to just keep the search open," he said.

Although the search has been postponed, possibly until the OMA legislation is voted on, Great Lakes Media the parent company of The Oakland Press will not drop its lawsuit, said Attorney Dawn L. Phillips.

The case, Great Lakes Media v. Oakland University is pending in the Michigan Court of Appeals. "If we end the lawsuit, then they will start the search again," said Phillips. "This point is not moot."

Post legal counsel Jane Briggs-Bunting, chairperson of the Department of Rhetoric Communication and Journalism, said the board's action was "deplorable, but typical."

"The trustees, who are generally business people in private enterprise, are squeamish about operating in a public and open forum. However, this is a public institution which runs on public money. The trustees, in my opinion, have a responsibility to select a president with all due speed. Instead, they have adopted a status quo stance leaving this community without a leader. Russi is doing the best job he can, but he is only the interim."

The board told Russi Monday to make whatever recommendation in terms of staffing he needs by the June 8 board meeting. Russi was quoted later as saying he may consider naming an interim Vice President of Academic Affairs relieving him of the responsibilities of both jobs.

Grads

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The School of Nursing will hold its ceremony at Meadow Brook Theatre, at 1 p.m., with a commencement address by Madeline Leininger, Professor of Nursing at Wayne State University.

Just over a thousand students applied to graduate last semester. Of those, approximately 365 were from the College of Arts and Sciences; 205 from the School of Education and Human Services; 141 from the School of Business Administration; 115 from the School of Engineering and Computer Science; 123 from the School of Nursing; 61 from the General Studies Program; and 49 from the School of Health Sciences.

Hikes

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have spent numerous hours soliciting help from faculty and staff to lobby the state senators and representatives for higher appropriations.

A Governmental Relations committee has been established to focus only on lobbying efforts and Student Congress is gathering students to lobby legislation at least

five or six times this summer and twice a month during the fall and winter semesters.

Congress is planning a mass mailing in August to inform students on why the university needs more money and why OU needs students help in Lansing.

"Any anger over tuition increases should not be directed at administration," Rayissa Slywka said, president of Student Congress. "That anger should be directed to the state and turned into lobbying efforts."

Michigan State, Grand Valley, and Western Michigan are all receiving multi-million dollar special appropriations from the state this fall and there's no reason Oakland shouldn't, said Bissonnette.

"Our intent is to bring tuition down again," he said. "The 1996 increase will be subject to a downward adjustment if the 1996 State of Michigan appropriation exceeds the now proposed increase of 3 percent and assuming inflation and operating needs remain as

projected."

Oakland University is the lowest among peer institutions in state support. Because students still get the same or better quality education, OU has had to reduce staffing, hold positions open, fall behind in maintenance and postpone technological improvements, Bissonnette said.

"We must work together toward an equitable state appropriation. This will insure continued quality at an average cost of tuition," he said.

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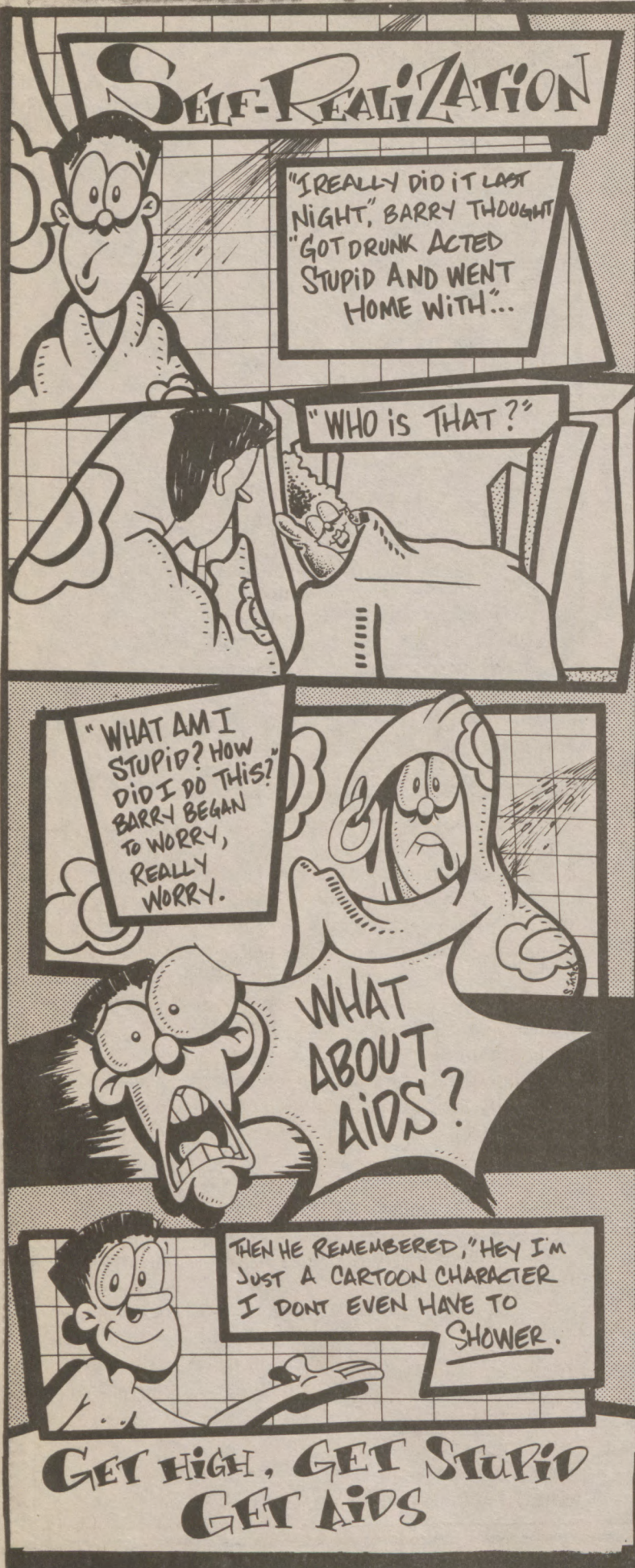


