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Number of presidential choices pared to three

Despite the tight clamp ordered by the Selection Committee and the silence observed by the advisory groups, *The Oakland Sail* has learned the identities of the final three candidates for OU's presidency.

Interviews with the two off-campus and one on-campus candidates were held at the Meadow Brook Carriage House Conference Room last week. Joseph Champagne from the University of Houston, Frederick Obear from OU and Diether Haenicke from Ohio State University met with members of the Executive Group, the advisory committees and other administrators.

ACCORDING TO members of the administrative professional, alumni, faculty and student advisory groups, the three candidates meet with approval from all the advisory committees.

"We can't go wrong with any of them," said Pam Marin, chairman of the administrative

professional committee. She added that the advisory committee members had been trusted to keep the information completely confidential and that to her knowledge, they had done so.

"I had no idea the on-campus interviews were as well known as they were," she said.

How the Selection Committee, which consists of the entire Board of Trustees, proceeds in the next stages of the selection process is still unclear, said advisory committee members and administrators interviewed. A great deal depends on the outcome of the suit filed by the Attorney General's office against OU's Board, which charges violations of the state's Open Meetings Act, they said. A preliminary hearing has been set for Monday.

Stories compiled by Gail DeGeorge, Editor-in-Chief, Mary Ellen Burke, Staff Writer, and numerous other staff writers and sources.

Joseph Champagne

Joseph E. Champagne, coordinator of Extended Academic and Public Service programs for the University of Houston, is one of the two outside candidates vying for the position of OU president.

Champagne was on campus Monday for a series of interviews by administrators, students and alumni. "I was very, very impressed with the campus," he said in a telephone interview on Thursday. "I think it's a fine university and it seems to be doing very well."

CHAMPAGNE RECEIVED his A.B. degree in Philosophy from St. Mary's University in Baltimore in 1960 and an M.A. in Psychology from New York's Fordham University in 1962. He then attended Purdue University where he received his doctorate in industrial psychology.

As director of research for the South Carolina Technical Education Commission from 1965-67, Champagne was involved in research associated with vocational-technical training. (See **CHAMPAGNE**, page 5)

Frederick Obear

Provost Frederick Obear is the only on-campus candidate left in the final stages of the selection process.

A number of sources have attested to his candidacy, but Obear refuses to either confirm or deny whether he is being considered for the presidency, referring all questions to the Selection Committee, or Laszlo Hetenyi, executive secretary to the committee.

Obear came to OU in 1960 completing his Ph.D. in Chemistry at the University of New Hampshire.

Obear also serves as the Vice President for Academic Affairs and is an associate professor of chemistry at OU.

He is considered by most faculty and administrators to have been the most obvious on-campus choice for a new president. But Obear's aspirations have extended beyond OU's boundaries, having been considered last year for the presidency at California State University-Fresno campus.

After completing his Ph.D. in (See **OBEAR**, page 5)

Diether Haenicke

The other outside candidate is Diether Haenicke, dean of the College of Humanities and Professor of German at Ohio State University (OSU).

After his interview with administrators, alumni and students Friday, Haenicke said, "It's (OU) a wonderful university. I can't tell everything I see about the university in a nutshell because it's so complex."

Haenicke received his Ph.D. from the University of Munich in 1962. He graduated magna cum laude. At the University of Gottingen-Marburg in Munich he majored in German literature and Philology. Haenicke also had the honor of being named a Fulbright from 1963 to 1965.

HAENICKE'S career began at Wayne State University (WSU) in Detroit in 1959 when he became a German instructor. Four years later he became an assistant professor and in 1968, an associate professor.

In 1971, he was promoted to the position of professor and chairman of the Department of (See **HAENICKE**, page 5)

Faculty not fairly represented

Advisory groups assess process

By Gail DeGeorge
Editor-in-Chief

The resumes have been reviewed, the final candidates interviewed, and as OU's search for a new president enters its last stages, the job of the advisory committees is nearing its end. The rest is up to the Selection Committee, say advisory committee members.

"What concerns me is the next step, and what goes on in court," said Eric Baar, chairman of the student advisory committee. "I think they've made a mistake in making the whole Board the Selection Committee," he said. The University of Michigan made

their selection committee one less than quorum, but "ours consists of the whole Board. It's a legal snafu."

Other problems with the selection process range from technicalities in interviewing to the structure of the advisory committees. Students representatives were not given a full hour to interview candidates Joseph Champagne and Frederick Obear. The student and alumni advisory groups shared the interview time, Baar said.

AFTER a call to Selection Committee chairman David Lewis, the student advisory group was allowed a full hour to interview the last candidate

(Diether Haenicke), Baar said.

Leaks on the identities of the candidates also bothered Baar. "Students bent over backwards to act professionally," he said. Baar said he has been worried that students would be eliminated from the advisory committees in order to stop leaks about the candidates' identities.

The faculty was also not fairly represented, Baar said. "One (faculty) member from each school is not really representative," he said. "One area I think they (the Selection Committee) missed out on was that the faculty AAUP (as well as other unions on campus) was not represented." With the number of strikes OU has had, the institution "has a definite labor management problem" and candidates should be aware of those problems, he said.

David Shantz, professor of psychology and chairman of the faculty advisory committee, refused to comment on the (See **COMMITTEES**, page 3)



Christmas at Meadow Brook

POTPOURRI OF CHRISTMAS TREES: The tenth annual Christmas Walk held at Meadow Brook Hall centers around the Christmas tree and proves that a Christmas tree is not just a Christmas tree. (See back page)

OU forced to make more budget cuts

By Ritu Sehgal
Managing Editor

Gov. William Milliken's announcement of major cuts in the State's 1980-81 budget has OU officials scrambling once again to find new ways of balancing their budget.

OU students may have to face a hefty tuition hike this January if OU's Executive Budget Committee approves that measure as a means of raising some \$1 million the governor has recommended cut from OU's new state fiscal allocation.

The cut is part of a \$288 million slash in overall state spending which Milliken announced in a state-wide address televised on Wednesday. Higher education stands to lose \$149 million as a result of the latest budget-cutting exercise designed to balance the state's budget.

THE GOVERNOR'S recommendation for OU is based on a 5.1 percent reduction from the university's 1979-80 state appropriation. OU will receive only \$18,541,848 this year, compared with \$19,541,679 (net of the \$214,000 cut mandated by Governor's Executive Order last April) received for the 1979-80 fiscal year.

Unless there's a dramatic turnaround in the economy, we can expect record-high tuition increases — higher than the record set last year.

—Ray Harris

Interim president George Matthews moved quickly on Thursday to institute a number of measures designed to restrain expenditures. Effective this Monday, Matthews has ordered a complete hiring freeze in non-faculty employment, placed a moratorium on all new equipment purchases and out-of-state and non-motorpool travel (except that which is mandated by faculty contracts), and asked the provost to curtail new faculty appointments not absolutely necessary to maintain a quality level of instruction. The freeze does not affect payments and purchases funded from grants and mandated by contracts.

According to Budget Director Ray Harris, the Executive Budget Committee will be convening shortly to review the president's order and make recommendations about where OU can start tightening a belt that already has the university in a strait-jacket.

One of the measures the university will be considering is a 1.5 percent increase in tuition, effective with the winter semester. Students can expect to pay an additional one dollar per credit hour, raising tuition from its present average of \$1092 per year, for a student taking 31 credit hours per year, to \$1123 per year.

