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Briefly ...

Reading Hour

The fourth monthly "Reading Hour" will be held Wednesday, Jan. 15 in 133 Varner Hall at noon. This informal work-in-progress hour gives students, faculty and staff an audience for new pieces.

Contest

All students are welcome to submit an essay on the topic of "Martin Luther King, Jr. and You—Positive Forces of Change" the exposition/persuasion piece will be judged on originality, creativity and solid rhetorical skills. Prizes include: framed poster (value \$50), \$25 in Munch Money and \$10. Essays are due Feb. 14 and forms are available from the Academic Skills Center, 201 Wilson Hall, and CIPO, 49 Oakland Center.

Presidential Search

Eight semi-finalists candidates will be eliminated from the current 115 after interviews by the Presidential Search Committee this month, according to a press release. Three finalists will be named at the end of the month followed by tours of the campus in February, according to the release.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help run the Oakland County Special Olympics Winter Games Jan. 18 and Jan. 21. If interested call the Special Olympics office at 313-674-4924.

Black Enterprise

USA Today newspaper reported Jan. 8 that despite recession related job cut backs, America's largest corporations continue to provide more and better opportunities for black employees. Some of the top companies include: Marriott Corp., AT&T, General Motors, Kellogg Co., Avon Products, Federal Express, Ford Motors, IBM and Xerox Corp.

Free Tickets

Black Awareness Months Committee is offering 200 free tickets to the lecture by William Gray, president of the United College Fund, on Monday, Feb. 3. Tickets are distributed at the CIPO service window, 49 Oakland Center, before the lecture.

Honors College Seminar

Arts and Sciences Honors College is holding a seminar entitled "Communitarianism" Thursday, Jan. 16 with Professor Bricker at noon in 227 Varner Hall.

Community salutes King with march

By KYLE GREEN
Copy Writer

Gray clouds and drizzle did not stop 200 students and faculty who participated in the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. march commemorating his birthday Monday, Jan. 13.

The march started at Vandenberg Hall at noon, headed east around Anibal House, then past O'Dowd Hall to Meadow Brook Drive and then finished outside of the Oakland Center with a rally.

The participants carried banners and posters and sang songs.

The lack of participation in the march was disappointing to Dr. Freddie Martin, programing coordinator of Academic Services and General Studies.

"I would like to see the University take Martin Luther King's birthday more seriously. For a man who practiced love in his life time Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday should be taken more seriously," Martin said to the crowd.

The birthday march has been

practiced since 1978, but the turnout was dissatisfying, he said.

"It's just empathy on campus...no one is comfortable. Many non-African American students might feel they might offend others or not feel they are not welcome. I feel students aren't comfortable with one another," he said.

The march is the first event of Black Awareness Months, Jan. 13 to March 13, according to Chaunci Wyche, vice president of Association of Black Students (ABS).

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The annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday celebration march finishes with a rally outside the Oakland Center.

Attempted armed robbery investigated by Public Safety

By KEN POWERS Jr.
Staff Writer

OU Public Safety is investigating an attempted armed robbery involving a female OU student outside of East Vandenberg Hall last Sunday at 11 p.m., according to a police department report.

According to the report, the victim stated in the report that she was approached by the suspect while talking to a friend, who was sitting in a parked car. The suspect apparently grabbed her from behind and tried to pull her into a nearby pine tree, but she resisted by screaming and punching him. Before she escaped to the East Vandenberg entrance, she noticed the suspect holding what appeared to be a small handgun.

Police described the alleged male suspect with a slim build, full beard, brown hair, standing six feet tall in his late twenties.

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Snow Job



For \$5 or a six pack of beer, Mark Bralton (l) and Tim Hale (r) pushed stranded students out of the resident parking lot Tuesday after a night snow storm dropped approximately nine inches of snow closing campus.

OU presidential search on schedule

By CANDICE SCHWARK
Managing Editor

The Oakland University presidential search committee is on schedule with plans to present three to five finalists, to the Board of Trustees by Jan. 27 for its consideration.

Finalists names will be made public after the January meeting and through public interviews on campus. The Board expects to name a new president by March 11.

The semifinalists, who will be interviewed this month, have excellent qualifications and meet affirmative action criteria, according to Larry

Chunovich, trustee and chair of the Search Committee. The committee and an off-campus consultant chose semifinalists from a pool of more than 115 applicants during a two-day review.

"Everyone needs to be congratulated with expanding the pool of candidates," Chunovich said, referring to the efforts of faculty, staff and media who assisted in making the large group of candidates possible.

The three to five finalists who wish to continue participation and visit the campus will be interviewed by the board at an open meeting, according to the guidelines given to

the search committee. Campus visits will be scheduled between Feb. 3 and 20, Chunovich said.

"We are pleased with the number of candidates and with their qualifications. It was a pleasant challenge to make the selection of candidates for interviews," Chunovich said.

John DeCarlo, vice president for governmental affairs, secretary to the board of trustees and general counsel was named interim president on June 5, 1991 after Joseph Champagne left after a decade as OU president to become president and chief executive officer of Crittenton Corporation in Rochester Hills.

Ruptured water pipes patched

OU left with \$9,000 repair bill or \$700,000 replacement

By DEBORAH DZIEWIT
News Editor

The university will have to scrape up \$9,000 to cover yet another repair bill after a second set of hot water lines burst Jan. 5 between Kresge Library and Hannah Hall.

University officials opted for the "quick fix" rather than replace the broken, 22-year-old lines because of the \$725,000 price-tag on new lines, according to Robert McGarry, vice president of finance and administration.

The repairs were completed and heat restored late Jan. 11. The university will spend an additional \$3,000 to \$4,000 to repair curbs, sidewalks and replace ground cover.

If the repairs had not been completed this week, the university planned to set up a temporary boiler to heat Kresge and Dodge during the winter months which would of cost \$80,000.

According to McGarry, the university knew the lines were bad and it was only a matter of time before the lines burst.

Money for replacement is not in the OU's coffers. For the past two years, the state cut its special maintenance fund which used to allocate OU approximately \$200,000-\$300,000 a year for maintenance.

Three years ago, OU had an aerial infra-red inspection done which identified hot spots — areas of heat loss — from roofs with faulty insulation and hot water line leaks.

In response to the inspection, OU replaced over one half of the lines

(1500 feet) from Dodge Hall to Varner Hall in early 1990 and the lines near the residence halls were replaced in 1987, according to Grover Tighe, central heat plant supervisor.

Initially the funding for the repairs was supposed to come from the state; however, once OU had the bid from the engineers and were ready to start work, the State withdrew all special maintenance funding which was earmarked for the project. The university had no choice but to take the money for the replacement costs out of the general fund budget, McGarry said.

Currently officials are working on a replacement plan to present to the board for approval. However, McGarry said even if it were financially feasible to start the replacement now, it would take over two months to replace the pipes because they are custom made.

The lifespan of the pipes on the average is 30 years. The pipes between Dodge and Kresge were 22 years old and the Wilson pipes were 25 years old.

"Some sections are sure to be in bad shape," Tighe said. "But I couldn't be specific where the trouble spots are."

Interim President John DeCarlo inspected the busted pipes Jan. 6. "I don't want everybody to panic saying we need \$700,000 ... eventually we will, but now we're going to have to look at repairs."

"You many like a Jaguar or Mercedes, but we may have to settle for an escort now (repair versus replace)."

\$143,000 in repairs needed to save pool

Board unable to help swim club

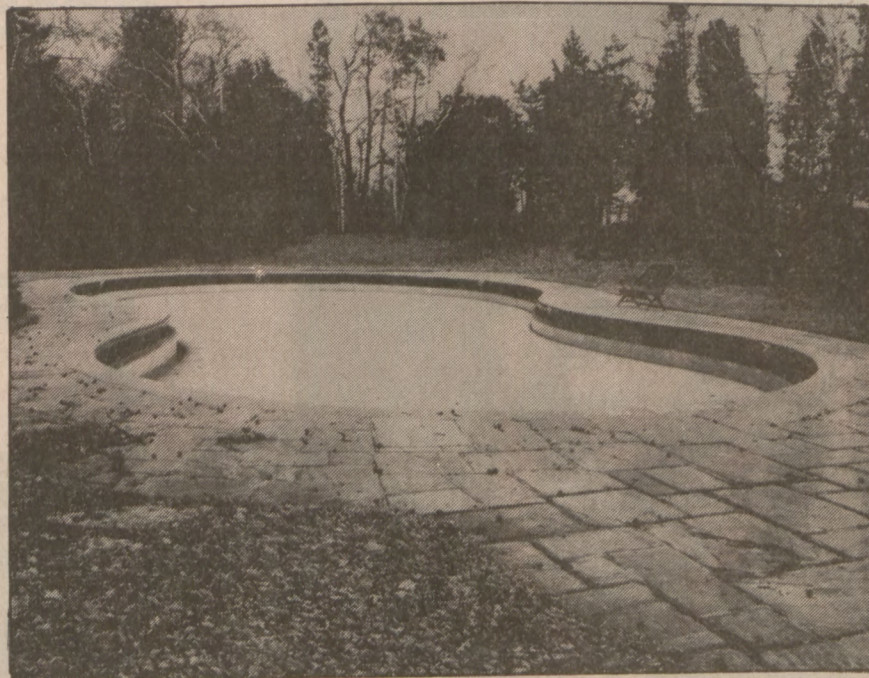
By DEBORAH DZIEWIT
News Editor

The faculty subdivision Swim Club was given 60 days by the Board of Trustees at its their meeting Jan. 8 to find solutions to save the pool without using university money.

The trustees decided to delay closing the kidney-shaped pool, which is used by faculty and community members, to give the Meadow Brook subdivision association time to come up with a plan to make the pool fiscally viable, according to Robert McGarry, vice president of finance and administration.

