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## Hamlin boiler sparks west campus power outage

By HEIDI HEDQUIST  
Editor In Chief

An overheated boiler in North Hamlin Hall triggered a west campus power outage and cancellation of classes last night. A loud crash of unrelated thunder around 6 p.m. darkened campus shortly before the start of the last night of evening classes of this semester. Many classes were cancelled

while others were held outside on the lawn as four fire trucks from Auburn Hills Fire Department as well as precautionary back up from Rochester Hills Fire Department arrived at Hamlin Hall.

According to Vice President of Finance and Administration Paul Bissonnette, the power outage was caused by steam from the boiler in the basement of the residence hall, triggering one of

OU's two main electrical servers to shut down.

"It's like old Christmas tree lights, when one goes out the whole strand goes out," Bissonnette said.

Normally campus would not have been affected, but the second server is currently undergoing routine maintenance, which made the backup circuit unreliable.

Initially when fire crews

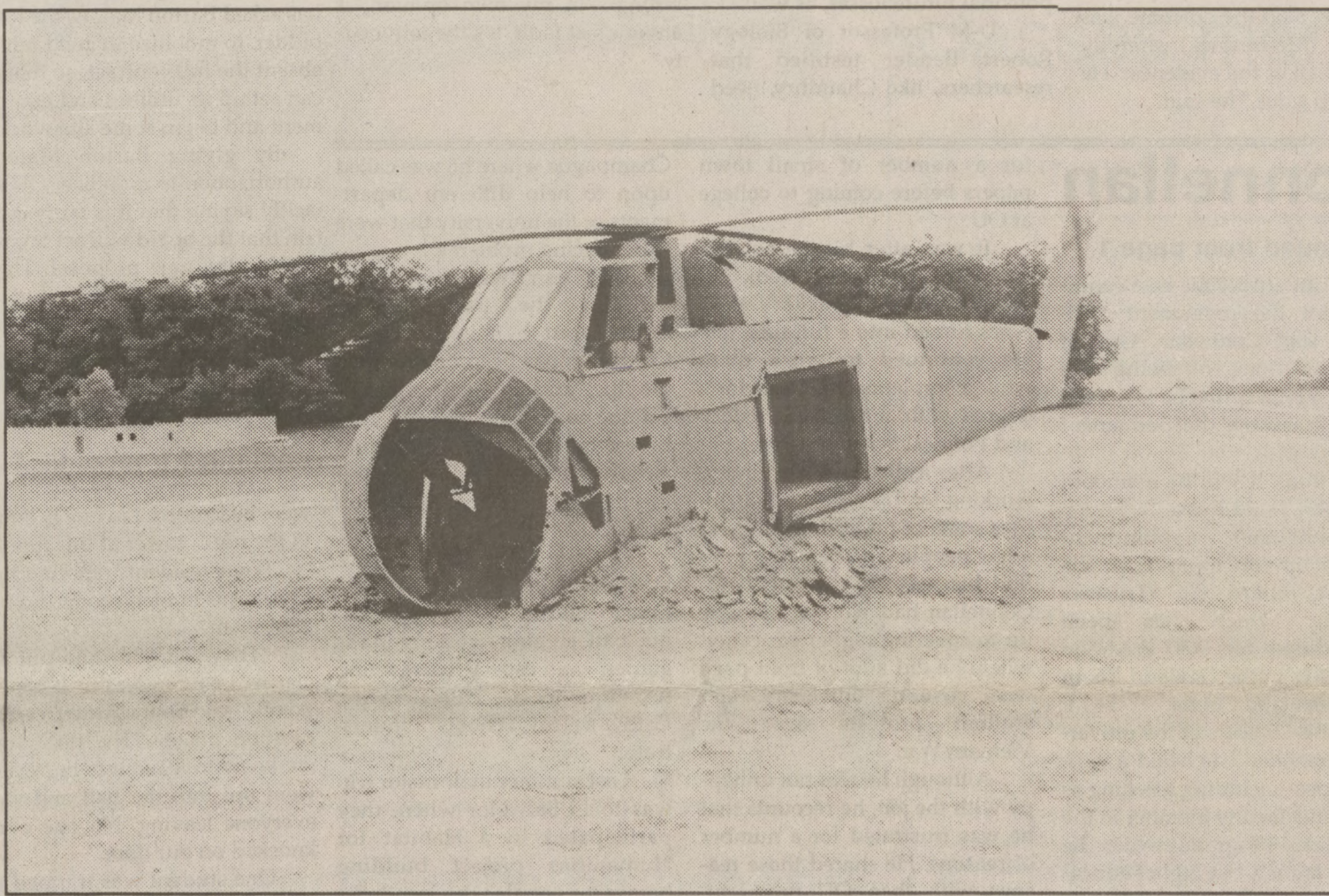
arrived, the power outage appeared unrelated to the boiler problem. It is unknown why it burst, however, the boilers had been shut down at midnight last Sunday and had just been turned on at 6 p.m. last night.

The Post was the first to notify Detroit Edison of the blackout. Power was reportedly being restored around 9:30 p.m. last night, however, brownouts were possible. As of 1 a.m. OU was

still experiencing difficulties with its telephone and voice mail systems.

Director of Residence Halls Eleanor Reynolds said there was no damage to the building. "There's very little water at all...and no damage to students' rooms. It's dry as a bone," she said.

All 44 residents of Hamlin Hall, all in rooms in south tower, **See Outage page 2**



Post Photo / Patty Young

**CRASH STIE:** A haunted house finds its way to OU to generate funds for campus wide auxiliary programs. Sponsored by Silo X, the event will benefit the Meadow Brook Art Gallery, the Meadow Brook Theatre and Meadow Brook Hall, among others. The haunted house will stay at the corner of Adams and University for a few months.

## Alumni named Acting VPAA

BY IAN HOUSTON  
Managing Editor

President Gary Russi announced at the Aug. 1 Finance and Personnel Advisory Meeting that he will recommend his second in command in Academic Affairs, Associate Vice President William Connellan, to the Board to the position of Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs (VPAA).

"It's a great opportunity," said Connellan, 51, an Oakland alumnus and 26 year staff member

If approved by the Board at its rescheduled August meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug 30, in the Oakland Center, Connellan will hold the position until a national search can bring in someone to permanently fill it.

Making the decision to nominate Connellan is not one that Russi took lightly.

"I went through an extensive nomination process," said Russi. After the tumultuous outcry from some faculty after the Board's sudden appointment of Russi to the presidency in May, he asked for nominations from the entire campus community. Then he surveyed several groups on campus before choosing Connellan.

"Dr. Connellan fit the pattern and was endorsed by all the groups," said Russi.

During Russi's time as Interim Vice President, Connellan served as the Acting Vice President of Academic Administration. The new appointment will expand his role at the university to include all areas of academic affairs including administration and overseeing the different departments.

"My goal is to do the best that I can to keep the momentum going at the institution **See CONNELLAN page 2**



**ALL SMILES:** OU welcomes Associate Vice-President William Connellan as Acting Vice-President of Academic Affairs.

## FM hits WXOU

By JAIME SHELTON  
News Editor

At long last, WXOU, OU's long awaited FM station, will be hitting in the airwaves within days.

Federal Communications Commission (FCC) last week finally gave WXOU the okay to go FM, after nearly a year on hold.

The station had expected last summer to switch to FM, but minor errors in the application caused the FCC to hold up final approval leaving WXOU to continue playing to a small crowd in the basement of the OC until the misunderstandings were cleared up.

"It's at least a rejuvenation ... and a little bit of a rebirth," said General Manager Lee McPherson, a senior majoring in journalism.