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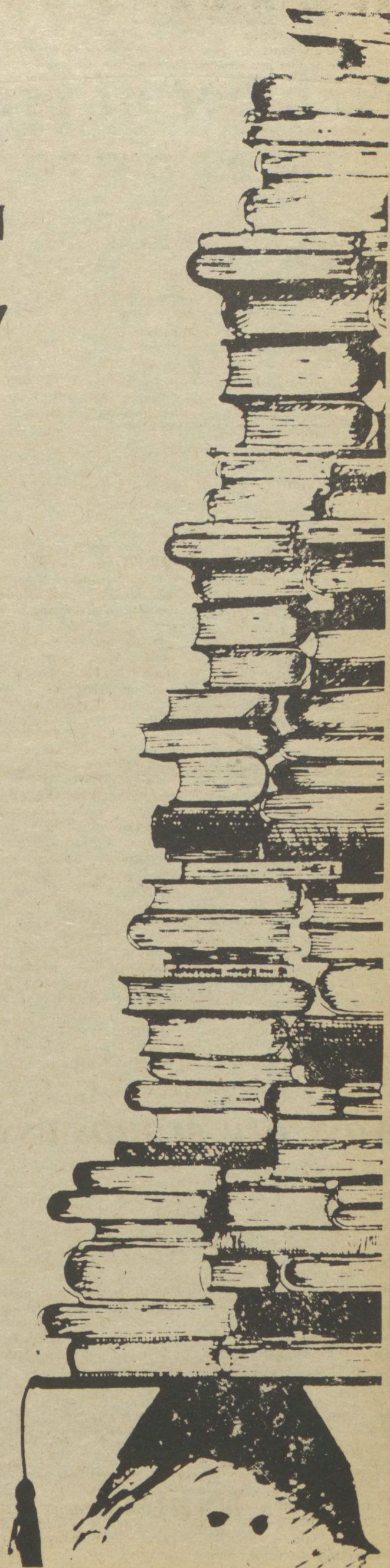
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Hershey elected new congress president

By Jeanne Helfrick
Staff Writer

Congress member Jane Hershey won the university congress presidential election by a comfortable margin of 326 votes over opponent Tony Brazil.

The voter turnout for this year's election was approximately half of last year's turnout. Only 600 people turned out for this year's election, compared with 1200 who voted last year.

Congress members cited lack of campus media coverage, elections commission delays due to an ignored by-law, the overshadowing effect of the national presidential

election, and lack of a competitive congressional slate as contributing factors.

"I THINK a congressional campaign on this campus needs to have some life in it," congress member Jane Hershey said.

Allowing campaigning during election days in the buildings would put excitement back into the process Hershey felt. Congress should also take some initiative and interest good people in running for Congress.

"Without this activity you don't have the excitement...I would rather see students bombarded for three days," Hershey said.

McMahan suggested that election procedures be re-evaluated before the next election.

FOURTEEN persons ran for 20 open congress seats. All of them won election along with six write-in candidates. Six Congress members were re-elected for another term. They are Zachary Shallow, Tim Kieft, Mary Ann

Porter, Sybil Coston, Lori Poel, Laura Brodeur, Reginal Hines. Congress member Kevin Kropp was elected to next term as a write-in candidate.

SEVEN PERSONS won election as ballot candidates. They are Pamela Lee, Valerie Parker, Steven Cole, Dominic Leo, Louis Daher, Philip Ray and Daniel

Cloos. Write-in candidates Jim Dittich, Lynette Dodman, Mike Range, David Perpignon, and Brian Kocks also were elected to Congress.

The votes ranged from 1340 for Shallow to 100 votes for Kocks. The newly-elected congress members' term of office runs from January 1, 1981 to December 31, 1981.

New Congress president looking for better student participation

By Terri Redmond
Staff Writer

Jane Hershey, University Congress' new president, views her main objective in office as strengthening the ties between students and Congress, and improving Congress' role as a link between students and the faculty and administration.

A necessary step in reaching that objective is improving communication. Hershey stressed the need for Congress to reach more students, and make them aware of the work it can perform.

"Students aren't familiar with the ways they can solve problems," she said. "They have an organization in the Congress that is respected by the faculty and administrators. If students don't want to go to Congress with their problems that's fine. But we must make them aware that the channel is open to them."

HERSHEY PLANS to send out a letter to students at the start of her administration to make them familiar with the new Congress and its plans. Another possibility

to improve communication is a monthly report on Congress' actions distributed to the students.

Apathetic voters are a familiar phenomenon lately, and OU's congressional elections were no exception.

"I saw apathy," Hershey said. "In a campus of 12,000 students, only 631 voted." In last year's election, 1,234 students voted.

"A lot of people just weren't aware of the elections, coming as they did right after the national election," Hershey said.

Hershey admitted that most students couldn't name individual congress members, but said that students are familiar with Congress as a whole.

"I think the problem is similar in all universities," Hershey said. "I want to change that. I want to get across the specifics. I want to make students aware of where their fees go, and that the bodies that receive these fees are accountable to them."

ANOTHER GOAL of the new president is strengthening the expertise of students serving on

Senate committees. "We're searching for students who are interested in the university and the way it functions. We have to generate interest among students to get involved on committees."

Hershey has been a member of University Congress for two years. She will be a senior when she takes office in January, and is majoring in Public Administration.

Becoming Congress president has been her goal since becoming a member of Congress, she said. "I saw this as the best time for me to run for president. I'm familiar with the campus organization, and I have the enthusiasm and energy to deal with the problems facing Congress."

Hershey was chairman of Repolitik for two years, and is also a member of the Pre-Law Society, and Republicans United.

Hershey has been involved in local and national politics, and may consider a political career herself someday "in the real world." She plans on going to law school, and perhaps from there into a political role.

Budget

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HARRIS cautions, however, that the 1.5 percent increase represents only a "ball-park" figure to start the committee on its way to studying alternative methods of eliminating the projected deficit.

"They could recommend not to raise (tuition 1.5 percent) or do twice as much," he said.

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HARRIS ADDED that although he did not anticipate any "traumatic" actions such as laying off faculty members and closing offices, the university is likely to face serious problems if the governor orders further reductions as the economy declines.

"Unless there's a dramatic turnaround in the economy, we can expect record-high tuition increases — higher than the record set last year," Harris said. Harris added that this has been "such a bizarre year that it was not out of the realm of possibility" for OU to be asked to operate on \$2 million less than it did last year.

However, OU is in much better shape than other state colleges and universities which built new budgets on the assumption that they would get some increase in the state's 1980-81 appropriations. OU has been operating since the start of its fiscal year on the assumption that it will not get any increases over last year's appropriations. As a result, OU is now faced with cutting only \$1 million from its new budget, Harris said.

Other universities have not been that lucky. Wayne State University President Thomas Bonner announced Friday that the university could be facing a \$10 million deficit if the governor's budget-cutting measures are approved.

Bonner has ordered a freeze on hiring and wage and salary increases (except those mandated by contracts), as well as pay cuts of eight percent for administrators who make more than \$50,000 a year and five percent for those who make more than \$40,000 per year.

Although precise figures were not available at the time, Harris said other state colleges and universities also stand to lose an average of five percent from their 1979-80 state appropriation.

Committees

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process, saying he would prefer to wait until a new president has been chosen. "The Board still has to make a decision," he said. "I don't think it's going to do a lot of good in the long run to start an uproar."

THE Selection Committee's paring down of the candidates from 11 to three, following interviews at the Host International Hotel last month, also bothered Barr.

"It was the biggest part I haven't been thrilled with," he said. The

advisory committees simply submitted names, Barr said, and he is not sure if more weight was placed on the recommendations of one group over another.

But Ann Arner, chairman of the alumni advisory group, said the Selection Committee has been responsive to the suggestions made by the advisory committees.

"They have listened to us," she said.

Following the on-campus interviews of the presidential candidates last week, the advisory groups were to submit to the

Selection Committee what they perceive as the relative strengths and weaknesses of each candidate, said Pam Marin, chairman of the administrative professional advisory committee. The advisory groups will not rank the candidates, she said. "As an advisory committee, I don't think we should be ranking."

"One of the things I've been pleased with is the consistency by the Board," she said. "There has been no great difference of opinion on the candidates. This speaks well of the process."

Sail Shorts

DR. ROBERT ROCKAWAY, Professor of History at Tel Aviv University, commented on tradition, life and culture in Israel and Jerusalem during a lecture sponsored by the Jewish Students Organization. The lecture was held Wednesday in the Oakland Center. Rockaway, has been here on sabbatical for the past five months. He will be returning to Israel in a few weeks.

A SEMINAR on personal finance will be held Wednesday, Nov. 19 from 7:30 to 9:30 in 201 Dodge Hall. All faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the session of personal financial management. Speakers for the seminar are Sid Mitra, professor, economics and management and Roland Meulebrouck, vice president of Merrill-Lynch.

THE OAKLAND UNIVERSITY SINGERS will present a concert of varied music on Friday, Nov. 21 in the Varner Recital Hall at 8 p.m. Highlighting the program will be the premiere of Stanley Hollingsworth's "Death, Be Not Proud." Hollingsworth is composer-in-residence at OU. Featured soloists will be soprano Christina Goforth and pianist Jill Simmons, both music majors in the OU department of music.