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May 6 - 10:54 p.m. Officer Gordon observed a 1991 Ford Explorer that speed out of the L&L Grocery Store onto westbound Walton. The vehicle sped up to 64 MPH in a 45 MPH zone while swaying into the shoulder of the road.

When the officer pulled along side of the vehicle, the car swayed, nearly striking the patrol car. The officer then pulled the car over.

The officer requested the driver's license, registration, and insurance. At this point, the officer detected the strong smell of alcohol coming from inside the car.

After the driver stated that he had three beers, the officer asked him to perform several sobriety tests. The driver failed four of the five tests, only passing the nose touch.

At 10:50, the driver agreed to take a breathalyzer and blew a .115 at which time the officer then placed the driver under arrest for operating under the influence of intoxicating liquor and unlawful blood alcohol level.

April 28 - 11:33 a.m. A complaint was filed that stated on April 17 two polyurethane see-through large animal cages with lids were stolen from 302 Dodge Hall. On the evening of April 19, three more of the cages were stolen. The value of the five cages is estimated to be between \$700 and \$1,000.

CRIME WATCH

By Chris Tait

Campus News

Interims in Office

School of Business to join the ranks

By SALLY TATO
News Editor

The School of Business Administration has hired the search firm MacNaughton Associates this month at a cost of about \$27,500 to assist it in hiring a new dean.

SBA Dean George Steven's resignation officially goes into effect in June. John Tower, associate SBA dean, will then take on the interim responsibilities until a permanent dean is hired.

"The search consultants," said SBA search committee chairman David Doane, "will help direct contacts with deans nationwide and also form a list of females and minorities to help identify individuals in those groups who have the qualifications for the dean's job."

The search committee was formed in February, following Stevens' December resignation announcement. Stevens is returning to his alma mater, Kent State University, to head up the business school there.

Since then, said Doane, the committee made up of four faculty, one non-SBA dean, one alumni and one student, have met about six times to discuss possible search firms and procedures for the SBA Dean Search.

In addition to the search firm, the committee has also focused on advertising for the dean position. "There will be three basic outlets,"

said Doane, "print, mailing lists and electronic."

The committee, depending on whether the advertising and search firm efforts attract a good pool of candidates, hope to start narrowing its selections in August. Doane said he hopes candidates will be brought in for interviews and campus visits at the start of the fall term. The committee hopes to a new dean will be named before the winter term begins.

Two other deans searches, in the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Education and Human Services, are nearing the end of their processes. Both search committees hope to have deans named at the June 8 board meeting.

The four finalists in the CAS search are: David J. Downing, acting dean of the College; Elise Bickford Jorgens, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Western Michigan, Jacquelyn Mitchell, vice president and dean of the faculty at Scripps College in California and Judith T. Levy, chemistry department head at Eastern Michigan.

Mitchell's campus visit is ongoing and will conclude with a university wide reception on Thursday afternoon in the Fireside Lounge of the Oakland Center.