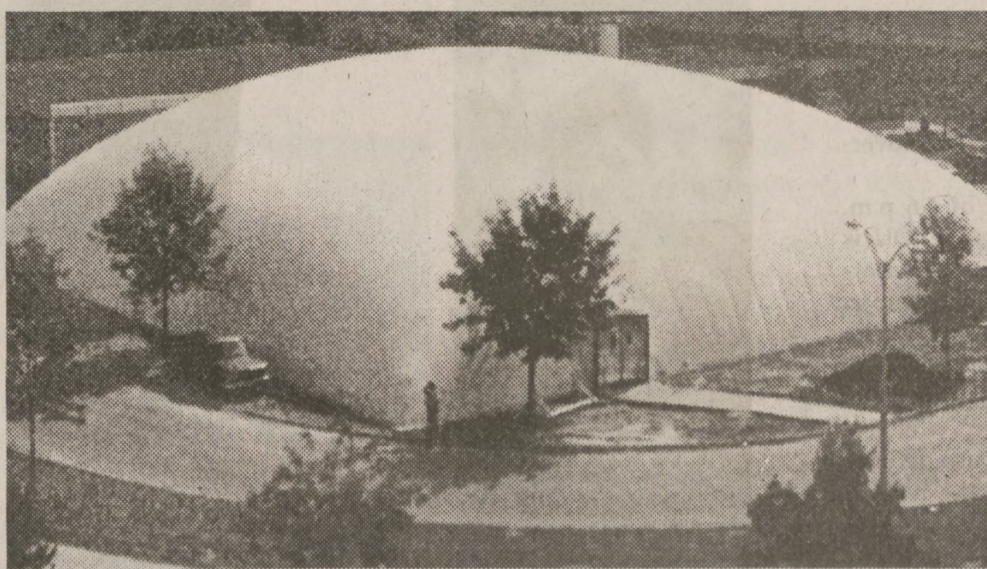
Currently, WXOU is working to have a staff of about 50 or 60 when it officially hits the FM airwaves September 16. In the meantime, the staff will have to be retrained on the equipment since it hasn't been seen by many since last summer when the station was readying to go on the air.

A Washington D.C. attorney represent OU to resolve the application problems. Because WXOU is located in Auburn Hills, has a Rochester Hills mailing address and will be broadcasting from a tower in Oakland Township, the rules of the FCC didn't quite fit the campus station. Dean of Students Dave Herman explained.

"It's been very frustrating this past year. ... We're very excited," Herman said Tuesday.

A special WXOU Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Friday. At the meeting, the council will appoint a new general manager and discuss the time availability of the staff.

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Post Photo / Patty Young

**SPORTS BUBBLE:** The volley bal and basketball teams find a new home while preparations are made for the expected October ground breaking of the new Rec Center.

## Rec Center seeks more funding

By CHRIS TAIT  
Sports Editor

When the low bidder on the proposed \$29 million Student Recreation and Athletic Center came in last month \$7 million higher than architects and OU administrators projected, the pencils, erasers and calculators came out shaving \$5 million off the \$35,775,000 bid.

What's gone are the arched roof and skylights over the pool, the custom finishes and shapes and

some cosmetic things like smaller bricks which would have matched the older Lepley facility.

What's back on track is the timetable for construction and hoped for completion of the new facility. Tentative ground breaking is scheduled for late October.

Susan Aldrich, assistant vice president of capital planning and design, said last week that a recommendation to increase the total project cost an additional \$2 million to

\$36,366,370 will likely be approved at the rescheduled Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Friday, August 30.

Her prediction came after the Board's Finance and Personnel Committee approved an additional \$2 million plus in funding at its August 1 meeting.

The Rec Center budget was to go back before the Board at its August 8 meeting which was canceled when a quorum could not be mustered on **See Budget page 2**



## Professor Chaudhry

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He thinks that OU is a great place because of the balance it offers between teaching and research. He also feels that OU is in a strong position to offer competitive programs.

"Unfortunately, a lot of people don't know about it," he said.

Fosu is faculty advisor with the Minority Business Students Association and Omicron Delta Epsilon, the honors society in economics.

As NEA president and an OU department chair, the professor said he will continue to use his high school motto which best reflects his personal philosophy. "Nihil Nisi Optimum (nothing but the best). One must always give one's best shot," he said.

## Marketing

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object of the Student Success Committee is to find possible ways to increase the overall graduation rate of students, how well arbitration, said the outcome was OU attracts and retains students fairly. "He (McCormick) carefully evaluated all of the evidence. He

Though this committee is designed to get student input, currently there are no students serving on this committee which started in April. Johnson said this is because the committee was set up at the end of the academic year and there are fewer students on campus during the spring and summer. He did say, however, that he is looking to add in the fall students who have a genuine interest in OU.

(Retaining students who already attend OU. Since OU is a commuter campus with 50% of its students non-traditional, Johnson said it would be difficult to have as high a retention rate as University of Miami at 88%, with traditional aged students on a residential campus.

"There are variables not even the students can control," said Johnson. Many OU students work as well as attending classes, and if a job transfer causes a student to move out of the area, retention could decrease, he said.

Johnson is hopeful that a program which will cross train the financial aid and admissions offices will add to the overall retention rate, as well. "We want to make sure our financial aid office is the most effective financial aid office in the country," he said.

Despite these inconsistencies, Johnson is hopeful OU can reach its projected enrollment of 15,000 students by the year 2000. This year's summer enrollment surpassed last summer by 13%, said President Gary Russi.

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- Providing no notice to other lab users,

- Failure to respond promptly and providing misleading information in requests for information from the biosafety committee.

McCormick only found fault with Chaudhry on the last point. McCormick wrote that he is "persuaded that Dr. Chaudhry failed to promptly and clearly describe his HIV research at least at the outset of the meeting" on Feb. 18, 1993.

Chaudhry first told the biosafety committee that he was not conducting laboratory tests with live HIV and then later stated that these experiments were in fact ongoing in a 304 Dodge Hall lab used by many, according to McCormick's findings.

After the suspension, Chaudhry requested the faculty union, the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) file a grievance against OU on his behalf.

James Moore, AAUP attorney who represented Chaudhry in the arbitration, said the outcome was fair. "He (McCormick) carefully evaluated all of the evidence. He heard both sides," he said.

## Connellan

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so we can attract the best candidate (for the permanent position)," said Connellan. One of the conditions of being the Acting VPAA is that he is not eligible to assume the permanent job.

"I think it will be a smooth transition," said Russi.

Connellan's appointment will be up for approval at the August Board of Trustees Meeting which has been rescheduled for 9:30 A.M. on August 30 in the Oakland Room of the Oakland Center.

In his 26 years at the university, Connellan has held a variety of jobs—including teaching as an adjunct faculty member in the journalism program, which he helped launch, but higher education wasn't his first career choice.

"I had my first paid newspaper job when I was 12," said Connellan, at the *Ile Camera* in his home town of Grosse Ile. He attributes his father's involvement in the campus newspaper at U-M to influencing his decision to go into journalism as a career.

"I just went down and talked to the guy," said Connellan. The editor at the time, Henry Hoch, was looking for someone to cover high school sports and young Connellan went to work. In high school, he went on to cover local news stories on school board meetings, city government and other issues

OU General Counsel Susan Gerrits said in a statement, "While the university is disappointed with the decision, we will, of course, comply with the decision."

Testimony by President Gary Russi was also included in the arbitrator's report. Russi, during the time of the committee's investigation, was the vice president of academic affairs and made the recommendation of suspension and other disciplinary actions to then President Packard.

According to the report, "Dr. Russi testified that he was concerned about the safety of the community and that, in his view, Dr. Chaudhry exhibited no remorse over his transgressions."

Though McCormick ordered OU to "compensate him for pay and other benefits lost as a result of his suspension," the amount to be awarded to Chaudhry is still under dispute. Chaudhry is seeking to reclaim his associate professor's income lost during his suspension, but also other benefits, like the cost of health insurance.

In addition, Moore said that he is hoping to collect research funds lost during that time and potential future losses, as well.

U-M Professor of Biology Robert Bender testified that researchers, like Chaudhry, need

to show a consistency in research to be considered for future grants. With no experiments between 1994 and May 1996, a continuing record of research was lost. Bender said that this could hurt his future chances for receiving funds.

Moore is hopeful a settlement can be reached in a few weeks.

Though he won the arbitration, Chaudhry lost a federal court lawsuit against OU and former president Packard. That suit filed in December, 1994, was dismissed by U.S. District Judge Bernard Friedman prior to trial in April, 1995.

However, a \$3 million libel suit against Associate Professor of Biological Sciences Fay Hansen-Smith filed by Chaudhry in Oakland County Circuit Court is still pending before Judge Alice Gilbert. Chaudhry claims Hansen-Smith tarnished his reputation after circulating a letter to faculty and administrators saying he "risked lives of students, staff, and faculty."

Stephen Landau, Chaudhry's attorney in the suit filed against Hansen-Smith, commented on the OU arbitration saying, "Dr. Chaudhry never did anything wrong. In my own opinion, if anyone's at fault, it's the university."

Champagne where he was called upon to help different departments of the university that were experiencing problems.

He doesn't waste time longing for the past though. Throughout his career, Connellan has been one to keep moving and achieving. Since coming to OU, he has also continued his education completing a Master of Political Science and then a Ph.D. in Higher Education in at U-M.

Outside of his busy work schedule, Connellan also finds time to relax by playing golf, racquetball, jogging, working in his garden, and especially traveling to unique locales with his wife, Cathy, a Troy Schools administrator.

