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Two more wins cap off successful regular soccer season, squad secures NCAA playoff berth.

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Both men's and women's swim teams ranked number one, both take care of Wright State in the season's first dual meet.

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The Oakland Post

Departures rock university



Senior Vice President John De Carlo plans to add to his art collection and complete numerous wood carving projects during his retirement.

By ROBERT SNELL
Editor in Chief

In a move that shocked both students and faculty members, Vice President of Student Affairs Wilma Ray-Bledsoe unexpectedly resigned effective January 7, citing value and style differences with President Sandra Packard.

In an unrelated move, Senior Vice President for Governmental Affairs John De Carlo announced his retirement effective at the end of January.

Bledsoe, 56, submitted her letter of resignation Friday morning following a fractious board of trustees meeting last Thursday in which Packard came under fire from trustees Andrea Fischer

Two VPs leave OU; Bledsoe resigns after nearly 21 years

and Rex Schlaybaugh.

At one point Packard blamed an unnamed Vice President for not providing some material in a timely manner.

Bledsoe was characteristically discreet about her reasons for resigning.

"My resignation was not required. The President did not ask me to do this," she said. "We

have not had an antagonistic relationship, and I respect the bold initiatives she has taken."

However, former Vice President for Finance and Administration Robert McGarry, who retired last October, was candid in his criticism of Packard's leadership style when interviewed from his home in North Carolina.

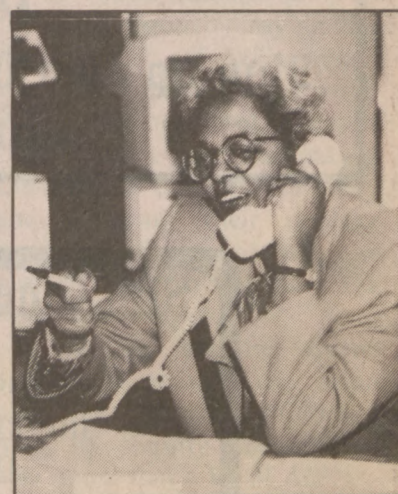
"She (Packard) is very hard-working and very demanding of her staff, but often impulsive without a well thought-out plan," he said. "Many times she made unreasonable demands of her staff."

McGarry, who spoke by telephone with Bledsoe after her announcement said, "Wilma wasn't ready to go but she had enough of it. She just got fed up with things and said enough is enough."

He feels the problems started immediately after Packard arrived on campus.

"She came with a bias," he said. "She was moving too fast, when she didn't know the uni-

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The Oakland Post/Clive Savage
Wilma Ray-Bledsoe plans on enhancing her gourmet cooking skills after January 7. Her resignation ends a 20-year career at Oakland University.

Briefly...

Philosophy club

The philosophy Club will hold a lecture Nov. 17 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Meadowbrook Room of the Oakland Center on absolute morality.

Non-traditional students

The non-traditional student association will feature a guest speaker Helen Woodman, coordinator of the Academic Skill Center, who will focus her presentation on note-taking Saturday Nov. 13 at 10:30 a.m. in the Abstinence room of the Oakland Center.

Stage

The Student Theater Activities Guild Ensemble is looking for students interested in drama. Their first meeting will be Nov. 11 at 5 p.m. in the Lab Theatre, room 133 Varner Hall. All majors are welcome.

Student program board

The mainstage and lecture special events chair positions of the student program board will be opening for the winter semester.

Applications will be accepted through Nov. 19. For more information contact Melissa Winter at 370-4295.

Contemporary life in China

The Public Classroom Series will continue Nov. 10 in the Fireside lounge of the Oakland Center with a lecture by Professor of History and Women's Studies on courtship, marriage and family life in contemporary China.

Merger debate set for Senate this Thursday

By MARY LOWE
News Editor

The proposed merger of the Schools of Nursing and Health Sciences may be decided, at least at the University Senate level. Any merger would need formal Board of Trustees approval to take effect.

The Senate which meets at 5 p.m. in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center will be debating a revised proposal by its Planning Review Committee (SPRC) which recommends an open, national search for a dean for the new school (in the prior proposal School of Health Sciences Dean Ronald Olson would have headed up the merged schools) and leaves the faculty of the consolidated school to propose a name reflective of the "primary vision" of the new unit.

Other changes include a one year delay in the Nursing accreditation site visit and structuring the programs on the departmental model.

The merger is expected to save the university approximately \$200,000, as it will be operating with one less dean and and fewer staff personnel.

The nursing faculty distributed a nearly half-inch thick pack of of materials including letters of opposition to the merger from various individuals inside and outside the campus.

The merger was first proposed more than 10 years ago in the CAMP report. It had been discussed several times over the years. The current proposal was made this summer by the newly arrived Vice President of Academic Affairs, Gary Russi.

If the School of Nursing's recommendations are followed, the dean will most likely be female and will have a thorough background in the nursing profession, including a doctorate in nursing.

The first proposed dean was Ronald Olson, the current dean of the School of Health Sciences.

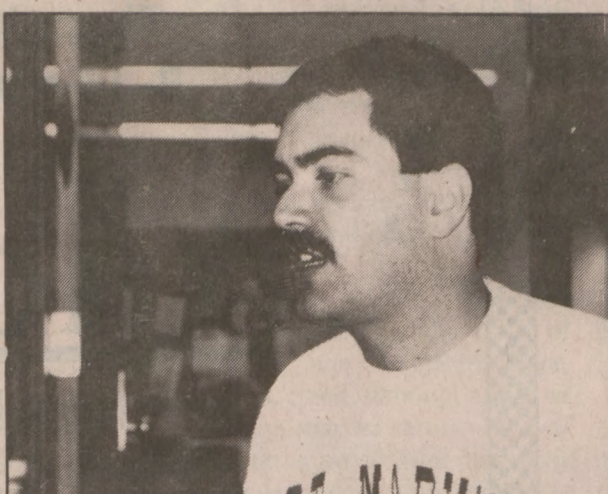
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Gays seek addition for equal rights

By MARY LOWE
News Editor

Oakland's Board of Trustees is considering a change in OU's equal opportunity policy that could have far reaching implications for gay, lesbian and bisexual employees, students and others on campus.

Under the proposal first approved three years ago by the University Senate and ratified at a Senate meeting earlier this fall, the phrase, "gender, sexual orientation" would replace the word



Oakland Post/Clive Savage
Gay and Lesbian Alliance President Michael Petroni believes a revised equal opportunity policy will expand OU's diversity.

"sex" in the institution's board approved equal opportunity policy.

The change could have far reaching implications

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On the move...



The Oakland Post/Clive Savage
Karen Kukuk, senior executive secretary for Finance and Administration moves into her new Wilson Hall office.

Committee to decide campus dance policy

By ERICA BLAKE
Staff Writer

OU's administration will create a committee Nov. 12 composed of students, faculty and staff to create a new campus dance policy.

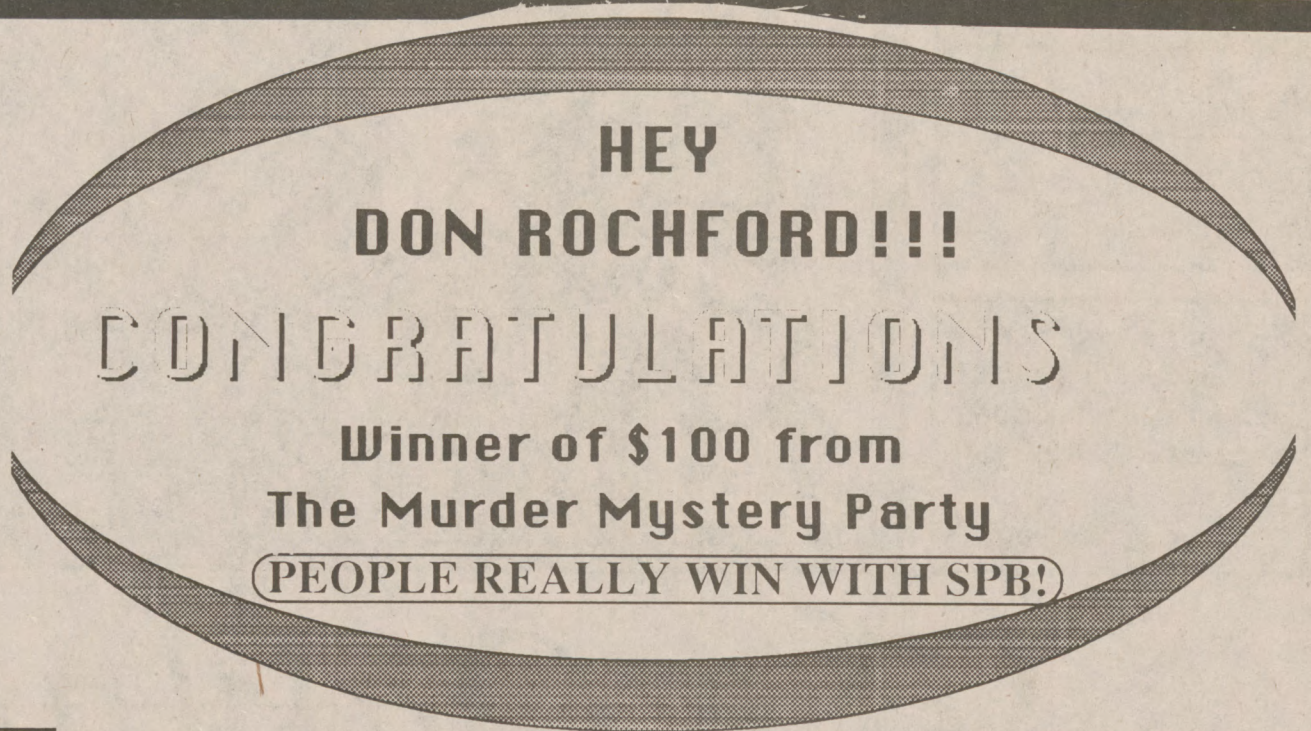
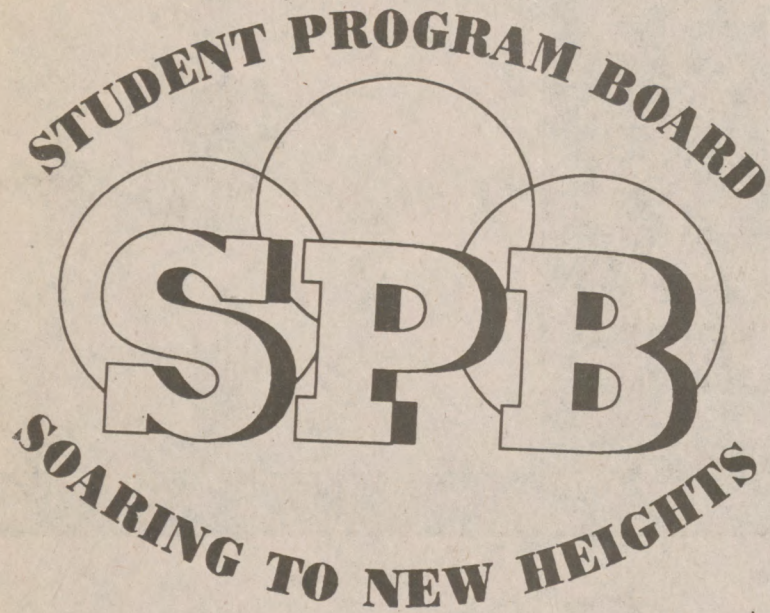
The committee will be looking into issues of such as non-student attendance, security mea-

sures the responsibilities of host organizations.