The 56-year-old pool, near the John Dodge house on east campus, needs renovations that would cost \$143,000 to comply with state Department of Health regulations in order to stay open, according to a report submitted to the trustees by OU's interim president John DeCarlo and McGarry.

See POOL page 3



The kidney-shape swimming pool near the John Dodge house needs work to comply with state health codes.

Squirrel land sale far from closing

By ROBERT PARKER
Features Editor

After more than three years, OU and the city of Auburn Hills are still at odds over the city's \$4.9 million proposal to purchase 23.5 acres of university property needed to widen Squirrel Road.

OU Interim President John DeCarlo said at the Jan. 8 Board of Trustees meeting that it did not formally enter into an agreement with the city and there are some issues that need to be resolved.

The city plans to widen Squirrel into a two and three lane road in a See SQUIRREL page 3

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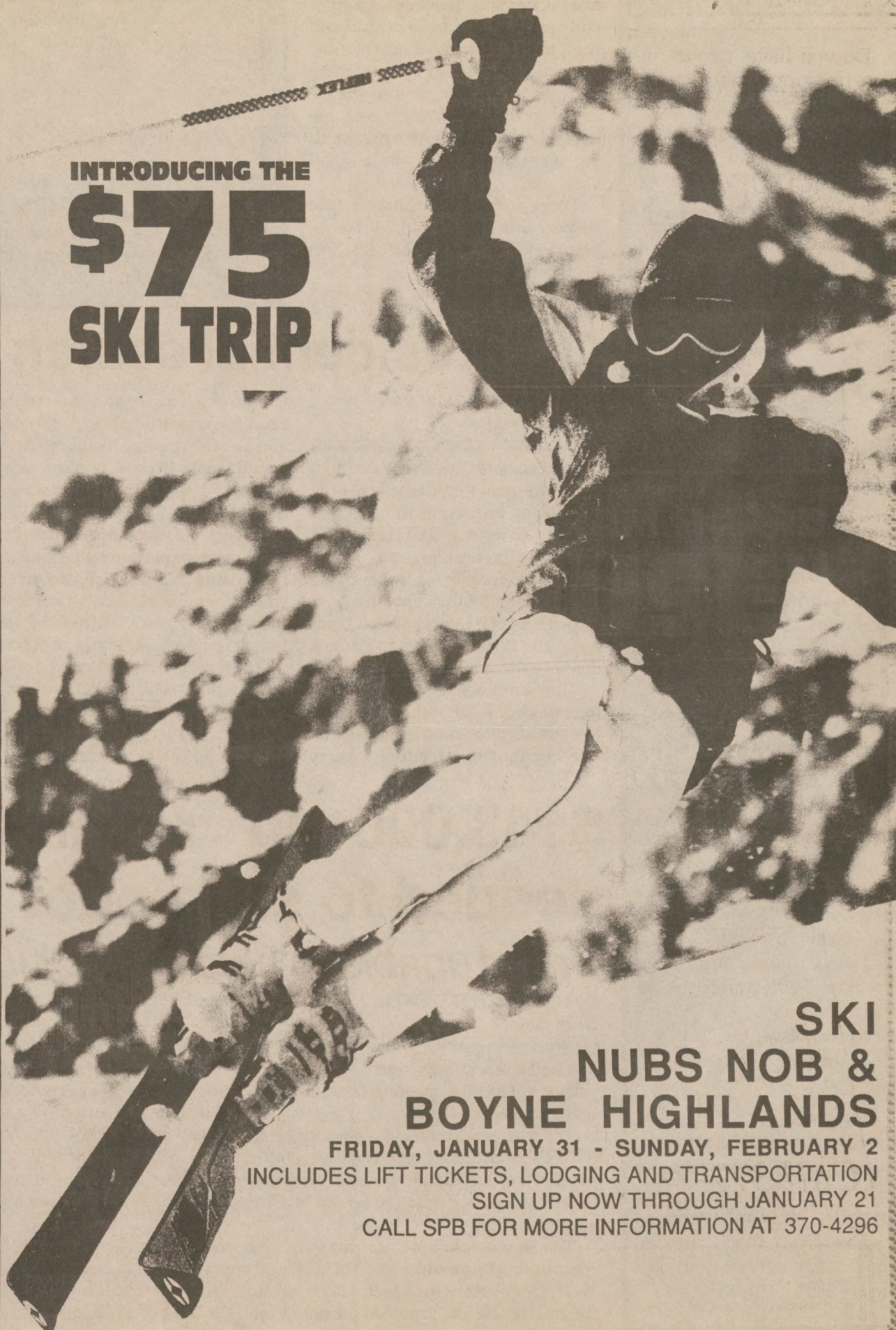
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March

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"I feel that there should be a time span on anything cultural. This should be an everyday event. As rich as the African American culture is, this should not be a limit," Wyche said. "I feel two months is limited."

In the past BAM was observed during February, but this year it expanded.

The BAM Committee, which is made up of ABS's executive staff and OU staff and faculty, has been working since October on preparations with a \$7,000 budget used for publicity, telephone calls and speaker payments, she said.

BAM Activities

Wed., Jan. 15- Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. A movie of the March on Washington speech will be shown in the Oakland Center room 128 from 7-10 p.m. Free admission and sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Thur., Jan. 16- African American Management Information Assistance. Will McCanns will speak on business information. Sponsored by the School of Business, the seminar will be held in the OC's Gold Room Batnoon. Books Reviews. Sponsored by University Senate Teaching/ Learning Committee, reviews by Professors Wilma Garcia and Karl Gregory will be conducted at noon in OC room 126. **Panel Discussion.** Professors DeWitt Dykes and Augustin Fosu and Dr. Joann Watson from N.A.A.C.P. will speak at 2 p.m. in OC room 126 and is sponsored by UST/LC. Marcus Garbey paraphernalia day.

Fri., Jan. 17- A Moment in History. Association of Black Students representatives will distribute literature of a prominent figure in the OC. **African Warriors.** Skits will be performed depicting African warriors at noon at the OC's Fire Side Lounge.

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Squirrel

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effort to alleviate traffic increases from the newly opened Chrysler Technology Center. The widening would make it a major north-south artery for the city.

The proposed expansion would widen Squirrel starting just north of Butler Road and ending just north of Walton Blvd.

William Hampton, attorney for Auburn Hills, addressed the board on the status of the proposal.

Hampton would like to have "a memorandum of agreement within the next 30 days."

The agreement, if approved by both the Auburn Hills city council and OU, would be a first step towards approving a contract.

Ernie Orchard, a project engineer, told the Board the construction sight would be divided into four zones, and would require the building of a new parking lot south of Walton, and the re-planting of 187 trees. Also, the city would pay OU \$42,000 to relocate the information sign and modular buildings located at the main entrance.

According to Orchard, before any construction can take place, a gas line must be relocated to the west side of the road, and permits must be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources regarding the mitigation of some wetlands affected by the construction.

Pressure from on-campus organizations to leave Squirrel undeveloped may point to the university's unwillingness to enter into an agreement.

In April 1990, the Campus Development and Environment Committee proposed that 400 acres, which includes some land just east of Squirrel required for the expansion, be excluded and be used instead for teaching, research and interpretive nature study.

In February 1991, former president Joseph Champagne wrote in a memo that "discussions with the City of Auburn Hills have always been held with the premise that if Squirrel Road must be improved, it can be done so only with the least amount of university land possible for a safe and environmentally acceptable road."

Pool

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The pool's flagstone deck, liner, drains and gutters will have to be replaced and new plumbing installed in order to meet state regulations. The club has \$55,575 to cover the repairs and would have to rely on OU to supplement the additional \$87,425 needed—an amount it's not willing or able to lend to the club, McGarry said.

At the meeting, DeCarlo said OU cannot afford to pick up the club's deficit and questioned the viability of the pool.

A spokesperson for the association and Swim Club went before the Board to voice concerns of some of the faculty and staff who live in the subdivision and who are also members of the Club.

Lauren Shepherd, vice president of the 54-home subdivision association, said its members feel the pool is a key part of the subdivision for the faculty members and of the community.

"I hope that the association will be given more time to come up with a solution other than closing down the pool," Shepherd said.

Shepherd said Monday that members of the association, the club and community will meet this weekend to begin planning on saving the pool.

"People in Rochester and Rochester Hills have no alternatives except the two expensive clubs in town," she said. "It's (the pool) the best kept secret in town. It's a wonderful family pool for young children."

Safety

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The victim reported a cut inside of her mouth as a result of the incident, according to the report.

OU Public Safety Senior Investigator Mel Gilroy said that this is the first attempted armed robbery has occurred at OU. To prevent other armed robberies on campus at night, he advised OU students and faculty to act more cautiously when walking alone at night.

"People should never travel alone at nighttime and they must try to be aware of their surroundings. If you are alone, you must always act confident instead of looking as if you subject to being victimized," he said.

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Professor Marc Briod also came before the board in support of keeping the pool open. Briod, associate professor of Education, said his family is currently on a waiting list to become members of the Club.

"If there is a waiting list to become a member there obviously is enough interest in keeping the pool open," Briod said.



The Oakland Post/Tim Shuller

The sign outside of the Swim Club's pool identifies its needs.

However, DeCarlo assured those concerned that it was not a problem of interest, but one of money. Present membership does not support the pool which is managed by the Katke-Cousins Golf Course.

"I will not recommend something that will not enhance the academics of this institution," he said. "We must concentrate our resources on our primary mission."

The club began more than 20 years

Conference explores women's issues

By EILEEN OXLEY
Staff writer

A conference, entitled, "Women's Experiences in Today's Society: A Conference for Women Students at Oakland," will explore and discuss topics important to women in both academic and employment situations Jan. 18.

"Approximately two-thirds of all students on campus are women," Peter Eckel, Campus Information, Programs, and Organizations coordinator for leadership development and commuter services, said. "Although this was to be originally a leadership conference, we wanted to expand the boundaries of the conference to include needs and con-

cerns of women students on OU's campus."