Last summer their major trip was to El Salvador where they participated in a Habitat for Humanity project building homes for people who lost theirs in the civil war. They also have participated in several Earth Watch trips including a visit to Hong Kong to study monkeys and their most recent trip this year to the rain forests of Brazil to study medicinal plants.

"It gives you a much different perspective than the standard tourism route," he said. Back at home he enjoys spending time growing vegetables. He also makes pickles and strawberry jam. He and his wife share their lives with their 9 year old mixed breed terrier, Herc. Connellan also has a 24 year old son, Brian, from a previous marriage.



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## Budget

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that date.

Last December, the board approved \$34 million in design and construction costs for the new facility—\$29 million for the building, \$5 million for design and architectural fees.

The extra \$2 million needed to complete the rec center is expected to come from higher than anticipated interest proceeds from the bonds, additional funds from gift money and the interest rate swap plan, according to OU spokeswoman Sharon Campbell.

"Our investment earnings exceeded projected earnings and thus we have additional funds to invest in the project," said Paul Bissonnette, vice president of finance and administration.

Aldrich says that Bissonnette could have executed a contract with the low bidder, Barton Malow of Southfield, but OU would only be able to spend the amount originally approved at the Dec. 7 meeting.

Aldrich explained that OU has asked Barton Malow, the low bidder, to mobilize in good faith, absent the full contract, so that it can set up its utilities and equipment and begin some site work.

By giving Barton Malow authorization to mobilize, OU is tacitly saying that it is fairly certain that the board will act favorably on the new proposal. That allows the general contractor to begin talking with its subcontractors

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were evacuated. No one is living in the north tower at this time.

Some residents reported that fire alarms in their rooms did not alert them.

"They just came and put the alarms in recently, but it didn't go off," said Shani Turner, communication major. "The only way we knew to leave was because I went out into the hall and saw everyone leaving. No one even knocked on our door."

One student was trapped in a locked elevator in Vandenberg Hall for at least a half hour during the black out. She was brought out unharmed after keys were retrieved to unlock the doors.

Orientaiton students were also being housed overnight in Vandenberg.

Meanwhile faculty in departments such as the sciences were scurrying around for gen-

tractors and keep the project on schedule.

"Mobilization is still within our authority," Bissonnette said.

Last Thursday, Aldrich said that Barton Malow could be on site as early as this week, but no construction is planned for this week.

OU will continue searching for additional ways to keep building costs to a minimum to help ensure the rec center stays within the amended budget set by the Board, Aldrich said.

Altering the arena's arched roof to a peaked roof represented the biggest price slash, and opting for generic instead of custom finishes and shapes helped to lower the total cost.

"The arched roofing would require custom-ordered steel, whereas a peaked roof is more typical, similar, and more companies will then be able to bid on its construction, which will bring the cost down," Aldrich said.

The skylighting above the pool was scrapped in favor of a lighting system incorporating windows in the upper portions of the outside wall running the length of the pool.

Aldrich explained that this modification will save \$250,000 without affecting the athletic or recreational programs while still keeping a source of natural light.

The changes that will be introduced will not affect the life-span of the facility, but will only reduce cost, she said.

"It's the difference between a marble tile and linoleum," Bissonnette said.

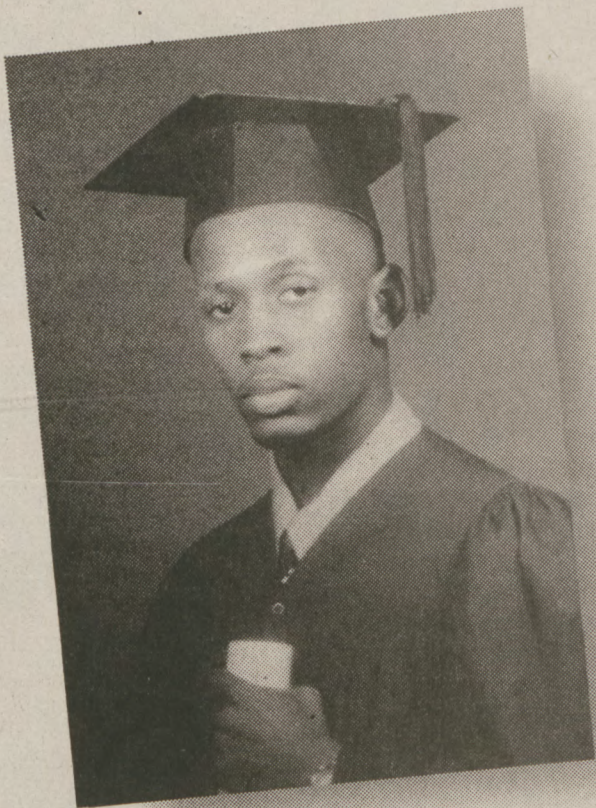
erators as their emergency backup power systems wore down as the blackout continued beyond backup life.

"I don't think any (experiments) were lost," said President Gary Russi. "We are going to commission a large study tomorrow about what it would take to get permanent backup up for the entire system."

Students were also evacuated from the library as the lack of electricity prevented them from continued use of the facilities.

When the lights flickered in the OC, many student organizations were forced to shut down as well as the Bookcenter. Members of WXOU had to postpone an important staff meeting scheduled to be held last night while others borrowed flash lights and lit candles to see The Oakland Post move operations to another location in order to meet deadline.

Post staff contributed to this story.



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# CAMPUS NEWS

## Marketing plan targets potential students

By JAIME SHELTON  
News Editor

Orientation and Admissions staff are both predicting another record setting enrollment this Fall well in excess of last year's 3.3 % increase to 13,600 students.

And at least part of that growth could be attributed to an aggressive enrollment strategy launched last October.

But growth without quality has its downside and that's what the new program hopes to offset.

With the start of the latest enrollment management program, OU is now researching ways to

recruit top students and keep current students coming back, much like ivy league schools have done for decades.

One of the goals of the program is to increase not only the number but also the quality of students enrolled, said Robert Johnson, associate vice president for the enrollment management program and director of admissions.

"We would like to have more students who would like to attend than we have slots for. This will make the overall entering students more competitive and increase the quality of the students, and I think quality is very important," said Johnson.

Until the program began in October 1995, OU did not have any program aimed at retaining students. It could take another 14-20 months for this plan to be really effective because of the amount of data needed to be collected, Johnson said.

The program consists of five areas:

(Gathering information through marketing research and demographic studies to determine the needs and wants of students and provide a better understanding for a more targeted approach in recruiting.

(Increasing technology through computers and software which are able to manage the information collected from the studies. This state of the art

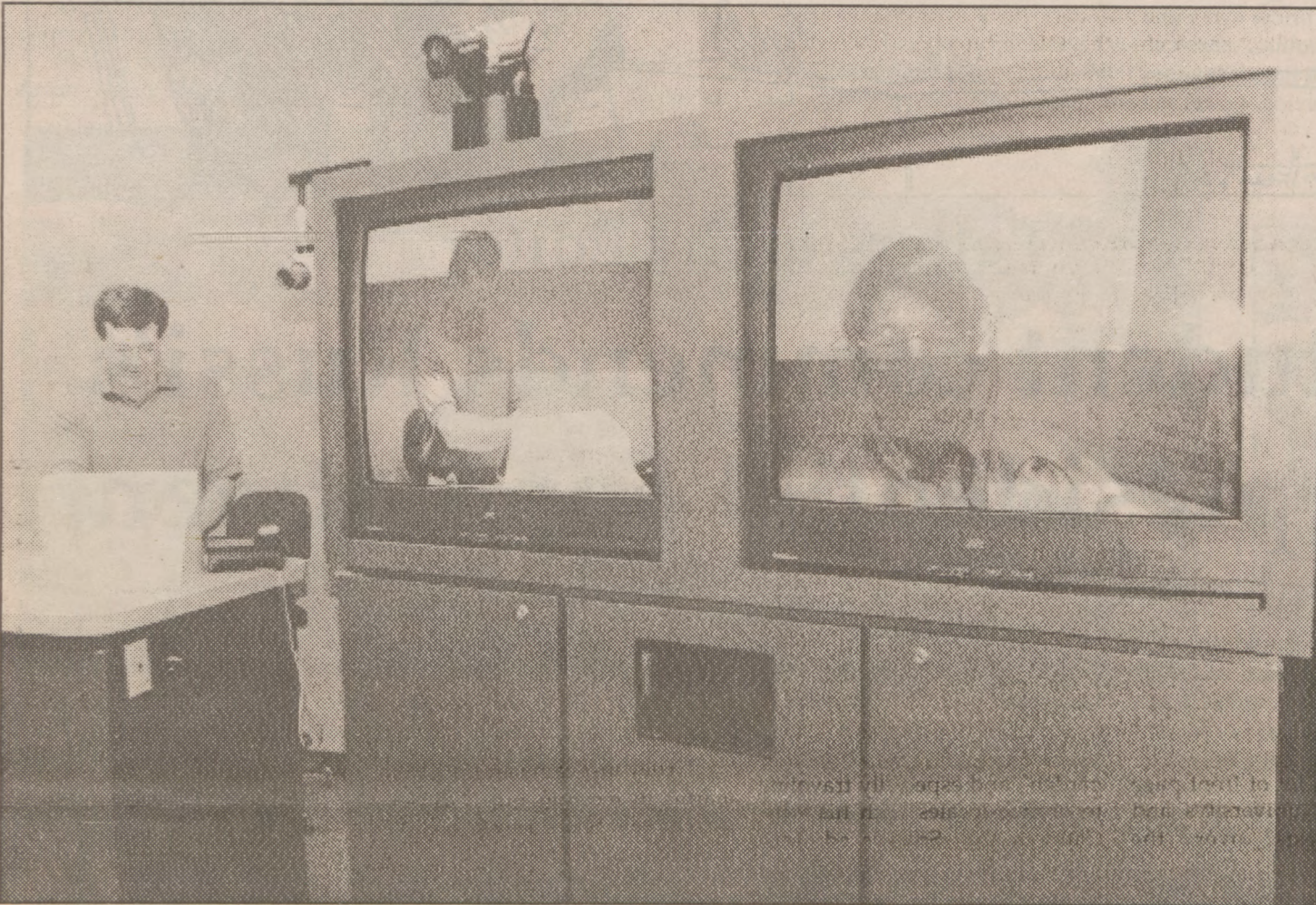
technology should enable OU to track its students from the time they enroll to the time they graduate.