In the SEHS's search the finalists are Mary L. Otto, acting dean of SEHS and Ernest Middleton, dean of the School of Education at the State University of New York-Oswego.

States Spending Less On Higher Ed, Study Finds

By College Press Service

Washington - State governments are spending a smaller percentage of their revenue on higher education than they did 15 years ago, according to a recent study by the American Council on Education.

While state appropriations for higher education operating expenses rose from 19% billion in 1980 to \$40 billion in 1992, the share of states' revenues going to higher education appropriations dropped from 11.3 percent to 9.2 percent, said ACE officials.

"This trend could cause a lot of concern for educators, since it represents a declining commitment to education from state governments," says David Merkowitz, ACE's spokesperson. "At some point, there has to be a realization by state governments that their schools are getting less revenue than they need."

Overall, state revenues rose by 11 percent between 1990 and 1992. But despite the increase in overall revenues, average state appropriation for higher education in 1992 was 4 percent lower than it was in 1990.

Merkowitz said that reallocation of state spending to other special programs, including elementary and secondary education, health care, welfare and corrections, contributed to the drop in revenue for higher education.

The ACE report indicates that Southwestern states led the way in funding revenue for colleges and universities, while states in the Great Lakes and Plains regions of the U.S. lagged behind the rest of the nation in higher education funding.

Summer School For Those Clueless About A Major

By College Press Service

PALO ALTO, California - Deciding upon a major can sometimes be a stressful experience. Dad wants you to fol-

low him into the firm; mom wants you to play doctor; and Uncle Henry never lets you forget that "the big money is in computers."

Considering the numerous opportunities, many students have had a hard time deciding what they want to do with the rest of their lives, sometimes changing majors two or three times before graduating.

To help, Stanford University academic advisors have set up a program designed to make choosing a major easier on students.

This summer, Stanford is offering Sophomore College, a three week program specifically designed to help those indecisive students avoid the academic drifting that sometimes occurs before a major is declared.

"There are students who have a general idea of what they want to do, but they still could use some direction," says Ellen Wood, assistant dean of undergraduate studies. "Then there are those students who say they have no idea. We want to help both."

Students in the summer program will participate in a variety of activities, covering a number of different subjects, and will work with professors and each other in small groups. Each day, they'll do research, field work and perhaps some community service work before heading back to a campus residence hall to reflect on the day's events with each other.

School officials are hoping that the exposure to different fields will help students decide on the academic route they will take after their sophomore year, when they are required to declare their major.

"We'll give students a first-hand look at different activities," says Wood. "They'll get broad exposure to a lot of different things."

This summer, 50 students will participate in the program, which is funded by a private donor. If successful, Stanford officials say they'll expand the program in the future.

Face Lift

Campus entrance gets new look

By ERIN BROWN
Staff Writer

A plan started in mid-November to improve Oakland's main entrance is finally coming into fruition, but not as smoothly as hoped.

The improved entrance includes an extended brick wall on which an Oakland University sign is mounted. In addition, 36 Scarlet Red Oaks and several Buffalo Junipers will be symmetrically planted to increase the area's aesthetic appeal. An additional exit and entrance sign were also added on each side of the road.

However, unforeseen problems have made the improvements more difficult than planned.

"The ground here is very hard, and it has made the job very difficult," said Kevin Pattison, vice president of Norton Communication Services.

N.C.S. is the company paving the way for the future irrigation and electrical lines that will be installed in the grounds under-



Post photo/ Ian S. Houston

ADDING LIFE: Trees, here being watered, were planted to add to the beauty of the sign.



Post photo/ Ian S. Houston

NEW LOOK: OU sign creates new ornate look at the University's main entrance.

neath the entrance. The company takes care of directional boring, which is similar to drilling for oil, except that the drilling occurs at a horizontal level. The equipment used is priced at around \$100,000, and there are only three companies in the state that own it.

Besides the tough terrain, other elements of nature have hindered the task of completing the construction.

"The weather hasn't wanted to cooperate with us," said Paul Weber, an employee of the construction firm Cannon and Russeau.

"This is a full spectrum job; they're running lines and putting in an irrigation system too," said Weber.

The entrance, which was basically demolished during the expansion of Squirrel Road last year, required modernizing this year, according to Oakland's Senior Architect, Khales Dahr.

"The old entrance was more modest. We're replacing it with a more appropriate and more sophisticated one," Dahr said.

