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Course credit change could cause controversy

By Gail De George
Sail Associate Editor

A three-credit system may make curriculum designing easier for administrators, but OU students will be saddled with heavier classloads and higher costs.

At least ten additional courses will be required for graduation. Students enrolling in five classes for 15 credits a semester, instead of the present four classes at 16 credits, will be forced into at least one extra semester of school.

For OU's many part time students, the delay in graduation could be even longer. The extra semester will mean additional costs because of fees and tuition increases.

THE CHANGE WILL allow greater curriculum flexibility. Professional schools (nursing, engineering, etc.) will be able to demand more courses within the field as well

Little publicized hearings set for Tuesday, Wednesday

as stiffer general education requirements.

The College of Arts and Sciences will benefit from the increased number of general education requirements, and may require its students to take "skill" courses offered by the professional schools.

A preliminary report exploring the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed change was released to the OU community last week by a University Senate sub-committee.

Despite a decrease in class meeting time, Rueben Torch,

dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and a member of the committee, did not see "a great reduction" in course requirements.

Torch wrote the preliminary report which the committee revised, and is adamant about the change. "It is critical," he said. "We have to have it."

IN ADDITION to the increased workload and graduation delay, Kevin Appleton, student representative to the committee, said scheduling problems would result for students. Juggling five classes instead of four would be difficult, he said, especially for students with jobs.

University Congress is not prepared to take a stand on the issue, according to Mary Sue Rogers, congress president. "We're caught in an end of semester bind, too," she said.

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The 'Deep' OU style

SNEAK ATTACKS: A diver swims along the ocean floor, and enters a ship wreck. His mask catches on a broken timber and rips from his face. By pulling off one another's face masks, OU student divers learn how to react in this type of panic situation. For complete story see page 4. (Photo by Carla Mitchell)

Nuclear incidents are 'learning experiences'

By Jay Dunstan
Sail News Editor

Problems with nuclear power plants across the nation may prove to be beneficial to Detroit Edison's Fermi II Nuclear Plant currently under construction in Monroe.

Earl Page, nuclear safety engineer for Detroit Edison, says the Fermi II production team routinely reviews "abnormal incident reports," concentrating on those reports which originate from plants similar in design to the Fermi II project. "This has been a routine operation even before Three Mile Island," Page said.

The production team will then make any needed changes in design based upon the reports.

PAGE POINTED out that there are structural differences in design between the Three Mile Island reactor and Fermi II. "The Fermi II design is a boiling water reactor whereas Three Mile Island was a pressurized water reactor. Obviously with the systems being really quite different, it would be impossible for that 'exact set of sequences' to occur."

However, there are elements of any nuclear accident which could possibly be applied to Fermi II, said Page.

"A good analogy would be if you were plagued by a very serious engine failure and fire in a prop-driven plane, you couldn't directly review your jet engine designs in the same regard because they're so different. But there would be many elements of that accident which could apply across the board including Fermi II."

Page said that items such as valves, or maybe electric cabling, which would be used in the Monroe plant, could be subject to change if a similar situation arises.

ENGINEERS WHO are familiar with the details of the Three Mile Island incident are meeting now to discuss problems which occurred there and relating them to the construction of Fermi II.

"They (engineers) are assuming problems and are working now to stop them before they get out of the bag," Page said.

Fermi II will differ completely from Fermi I as far as design and physical appearance are concerned. Fermi I was shut down after an

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Repolitik plugs students into politics

By Robin O'Grady
Editor-in-Chief

Students from across the state will be 'plugging into politics' this May when OU's student organization, Repolitik, hosts its first 'Meadow Brook Project.'

The project, intended to encourage high school and college students to become active in politics, will start off with former Governor of Michigan George Romney opening the conference.

"We've brought in some of the best speakers in the state and probably some of the best speakers in the nation," said Robert Anderson, off-campus coordinator for the group. "The most exciting time we've had is finding out Gov. Romney wanted to open it up for us."

The three day long program will include over 20 politicians, media celebrities, and advertising representatives, all speaking or offering workshops designed to encourage students to get involved in politicking.

GETTING STUDENTS involved is one of the main objectives of Repolitik, which has offered over 75 politically oriented activities this year alone.

"Far too many people are running around saying

everyone else should get involved," said Anderson. "But people are slowly realizing that if we don't get involved we get the shaft. Our current government shows that people don't get involved. It's reached a time when just voting isn't enough. Too few people are voting and special interest groups are gaining more and more influence."

Both Anderson and Jane Hershey, Repolitik's vice-president, believe the conference will show students that getting involved can be both fun and easy.

"They will see how they can fit into politics, and that they have a role in politics," said Hershey.

A 'MOCK' campaign launching' workshop is slated for all participants and will be judged by experts in the field of campaign management.

"All persons attending will be working directly with the speakers during the three day project. We think that way people will get the most," said Anderson.

"One of the most exciting things will be building a campaign from ground base zero," he said. "Each group will build a campaign from scratch, building strategies, raising funds, and using the media...the entire thing. That is probably going to be the most

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MEADOW BROOK PROJECT: Repolitik's state-wide conference (May 18-20) will feature an appearance by former Michigan Governor George Romney.

Guest Commentary

Past track record clouds safety of nuclear fission

By James R. Ozinga
Professor, Political Science

The people who oppose the civilian use of nuclear fission to generate electricity are usually concerned about issues of safety. The proponents of nuclear fission can attempt to ridicule this position, but their track record in the past does not lead one to have confidence in them.

