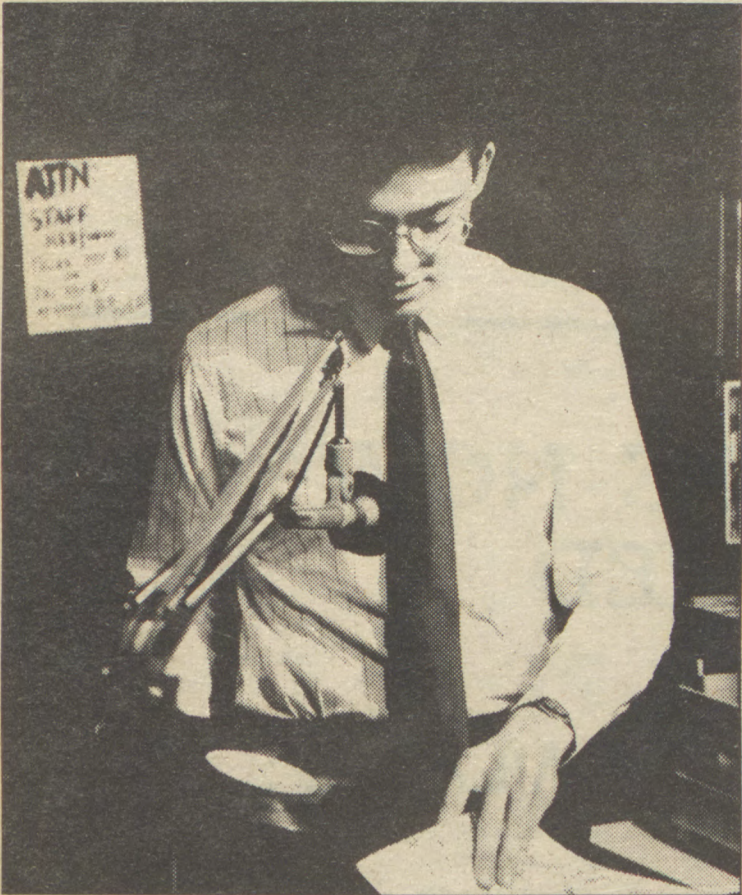


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Tom Zizka, general manager of WOUX, deejays at the station. He hopes to have a proposal to become a broadcast station before the board of trustees by January or February.

WOUX plans proposal for broadcasting locally, will present to trustees

BY NICK CHIAPPETTA
Staff Writer

After nearly ten years as the campus radio station, WOUX is formulating a proposal for the board of trustees that would allow it to broadcast over the Rochester area.

The proposal will include getting a loan of \$25,000-35,000 to finance the entire project and permission to build the tower and to broadcast.

The station must accomplish all these things before it can apply to the Federal Communications Commission for a license, said Maura Selahowski, chair of the WOUX board of directors.

Tom Zizka, general manager of WOUX, said that while he hopes to have a commitment from the board within 11 months, it will still be 1-1½ years before WOUX gets an antenna.

He expects to take the proposal to the board in January or February.

He said if WOUX becomes a broadcast station, it will continue to play progressive "new music" but will be required by law to have more educational programs.

The new format will also be commercial-free, but businesses will sponsor the different shows or segments, Zizka said.

Broadcasting over the Rochester area will help advertising

revenues considerably, according to James Elliot, former general manager of WOUX.

Elliot said the station needs the antenna to get advertising, but they need advertising money to get the antenna. The limited exposure to students is also a major problem.

"The ability to broadcast beyond the confines of the university is important," said Zizka.

The station currently broadcasts through a "carrier current" to the dormitories, Lepley Sports Center and the Oakland Center.

A carrier current station sends its signals through the phone lines into a converter. It is then sent through an electric current.

To listen to WOUX, people plug a transistor radio into an electrical outlet and tune to 640 AM, when the converters, which are part of an "antiquated system," are working properly, Zizka said.

Selahowski cited three main objectives for becoming a broadcast station: more effective advertising, a better broadcast journalism training ground and a better way to get information out to the students.

She emphasized the importance of getting information such as special events and school clos-

ings out to the 85 percent commuter student population.

The proposal they are formulating comes after a \$12,000 loan from the university for a new studio was recently paid off. The five-year loan was paid off in three years, Zizka said.

With that loan behind them, Zizka said, "I have high expectations for this project going through."

Public Safety seizes knives belonging to VW resident

BY JULIE LANNING
Staff Writer

Public Safety confiscated two weapons from a fifth floor male resident of Van Wagoner Hall on Nov. 15.

Mel Gilroy, assistant director of Public Safety, said an officer picked up a double-edged dagger and a bayonet knife after a resident assistant took them from the man's room.

The 4½-5-inch dagger is il-

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50-signature standard to get on Congress ballot remains

University Congress approved election guideline revisions at the Nov. 17 meeting that kept the number of petition signatures Congress members need to get on the ballot at 50.

Guideline revisions suggested by the elections commission said a Congress member should have 75 signatures.

Congress member Sean Higgins argued that it would be harder to get on the ballot if the number were raised.

In the recent Congress elec-

tions, only seven people got on the ballot to fill 20 available seats.

Congress member Steve Lundy proposed that amendments to the guidelines could be proposed not only by the elections commission but by Congress as well.

Congress turned down the proposal, with some members questioning if this would give them an advantage in elections over people not involved in Congress.

Privileges theater gives patrons offend users of northwest lot

BY THERESA GEORGE
Staff Writer

The blocking off of the northwest lot to accommodate Meadow Brook Theatre patrons has angered both students and faculty, who say they already face a parking struggle.

Mary Hoisington, a secretary in the rhetoric, communications and journalism department, said an usher ropes off a large section of the parking lot Wednesday morning for the afternoon matinees.

"Parking is hard enough to find at the university let alone, without having sections of the northwest lot roped off," said Hoisington.

"With the winter months coming, the problem is only going to get worse," she added.

Hoisington said if the Wednesday matinees were changed to Tuesday, Thursday or Friday, which are days when the

university is less busy, the parking problem would be alleviated.

Jim Spittle, associate director of Meadow Brook Theatre said the 80 spaces reserved for theater patrons during the October-May season are only taken up on three Wednesdays a month.

Spittle said the theater started roping off the designated area last year when the parking problems began to worsen due to increased enrollment.

"At that time, some of our season subscribers were getting tickets for parking violations and we felt it was our duty to correct the problem," said Spittle.

Spittle said in order to resolve the parking problem, Meadow Brook Theatre representatives met with university and Public Safety officials, who agreed to give the theater the right to reserve parking for Wednesday matinees.