(Developing a marketing plan directed to help OU in recruitment, enrollment, retention and graduation of students. A final draft of the plan is expected around mid-September.

Currently, there are 12 zip codes throughout Macomb County which need to have a more targeted marketing approach, said Johnson, and options are being discussed to improve the marketing in these areas.

(Establishing a Student Success Committee to address customer service to the students. The

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EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION: George Preisinger tests the Distance learning Lab equipment in O'Dowd Hall.

## Technology makes new classes more accessible

By LEE MCPHERSON  
Staff Writer

Distance learning, which may encompass anything from simple correspondence courses to classes taught via the Internet, is now in full swing at OU.

John Tower, associate dean of the School of Business

Administration, is hopeful OU can serve as a fill-up station on the information superhighway for students wishing to enhance their education. Through the distance learning programs, OU would make use of a wide range of interactive technologies to reach students who may never set foot on campus.

Tower is part of an 11 person Distance Learning Committee task force. The group's report, a 14-step plan for the implementation of an expansive distance learning system, was commissioned by President Gary Russi.

For Tower, the key issues are the expansion of OU's student body and the exploration of the means by which a student learns best. Tower said that this may result in an acceleration or deceleration of the learning process because students will not necessarily be locked into a traditional university setting.

Currently, there are three stations either completed or in progress that are designated for distance learning:

• A fully-functional facility in room 214 O'Dowd Hall, completed and in service.

• A Varner Hall classroom in the television studio, a week away from completion. Under the supervision of George Preisinger of the Instructional Technology Center, the second classroom will be developed and ready for a

full roster of Fall classes.

• A mobile site that is on order, but probably will not be delivered for another month. It has been designated for use beginning Winter 1997 as part of the French department's attempt to link North America with France, through the University of Orleans.

The classrooms have been funded in part by grants from TCI cable and Chrysler, totaling about \$38,000. Each fixed classroom setting costs about \$70,000, with the mobile facilities costing \$15,000.

There are 12 classes slated to be part of the distance learning initiative this fall, including classes in history, communications, Spanish, nursing and sociology.

Some classes will be taught in conjunction with Northwest Michigan College in Traverse City, as both sites will be connected through a cable link-up. An MIS special topics course on Web-page development is scheduled to be taught Saturday mornings via TCI cable (channel 74).

"Students will be able to sit down with a cup of coffee on a Saturday morning, turn on the television, and take a class in the comfort of their family room," Tower explained.

Moreover, Tower would like to see OU make use of a number of media in order to broaden the distance learning effort.

"The key is to keep learning about what's out there, like the Internet, because there is so much change," Tower said. "Students need to know the technology, and distance learning is a piece of this."

## Professors dispute Distance Learning benefits

By JAIME SHELTON  
News Editor

As the distance learning programs kick off another year, new courses will be offered to allow OU students to interact with students from other universities. Though many believe this new technology will only enhance OU and its classes, some caution the growth of these programs.

"I think the university is very much heading in the right direction," said David Jaymes, professor of French and chairperson of the Modern Languages and Literature Department, a pioneer in interactive learning at OU.

"This (new technology) will make (students) want to come to class, I think. It will mean students will work with students and instructors abroad. It doesn't mean they will be working with an instructor who is a machine,"

Jaymes added.

For some of the distance learning classes, students are able to attend class in front of their own television sets. With the cooperation of TCI cable, students who receive the cable service can take notes in the comfort of their own abode.

Assistant Professor of Sociology Kevin Early said that the distance learning programs are giving students a new avenue of classes to explore, but they should not replace the traditional classroom experience, which he believes is just as important.

"It's the way of the future. It's an excellent marketing strategy for the university (by attracting non-traditional students and students in other areas of the state)," Early said.

But he also offered words of caution.

"As we become more technical, we

become less personal. Interaction is crucial in learning," he added. He also questioned the interaction of students who are camera shy and the lack of personal contact with other students and professors.



Post Photo: Patty Young

**LEARNING OVERSEAS: Professor David Jaymes is hopeful a new Distance Learning course will link the U.S.A. to France.**

### OC Break-in

Custodial equipment valued at \$200 was stolen from a closet between the hours of 4 pm on Aug. 4 and 7:30 am on Aug. 5.

According to the police, OC Building Supervisor Paul Vardich said that there was no forced entry and that a key was used to get in the building.

A vacuum cleaner with "Oakland University" engraved on the handle was the only item stolen.

At this time, there are no suspects in the case.

### Suspicious Vehicle Leads to Arrest

OU Police arrested a woman with an outstanding misdemeanor warrant from Pontiac on Aug. 7.

Tenisha Rodgers was sitting in a parked car in the Vandenberg Hall dock. Her two small children were with her in the car.

The youngest child's father took the children before Rodgers was taken into custody. Since Rodgers could not post

bail, she was taken to the Oakland County Jail.

### Suspect Arrested

The Oakland County Prosecutor issued two felony warrants for larceny and one for a misdemeanor larceny



against a former OU custodian, Kimberly Nutkins of Auburn Hills for thefts from an office in Vandenberg Hall in June. She pleaded not guilty. Her bond was set at \$5,000 for each charge.

### Money Missing

Money was reported stolen from an open file cabinet in an athletic department trailer between the hours of 5 p.m. Aug. 5 and 9 a.m. Aug. 9.

Four employees work in the trailer, and any visitor would have easy access to the \$45.

### Generator Stolen

A \$500 generator was stolen from the construction site of the new science and engineering building.

The Coleman generator, spray painted blue, was kept in a storage trailer on the site. There are no suspects.

### OUPD Crime Report on the Internet

The annual Campus Safety Report is now available on the Internet. OU Police Chief Richard Leonard encourages all students to read the report. The OU Police Department's Internet home page address is <http://mirage.otus.oakland.edu/oupd/oupd.htm>.

## Chaudhry successful in second attempt against OU

By JAIME SHELTON  
News Editor

More than two years after former OU president Sandra Packard suspended him without pay, an independent arbitrator ruled that Biology faculty member G. Rasul Chaudhry deserved nothing more than a written reprimand from OU for conducting experiments related to HIV in a general use lab.

After 14 days of testimony over past year and 24 witnesses later, Arbitrator Robert McCormick said in a 90-page report issued in late June, "... that the only basis for discipline in this matter was Dr. Chaudhry's tardy description of his HIV research to the biosafety committee, the penalty in this case was grossly disproportionate to his infraction and must be substantially modified."

Chaudhry was suspended from OU without pay or benefits from November 1994 - August 1995 when students and faculty's concerns were investigated by the OU biosafety committee, which later found him guilty of scientific misconduct through his research of HIV in a Dodge Hall multi-user lab 1992-1993.