Take, for example, the plutonium factory that Kerr-McGee Corporation operated in Oklahoma up to 1974 when Karen Silkwood was killed. The charges that she made about inadequate shielding from plutonium, poor supervision, high personnel turnover, and antiquated equipment have never been successfully refuted. Her accidental death was very convenient.

Or take the 200 tons of uranium missing from the fuel fabrication plant at Apollo, Pennsylvania. A careless mistake? An accident? Was this the enriched uranium diverted to Israel as rumor suggests? Actually, the accounting system throughout the fuel cycle has been primitive, not just in this country but abroad as well. If the accounting system is designed to prevent terrorists or other countries from getting their hands on fissionable material, heaven help us—it only takes 13 pounds of plutonium to make a very effective bomb.

Or take the tailings from the milling operation—radioactive tailings which were either dumped out in the open or sold as construction fill for housing out west. Imagine buying a house and learning that the floors and walls were emitting radiation! This problem has not yet been fully corrected; nor has the previous open dumping been solved. In downtown Salt Lake City lies a pile of nearly two tons of radioactive tailings. Denver recently discovered another pile. And these piles of hot tailings are continuing to grow. According to *Science*, there could be a billion tons by 1980 (October 13, 1978, Vol. 202, p. 191); and according to the *American Physical Society's* 1977 report on waste management and the nuclear fuel cycle, the injection hazard from tailings becomes greater than that from high-level wastes within the first 100 years (ibid).

THE CURRENT ACTION at Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania is not the first time that reactor was in the news. In 1976 Three Mile Island was fined \$8,000 for security weakness. A mentally disturbed former employee had gotten into the supposedly secure area near the reactor. The problems with that reactor right now are allegedly caused both by equipment failure and human error in shutting off the emergency cooling system. But that bubble inside the reactor was not expected.

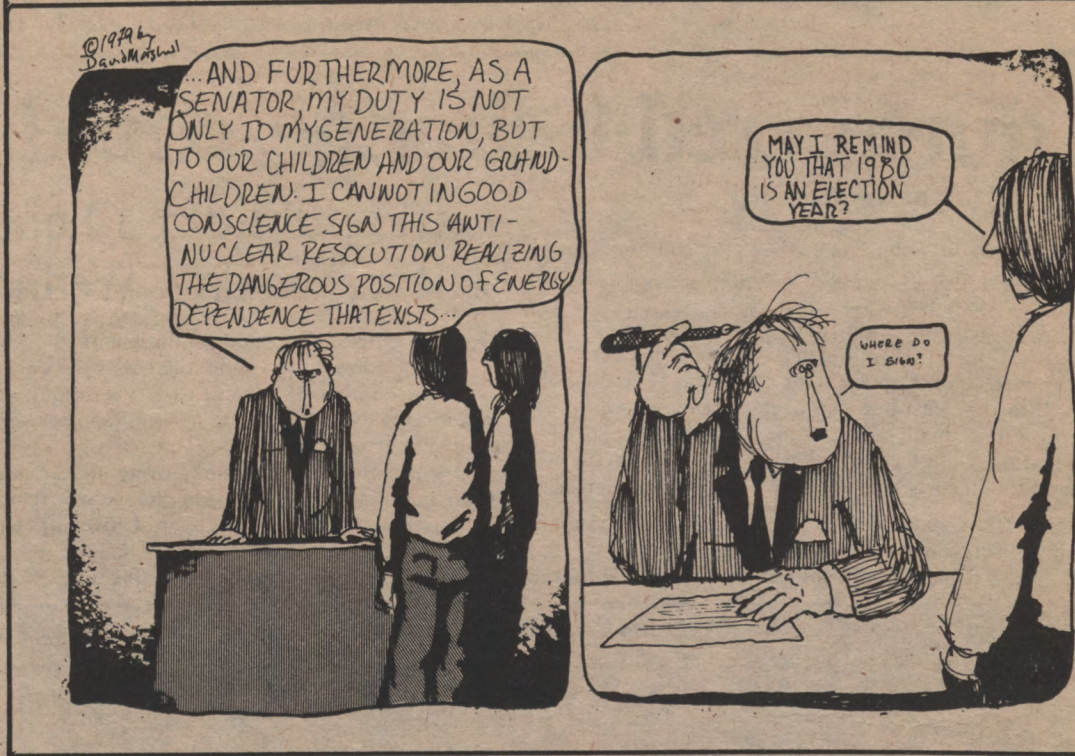
At Browns Ferry, Alabama, a worker checked for pipe leaks with a lighted candle and a 150 million dollar fire broke out. At Morris, Illinois, a faulty sensor shut the reactor down and in trying to cool the reactor, too much water was pumped in. Why? Because the gauge stuck, just like it did in the *China Syndrome*. The nuclear industry has been lucky so far, but how long can one rely on luck? When good engineering and physics blends with people, one has an unpredictable combination.

The back end of the fuel cycle, reprocessing and waste disposal are in a state of paralysis in this country. Meanwhile, spent fuel rods and other nuclear wastes are trucked down major highways right through urban centers like Detroit. Safe? Sure, until the first accident strews radioactive waste across the road.

Don't misunderstand me. I'd like something to happen when I flick the switch on the wall.