The conference will address such subjects as women's experiences in male-dominated professions, gender communications, sexual harassment and feminism, all designed as interactive sessions between presenters and students.

Eckel's topic, "Men Leading Women, and Women Leading Men," will focus on what is known and what is taught about leadership. Catherine Rush, director of the Office of Equal Opportunity, and with Ed Perez, affirmative action manager, will present "Sexual Harassment—What it is and how to deal with it."

Although the subject has sparked interest as the result of the Thomas-Hill hearings, Rush said OU has had a policy on sexual harassment since 1983.

"I'd really like to talk about it in two respects. One, is the student at the university, and also because I think a lot of our students are employed or will be employed, to talk about what it means in an employment environment," Rush said.

Susan Hawkins, women's studies coordinator and assistant professor of English, and Susan Hawthorne-Hoeppner, visiting instructor in sociology and anthropology, will present "Feminism—new looks, but an old name in the 1990's."

She said a feminist agenda would want to discuss issues affecting people immediately, human problems such as the homeless, poor children in America and the lack of a national day-care system for single heads of households.

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CRIME



WATCH

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

By KEN POWERS, Jr.
Staff Writer

Dec. 16-1:32 p.m. An OU staff member's purse, which contained keys to a room in O'Dowd Hall, was snatched while she was in Detroit. She also filed a police report with the Detroit Police Department.

Jan. 6-4:17 p.m. An OU staff member left a Panasonic Camcorder in the training room on the first floor of Lepley Sports Center on Dec. 7. When he returned two days later he discovered that the camera had been stolen. In addition, he also reported 12 or 13 pairs of AVIA women's basketball shoes stolen from a locked office in Lepley.

Jan. 6. A woman reported finding a small dent in the left front fender and the left door of her car upon returning to the Northwest Parking Lot where the car was parked.

Jan. 6-4:18 p.m. An OU staff member found a wallet containing a student ID, a SMART Transportation Card and a University Student Congress card on the second floor in South Foundation.

Jan. 6-8:15 a.m. An OU student told police that when he left the scheduling office in O'Dowd he noticed a man walking beside him. The man called him scummy and asked him if he remembered who he was. Then he replied, "Yes, I do remember you by your eye." After he said this, the man struck the man on the side of his head and fled.

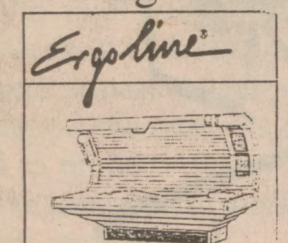
Jan. 7-3 p.m. A woman found her car damaged when she returned to the Northeast Parking Lot where her car was parked.

Jan. 7-12:40 p.m.-3:50 a.m. An OU student reported finding a small dent in the chrome strip on her right rear door and another dent above it upon returning to her vehicle in Northwest Parking Lot. Police believe someone hit the vehicle with a car door.

Jan. 7-6:30 p.m. An OU student was injured playing floor hockey in the multipurpose room in the basement of Lepley Sports Center. While chasing a hockey puck she cut her right cheekbone by running into a wall thermostat. She told police that she did not realize that she cut until she noticed her bloody shirt.

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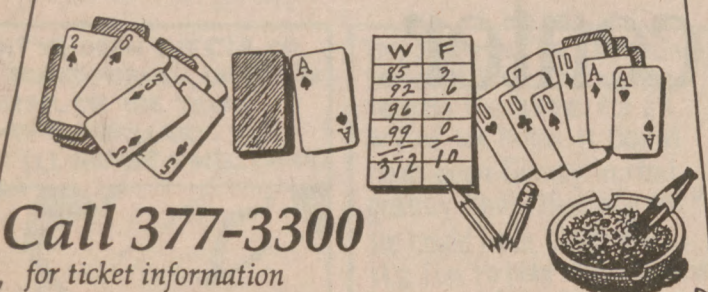
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OUR VIEW

No time to whine about problems

As if vomiting on a foreign dignitary was not embarrassing enough, this most serious of diplomatic faux-pau's was not the worst thing to come out of the mouths of the American delegation of businessmen that traveled to Japan last week to try to even out a serious trade imbalance.

President George Bush invited the chairmen of the big three automobile companies and representatives from other industries to accompany him Japan. The Japan-bashing, whining and temper tantrums that followed, made it a truly embarrassing week to be an American.

Like a college student who can afford to buy that sporty new Honda Prelude because his parents let him live at home rent-free, the Japanese have been afforded certain economic luxuries at the expense of the United States. Japan can and has invested its substantial national wealth in capital, research and education. The United States has been unable to make these commitments, instead spending its money policing the world and ensuring oil supplies and military protection to Japan. Japan's ability to make such investments will make it even more difficult for the United States to compete in the next century.

Yes, we have many more obligations to attend to. And yes, the Japanese have many trade restrictions that make competition difficult. But enough of the whining already.

All week the television shows and newspapers were filled with politicians and businessmen pointing fingers regressing to playground chants of "It's not fair." Chrysler chairman Lee Iacocca topped it off with his nail-spitting, Japan-bashing luncheon speech to the Detroit Economic Club that somehow tied cars and Pearl Harbor together.

Like any serious problem, the United States first has to admit that we have a problem and that part of it may just be our fault. We can expect the Japanese to lift many of the restrictions that designed to affect the competitiveness American products and we should be diligently watch for a prosecute cases of "dumping" government subsidized vehicles in the United States priced lower than the cost to produce them. However, we cannot expect the world to cater to all of our problems because "It's not fair."

We must make the same investments in education and research instead of throwing the governments money in bailing out the country's failed savings and loans and work hard to produce quality products to rebuild the trust.

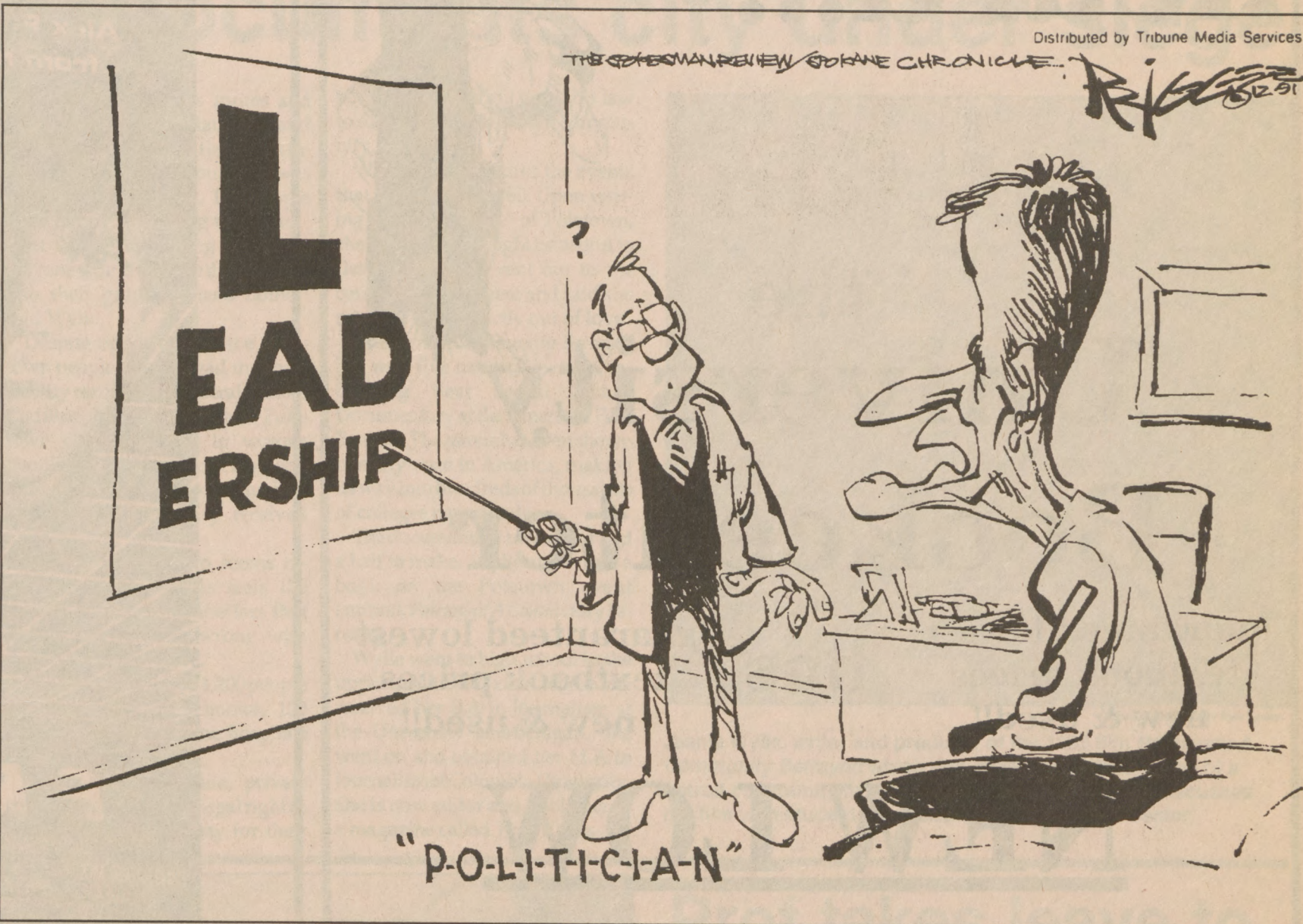
We have a lot of work ahead of us and no time to point fingers and whine.

Opinion

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Beauty of capitalism shows locally

God, I love the sight of capitalism at work.

While President Bush and the leaders of the Big Three are whining (or puking as the case may be) to the big Kahunas in Japan about how the playing field isn't level for Americans doing business there, we at OU have finally achieved that I dream - we got our level playing field in the book store business.