Besides his suspension, Chaudhry

also had to stop all his campus research and was not allowed to apply for external research grants until May 1996. He also could not be considered for a promotion to full professor until Fall 1998.

McCormick said that OU was more to blame for its failure to supervise the use being put to its labs than was Chaudhry. The arbitrator found fault with him only for his tardiness to respond and provide truthful answers to the university's biosafety committee's questions.

For that reason, McCormick said OU had to pay Chaudhry income and benefits withheld while suspended. OU can, however, "... issue Dr. Chaudhry a written reprimand for his failure to respond promptly to requests from the biosafety committee and other university employees inquiring into his use of HIV."

Though seven complaints were brought to the biosafety committee, only three were considered to be supported by enough evidence, by that committee to recommend suspension of Chaudhry.

• Failure to obtain authorized permission to experiment with live HIV,

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EDITOR'S VIEW

OU should hold the line on Rec Center

With the Recreation Center bids coming in higher than expected, some around campus are beginning to sneer and think that perhaps OU bit off more than it could chew when it decided to take on the multi-million dollar project.

However, people often forget that rarely does any proposed estimate come as predicted. Remember your last visit to your friendly, neighborhood mechanic, or worse your dealer's service department?

Why should a high-tech, much needed athletic facility be any different?

Okay, so OU had some caviar and champagne tastes. We'll be content with some root beer and pretzels if the facility comes out even close to what's been planned.

The cuts contemplated thus far are merely cosmetic--changing the size of the bricks or eliminating a domed roof over the swimming pool. They will have little or no affect on the quality of the facility for participating and viewing athletics.

Unfortunately these cuts will not reduce the costs enough to put the price tag back where originally budgeted. Other solutions are being considered.

Some students have voiced concerns that the recent tuition increase was directly related to funding the project. That's simply not true.

The tuition increase was approved by the Board of Trustees two years ago with a pledge that the increase would be rolled back if the state allocated more funding for Oakland.

Though there was a marginal increase in funding it was not enough to offset inflationary costs of salaries, benefits and a growing enrollment.

In addition, a lot of work--like the residence halls parking lots--had been put on hold. The lots were as pitted as the moon's surface. This summer has seen a virtual blitzkrieg of activity on campus.

So no money was or could be squirreled away to cover cost overruns for the proposed Rec Center.

The current generation of students (unless they are on the six year plus plan) won't foot the bill anyway. OU, like the government, has pledged the money of future students to pay off the bonds.

Hopefully, OU will be able to find some other ways to bring in money.

After all, OU just won the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's Circle of Excellence Award for its fundraising efforts last year. This year's efforts should focus on the Rec Center. A great deal of efforts have already been made for the new Science and Engineering Building. Surely the swimmers and basketball players are as important to the institution as the science labs. Which alums will contribute more in the future?

The next two years may be frustrating as athletic teams are shifted to alternate space and construction sites snarl traffic on the roads.

But eventually it will pay off, and OU will have a center to be proud to show off to visiting schools and prospective students.

If, and it is very BIG IF, OU holds sacrosanct the integrity of the building as it was designed. A few bells and whistles can be eliminated, but not all.

OPINION



Letters to the Editor

Student commends Russi's presidential appointment

Dear Editor;

I am writing on behalf of many Oakland University students who wish to express concern over the way the Board of Trustees has picked our new president.

Our concern is not with the board's decision or the process by which they reached that decision, but rather our concerns lie with the lack of support for the recipient of our highest honor, Dr. Russi, by the Oakland University community.

The students at Oakland University (remember us?) have been without a president for over a year and a half. To some people it might not be a big deal, but to others it is a case of embarrassment.

Think of us, for the past year and a half we have been leaderless, without direction, without a captain for our ship of sails. Oakland now has one of the finest administrators at the helm of our budding university and still we can not find something positive to say.

Ms. Hedquist's remark in the June 12 Editor's View, noting that the past few months a once, "smiling, publicly affable" Russi has turned into a "remote and isolated, non-responsive" president is grossly unfair

under the circumstances surrounding his appointment. Ask yourself Ms. Hedquist, if your appointment to Editor in Chief of The Oakland Post was as publicly denounced as Dr. Russi's, would you be smiling and publicly affable?

This man has done nothing to upset any of us. Dr. Russi has devoted a great part of his life to serving the people he seems to hold above all... his students.

As for a public forum held by Dr. Russi? That would be nice, if only we could agree on the place. The professors would like it in a union hall. The Trustees would like it held behind closed doors. And the students? We would just like to see our new president.

Good luck Dr. Russi, you do have some people who support you.

Very Truly,

Derek Smiertka  
Senior  
Public Administration

Students considered  
Russi's main priority

OU Gives Positive Image to Visitors

Dear Editor;

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Oakland University for its involvement with its surrounding communities.

Speaking from the perspective of a student at another university, I find that Oakland has done much to dispel the myth of institutions of higher learning as unapproachable and isolated.

Perhaps the term, "town-gown relations" is too narrow in its connotations to help define Oakland University's relationship with Metropolitan Detroit, but their relationship is indeed mutually beneficial.

The university provides an opportunity for local residents to learn and work, full or part time, and is receptive to the needs of students from Metro-Detroit who attend universities elsewhere, allowing them to take classes from Oakland or make use of the library during the summer months.

Likewise, the university hosts theatre productions and concerts that bring together students, local residents, corporations and art councils.

Thus, Oakland University has played an integral part in the positive development of Metropolitan Detroit and should be acknowledged for its efforts to bring about a sense of community, not isolation.

Sincerely,

Rachel E. Allen  
Senior  
History, Ohio Wesleyan University

Psychology Professor Praised

Dear Editor;

I just wanted to give a hand to a great professor we have here at OU. Professor Harvey Burdick, in the psychology department really gives great meaning to the word teacher.

Although I have only had Burdick for one semester and only in an entry level psychology class, he showed me another side of the learning process which takes place at a university.

Through vibrant speaking and through use of mandatory participation by all students in the class, Burdick really drove the message home. Thank you professor Burdick for your work and style in teaching.

Roger W. McGarry  
Junior  
Anthropology

Be sure not to miss  
The Oakland Post's  
Welcome Back Issue  
Sept. 4

FYI  
OU's next  
Board of Trustees  
meeting will be  
Aug. 30 at 9:30 a.m.



# FEATURES

## Automotive excellence celebrates 18th year

By SUE YAX and PATTY YOUNG  
Features Editor and Photo Editor

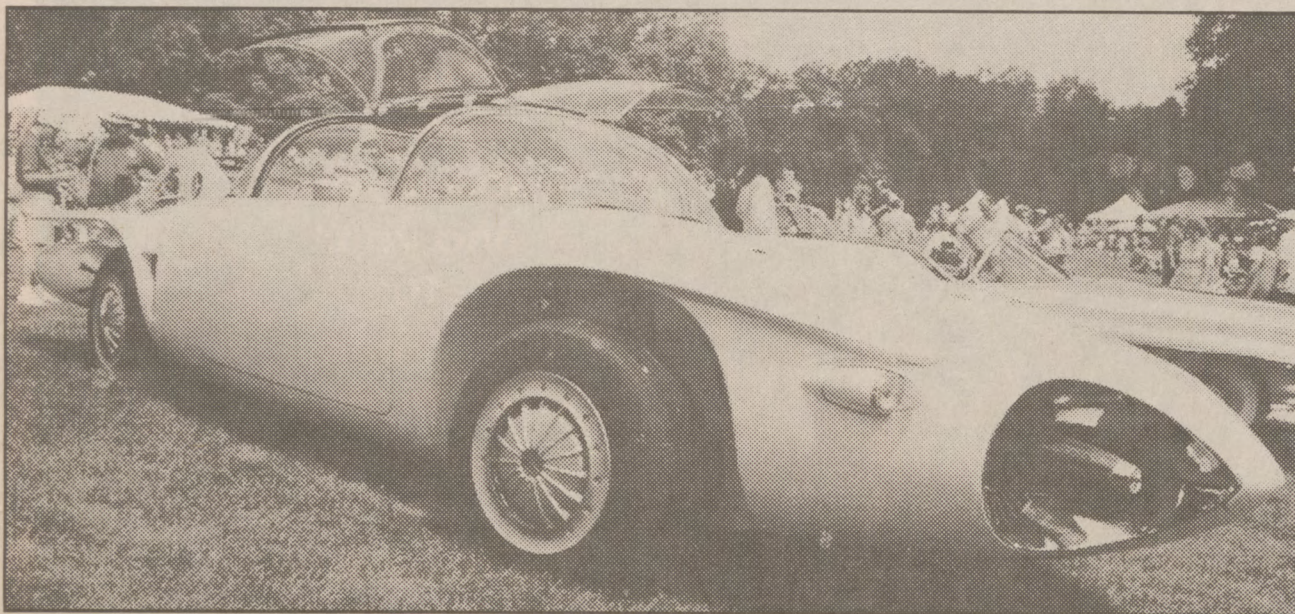
Droves of people cruised the 1,400 acre Meadow Brook Estate August 4 to commemorate the Centennial of the American Automobile and the 18th Annual Concours d'Elegance.