If we have to live a while yet with centralized power, let's generate electricity with coal. Coal is by no means problem-free, but it is far safer than fission.

THE MARSHALL ARTS



Letters

Students support this 'academic supermarket'

Dear Editor:

After reading the recent articles on academic advising in the *Sail*, I can add another possible cause of OU's high attrition rate: the proliferation of bureaucratic deadwood that raises educational expenses and buries students under still more red tape.

It is typical of Oakland that the students are the ones who will be hurt most by administrative attempts to guide them through the University's intricate educational requirements. If the university finds it necessary to hire and house "50 to 100" additional full time administrative people to carry out the responsibilities of the OU faculty, then pay those professional advisors out of faculty salary cuts, not out of tuition and student fees. It is not the responsibility of the student body to insure the competence of a basic university service.

I understand that teaching and research are important and undoubtedly more fun than advising, but let's not lose sight of those lovable folks who support this academic supermarket: the students! We're still here, filling empty office space in Residence Halls and choosing classes with our bedraggled copies of the *S* Ching.

J.M. Hopkins

In the future...

Dear Editor:

I would like to comment on the decision to close down the dormitories during the weekend of April 6-8. It was a great inconvenience to myself and many other dorm students. Many people live far from home, while others find it interrupting and troublesome to leave campus.

I can understand a concern for personal safety, but eviction was not necessary. Two or three main student centers could have been arranged for those who wanted to stay. They could have been set up around fireplaces, and food would not have been that difficult to acquire. This would have made it easier for many of us. I hope that in

the future decisions will be made to consider all those involved.

Pete Jaber

Take away 'toys'

Dear Editor:

I have a complaint against the very unprofessional Kresge Library. Specifically, I cannot understand why it had to close Friday and Saturday, especially with term-end so near.

Although there was a power failure Friday, I did get as far as the library lounge, and saw that there was sufficient light from the windows to provide for on premises research.

IN ANY CASE, power was restored Friday night, but the

library was still closed all day Saturday. I realize this library is famous for closing at the drop of the hat; I think major surgery is long past due. It must be nice to be on salary, a salary forced out of the honest taxpayers. Perhaps if we took away their toys, such as their ill-conceived computer terminal, we could get them to do their jobs.

I'd also like to know when the "book-thief catcher" will be completed. So far it's form without substance. Ah, but that is the Oakland Way.

I wish the University of Michigan weren't so expensive.

Peter Sedler

LETTERS

The Oakland Sail welcomes letters from readers. Each letter must include the writer's signature, though your name may be withheld for adequate cause. A letter is most likely to be published when it is legible and concise and when it supplies the reasons behind the viewpoint. All letters are subject to editing for space and clarity. Address: Editor, The Oakland Sail, 36 O.C., Rochester, MI 48063.

Getting it straight

The *Sail* incorrectly printed that Faye Kicknosway will be giving a poetry reading on April 12. The reading will be held on April 19, at 7:30 p.m. in rooms 128-130 in the Oakland Center.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

HEARINGS ON THE proposed class structure change from the 4 credit to 3 credit system will be held on the following days.

TUESDAY, April 17, from 10 a.m.-12 noon in the Gold Room of the Oakland Center.

WEDNESDAY, April 18, from 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. in 156 North Foundation Hall.

ALL STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

Congressmember motions to stop payment

Dissatisfaction aired over administrator's salary

By Sheba Bakshi
Sail Staff Writer

An unexpected motion was introduced at Tuesday's Congress meeting, asking for the withdrawal of the \$5,000 salary spent out of student fee money to support the Co-ordinator of Student Organizations.

Congressmember Larry Vandergrift introduced the motion, saying that the money could instead be used to hire a congressional Financial Assistant to assume the responsibilities that the Co-ordinator now has.

Currently the Co-ordinator of Student Organizations works out of the CIPO office, and maintains all financial accounts for student organizations. Congress pays \$5,000 of the Co-ordinator's salary each year for the service, while the administration matches that fee.

WHEN ASKED why he introduced the motion by several confused and puzzled congressmembers, Vandergrift said he had heard many random rumblings from student organizations, expressing their wish that Congress should handle the organization funds, rather than an administrator.

He said that organizations, such as the Tautological Society, Repolitik, and Alpha Sigma Iota, were complaining about the way student funds were being handled and had criticized the quality of help they were receiving from the CIPO (Campus Information and Programming Office).

"I think student funds could be better handled by students than the administration. I don't see why we should have an administrator when we can't hire or fire them," he said.

Robert Anderson, member of the Repolitik, said, "As far as I know we have no complaints with the current arrangements."

Kevin Appleton, congressmember, who is strongly in opposition to the motion, said that he too had heard complaints, but praise too. He said that CIPO had done for the most part, a good job in providing important services to the students.

"MORE IMPORTANT," he said, "Are we (Congress) willing to hand over the responsibility to a student that any University Congress President can choose? The job involves tremendous responsibility, involving the financial aspects."

Mary Sue Rogers, Congress president, said, "I don't think it is a particularly good idea. I would not hire anyone to do the job. It's a 40-hour job and a big headache."

"The idea is feasible," she said, "but if the money was cut off, CIPO would not be able to provide the services that it is offering at the moment."

The arrangement between Congress and CIPO started in 1971, when Congress needed some mechanism to keep track of the processing of Student Activities Board

expenditures. A letter of agreement states that Congress would pay half of the co-ordinator's salary to get the work done.