In the meantime the administration has chosen to ban campus dances until the end of the semester.

The ban follows a dance hosted by an OU sorority and fraternity (who) in which individuals allegedly smoked marijuana, a

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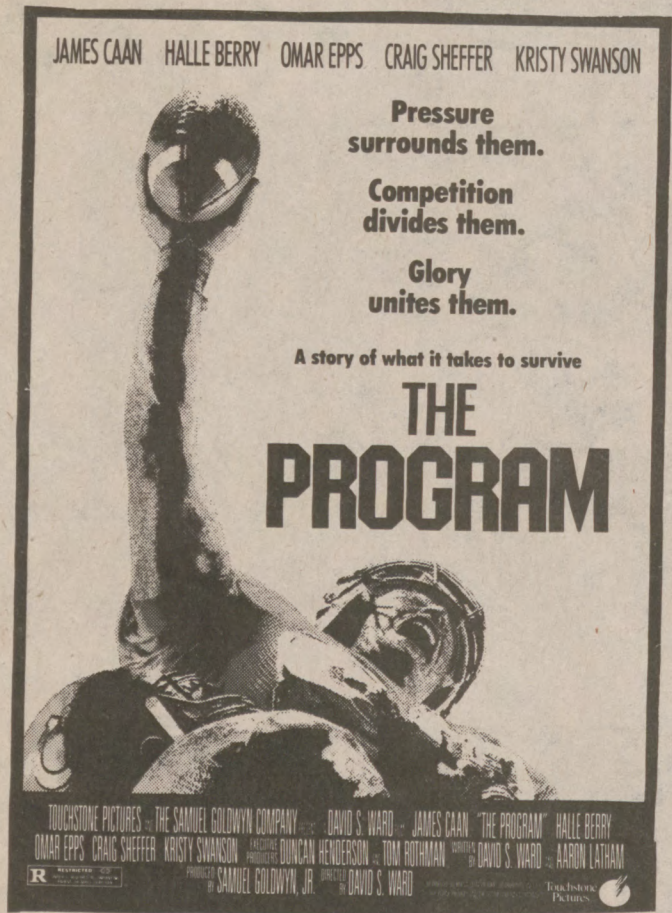
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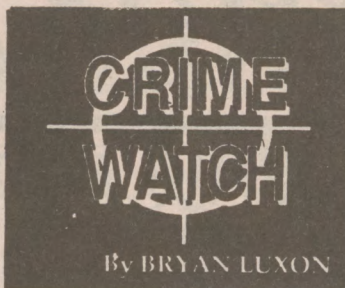
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Nov. 5 - 8:15 a.m. While cleaning the men's showers on Hill House's first floor, an Oakland University staff person became dizzy and complained of having short breath and watering eyes. Fleet Ambulance arrived shortly after and took the man to Crittenton Hospital in Rochester. It was believed that the man inhaled toxic fumes as the man's supervisor told OU police that the bucket which held the bleach being used to clean the shower, possibly had a phosphoric toilet bowl cleaner residue as it had been in the bucket some time earlier. While on routine patrol the day before, OU police were flagged down by a Van Wagoner resident who said that another OU staff person was complaining of terrible abdominal pain. Paramedics from Fleet Ambulance arrived shortly after and transported the 53-year-old female to St. Joseph Hospital in Pontiac.



Nov. 3 - 10:30 p.m. OU police were called to Vandenberg Hall by a resident complaining of harassing telephone calls. According to the report, the caller has called numerous times over the previous two weeks and has never said anything. While taking the report, five to six calls came in and the officer noted that it was from an exchange on campus. OU police remind that the Telecommunications Department computer has a high success rate in tracking any call made from an on-campus exchange.

Nov. 1 - 10:30 p.m. OU police were called to Hamlin Hall to investigate a broken window with an estimated replacement cost of \$200. The investigation showed where persons unknown had thrown a pumpkin out of the hall's North Tower where it landed on a street light below and then ricocheted into the window.

Nov. 1 - 4:09 p.m. While using the pool in Lepley Sports Center a 63-year-old Rochester female had her winter coat and scarf, valued at over \$225 stolen from a locker in the ladies locker room. There are no suspects at this time.

Oct. 23 - Midnight. A female OU student of Pontiac was assaulted and battered by a male while dancing with her Delta sisters in the Oakland Center, according to the report. The 21-year-old male from Detroit apparently walked up to the female and caught her left arm with a right hook. The female has decided to press charges against the male.

Dance

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drunken brawl broke out and several males were seen leapfrogging with their pants down.

"I believe we will have dances in the future, but I think there will be a different limit on the guest policy," Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs David Herman said.

Student organizations which rely heavily on campus dances as a fund-raiser avenue are angered at the administration's ban.

Among those who feel that the decision is unfair is Delta Sigma Theta Inc., the sorority which hosted the controversial Oct. 22 dance.

"I was a little disappointed about the decision because it came about after a dance that we had and I think that it was unfairly decided," Phyllis Kellar, president of Delta Sigma Theta Inc. said. "I do admit that the policies and procedures for the dances need to be re-evaluated, as long as the different organizations that do give dances have some say."

Many students say they won't be affected by the ban on dances, however, most feel that adequate student representation within the committee must be enforced.

"I don't think things were explained clearly or fairly and there was no student representation when they made the decision to cancel dances for the rest of the semester," Danielle Kolomyjec, president of Greek Council, said.

Merger

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The School of Nursing opposed his deanship because first, his background includes a bachelor's degree in mathematics and science, and both a master's and doctoral degree in clinical psychology, which nursing said was not an appropriate background to head their particular school.

Furthermore, controversy was raised about the ideology of a male running a predominately female school. Many within the School of Nursing felt slighted by this proposal as Assistant Professor of Nursing Frances Jackson said, "This seems like their sending in a man to save us."

According to Russi's proposal, the name of the school would be assumed under the advisement of health science and nursing faculty, and a one year delay would be instated for the review of the school of nursing to choose the site for new consolidated school.

The consolidation was proposed in part, to strengthen the leadership of the school of nursing, which has operated without a permanent dean since Aug. of 1990, and still operates without permanent leadership after two failed dean searches.

The School of Nursing said that from Lindell's departure in August of 1990 and throughout the dean searches, there were at least three candidates selected that they would have graciously welcomed to lead their school, including Lindell.

The school of nursing instructs 384 pre-majors and 637 majors with a total of 1021 students, while the school of health sciences serves about 400 student majors and 892 students, including pre-majors and majors, within their exercise sciences, health and human behavior sciences, medical laboratory science, industrial health and safety sciences and physical therapy programs.

Nevertheless, the School of Nursing has fought to maintain their school separate from health sciences since August, and says that the merger will destroy their autonomy.

"We're so well positioned to respond to upcoming changes in health care—I think that the consolidation would be regressive," Acting Dean of the School of Nursing Carol Zenas said. "If we go from an independent free-standing school to a department we will not be viewed by our constituency in Oakland County and all of South Eastern Michigan as a key player."

Retreat offers different view of faculty for minority students

By KEN POWERS
Assistant Features Editor

Before last weekend, senior Stacey Danzie could not picture Oakland University faculty beyond their big titles and office desks.

But after she attended the Office of Minority Equity retreat in Davison last weekend for minorities and faculty, she got a chance to talk with them about minority issues and relate to them on a first-name basis.

"The entire sessions were so informal that I felt free to speak my mind for the first time, to really express whatever was on my mind to faculty like Dean (David) Herman and Dr. (Kevin) Early," she said.

Early, interim director of the Office of Minority Equity, said the three-day retreat consisted of discussions between minority students and OU faculty that offered solutions to racial problems on campus. He also added

that a report concerning the solutions reached at the retreat will be sent to President Sandra Packard.

Early said that the students were reserved when they first came to the retreat.

"Initially the students were uneasy," he said. "They were reserved until they discovered that we are there to help. Having them call us (faculty) by our first names helped them relax."

Danzie also said that she was surprised to learn as much as she did on the three-day retreat, in which students were not allowed to bring radios or TVs.

"At first I thought the retreat was going to be a pleasure trip, but once I got there I saw that they were concerned about taking care of business and strengthening the relationship between students and staff because at the moment there is a definite lack of communication," she said.

Sophomore Mark Broomfield

also feels more comfortable with some of the OU faculty after the retreat.

"When you think of OU faculty and students coming together to talk about issues, you think of something boring but this retreat was definitely not boring at all. After the last weekend, I feel that I can call up people like Dean Herman and network with him," he said.

The problem between OU faculty and students, according to Danzie exists because students judge faculty after hearing negative rumors about their character. She has heard students say that Early was not a good choice because he doesn't care about African-American students. But after returning from the retreat, she thought of him as a person.

"After coming from the retreat, I think that Early was one of the best choices for the director of the office.

"If the university doesn't get someone like him or as good as

he his, I think the minorities on campus will be losing out on something," she said.

In addition to getting to know the faculty, Broomfield felt that he as well as some of the other minority groups at the retreat had an opportunity to discuss the financial aid problem at OU.

"The faculty definitely needs to realize that there is a definite problem with financial aid, first and foremost," he said.

"The offices are understaffed and inadequate. This is one of the main reasons why minority students are not graduating and falling by the wayside."

Danzie, who works in the financial aid office, also noticed that a lot of students at the retreat who attacked the financial aid office knew little about the actual process.

"Everyone wants to jump on the bandwagon by saying that the financial aid has wronged them. But there are some things that we cannot control," she said.

"When the students make a mistake in the process, they should admit their mistake instead of doing what every one else is doing, by blaming the financial aid office."

Freshman Jermaine Evans said that there was a discussion about the naming of the Office of Minority Equity. Broomfield also noted that a lot of African-American students were not pleased with the name of the office.

"The name, Office of Minority Equity, was supposed to bring us to an equal level with the rest of the students at OU. But we need a name like 'Office of Minority Affairs' to make sure that the office sounds like it is directly dealing with the concerns of minorities," he said.



Folk band "Just Friends" entertain at Saturday's Coffeehouse.

Departure

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versity or the people."

Bledsoe and De Carlo's departure marks a clean sweep of the vice presidents since Packard's arrival in June of 92.

Though the retirement of VP for University Relations David Rodwell was already in the works in, the abrupt departure of Senior VP of Academic Affairs Keith Kleckner who returned to the engineering faculty and the subsequent departure of McGarry were both unexpected.

All three VP positions were replaced this summer.

There has been no word yet on a replacement for Bledsoe or De Carlo or whether the positions will remain at the vice presidential level.

Bledsoe's announcement spurred an outpouring of admiration that stretched across the university.

"It makes me very sad," said Assistant VP of Student Life and Dean of Students David Herman. "Wilma's a very graceful and expe-

rienced administrator and very articulate and always trying to help people move forward.

"She's done a tremendous job at Oakland and there's a tremendous amount of respect for her, both internally and externally at Oakland University."

"I was extremely disappointed when I learned about Bledsoe's resignation," said Student Congress President Amy Rickstad. "I honestly think she is one of the most student-orientated administrators on this campus, and her position will not be easily replaced."

Bledsoe is currently spearheading a recreation center feasibility study and after contributing two decade's worth of progress, she regrets leaving the university during a time of major expansion.

"I would have enjoyed working on that project to its completion, and I have some sense of sadness that I won't be able to do that," she said. "But I am confident that the many initiatives will move forward qualitatively."