"The reason we brought the issue to the attention of the

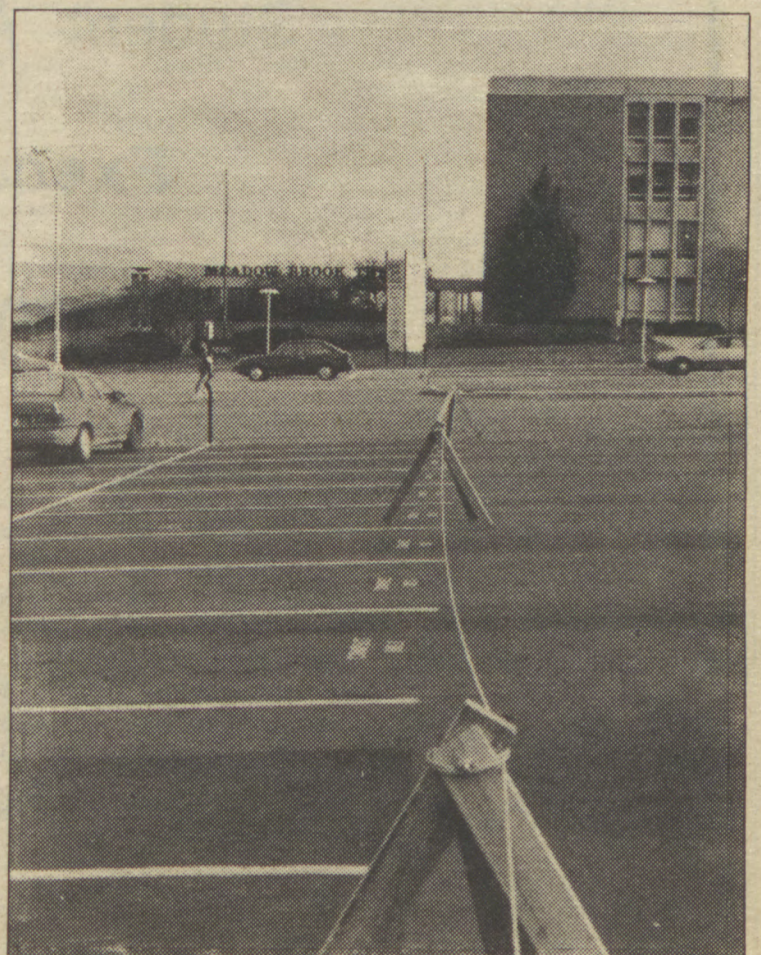
university was to provide the matinee-goers, who consist mainly of senior citizens, a shorter distance to walk," said Spittle.

In return for the Wednesday reserved parking, Meadow Brook Theatre pays the university \$2,000 out of its budget for use of the lots and the cost of maintaining them.

Public Safety Chief Richard Leonard said the university has a capacity of 5,234 parking spaces available to faculty and students.

"There is a lot of space to park on campus but not necessarily in the northwest lot, which (is) directly in front of the classroom buildings," Leonard said.

He said the northwest lot, which is the most heavily used, has a capacity of 1809 spaces. These spaces are usually taken on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, the busiest days on campus.



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Meadow Brook Theatre has an agreement with the university to allow its patrons access to parking in the northwest lot for Wednesday matinees, while that area is blocked off to students and faculty.

University Congress Report

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The power of the students is their voice

Little lasting effect of AIA, professors say

BY FLORI ROSENBERG
Staff Writer

A year after Accuracy in Academia caused a stir at Oakland, some instructors and students feel the conservative monitoring organization may have lost some of its momentum.

AIA hit a nerve at Oakland last year when history professor Mary Karasch was reported to the group for her alleged biased statements about U.S. involvement in Nicaragua.

AIA represents a national organization composed of four staff members, headed by executive director Les Csorba, III.

The group's purpose, Csorba has claimed, is to act as a "resource or outlet" for students who find a teacher biased and have exhausted other sources.

Opponents of AIA compared it to censorship. Instructors felt the organization threatened their right of free speech in the classroom.

Robert Goldstein, associate professor of political science, was reported to be named to AIA by the *Detroit Free Press* last year. The story was later retracted.

Goldstein feels the group's influence was "overinflated," and is not worthy of the attention it received. "I don't think it had an impact on anyone...It was a story because the press made it a story."

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Richard Kanost, discussed similar feelings. "If I had been involved, I would have made no response whatsoever. I felt it should have been stonewalled."

"Probably, the university system and the national system has too much stability to be affected," claimed Donald Hildum, professor of communications. However, he added, "It was just as well we made a fuss."

Virginia Blankenship, assistant professor of psychology, talked about the influence of AIA. "I think its power was overestimated." However, "The climate of the group makes us all aware of what we say."

If last year's controversy had an effect on Blankenship, she feels it is reversed. "I try not to self-censor."

Associate Professor of Education Marc Briod denied that AIA has had any impact on his classroom performance. "It has not affected me at all...I treat both sides, that's the essence of learning to think."

Another instructor, Professor of Education George Coon, said, "The impact of the group was great, its influence was felt, but it's simmered down now."

Ronald Cramer, professor of education, feels AIA's influence was overestimated for two reasons. First, because of a "natural paranoia" of organizations outside of the university. Secondly, he felt liberal educators are uncomfortable with "anything that smells of conservatism."

Students had difficulty determining any difference in their instructors' behavior this year.

However, Dennis Zaluski, who condemned the practices of AIA in a letter to *The Oakland Sail* last fall, does feel the organiza-

tion has left its mark at OU.

According to Zaluski, some of his instructors are "inhibited about telling viewpoints," and are "afraid to let anyone tape classes."

One professor, he claimed, got edgy when Zaluski brought a friend to class.

Zaluski did question whether the organization is worth this uneasiness. "I think we were scared of a group we should have passed off as not too substantial."

Unpaid tickets cost more money

BY JULIE LANNING
Staff Writer

Paying for a parking ticket is a simple process unless the fine isn't paid or a person wants to contest the ticket.

A decision to do either will take more time or more money.

One student who left his fine unpaid ended up paying \$255. He started out with six tickets with fines totaling \$70. After he was notified on two different occasions, the court added additional charges because he did not pay by the due date.

After a ticket has been issued it is put in a log at Public Safety and then turned over to Auburn Hills Police Department. It's up to them to process the ticket.

Sue Richard works at the police station in what she calls the Violations Bureau. She said when she gets the tickets they are put into a computer and a run-down is done every day to see who has and who hasn't paid their tickets.

Some students are not sure their teachers' behavior, however cautious, is due to AIA.

Sophomore Jon Londo said, "I think it really depends on the teacher...they don't seem to keep a lid on it too much."

"It's hard to tell really...they (teachers) say if it's their opinion; you can think what you want," said sophomore Margie Komer. "I've had pretty good luck with teachers," she said.

Senior Beth Hirschman

remarked, "I don't think it crosses their minds."

Mike Maddelein, sophomore, noted one professor of his "makes sure every time he says something his opinion is not taken as fact." But Maddelein is not sure his teacher's behavior is because of AIA.

Most students agreed that if they were to disagree with an instructor, they would confront him or her face-to-face.

Richard said about 40 percent of fines are paid on time. If the fine isn't paid by the due date a notice is sent to the registered owner of the car. If the fine still isn't paid a registered letter is sent.

So far this year Richard said there's one student who has 32 outstanding tickets valued at \$350. She said it takes a while but they end up paying or they lose their license.