Oh sure, we had it easy. We didn't have to become bodily ill, although I know that a number of us having wanted to become ill after seeing the obscene amount that we were being charged for the privilege of buying our books from the OU Book center. Instead our textbook savior became that little American principle of capitalism - the dreaded competition across the street. I was really glad to see that someone had the wisdom to develop and finance some competition for the OU book center because we are the ultimate winner in this Darwinistic survival of the fittest.

As with anything in this convoluted world that we live in, there needs to be a system of checks and balances on everything, book stores included. Now, instead of actually believing the book store's claim that "we have the lowest prices", I can actually now

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go out an check up on them to see if their word is actually true.

Granted, the nit-picky can probably find both establishments going back on their word depending on the actual book purchased.

But the bottom line is that we have finally achieved what our counterparts at Michigan State, Michigan and probably some other colleges that I have neglected to mention really have had as an option - somewhere else to go buy text books.

Only in the now defunct Soviet Union were people forced to buy things in only one OFFICIAL place.

Yes, books are still a rip-off in my opinion. Yes, my MasterCard is getting a Jane Fonda-style workout at both bookstore as I race around frantically to complete my esteemed reading lists for this semester.

But I'm proud to say that I've received the satisfaction of shopping both stores and fooling myself into thinking that I might have actually saved some of my money.

But, then again, I'm looking at my four foot long credit card bills and I've suddenly realized - I still have spent more money than I have.

Oh well, long live prosperity, long live the capitalistic system and short live my credit card invoices.

Ok, so we're probably getting ripped off by two book stores now instead of just one. Somehow, I just am felling better that all of my money is not going to the same place located in that excited Oakland Center.

So let's all enjoy our capitalistic rights and overspend in two places!!

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Troubled economy, trade imbalance not imported

WASHINGTON—When my old car finally gave out a few years back, I was determined to replace it with an American model. I didn't like what was happening with America's balance of trade, I didn't want to fall victim to the foreign-is-better snobbery I felt was sweeping the land, and I didn't want to hear Thomas Floyd's mouth.

Floyd is a cousin of mine who lives in Detroit and works for General Motors (Delco Division). On his visits to Washington (which probably leads the nation in percentage of foreign cars), he gets into a regular tizzy. Don't we realize we're killing the U.S. economy, driving a major segment of the economy into insolvency and, coincidentally, threatening his job?

But deciding not to buy an import was only half a decision. The hard part was finding an American car with the right mix of competence, class and value.

I bought a Jeep. But a couple of years later when it was time to get a car for my daughter, my mind ran to value-retention, style, availability of service outlets and, above all, reliability. The decision? A Honda. Sorry, Thomas.

And sorry, George Bush.

Bush was in Japan last week, demanding that the Japanese buy more of our stuff. My cousin in De-

troit is insisting that we buy less of theirs. And neither message is going to do the U.S. auto industry much good. The problem is that the Japanese aren't buying our stuff for the same reason we are buying theirs: We both think theirs are better.

I won't sit here and tell you that there are no American-built cars capable of competing on the world market. There are some, and if the experts who write about these things are any guide, their numbers are growing. The American Automobile Association recently released a rating of the world's cars in eight price ranges. Ford's Escort (under \$10,000), the new Saturn (\$10-15,000) and the Olds 88 (\$20-25,000) were rated the best in their groups.

What I am saying is that American manufacturers, including auto manufacturers, used to be considered the world's best. They no longer are. The Japanese were once thought of as makers of cheap imitations, later as clever and competent improvers of someone else's technology, and now as world-class engineers, designers and manufacturers. Nor would I claim that the Japa-

nese have dealt fairly with us. There must be something to the oft-repeated charges that a combination of Japanese barriers to America "dumping" of their own cars here has tilted the playing field to our disadvantage. To the extent that this is so, Bush is right to demand fairness.

But according to the news reports, the president and his entourage also demanded that Japan buy more American cars and car parts. The man who has made a political career opposing quotas in domestic employment is endorsing quotas in international trade. He's not just saying: Let's knock down the barriers and compete head-on. He's saying: Buy more of our stuff (whether it's the "best qualified" or not) or we're going to make it harder for you to sell yours.

I take very seriously the condition of the U.S. economy. I understand that the demise of the American auto industry, already reeling from declining sales, would be devastating across the board. I'd be willing to endure some anti-free-market restrictions—including heavy tariffs on imports—in order to save Detroit

and, by extension, America.

But the restrictions being considered by the administration can only buy a little time, and the question is what our manufacturers will do with the time.

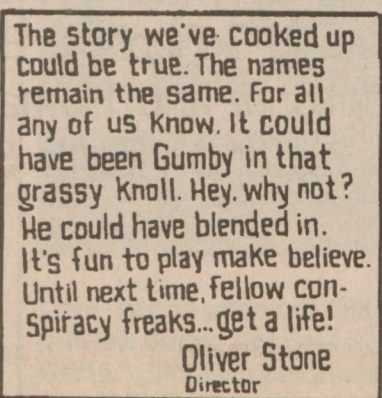
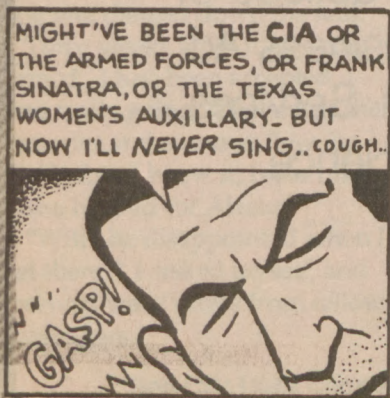
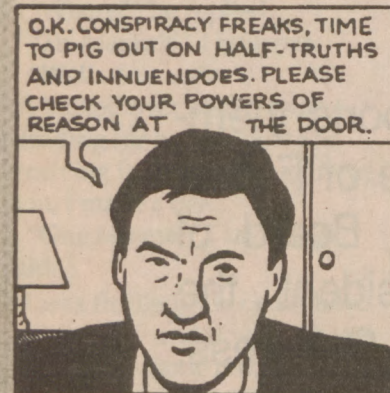
I know it's easy to get carried away with the notion that "quality" and "Japanese" are synonyms. They aren't. But most of the stuff they export is pretty good; much of it is excellent, though perhaps overpriced. They outsell us because they outperform us. If there is any clear advantage the Japanese have it is their government's support of their industry.

The remedy for that is in government support of American research and development (perhaps through the tax code), not in yelling at the Japanese.

There was a time when no one had to be browbeaten into buying American goods, when "Made in the U.S.A." was an assertion of quality, not a plea for tolerance.

I sympathize with my cousin and the president, both of whom are worried about their jobs. But they need to understand something that eludes too many Japan bashers. The American disadvantage, our unfavorable balance of trade, our troubled economy are not imports from Japan. They were made in America.

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Senate Committee on Human Relations Diversity Plan

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Every school and department in the university has reported to the Senate Committee on Human Relations. Among the plans and accomplishments of Oakland's faculty:

- Material on the contributions of minorities and women are included in many areas of the the curriculum, from general education and required courses to clinical and field experiences
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- Faculty work with programs and groups at Oakland and in the surrounding communities to enhance intercultural understanding and to identify and resolve conflicts
- Faculty engage in training and development programs to increase their own knowledge and awareness of diversity issues

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Summaries of the diversity plans, along with an article, "Engineering Education in Cultural Context," by Prof. R.H. Edgerton of the School of Engineering and Computer Science, are being distributed to every school and department at the university, and to the University Congress, CIPO, the Student Life Office Raices, the Association of Black Students, and the Jewish Student Organization.

In addition, bound copies of the reports themselves will be available by the middle of February, and will be distributed to the Board of Trustees Office, the Office of the President, the Office of the Provost, the University Congress, Kresge Library, and the office of the College of Arts and Sciences and Schools of Business Administration, Educational and Human Services, Engineering, Nursing and Health Science.

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Alaska offers new perspective

I have always liked the outdoors. Walking my dog on a crisp night or taking a bike ride through the neighborhood was something I enjoyed.

But something was missing. My classes were going fine, I got a raise at work and I had tickets for the big game. Yet something was still haunting me.

I ran around for days trying to figure out what was wrong. My family told me it was just a phase and my friends were convinced I was working too hard. I shrugged my shoulders, maybe they were right.

The feeling went away for a few days.

Then on my way to class, it returned. I wanted to cry.

"What!" I said to myself, but received no reply. I hung my head in confusion and heaved a large sigh. I glanced at my watch and realizing that I was going to be late, headed off for class. I rounded a corner and as I did, my eyes focused on something in the distance.

My spine straightened. I closed my eyes and listened. "Is that it?" I asked myself. "Yes!" was the reply. I raced up the stairs into my class, leaving the silhouetted trees behind.

Class breezed by. The professor dismissed us early and I raced off, wondering all the while what I had just uncovered. I eventually went home and walked in with a glazed look in my eyes. My parents noticed, decided not to comment and handed me my mail.

I shifted through the various circulars and applications for credit cards before finding an envelope from the university. Wondering what it could be, I opened it.

National Student Exchange Program.

My eyes widened in disbelief and the feeling came back, only this time I welcomed it. I scanned the letter quickly, looking for destinations available for exchange. Suddenly, I spotted it.

Alaska.

I shrieked and start dancing around the kitchen. My parents were now convinced they brought the wrong child home from the hospital.

Alaska. It now made sense—the feelings, the trees, everything. I sat down at the table and thrust the letter at my father, grinning ear to ear.

Eye-brow raised, he took the precious paper and read it.

"Can I go?" I asked.

"Where?" he replied.

"To Alaska!" I hollered.

"Well..."

I looked over at my mom, pleading for her support and receiving it. After a long discussion, I make a deal.

"One semester," my father said.

I was thrilled. He could have said one day and it would have invoked the same reaction. I kissed everyone, including the dog and danced down the hall.

Three weeks later, it was confirmed. I had been accepted, I was really going. The rest of the semester and summer flew by and before I knew it, I was on a plane headed for Alaska.