IN 1974 A ceiling was put on the support salary of \$5,000, but at the same time, said Rosalind Andreas, director of CIPO, the services for the student organizations and Congress began to increase, and by 1977 the number of people involved had increased too.

"Now the Congress and the organizations are getting much more service but the fee has remained at \$5,000," Andreas said.

The \$5,000 is no longer half of the salary of the student co-ordinator. As the work load increased, CIPO hired two students for a total of 30 hours a week to do the posting of accounts and processing of paper work of the organizations.

Andreas explained that the students were hired so that the co-ordinator would be free to work directly with the student organization, to assist them with policy and procedure, and to provide the services they needed.

SHOULD CONGRESS decide to withdraw the \$5,000, she said, CIPO will have to sit down and decide where the cut in their services will have to be made.

James Franklin, congressmember, said that a student would not have enough time to handle the job.

Congressmember Gary McMahan agreed with Franklin saying that for the \$5,000 CIPO received from Congress, they (CIPO) were doing a great job. "I really think for the money that we are putting in, we are getting a lot," he said.

Repolitik

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effective workshop. Afterwards a panel of experts will go through each group's campaign and critique it, giving specific reasons why things would work and why they wouldn't work in certain districts.

"These students will get enough practical experience that they could probably step into a local campaign and be able to run it," said Anderson.

According to Anderson, the conference budget is approximately \$6,000. We hope that by next week the total input of this group will be \$2,000.

The group is currently operating on a \$3,000 deficit, but have made up an 'OU hit list' of administrators and faculty who will be asked to donate whatever they, or their departments, can to the project.

THE STUDENT Activities Board (SAB) and the Concert Lecture Board (CLB) will also be contributing.

A personal contribution thermometer on the wall of their office had reached \$85 by Tuesday. "Anderson says he expects to raise \$1,000 from sources of funding that are not usually tapped by other student organizations."

The idea for the project originated over a year ago, but it wasn't until January that the group officially decided to have the conference. Some students from other organizations expressed concern during the first organizational meeting that Repolitik members would 'burn themselves out' by hosting an event that is expected to bring in about 200 students in such a short time.

Hershey responded saying "My philosophy is: if there is something good to be done I think it should be done. I think that is the attitude of the people in Repolitik too. We do our best and if that means working all day and all night on the conference we'll do it. We're not letting the conference get the best of us, but we are working on it constantly."

OTHER SPEAKERS to attend are: Tom Green from Channel 2's Lansing Bureau; L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Prosecutor; Paul Wilson, vice-president of Baily, Deardonerff and Associates, one of the most respected political

advertising agencies in the country; Ruth McNamee, State Representative from Rochester, Senator Doug Ross; and Kathy Brown, chair of the Oakland Democratic Party.

The event, scheduled for May

18-20, will cost OU students and faculty \$15. Those people who need lodging accommodations will be charged \$25. For further

information, contact the Repolitik office in the Oakland Center.

Students Speak Out

"Do you feel the university cancelled classes later than they should have last Friday?"



"I'm sure they decided as fast as they could. I commute. It was a pain, but you have to live with it."

Mark Smith, 19, Freshman, Business

"That was early enough as far as I was concerned. It wasn't broadcast early enough, that's what my complaint is, because I'm a commuter. Too many commuters came to school unnecessarily."

Cheryl Bourgeau, 20, Sophomore, Management



"Yes, they should have cancelled them earlier because a lot of students came out here. They could have at least served some cold coffee by candlelight."

Tim Seagraves, 21, Junior, Undecided

"Definitely. I drove all the way from Mount Clemens. I got out here, and had to drive all the way back. I was listening to the radio and they didn't say anything. We weren't having any power failures in Mount Clemens so I didn't even think about it."

Jane Schalk, 22, Junior, Business Management



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OU divers revel in a water world

By Marilyn Trumper
Sail Productions Editor

It's quiet in OU's pool. The water is calm and the air is humid. The odor of chlorine, mixed with the sweet smell of talcum powder and rubber scuba diving equipment makes breathing difficult.

In a matter of minutes the echoes of enthusiastic scuba divers will bounce off the tiled walls. The smooth water will churn with carbon dioxide bubbles rising to the surface, released from divers' tanks below.

The end of the semester is here, and shortly, OU's scuba diving

class will prove their 15 weeks of work and study to Shawn McCormick, associate professor of physical education and athletics.

TWENTY-TWO students suit up, making their entry into the water one by one. Individually, they will complete a "ditch and recovery". Descending to the bottom of the deep end of the pool, diving students meet McCormick, a six year veteran of diving.

Students remove their mask, fins, snorkels, and tanks, but the mouthpiece remains. They then assemble their equipment in a pile at the bottom of the pool. The weight belt is the last to go.

Shutting off the valve which supplies air from the tank, they are thrust into a solitary and alien environment. Their oxygen supply is cut off.

If they should hold their breath, panic, and shoot for the water surface, it is possible they could die. The compressed air inside their lungs would expand on ascent, causing their lungs to burst.

HOWEVER, McCormick has tried to train his students well. Calmly, one student reaches for the mouthpiece which McCormick offers. The "buddy-breathing system" is being incorporated. A single air supply will sustain both divers.

Keeping their right hands free to pass the mouthpiece back and forth, two divers grasp hold of each other with their left hands, and simultaneously kick to the other side of the pool. They return to recover the equipment.