Mel Gilroy, assistant director of Public Safety, said if someone has a complaint about their ticket he should come to Public Safety or speak to Maura Caruth-Selahowski, chair of the appeals board for parking tickets and assistant director of CIPO.

She said the first step in requesting an appeal is to fill out a yellow appeal form. The appeal is reviewed by the Transportation Advisory Board which consists of faculty, administration

and student members. If the written appeal is turned down a student can request an oral appeal.

"It takes about two weeks to get a response on a written appeal. An oral appeal takes a little longer," said Caruth-Selahowski.

She added that during the appeal process Auburn Hills is notified so they won't enforce any action on the ticket.

After a breakdown last year on the number of appeals she found that about one percent of all tickets are appealed and of those only 30 percent are overturned.

Weapons

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legal according to Michigan statute, Gilroy said.

The other knife could be a souvenir from World War II. Residence Halls policy prohibits weapons of any kind in dorm rooms, he said.

The dagger will not be returned to the student, but Gilroy said the bayonet will be given back but will have to be kept out the dorm.

Peggy O'Toole, head resident of Van Wagoner, said the case is going through the student conduct system.

Another incident still under investigation resulted in \$500 in damages in North Hamlin Hall.

Gilroy said a resident of Hamlin was caught setting off bottle rockets by an RA.

The student also assaulted the RA by banging his head against his own. No complaint has been made by the RA.

Seminar to address effects of tax laws

How will the new tax laws affect your personal finances?

A representative from the accounting firm of Plante and Moran will discuss tax reform in a seminar presented by the Oakland University Federal Credit Union.

The following topics will be discussed: itemized deductions, capital gains and losses, real estate changes, consumer interests, IRAs and 403 B limitations.

The seminar will be on Dec. 3 at noon in rooms 128-130 of the Oakland Center.

Public Safety hires new officer

BY JULIE LANNING
Staff Writer

Officer Brian Munson began work Nov. 17 as Public Safety's newest and youngest recruit.

Munson, 21, was chosen last August from about 200 applicants.

He was sent to Oakland Community College Police Academy for 12 weeks where he learned basic skills.

He is now going through his in-service training at Public Safety, which will last one month to six weeks.

A field training officer will show him the layout of the university and teach him departmental rules and regulations,

how to write reports and tickets and introduce him to faculty and administrators.

Mel Gilroy, assistant director of Public Safety, said Munson must clear his in-service training before he can work on his own.

Munson, a Bloomfield Hills resident, attended Bowling Green State University in Ohio where he studied criminal justice and majored in business administration.

He will be a junior when he becomes a part-time student at OU next semester.

"This is what I always wanted to do. Now I have a chance to see if I really like it while I finish school," said Munson.

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EDITORIAL

Group earns laughter when praise deserved

There's a cynic in every crowd, and in Amnesty International's case, there's an abundance of them.

During the group's balloon launch early last week, many passersby commented on the futility of the group's efforts to free or ease the plight of prisoners of conscience throughout the world.

Dreamers, the members of this organization were called by some of the doubters who passed. The group's efforts and the way it was going about attempting to free prisoners was a waste of time. Nobody would be helped.

Now there's an attitude!

If a person can't have a dream, why bother doing anything? The comments came from college students, who should be the worst offenders of all when it comes to dreaming. Why are we here if not to dream (at least a little) and try to improve our minds and our lives?

This country was founded by dreamers, people who believed that a better life was possible, and that it wasn't necessary for people to live under a suppressive government. Thank goodness those who find dreamers contemptuous weren't responsible for making the decision to fight Great Britain for freedom more than 200 years ago. That was quite a dream, and a seemingly unattainable one at that time. The results of that dream refute the claim that what may appear to be a futile attempt sometimes produces the best results.

A defeatist attitude makes losers out of potential winners. Failure is always a possibility when reaching for a goal, but by refusing to even try, we make it a certainty.

Amnesty International is a group who is not afraid to try. Some of the group's efforts are being rewarded already. For example, two prisoners in El Salvador were released as a result of the letter writing campaigns launched by members of Amnesty. The prisoners had been subjected to electric shock and sexual assaults. Had it been up to the cynics who think AI is going about freeing people in the wrong manner, the prisoners might still be in their cells, suffering at the hands of their jailors.

It's easy to laugh at the efforts of others. When the work isn't one's own, the feeling for it isn't there, and often, the respect for it isn't either. We too often lose sight of the fact that we should respect the work of others, if not for the quality of the job, then at least for the effort.

What is difficult is trying to change things in the world, be it on a personal level or a more widespread one. Oftentimes it's a frustrating task. Results are slow in coming and the sneers of others are discouraging, not to mention maddening.

We have no right to laugh at the work of others until we have at least attempted to change things ourselves. Until then, we cannot understand the courage and dedication it takes to try. Once the effort has been made, an attitude change is probable, because we realize how much it takes out of a person. It's not easy, trying to change or improve things. We shouldn't make it any harder by belittling a person or group's efforts.

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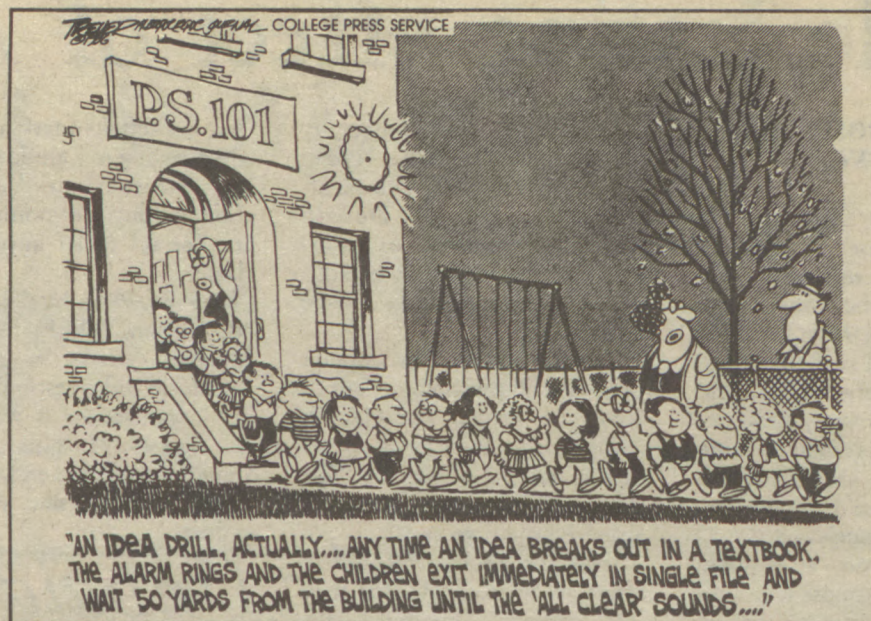
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Letters to the Editor

Administration problems for residence halls philosophical

The main problem with the way that Residence Halls is being administered is a philosophical one. It is a problem that is encountered in all situations where decisions made by administrators have an effect upon the quality of life of other individuals. The problem is that the administrators have lost sight of the fact that, just because a policy

makes the task of administration easier does not make it right.