A veteran of five presidents, including two interims, Bledsoe arrived on campus as

director of urban affairs. She was named VP of Student Affairs in 1981 by Joseph Champagne.

De Carlo's retirement will take effect January 31. The 66-year-old attorney, who served as the interim president before Packard arrived on campus, said he had been considering retirement for quite some time.

"I intended to retire after I completed my interim presidency. The board asked me to stay, she asked me to stay," he said. "I didn't think it was fair to the institution to leave at that time even though I was sixty-five."

De Carlo, who arrived at Oakland in 1969, has been the university's chief lobbyist, secretary to the board of trustees and general counsel. He said he plans to work as a part-time legal consultant, pursue his hobby of wood carving and add to his art collection.

Last year, De Carlo opposed opening the board's committee meetings to the public. However, heavy pressure from students and staff persuaded the board to open its meetings despite De Carlo's legal opposition.

Mary Lowe contributed to this story.

Proposal

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in terms of health care benefits and housing for gay and bisexual couples.

The proposed change was referred to the board's university affairs committee which subsequently asked for a legal interpretation from the University's general counsel, John DeCarlo.

If the legal questions are resolved this month, the change could be reconsidered by the university affairs committee at its next scheduled meeting in December. If approved there, the change would go before the full board.

The trustees also want to review the equal opportunity, affirmative action and employee relation policies of other universities of comparable size, enrollment and curricula, to determine the effect a clause on sexual orientation has had on other campuses.

"I'd like to know what the policies of other universities are," Board member, Rex

Schlaybaugh said. "What have been the implications of this? How have we treated people?"

Still, others feel that the board has all of the research it needs and that they should simply conform to the ethics of a changing society.

Michael Petroni, president of the Gay and Lesbian Association (GALA), complains the university is dragging its feet. "I think that they're dragging out the process. The research is warranted but unnecessary," Petroni said. "If the university is as diverse as it claims to be—then sexual orientation should be included."

Currently, Oakland's policy grants equality on the basis of race, sex, age, handicap, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, marital status and veteran status, yet excludes a specific clause for sexual orientation.

Campus student organizations including Student Congress and Residence Hall Council support the language change.

"Oakland maintaining a prejudicial attitude is a problem," Petroni said. "I'll (the clause) bring Oakland in line with other

universities who have similar policies."

According to an April 27, 1993 memorandum from Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity Catherine Rush, her office conducted an informal survey of state universities in Michigan on sexual orientation clauses within anti-discrimination policies.

Every state university except Oakland, Northern, and Lake Superior included a prohibition against discrimination based on sexual orientation in their policy statements.

In 1988 negotiations with the faculty union, the AAUP, the university agreed to include a prohibition of discrimination based on sexual orientation in its collective bargaining agreement with the faculty.

Rush's memorandum cites federal laws and court decisions. According to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, discrimination based on sexual orientation, is not prohibited. However, some court decisions have used the older Federal Civil Rights Acts and the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution to protect from firing a public employee on the sole

ground that his or her privately practiced homosexual acts are immoral would appear to be improper. However, where an employee openly flaunts his or her homosexual behavior to the point its become disruptive in the work environment, discharges have been allowed by the courts.

If the board does choose to exclude the clause for sexual orientation many say Oakland will continue to leave gays, lesbians and bisexuals open for discrimination and as focus of hate crime.

"If somebody wants to discriminate, they're going to look at their policy and their anti-discrimination clause and the easiest group to target is the group that isn't included in that clause," Program Director of WOUX Delayne Elyse said. "This isn't just a gay issue. You never know who's going to be targeted next for discrimination or hate groups."

In a July 26, 1993 letter from President Sandra Packard to Petroni, Packard states, "I fully expect this matter to be brought to a conclusion during the next academic year."

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OUR VIEW

Look internally for new VP of Student Affairs

With the resignation of Vice President for Student Affairs Wilma Ray-Bledsoe and the retirement of Senior Vice President for Governmental Affairs John De Carlo, President Sandra Packard has the opportunity to complete the replacement of her entire cabinet.

The hiring of three new vice presidents from outside the institution within the last year has been expensive, time consuming, at times, divisive and disruptive.

The two new vacancies provide the President and the institution with challenges. We encourage her to seriously look internally for a replacement for Mrs. Bledsoe.

In the President's family portrait, Mrs. Bledsoe has often been both mother figure, heart and soul of the institution. In this period of critical change and growth, a strong student advocate is essential to protect student interests and provide necessary input at the highest levels.

One of her hand-picked administrators could better understand the politics, know the students, and know our issues better than any outsider.

ANOTHER VIEW

WOUX needs to overhaul its news gathering tactics

One of The Oakland Post's colleagues in the media market on campus, radio station WOUX, should be ashamed of what it calls its "news."

The WOUX news department, located inside Detroit News and/or Free Press vending machines upstairs near Sweet Sensations in the O.C., is lacking in all areas regarding news, sports and other reporting.

WOUX's attempt at news reporting consists of nothing more than popping 35 cents into a newspaper machine and reading parts of selected stories over the air. One can listen to WOUX's reports and follow along almost verbatim with a newspaper.

The radio station can be assured that OU students are well versed in reading, if at least nothing else. We don't need a newspaper read to us.

The fact that WOUX calls this its news is insulting. While The Oakland Post makes no claims to be an error-free, New York Times-caliber publication, its reporting is its own work.

The Post takes great care in its news gathering, interviewing, writing, editing, photography and publication with a high level of tact and attempt at professionalism. The student publication does not snag copies of the Oakland University News, Oakland University Magazine or other publications and attempt to re-word the stories and call them its own. Just by saying that the radio reports are sponsored by the Free Press is not justification.

Do you think you would even be reading this right now if those were the tactics employed by the Post? Not a chance. The paper would have been sued and put out of business long ago.

The Post's claims can be illustrated in any of its stories, many that have gained local, statewide or national recognition.

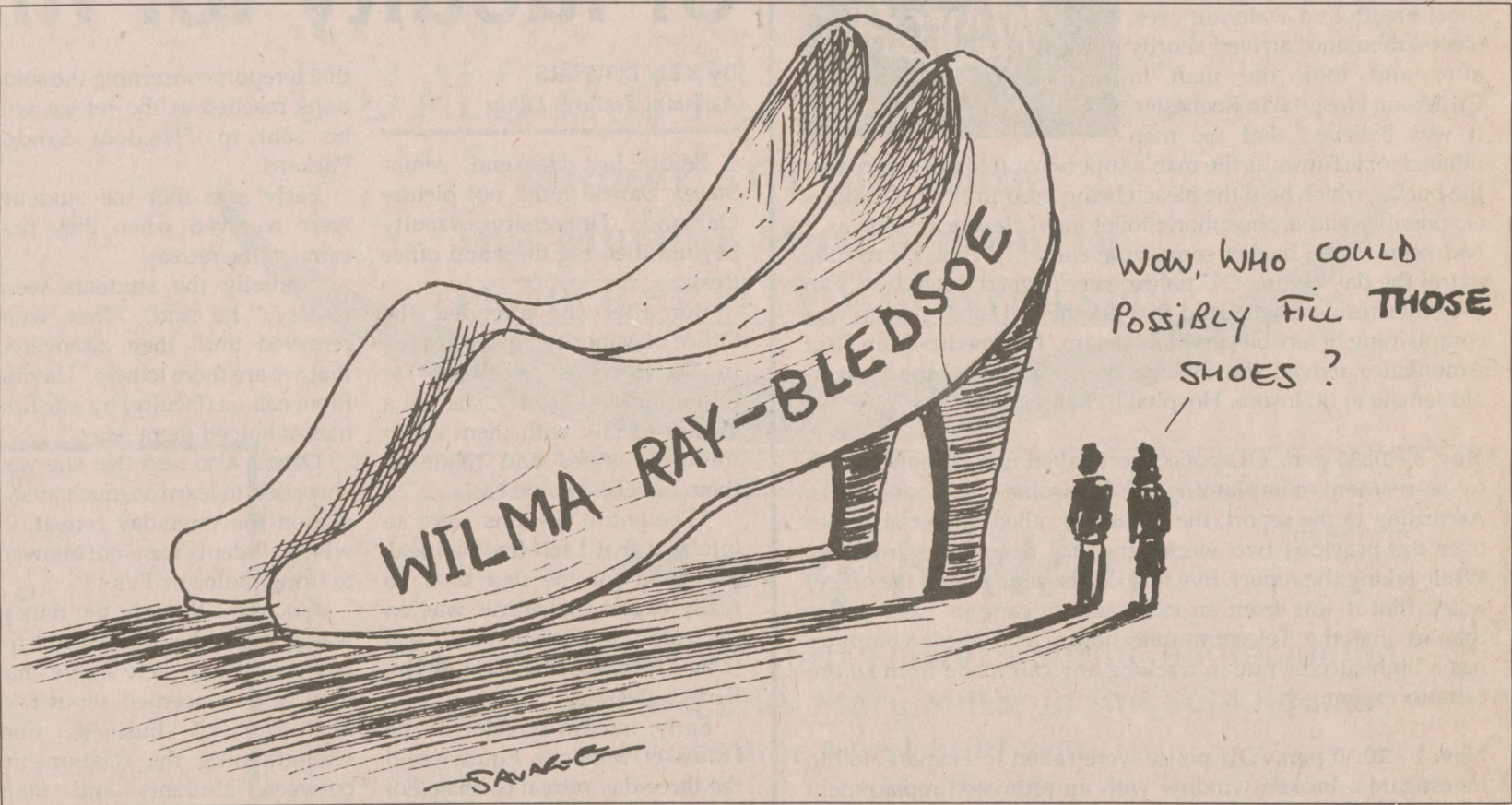
A couple examples include former Post editor Margaret O'Brien's lobbying for open committee meetings and current Editor in Chief Robert Snell's coverage of alleged HIV exposure involving biology professor Rasul Chaudhry.

WOUX does deserve credit in other areas of its broadcasting spectrum. The on-air personalities are usually well spoken and humorous. But the brightest aspect of the radio station is its award-winning live broadcasts of Pioneer basketball games.

But WOUX must make a decision to either develop an efficient and unique news department to produce and cover your own stories and ideas, or abandon the notion altogether.

Joe Pickering, Senior, Journalism major

Opinion



Letters to the Editor

Animal testing 'cruel, immoral'

Dear Editor,

I noticed the ad printed inside of the back page of the latest issue, concerning an organization called PETA.

As a biology student I've always gone along with the idea of lab dissection but always

with a great deal of anguish. In my heart I have long had a great deal of respect and regard for animal life. I feel that animal experimentation in any form is cruel and immoral. I have made a responsible choice in deciding to give a voice to these helpless creatures. I wrote to a non-profit

organization called The Last Chance for Animals. They helped me to realize that I have the right to object to dissection in college laboratories. Could you please spare the space to print the enclosed brochure to help other students to make a responsible choice?

Thank you,

K. Stump
Senior
Biology

Editors note: To Contact Last Chance for Animals, call (310) 271-6096 or (310) 271-1409

Weapons ban deserves praise

Dear Editor,

Bravo to Governor Jim Florio for calling for national legislation banning assault weapons in his recent testimony before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee.

The vast majority of Americans do not understand the meaning or application of the Second Amendment. The National Rifle Association (NRA) sedulously fosters misinterpretation of the amendment and one must conclude intentionally publishes such misinformation since its high-priced counsel surely knows better.