The classic car show, featured 60 vintage representing automobiles from each decade from 1896-1969.

"These were the most desirable and sought after cars (in their era) in America, the cars everyone wanted, the cars they dreamed of owning," said Dave Hollis, Meadow Brook Car Selection Committee Co-Chairman.

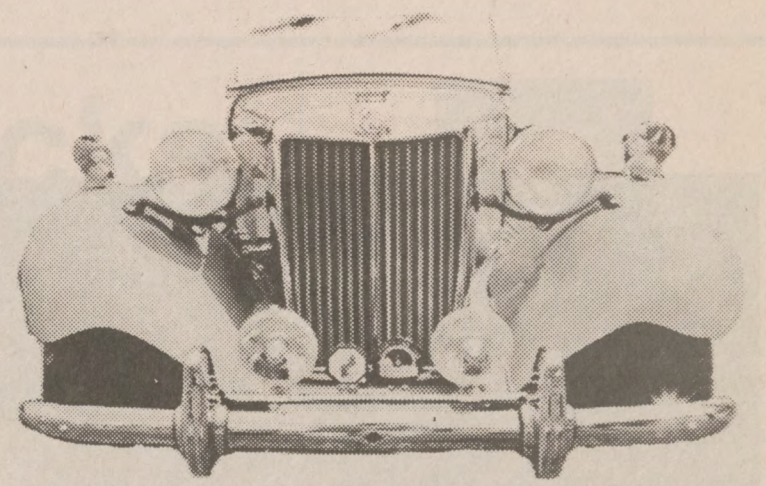
Also showcased were 200 classic vehicles representing a wide variety of makes, models and years.

Taking off with the Governor's Trophy for Best of Show was Arturo Keller of California with a 1928 Mercedes Benz SS Castagna.



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CAR OF THE FUTURE or blast from the past? This 1955 Firebird looks ready to be driven in the next century, but actually has been around for more than 40 years.



show for several years.

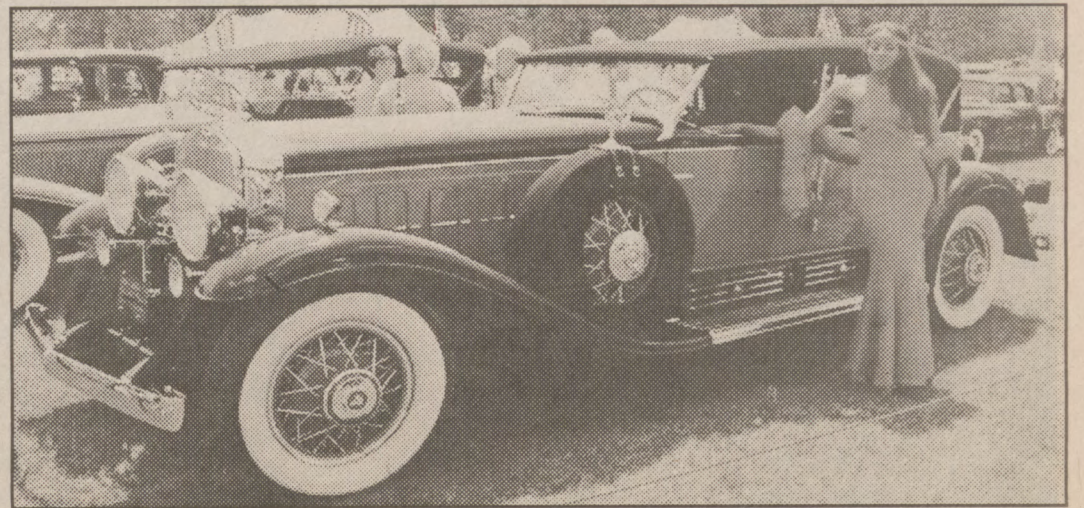
Steve Dakin, 29, of Fruitport, Mich., shared Dean's excitement. "It's awesome," Dakin said. "This is something you don't get to see everyday."

Another Concours attendee, Robert Jones, 40, of Troy has attended the show for six years and looks forward to the yearly event.

"It's just great to see the cars from all the different eras and styles," Jones said.

"We come for the love of cars. It's great to see all the different ones on display," Robert said. "We usually come to the (vintage sports car) races (in nearby Clarkston), but this is just as nice. I think it's wonderful. We even met old friends here."

All proceeds from the event are used to maintain and preserve Meadow Brook Hall.



TOUCH OF CLASS: Model, Anna Dean, shows off one of the many classic cars that were displayed at the 18th annual Concours D'Elegance. Dean is a regular participant in the event.

## Dance sensation sweeping nation

By SUE YAX  
Features Editor

Been to a wedding or club lately only to hear a Latin rhythm start and see hundreds of people scramble to make it to the dance floor?

Wonder what all the fuss is about?

It's the Macarena.

The hottest dance to hit the scene since the Hustle in the '70's.

"It's very popular right now on the radio, as well as on the club scene," said Tom O'Brien, Program Director Q 95-5.

The Macarena can be seen being performed just about anywhere, from baseball games to clubs to wedding receptions.

Local radio station, Q 95-5, sponsored dance contests at Industry in Pontiac and just recently hosted a contest to have the Q-crew teach the winners the Macarena at their wedding reception.

Still not sure what the Macarena is? Don't feel bad, even though the dance has been out for more than a year it is just recently gaining popularity, and it's spreading like wild fire.

The original version of the song was recorded in 1993 by Spanish artists Los Del Rio.

It didn't really catch on in the states until the Bayside Boys, Florida DJ's, remixed it with English lyrics.

It is now such a hit that many different versions are available by different artists.

To add to the confusion, Los Del Rio, recorded the original but another group named Los Del Mar also has a version of the Macarena, to make matters more confusing there are the 10 or more different mixes of



the Bayside Boys version.

Confused yet?

Two of the Bayside Boys versions are probably the ones that are being heard played on most radio stations as they have been holding the #1 and #3 spot on *BillBoard* charts for the past few weeks.

The dance is very easy to learn, and features basic steps that are repeated over and over.

To dance the Macarena, basic arm moves are used and just a little (or a lot, depending on the person) bit of swaying of the hips. Add a little hop and the dance is

done!

Sound a little too easy?

Two dance instructors will be coming to OU to teach the dance.

As part of the Patio Concert Series starting the first week of Fall classes, Bob and Deanna, (local dance instructors from Macomb) will be teaching the Macarena along with other line dances on Sept. 4 from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Hopefully it will be a fun way to start the year," said Paul Franklin, Coordinator of Campus Programs.

"This is the first time to my knowledge that audience members will be encouraged to (fully) participate," said Franklin.

"It's the current trend and a lot of people are having a lot of fun doing it," Franklin added.

"Like any other fad, it will die out. And die hard," said O'Brien.

O'Brien did mention that a new dance craze is just on the horizon that will hit just about the time the Macarena fizzles out: The Train.

So just when the Macarena is in full swing there will be a new dance sensation to learn.

But in the meantime watch out around OU's campus anytime could be Macarena time!!

## OU Professor earns NEA recognition

By IAN HOUSTON  
Managing Editor

Economics Professor Augustin Fosu was selected president-elect of the National Economic Association (NEA) last winter semester.

He will take over as president for a one year term January 1.

The NEA is an organization of more than 500 black economists representing countries world wide.

"I was very surprised and honored," said Fosu. "I never expected to be chosen. They called me in Ethiopia to give me the news," he said.

Fosu was in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Ghana last winter semester, as one of two external reviewers of the collaborative master's of economics program that is taught at 20 participating universities across Africa.

"It was a special privilege to go to Africa," said Fosu.

During his 3 1/2-week stay, he reviewed curricula and interviewed deans, faculty, students and top administrators at six of the programs participating universities. "I was quite impressed," he said.

Though he says there is still a "critical" need for people with specialized knowledge and skills to assist developing countries.

"They need new ideas to set the process moving, and often it's the economist who can help create new ideas for a country," he said.

Fosu's international perspective and his long term involvement with the NEA is what has earned him this position.