Policy making in this manner leads to the kind of situations we find in some nursing facilities, where residents are shuffled around like packages in a warehouse waiting to be shipped out.

We all understand that administering a facility housing as

many students as are housed here on campus is a difficult task. But if our present administrators cannot do so without violating the due respect for quality of life and the individual rights of those housed within Residence Halls, then perhaps they're in the wrong business.

William F. Erdmann Jr.
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Fitzgerald House

Computer registration well-organized; university must be deceiving students

To the Editor:

Okay, what's going on here? I know it's a trick and I want some answers.

I've been here at Oakland too long to be deceived this easily. What's going on at O'Dowd? I went over to register this morning, and I was the only one there. I went up to the window, got all my papers, filled in all the classes I needed, took the finished papers to the next window and a delightful young lady okayed everything and gave me a receipt.

It was fast, well-organized and almost pleasant.

I want it stopped and I want it stopped right now.

The Psychology department needs a written consent form before it can perform behavior tests on students.

Okay, it's over and you've got

your data on how a student acts in a strange environment, now I want to know when I can go through the real registration.

Sincerely,
Chris (you can't trick me)
Finneran

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FEATURES

Transsexuals share concerns, life stories

BY CATHERINE KAZA
Staff Writer

The physical body does not always represent a person's true gender.

"Body structure (is) irrelevant to whether you're a male or female," said Don Sidelinker, a 41-year-old transsexual who, two years ago, was a female. "I hated being a female."

Sidelinker was one of five transvestites and transsexuals who spoke to about 50 people in a panel discussion sponsored by the Psychology Club in the Oakland Center Nov. 19.

What Sex Am I? was moderated by Rebecca Warner, an OU sociology professor, and Linda Schoonover, a nurse and social worker who works with those in gender reassignment programs.

Schoonover said that 8,000 people have had sex changes in the United States. The male-female ratio is 3:1. She said 40 centers in the country perform such surgery.

The surgery, consisting of a series of operations, varies from less than a year to two years. The individual in the program must be at least 21 and undergo therapy before the operations, according to Schoonover.

In Sidelinker's case, hospital bills have totaled \$80,000. He said Blue Cross covers nearly all but the surgeon's fee.

In 'cross-dressing' (as the panel refers to it), or transvestism, a person, usually a male, dresses in clothing of the opposite sex.

Transvestites and transsexuals can offer no explanations for their behavior.

"I can't tell you why I do this...it makes me feel good," said Kary Rose, a 36-year-old construction worker who is a transvestite.

Rose, broadly built with brown shoulder-length hair and glasses, was dressed in a pink knit sweater and a plaid skirt. He said cross-dressing shows a transvestite's self-acceptance.

"I'm not afraid of who I am," he said. "I didn't want to spend the rest of my life hiding in this closet."

Milesa Phar, a transvestite who has been married for 17 years, said he has cross-dressed since he was four years old. He remembers wanting to try on his mother's underclothing as a child and being told not to.

Kim Thomas, a male-to-female transsexual who has been through nine months of surgery and will legally become a female in one month, said transsexuals usually attempt to conform.

"Most try to fit the role that society puts for them," he said.

Thomas, slim and of medium height, said he first became aware of his difference during a childhood Halloween, when his mother dressed him in female clothing.

"Suddenly it felt right...I decided I liked that feeling," he

said.

When he was told that this feeling was wrong by his parents, Thomas said he became adept at putting up a facade as a 'true' male. "You can actually sell yourself to a certain extent," he said.

Sidelinker agreed. "If you're going to play a part, you can play a part," he said.

Dressed in tan pants, dress shirt and tie, the dark-haired, bearded Sidelinker was married as a female and had a child. He said the attempt to conform to his given gender role didn't change how he felt.

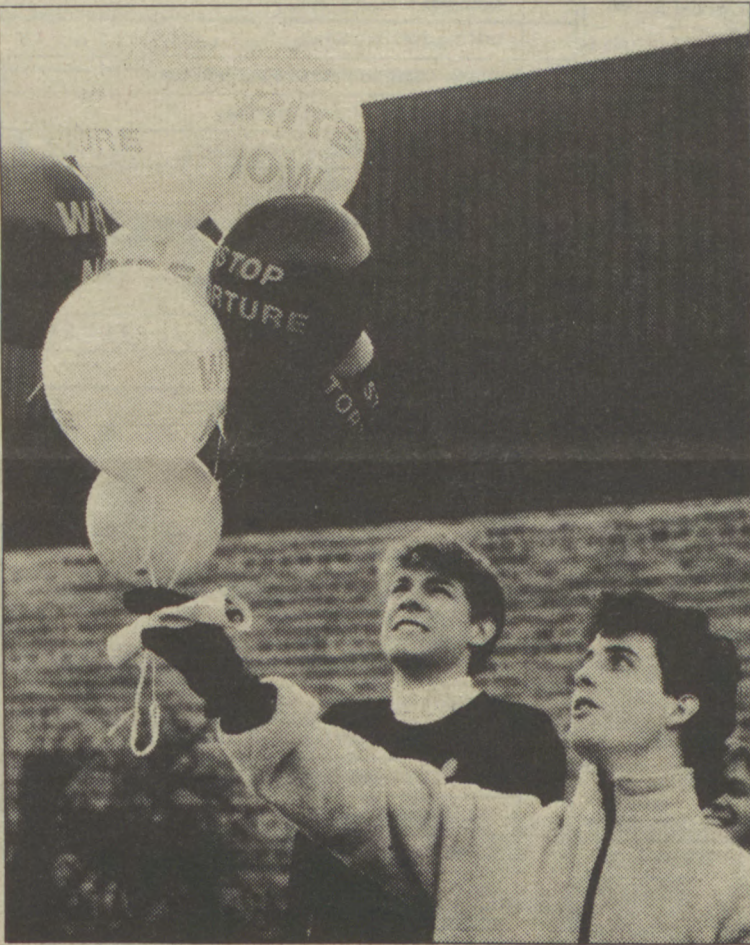
"Motherhood does not happen because of biological processes," he said.

"Femininity was a big mystery. It still is," he added.

As a female growing up, Sidelinker said relationships with male friends suffered because of his sex. "What they saw was a very attractive female. I couldn't deal with it...," he said. "I could never be me."

Transvestite Rusti Kay, a self-described slum landlord, said one of his fears is that friends he has had for 20 years will be frightened off by any revelation of his transvestism. "I haven't decided that I want to deal with that yet," he said.

Support groups play a crucial part in transvestites' and transsexuals' lives, according to panelists. All except Sidelinker are members of Crossroads, a 180-member support group for cross-dressers and transsexuals, based in Royal Oak.



The Oakland Sail/Mark Winkelbauer
Two Amnesty International members release balloons during their three day write-a-thon.

"There is no reason in the world any human being should survive in makeup and costume with no support group," said Sidelinker, who had no support group when he was undergoing surgery.