The full text of the Second Amendment reads: "A well-regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be abridged."

The U.S. Supreme Court has spoken on it many times. In United States vs. Cruickshank (1876) 92 U.S. 542, the court held that the right of bearing arms for lawful purposes is not a right granted by the Constitution. Lower courts have

held that the amendment was designed only to foster a well regulated militia as necessary to the security of a free state.

The right to keep and bear arms is not a right given by the U.S. Constitution. Eckert vs. Philadelphia (1973) 477 Fed. 2nd 610 Cert. Den. 414 U.S. 839. It is not an absolute right since constitutional protection extends only to situations having some "reasonable relationship" to the efficiency of a well regulated militia. State vs. Rupp 1979 (Iowa) 282 NW 2nd 125.

The Second Amendment is a limitation only on the power of Congress and the national government and not upon that of a state. Presser vs. Illinois (1886) 116 U.S. 252. The amendment is to be read as an assurance that the national government will not interfere with a state's militia.

No federal court has ever held that the Second Amendment confers on the individual a right to bear arms. The courts have consistently adopted the "well regulated militia" interpretation. All legislative measures and city ordinances

limiting or banning firearms have been upheld including a Morton Grove, Illinois ordinance prohibiting possession of handguns within municipal boundaries.

The California law on assault weapons was upheld through the appeals court level and the National Rifle Association has abandoned plans to bring that measure before the Supreme Court. The NRA is aware, of course, that, were it to lose an appeal to the highest court, that would put the quietus on its fundamental contention that the Constitution grants the individual the right to bear arms. As to that contention, the American Bar Association has said:

"In addition to the four occasions in which the Supreme Court has construed the Second Amendment, every federal court decision has given that amendment a collective, militia interpretation and/or held that firearm control laws enacted under a State's police power are constitutional. Thus, arguments premised on the Second Amendment or similar provisions of 37 State constitutions,

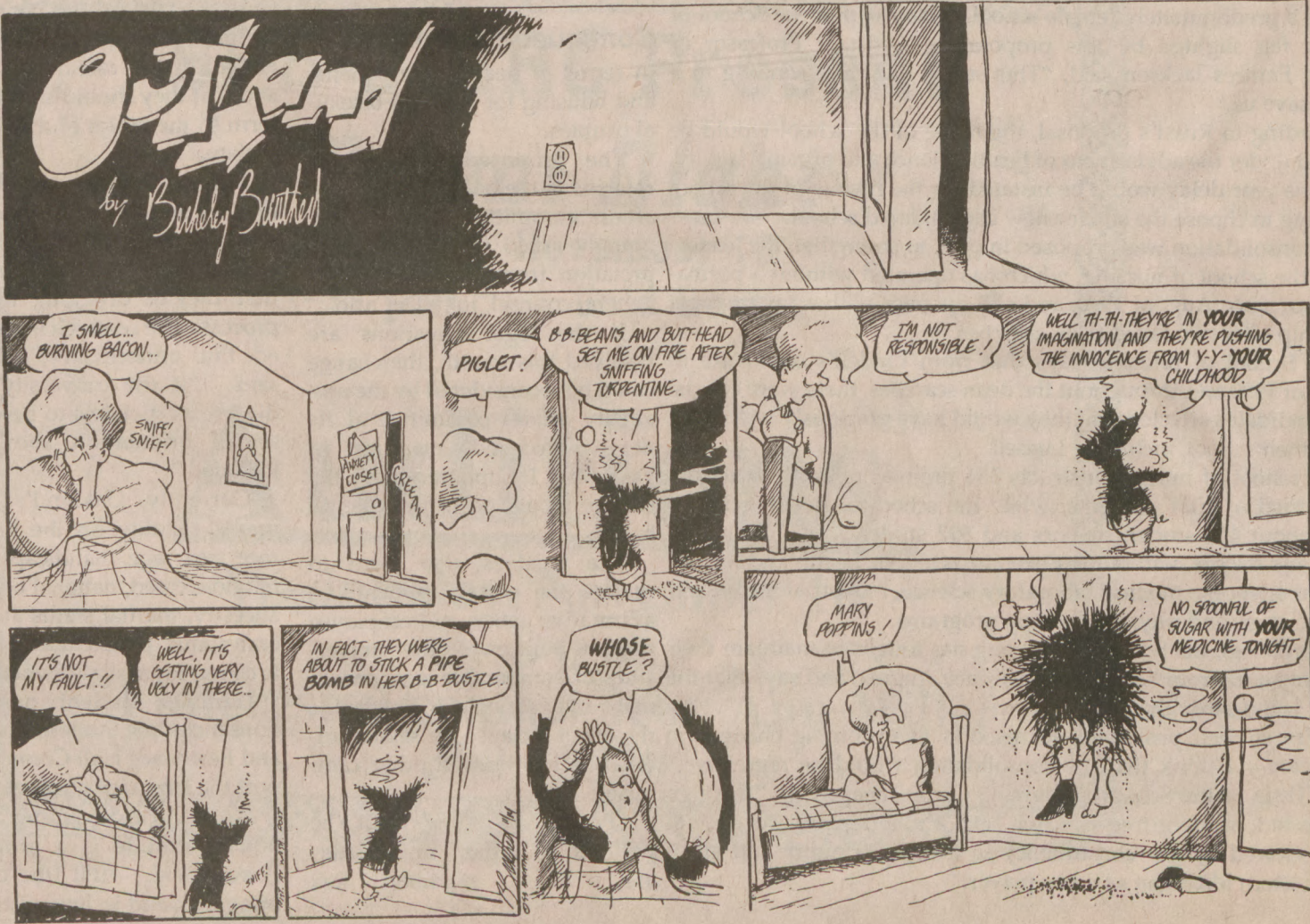
have never prevented the regulation of firearms."

A ban on assault weapons is not only constitutional but studies show it would also be effective. A study done by the Cox Newspaper group analyzed 43,000 gun traces of weapons used in criminal activity in 1988 and 1989. An assault gun was found to be 20 times more likely to be used in a crime than a conventional firearm. While accounting for only .5% of all guns, assault weapons showed up on 10% of all traces.

The argument has been made that criminals get their guns illegally, so why target legal sales? In 1988 the Oakland Police Department found that only 12% of assault weapons seized in criminal activity were obtained illegally. Fully 88% of them were bought legally over the counter.

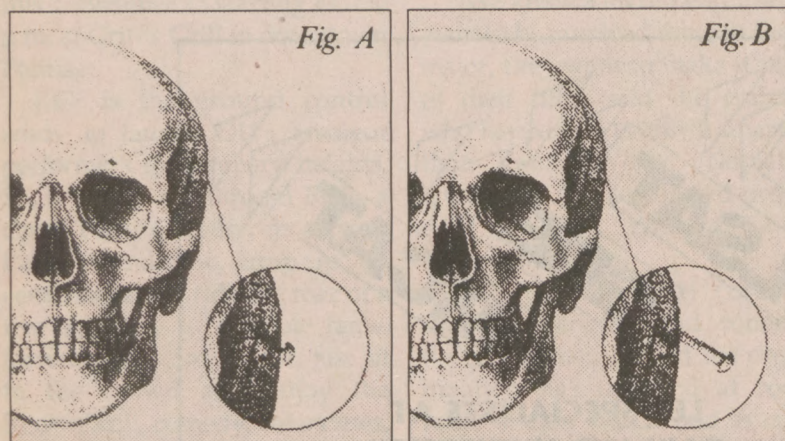
The point is we must dry up the supply as much as possible. Many weapons that begin as legal sales get into criminal hands.

Jim Senyszyn



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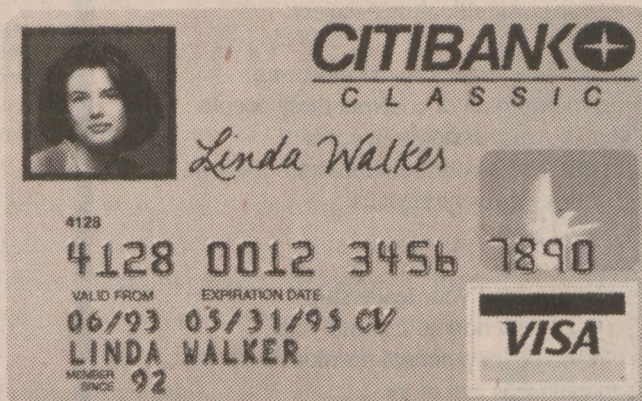
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CIPO This Month

CIPO Programs

CIPO Programs will offer a variety of programs this year which we hope the OU community will find interesting and enjoyable. Upcoming programs include:

International Hot Spot Week November 16 -18
CIPO Programs will focus on three areas of the world in which the conflict has foreign policy implications for the United States. All programs will take place at noon and are open to everyone.

Tuesday, November 16 Russia
The recent events which took place in Russia have shaken the foundation of U.S./Russian relations. What does the future hold for Russia? Will it maintain the status of a superpower? When will economic and political stability come.

Wednesday, November 17 Bosnia
With the fall of communism, Yugoslavia have literally fallen apart into several smaller countries. A horrific civil war has broken out over ethnic, religious, and geographic territory as the world watches on. Why is it happening? Is there any thing the U.S. can do to stop the killing?

Thursday, November 18 Haiti
Haiti is still another country struggling with democracy. Should Aristide be allowed to return as President of Haiti? What should the U.S. use sanctions and a blockade to force his return? Why are thousands trying to flee on boats to the U.S.?

Student Life Lecture Board

Jane Elliott December 2
2:30 p.m. in the Oakland Center Crockery

Jane Elliot is the Creator of Jane Elliott has been chosen as one of ABC-TV's "Person of the Week" for her work in understanding racism and the effects for bigotry. She has appeared on The Today Show, The Tonight Show, Donahue and Oprah Winfrey. In her trademark discrimination sensitizing exercise, participants are labeled inferior and superior based on the color of their eyes. Through this exercise, she has increased the awareness about racism to tens of thousands of individuals. Those have been through it have said it is an emotionally significant and life changing experience.

Jane Elliott is a recipient of the National Mental Health Association Award for excellence in education. The documentary "The Eye of The Storm" covering her work, has won the Peabody Award. Her other films are "The Eye of the Beholder" and "A Class Divided". Both won Emmy Awards and deal with the effects of racism on both the perpetrators and the victims.

Do not miss her appearance at Oakland University.

Tickets are: \$2 for OU Students, \$5 for OU employees and Alumni Association Members, & \$7 for the general public. Tickets purchased by this Wednesday, December 1 will be discounted \$2. (Yes, OU students who pick up a ticket will get it at no cost.)

Montel Williams Thursday, January 20, 1994 2:30 p.m. in the Oakland Center Crockery

Tickets are: \$2 for OU Students, \$5 for OU employees and Alumni Association Members, & \$7 for the general public. Tickets purchased by this Wednesday, January 19 will be discounted \$1.