"You are in a totally different environment," said Dave McCleary, 24, political science major. "You can be down there looking around. You are weightless. It's a good feeling."

This is the first time scuba diving has been offered at OU as a structured course. Prior to this year, diving instructors were brought in from surrounding areas to teach the class, and the students were not certified.

EQUIPMENT is rented through OU for use by diving students. "We rent in quantity, and that makes it less expensive for the student," McCormick said. "It's a two credit class, and the rental for 10 sessions is \$40.00. Students

must supply their own masks, fins, and snorkels. But you can't receive lessons from a professional dive shop for that kind of money."

Students are expected to swim 200 yards as a prerequisite for the class. "But it's very important students understand that we are

Photography, wreck diving, and just observing marine life. Or there are the professional aspects, for geologists, biologists, and engineers."

Not many are involved in diving. Purchasing personal equipment

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not going to spend our time teaching swimming skills, but (rather) diving skills," McCormick said.

The diving class has only three female students. McCormick said he didn't understand why so few women were involved in the sport of diving. "We need girls," he said. "Nothing about the program requires male or female participants. Anyone who can swim is capable of learning the skills. Women have the same physical make-up for diving as men do."

Kim Riedel, 19, general studies student, said she wanted to become certified to dive with her father. "Diving is not hard. If that's what girls are afraid of they shouldn't be. The written tests are more difficult than the actual learning of physical skills."

MCCORMICK explained that the main thrust of the class was teaching potential underwater hazards, and how to handle them. "In terms of equipment malfunctions and harmful marine life." "We study emergency contingent situations. The students have to have the knowledge and background when they're down there."

"They have to know that if something goes wrong, they don't have to react faster than the speed of light. They are to evaluate a situation, and then decide. To remember not to panic; that they have choices," he said.

While the main thrust of the class is reaction in pressure situations, McCormick said the emphasis is to have fun. "This is a fun class. There are so many options open to a diver.

can become very expensive, and the training is intensive and consuming. Students said that it was important to keep in touch with other divers, because few indulge in the sport. "In this class there is a sense of camaraderie," said Dave Handley, 30, environmental health student. "It's a good way to meet a lot of people. Not only that, but it is the most non-sexist sport I've ever been involved in." "In many ways," he said, "it's just like work."

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REVIEW

A Perfect Couple not a perfect

By Dave Marshall
Special Sail Reviewer

Some critics consider Robert Altman to be a genius, but this is not wholly accepted as fact. On one hand, he has been called a scion of the American film industry and on the other, a public embarrassment.

Altman has produced 14 films in the past decade. When a director drives himself at that pace, one is almost forced to accept the fact that the quality of his work is going to vary widely. That he is a highly competent filmmaker with flashes of inspiration is probably closer to the mark; Altman's latest film, *A Perfect Couple*, tends to substantiate the more moderate view.

It's maddening when a competent and imaginative artist's transitory capacity of brilliance leaves his audience with the frustrating feeling of being almost, but not quite, satisfied. This problem plagues many of Altman's films; even an incredibly good film like *A Wedding* must fight to overcome its shortcomings.

A Perfect Couple is not an exception. It contains enough solid material and is sparked by sufficient creativity to constitute a good, entertaining film. But its shortcomings nearly choke it, leaving a contrived, heavy-handed, mediocre film.

At its basic level, *A Perfect Couple* is a love story: Alex Theodopoulos, who comes from a wealthy, old-world, conservative, Greek-American family, and Sheila Shea, who lives communally with the members of her soft-rock band, meet through a video dating service in Los Angeles. In spite of her friends, his family, and themselves, Sheila and Alex fall in love. An exciting new concept in the history of film it isn't, but if Altman had left it there, *A Perfect Couple* would at least be an unpretentious flop. However, Altman's blatant symbolism is so heavy-handed that one is almost forced against one's will to look beneath the surface.

The thing is, beneath the surface, *A Perfect Couple* is a pretty boring place to be. At the simple plot/character level, the film is

A PERFECT COUPLE

Producer Robert Altman
Director Robert Altman
Screenplay Robert Altman/Alan
Director of Photography Edmund

Starring:
Alex Theodopoulos Paul
Sheila Shea Mari

A Twentieth Century-Fox presentation
a Lion's Gate film. Rated PG.

Pinball wizards vie for tourney awards

By Betsy Schreiber
Sail Staff Writer

Although the Spring Pickwick Games Fever was delayed by the power outage Friday, it produced a batch of winners.

Tournaments were held at Pinball and at Foosball. The tournaments were sponsored by the Pickwick Games Room, and were stretched out from April 4 to the 9th.