—Compiled from press releases and staff reports.

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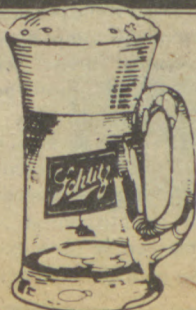
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EDITORIAL

Secrecy battle ends in public victory

So the secret is out — the identities of the last three candidates are known. But the other 280 candidates will remain forever shrouded in secrecy.

We've played the guessing and hide-and-seek games set up by the Board of Trustees in its guise as the Selection Committee, but in these type of 'games' neither of us is the winner — and OU is ultimately the loser.

Instead of at least holding the final stages of the selection process in an open format, the Board chose to cloak its proceedings in secrecy using elaborate mechanisms to circumvent the Open Meetings Act. Instead of using one of the admittedly available loopholes in the law, by having the Selection Committee consist of a less than quorum number of trustees, or by adding an outsider to the Selection Committee the Board chose to walk a thin line in its selection process — and it has gotten called on it.

AT FIRST, ONLY we and professor Edward Heubel challenged the legality of the Board's behavior. But the Attorney General, the highest law officer in the state, has now joined the challenge. He, too, feels OU's Board is violating the law and has filed suit against the Board.

"The people who need to know — know," said Board Chairman Richard Headlee in an interview last week. It is that cavalier, paternalistic attitude that laws such as the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act seek to change.

It is a mockery that in a university — an institution held by most to be a forum for the free exchange of information and ideas — information on the selection of its highest officer be circulated only to a privileged few.

No, Mr. Headlee — last week, not all the people who needed to know about the candidates did. Fortunately, the shroud of secrecy has been pierced — and this week, they do.

Colleges stand to lose despite Tisch defeat

The election is over and opponents of the Tisch tax-cut amendment can breathe a sigh of relief: Proposal D has been defeated.

Sit back and relax? Not if they're really concerned.

Proponents of the drive to slash property taxes will be gearing up soon to get a similar tax-cut proposal on the 1982 ballot. Opponents of such drastic tax-cutting measures must also start preparing for the tough battle ahead.

Make no mistakes — the fight will be tough. Even though the Tisch proposal did not get the 51 percent majority necessary to become law, it did receive a larger percentage of the vote than either the Coalition Proposal, which Gov. William Milliken endorsed, and the Smith-Bullard Proposal.

PROPOSAL D came close to passing — and that is frightening. And the fact that Tisch has been defeated does not mean Michigan colleges and universities can stop worrying about reduced budget allocations and hikes in tuition and fees. The governor has recommended already drastic cuts, totalling \$223 million, in the state's 1980-81 budget. No department has been left untouched in the budget-cutting sweep.

Higher education stands to lose nearly \$100 million this year if the state legislature approves the governor's recommendations. As the allocation for higher education shrinks, colleges and universities will have no choice other than to raise tuition and fees in order to remain solvent. Thus, even though Tisch has been defeated, the threat of soaring tuition has not been eliminated.

Higher education costs due to inflation and a depressed economy will be tough enough to deal with. We must make sure that these higher costs will not be made a permanent part of life by enshrining in the state constitution an amendment which will give property tax relief at the expense of state services.

WE REALIZE the current economic circumstances are taking a heavy toll on the individual taxpayer, leaving him with an exorbitant and unfair tax burden. But in the stampede to get short-term property tax relief, we must not overlook the long-term consequences of a drastic tax-cutting measure.

Tisch has failed this time but we must not sit back complacently. A similar proposal could pass in 1982. It's up to us to make sure it doesn't.



Letters

Headlee deserves right to Tisch stand

Dear Editor:

There has been much ado of late regarding the propriety of the position of Mr. Headlee, chairman of OU's Board of Trustees, with respect to the Tisch proposal. The question arises, not whether Mr. Headlee was, in this particular instance, acting in the exclusive best interest of Oakland University with his support of the Tisch proposal, but whether any person who is charged with the responsibility of a special group has the obligation to act solely toward the immediate needs of that group.

I THINK not; obviously that person must be more knowledgeable of the ramifications of a particular action toward that group (this is his *real* responsibility), but, at his discretion, he may set an order of personal priorities, which would be followed in conjunction with his conscience.

While I personally disagree with Mr. Headlee's stance, the actions and statements of others, condemning him with respect to his board position, strike me as very disagreeable. I applaud the courage and dedication of Mr. Headlee; it is apparent to me that he did not make his decision lightly, but followed the dictates of his own philosophy.

For those who *do* believe that he should have put the interests of OU above his personal ethics, one can look at analogous situations: What if the commander of the military put the welfare of his command above that of his country? What if the president of a major chemical company put his company above all else? What if a union boss put his union above the welfare of the country?

AT THIS point we must make a distinction — these references are alluding to immediate needs; long term needs tend to coalesce, and all responsible people (it is assumed) are acting in what they believe

be the eventual best interest of humanity. It is difficult to ascertain that the Tisch proposal, for example, is not in fact in the eventual best interest of either Michigan or OU, while most would agree that in the short term, the best one could expect would be chaos.

I will not discuss the criteria for

selection of people such as trustees, except to note that unanimity is not necessarily virtuous. I feel that dissension encourages creativity, and after all, isn't creativity at the heart of all progress? Should our actions reflect our beliefs, or should they reflect our desire for personal security?

H. Dean McGee
OU Student

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Champagne

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industrial development, and manpower planning and development.

In 1971, Champagne took a two year leave to be the founding president of the Houston Community College system, which grew to an enrollment of 18,000 persons in 80 branches throughout the greater Houston area during his presidential term. After leaving the system to return to the University of Houston, he received the lifetime title of President

Emeritus by the Community College.

CHAMPAGNE HAS HAD extended experience in working with the Texas State Legislature by working with various committees.

"I worked very effectively with the legislature," Champagne said. "I think the experience of working with the legislature would help any president of a public facility. The legislature needs to understand the problems of the university and the students."

Champagne is a member of the American Psychological Association. He has served as a consultant to a number of private and public

organizations including the Houston Independent School Board, Georgia State Department of Education, San Antonio Concentrated Employment Program and the Greater Houston Community College Commission.

Obear

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chemistry at the University of New Hampshire. Obear joined the then year-old campus of Michigan State University-Oakland in 1960. He taught as an assistant professor of chemistry at OU until 1966.

Obear's rise in OU's administrative structure began when he was appointed Dean of Freshman in 1966, and served as assistant provost from 1965 to 1967.

He was appointed vice-provost in 1968, under former OU president Donald O'Dowd, who was Provost at the time. When

Chancellor Woody Varner left OU and Donald O'Dowd was named acting chancellor and then president, Obear moved into the position of acting provost in 1969. The position became his in 1970, when he was named Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Obear has served on the Collective Bargaining Policy Committee since 1971, and as chairman of the University Senate Steering Committee from 1970 to 1976.

Haenicke

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Romance and German Literature. A year later he became the assistant dean of the department.

Haenicke also served as associate dean of Literary Arts at WSU and in 1975 he became

Provost of the university.

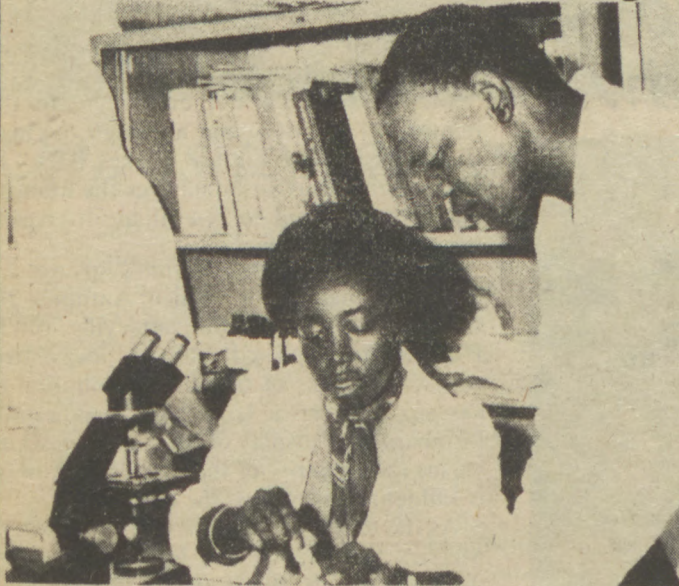
In 1978, Haenicke was named to the post of Dean of the College of Humanities at OSU, where he also became a professor of German.