Student Leadership Series

Dealing with Stress & Burnout	How do you handle stress & burnout? Have you ever burned the candle at both ends? Do you need help to manage your stress? If these questions are burning issues for you, please attend this session. This session will cover ways to cope with stress and how to identify the signs of burnout.
Nov. 15 Noon in 128 O.C.	
Prejudice, Racism, & Discrimination	Are you aware of the changing demographics facing our society? Are you ready to deal with and face the challenges and demands concerning multiculturalism? What will be your role in addressing and educating others concerning prejudice, racism & discrimination? This session will examine effective strategies you will need as an effective educator in our multicultural society.
Nov. 15 7 p.m. in Lounge II &	
Nov. 29 noon in 128 O.C.	
Assertiveness/Confrontation/Conflict	Do you know of someone who is overbearing, domineering, or aggressive? Is it hard to deal with or confront these people because of possible outbursts? This session will cover strategies in dealing successfully with confrontations and conflicts while practicing your assertiveness skills.
Nov. 23 noon in 128 O.C.	
Marketing your Leadership Experience	This session will enable you to market your leadership experience efficiently. Do you know how to tap into your leadership experience as a resource for potential positions? This session will discuss these ideas and more. (bring your resume)
Nov. 29 7 p.m. in Gold A	
Communication Skills	Do you know the importance of effective communication skills? Are you effective when you communicate with others? Do you change your communication styles when you converse with your friends, family, coworkers, etc? This session will cover the different levels and styles of effective communication skills for college students and student leaders. If you want to brush up on your communication skills you should attend this session
Dec. 7 noon in Gold A	

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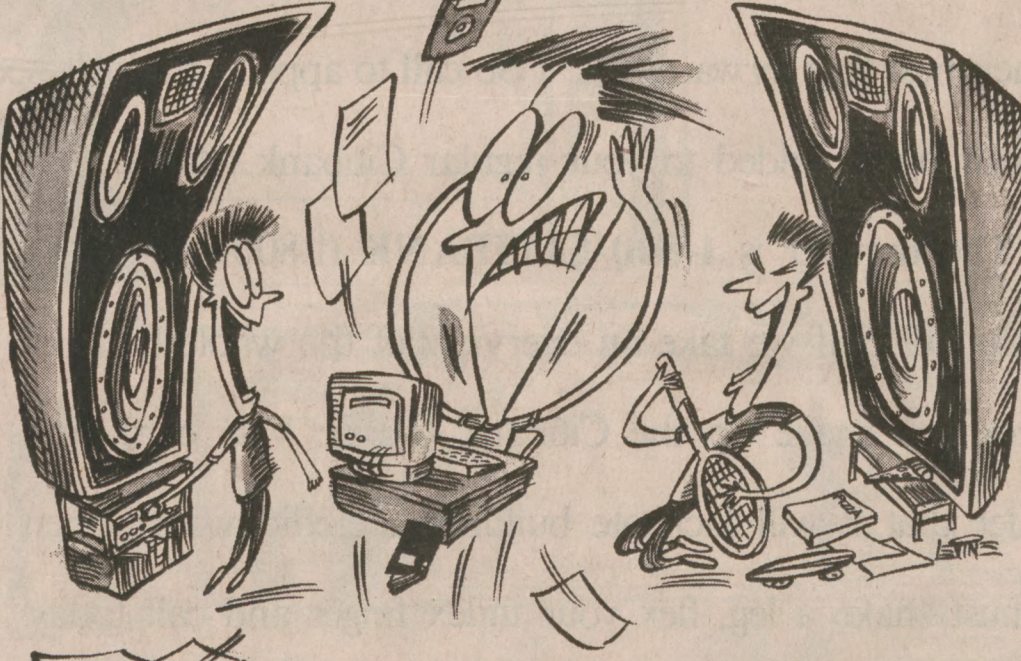
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Upcoming Events

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? by Edward Albee Fri. Sept. 24 & Sat., Sept. 25, 8 p.m. Varner Recital Hall	Oakland Dance Theatre <i>An Evening with Shane</i> Fri., Nov. 12 and Sat., Nov. 13, 8 p.m. Sun., Nov. 14, 3 p.m. Varner Recital Hall
Pontiac-Oakland Symphony <i>Gala Opening Night</i> Friday, October 15, 8:15 p.m. Strand Theatre, Pontiac	Afram Jazz Ensemble & Vocal Jazz Ensemble <i>Jazz through the Years</i> Thursday, November 18, 8 p.m. Varner Recital Hall
Faculty Vocal Recital <i>From the Scottish Highlands to the French Countryside</i> Sat., Oct. 30, 8 p.m. Varner Recital Hall	Oakland Choral and University Chorus Fri., Nov. 19, 8 p.m. Varner Recital Hall
Oakland University Concert Band Fri., Nov. 5, 8 p.m. Varner Recital Hall	For more information call the Box Office (313) 370-3013 located in the lobby of the Varner Recital Hall, Room 200. Box office hours are noon to 3 p.m., Tue. through Fri.

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Features

Talk show features enterprising students

By LARRY V. WEISS
Staff writer

Here's a chance for OU students to trampoline their act to stardom.

Rough Edge Productions will have the Comcast Cable cameras ready to capture on-stage talent this November 23 starting at 7:30 p.m. at Griff's Grill in downtown Pontiac.

REP is the ground control ready to launch OU's amateur performers to luminary heights. So, if you're a bathroom Elvis, a closet Penn & Teller, or a party Paula Poundstone, jump up on centerstage and ride the roar of a live audience to possible fame, fortune and stardom. Or, just sit in the crowd and enjoy the Rock'n'Roll, comedy, interviews, along with some risqué games and skits primed to warm the room with that old sexual friction.

REP merges the backgrounds and enthusiasm of several OU communications students whose ambition it is to expose the talents of their fellow students on a

twice-monthly 30-minute television show airing later this year on Comcast's channel 44.

"We're going to give them the opportunity to work with us and do something right now and get some on hands-on experience," said OU junior Michael Charach, 22, host and sparkplug of REP.

"We know a lot of people who want to be involved more in their major, they want to make it part of their life," said the co-host who happens to be much smarter than Vanna White, Jeannette Avolio, 28, OU senior and president of Women in Communications.

REP has a central core of media experience and connections. The man behind the organization has interned at rock radio station WLLZ and is currently working at Comcast Cable.

"I'm doing production work, directing, ... script writing, the whole nine yards," said OU junior Gary Barris, 22, producer/director of REP.

Bill Clinton and Ross Perot, two friends of Barris, will stop by

on opening night at Griff's Grill down the street from Industry.

Actually, their voices will be impersonated by WLLZ celebrity voice Eric Harthen. That should be a fun debate between band sets of The Lollipop Guild and Formosapop.

Others involved in REP include Jessica Brinich, 19, also an OU student, she'll be doing onstage interviews; Hemant Mahawel, 22, OU junior acting as business liaison. And of course the video crew under the supervision of Comcast staffer, Lou Nigro.

On Tuesday night, November 23, if the Griff's audience is really happy, that King of Cartoon mayhem himself, OU student Ammil Garrison, will entertain with his unique brand of comic elastic energy.

REP has a future on the OU campus as well.

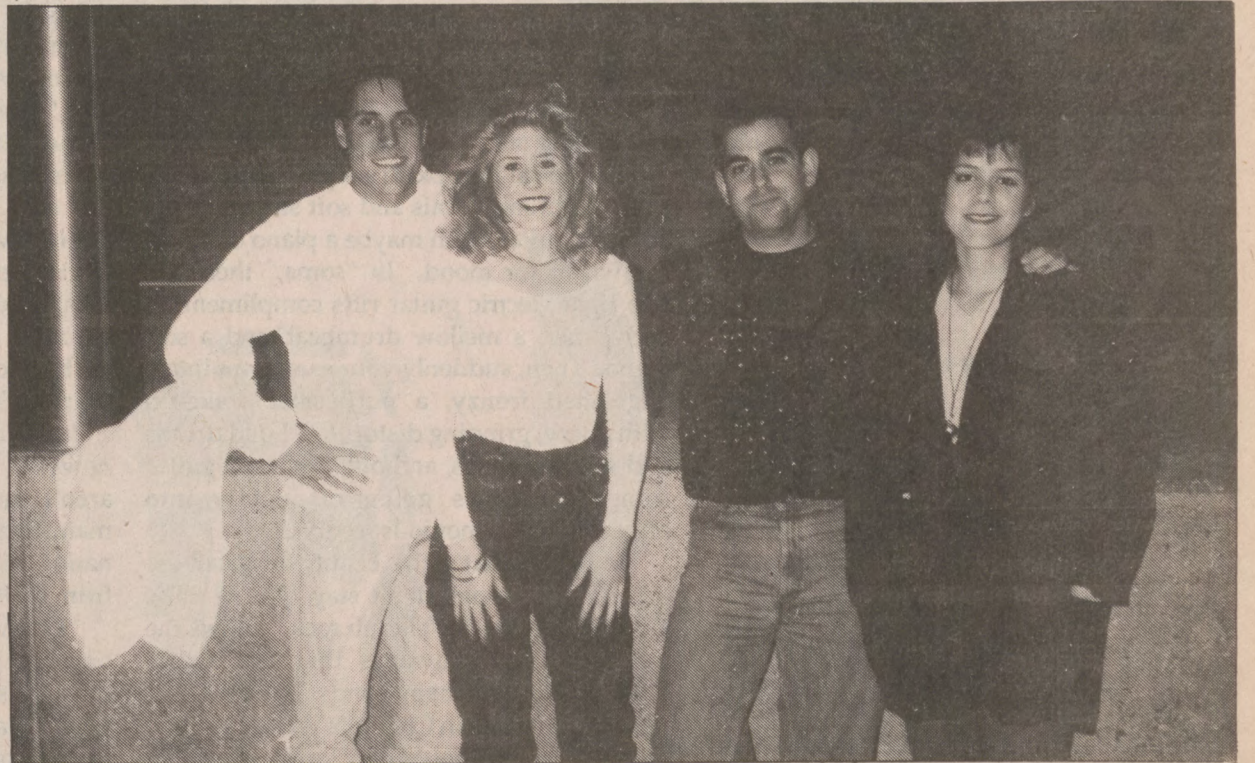
"We are thinking seriously of establishing ourselves as a student organization, of course so we can get more students involved," producer Barris said.

Watch for flyers detailing

REP's schedule of promising music acts, comedians, guest athletes, and the undefinable talents that are sure to appear. Hey,

sweet 18 and up gets you in free with prizes to win. And who knows, David Letterman's talent scout might be watching.

Contact Gary Barris at 360-0617 for audition information. And like they say in the business: Break a leg.



Members of Rough Edge Productions, from left to right: Jeff Cumo, Jessica Brinich, Mike Chaurach and Jeannette Avolio.

Photo courtesy of Rough Edge Productions

Jeremy 'Lizard' accents his art with animation

By A. DENISE ARGEROPOULOS
Staff Writer

One logo may just be his devilishly sculpted horns, which stick up from his shaven head. He jokingly says that they enable him to "Tune in Tokyo." This is nothing unusual for this 21-year-old artist Jeremy 'Lizard,' "because it sounds cool."

Jeremy's mural covers the walls of City Club, a nightclub located inside The Ramada Hotel Downtown Detroit 1, and he hopes that one day he will be able to paint the floor as well.

"I want people to feel animated when they come

in," Lizard said. "It's a feel. I want people to have their own interpretation of my work."

Lizard's paintings range from a filmstrip form of Charles Manson, like Andy Warhol's "Marilyn Monroe." He also has painted a fetus on a wall which is by the dance floor.

"I have always known what I wanted to do," says Lizard.

Lizard's future entails another comic book, which he started two years ago, "I want it to be perfect, it is the third time I am redoing it, I don't have a title," says Lizard.

At age 15, Lizard had 100 copies of "Bio Squirrels," his first comic book, printed in 1985.