Fosu will serve as the president-elect through the end of this year and then start a two-year term as president. In January, as one of his first duties, he will head the NEA international conference in New Orleans.

The NEA also publishes a monthly journal considered to be one of the leading ethnic

**"OU is a rough diamond... Unfortunately, a lot of people don't know about it."**

**Augustin Fosu  
Economics Professor**

journals in the field and has become a strong organization for the exchange of ideas in the more than 25 years since it was founded.

"Because economic issues go far beyond the US, such as unemployment, underemployment, disparity in earning and affirmative action, economists in other countries have joined the NEA for common goals," he added.

The new appointment will not require Fosu to curtail his activities at OU.

This fall, Fosu becomes the chair of Department of Economics. He served as the

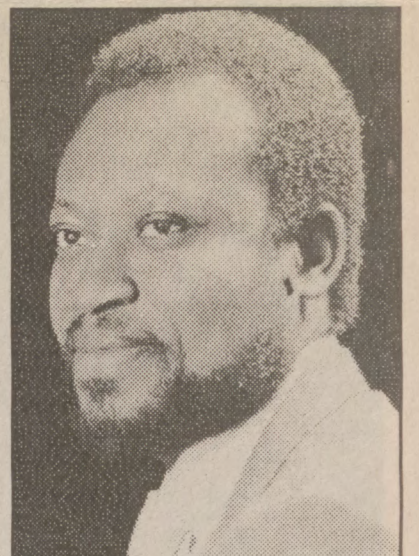


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**OU PROFESSOR HONORED:** Augustin Fosu, named new president of NEA and Chair of Economics Department.

acting chair in 1991.

Born in a tiny village about seven miles outside of Kumasi, Ghana, Fosu first came to the United States at the age of 16 as one of six foreign exchange students from Ghana in the first year of the American Field Service program.

For the program he spent a year attending high school in Milwaukee, Wisconsin before returning to finish his last year at home. With help from a peace corp teacher in his school he was able to apply to attend college at Lawrence University in Wisconsin where he was accepted with a full scholarship. He's lived in the US since then.

Fosu received his undergraduate degree with honors in mathematics and economics from Lawrence University. He earned his masters and doctorate in economics from Northwestern University, where he also earned a certificate in African Studies.

He was hired as an assistant professor of economics in 1979. He was promoted to full professor in 1993.

"OU is a rough diamond," said the 45 year old professor.

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# SPORTS

## Sports department unpacks

*Lepley officially closes tomorrow in anticipation of construction*

By CHRIS TAIT  
Sports Editor

Construction preparation has divided the athletic department into two groups: those who had to move and those who didn't.

Trailers parked behind the new science and engineering building will serve as temporary offices for those forced to move.

Most of the staff is still unpacking and getting adjusted to their new surroundings.

"Well, it's trailer life. I've got every critter nesting under my trailer," Athletics Director Jack Mehl joked.

People moved or stayed depending

on where they were located or their duties.

"We tried to keep as many people together as possible. There's no reason to move the swimming people because the pool will be up and running. And Steve Lyon is the facility manager so he had to stay," Mehl said.

Women's Swimming Coach Tracy Huth is one of the coaches that will remain in Lepley.

The main drawback for Huth will be the separation from the secretarial staff because of the administrative duties that he performs in addition to his regular coaching duties.

For most the move will be a two-year sacrifice, but for Volleyball Coach Dan Schulte it is a step up because he will get

an office instead of a tiny cubicle.

"It's a better situation having more room and being able to talk with my players. An office is an office, but I definitely like it better," Schulte said.

Schulte felt that the hardest thing about the move was taking the time to pack, move and then unpack.

"We're a little scattered out, but I think that all of the coaches have a good attitude and are looking forward to the fact that we're making the steps. And that is exciting," Schulte said.

So far things have gone smoothly but after all of the shuffling that has gone on a few snags wouldn't be a surprise.

"I think that our job will be ironing out the bugs for the first few months," Schulte said.

Schulte and part-time coaches will share a trailer; Athletic Business Manager Ronald Forbes, Sports Information Director Andy Glantzman, and the secretarial staff will share another;

Women's Basketball Coach Bob Taylor will share a trailer with the soccer coaches; and Mehl will share a trailer with the office manager and the conference room.

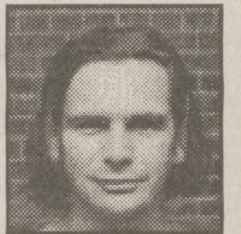
Taylor said that he hasn't had enough time to adjust to his new office, but said that he will miss not being able to step out of his office and into the gym.

"I always miss being around the gym. I know that I'll miss being near the gym," Taylor said.

One of the biggest disadvantages or negatives about the move for the coaches and staff, will be the fact that they are physically cut off from Lepley and the sports bubble.

For the most part however, nobody can complain when they look at the reasons for the shuffling.

"We're in our temporary digs, and we've got a brand new house being built. This is no big deal. We can handle it," Mehl said.



Chris Tait

*OU looks to the future through the Athletics program and the Rec center*

Scanning the road map ahead, the athletics department finds itself very aware of an approaching crossroads.

The signposts grow in size and importance every week now that site work for the athletic and recreation center has started.

The signposts have taken many forms in the past year, including: the selection of a new university President, the hiring of a new athletics director, the selling of \$26 million in bonds, and the purchase of a temporary facility to house the basketball and volleyball teams in for the next two years.

The rumor mill has pumped out scenarios of a Pioneer NCAA Division I sports squad in the form of either a football or hockey team.

For now both of these possibilities are simply jewels shining in the heavens for OU, but they are part of the department's vision and goal.

That dream, shared by the department and the university, is to make athletics the doorway to the future.

Talking with Athletics Director Jack Mehl about the direction and aim of OU, he said: "One of the things that I started when I first got here was trying to look at what athletics was evolving into. And one of the challenges that I've had this year is to focus athletics through the strategic plan, and to bring the strategic plan to life in athletics."

"There is a blue print for how this university is going to evolve. Once you have a blueprint then you take a department like the athletic department and try to make a contribution."

With the arrival of The Pioneer Dome in Lepley's northwest parking lot, only a fool would refuse to see the trail that OU has started down.

Mehl explained that one of things that is going to happen in the next 12-18 months is that the trustees and the administration will pick the materials to use to implement the blueprint.

"What those materials are is the process that we're in right now ... clearly intercollegiate athletics is a material or resource that can make a contribution to the strategic plan."

One of those materials is the new rec center, which even before it is finished, begs for attention even if the attention is the sticker shock from its \$37 million price tag.

There are critics who say that the university should focus purely on academics, but I say that this is a time where OU decided to put its (and our) money where our mouths are.

People look at OU, close their eyes and wait for U-M or MSU to appear. Students wear Wolverine and Spartan sweatshirts, envious of the high-profile image of those schools.

If for that reason alone, OU decided to build a facility that will be the envy of the local community. And, more importantly, the school hopes that this will entice a stronger sense of a university community.

Looking at that 1996 Michigan road map, U-M and MSU rival each other for space; crowding out OU and its aspirations of grandeur.

The powers to be see these things and they want to send a message to the community and the students: OU is taking the next step.

Unfortunately for OU, it doesn't have an Ann Arbor or an East Lansing to call its own.

If OU is to reach the next level, Pontiac must continue to revamp its image, so Pioneers have a place to call home. And would want to.

## Macker moves to Pine Knob

By CHRIS TAIT  
Sports Editor

Let the games begin.

This year the Gus Macker Three-on-Three Tournament originally scheduled for Aug. 24-25 at OU will be held at Pine Knob Music Theatre Sept. 7-8 because of parking lot construction on campus and wording in the contract.

In June it looked as if the tournament would not happen at all, but Gus Macker and OU reached an agreement to take a break for a year.

Paul Bissonnette, vice president of finance and administration, said that parking lot construction was the main reason the tournament had to be moved this year.

"It is a really good year to clean up the contract. ... We wanted it to be more of a partnership. We didn't want to be taking all of the risk," Bissonnette said.

He added that the net impact of the event on the sports department was about \$25,000 a year when it was on campus.

Normally the event was staffed by the women's basketball team and other Pioneer squads, but this year Pine Knob will handle most of the staffing.

Gus Macker President of Operations Mitch McNeil said that because OU is not staffing the event it will not receive its regular donation.