Presently there are no formal support groups for female-to-male transsexuals.

Attempts to conform to gender roles in society usually involved marriage, according to panelists. Besides Sidelinker, Thomas, Rose and Kay have been married. Each has a child.

For Thomas, the marriage lasted 10 years. At 23, he had his first sexual relationship with his future wife. Assuming he was a transvestite, he married.

Though his wife had thought she could deal with his cross-

dressing, she "took it hard when she discovered it had not gone away," Thomas said.

Rose, who has cross-dressed since he was five, said his cross-dressing had nothing to do with his divorce from his wife of seven years.

Unlike the other panelists, Rose has no ambitions to live full-time as a woman. He said this is because of the relationship with his girlfriend of eight years.

"If our relationship were ever to fall apart...I don't know what I would do," he said.

Kay has a 13-year-old son from a previous marriage. He said he doesn't know how he will deal with telling his son about his transvestism.

Panelists agreed that while (See Transsexuals, page 7)

Letters against torture

Write-a-thon success

BY ALISA NASS
Staff Writer

An end to arbitrary arrest, murder and torture in Chile were the goals behind Amnesty International's three day write-a-thon held Nov. 17-19 in the Oakland Center.

"We are paying 33 cents in stamps," said senior Stacy Bohlen, president of Oakland's branch of Amnesty International, "and the people in Chile are paying with their lives."

The write-a-thon produced 116 letters and 295 postcards that will be sent to Chilean government officials. Amnesty International hope their efforts will help secure better treatment for and the release of Chilean prisoners of conscience.

Two political prisoners that the group had been writing to were recently released.

"We are not fighting for ideology," said freshman Thom Bailey, "but for human rights."

Bohlen said the group is sometimes fighting an uphill

battle since people often mistakenly think they're a political organization.

During the three day event \$458 was raised which will be applied towards the 33 cents per postcard and 44 cents per letter expense. A \$1 donation was requested of all the letter writers. The 25 member group raised the rest of the money by writing ten letters each and collecting pledges.

Originally the group, in connection with the national organization, was thinking of raising funds for a Washington, D.C. trip to lobby officials awareness towards their cause.

"It (the write-a-thon) has been very successful," said Bohlen. "This is the first time these issues have been addressed by this university."

Bohlen said the group hopes that by teaching people about their cause, more will become involved.

Amnesty International holds its meetings every Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the O.C. Absention.

Dorm students voice complaints in survey

BY DAVID LOPEZ
and
WENDY WENDLAND
Staff Writers

A non-scientific survey conducted by *The Sail* shows a majority of residence halls students are generally unsatisfied with the department.

"There is some room for relaxation in policies," wrote one student. "I think you will find that O.U. students can be very responsible on their own."

"Improvements should start with replacing most of the staff with people who have... a bigger vocabulary than no," wrote another student.

The survey was distributed to every resident in residence halls through inter-campus mail.

Some 100 people responded.

Of the 100, 50 percent thought the alcohol policy is unreasonable, 58 percent were unsatisfied with the way the administrative staff runs residence halls, 62 percent felt residence halls are indifferent with residents concerns and 43 percent felt they are unfair in disciplinary matters.

Despite several student complaints, 91 percent of the respondents stated they were somewhat satisfied with the competency of the resident assistants.

"I love my R.A.," wrote one student.

Many students expressed concern over the alcohol policy, some particularly didn't like having to drink behind closed doors.

"Tightening the alcohol policy has just forced students to go off campus to have fun and drive back drunk," wrote one student.

However Eleanor Reynolds, director of residence halls, disagrees.

"Students are adults, they make their own choices..." said Reynolds. "I don't think it's a valid argument to say some students are immature and therefore will make bad decisions and... drive home drunk."

"I don't understand what the problem is with 21-year-olds drinking in public," wrote one resident.

Reynolds said 90 percent of the resident halls students are under 21.

"The administrative staff at residence halls does not take students thoughts or feelings into consideration," wrote a student. "They (staff) make policy that they don't have to live with while we do."

Yet Bill Ryan, corresponding

secretary for Area Hall Council said residence halls are "responsive with resident's concerns if a legitimate problem is brought to them in a responsible manner."

Some students don't think they are given enough independence in residence halls.

"R.A.'s should wait until a complaint is made about a transgression of policy (like quiet hours after 1 a.m.) before using disciplinary action, instead of wandering the halls looking for these transgressions," said one student.

"Sometimes students make the mistake of assuming that since they don't know about a complaint, there isn't one," said Reynolds. "Many times the complaint is made, but the student doesn't want to handle the situation themselves."

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Open Space

Student meets Peace Marchers in Washington, D.C.; says enlightening experience

BY JACQUELINE VANECKE
Staff Writer

Spurred by a more than passing interest in non-violent civil resistance, concern towards a global nuclear arms build-up and the superpowers failure to produce a written agreement for a nuclear freeze during the recent summit, I decided to attend the arrival of the Great Peace marchers in Washington D.C. Nov. 14-17.

The marchers came from all 50 states. They represented all ages, races, religions, professions and socioeconomic backgrounds. Beginning March 1 in Los Angeles, California, they walked 3,700 miles through fields, deserts and mountains to arrive Nov. 15 at the nation's capital.

Throughout their journey the marchers preached how the world could and should be free from nuclear weapons.

During the Nov. 15 demonstration, some 11,000 marchers and sympathizers gathered. Among the crowd were Reverend Jesse Jackson, Dr. Benjamin Spock and Dr. Carl Sagan.

Sagan, who was arrested for protesting at the Nevada Desert Nuclear Testing site, spoke against the Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars) and the United States' refusal to stop nuclear testing when the Soviets have stopped. Sagan said the administration believes that Star Wars could potentially destroy 90 percent of the Soviets weapons. This goal, he said, is many years away if at all possible. Regardless, 10 percent of Russia's current nuclear weapons would still be more than enough to destroy the United States.

Another speaker was the daughter of a man who, along with 42,000 other military personnel, was ordered to observe nuclear testing in the 1940s and 50s. Her father died of cancer before turning 50, along with 36,000 others. At age 36, she has had approx-

imately 54 operations as a result of the radiation her father received.

Another group of people have been keeping a 24 hour, seven day-a-week vigil in front of the White House since June 1981. These people have endured harsh winters, nights in jail and the destruction of their signs and literature. One man, Dr. Charles Huder, began to fast for world peace and nuclear disarmament on Sept. 23. If a nuclear freeze does not occur soon, he will probably die before Christmas.

Demonstrators carried many articles and signs that reflected not only their disapproval of the arms race and Star Wars, but their belief that some current U.S. policies are absurd.

"Acceptable losses 20 million people" and "Star Wars, a 1 trillion dollar leaky umbrella" were printed on several signs. Another sign stated, "We did not inherit this world from our ancestors, we borrowed it from our children." Also a display converted the current nuclear destructive power into sticks of dynamite and showed that there would be 16,000 sticks for every person on the planet."