"Bio Squirrels" came out around the same time as the black and white underground copy of "The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles."

Thinking back to when "Bio Squirrels" was released, he jokingly recalls, "I got one fan letter about three years ago."

Lizard has many influences and enjoys painting obscure things, like Asian symbols. His prevalent use of Gothic undertones as well as African folk art are expressed in his paintings.

"I like H.R. Geiger, he did the monster in 'Alien.'" He also enjoys Vincent Van Gogh's artwork.

While he has been limited to working in black and white at City Club, Lizard is intrigued with the concept of color, ala New York pop artist Keith Haring.

"I'd like to work with metallic colors and day glow," he said.

Lizard also produces art work on oversized sweat shirts with a permanent black marker during his spare time as a coat checker at City Club.

While sitting, drinking coffee and gabbing in a Detroit diner, Lizard revealed a playful side of himself. While pouring a half-cup of sugar in his coffee, he made friends with an elderly man by making small talk.

Approachable, outgoing, extremely friendly and talented, Jeremy's future is definitely bright.

He has hopes of publishing the comic book that he is revising and then from there, aside from continuing to paint the walls of City Club, he intends to work in the field of animation.

Although he has only taken a few art classes at



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Jeremy Lizard displays duds of his own design and his ever-present knitted hat.

Henry Ford Community College, he may take more classes in the future.

"You can only learn so much with art, then soon you're copying someone else's stuff. I don't want to do that," he said.



Left: One of Jeremy Lizard's creations from his portfolio. Lizard's art covers the walls at City Club in Detroit, and he hopes to expand to other mediums as well.

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GALA focuses on awareness, rights

By DARYL M. PIERSON
Feature Editor

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance sponsored an awareness forum this past Wednesday with a lecture from Triangle Foundation president, Jeff Montgomery, on the subject of the Michigan Family Values Amendment.

MFVA, proposed in 1992 by George Matousek of Owosso, is identical to the controversial bill passed in Colorado this past year which denied gays and lesbians special status or any claims of discrimination.

Even though the amendment is not yet on the ballot, Montgomery believes that the

issue should not be taken lightly.

"I think that it's very realistic to believe that if enough effort is put into it, it can be on the ballot," Montgomery said.

In order to get the bill on the ballot, Matousek needs to collect 256,000 signatures of supporters of the amendment.

Matousek believes that the passage of this amendment is vital to help improve what he calls a declining society.

"It's Colorado's Amendment II, which means that homos will not get any special rights or be given minority status," Matousek said. "They're not to be treated any differently than anybody else."

Although Matousek charges that gays and lesbians are looking for special rights, Mike Weber, a senior nursing student and member of GALA believes that everyone should be guaranteed basic rights.

Weber worries that if this amendment passes, it will cause a rippling affect into other areas for possible discrimination.

"It's discrimination. It's anti-human dignity" Weber emphatically stated. "It's an amendment that will affect people of different sexual orientations."

If the right wing has their say, it's hard to say what group they will attack next."

It is also a concern that if the

amendment is placed on the ballot, some people may misunderstand its meaning. Delayne Elyse, who is a junior communications major, believes if there was more awareness in Colorado the amendment would not have passed.

"I think the reason it was passed in Colorado is because people were confused on the wording," Elyse said. "They said that gays and lesbians are asking for minority status and that's not true."

As Matousek continues his push, GALA and the Triangle Foundation will try to educate as

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Delayne Elyse explains the importance of fighting against the Michigan Family Values Amendment.

Album reviews: Smashing Pumpkins and Verve

Pumpkins' 'siamese dream' fires away at eardrums with loud guitars over underlying vocals

By ROBERT CARR
Staff Writer

If you like guitars, you'll like the Smashing Pumpkins' new release "siamese dream."

Or, rather, if you love loud, blistering, heavily-distorted guitar-laced songs with an occasional drumbeat and barely-audible crooning lyrics, you'll love this band.

Smashing Pumpkins are four Chicago-ites who truly fit the category of not fitting into a category. Their debut LP, "Gish," was released on Caroline Records in 1991. They have since then been captured by Virgin Records, and, with the assistance of producer Butch Vig, have created a 13-track master-



piece that should give Pearl Jam's new "Versus" a run for its money.

Billy Corgan, who sings lead vocals, and plays the guitar and Mellotron, said that this style of six-string madness was something that was planned from the first sound-check.

"I was trying to get the sound of things like coughing angels, the king and queen of the prom setting themselves on fire, losers getting laid, high hopes being ripped down and fizzing out," said Corgan.

In a typical Pumpkins song, you are greeted by soothing vocals and soft strums on an acoustic guitar, with maybe a piano or violin thrown in for mood. In "soma," there are two light electric guitar riffs complimenting each other, a mellow drumbeat, and a soft piano. Then, suddenly your ears erupt into a anguished frenzy, a purposeful wake-up with angry, grinding distortion. Loud drums and shouted lyrics, and out-of-control guitar solos, sometimes going off wildly into screeches of harmonious feedback.

However, that's the beauty of "siamese dream," the songs don't stay typical. The album's first track, "cherub rock," shows the band's attitude towards themselves and other post-grunge baby bands. There's a similarity to Nirvana in Corgan's vocal style, you can understand about every fourth word, but the guitars clearly make their point.

The band definitely meets the criteria for "sounding like punk, but without the attitude shoved in your face as much." The track "quiet" definitely isn't quiet, "hummer" just leads to questioning, and the last song on the set, "luna," begins "What moon songs do you sing your babies?"

There is top-40 potential for a few of the LP's tracks. "mayon-aise," with its confusing name, has introspective lyrics, and a great guitar solo. "today" opens with clean electric guitar arpeggios, enters the distorted zone, and blasts away with soaring riffs and snarling hooks.

If you're an extreme SP fan, however, you'll be glad to know they aren't interested in voyaging into the mainstream of pop. Corgan's spacey fascination with going over the edge has kept him from drifting into the accepted norm.

"I came to terms with the fact that I could never be completely happy with the actual music," said Corgan. "So that's not what I was focusing on. I made the emotional commitment that I wanted to on this record, which is all I cared about."

'A Storm in Heaven' tries, but disappoints

By ALEXIS HASPAS
Staff Writer

Verve's combination of alternative rock and new age music produces soothing sounds for the modern rocker in its latest LP, "A Storm in Heaven."

Verve, who played at St. Andrew's Thursday, Oct. 28, and will be at the State Theatre this Sunday with the White Zombies, brings us ten new compositions with more weaknesses than strengths.

On first listening, you assume that the meaning is to be gathered through the music, but soon realize that the music can't stand on its own and that someone (Richard Ashcroft) is singing.

You just can't hear the words. Similar to local band shows, the instruments overpower the vocals so that all the words get lost. It is really quite frustrating because the music tends to be repetitive, and, with nothing on top of it, the audience is lost.

While most songs are a nuisance because of this, "Blue" manages to intrigue the listener. It's catchy because of its fast past and nice melody, but still doesn't quite fulfill the listener by way of its lack of intelligibility.

"See You In The Next One (Have A Good Time)" is unique for its use of the piano. Yet it still could go further on this concept by playing more than just chords.

While "Make It Till Monday" is a big blur, "Already There" begins softly building its percussion in a slow tribal rhythm.

Verve does know how to be original, but they seem to be in pubescence, only touching on greatness.

Hot Licks

Sure Things

November 8-12 Win: Kenwood car CD player, Sony Sports-AM/FM cassette walkman and more. Jellybean count held by Alpha Kappa Sigma in the OC. Look for the tables for your chance to enter.

November 10 AIDS - "What Every Health Care Worker Should Know!" It will be held in the Abstention Room in the OC. It is sponsored by Student Nurses Assoc.

November 10 "Concrete Blonde" will take the stage with special guest "The Oblivious" 8 p.m. at Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor. For more information call 99-Music.

November 10 Environmental Film Series-"Rivers of Fire or: To the Last Drop" (Annex I) is playing at noon, free admission, followed by a brief discussion.

November 10 "American Graffiti" is at the Beer Lake Yatch Club at 8 p.m., free.

November 12-14 "Jurassic Park" is playing at 201 Dodge on Fri. at 7 p.m. and Sun. at 3 p.m. \$1.50 admission.

November 12-13 Oakland Dance Theatre will be performing at the Recital Hall at Varner 8 p.m., and 3 p.m. on November 14.

November 14 Would you like to be an R.A.? For more information meet in the Hamlin Lounge at 9 p.m. (Free refreshments!)

November 16 "Off the Wall" - Coffee House. It will be in the Beer Lake Yatch Club at 8-12 p.m.

November 17 Harvest Buffet for the OU Community in the OC Gold rooms.

November 17 "West Side Story" is at the BLYC at 8 p.m., free admission.

November 18 101 WRIF presents "Meat Loaf, Everything Louder Than Everything Else" World Tour '93, '94, '95 7:30 p.m. at the State Theater. All seats are reserved. Tickets available at all Ticket Master locations, at Off The Record in Royal Oak or charge by phone at 645-6666.

November 19-21 "In The Line Of Fire" is playing at 201 Dodge on Fri. at 7 p.m. and Sun. at 3 p.m. \$1.50 admission.

November 19 The State Theater presents "Bruce Hornsby" at 8 p.m., as seen with The Grateful Dead at Pine Knob. All seats are reserved. Tickets are available at all Ticket Master locations, at the Off The Record in Royal Oak or charge by phone at 645-6666.

November 19 Gus Macker Women's Basketball Tournament will be held at the Lepley Sports Center. Aquinas vs Calvin at 6 p.m. and OU vs Laurentian at 8 p.m..

Detroit Pistons Home Game tickets are on sale now! Tickets are available at the Ticket Master call at (313) 645-6666.

November 17-21 Want to see Minnie and Mickey? The Joe Louis Arena presents Disney On Ice. Tickets are available at the Ticket Master.

November 10-14 Radio City Music Hall Spectacular will be at the Fox Theatre. Tickets are available at the Ticket Master.

November 12-21 The Fisher Theatre will be showing The Merry Widow. Tickets are available at the Ticket Master.

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many as they can.

Montgomery says that he will not take anything for granted, even though many people doubt the amendment would pass.

"People don't really understand or are aware what this right wing movement is all about,"

Montgomery said. "It not only affects gays and lesbians, it affects everyone.

"When we tell people that say that 'it can't happen in Michigan,' but that's the same thing they said in Colorado."

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Sports

Pioneer of the Week

Dario DiFazio
men's diving
5-6 junior

DiFazio set new pool and school records in winning both the one- and three-meter diving events against Wright State Nov. 5. DiFazio's one-meter score of 340.05 broke the 12-year old school and pool record of B.J. Kearney of 317.80 set in 1981. His three-meter score of 351.90 broke Mark Duff's school mark of 324.975 set in 1988, and eclipsed the pool record of 339.675 set by Lee Michaud of Michigan in 1988.

THE PIONEER DIRT BOX

- Oakland soccer received a bid to the NCAA II Soccer Championships for the eight straight year. Oakland will host Northeast Missouri State in a first round Central Region match at Pioneer Field. OU's streak of eight straight years in the tournament is the longest active streak in NCAA II soccer.
- The Pioneers finished the regular season with an 13-3-2 record, and were rated eighth in last week's NCAA II Top 20 poll.
- Northeast Missouri State enters the NCAA Tournament with a 13-4 record. The Bulldogs beat Wisconsin-Parkside in their season finale 1-0 in overtime to earn a post-season spot.
- Oakland holds a 5-1-1 edge in the all-time series between the two schools. One of the meetings was in NMSU's only other trip to the tournament back in 1990. Earlier this season Oakland scored a 4-1 overtime victory over the Bulldogs in the Central Region Classic finale on Oct. 10.