"Will I be disappointed when I get there?" I asked myself, and received wary stares from fellow passengers.

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Poletown documents city under siege

By YVONNE DAVIS
Staff Writer

Some time ago Jeanie Wylie visited some low income, but wonderfully content people from the neighborhood of Poletown in Detroit that left her with a vision.

Wylie, 35, has been sharing her vision with the people of America for the past eight years. As writer and producer of her 1983 film, *Poletown: A Community Betrayed*, Wylie feels Americans can learn a great deal from the 1980 destruction of the Poletown community and the induction of an automotive plant.

"The film is depressing, but also hopeful. Because the people fought back, there is a lot people can learn from this experience. It has a lot to do with being American", native-Detroit Wylie said.

Wylie presented her film as part of the Oakland University's Women's Studies Speaker Series Monday.

The year 1980 saw the destruction of Poletown, a former center-city Detroit community hindered by low income, but blessed with the

comforts of good bus routes and tidy retail stores, restaurants and bakeries. It was one of the oldest integrated cities. Its population was half Polish, half black. The people were happy, according to Wylie.

"It was a hard thing to watch. Anyone would feel like they'd come into their grandmother's home," said Wylie.

Despite opposition of the Poletown people, the city had the community razed and a General Motors Cadillac plant put in its place. Poletown citizens turned to various people, including the President, local government and churches, looking for help. They received none.

Though lack of help seems incomprehensible, Wylie feels the greater tragedy is in the fact that people saw nothing wrong with razing the community.

The event evacuated 4,200 people and destroyed 1,200 homes, 150 buses, 16 churches, nine hospitals and two schools.

Under new legislation, private companies now have a legal right to destroy private property for their

personal use. Detroit used this law to condemn the Poletown community.

Wylie's film captures the events that took place in 1980. Upon visiting with the people of Poletown, she felt her skills might be useful to them. Her heart went out to the community betrayed, and said she made her film strictly out of love.

Poletown: A Community Betrayed has won five national awards, including Best Social Issues Documentary at the American Film Festival. The movie has been shown in every state in America, making its way into hundreds of thousands of colleges nationwide.

The documentary took a year and a half to make. Wylie also wrote a book on the Poletown event entitled, *Poletown: A Community Betrayed*.

Wylie went to high school in the upper peninsula, after which she received her B.A. in Journalism at the University of Michigan. She went on and obtained her M.A. in Journalism at Columbia University. She is now editor and publisher of a magazine called *The Witness*.



Jeanie Wylie, writer and producer of the 1983 film *Poletown: A Community Betrayed* which documented the destruction of a Detroit community to make way for a Cadillac plant, discusses her film with students and faculty in the Oakland Center.

Lecture looks back at future

By EDWARD MANDELL II
Staff Writer

Massive auto layoffs, huge trade deficits and the current recession will force 1992 OU graduates into the toughest job market in years according to The College Board. The Michigan Employment Security Commission reports the State unemployment rate (as of December 1991) at 9.1 percent.

That this situation might have been avoided is the theme of History Professor John Barnard's January 16 lecture in the Fireside Lounge, "If We'd Only Start Listening, Maybe History Could Stop Repeating Itself: The Crisis Of The 30's And The Crisis Of Today."

"I think anyone today should be concerned with our ability to confront and solve national problems," Barnard said.

Barnard's lecture will compare the public's reaction to the economic crisis of the Great Depression with

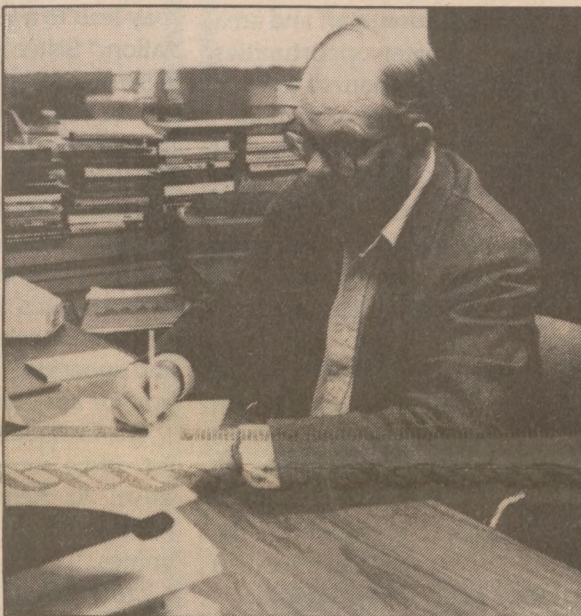
its reaction to the current recession.

"There are similarities and important differences between the economic crises of the 30's and today," Barnard said. "How we react as a nation is just as important now as it was then."

"The important question for our country is what problems do we try and not try to solve," he said.

One major difference between the current recession and the Great Depression, according to Barnard, is during the 30's Americans were closer in agreement as to what should be done to deal with the economic crisis.

In the 30's Americans felt that the government should play a greater role in the economy.



Prof. John Barnard's Jan. 16 lecture will compare the public's reaction to the Great Depression with the current recession.

Prof takes leave to teach in homeland

By BARBARA BUTTERWORTH
Copy Editor

Imagine going back to your home town after 47 years and sleeping in the bedroom you slept in as a child. This is what Leo Gerulaitis, OU professor of history did this past semester.

Professor Gerulaitis, a native Lithuanian, took a year's leave of absence from OU to teach in a newly independent Lithuania. He was home briefly for the holidays and will return in February to finish the year.

Gerulaitis left Lithuania with his mother, brother and sister as the Soviets were moving in. His grandmother managed to hang on to one room in the family home in Kaunas and eventually his cousin acquired a room. The eight-bedroom house was taken over by the Soviet Union and at one time was home to 11 families. Now there are about 10 people living in the house which has been divided into rooms with kitchens and baths. Gerulaitis'

cousin now has two rooms, a kitchen and the use of the basement of the house.

He taught two courses, Western Civilization and Historical Methodology, at Vilnius University in the city of the same name and one seminar course for Ph.D. candidates at Kaunas University, a new university in the city of his childhood.

Gerulaitis said he has had to change his teaching methods because the schools and libraries have very few western books translated into Russian or Lithuanian. There are only Russian books. Western thought and literature was expensive and considered decadent under the Soviets, Gerulaitis said.

Only about one quarter of the students speak English so all lectures are in Lithuanian. Gerulaitis said because the students spent the first month of the semester in the country working on a communal farm he had a chance to brush up on his Lithuanian and by the time classes started he was completely

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Dating Game



Love may be blind but this bachelor opts for a sneak preview during Phi Beta Sigma's version of the "Dating Game." Singles gathered at the Crockery last Wed.

Drug program targets young drug users

By ELIZABETH REGHI
Staff Writer

Georgia Aktan, director of Institutional research at OU and consultant for the City of Detroit Health Department, is involved in a program designed to curb the cycle of substance abuse among African-American youths.

According to Aktan, who is also the principle investigator of the project, this program targets 96 families a year where at least one parent is a known substance abuser and where the children, between the ages of five and 11, are at risk due to their family setting.

"The City of Detroit has many African-American abusers who are parents and their children are at high risk of becoming abusers themselves," she said.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

awarded the City of Detroit Health Department \$1.2 million for its program entitled "The Safe Haven Program for the Prevention of Substance Abuse."

This award extends over a five-year period with the majority of the funds going to the trainers who work with the families, for transportation costs and for food.

According to Hector Sanchez,

public health advisor at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, out of the average 260 applications turned in per four month period for high risk youth grants, only 15 are funded.

Experts are also used to help determine which applications are funded. Among them include doctors in clinical and developmental psychology, nurses and social workers.

"We have an interest in three general areas," Sanchez said. "High risk youth, pregnant and postpartum women and their infants, and conference grants."

The Safe Haven Program for the Prevention of Substance Abuse falls into the high risk category.

"The main focus of the high risk category is to demonstrate some kind of intervention strategy: how to get young people to say 'No!'," said Sanchez.



OU Director of Institutional Research Georgia Aktan.

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comfortable.

Text books could not be ordered the way they are here so Gerulaitis has had to organize his class as a series of lectures and outside reading assignments.

Until very recently all courses were required for the students and there were no optional classes. That is slowly changing now though Professor Gerulaitis' course is required.

Gerulaitis said the students "know their stuff, but they can't think." They are used to facts being the answer. The students are not particularly interested in politics but in getting a passing grade, getting a degree and getting a job to make money. All college students attend on government grants that are about the equal of a working person so all are full-time students. Gerulaitis said students are not too concerned with more than passing grades because jobs are found through connections in the market.

Although conditions are bad, the people of Lithuania are optimistic, Gerulaitis said. Because they felt

exploited by the Soviets, Gerulaitis says they now feel they have won the "big one", independence from the U.S.S.R. The worst is now over and they will no longer be sent to Siberia. Gerulaitis says they are willing to suffer now because the suffering is for themselves.

Lithuania has a good agricultural base; they were exporters under the Soviets, Gerulaitis said. They have a good work force and Gerulaitis says they are looking for joint industrial ventures, particularly with Sweden. There are varied arrangements for privatization and joint ventures with outsiders generally limited to 49 percent of a company. Gerulaitis says they also give share of the company to the workers.

Personally, Gerulaitis said he has had "to learn to live on a different wave length." He has a free apartment of two rooms and a bath and a kitchen shared with eight other units. The building is university owned, a 15 minute walk or bus ride from school. He is earning the top salary offered, 2,000 rubles/month or about \$20/month. According to Gerulaitis it is possible to live on this amount of money.

Gerulaitis said he has had to learn to shop like a Lithuanian. In the United States, he says, "you buy what you want." In Lithuania "you buy what's there." Bread, at least until late in the day, is the one thing always available. Using sausage (similar to our salami) as an example, Gerulaitis said you buy the whole sausage, about one kilo (2 lbs.) because there may not be any more available at the store for 10 days.