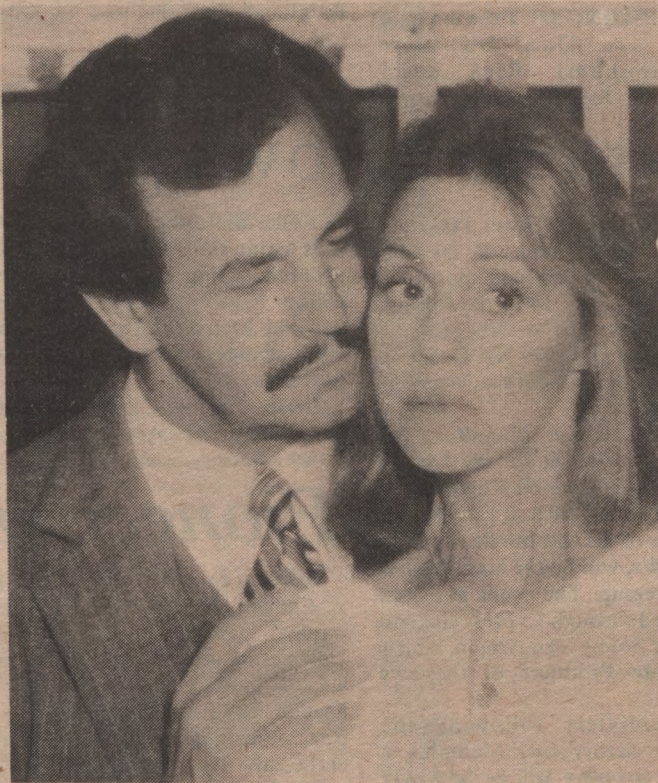
Mike Mazurkiwicz won first place at two of the pinball machines, walking away with \$20, an album of his choice and a T-shirt saying "Pinball Super Wizz." "I knew I had it after the game," said Mazurkiwicz, "no one would

come close." He won the games with a score of 652,760 at *Memory Lane*, and 849,000 at *Mars Trek*.

The Foosball tournament was played by teams, and in one game, two sisters played against each other. A second place winner, Gasper Calandrine said "I needed the money."

In both tournaments, first place was awarded an album and \$10, second place was \$10, and third place was a T-shirt.

Lorna Dale, supervisor of the Pickwick Games Room, said about 30 people played. "It was a lot of fun. These guys are crazy. They're always kicking and cussing at the machines."



ALTMAN'S COUPLE: Paul Dooley as Alex and Marta Heflin as Sheila. (Courtesy of 20th Century Fox Film Corporation)

Y SYSTEM: Two OU student divers practice "thing" system during scuba class. (Photo by Carla Mitchell)

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Couple is perfect movie

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peopled with a wide range of unusual and entertaining characters.

Henry Gibson does a superb job with a tiny part as Alex's brother-in-law, Titos Vandis is impressive as the patriarch of the Theodopoulos family, and Ted Neely is wholly believable as the leader of Sheila's band, *Keepin' 'em Off the Streets*.

Sadly, by taking the characters as elements of some sort of "statement", as Altman obviously wants us to do, they are reduced to cliché status.

It seems clear that Altman is not sure of his purpose at times. *A Perfect Couple* seems to be missing a foundation, as Altman rambles around for most of the film without making much of a point. Naturally, this rambling tends to make the film drag.

As the film progresses, it begins to drag more and more, until even Altman seems to realize that it is going nowhere. In a painfully inept attempt to pull the film back from the dead-end into which he has driven it, Altman introduces an "Imperfect Couple" who sort of float around the periphery of the film and supposedly provide some sort of counterpoint to Dooley and Heflin's "Perfect Couple". Unfortunately, this botched ploy provides more of an annoyance than an advancement.

It would, however, be very unfair to be totally critical of *A Perfect Couple*. The leading actors do a very creditable job, even if they aren't exactly brilliant, (another case of the actors' talents rising above a poor vehicle).

The music which provides a tenuous connecting theme throughout the film, while very badly dubbed in spots, is well integrated, well performed, and totally under control.

Robert Altman's record as a filmmaker is a spotty one. He has produced a few really miserable flops, and he has produced a few really brilliant successes. Unfortunately, *A Perfect Couple* merely adds to the vast bulk of his record: the whole slew of mediocre near-misses.

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Congress discussed the change, she said, and a majority felt the change would be "unfair to commuter students."

The change will not be made this fall, said Appleton, but is a "possibility" for Fall, 1980. A "grandfather clause" exempting students under the present system "would be difficult" to include in the new system," Rogers said.

Despite this, she seemed unconcerned about the change. "I don't see it happening for another three to four years," she said. The plan is "economically unfeasible" with "too many administrative problems with it." She cited faculty sentiment against the change as another deterrent. A change to a three credit system may mean an increased teaching load for faculty

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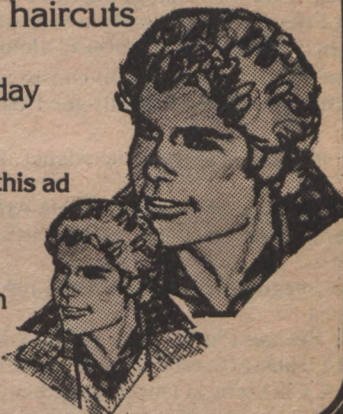
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Academy Awards at OU; And the winner is...

The Academy Awards were not only held in regards to movies, this week, but also in sports at OU for this past year's accomplishments.

Joe Falls was expected to explain the voting procedure, but he never showed up. So I'll be glad to explain. The votes were tabulated in the privacy of the 'Du-Rock Inn' by the academy and no one except myself knows the results.

The nominees for the Best Supporting Female Athlete are:

- 1) **Jeanette Fischer** (softball)-a fine arm and glove, team player.
- 2) **Shannon Krogsrud** (swimming)-swam consistently with many firsts.
- 3) **Lisa Zimba** (volleyball)-good blocker and power spiker.
- 4) **Lynn Yadach** (basketball)-moves well with ball, age is a plus.
- 5) **Karen Depper** (softball)-Johnny Bench of softball, nothing gets by.