Haenicke has not only studied in Germany, but has also served as the resident director of the Junior Year Program in Freiburg, Germany from 1965-66, and from 1969-70. The program was sponsored by four universities, including WSU. He became director of the program and served in that position from 1970 till 1975.

Becky Bowman, a member of the student advisory committee would not identify the candidate or where he was from after his Friday morning interview. However she said that "he was good. I think he's qualified."

Haenicke is a well-known historian and specialist in the German language.

Ask Them Why



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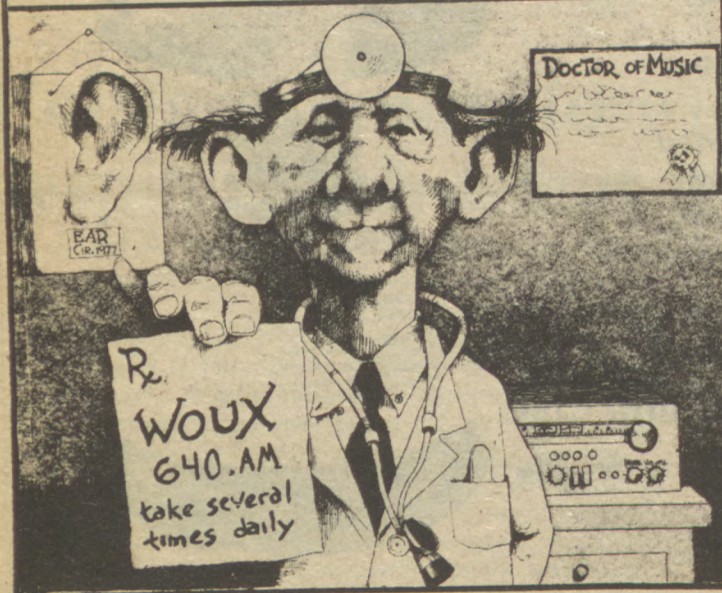
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'Elephant Man' stuns, warms

In the early 1930's, an underground film about circus performers overcame much public outcry and attempted censorship to become one of America's first "cult" films. "Freaks" attempted to humanize the midgets, human skeletons, siamese twins and other "victims of nature" whose only means of livelihood was to display these deformities for a nickel a head.

Fifty years later, screen newcomer John Hurt's stunning portrayal of John Merrick, agreed by many to be the most deformed human being ever, has helped make *The Elephant Man* the most moving picture to

Audience enjoys stay in 'Our Town'



It's amazing that so many people can look back on their countless journeys to tourist meccas like Niagra Falls or Atlantic City and at the same time not even realize how many trips they've made to Grovers Corners, New Hampshire.

We caught a glimpse of Grovers Corners last Wednesday, and the audience truly enjoyed their stay in "Our Town".

The Meadow Brook Theatre's production of the Thornton Wilder classic about life and love in small town, U.S.A. at the turn of the century, went one step further than any other this reviewer has seen due to a superlative cast; all giving a fine performance.

AS THE stage manager, Peter Brandon's narrative flows like Orson Welles reading a bedtime story. He brings each character out of a book for all to see and like the eternal grandfather, he knows each of them inside out.

Ron Seka and Jeanne Arnold, as Dr. and Mrs. Gibbs, give warm and personal characterizations, as do Fiona Hall and A.D. Cover, as Mr. and Mrs. Webb. All four actors convey the internal frustration and sadness that faces all parents when their children are growing up and moving away.

George Gibbs and Emily Webb, the young couple who fall in love and then marry, are the essence of how it feels to enter adulthood. Barely out of puberty themselves, they now take on the responsibilities and commitment of marriage and family.

George, played by Stanley Flood, is a naive, nasal-toned lad who creates indecision in his every affection. Emily, played by Judith McIntyre, helps George to understand and appreciate himself, thus making it easier for him to realize his love for her and then to propose marriage.

SOME FINE moments, and funny ones at that, come from the supporting cast.

Bob Murdy, as Professor Willard, the resident historian of Grovers Corners, gives an oration from his nasal cavity on the town's past. Marianne Muellerleile, gets the biggest laugh as a guest at George and Emily's wedding. Sitting in the back of the church, she addresses the audience on how beautiful weddings are, and proceeds to critique almost everything and everyone there.

"Our Town" is a classic American drama, and MBT's performance kept the lives of that era fresh in our memories.

—Daryl Fortier

ENTERTA

come out this year.

ALONG WITH Anthony Hopkins, who portrays the doctor that takes Merrick from sideshow squalor to the cream of London's society and audiences with the queen, Hurt gives a performance of astonishing depth and clarity.

So many things could have gone wrong with the *Elephant Man* — which makes the success of director David Lynch all the more stunning. His use of black and white highlights, rather than detracts, from Merrick's features. Merrick's relationship with Anne Bancroft, casted as a stage actress, could have easily degenerated into "Beauty and the Beast" sentimentalism, but Lynch wisely confines Bancroft to two brief, yet stunning appearances.

Merrick's face is not even seen for the first 20 minutes of the film, and although the make-up job should beat "The Empire Strikes Back" for special effect, John Hurt so humanizes the monster that the audience is forced to re-evaluate its conceptions of normal and abnormal.

THIS IS probably the film's strongest, yet most discomforting, theme. When Anthony Hopkins is confronted by Bytes, the vaudeville low life whom Hopkins has spirited Merrick away from, Bytes accuses Hopkins of the very exploitation the doctor has saved Merrick from. As Hopkins attempts to rationalize the display of Merrick to gawking doctors versus the vulgarity of the circus sideshow, the viewer is suddenly pulled into the conflict.

As the movie progresses, Hurt draws us so far into Merrick that we see the last portion of the movie through his eyes. When he lays himself down to sleep "like a real person" at the film's end, we feel neither sympathy or anger, but more a joyous release from suffering.

While most dramas attempt to portray emotions on the screen, *The Elephant Man* forces us to actually experience the emotions with Merrick.

—Gary Garbarino

Aroundabout

MONDAY

Beer Lake Yacht Club Meeting, 128 & 130 OC, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
Center for Creative Studies-Art Exhibit, Crockery Alcove, CIPO, 10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
Table for Literature, Table 5, Deeper Life, 8:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.
German Club Meeting, Meadow Brook Rm., 5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
Lutheran Student Fellowship Meeting, Faculty Lounge, 7:00 — 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

Baptist Student Union Meeting, Faculty Lounge, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Center for Creative Studies-Art Exhibit, Crockery Alcove, CIPO, 10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
Play, Our Town, Meadow Brook Theatre, 8:30 p.m.
OU Fencing Club Meeting, 133 Varner, 3:30 — 5:00 p.m.
OU Mixed Bowling Meeting, Avon Recreation Center, 6:15 p.m.
Order of Liebowitz Meeting, Gold Rm. C, 7:00 — 9:00 p.m.
Concert Lecture Board Meeting, Meadow Brook Rm., 8:00 — 9:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Delta Alpha Sigma Coffeehouse, Abstemion, CIPO, 9:00 p.m. — 1:00 a.m.
OU Concert Band, East Crockery, CIPO, 12:00 p.m. — 1:00 p.m.
Sven Anderson Jazz Band, Fireside Lounge, CIPO, 12:00 p.m. — 1:00 p.m.
Center for Creative Studies-Art Exhibit, Crockery Alcove, CIPO, 10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
Orange Lake Drive, Varner Recital Hall, C.I.B., 8:00 p.m.
Deeper Life Meeting, 125 OC, 2:00 — 3:30 p.m.
Play, Our Town, Meadow Brook Theatre, 2:00 p.m. & 8:30 p.m.
Play, Two by Two, Varner Studio, Music Dept., 1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.
Order of Liebowitz Meeting, 130 OC, 10:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.
Physical Therapy Orientation/Advising Meeting, Gold Rm. C, Physical Therapy Dept., 12:00 p.m.
Build Your Own Solar Greenhouse, Exhibit Lounge, Pirm, 11:00 a.m.
University Congress Meeting, 125 OC, 6:00 — 7:00 p.m.