The prices are high, Gerulaitis said. That one kilo sausage costs about one eighth of a person's monthly income. However, he said, there seems to be enough money, but not enough goods to buy.

Although many houses are being built, Gerulaitis said there is still a shortage. Young couples live with their parents and businesses use housing as a hiring lure since salaries are frozen.

The government of Lithuania was elected under Communist rule but voted for independence and are still in office. Gerulaitis said they "feel like Founding Fathers." Support for the government seems good, he said, though they will have to show some results to stay in

power.

Of the 12 daily newspapers in Vilnius, Gerulaitis said one is the official government paper giving government positions. The others are opposition papers. Gerulaitis said the opposition is personal rather than political. Criticism is directed at the "in" group because the government conveys power, personal advantages and privileges.

Television in Lithuania is "dull", Gerulaitis said. The one channel government owned and the programming is mostly government announcements, but not propaganda. Moscow, CNN, some Polish television and cable are available but Gerulaitis said that after American television it wasn't worth watching.

What about cars? Gerulaitis said most of the cars are Russian Fiats (Ladas) which are good for cold weather. But the dream in Lithuania is to make money, go to Germany and buy a used Mercedes and parade in it for friends. "Cars are status, not necessity," Gerulaitis said.

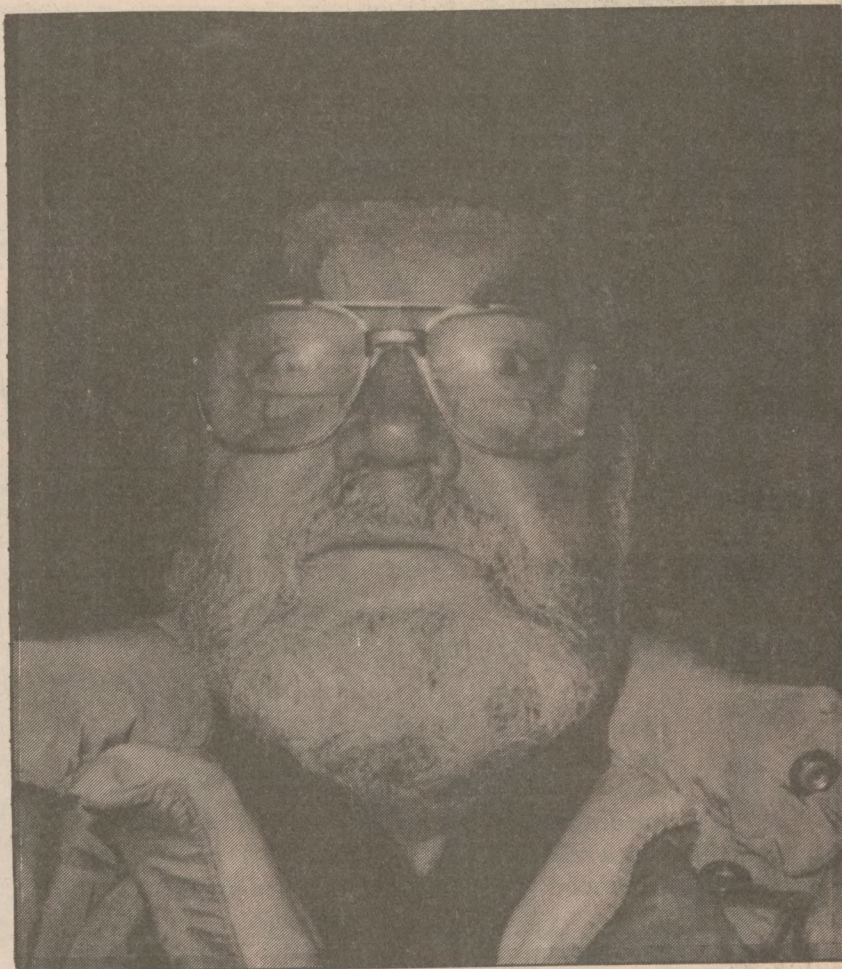


photo courtesy Leo Gerulaitis

History professor Leo Gerulaitis took a year's absence from OU to return to his native Lithuania to teach.

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The program, which is housed at the Harbor Light Salvation Army residential drug and alcohol treatment center in Detroit, has three parts according to Aktan.

"There is a section for the parents alone, a section for the children alone and a section for the family together," she said.

Each section has exercises that are aimed at improved communication, parenting skills and behavior modification and involves homework.

"Many parents do not know how to be parents or how to communicate with their children," Aktan said.

The Safe Haven Program meets once a week for 14 weeks and is in operation five days a week with each group meeting on a specific day.

"It's doing excellent for a new program," said Susan Bridges, director of the Safe Haven Program. "There is almost a 75 percent retention rate. Last year, there was a 45-50 percent retention rate."

She continued, "A majority of the clients entering the Safe Haven Program are completing it due to a variety of factors."

According to Bridges, the main factor is referrals.

"Our clients are getting all their needs taken care of (shelter, food, clothing) so they can concentrate on the parenting program," she said.

something I just was not ready to do yet—come home.

Bummer.

Alaska has given me so much. I have a lot of new friends, a firmly established independence and many fond memories. I do not know what I will miss the most now that I am back home, but I do know that I am going to be thoroughly depressed for awhile.

Looking on the bright side, Alaska will always be there and now that I know what to listen for, I can go back any time I want.

So I said good-bye to Alaska and thanked it, for everything.

Volunteer Fair offers many ways to contribute

By LEANNE LATONA
Staff Writer

The second annual Volunteer Fair will be held at OU January 20 and 21 with representatives from over 60 local, national and international organizations.

The fair will offer students, faculty, administration, staff and area residents volunteer opportunities ranging from a few hours a week to several years at home or abroad.

According to Paul Franklin, representative of CIPO (Campus Information, Programs and Organizations) the Volunteer Fair will expose students to a more complete range of volunteer opportunities.

"This is their chance to show good citizenship and give back to the community," Franklin said. "There is a lot of interest to volunteer on campus. Last year we had several hundred people pass through the fair. We hope to make it better than it was last year," Franklin said.

Next year, Franklin and others hope to draw students away from the "traditional" spring break. Instead students would volunteer to renovate or build houses for the poor.

Also, OU and a company in Pontiac are presently working on a plan to paint the city. Volunteers

would go to a specific area of Pontiac and paint houses.

Sister Mary Bodde from Campus Ministries believes the Fair will give students the experience they need to enter the job force.

"Many employers require that you have experience before they hire you. Other times volunteering may lead to a job with that organization," Sister Bodde said.

Some of the organizations that will be represented at the Fair are the American Cancer Society, Crisis Pregnancy Center, Michigan Humane Society, Red Cross and United Cerebral Palsy.

The Boy's and Girl's Club of Auburn Hills is looking for energetic volunteers who want to coach and supervise the physical recreation for boys and girls.

The Christian Appalachian Project offers students the chance to travel to Kentucky where they would work in rehabilitation homes.

Troy People Concerned is completely staffed by volunteers. This organization is a information and referral service. They help people to obtain social services they need such as transportation or financial aid.

The Wellness Network in Detroit will also be attending this year's Volunteer Fair. This is an AIDS

volunteer agency for HIV positive patients.

VESS is another organization that tries to recruit teachers to volunteer in Texas for a year or two.

First time exhibitors include 'I Have a Dream Foundation,' Dinosaur Hill and older Persons Commission.

Bodde said, "the opportunities

are broad and I hope you all are able to tour the exhibits. Most of the organizations are flexible and can work something out with the time you have available."

The Fair, to be held in the Crockery of the Oakland Center between, is co-sponsored by Campus Ministries and CIPO (Campus Information, Programs and Organizations).

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such scenery nor the purity of everything around me. Here at home, our mountains are the skyscrapers, our forests are the furniture, our wildlife is the family pet and snow is pretty scarce.

But I adapted and got to experience being out in the wilderness first-hand as I proceeded to have the best time of my life.

Then, the semester came to an end and it was time for me to do

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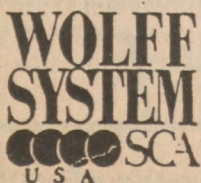


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F JAN 24	JOB SEARCH TECHNIQUES [Including Networking] PLACEMENT & CAREER SERVICES	12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Room 128-30, O.C.
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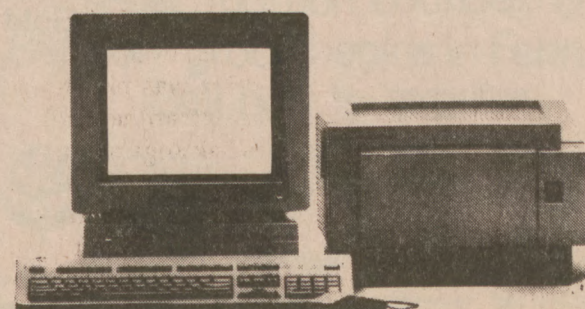
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Sports

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JOANNE
GERSTNER

OU needs sports fans

Welcome to the land of sports apathy - Oakland University.

Yes, folks, step right on up and hear me tell the tale of basketball teams playing to virtually empty gyms while OU students, faculty and staff claim no knowledge of the Pioneer sports program.

Dorm (excuse me, I mean RESIDENCE) hall students flee the OU campus every weekend, claiming that there is absolutely nothing going on worth staying for at OU.

Well, I would like to speak directly to the aforementioned critics of OU sports.

There are good sports teams on campus.

In fact, right now there are exactly four teams that are either in first place or very near it.

Specifically, both men's and women's basketball and swimming teams are lighting up Lepley with a high level of competition and more often than not, wins.

Yet, no one seems to care.

What does it take for fans to come out and support the Pioneers??

I honestly do not have the ultimate panacea to fix this situation, but I offer the following suggestions to the athletic department and to the OU community.