The envelope Racquel....The winner is **LISA ZIMBA**.

The nominees for the Best Supporting Male Athlete are:

- 1) **Al Krapf** (tennis)-quick and agile, always on the ball.
- 2) **Tim Chapel** (wrestling)-guts, talent, and determination.
- 3) **Dennis Krych** (baseball)-hits for average but also has long ball power.
- 4) **Ian Dittus** (swimming)-All-American in freestyle, tough in clutch.
- 5) **Craig Harts** (basketball)-hustler and most unselfish player in league.

The envelope Connie....the winner is **IAN DITTUS**.

The nominees for the Best Female Athlete are:

- 1) **Linda Hein** (swimming)-only one to make it to nationals.
- 2) **Sue Friedman** (volleyball)-hustler who sets for the whole team.
- 3) **Helen Shereda** (basketball)-can almost score at will, dominating.
- 4) **Anne McGraw** (volleyball)-consistent at spiking and blocking.
- 5) **Kathy Hewelt** (basketball)-good ball handler, can shoot well too.

The envelope Natalie....the winner is **HELEN SHEREDA**.

The nominees for the Best Male Athlete are:

- 1) **Mark Doyle** (swimming)-backstroking All-American, relay man too.
- 2) **Tim Seagraves** (baseball)-when his fastball and slider works, untouchable.
- 3) **Tim Kramer** (basketball)-excellent leaper and shooter.
- 4) **Phil Lieblang** (wrestling)-first wrestling All-American at 118 lbs.
- 5) **Mark Christenson** (soccer)-aggressive and tough competitor.

The envelope Farrah....the winner is **TIM KRAMER**.

This, in essence, is a salute to athletes at OU for their hard work and determination over the past year. I would have liked to list every athlete but space permits only so much.

Oh, by the way, if you waited this long to find out the best sport, here it is: **MEN'S SWIMMING** came away with the nomination for their second place finish in the NCAA Division II tournament.

Californian named as men's swim coach

Special to the Sail

The men's swimming coach who led California State University-Chico to four NCAA national titles has been named the head swimming coach at OU, announced athletic director Corey Van Fleet.

Ernest W. Maglischo will assume Van Fleet's duties as swim coach immediately.

Maglischo coached the varsity team at Chico from 1967 to 1976. During that time, his teams won eight Far Western Conference championships, in addition to the four NCAA championships. He also coached the Chico Aqua Jets AAU swim club for six years from 1968 to 1974. During that time, five AAU swimmers ranked in the top 10 nationally in more than 20 events, three were ranked in the top 10 world-wide, and two were

consistent finalists at the Senior National AAU Long and Short Course Championships. Maglischo was named the Far Western Conference Coach of the Year eight times and the Northern California College Coach of the Year five times.

BORN IN Pennsylvania, the 40-year-old coach has a bachelor's degree from Ohio University in physical education. He was awarded his master's in physical education from Bowling Green State University and a doctorate in physical education from Ohio State.

"We think we've chosen a candidate of the highest caliber," Van Fleet said in announcing Maglischo's appointment. "We're anxious to continue building our program and know Maglischo can achieve the transition smoothly."

Men's golf team optimistic; weather dampens practices

By Dave Robinson
Sail Sports Writer

The ten man OU golf team ventured to Jaekel Island on the coast of Georgia for their spring training and have since golfed in the Eastern Kentucky Invitational.

Co-captains John Spall and Gery Katalinich were the two consistent shooters. Spall, a sophomore from Rochester, tallied the best 18 hole score of 72 while in Georgia. The Pioneers were there from March 2-12.

Other key golfers in Georgia were Paul Toshi (soph/Rochester) who had low of 77 for 18 holes. Dan Tomokowski (jun/Detroit) and Robbie Armstrong (soph/Georgia) had lows of 78 and 79b respectively.

ROUNDING OUT the ten man team are Dan Donahue (Birmingham), Rick Bond (Warren), John Boyd (Oxford),

and Mike Lau (Royal Oak). The teams' only senior is Steve Schmidt of Pontiac.

On April 7, the Pioneers traveled to the Eastern Kentucky Arlington Estate Golf Course where some 21 golf teams participated in an annual tournament. Like many northern teams who have lacked good weather to get outside, OU finished 14th.

In golf you are allowed to enter five golfers and OU elected to go with Spall, Toshi, Tomokowski, Armstrong, and Katalinich.

Co-captain Spall and the veteran Tomokowski each came away with the best 54 hole scores for OU with 240. On the other half of the co-captain side, Gery Katalinich had the best 18 hole total with 76.

"IT WAS A beautiful course," said Coach Hollie Lepley of the

Kentucky Course. "It's a shame these southern schools have such a big jump on us."

Coach Lepley has an optimistic outlook on OU's Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference race.

"Ferris State and Saginaw Valley are potentially the two best teams in the league," said Lepley. "We realistically set our sights on challenging for second place in the GLIAC."

OU finished in third place last year and won the league the season before that. The Pioneers will travel to play in the Wooster Invitational on April 13th and 14th.

The OU golfers will open at home against Northwood and Wayne State at Katke Cousins Golf Course, located on the northeast side of campus, on April 18th.