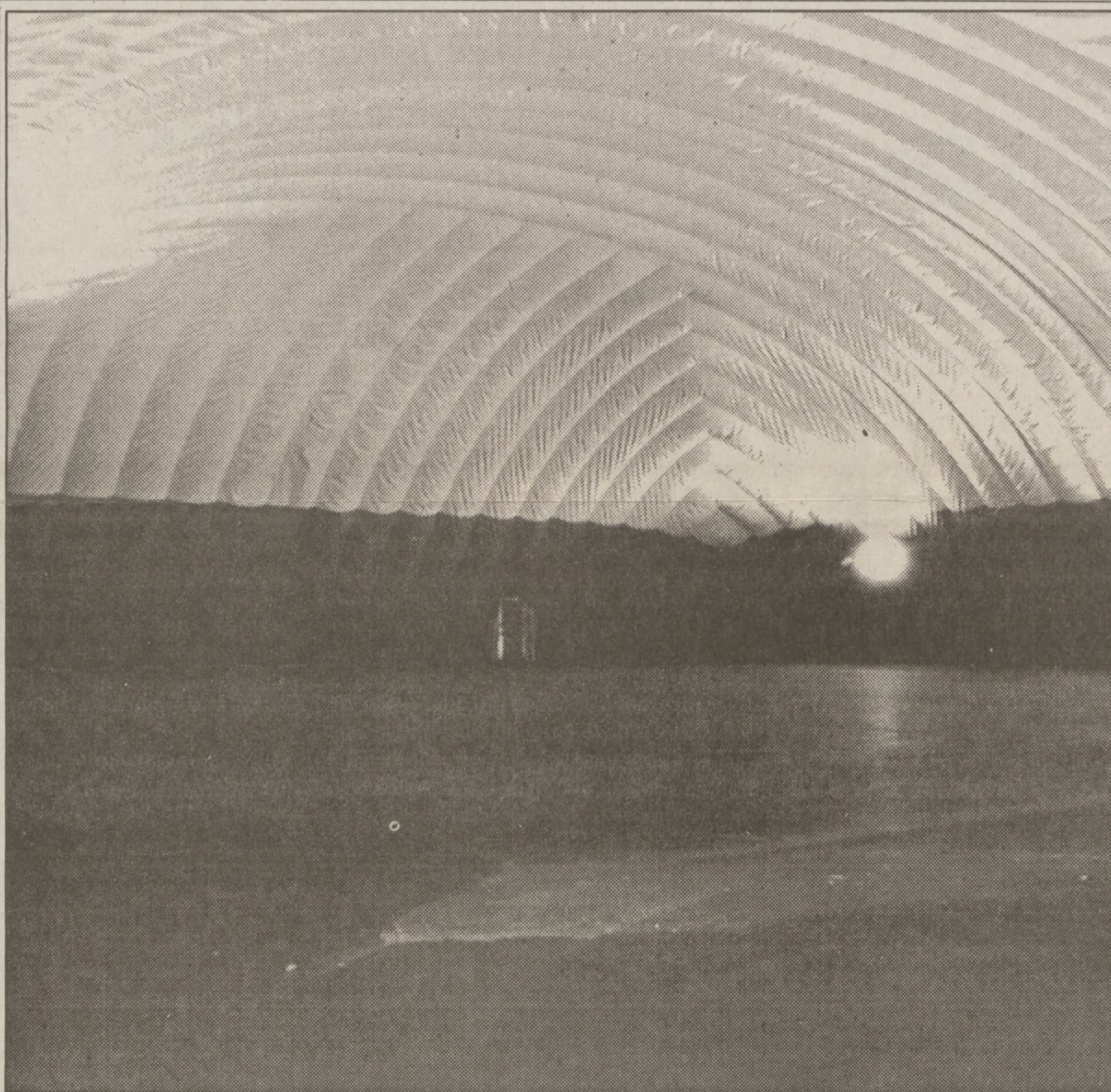
McNeil explained that normally the amount of money was based on the manpower supplied, but since Pine Knob is handling that aspect of the tournament the sports department will not receive that revenue.

Originally, the tournament was brought on campus as a fund raiser for the women's basketball team by Women's Head Basketball Coach Bob Taylor.

He explained that usually the contract was between Gus Macker and OU, but this year it is between Gus Macker and Pine Knob.

"We worked out a way to hold the university harmless, but still get the money out of it. Our whole thing was that this was a sabbatical - that was the word that we used."

"After all of the bills are paid, women's basketball will get the rest. We are not going to get as much money as in the past," Taylor said.



Post Photo/Patty Young

**HOME DOME:** The air-supported bubble was inflated Aug. 6 and will house the volleyball and basketball teams for the next two years while the new sports and recreation center is being built. It will feature a borrowed Detroit Pistons' basketball court from the Silverdome and should seat an estimated 500 people.

## Sports dome installed

By CHRIS TAIT  
Sports Editor

The bubble has landed.

And it will stay for the next two years as the transition from the Lepley Sports Center of old to the one of tomorrow begins.

"The bubble is kind of a half step between Lepley as it is and what the new facility will be," said Athletics Director Jack Mehl.

After the parking lot was stripped down, a patch of asphalt was poured and then the bubble

itself was brought in.

The bubble was inflated Aug. 6 and the basketball court was assembled by the women's basketball and volleyball teams Monday.

After a closer look, the structure begins to resemble another air-supported structure several miles to the west.

Mehl explains: "We are borrowing the floor and the backboards from the Silverdome."

The close quarters of the bubble will tighten up the crowd and could make it an intimidating place for

visiting teams to play.

The facility should seat an estimated 500 people.

The bubble is certain to create a sense of excitement and expectation, especially when the Pioneers take to the Detroit Pistons' old Silverdome basketball court.

"I think that it will heighten everybody's anticipation for the new building. That bubble goes up and finally there's something tangible that you can look at and say that it's starting to happen. Now things are moving," Mehl said.

## Volleyball team kicks off fall season

By CHRIS TAIT  
Sports Editor

The women's volleyball team kicks off the fall 1996 Pioneer sports season with a trip to the Indianapolis Capitol Classic at Indiana-Purdue Aug. 30 - Sept. 1.

The men's soccer squad charges onto the grass for its opener versus U-M at Rochester High School Aug. 31.

That leaves the responsibility for opening the Pioneer season at home to the women's soccer program which faces GLIAC rival, Ashland University Sept. 4.

Then "Bubble Ball" hits campus when the volleyball team hosts Mankato State University Sept. 6 for the first game ever played in the new sports bubble.

Getting into full swing, Sept. 7 the

volleyball team faces the University of Charleston in the morning and Northern Kentucky University in the evening.

Also that afternoon, the women's soccer team hosts the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

The men's soccer team rounds out the week with its Sept. 8 home game against Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.

Then, the Pioneers hit the road for a

stretch of games.

Finally, the women's soccer team returns to Pioneer Field for a matchup against Eastern Michigan University Sept. 17.

The weekend of Sept. 21 signals the men's National Invitational Soccer Classic.

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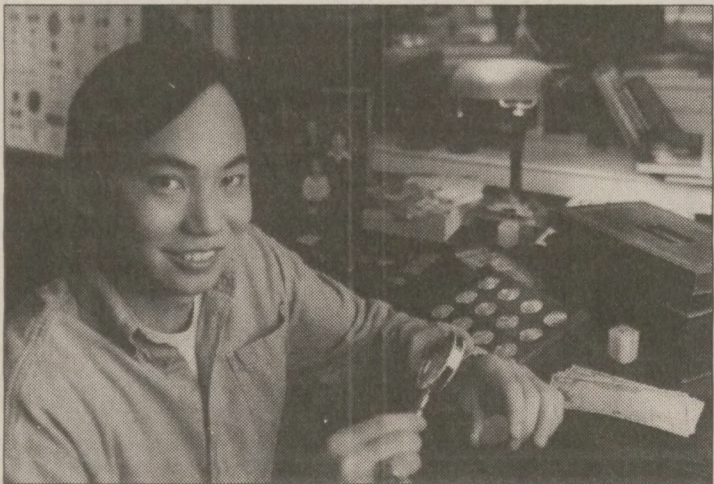
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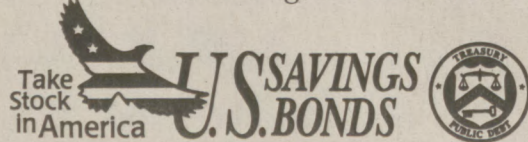
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Smokey is counting on you to build a safe campfire.

1. Dig a small pit away from overhanging branches.
2. Circle the pit with rocks.
3. Clear a five-foot area around the pit down to the soil.
4. Keep a bucket of water and shovel nearby.
5. Stack extra wood upwind and away from the fire.
6. After lighting, do not discard match until it is cold.
7. Never leave a campfire unattended, even for a minute.

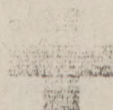
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