- to the athletic department - offer more promotion nights to lure unsuspecting fans into Lepley. Who knows, they may actually become repeat fans!! I am aware that OU does presently offer some promotion nights coming up this month and in February, but that's only because I have seen the press releases regarding it. In general, the OU athletic department needs to step up its promotion of itself.
- I know that once the word gets out consistently and often enough about how much fun going to a basketball game can be, more people are going to want to be part of the action.

Currently, Tom Van Voorhis is the person responsible for the marketing and promotion of OU athletics. Van Voorhis has arranged for some sponsors and programs to draw some spectators to Lepley, but so far, the average attendance has been registering in the low 500's rather than the thousands that a packed Lepley could realistically hold.

- To the OU community - take the time to check out a home basketball or swim meet. I think you'll be surprised that OU really is a good athletic school. Get that dumb "commuter mentality" out of your mind, namely, that all OU consists of is the search for non-existent parking spots and standing in four hour lines in the book store. Try checking out a sporting event and (gasp!) you might even have fun.

In the end, the only thing that is truly hurt by OU's apathetic base of fan support is our school's image. When the visiting school can draw more fan support than OU, it just damages OU's school reputation of being a spirited school.

And quite frankly, right now we're almost exactly that - not too spirited. So, with the help of the athletic department and the OU community I know that this situation can change. In any event, it MUST change.

If you haven't made a New Year's resolution and are in need of one - here's a freebie - try coming to one OU athletic event.

Women's basketball still on top in GLIAC

By JOE PICKERING
Staff Writer

The OU women's basketball team won two games last week, beating up on Grand Valley State University, 90-73 and Saginaw Valley State University, 82-45 to push its record to 10-2 overall and 3-0 in GLIAC play to maintain a hold on first place.

On Thursday, Jan. 9, against GVSU, the Pioneers were led once again by junior center Stacy Lamphere who had 20 points. Sophomore forward Patty Robak added 18, 15 of which came on five three-point shots. Senior guard Jessie Powell canned another 14 points in the well-balanced OU offense.

GVSU jumped out to a 4-0 lead very early in the contest but never came closer as the Pioneer defense wore down the Lakers pull away for the 90-73 win.

On Saturday, Jan. 11, the defensive and three-point barrage continued in the 82-45 crushing of SVSU as

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Pioneer of the Week and senior forward Jessie Powell's offensive maneuvers surprise her Grand Valley State University defenders on January 9. OU won the game 90-73/

Men's basketball starts league season at home

By JOANNE GERSTNER
Sports Editor

The Pioneer men's basketball team experienced the high of the big victory and the painful low of the unexpected loss - all at home and within two days.

OU dropped Grand Valley State University on Thursday, Jan. 9, 78-74 in a close game between the GLIAC's title contenders.

Senior guard Eric Taylor led OU with 20 points and nine rebounds.

Sophomore forward Ty McGregor added 19 and sophomore guard Ty McGregor scored 18 points and contributed 8 points.

Senior center Lee Fitzpatrick controlled the boards for OU with 11 rebounds, eight of which came from the defensive side.

However, OU's winning ways became to be quite short-lived as the Pioneers were decimated at home by Saginaw Valley State University on Saturday, Jan. 11, 71-53.

Taylor, normally OU's scoring superstar, was held to mere mortal first half statistics with only two points coming on free throws at the 2:29 mark, thanks to SVSU's starting guard Rod Creech's stingy defense.

But perhaps OU's truest indicator of troubles ahead with SVSU came in the waning seconds of the first half Creech took the inbound pass with 1.2 seconds left.

In an incredible display of luck, Creech threw the basketball overhand from the opposite side of the court's free throw line and swished it for a long distance three point shot at the buzzer.

The second half did not prove to be better for the Pioneers, since SVSU merely expanded on its first half lead, much to OU's folly.

When the contest was over, OU had lost by 18 points to SVSU, GLIAC's second-worst team.

Needless to say, OU's head coach Greg Kampe was not pleased with the team first GLIAC loss.

"The only team that we have a losing record to in the GLIAC is Saginaw Valley," Kampe said. "I have no answers yet, other than we are under so much pressure from ourselves to win the championship, plus we played so well Thursday against Grand Valley that we might have gotten some false hope."

Kampe continued, "We're just going to have to forget about it and keep playing. This was a game that we were supposed to win and we lost, there was pressure on every

Kampe credited SVSU's defense for the Pioneers offensive troubles.

"It's really hard to win shooting 26% on your own floor...right now I'd say that our two most reliable players are Ty McGregor and Tom Eller."

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Pioneer Basketball Notes

While the rest of OU enjoyed the Christmas break, both the men's and women's basketball team were busy playing games. The follow is a wrap-up of Pioneer basketball action from December 20 to January 4.

WOMEN

- Friday, Dec. 20 - OU at Mercyhurst (PA) - OU loss, 81-73
- Saturday, Dec. 21 - OU at Gannon (PA) - OU win, 83-61
- Monday, Dec. 23 - OU at Slippery Rock (PA) - OU loss, 91-87
- Saturday, Jan. 4 - OU at Hillsdale - OU win, 74-57

Injury Update

• Senior guard Jennifer Golen broke her pinky and ring fingers on her shooting hand versus Mercyhurst. She has a cast on her hand.

Men's

- Friday, Dec. 27 - Indiana (PA) at OU - OU loss, 60-55
- Saturday, Dec. 28 - Northern Kentucky vs. OU - OU win, 86-84
- Saturday, Jan. 4 - U of M-Dearborn at OU - OU win, 103-48

Male tankers take Denison University in Lepley blowout

By ERIC De MINK
Staff Writer

As the door closed on yet another year, it was still business as usual for the dedicated Pioneer. In tough times like these he could not afford to have his business shut down - there was so much promise. "Was?" asked the Pioneer. "Is!" he said, sticking his flipper in the jamb.

It was the Pioneer conquest of Denison University in the afternoon of January 11. It was the 44 point margin of victory (125-81) ministered to a pleased Lepley audience. Winning is so much fun anyways.

OU was looking to glide on momentum gathered in its respectable showing at the Eastern Michigan Invitational to propel itself into the new semester where boys became men or stayed boys.

Indeed this outing would not stand in the way of approaching success. Denison would take nary, nil, null, none of nine sanctioned events (four were ran exhibition).

In the first contest, the 200 yd. Medley Relay, Pioneers captured both top spots. Touching first was the squad of sophomore Sean Peters, senior All-American Eric McIlquham, and juniors Jeff Van Norman, and Jon Stump. The four flashed in 1:38 even.

The effort was nine-tenths of a second faster than the friendly squad of seniors Zak Rogalski and Jeff Seifert, and juniors Carl Boyd and Enos Pritchett who clocked in at 1:38.91.

The second conquest in the second event, the 1000 Freestyle, was perpetrated by freshman Eric Newton (9:57.82). Following in the sweep, was junior all-american Doug Allen (10:13.92), and freshman Steve

Traube (10:22.83).

Senior standout, Jon Teal took the 200 Freestyle (1:43.93), almost two seconds better than swim mate Boyd (1:45.89), who notched second.

Event number four, the 50 Freestyle, saw a dead heat between dueling seniors. Taking and giving no quarter, journeymen McIlquham and Seifert deadlocked in :21.81. By the breadth of his shadow, a little over three-tenths, Peters at :22.14 just missed joining the pair.

Van Norman returned in the sixth contest, the 200 Individual Medley, and scored an ace (1:58.49), ahead of senior swim mate, Shayne Wilson (2:00.11).

Junior Marc Hairston dove uncontested in event six, the one-meter boards. Against phantoms, the NCAA II 1990-91 Diver of the Year scored 287.50 points.

The 100 Butterfly was McIlquham's third prize of the afternoon. Swimming in lane five, the senior flashed to a two second plus triumph (51.53) over his Dennison foe. (possible quote)

Event eight saw Seifert (:47.73) and Stump (:49.14) the 100 Freestyle, going one-two, leading up to the what the Pioneers chose as their highlight of the day.

Junior Carl Boyd, swimming possessed, garnered the 100 Backstroke with a four second plus triumph in a pool record time of :50.98. His effort eclipsed one set by Hilton Woods in 1988 (:51.99) and also just missed the school record of :50.39 set by Rich Orr in '91. "I believe Carl (Boyd) could swim under 50 seconds making him the first ever to do so in Division II history," said Coach Pete Hovland. "It

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Pioneer of the Week

Jessie Powell • Senior forward • Women's Basketball

Powell averaged 14 points and four rebounds in OU's two GLIAC wins over Saginaw Valley State and Grand Valley State Universities. She shot 13 of 16 from the field and also had 3.5 steals per game.

Women swimmers win big at home

By Nanci ROSENBERG and BARBARA BUTTERWORTH
Staff Writers

The OU women Pioneers swam to victory at home Saturday Jan. 11 sinking Denison University 148

points to 95, a margin of 95 points.

From the opening 200 yd. Medley Relay to the closing 200 yd. Free Relay, the OU team dominated the meet.

The team of sophomores Amy Comerford and Heidi Mader and

Swimmer Jon Teal is making waves

By ERIC De MINK
Staff Writer

Just being "there".

Those three words mean everything to OU swimmer Jon Teal. "There" is where no one expected him to be three years ago when he walked onto the swimming scene at Lepley Sports Center. "There" is where hard work, dedication and perseverance allowed him to participate in a dream - the opportunity to swim in the U.S. Open sponsored, pre-Olympic trials against some of the best swimmers in the world. They came from Great Britain, Canada, Europe and Australia to challenge some of our best. "This will certainly be a learning experience for me," he said.

It seemed like eons ago, (actually ninth grade in high school) that Jon was debating his athletic direction in life. His father claimed to have been a swimmer and city champ in Detroit. His older brothers played basketball in his hometown of Milford. Other friends swam at Detroit Catholic Central (as there

was no pool at Milford High). For whatever reason, probably peer pressure he said, Jon chose swimming. It was a late start for him though, with most of his friends swimming competitively at eight or nine, and Teal making waves at 15.