In addition to N.C.S. and Cannon and Russeau, Grissim-Metz was the architecture firm selected to design the new entrance. Dahr said that about 5 different firms were interviewed for the job, but Grissim-Metz seemed to be the best choice.

The project, which cost exactly \$188,400 according to Dahr, should be complete by June 3.

Judge dismisses Chaudhry lawsuit against Packard, OU

By JILL ROBINSON
Staff Writer

G. Rasul Chaudhry lost the first of several battles involving his suspension from OU when a federal court judge last month dismissed his lawsuit against OU and former President Sandra Packard.

On April 13, United States District Court Judge Bernard Friedman granted OU's request for a summary judgment against Chaudhry's claims that his constitutional rights had been violated.

"It appears that Oakland University, through its employees, conducted extremely thorough, conscientious, and fair investigations of the plaintiff," he wrote in his 29 page opinion.

"We are very pleased with the decision," said general counsel Susan Gerrits.

In Feb. 1993, OU's Biosafety Committee suspended Chaudhry's HIV and SIV research after receiving a memo from Biology Associate Professor Fay Hansen-Smith, who shared a multi-user lab with Chaudhry.

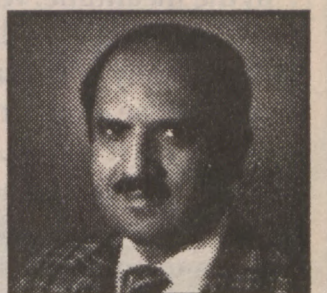
Chaudhry later filed a defamation lawsuit against Hansen-Smith in Nov. 1994.

To look into Hansen-Smith's claim, an ad hoc committee was formed to conduct a second investigation of Chaudhry in October 1993. The committee investigated allegations of improper lab procedures used by Chaudhry in his research.

The investigation, which pro-

duced a 14 volume appendix of information, concluded that Chaudhry failed to obtain proper authorization to acquire and/or use certain biohazardous materials. In addition, the committee concluded Chaudhry had not adhered to guidelines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and provided misleading information in response to OU's requests for information concerning his use of infectious HIV.

Following the investigation, OU suspended Chaudhry, November 1994, without pay and benefits until Aug. 15, 1995. Additionally, he was barred from research and prevented from requesting research grants until May 1, 1996. He was also barred from seeking promotion



Chaudhry

to full professor until Fall 1996.

Chaudhry then filed the federal lawsuit against OU.

Friedman's ruling ends, at least for now, one aspect of the long running dispute.

Chaudhry's attorney Stephen Landau had no comment on the ruling or a possible appeal.

Still pending is the defamation lawsuit against Hansen-Smith and an arbitration hearing over Chaudhry's suspension involving the American Association of University Professors and OU.

The arbitration hearing is expected to continue through the summer and, perhaps, into fall.

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EDITOR'S VIEW

Board cancels search to duck openness

The Board of Trustees' decision to terminate the presidential search came as no surprise to us. Some wondered how the Board would react to being thwarted in its preferred approach to doing business: in private.

What is upsetting and disappointing is the continued abdication of its fiduciary responsibility to get the job of selecting the next President done. It was Board Chair David Fischer who promised a new leader would be in place this fall. That was fine when secrecy was in place. The question remains the same, what do the trustees hope to accomplish behind closed doors that can not be done legally in the open?

While the Board continues to wait for a verdict on a lawsuit (which was already put in the books during the U-M Board of Regents case), the search to replace Dr. Packard is prolonged and the university once again finds itself in limbo despite having applications in hand.

The Board is asking us to accept an interim as our new president. Though we have nothing but respect for Gary Russi, he is only a decoy or maybe a sitting duck.

The Board cited the example that an Ingham County Circuit Court Judge had allowed secrecy in a similar case involving MSU. Both cases are now in the Court of Appeals, while the taxpayers foot the bill for legal costs and OU is again dead in the water.

So why does it seem like the Board is repeating history? At what point in the last three years did the OU community show any signs of backing down when it comes to the openness in Board committee meetings and in the Presidential search? Why didn't the Board follow its own, albeit reluctantly, adopted policy of openness?

The appeal itself raises further questions. Even after Circuit Court Judge Gene Schnelz's injunction, a decision, presumably authorized by the Board, to appeal this ruling was made. Yet, no scheduled nor special Board meeting occurred between the time the court made its decision, and the appeal was filed. Did the Board operate yet again illegally?

In the meantime, while the Board continues to quibble over the legality of the Open Meetings Act, the university community is expected to wait until someone else -- either the courts or the state legislature, figures it all out.