ENTERTAINMENT



Opposites attract in Photos' album

Wow, another "new wave" album, or maybe it's a "punk" album, it looks like one or the other judging by the cover. The *Photos* is the name of the band, the album is of the same name. This four member group consists of Wendy Wu, lead singer and sex object; Steve Eagles, guitar; Dave Sparrow, bass; and Olly Harrison on drums.

At first glance, one would probably think the band is punk; but after listening, it's obvious that the sound is "new wave." In fact, one might go so far as to say that the band sounds like the Pretenders, or even more like early Blondie. The resemblance to Blondie is only in the sound of the vocals; the music seems to border right between the two groups.

The one thing that makes the Photos stand out is their catchy and meaningful lyrics full of statements that make one think a little. For example, the first song about a conceited person, it begins with, "I'm so attractive". Immediately following is, "Shy," which ends with "now I'm crying, I'm tired of trying

unfulfilled in my little world." Two statements that are almost opposites, or perhaps the second is a result of the first.

Another catchy statement is also the title of the only song on the album not written by The Photos, "I Just Don't Know What to Do With Myself," written by Hal David and Burt Bacharach. It's interesting that a band would pick such a strange cover song. That, along with a song entitled "Loss of Contact," seems to suggest that the band may be a little confused.

That may be true, for it seems that several of the 14 songs are almost exact opposites, the first two mentioned being the most obvious. After those, there is a song called "Irene," which is about a girl who is up on all the latest fashions, followed by "Maxine," a song about a punk who is so behind the times that she is without friends. There's no doubt that opposites play a big part of The Photos album, but opposite attract don't they? In the case of the Photos they do.

— Darin Morgan

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Chess Club Meeting, 125 OC, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Dr. Stephen Wright, Dept. Of Mathematics, 1575 VBH, 3:00 p.m.

Didactic Order of Harmonists Meeting, Lounge II, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Play, Our Town, Meadow Brook Theatre, 8:30 p.m.

OU Singers Rehearsal, Varner Recital Hall, Music Dept., 7:30 - 10:30 p.m.

Play, Two by Two, Varner Studio Theatre, Music Dept., 8:00 p.m.

OU Fencing Club Meeting, 133 Varner, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

OU Gospel Choir Rehearsal, 126 & 127 OC, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Parachute Club Meeting, 125 OC, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Senior Weekend, Residence Halls, 7:00 p.m.

Divorced & Separated Group, St. John Fisher Chapel, 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

Center for Creative Studies-Art Exhibit, Crockery Alcove, CPO, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Ms. OU Election, Table 2, Intrepid Souls, 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Kappa Society Dance, Crockery, Kappa Society, 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Play, Our Town, Meadow Brook Theatre, 8:30 p.m.

Play, Two by Two, Varner Studio Theatre, Music Dept., 8:00 p.m.

Film, Tommy, 201 DH, Project II, 7:00 & 9:30 p.m.

Senior Weekend, Residence Halls, 8:00 a.m.

Play, Cat On A Hot Tin Roof, Barn Theatre, S.F.T., 8:30 p.m.

Speaker, Steven Klien, Townsend & Bottum, 202 DH, School of Engineering, 2:15 - 3:30 p.m.

International Coffee House, Lounge II, Undergraduate Advising, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Film, Kramer vs. Kramer, 201 DH, C1B, 7:00 & 9:30 p.m.

11th Annual Miss OU Ball, Crockery, Intrepid Souls, 9:00 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.

Play, Our Town, Meadow Brook Theatre, 6:00 p.m.

Student and Faculty Recitals, Varner Recital Hall, Music Dept., 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Play, Two by Two, Varner Studio Theatre, Music Dept., 6:00 & 9:30 p.m.

OU Skateboarding Society Meeting, Faculty Lounge, 4:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Senior Weekend, Residence Halls, 8:00 a.m.

Play, Cat On A Hot Tin Roof, Barn Theatre, S.F.T., 8:30 p.m.

OU Women's Basketball vs. Toledo, Lepley Sports Center, 2:00 p.m.

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SPORTS

Four starters return but Shereda is gone

News is good and bad for women cagers

By Bob Van Winkle
Sports Editor

There is some good news and some bad news for DeWayne Jones in his first year as the OU women's basketball coach.

The good news is he has four starters returning from last year's 17-11 AIAW regional qualifying team.

The bad news is that All-American and four-year starter Helen Shereda, along with her 28-point and 15-rebound per game averages, has graduated.

"I'm not worried in the least about the points," said Jones, who is replacing Rose Swidzinski, who resigned last summer. "I think we can more than make up for those. What I am concerned about is the 15 rebounds. We're going to have to do a better job of boxing out."

Jones' returning starters—all of whom are sophomores—are 5-foot-10 forward Linda Krawford, 5-foot-11 center-forward Teresa Vondrasek, 5-foot-5 guard Kelly Kenny and 5-foot-7 guard Anne Kish.

Krawford was the team's second leading scorer with a 14.9 average while Vondrasek averaged 11.4 points and 10.4 rebounds a game.

Kenny led the team in assists with 115 and averaged 6.6 points while Kish scored at an 11.3 clip and dished out 105 assists.

Jones also expects to get a lot of help from two more sophomores, 6-foot-0 center Cordella Donner and 5-foot-8 guard-forward Lynda Axsom.

Jones said a lot of the team's fortunes depend on "how fast Cordella comes around. Because of her size, she gives us an added dimension on the court."

If Donner develops as quickly as Jones hopes, he will be able to shift Vondrasek to forward, "which will give us a mismatch against almost everybody else because Teresa is so strong."



Jones is looking for Kenny to develop into his "floor general" this year, directing the team on both offense and defense.

"I've talked to her quite a bit lately and I expect her to assume the leadership role quite well," said Jones. "She definitely has the disposition and temperament to do the job, not to mention the ability. She is very low-keyed and does exactly what you ask her to do."

The only junior on the team (there are no seniors) is 5-foot-8 forward Beth Brunn.

The rest of the team is composed entirely of freshmen: 5-foot-8 guard-forward Alesia Tyson, 5-foot-9 forward Ulla Vineents from Denmark, 5-foot-11 forward-center Helen McGraw, 5-foot-5

guard Gay Richardson and 5-foot-8 guard Pam Springer.

"We may be a young team, but we have some depth," said Jones, adding that he has four guards and four forwards that will see a lot of playing time.

The 1980-81 Pioneers will use an entirely different defensive philosophy from last year, as Jones hopes to play a player-to-player defense almost all the time.

"I like the pressure type of defense because it forces other teams into mistakes and makes for a faster, more exciting game," he said.

"The girls that played last year understand the concept really well even though they played zone defenses most of the time. They've picked it up very rapidly."

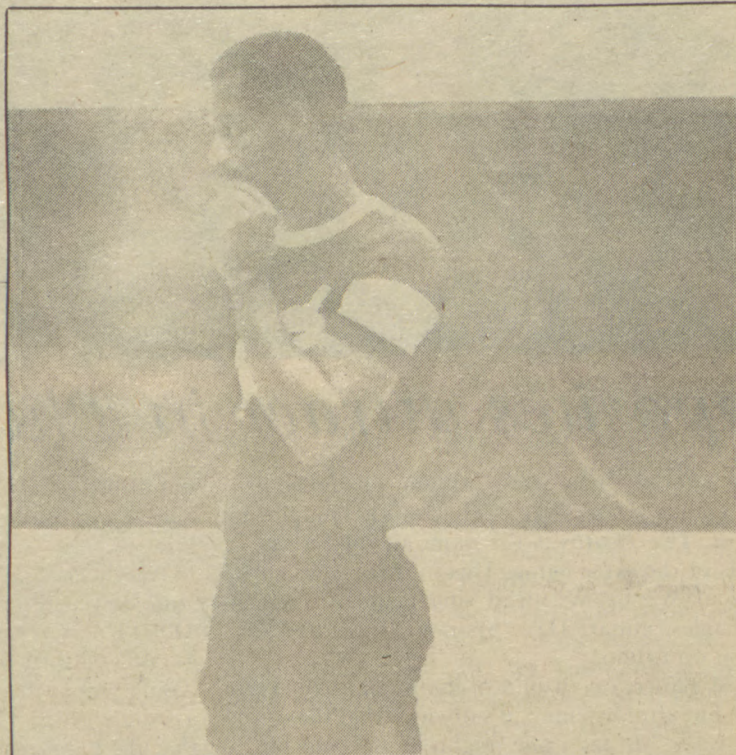
"The new players are starting to learn that defense is really important to us and they're starting to come along now, too."