Part of the day long demonstrations took place in front of the Lincoln Memorial, a symbol of the rights and freedoms that all people in this country enjoy.

When demonstrators carrying a sign walked up the steps and into the monument they were asked to leave by police because of the signs they were carrying. One observer asked the question, "I wonder what he (Abe Lincoln) would think of that?"

Another demonstration for world peace was in Washington, D.C. that day, and every other day for that matter. It is the Vietnam Memorial wall. Many peace marchers paid homage to the wall.

While this pretty much concludes my weekend in Washington, what I discovered there will remain with me forever.

History Club hosts speaker; advertises event in unique style

BY JIM UICKER
Staff Writer

What do banners, a red, white and blue rock and machete toting students who pass out cocktail swords have in common?

All were various forms of propaganda used by the normally staid History Club last week to publicize a presentation by Detroit born historian/author Wiley Sword.

Sword is the author of *Firepower*, *President Washington's Indian War* and *Shiloh: Bloody April*, the last of which he spent four years researching and writing.

On Nov. 20 Sword told the story of the battle of Shiloh to about 40 people in the Oakland Center. He spoke of Generals Sherman and Johnston, Wallace, Prentice and Bragg.

Sword said Shiloh is the best preserved of any Civil War battlefields because of its rural Tennessee location.

Shiloh occurred on the Western front where transportation waterways and food production made the battle site a strategic key for the north.

Sword said the study of history is important to promote an attitude of goodwill among men and to learn from the bloody lessons of the past.

Transsexuals —

(Continued from page 5)

they worried about their children's reactions, overall, children responded favorably. "Children take it a lot better than adults do," Thomas said.

Job discrimination has not yet been a problem for any of the panel. Kay, Phar and Rose dress as males at their daytime jobs.

Thomas, however, said there is a good possibility he will lose his job as a senior computer engineer at an Ann Arbor computer company once his surgery is complete.

For cross-dressers, Phar said the biggest discrimination is the "identity of what beauty is. The fashion industry makes strict rules" and there are problems for those who "don't fit the mold of Glamour magazine."

For Sidelinker, there have been only positive job results. He said his "credibility has increased 200 percent" in his collision business.

The image of transvestites and transsexuals is often misconceived by the public, according to Kay.

"We're not rapists (or) child molesters. We're just like everyone else," he said.

Editor's Note:

Last week's hair and fashion show article contained two errors. Robert Skiba is the manager of Sisley, not Jerry Haines.

Also Sheron Williams wore a black outfit and said, "Whoever wears this is going to sweat to death and have glitter all over them," not Andrea Collins.

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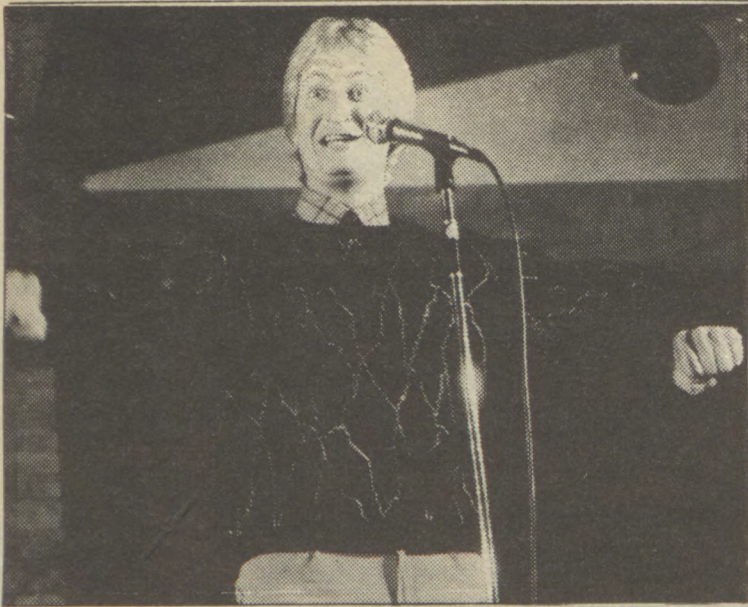
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The Oakland Sail/Art Stephenson
Comedian Andy Andrews performs during his Nov. 20 show.

Comedian keeps his jokes clean

BY MATT ANSTETT
Staff Writer

Andy Andrews, recent "Comedy Entertainer of the Year," a national college committee title, performed last week in the Oakland Center Crockery.

Andrews, a 27-year-old Alabama native, describes himself as a self-styled comedian, who modelshimself after no one in particular. He said he became interested in comedy because he wanted to affect people in a positive way.

Andrews, who never uses any offensive language in his performances, said he tries to be constructive and positive in his humour.

"He was very good," said student Jim Westrick. "It was different to see a comedian not use bad language."

"Hopefully I come across as the kid next door," said Andrews when asked how he tries to portray himself.

Andrews has performed on cruise ships, over 600 colleges and on the Joan Rivers Late

Show. Last week was his second Oakland performance.

At last Thursday's show Andrews received three ovations and returned each time, extending his performance an additional half hour.

"He is a very talented comedian with a lot of new ideas," said student Lisa Babbitt.

"I saw him last year and I didn't think he could top it," added Joel Zieve, "but he did."

Andrew's show was sponsored by the Student Program Board.

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SPORTS

Soccer team slips by Gannon, bound for NCAA semi-finals

BY ROBERT RAIBLE
Sports Editor

The men's soccer team has made it to the NCAA Division II semi-finals after beating Gannon University 2-1 Saturday.

Even though the Pioneers won the game, played away in Erie, Penn., coach Gary Parsons had a few complaints.

"We played too cautiously when we had the lead," he said. "I'd say it was a funny game."

Junior Tom Duff, who has replaced the injured Simon Mayo, took a low pass from across the front of the net and scored 18 minutes into the game. The

Pioneers continued by keeping Gannon scoreless at the half. But at the 63:51 mark it was tied up 1-1.

"I think we gave them a chance to get back into the game," commented Parsons. He said that players on the team haven't been taking the initiative.

Even though the Knights out-shot OU overall and played very good soccer, the final score was what counted. And, despite his criticisms, it was enough to please Parsons.

"I'll take it at this stage of the game because a win's a win," he said.

For its match with Oakland, the Gannon team did what Parsons considers a strange thing. They took their leading scorer, Jerry DeMerwe, and put him in the midfield, reducing his effectiveness.

Junior Brian Fitzgerald scored OU's second goal five minutes after Gannon tied it up. He made it clear how he views the win.