We optimistically hoped that the Trustees would absorb the culture of academic freedom so central to this and any university and openly proceed with the search. That regrettably did not occur.

The Oakland Post will publish two more issues during the Spring and Summer semesters.

The dates of publication are
June 21, 1995
and
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Opinion



Letters to the Editor

Parent says punishment should fit the crime

Dear Editor,

I happen to have a son who is a student at Oakland University. Until now I thought he was in a typical university environment. Last week he was involved in an incident with the University swim team. He was also an Resident Assistant in Van Wagoner House 1st floor. The swim team happens to occupy that floor. It seems that since he was "writing people up" for policy violations, loudness, drinking, and being down right obnoxious, the swim team retaliated by breaking down his door, spray painting his room and writing threatening remarks

"I agree with Associate Professor Murphy's letter to the Editor on April 12 in The Oakland Post stating that "the goal of the University is to maximize enrollments and cash flow, instead of seeking to provide a quality higher education." It does appear that Oakland University is seeking to "sell" diplomas.

Discipline criticized

on the door.

After an investigation by the head RA and Hall Supervisor, it was found that the floor was "out-of-control", and since he was already on probation he would be asked to resign. Granted the floor was out-of-control! It would probably be hard to control a bunch of drunken young men if they knew they wouldn't be severely punished. His probationary status was warranted, being late for a meeting (because of a class commitment), not being visible on the floor (because of class commitments), and because he forgot to return the master keys to the proper person before leaving the building. Should he have been on probation? Probably yes, commitments were taking too much of his time that his job needed. Should he have been asked to resign? I don't know. The University hired him at mid-semester (of which we are very grateful). What happened to the other RA who was there first semester? Why did no one want the position at 1st floor Van Wagoner House when he left?

The hall supervisor and head RA said that since they don't know who was responsible for the crime, that "all the people on the floor would be punished by paying for the damage". Let's see, approximately \$400 divided by 10, that's about \$40 each! The RA loses his job (about \$2000) and his integrity is diminished, because people can't control their alcohol or respect

the rights of others. Some deterrent! Wouldn't a better deterrent be to dismiss the individuals from the hall and any future hall endeavors? Probably not since 10 students at approximately \$2000 for room and board equals around \$20,000 in revenues for the university.

I agree with Associate Professor Murphy's letter to the Editor on April 12 in The Oakland Post, stating that "the goal of the University is to maximize enrollments and cash flow, instead of seeking to provide a quality higher education". It does appear that Oakland University is seeking to "sell" diplomas.

Meanwhile the swim team goes on about their business of winning national titles and taking the law into their own hands, while those students trying to do their job and get and education are swept by the wayside.

I too am in education and coaching. Not for one minute would I stand for this type of behavior from any of my students or the players on my teams. As a teacher we try and learn from our mistakes in order to be more successful next time. Our students should learn the same. Or, you can get rid of the problem and not have to worry about it. My question is who was the problem here? Who should be allowed to learn from their mistakes and who shouldn't be?

Interesting isn't it?

Sincerely,

John M. Topie

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Campus Life

Walton adapting to indoor life

By CHRIS TAIT
Sports Writer

The Detroit Neon officially announced the signing of Mali Walton, a 1995 OU graduate with a sociology degree, on Monday.

Neon head coach Chris Keenan predesignated Walton in the 1995 Continental Indoor Soccer League entry draft April 20.

Keenan explained that the league allows each team to protect four local players before the draft even begins.

He also selected Eli Tiomkin, another 1995 OU grad, in the entry draft. He was the tenth pick in the ninth round.

Keenan said that he had signed Walton before training camp because he was the one guy that he had seen play before, not to mention play against.

Walton, a 6-0, 175-pound playmaking forward for OU tallied 14 assists and seven goals in his senior season. His assists tied his career high scored in 1992 and moved him into first place among the all-time assist leaders at OU.

A three-time All-American selection and four-time All-Region player, Walton said that it feels really good to be a member of the Neon organization.