But he was not discouraged and continued on through high school. With limited experience in the tank, he would not see scholarships floating his way. If he wanted to continue his career, it would have to be the hard way - paying his own ticket.

Some of Jon's friends (maybe those very same ones who said he should swim), suggested that he walk-on at Oakland University. What had he to lose.

The tall, lanky kid who walked into Coach Pete Hovland's office had no great expectations of even making the squad. He was taking a chance. "It was I who basically called on Pete, he said. "Not being one of Pete's top recruits, I had not been offered a scholarship. But several of my mates from DCC convinced me that I could swim at OU, as they had

swam there and Pete was familiar with them."

Hovland was just as surprised to see Jon. "When I first met Jon coming out of high school, he had not yet developed physically. But with his long arms and legs, he certainly had a swimmer's body. In him I saw similarities to former OU great Mark Vandermyer, but I didn't really know what to expect. I was most impressed that Jon was such a neat kid. I felt he could be a future team leader."

As a freshman Jon swam against the likes of among others, all-American record holder, Hilton Woods. "This level of competition was something for me to build on, and I really feel that it made a better swimmer out of me," he said. But Hovland's influence was no less important. "I had heard of him (Pete) before coming to school here and looking back, Pete is probably the only coach I could have swam for."

Teal is entering his senior year at OU. Things have come full circle for him. Where once he was the study, now he is the studied. When he was

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Teal

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named a team captain this year, he fulfilled Hovland's prophecy.

"It's a strange feeling to have someone look up to you," he said. "Our underclassmen are a good group- small but mighty. But we have to whip them into shape once in a while, because everyone has to pay their dues."

Hovland openly admires his climb. "Jon has went from being a walk-on to one of the top Freestylers in America. Unfortunately, the only drawback is that it happened so late in his career that he doesn't realize how good he really is. His .43.3 or .43.4 split in the 400 Freestyle is in the top three in the country, and is the fastest in NCAA II. Only three sprinters in NCAA I outsplit him. As well as he is swimming now, I think three or four years down the road Jon would reach his peak."

Because swimming is a year round thing, Teal trained hard to get where he is. And this summer was no exception. Upon the recommendation of swim mate Eric McIlQuham, the pair travelled to Arizona State University at Tempe. Before returning for the season, the two endured a variety of meets at various outdoor pools.

Hovland was the one who noticed the new improved Teal. "Jon has trained better than he ever has. He has become a seasoned veteran. He has the proper attitude. He takes instruction and criticism well and learns fast. At times Jon can be lazy, like all swimmers. But he knows where he is. I just wish I had him another year."

Jon notes that his swimming successes have depended on the swimmers he has faced, especially if it is an exceptional foe. "My philosophy is to swim scared," he said, "because you just don't know when the other guy is going to have a bad day and be caught. It's a matter of who can scare the other person."

At times reality might seem a little surrealistic to him. Teal, though, tries to keep things in perspective. "I just want us to win the Nationals as an individual as well as a team. Last year's squad overcame a lot of barriers and swam excellent. But I was a little off in my own performance, I swam good but not great. This year I feel we have an extremely talented team that even though it is small, it is also very close-knit. And with a smaller team there is better communication and things run

smoother. Most would consider this a rebuilding year, I expect us to finish strong."

Individually, Jon will swim as fast as he can. "I would like to break the national record in the 100 and 200 Freestyle (.44.16 and 1:37.87, respectively).

It was this kind of attitude which earned him the shot at the U.S. Open, that and performance. "It's every swimmer's dream, I guess," he said. But this year is particularly important because it is an Olympic year. In order for Jon to have qualified he would have had to have placed in the top six to make the cut. The Olympic trial time for the 100 meter Freestyle is .51.39 (Teal swam a .51.72 over the summer).

This past November Jon made his debut at the Open, travelling alone to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Certainly several of his teammates could have accompanied him (McIlQuham, senior Jeff Seifert, and juniors Carl Boyd, Jeff Van Norman and Doug Allen were eligible to participate) but were held back. There was no resentment among team members for his solo departure. As he supports his team so do they support him. Teal was sure to sit down and talk it over with them. "It might just turn out that this could be a great motivator for them."

Jon expects to graduate in the fall of '92 as a finance major. He is carrying a 3.0 grade point average into the fold. "After the season ends, I will focus exclusively on academics. I am looking forward to completing my masters after school."

As for swimming, he laughed. "I just want to get away from it for awhile."

Epilogue: At the U.S. Open, Jon Teal finished a respectable 11th place in the 100 Freestyle. He was the seventh fastest American and the only Division II swimmer to finish in the Top 16. University of Michigan nemesis Gustavo Borges finished ninth.

Swimmers

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the 100 Backstroke winning time of 58.69 and junior, Shannon Taylor in the 1000 Freestyle at 10:53.76. and freshman, Jodi Parker in the 200 Freestyle posting a time of 2:00.84. Comerford took the 50 Freestyle at 24.88 with fellow sophomore Angie Johnson posting a second place finish at 25.82.

Sophomore Ingrid Bartnik had a second place finish in the One-Meter Diving event with a score of 243.52 and a first place finish in the 3-Meter with a 283.50 score.

The team of Fischer, Parker, Leavoy and Schermer finished off the meet in great style with a first place in the 200 Free Relay at 1:40.42.

Women

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the Pioneers hit 10 treys, three by Lamphere who was again the high scorer with 15 points.

The team spread around the scoring and showed that anyone on the team can shoot threes as Robak, forward Leisha Sadler and guards Doreen Belkowski, Roni McGregory and Kelli Krajniak all hit triples.

Senior guard Jennifer Golen played only 16 minutes with a cast covering two broken fingers but still nabbed a game high eight rebounds while chipping in four points.

Head coach Bob Taylor was pleased that his team shook off the losses during the Christmas break to win three in a row.

"I think this might have been our best performance all season," Taylor said. "It's easier when you win and win easy."

Basketball

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"Eric Taylor can't go six of 22 in a normal game. I'd saw that Saginaw Valley's defense hurt us. We felt the pressure to score on every shot."

As for Taylor's performance, Kampe was nothing but praise for Creech's defense.

"Creech really stopped Taylor. Maybe the reason we don't beat Saginaw Valley is because Taylor is taken out. They always stay on their feet well when Eric fakes."

For the game, even with an abnormal performance due to tough defense, Taylor scored 17 points and captured 7 rebounds.

Mc Gregor scored 13 points and Eller added 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Saginaw Valley was led by forward Antoine Moore with 19 points and center Bill Vitti and Creech threw in 14 points apiece for the Cardinals.

What really hurt the Pioneers was Vitti's domination under the boards with 15 rebounds, 13 of which came from the defensive side.

OU was held to a low shooting percentage by Saginaw Valley, with only a mere 26.5% from the field for the game. Also, the Pioneers were disappointing from three point range, shooting six for 15 from trey range.

On the flip side, Saginaw Valley shot 47.9% from the field and 50% from three land (although the Cardinals only attempted six three-pointers the entire night!)

The team's GLIAC record is 1-1 and its overall record is 8-5.

The Pioneers will next play away at Lake Superior State University on Saturday, Jan. 17

Tankers

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would also put him in some pretty elite company."

Boyd's ace completed a sweep of nine Pioneer victories in nine events.

"We don't get to see Dennison that often so we really didn't know what to expect from them," said Hovland, "But they do seem to be improved over last year."

The Pioneers will next see action away at Edinboro University on January 17.

OU Athletic Department News

OU soccer player Weinerth named Second-Team All-American

• OU soccer senior defender, Dan Weinerth, was named to the NCAA Division II second-team All-Americansquad by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Weinerth is the seventh OU player to earn All-America honors in the 19-year history of Pioneer soccer.

Weinerth was four-year starter and this year's team captain. Offensively, he had two goals and two assists this season and finished his Pioneer career with 10 goals and seven assists. He as a member of four straight OU teams that have been involved in NCAA Division II tournament play.

All-Region Honors given to four Pioneer soccer team members

• Weinerth is also one of four Pioneers to earn all-Region honors. Sophomore forward Mike Thornton and midfielder John Gentile and freshman midfielder Mali Walton also were named to the All-Region team.

Thornton was the team's co-leader in scoring with seven goals and accumulated 20 points overall for the season. Gentile scored six goals and had nine assists for 21 points. Walton had two goals and nine assists for 13 points.

The Pioneers had a record of 13-5-3 this past season. OU was eliminated from the 1991 tournament in the first round by Sonoma State University on penalty kicks.

Tungate Named Pre-Season Baseball All-American

• OU baseball outfielder and senior Jeff Tungate was named to the NCAA Division II Pre-Season All-American team by Collegiate Baseball, a newspaper. Tungate's pre-season honors were published in the January 3, 1992 issue.

Tungate hit .397 with one home run and 23 RBIs last season. He was a first-team All-Region choice in 1991, and was one of 32 outfield candidates for the NCAA Division II all-America Team. The 6-1, 180 lb. left-handed hitter will be co-captain this year's Pioneer squad.

Players To Watch Also Named by Newspaper

• Three other Pioneers were named on Collegiate Baseball's Players to Watch list. Senior second baseman Greg Revere, junior pitcher Matt Byrd (and third baseman Dylan Raymond were included on the list because of their play in the 1991 season.

The Pioneers, 31-16 in 1991, will open the 1992 season at Kentucky State on Friday, March 20.

The Return of the Bomb Squad to OU??

• The women's basketball team is ranked nationally in one category according to the NCAA News. The Pioneers are in second place in the nation for three-pointers made, averaging 8.7 per contest. Leaguewise, OU hoopsters Stacy Lamphere (junior center) and sophomore guard Patty Robak are ranked first and second respectively in the GLIAC for their three-point per game percentage. Lamphere has made 28 treys while Robak is a close second with 27 three points made in the 10 games OU has played so far.

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