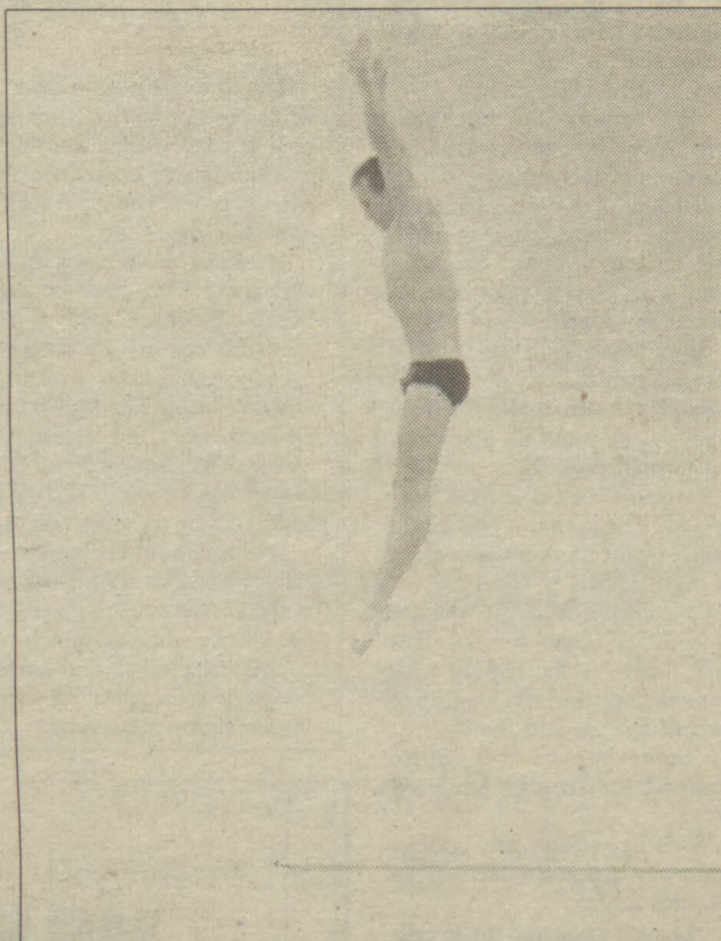
"It feels great... unbelievable."

Parsons has been pleased about the performance of his defense in the last few games.

"The back four is playing well defensively," he said. "The goalie comes up with the big saves."

The team will find out who it plays in the first round of the semi-finals Monday.

Davis and Elkins College defeated Tampa Friday by a score of 3-1. This win puts them as a possibility for OU's first opponent.



The Oakland Sail/Peter Banks
Junior Mark Duff diving during Friday's swim meet at Lepley against Michigan State. The Spartans won the annual competition.

College sports harder, say freshmen athletes

BY TIM DYKE
Staff Writer

For the majority of college freshmen, the first semester is one of adjustment. The transition from high school is not an easy one for a new student, and for an athlete it can be twice as tough.

Like their fellow classmates, freshmen athletes must adapt to a tougher academic schedule and deal with the new found freedoms of being a college student away from home. But unlike other students, they must also budget time more precisely between studies and practice time.

They also have the pressure of adjusting to a much higher level of competition than the one they faced in high school. Players admit it has been a tough adjust-

ment, but for the most part they are coping well.

"It's still complicated and a lot harder than high school," said swimmer Chester Swanton from Saginaw.

Most athletes admit it's tough getting time arranged between study, workouts and competition.

"I had to force myself to study the first week, then I realized I had to set my priorities," said Missy Ward an outside hitter for the volleyball team. "Now I have a set schedule."

Ward's teammate, Kris Morrison, a defensive specialist from Berkley, also found it tough during the first part of the semester.

"It was hard adjusting and getting my studies organized," she said. "We've done a lot of traveling and you have to study

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Spartans sink Tankers at Lepley

BY ROBERT RAIBLE
Sports Editor

Without the services of senior Bruce Verberg, the men's swimming team lost its meet with Michigan State Friday 122-95.

Coach Pete Hovland said Verberg, who has the flu, is "one of the straws that stir our drinks, so to speak" and his absence

brought the morale of the team down somewhat. But that wasn't the only reason for the loss.

"We knew it was going to be tough," said Hovland. Michigan State, he said, simply swam better.

Senior Mike Koleber placed first in the 50 yard freestyle event with a time of 21.42.

"He is really going to have a

super year," commented Hovland.

Mark VanderMey, junior, placed first in the 100 yard freestyle and the 200 breaststroke with times of 46.99 and 2:07.75, respectively.

A false start in the backstroke event disqualified junior Doug Cleland. Hovland was upset with the mistake but called it "one of those things." He said Cleland was too overzealous. "I don't think (false starts) should happen in the backstroke," he said.

Hovland said the loss won't affect the team's future performance in any way.

Saturday the team traveled to Kalamazoo for a meet utilizing the Pioneer's freshmen and sophomores.

Oakland won the meet easily with a score of 115-91.

Because of the league Kalamazoo is in they started their training later than OU and thus, said Hovland, "they're not in the same condition."

Freshman Nick Pesch won the 100 and 200 yard freestyle and swam the backstroke leg of the medley relay.

Chester Swanton, freshman, placed third in the 1,000 yard freestyle.

The team will travel to the campus of Eastern Michigan for an invitational there Dec. 5. Besides EMU, Oakland will be taking on the University of Michigan, a team which should have first place wrapped up at that meet.

"Michigan is vastly improved," said Hovland. He said the Pioneers "don't have the kind of depth and strength (of Michigan)."

However, "we'll beat them in a number of events," he said.

Lady Pioneers end year with rout of Soo Lakers, take 5th place in league

BY H. PETER AUCHTER
Staff Writer

Before the largest turnout of the season, the women's volleyball team whipped GLIAC rival Lake Superior State Saturday at Lepley to finish the year on a high note.

The boisterous crowd of 130 had plenty to cheer about as the Lady Pioneers downed the Soo Lakers in three straight games, 15-10, 15-7 and 15-10 to avenge two losses to Lake Superior earlier in the year.

"It was a good match," Coach Bob Hurdle said. "Our team has gotten better and better each week. We have made more progress this season than Lake Superior and that pleases me."

The Lady Pioneers final record for 1986 stands at 8-8 in the GLIAC. The Soo Lakers finish 6-10 in the league.

Even though the team was playing for fifth place in the GLIAC, all the players continued to perform as if a playoff berth rested on the outcome.