THIS WEEK IN PIONEER SPORTS

Wed., Nov. 10, -Women's swimming at Michigan State, 7 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 12, -Volleyball at Ferris State, 7 p.m.
-Women's basketball vs. Michigan Free Agents AAU, 7 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 13, - Women's swimming vs. Cleveland State, 2 p.m.
-Volleyball at Grand Valley State, 4 p.m.
-Men's basketball Black-White Game, 7 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 14, -NCAA II Soccer Tournament, Oakland vs. Northeast Missouri State, 1 p.m. at Pioneer Field

-information compiled by Andy Glantzman,
Sports Information director

Pioneers roll into NCAA berth

By KEN FILLMORE
Staff Writer

It could be, it should be, it has to be, it is.

OU soccer players and coaches alike had a feeling similar to that awaiting their inevitable selection into the NCAA Division II Tournament.

With Jack Frost on hand on both occasions, biting with fury, the Pioneers defeated Eastern Michigan University, 1-0, last Wednesday at Ypsilanti, Mich. and Mercyhurst College, 2-1, on Saturday at Pioneer Field.

In dealing with the Eagles, the Pioneers (13-3-2 overall, 8-2-1 Central Region) used junior forward Eli Tiomkin's 16th goal of the campaign, at 63:11 decide the outcome.

Tiomkin's third game winner, came from junior forward Mali Walton and senior defender Jim Harrison.

Senior goalkeeper Mike Sheehy only had to stop one shot to earn his ninth shutout of the season and 34th in his career.

OU overmatched EMU with 14 shots on goal in return.

In Oakland's victory over Mercyhurst, junior forward Mike Thornton scored his ninth tally of the season as a result of a scramble in front of the Lakers' goal with 12:49 remaining, to win it.

While Tiomkin and sophomore midfielder Chad Schomaker assisted on Thornton's third game-winning goal of the season, it was Walton cross field pass to Schomaker from about 10 yards from the midfield stripe in the Lakers' end in front of the stands ignited the attack.

Neither squad had the ability to produce many scoring chances, and that may be attributed to the unfavorable weather conditions. A trace of snow fell as the temperature was in the mid-30's.

And in the first half, each team had one good effort to draw first blood.

The first was a Mercyhurst shot from long range was high and on target at about the 7:30 mark, but Sheehy leaped high enough to get his hands on the ball and redirect it off the crossbar.

On the other end of the field, OU cashed in on their opportunity as freshman midfielder Andy Kalmbach headed a ball home that was thigh-high off the ground at 19:07.

Junior defender David Ankori's cross field pass set up Kalmbach's third goal of the season.

MC never stopped working, though, and ended their season with nothing to lose.

Early in the second half, those efforts were rewarded as OU came

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Photo by Bob Knoke

Passing up shot, junior forward Mike Thornton moves the ball in for a good offensive opportunity.

Tankers turn tables on Raiders this time around

By ERIC DeMINK
Sports Editor

Turn about was definitely fair play when the men's swim team routed Wright State, 145-98 on Friday evening at Lepley.

On this occasion, the Pioneers were righting a wrong done last season versus the Raiders- a 146-86 drubbing in Ohio.

Oakland took eight of 13 events and qualified one swimmer for the nationals in what head coach Pete Hovland described as "a very pleasing weekend".

"Sure it was a little bit of a payback for us," he said, "but I think we took some tremendous strides toward becoming a good team. I still hope that we can get better."

But things certainly didn't start out that way.

In the opening event, 400 yard medley relay, OU had two squads jump the gun and be disqualified.

As it was, OU would have had to have swam exceptional races to even have had a chance at winning.

Still, the tankers managed a second with its third squad.

"We kind of shot ourselves in the foot, and I was wondering if the rest of the evening was going to go like that," Hovland said.

The Pioneers, though, recovered quickly reeling off wins in the next three events, and six of the next seven to take control of things.

Freshman David Paxton was the Pioneer's big winner of the

day capturing the 500,1000 freestyle and 200 butterfly events.

Sophomore Chris Zoltak qualified for nationals in the 200 backstroke.

But junior diver Dario DiFazio stole the show with his national qualifying scores on the one- and three-meter boards.

Both dives were also Lepley pool and school records.

"People just kind of stopped what they were doing and watched an exceptional diver," Hovland said.

Senior Sean Peters, who swam an unshaved lifetime best 21:46 in the 50 freestyle, was happy with the win but also cautious.

"We now realize that we've got to take things one step at a time," he said.

Men's swimming versus Wright State

50 freestyle -1st, Sean Peters, senior, :21.46
100 freestyle -2nd, Peters, :48.73
200 freestyle-1st, James Collins, freshman, 1:44.18
500 freestyle -1st, David Paxton, fr., 4:42.34
1000 freestyle-1st, Paxton, :9:38.36
200 butterfly- 1st, Paxton, :1:58.94
200 backstroke- 2nd, Chris Zoltak, sophomore, 1:54.42 *
200 breaststroke-2nd, Jay Judson, fr., 2:14.94.
200 i.m. -2nd, Issac Farnsworth, fr. 2:00.24
400 medley relay- Judson, Kevin Everett, fr., Joe Snyder, fr., and Chris Knoche, fr., 3:40.64
400 freestyle relay- Peters, Zoltak, Morgan Bailey, jr., and Ken Ehlen, fr., 3:10.84

*-national qualifying time

Hovland also had some of his fears allayed.

"Early on I had questions as to how we would perform, if things would carry over from last week," he said. "But it was like night and

day."
"The freshman all rose to the occasion, and this time we won all the close races," Hovland said.
For women's swimming action and insight see page 10

Whacked Huskies and Wildcats prevail over revenge-minded spikers

By PATSY PASQUE and
STACEY ZOELLNER
Special Writers

Despite two losses this weekend, the Pioneers are still in the race for their first-ever NCAA II Tournament bid.

It was an intense weekend for the volleyball team when they faced nationally ranked Michigan Tech and Northern Michigan University.

On Friday, the women were up against the Huskies for a brutal fight. Losing the struggle in five tough games (15-5, 9-15, 15-2, 8-15, 13-15), Oakland never gave up.

Senior co-captains Natalie Koan, Cathy Workman and Melissa Hixon had some very outstanding numbers.

Koan had 39 assists and a .667 hitting percentage. Hixon contributed 17 total attempts, 14 digs and a .353 hitting percentage. Workman gave the Pioneers 9 kills, 19 digs and 27 total attempts. Sophomore Nicole Caputo also added 12 digs.

"We were really pumped for this match and we never gave up," head coach Peggy Groen said, "this was very important for us and the excitement was in the air."

Saturday afternoon the Pioneers fell to the Wildcats in straight games (15-12, 15-9, 15-4). Even though NMU is ranked number one in the country, the women did not

seem intimidated.

Early on, Oakland put up a good fight but lacked the spark that flared on Friday night.

Despite this, Koan had another great match adding 24 assists to her record-breaking career. Hixon added 12 total attempts and led the team with a high hitting percentage of .333.

Sophomore Karen Ill contributed 25 total attempts and 13 kills. Ill is the only player in the GLIAC who is among the league leaders in four categories. She is fourth in attack percentages averaging .370, fifth in kills per game at .394, sixth in blocking at 1.09 and tenth in service aces at .40.

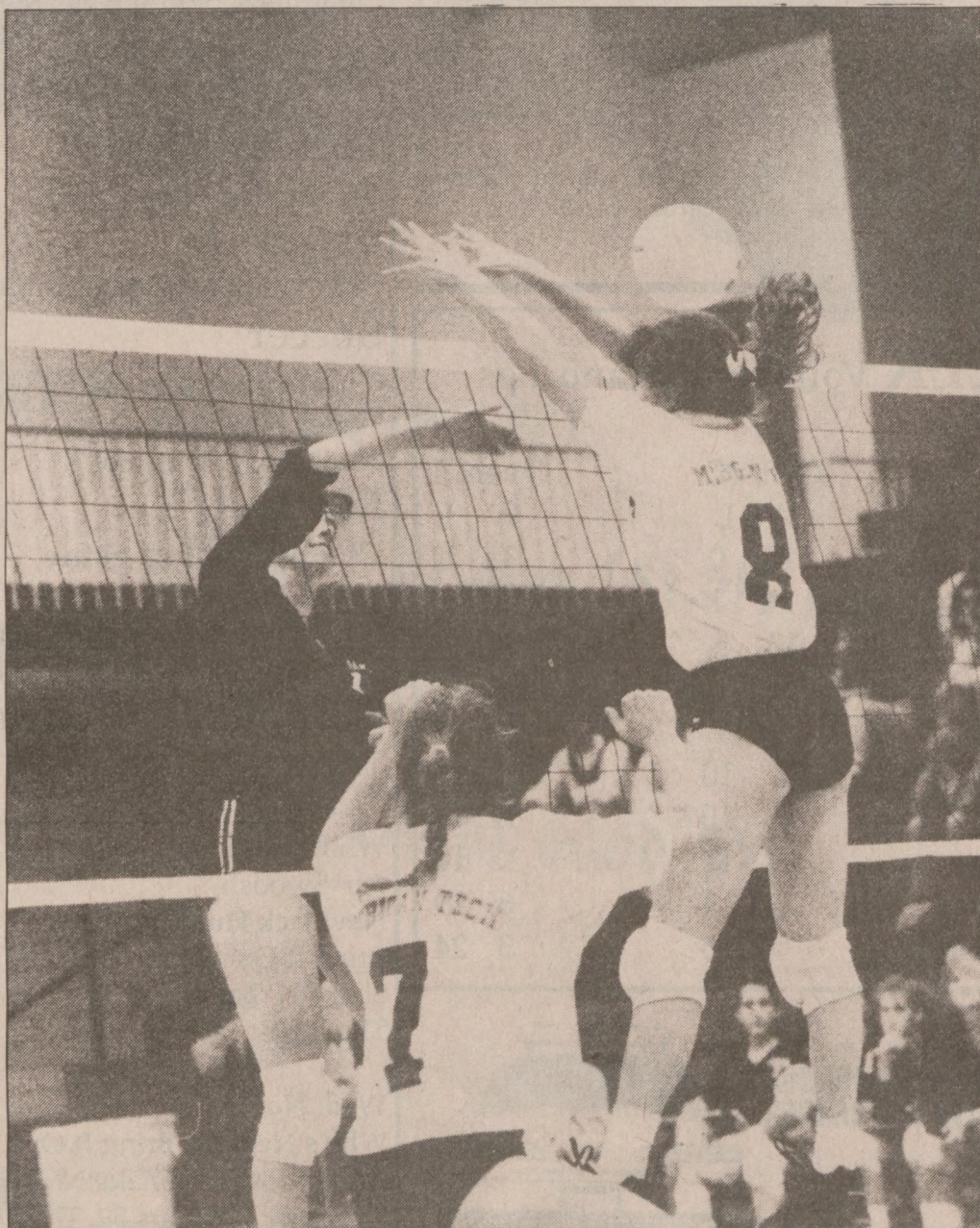
The Pioneers regular season ends next Saturday. It will finish with Wayne State, Ferris State and Grand Valley State.