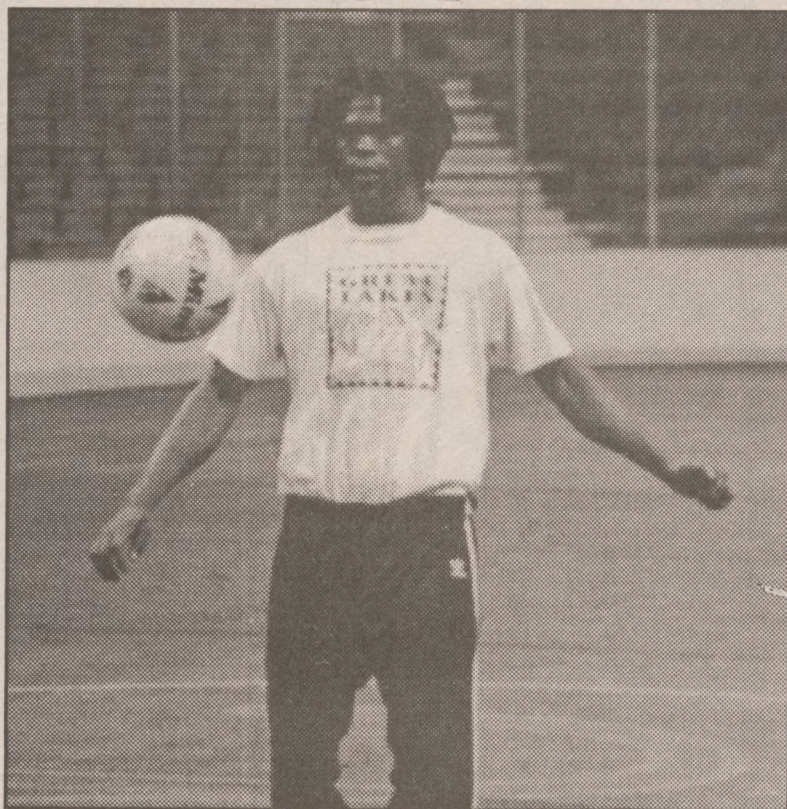
"Now I have to perform. I have to put my ability to the test," Walton said.

Neon player/coach Andy Chapman said that Walton has a wonderful opportunity because he is playing on a team that has so many experienced professionals which is great in his learning process.

"Mali has a lot of potential. He obviously has size and speed and a great touch on the ball," Chapman said.

"When you're in a situation where you are dealing with people who are more experienced you can either shy away from it because you might feel intimidated, or you can go into it with your arms open and absorb as much of that experience as possible and come out a better person regardless of what your expertise might be," Chapman said.

Walton said that he feels comfortable practicing with the veteran players. "I know I can play and there's no one that can



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INSIDE STUFF: Former OU soccer star Mali Walton displays his ball-handling skills after a tryout with the Detroit Neon.

take that away from me."

The change from outdoor to indoor may not be the biggest change for Walton. Instead, it may be the lack of attention from the opposition.

Playing with the Neon is going to be different than play-

ing with OU because Mali will not be the marked man.

"I'm not going to be the go-to guy. I'm going to be more of a role player. Drago and Chapman are veterans and they are going to draw most of the attention," Walton said.

The lack of attention will give Walton more room and time to make a play. "It will definitely improve my game," he said.

Chapman told Walton that "just because he's Mali Walton and he's been a star at Oakland it does not guarantee him a place on this squad."

"If I was to stink up the place on opening night or after a couple of games I haven't scored and am not doing my job than I'm out of here," Chapman added.

Chapman said that the only thing that an experienced player gets is a little more time or have some off nights.

Walton realizes that he is playing with professionals, not students who like soccer. These players are at work and not at play.

"This is a different level than OU because these guys have been playing for years—decades," Walton said.

Walton, standing in the middle of the quiet Neon playing field at the Palace, said that you can get a little nervous looking at how big the stadium is, but it is nothing but people.

"I think that the people will

pump me up even more. At OU, we never had close to a thousand people and here the

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**-- Andy Chapman
Player / Coach**

first game is supposed to bring in 18,000 people," Walton said.

Chapman said that character is very important to him and if there is anyone that would tamper with that they would not be around.

Walton need not worry Chapman says: "Mali has the type of personality that I enjoy. He's very positive and always has a smile on his face."

Since the Neon is a business, it needs to market itself and Chapman thinks that Walton has the personality and flair that they need to sell the game.

The Neon season begins June 23 against Arizona at the Palace.

Hoop assistants to head Cardinals' nest

By KEN FILLMORE
Sports Editor

Women's basketball in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference was caught up in a wave of coaching changes this past month and OU lost its assistant coaches in the flurry.

Suzy Merchant was officially named head coach at Saginaw Valley State University on May 15 and took fellow Pioneer assistant Marian Groce with her as an assistant coach.