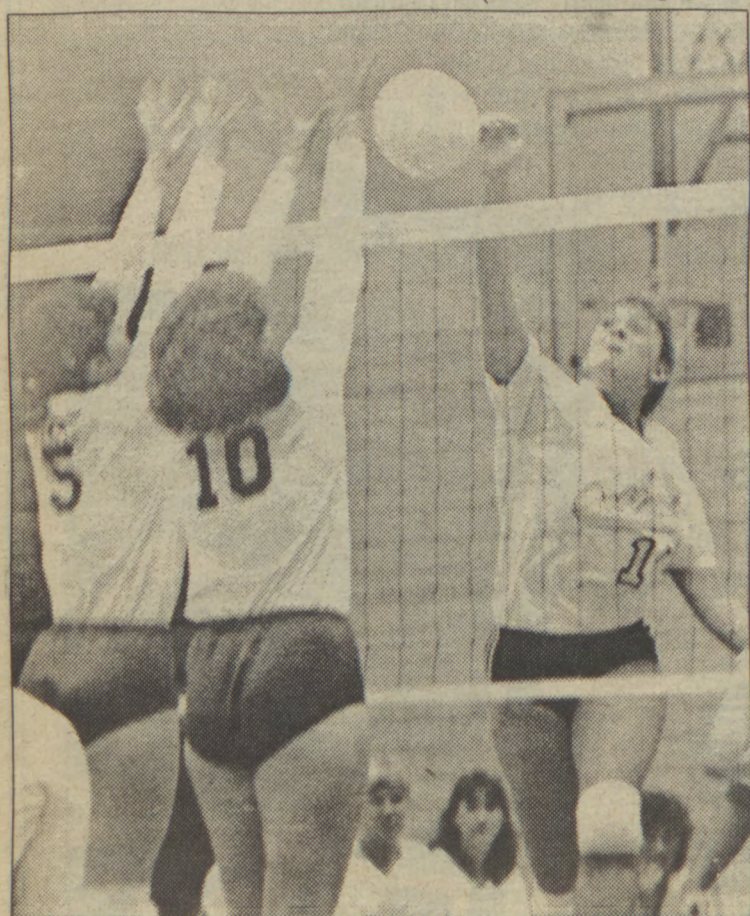
"In a season when we weren't competitive for the league title they (the players) didn't quit. We had talked about finishing the season playing hard in practice and they went out and did it," Hurdle said.

Against the Soo Lakers several Lady Pioneers had outstanding performances. Hurdle singled out freshmen Kelly Williams, sophomore Anne Harrison, freshmen Jennifer Henry and junior Sue Lormin for their fine play. "Actually everybody had a good game," he said.

Unlike last season, Hurdle will only lose one senior—Bridget Bohnet—so he is optimistic about the team's fortunes in the coming years.

"I need one certain player, a middle blocker, to be a contender for the league title next season," Hurdle said.

"We will be better next season," he added, noting that with a year of experience, "everything will be better and easier."



The Oakland Sail/Mark Winkelbauer
Sophomore Tracey Jones spiking during the Lady Pioneers' match against Lake Superior State Saturday at Lepley. The squad ended the season with a convincing win in three straight games.

Freshmen

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on the way there and back."

Another area of adjustment for freshmen athletes is the higher skill level of college sports compared to the competition they had in high school.

"It's coming slow but sure," said Amy Atkinson an All-State forward on the women's basketball team. Atkinson also noted that the college game is much quicker and a player can't get away with playing poor defense like at the high school level.

Skip Townsend, a highly touted center of the men's basketball team who hails from Anchorage, found the transition easier than expected.

"It was a lot easier than I expected," he noted. "The inside game is a lot more physical than in high school."

And like all students who are away from home for the first time, there is the coping with homesickness and the longing to see old friends and family.

"Sometimes I get quite homesick for friends," admitted Ward.

With her season just getting underway Atkinson has yet to feel this malady.

"I haven't suffered the so called freshman blues yet," she said. "But it's helped having nice suitemates and (having) our team... so close."

With almost a full semester behind them, Oakland's freshmen athletes are adapting well to their new environment and feel that you can do well in both athletics and academics.

"If you are good enough you should be able to excel at both," said Ward.

Ski team to meet

Just in time for the first snowfall of the year, the Oakland ski team will be having another informational meeting Monday at noon.

All members should bring their \$10 dues to room 125 of the Oakland Center.

Ski camp and the ski trip will be discussed.

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Commentary

If dogfighting is too cruel to be legalized, then so is boxing

BY ROBERT RAIBLE
Sports Editor

The ultimate goal in football is to advance the ball down the field while preventing the other team from doing the same. The ultimate goal in basketball is to score as many points as possible by putting a ball through a hoop. The ultimate goal in baseball is to have players run the bases. The ultimate goal in boxing is to inflict brain damage on one's opponent.

Mankind has thought up some fairly disgusting things in its time, and along with gladiatorial games, Auschwitz and thermonuclear bombs, boxing is high on the list.

In this country we outlaw dogfights as being too cruel because no one should make a profit off of such violence, and yet we allow and encourage such fights between humans, usually underprivileged teens who find fighting an opportunity to better their lives.

Sugar Ray Leonard will go into the ring with Marvelous Marvin Hagler April 6 to give boxing promoters the biggest payday in history, \$100 million in gross revenue.

Leonard should come away from the fight, win or lose, with \$11 million. Hagler stands to make \$12 million.

Due to his once-damaged retina, Leonard could lose sight in that eye to one unlucky punch. Not worth \$11 million in my book.

It is these exorbitant prizes that promoters use to entice young people into the sport. The chances of making a decent living by boxing are almost non-existent. The real money goes to the promoter/ex-

ploiter. The fight business is not only sordid, it is crooked.

How else could Leonard, after being retired for so long, be a ranked challenger this suddenly. The answer is that Jose Sulaiman, president of the World Boxing Council, highly ranks whomever he feels can bring in the most cash.

The history of boxing is an interesting one. At one time there were only eight weight divisions in boxing. Ranking was done by Ring magazine, an authoritative boxing journal of some repute at the time. Back then there were only eight champions about.

Now there are three major bodies, the WBA, IBF and the WBC. And each body has over twelve weight divisions. The reason for this plethora of divisions is to increase the number of "champions." The more champions there are, the more championship fights there will be. Thus, more money can and will be made.

Television aids all of this. The three major networks obviously make large profits off of big sporting events and boxing is no exception. ABC, along with promoter Don King, has a habit of giving boxers better records than they actually have. Of course this brings in the most viewers... and, by and by, more advertisers.

Ironically, King, in a rather fashionable showing of crocodile tears, recently denounced South Africa's system of apartheid. Thank you Mr. King, you're too humane.

If King really cared about people's well being and in the health of his own society, he would realize that boxing is brutal and should be banned.

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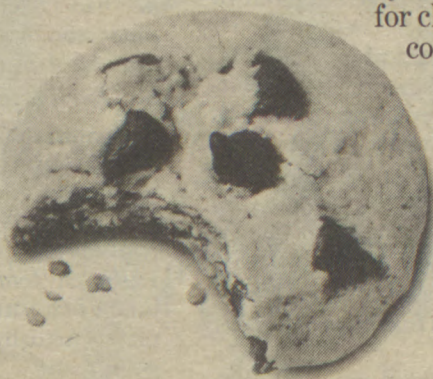
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Player-of-the-Week

Brian Fitzgerald

The junior midfielder from Southfield High scored the game-winning goal for the men's soccer team in its narrow NCAA Division II playoff game against Gannon University in Erie, Penn. Saturday afternoon.

The Pioneers won the hard-fought match 2-1 when Fitzgerald scored at the 69-minute mark.

"I knew it would be tough," he said.

Fitzgerald, a forward/midfielder, transferred to Oakland

from the University of Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne and was the top-line substitute last season.

Fitzgerald scored 52 goals and added 45 assists in his prep career at Southfield High.

For his outstanding performance during his senior year the education major was named an All-State selection.

Fitzgerald's brother, Dan, used to play soccer at Oakland.

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