Jones feels that OU "definitely" has a shot at winning the GLIAC title this year after finishing second a year ago at 8-2 (behind Wayne State's 10-0).

"I don't know how we compare to the other teams, but from what I hear, Wayne is supposed to be good again and Grand Valley and Saginaw Valley should both be up there."

"But we have just as good a chance as anyone," he added. "I expect to be fighting it out for the top spot."

Most of OU's non-conference schedule is against other Division I



The Oakland Sail, Bob Knoska

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schools, including games against Michigan, Michigan State, Bowling Green, Eastern, Western and Central Michigan and the defending state champion, the University of Detroit.

"The reason for our tough schedule is that we have to get in there and get beat up a little to find out what it's about before the state

tournament."

"Our first goal this year is, of course, to win the conference title," said Jones. "I also hope we can win 20 games this year (out of 27). Then we'll take it from there."

The Pioneers open their season Saturday when they host the University of Toledo at 2 p.m. at Lepley Sports Center.



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ROUGH GOING: Sophomore Teresa Vondrasek finds the going a little rough under the basket during practice earlier this week as Helen McGraw (left) and Cordella Donner move in to block her shot. Watching safely from further out are Kelly Kenny (left) and Gay Richardson.

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Talented Tartars picked to repeat in GLIAC

By Bob Van Winkle
Sports Editor

Wayne State University's women's basketball team has three starters back from last year's Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) championship team, so it's no wonder that



1980 Coaches' Pre-season Poll:

- (1979-80 results in parentheses)
1. Wayne State (10-0, 19-9)
 2. Oakland (8-2, 17-11)
 3. Saginaw Valley (4-6, 21-10)
 4. Grand Valley (6-4, 11-16)
 5. (tie) Ferris State (1-9, 10-15)
 - Lake Superior (1-9, 11-15)
 - Michigan Tech
 - Northwood Institute

coach Rita Horky's Tartars are the favorite to win the 1980-81 crown. But Horky isn't convinced.

"If you had asked me yesterday, I'd have said yes, we're going to win it all. But after listening to these other coaches, I'm not so sure," said Horky at the pre-season Media Day in East Lansing recently.

Other coaches around the conference were a little more positive, however, unanimously voting the Tartars the team to beat, followed by Oakland, Saginaw Valley and Grand Valley State.

Wayne State: The Tartars return

six letterwinners from last year's 19-9 team, including senior center Monice Thomas, an All-GLIAC and All-State pick and the conference's second-leading scorer and third-leading rebounder last year.

Other important returners are senior point guard Stephanie Stone and senior forward-center Linda Kosovac.

Wayne should also get a big lift from transfer Sue Elzinga-Whiteside, the leading scorer and rebounder at Lake Superior State last year.

"I'm going to stress the player's individual talents this year so that everyone is playing at their potential," said Horky, who replaced Linda Makowski at the Tartar helm. "It will be an individual and team effort."

Saginaw Valley: Coach Marsha Reall guided the Cardinals to a 21-10 record in her first year at Saginaw Valley last season, but her club finished fourth in the GLIAC at 4-6.

This year, Reall will have the task of combining a large group of freshmen with a strong trio of returning starters, including two All-Conference and All-State picks.

"There's quite a bit of experience at most of the positions, but not a lot of depth," said Reall. "How well we do depends on how fast our six freshmen jell for us. They're going to make us or break us."

Reall's two All-State returners are senior forward Erika Bush, the team's most valuable player last year and Diane Dockus, a 6-foot-2, 185 pound senior center who averaged 17.3 points and 10

rebounds a game last year.

The third returner is junior guard Diane Forrester.

Grand Valley State: The season hasn't even begun yet, but Grand Valley coach Pat Baker is already having an injury problem.

The Lakers have lost three six-footers to the injury bug, including freshman Kim Kaiser, who Baker expected to step into the starting lineup this year.

"We're going to have to re-evaluate our game plan," said

forwards Julie Vincent and Linda Putney and guards Margaret Olson, a senior, and Lee Ann Huffman, a sophomore.

Olson had a team-high 29 points against Northern Michigan last year while Huffman and Vincent averaged over nine points a game.

Ferris State: After a disappointing 10-15 record last that included a 1-9 GLIAC record and last-place finish, Bulldog coach Pat Dolan is hoping for a rebound.

Michigan Tech: The Huskies, 8-14 in the Northern Intercollegiate Conference last year, will find the going difficult in the GLIAC as their roster is composed entirely of sophomores and freshmen.

"The GLIAC will be very tough but we're not going to lie back and let people walk all over us," said first-year coach Diane Morea. "We're going to try our best to stay out of the bottom."

"We're very young and inexperienced and also very short, but the kids are hard workers they won't give up."

Tech does return its top two leading scorers from last year, 5-foot-10 center D.J. Evans and 5-foot-9 guard Jodi Peters.

Northwood Institute: "Our goal is to be competitive," said Northwood coach Larry Lindsey, whose club is entering its first season of varsity competition. "We don't have much talent, but we're going to let our opponents know they're in a ballgame."

The lone survivor from last year's junior varsity squad is 5-foot-10 sophomore forward Jane Peringer, who averaged 23 points a game for Northwood.

Basketball

Baker. "I'll have to restructure my offense and rely more on speed than on inside strength."

Leading the newly-designed offense will be sophomore point guard Deb Mast, an All-State pick as a freshman.

Baker has no seniors on the team and the only junior is forward Mary Lenhard, also a returning starter.

Lake Superior State: "Our goal this year is to get out of the GLIAC basement and make it to the first floor," said Laker coach Gunile Myers, whose club finished in a tie for last in the conference last year. "We may not make it to the second level, but we hope we can at least get to the first floor."

Lake Superior will have to do it without All-State and leading scorer Sue Elzinga-Whiteside, who transferred to Wayne State.

The Lakers will, however, have the services of 6-foot-1 junior center Marti Wallace, junior

"The ladies have worked hard and I now believe they have the game experience necessary to help us win," said Dolan, in her fourth year at Ferris. "We're here to stay."

Ferris has nine letterwinners back for the 1980-81 campaign, including sophomore guard Monta Ware, who averaged 14.4 points and 6.2 rebounds a game last year and earned All-GLIAC honors.