"We were looking for someone to bring enthusiasm, organization, and the desire to build a strong Division II program. Suzy has all that and more," SVSU Athletic Director Bob Becker said.

Merchant replaces Claudette Charney, who resigned from the position in late April to replace Pat Baker-Gryzb as the head coach at Grand Valley State University on May 1.

Baker-Gryzb, who was 234-197 at the Laker helm, resigned midway through the 1994-95 season to spend more time with her family.

Merchant, 25, thought

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**-- Suzy Merchant
Women's head basketball coach, SVSU**

that the time was right to reach her goal of becoming a head coach after serving as OU coach Bob Taylor's assistant for three years and as a volunteer assistant at Central Michigan

University in the 1991-92 season.

She made her mark as a four-year starter at point guard for the Chippewas, holding CMU's game, season, and career assist records.

"Everyone wants their own team, whether it's a fifth or sixth grade team, high school, or college," Merchant said.

However, she said that leaving OU was tearful, especially after playing a key role in making the Pioneers a national power and establishing close ties.

"It was really tough, especially when it came to the players. I love these kids. I feel they taught me a lot," Merchant said.

Taylor, whom Merchant credited as a great teacher who knows his personnel, graciously allowed a pair of his many pupils to advance in the coaching field and continue the winning tradition at SVSU.

"Obviously, I'm very happy for Suzy. I think it's a great career move for her," Taylor said. "It's a program (SVSU) that has been (successful), and I'm sure can get there again with the right person pulling the strings. I think they really went out and got a good person."

"Marian, I think, was excited to go with Suzy. They worked together, they were good friends, and they were ready to do some things together."

As for Groce, she was on the Pioneer bench for the past two seasons after graduating from Ferris State University and was an administrative assistant for former Athletic Director Dr. Paul Hartman during the 1993-94 school year.

Merchant and Groce hope to implement OU's familiar fast-paced style with the ability to shoot the

three-point shot.

With the new system in place, the Cardinals look to rebound from its first ever losing season in the program's 21-year history. It finished 12-14 and matched its lowest finish ever in the GLIAC standings at seventh with a 6-12 mark.

"We have a good group of kids here and we must start from the bottom and work our way up," Merchant said.

Searching for new assistants, the Athletic Department is in the process of posting an advertisement to fill the vacancies.

At Grand Valley, Charney felt that after winning two GLIAC titles and four NAIA titles in 10 seasons at Saginaw Valley, combined with her wedding this summer to her fiancée who works at FSU, she said, "I felt that it was time for me to move on."

"We won a few conference titles, we won a lot of games. After awhile, you're just looking at your next career move," Charney said. "You start to ask yourself, 'What more can I do?'"

Charney, 257-115 in 14 years of coaching with stints at Muskegon Community College and Alma College besides SVSU, left one alma mater to rejoin the one she graduated from, the one she plans to rebuild after finishing ninth in the GLIAC at 4-14, 10-15 overall.

She will install a press and a transition game and looks to improve a defense that was ninth in the GLIAC, giving up 80.8 points per game, to help bring back the fun in Grand Valley State basketball, which returns its top seven players.

"I will initiate from the beginning that we have to work hard on defense," Charney said.

MOVING ON: After playing key roles in leading the Pioneers to the Elite Eight, women's basketball assistant coaches Suzy Merchant (left) and Marian Groce will team up again and turn Saginaw Valley State around toward its winning ways. Merchant was named head coach May 15 and Groce will be her assistant.

Post Photo/ Bob Knoska



Meadow Brook Music Festival '95

By SUE KING
Features Editor

With Summer quickly approaching thoughts tend to drift to being outdoors and what better way to enjoy the summer nights than a concert at Meadow Brook Music Festival.

Some big name performers are scheduled to perform at Meadow Brook starting June 16 and running through Labor Day Weekend. Barenaked Ladies, Robert Cray, The Neville Brothers and much to mom's delight Barry Manilow are all scheduled to perform. More shows will be added as summer

progresses.

Meadow Brook has a little something for everyone whether its jazz, rock, family shows, or classical music Meadow Brook has it. "Our goal was to have a wide variety of performers, something for everyone," said Jim McCue director of events for Palace Sports and Entertainment.

Under the second year of management by Palace Sports, Meadow Brook is trying to expand its horizons by offering music as well as comedians and family shows.

This year the Detroit Symphony Orchestra is back at Meadow Brook. The return of the DSO is "a

natural marriage for us," said McCue. "It is a natural mix."