Express throws party at Dome

PONTIAC—The Detroit Express says "Thank-you Detroit" with a giant on-field party on Saturday, April 14 in the Pontiac Silverdome to celebrate the opening of the 1979 NASL soccer season and to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Actor George Hamilton Jr., who is in Detroit for the Detroit Express vs. Memphis Rogues clash (game time is 7:30 p.m.) and for the premier of his new movie, *Love At First Bite*, will be the special guest that evening. The event has been arranged through Express General Partner Sonny Van Arnhem, who is Associate Producer of the new film.

Immediately following the Detroit victory over Memphis, a canvas covering will be laid over half of the Silverdome floor and it will be opened to celebrating fans. A cash bar will be set up for those 21 and older while soft drinks will also be available. New *Epic* recording artists, *Strut*, will provide music for mood and dancing while a bevy of clowns will cavort to entertain the younger set.

The party will include a special soccer feature, a "Beat the Goalie" competition with an Express goalie guarding the nets with shootout privileges available for a specified donation.

On the other half of the Silverdome floor, the 6 by 12 yd. goalie box will be the guardian of a different treasure. This area is to be marked apart with the express purpose of giving cancer a kick in the Astroturf. The idea will be to creat a "Sea of Green" composed

Women drop 2 to Western

The women's softball team opened their season Tuesday dropping a twin bill to the Broncos of Western Michigan University. The field conditions at WMU were like the weather: cold and wet.

OU dropped the first game 6-0. Helen Shereda was the losing pitcher while Gigi Mikula got the Pioneers lone base hit. In the nightcap of the doubleheader, OU raced off to a commanding 5-0 lead only to lose in the later innings, 10-5. Shereda picked up the loss in the freezing opener.

of dollar and other denomination bills within the box, with the entire proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. George Hamilton Jr. and Detroit Express players will lead proceedings on this half of the field.

Jackie Gordon, Chairwoman of the Tri-County Area American Cancer Society, is enthused about

the idea of kicking cancer with soccer power. "I can't think of a better or more original way to fight cancer and expose people to the joys of the game of soccer. I've experienced a soccer game and found it to be extremely exciting, with action never slowing down. Hopefully, activities surrounding the game will be the same."

Pioneer sports briefs

Get your camera ready as Friday is Camera Day for the Pioneer baseball team. Grand Valley State Colleges invades OU tomorrow in a Great Lakes Conference doubleheader. The first game begins at 1 p.m. preceded by picture-taking enthusiasts from 12 noon-1 p.m.

On Saturday, the OU '9' travel to Ferris State to play the Bulldogs in a GLIAC doubleheader.

The women's softball team travels to the University of Michigan before hosting

conference foe Wayne State on Monday at 1 p.m.

The men's golf team will play in the Wooster Invitational tomorrow and Saturday. Their first home meet is on Wednesday against Northwood Institute and Wayne State.

OU's men's tennis team will continue to battle its hopeless opponents when the netters play host to Kalamazoo (11 a.m.) and Grand Valley (3 p.m.) on Saturday.

Watch for the *Sail's* salute to the graduating Senior Athletes on Thursday, April 19th.



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Nuclear

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accident six years ago. "Fermi I was a research and development reactor of a liquid metal fast-breeder," said Page. "Fermi II will be similar to most of the operating nuclear plants in use today, a light water reactor."

Fermi II won't be like the Three Mile Island plant in the sense that the water will boil inside of the reactor and then be funneled to the turbines. Three Mile Island's reactor operates at a higher pressure so that water going through the reactor to cool it removes the heat, so it never boils. Instead, that heat is passed on to heat other water through metal walls. This water then boils and is passed on to the turbines.

GENERAL ELECTRIC will manufacture the reactor for Fermi II in correspondence with Babcock and Wilcox who manufactured the reactor at Three Mile Island. Edison is doing the architectural engineering themselves.

There are about 72 commercial power plants operating in the U.S. The spent fuel from these plants was to be sent to reprocessing plants according to the original industry plan. The plants would separate the fuel into three main components: 1) uranium, 2) plutonium, and 3) some fission products which are radioactive and have no value for future use. These products would then be solidified and disposed of deep in the ground.

"President Carter, about two years ago, I guess, stopped or did not permit the plans for reprocessing to go on. Right now there are no plans for reprocessing plants." Carter's decision to halt any operation or construction of reprocessing plants stemmed from the fear that plutonium, 13 pounds of which could make a good-sized bomb, would be stolen.

"THERE ARE MANY other ways to make a bomb other than stealing plutonium," Page said. "Another country which doesn't have the bomb could take the centrifuge process and get natural uranium which is fairly available in the commercial sense. They then could separate out the uranium 235 to a highly concentrated state. Then you'd have nice, clean weapons material which is much safer to work with."

Fermi II should be completed by late 1980 and put into operation sometime in 1981. Physicists hope incidents, such as Three Mile Island, will enable them to build a more efficient and safe plant, one which will resist both physical abuse and public pressure from the one million customers it will serve.

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members.

THE BARGAINING council of the AAUP hasn't finished discussing related issues concerning the change, said Robert Williamson, professor, physics. The AAUP, the faculty union, will be negotiating a new contract this summer.

Part of the report states that other universities are also changing to a three credit system. Jay Tazman, vice-president of the Student/Faculty Council at Wayne State University explained that Wayne is changing from a quarter to a semester system. "It is different than what OU is doing," he said. "They are increasing your work load," he said, by changing class loads, but not course requirements. At Wayne, assuming that there is no change in requirements, there will be no change in work load, he said.

Open hearings are scheduled for next week concerning the report.

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