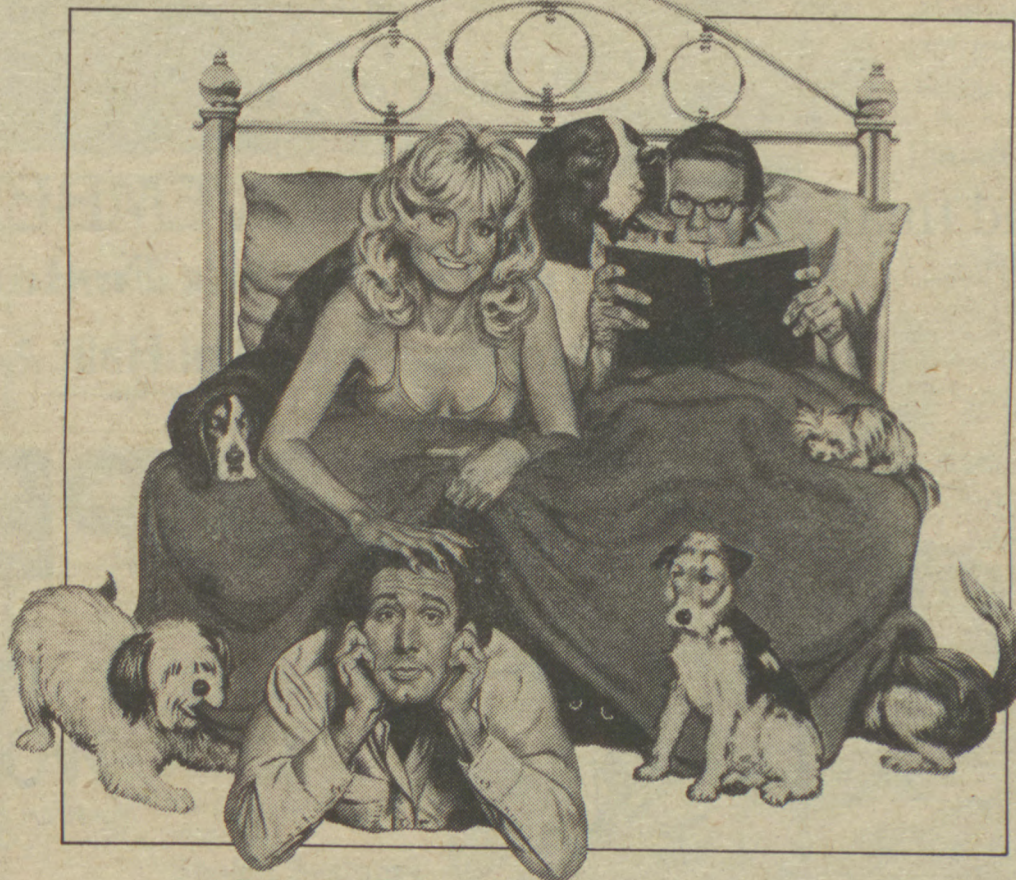
A football feast for Lion lovers

It may be basketball season on the OU campus, but the Detroit Lions are still playing football just a few minutes away in the Pontiac Silverdome, where the strange and the unusual are becoming the rule rather than the exception.

And the *Oakland Sail* would like you to be in on all of the excitement when the Lions take on the Green Bay Packers in the final game of the regular season Dec. 21.

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Coming This Christmas

OU tankers 'have the potential' to retain crown

By Bob Van Winkle
Sports Editor

OU men's swimming team "definitely has the potential" to repeat as the NCAA Division II national champion according to head coach Ernie Maglischo, who is beginning his second year at the Pioneer helm.

"We kind of caught them (the other schools) by surprise last year but they'll be ready for us this time," said Maglischo, who coached California State University at Chico to four straight Division II national championships before coming to Oakland.

The Pioneers' biggest task this year will be to fill the gap created by the graduation of Ian Dittus and Tom Allen, who together accounted for 55 of OU's 312 points at the national championships last year.

HOWEVER, Maglischo, who expects the University of Puget Sound and California State-Northridge to be the main threats to dethrone OU this year, does have a large and talented group of returnees to build around, led by five-time national champion Mark Doyle.

"He leads by example," said Maglischo. "He works hard on the little things that mean hundredths of a second."

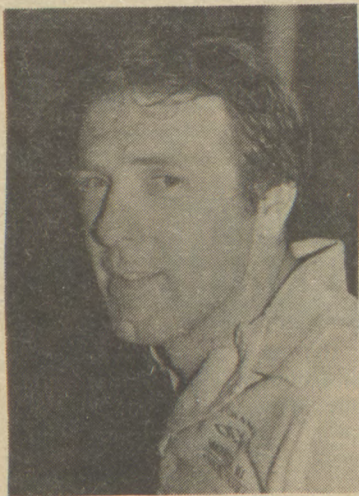
Doyle won the 100 and 200-yard backstroke events last year and also earned All-American honors in the 200-yard individual medley and 400-yard medley relay.

Also returning is junior 200-yard freestyle national champion Mark Vagle. He also anchored the winning 800-yard freestyle relay team of Gordon Geheb, Dittus and Mike O'Hagan.

OTHER TOP returnees are All-Americans Tim Murphy (freestyle), Mike Sammons (freestyle), Eivind Hansen (freestyle, individual medley), Rick Cozad (backstroke, individual medley), Gregg Santo (backstroke, individual medley) and Brian Brink (butterfly) and Bill

Colvett (freestyle, breaststroke), Doug McIntosh (freestyle), Tom Burns (freestyle), Curt Jonas (backstroke, butterfly), Bill Lockwood (backstroke, freestyle) and Ron Link (breaststroke).

Maglischo hopes to get some



Ernie Maglischo

help from transfers Scott Phillips (breaststroke) and Steve Gallagher (butterfly), sophomore Tracy Huth (individual medley), who was red-shirted last year, and incoming freshmen Darin Abbasse (freestyle), Mike Schmidt (freestyle, butterfly, individual medley), Alan Faust (butterfly), Kevin O'Shaughnessy (breaststroke), Greg Chappell (freestyle, butterfly), Joren Peterson (freestyle) and Bernie Staples (freestyle, breaststroke).

Maglischo does expect to have problems in diving, where Joe Vincent will be his only entrant in the two events.

"Joe is doing well, but since we only have the one diver, we're going to be giving the other teams some easy points," he said.

Although the GLIAC meet will be an important one for OU, Maglischo said the team will "point towards the nationals. We'll do as well as possible in our dual meets without interrupting our training plan."

The Pioneers, who have been practicing since school began in August but have been spending a great deal of time out of the water watching films and video tapes, are now in the "heavy training phase" of the season, "where we put in a lot of mileage to try to develop

endurance," said Maglischo. "In January, we'll go into our sprint phase to try to improve our times."

WITH THE ADDITION of Michigan Tech into the league this year, the GLIAC will conduct a swimming championship for the first time since 1978. OU, which

won the title all three years it was in existence, will host the 1981 championships Feb. 26-28.

OU will open its dual season Friday when it hosts Michigan State at 7:30 p.m. at Lepley Sports Center.

Christensen voted MVP

Booters finish with best record ever

Klaas de Boer's first season as head soccer coach at OU has turned out to be the most successful in the school's history.

The Pioneers rolled up a 14-4-2 record during the 1980 season and just missed qualifying for the NCAA Division II national tournament.

OU was ranked as high as ninth nationally by the NCAA during the season and finished the year in the number two slot in the Midwest soccer poll.

"I think we established ourselves as a top Division II power to be contended with in the very near

future," said de Boer. "I feel we gained the respect of the other schools."

The Pioneers are unquestionably the top team in the state, recording a 7-0-1 record against Michigan schools, the only tie being a 2-2 deadlock with Michigan State.

DE BOER ALSO announced that senior defenseman Mark Christensen has been named the team's most valuable player for 1980.

"Mark is the most underrated player on the team," said de Boer. "He always guarded the opponent's best player and he's an

extremely hard worker. He set an example for the younger players on the team throughout the year."

Christensen finished the season as the team's second-leading scorer behind freshman Morris Lupenec with eight goals and four assists.

In addition, freshman Dan Fitzgerald was named the most improved player on the team.

"Fitz really improved from the beginning of the season to the final game," said de Boer. "He played some outstanding soccer and I'm looking forward to having him around for three more years."



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Jaws earned its spot in the finals by rolling over Lawrence Institute of Technology 23-3 on Wednesday while Wayne State had no trouble in disposing of the University of

Detroit, 32-3, on Thursday.

Against LIU Wednesday, Mark Wood scored twice for Jaws, once on an interception return and then later on a punt return. Quarterback Ric Brauker, who completed 11 of 23 passes, tossed a touchdown aerial to Malcolm Peoples and Tim Keitt booted three extra points to complete the scoring for Jaws.

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Board of Trustees holds raffle for presidency

The news was all over campus faster than a loose woman: OU's Board of Trustees had made a decision on their choice of OU's next President. They were going to hold a raffle.

Tickets were on sale in the OC right next to a bunch of Pre-Alcoholic Club members selling bagels. Raffle tickets were fifty cents. (Bagels were twenty-five cents. I bought two.)

I munched on the bagels in my next class: PHL 319, Philosophy and Beer. The woman next to me, Hazel Kloptsky, leaned over and whispered, "Hey, good-looking. I've got a plan to rig the raffle and make sure I can be OU's next President. Want to help me?"

I ASKED her what was in it for me. She said, "Oh, the usual: money, booze, broads, and Bruce Springsteen's new album."

I was tempted. Power, money and broads didn't interest me much — but the new Springsteen album! I gritted my teeth though, and politely declined, explaining that I wanted to stay out of politics and do something more honest — armed robbery, for example.

I went home after class. That night I had to go to the library to study. (To study the girls there, I mean.) I was just settling into my studying (her name was Leslie-Anne) when Hazel tore into the lounge, holding a gun.

"You talked!" she screamed. "For that, you die, you little —"

"SSH!" the librarian shushed.