Meadow Brook is a 7,500 seating venue which is smaller than Pine Knob but offers "an intimate and charming alternative," according to McCue. "We believe we have scheduled the type of concerts in which patrons can take advantage of Meadow Brook's fine acoustics and up-close seating to really make their evening unforgettable," said McCue.

Veteran Meadow Brook Music Festival fans as well as those experiencing it for the first time; should come out and experience the music under the stars.



June 16- Stephen Stills
June 22- Richard Jeni
June 30- Fabian's Rock & Roll Party
July 1- Sarah McLachlan
July 2- Barenaked Ladies w/ Billy Bragg
July 4- Reggae Sunsplash
July 8- Shawn Colvin
July 11- Pat Metheny Group
July 14- Bob McGrath
July 21-23- Detroit Symphony Orchestra
July 24- American Family Theatre's Pinocchio

July 29- The David Sanborn Group
August 3- Dave Koz
August 12- Barry Manilow
August 13- Patsy Cline Stage Show
August 19- Robert Cray w/ Taj Mahal
August 20- Judy Collins and David Gates
August 29- The Neville Brothers
August 31- Shari Lewis
September 1- Roger Whittaker
September 2- Joan Baez

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Oakland University Student Congress

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OAKLAND UNIVERSITY STUDENT CONGRESS
PROPOSED BUDGET
SPRING 1995 SEMESTER

Revenue:

Fees for Spring 1995	4000*7.50	30,000	
Projected surplus		41,606	71,606
Total Revenue			71,606

Student Fee Distribution:

Student Program Board	4000*1.50	6,000	
Student Activities Funding Board	4000*1.50	6,000	
WXOU	4000*.60	2,400	
Oakland Post	4000*.45	1,800	
Performing Arts Board	4000*.45	1,800	
Forensics	4000*.30	1,200	19,200
			52,406

University Congress Operations:

Services, Supplies and Phone	1,200		
Office and Machine Maintenance	4,000		
Labor	3,000	8,200	
			44,206

University Congress Operations:

Student Services	4,000		
Legislative Affairs	500		
Discretionary	1,000		
Student Program Board	7,778		
Public Relations	1,000	14,278	
			29,928

Congress Appropriations:

Student Life Lecture Board	3,000	3,000	
			26,928

Required Minimum Balance In Master Account

Total Unbudgeted Funds			10,000
			16,928

NOTE: This budget does not include any callbacks from the Winter 1995 semester.
Callbacks will be done when the Fall 1995 budget is prepared.

Dear students interested in lower tuition increases:

Student Congress is gathering students to lobby in Lansing for more state funding to be appropriated for Oakland University. This will directly affect you, the student, for the higher the amount of appropriation, the lower the tuition increase.

We are looking for students with high enthusiasm, not necessarily experience. Anyone interested in fighting for your piece of the pie, please call 370-4290.

Sincerely,

Rayissa T. Slywka

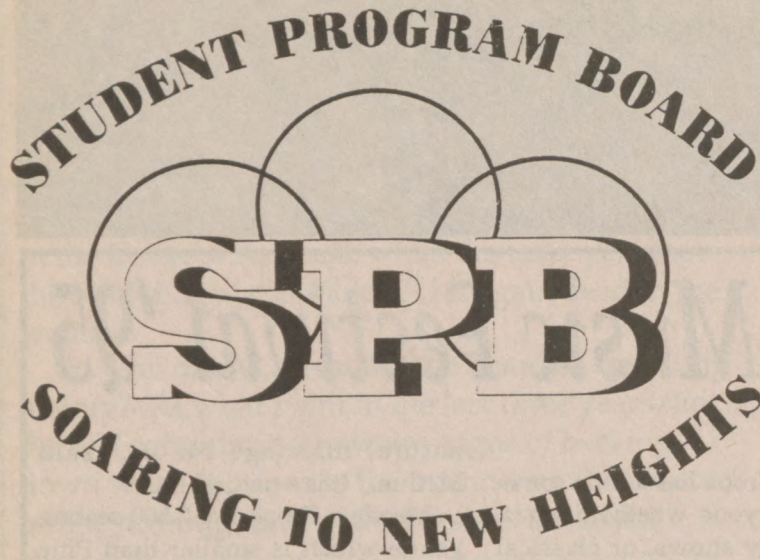
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OU Student Body President

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To the recent 1995-1996 OUSC Cabinet Appointments:

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Director of Student Services - Kathryn Kumeisha

Student Allocations Funding Chair - Bridget Green
Student Program Board Chair - Kelly Schehr



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