The spikers feel confident about their last matches since they have already beaten these teams earlier this season. And too, they are still contenders for a NCAA tournament bid.

"We plan on winning the rest of our GLIAC matches and hope to earn a bid," Groen said, "I really think we have a solid chance."

Looking ahead to the rest of their season, Workman said, "We have nothing to lose and everything to gain."

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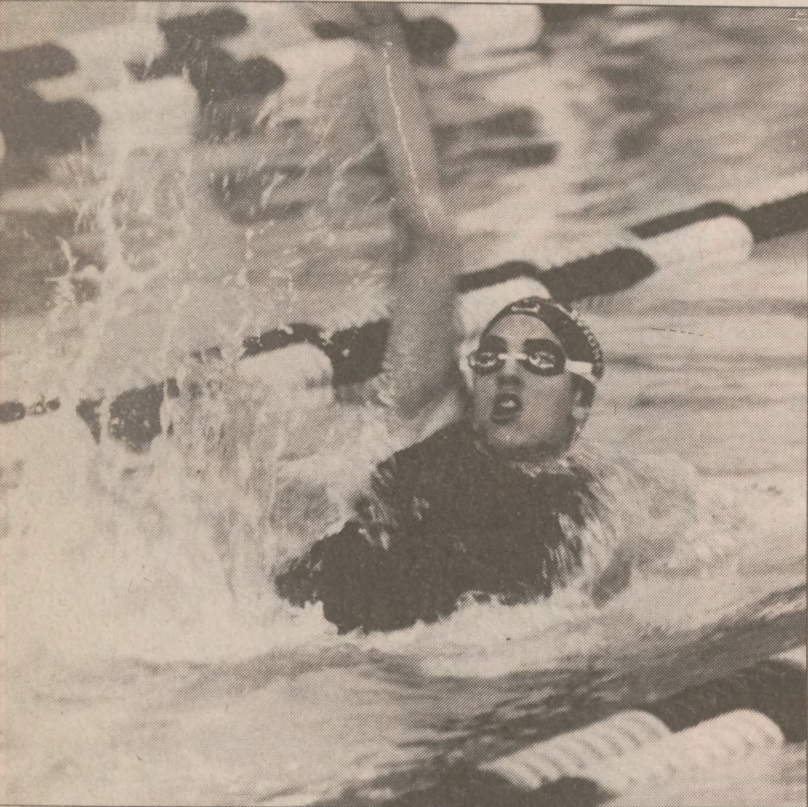


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Sophomore middle blocker Sandi Matteson has her spike attempt deflected by a Michigan Tech defender in action at Lepley, Friday. The Huskies won in five sets.



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Last relay heroics fuel tanker win over Raiders

By CHUCK NASSAR
Staff Writer

The women's swim team barely got by Division I rival Wright State on Friday, November 5 to capture its first dual meet win of the season. Suspense filled the air as Oakland fought to maintain its lead over a determined Wright State team.

The end result was an "all or nothing" showdown in the last race of the evening. Everyone in the bleachers strained for a glimpse of the action as the Pioneers swam to an easy nine point victory in the 400 meter freestyle relay.

"Overall I thought our team swam pretty well. It's not often that a meet will come down to the last relay", said head coach Tracy Huth. He added, "I thought we had a pretty good shot at winning it with our relay team."

The winning relay team consisted of sophomore Ellen Lessig, junior Jodi Parker, freshman Gisa Alessandri and sophomore Kristen Nagelkirk.

To show how easily things can change, Friday's result was a far cry from last year's ending in which Wright State embarrassed the Pioneers 146-81.

"Last year we were really flat,"

Coach Huth said, "We felt fatigued and needed rest."

This year, however, the women took advantage of their depth and scored the big points when needed.

"We are a better team overall this year. The girls were really prepared but still a little tired from practice", Coach Huth said.

Oakland fell behind early in the meet with a two-three finish in 400 medley relay. They came back strong, however, to finish one-two in the 1000 freestyle and 200 freestyle. By the third race of the meet the women had built up a nine point lead.

Senior tri-captain Amy Comerford turned in another solid performance with a first-place showing in the 200 individual medley. Her time of 2:10.89 was fast enough to become Oakland's first national qualifier of the season.

As the evening wore on, Oakland kept hold of its lead with strong finishes by Lessig, Nagelkirk and freshman Jennifer Stair. Stair touched first for the Pioneers in the 200 butterfly while Lessig and Nagelkirk tied for second in the 100 freestyle.

Soon the women jumped out to a commanding 91-78 lead as Comerford claimed her second national qualifying berth with a

victory in the 200 backstroke.

To close out the meet, Stair and sophomore Debby Nickels placed first and second respectively to win the 500 freestyle and boost the Pioneers to a 104-84 lead. Finally, senior tri-captain Angie Johnson took third in the 200 breaststroke.

Although this meet was a little closer than he would have liked, Coach Huth thinks his team is on the right track to win a national championship. "We are doing well at this point. The team is working out hard and the freshman are handling the pressure."

Huth was very impressed with the performances of Stair, Nickels, Nagelkirk and Lessig. He also added that everyone on the team has contributed in one way or another and rose to the occasion when asked.

Coach Huth believes his team's performance is a good indication of things to come and, "We'll show others that we are for real."

In diving competition, the women made quite a splash with a third place showing by sophomore Becky Bach on the one-meter board. At the conclusion of three-meter action strong performances were turned in by Bach, senior Dawn Thomas, and sophomore Angela Puchalsky.

At 5'-6", DiFazio towers above the rest

By JIM FLEMING
Staff Writer

If someone told you one of Oakland University's diving team members is one of the best divers in the world, would you believe it? Well if you don't, stop by the pool and take a look for yourself.

His name is Dario DiFazio, and he is regarded by many as not only one of the best divers in the country, but in the world. He competed in the 1992 Olympics for his native country of Venezuela and has spent the last four years training in the United States.

DiFazio, 26, came to the U.S. in 1989 to continue his training at the university level. He chose the University of Miami in Florida because of its strong program, but he wasn't able to attend school there because of his language barrier.

But DiFazio was committed to getting an education, and he was able to attend classes and dive at Miami-Dade Community College, while spending most of his time training with the university team.

DiFazio received an associate's degree at Miami-Dade, but he wanted to continue his education and diving at the college level. Because of certain NCAA rules, this world class diver ended up at...Oakland?

Fortunately for OU, NCAA

regulations allow five years to complete four years of eligibility at the Division I level. DiFazio's only chance to continue diving in college had to be outside Div. I. Well, MDCC swim coach Randy Abelman happens to be friends with OU head coach Pete Hovland, and with a little luck, DiFazio left Miami and headed north.

"It's a big change," DiFazio said, "moving from a big city to a smaller town, but the people are very open and nice. And it's very cold here!"

While it might be cold outside, DiFazio heats things up at the pool, performing dives at the highest degrees of difficulty.

"He performs the toughest and hardest dives you'll see at the Division II level," said OU diving coach Nikki Kelsey.

While the average degree of difficulty is around 2.4 or 2.5, DiFazio performs all his optional dives at 3.0. "He's the top diver in Division II," Kelsey said.

DiFazio already qualified for nationals by winning the diving portion of the Bowling Green Relays, the first event of the year. He has a few goals he would like to accomplish by the end of the season.

"I'd like to break the school records, and maybe the NCAA's," DiFazio said. "But I'd also like to get the national championship for Oakland."

Last weekend at Wright State, he broke the school record and his other goals are very reachable considering his credentials. In the last international meet he competed in last year, he was in the top eight in the world in one-meter diving, and the top 20 in three- and ten-meter.

"He's got the technique, form and grace of a world-class diver," Kelsey said. "He's been competing for so long at the international level that his experience just sets him apart from the rest of his competition."

Some may question if Oakland is enough for DiFazio to maintain his world-class level.

"I go to the University of Michigan on the weekends to work with Dick Kimball and practice on the 10-meter tower," DiFazio said.

Kimball is a world-renowned coach who has helped many students achieve Olympic success.

DiFazio also plans on competing internationally when he's not committed to Oakland's program.

"I have an event around New Year's in the Canary Islands," DiFazio said, "and then after school's out, I'll compete on the Canadian circuit. Then in June I'll go to Hungary, Austria, and Italy to dive there."

For such a talented diver, DiFazio had a difficult time qualifying for the '92 Olympics.

"I had to convince my Olympic committee," DiFazio said. "I knew I could do it, but many people didn't believe in me."

The Venezuela Olympic Committee would not support DiFazio unless he could medal in one of the last two international events before Barcelona. DiFazio gathered his personal savings and ventured to Europe, where he medaled in Italy, three days before the Olympic entry deadline.

"It was like reaching the impossible," DiFazio said.

But DiFazio had a few experiences from his childhood that motivated him to succeed.

"When I was young, I was a little chubby," he said, "and I had a coach who told me I'd never do anything in this sport. I always remembered that."

But even more inspirational for DiFazio was the tragic death of a younger brother.

"A brother of mine died when he was three," DiFazio said, "and when I made it to the Olympics, I did it for him."

What about 1996 in Atlanta?

"I think I'll take my last shot there," DiFazio said. "I'm gonna go for it."

And if and when he gets there, somewhere, in a far off place, a little brother will be watching Dario DiFazio fulfill a dream.



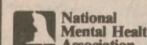
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Team	W - L
Who's Next	1 - 0
Air Swoosh	1 - 0
New Jack Hustlers	1 - 0
Bring It On	0 - 1
Shake N' Bake	0 - 1
The Edge	0 - 1

Wed. Nov. 3,
Who's Next 19, Bring It On 19.
Air Swoosh 29, Shake N' Bake 11.
New Jack Hustlers 39, The Edge 38.

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out flat.

After keeper Sheehy grabbed the ankles of one of their players attempting to rebound a loose ball behind him, the Lakers were awarded a penalty kick.

Junior defender Joel Pentz's shot rolled up Sheehy's body and into the net at 48:56 to tie the match.

"I was very disappointed coming back after halftime," head coach Gary Parsons said, "They (MC) raised the level of their game and the intensity of their game, and we went to sleep and let them play."

You can't allow the other team to play and expect to stay on top of the game. They're playing for their pride, playing to beat a good team and see if they could knock us out of the playoffs, and I admire them for doing that. They don't come out here and just go through the motions because their season is going to be over."

After Thornton's goal, MC had

one chance to knot up the situation with 1:20 left.

On one occasion, while the Lakers were deep in OU's zone, the ball was headed toward the goal, but high of the mark.

According to sophomore midfielder Lamar Peters, he and his mates proved they were prepared for a possibly long playoff journey in their tight match with MC.

"We picked up the level (of our play) a little bit today... It was a question before of whether we were committed to getting into the playoffs, but I think that commitment came out today," Peters said.

Freshman defender Paul Doroh started in place of sophomore Will Bothe as he served his one-game suspension for receiving his fifth yellow card of the season in OU's contest with EMU.

Editor's note-The Pioneers were awarded a tournament bid Monday and will square off versus Northeast Missouri State Sunday, Nov. 14 at Pioneer Field.

PIONEER Volleyball Standings

Team	GLIAC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Northern Michigan	15	0	31	1
Michigan Tech	14	1	23	5
OAKLAND	13	5	20	9
Ferris State	9	6	16	15
Grand Valley	8	7	15	12
Saginaw Valley State	8	10	12	15
Northwood	6	10	12	16
Wayne State	6	11	13	18
Hillsdale	2	14	6	19
Lake Superior	0	15	3	24

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