"Oh, sorry," Hazel whispered. "For that you die, you little twit. Any last words?"

I TOLD Leslie-Anne that Hazel was a former love of mine. She said she'd wait for me in my room, and left. Again. Hazel asked if I had any last words. I told her I was trying to think.

Three hours later I was still debating between "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn," and "Waiter! Waiter! There's a fly in my soup!" The library had closed, and we were standing outside. Hazel was getting impatient.

I finally decided on something short, simple and bravely dignified: "HELP! HELP! SOMEBODY PLEASE HELP ME!"

I kicked the gun from her hand. She tackled me to the ground. We struggled. She bit my hand. It reminded me of a date I'd once had.

Then, a voice said, "Get up, both of you." We got up and saw four men with guns surrounding us. Their leader growled: "Okay. I want her to tell me how she was going to rig the raffle so I can become next University President." He pointed to one of his men. "Start the torture." He began to sing a medley of the Bee Gee's greatest hits. It was horrible. His singing was rotten, too.

THEN A friend of mine name Mike Latternya came up behind the guy and pressed a knife to his throat. "Okay listen up," said Mike. "You guys are gonna help me rig the raffle so I'll be the next OU President, or I'm going to slit my knife with this guy's throat."

Before anyone could react, someone tapped Mike on the shoulder and stuck a sawed-off shotgun in his face. "You're going to help me rig this raffle or else..."

I excused myself to go to the bathroom, and went back to my dorm.

The next morning I was the only one in any of my classes because everyone else was lined up in front of the library, holding guns, knives, and false teeth on everybody else. I won the raffle by default.

Then I woke up in a cold sweat. "Greg?" I said to my roommate. "I just had the weirdest dream..."

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HOLIDAY MAGIC: The spirit and joy of Christmas is spread throughout the hall and the trees show the tradition that has become international.



CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS: Angels and ribbons decorate this traditional tree in the library.

Merchants 'deck the halls' to make Christmas sparkle

By Mary Ellen Burke
Staff Writer

Christmas is holly and mistletoe; it's candles and carols and bright ribbons and paper. But mostly, Christmas is magic.

And the magic of Christmas comes alive as Meadow Brook Hall presents a "Potpourri of Christmas Trees" at its tenth annual Christmas Walk.

Over 30 florists and distributors volunteered their time and talents this year to "deck the halls" for the fund raiser. All proceeds from the Christmas Walk go toward preservation and maintenance of the 51-year-old cultural center.

THERE ARE seven tree exhibits, ranging from needlepoint decorated trees to an invisible tree made of bulbs hung on strings of varying lengths.

Included in the Christmas Walk is a decoupage tree. Ornaments on the tree were made by members of the Michigan Great Lakes Chapter of the National Guild of Decoupeurs. (Decoupage is a craft in which designs are cut out of paper such as wrapping paper, and applied to a flat surface. Then the ornament is covered with shellac to make it shine).

"Some of the decorations take hours or even weeks to complete," said Donna Hull, an eight year member of the Guild. "We start preparing for this in June and some of the members are still working on their decorations."

Another display is a popcorn tree where each piece of popcorn is individually glued on the tree. "It takes eight people, eight hours of work each to put the tree together," said Margaret Twyman, manager of Meadow Brook Hall.

In addition to tree exhibits are floral and candle displays, donated and arranged by area merchants. As one visitor said, "It's a fairy-tale wonder."

THE CHRISTMAS WALK is a year-round project for the Hall staff.

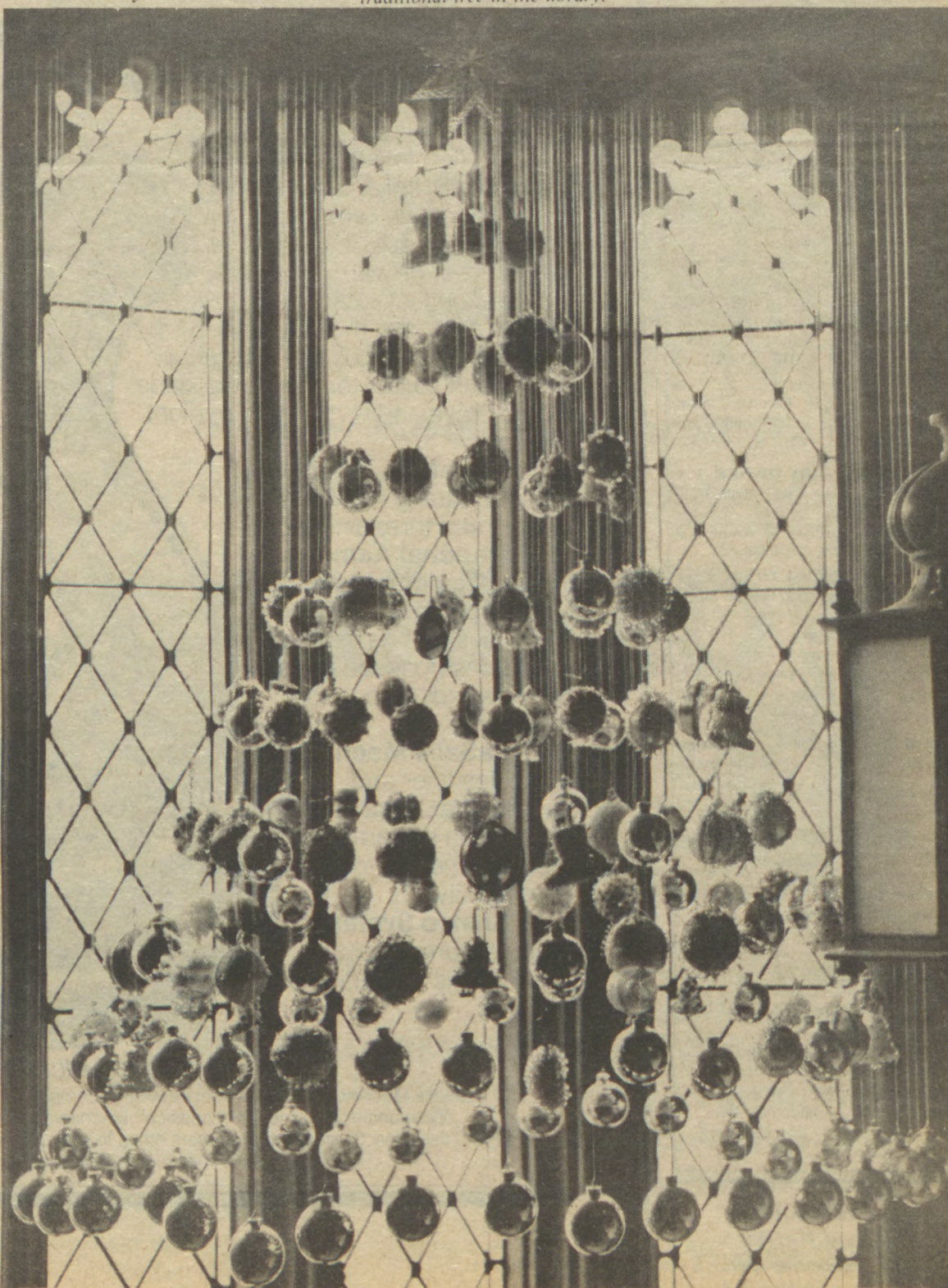
"We no sooner have a 'thank you' luncheon in February, than we start looking for a new chairman," said Twyman.

The yearly event attracts over 16,000 visitors from Michigan and neighboring states and provides approximately two-thirds of the funds needed to maintain the Hall.

Meadow Brook Hall, which was completed in 1929 at a cost of \$4 million and is now open for public tours, was donated to the State of Michigan in 1957, along with the rest of the estate of Alfred and Matilda Wilson.

The Christmas Walk will be open to the public from Dec. 3 through Dec. 8. Hours for the tours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday through Monday. Admission for children, OU students and senior citizens is \$4. For adults, admission is \$5 Monday through Friday and \$6 on Saturday and Sunday. Food service will be available in the Carriage House during the Christmas Walk tours.

For more information, call 377-3140.



THE INVISIBLE TREE: Just one of the beautiful tree displays featured in the Christmas Walk, this invisible tree catches the light as it hangs over one of the staircases in Meadow Brook Hall.