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Plant lift



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University grounds workers, Ray Melick(left) and Art Glaser, move a 150-pound Century plant. The plant remains between North and South Foundation Halls during the summer, but is moved to the greenhouse behind Dodge Hall in late fall each year.

Condom availability limited to Graham

By DERRICK LEWIS and WENDY WENDLAND
Staff Writers

Condom sales began at Graham Health Center two weeks ago, but Carol Linington, health coordinator and head nurse, says response hasn't been overwhelming.

Within the first two weeks of sales, four to five dozen packages were sold, according to staff Dr. Patricia Rodgers. But many students stress the sales began with no announcement, and have a limited time frame availability.

The condoms are available during the Graham Health Center's office hours, which are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Some students say such hours are inconvenient.

"The university should give everyone more access to them by having them in vending machines in the bathrooms," said Laura Johnson, senior.

"They should put them in machines in the bathroom, everyone would see you at Graham," said Sonya Rogers, senior.

BUT JACK WILSON, associate vice president for student affairs, doesn't see the limited hours as a problem. "Planning is a part of responsible sexual behavior."

Wilson said the administration may eventually sell condoms somewhere besides Graham, but not until they monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of sales at the health center.

"We'll gather feedback from people...talk to physicians, nurses and look at the indicated number of sexually transmitted diseases on campus reported at the health center."

Wilson said chlamydia is the most commonly reported sexually transmitted disease, and is a concern because of its lack of symptoms.

Wilma Ray-Bledsoe, vice president for student affairs, said the condoms are sold at Graham because they are a health issue.

"Additional services are logical to have there (Graham), and it insures that students who have the opportunity, can consult with doctors and nurses," she said.

RODGERS SAID the university is selling condoms for educational purposes and for the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases, like AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

Rodgers said the health center "shopped around" before deciding what brand of condoms to carry.

"We wanted something not too expensive, but not too cheap either," she said.

Prime, a lubricated, latex brand, is what's available. It's sold in packages of three for \$1.

Students can purchase condoms at the health center from the receptionist or in private, by appointment. Cash is accepted, but students may also put the purchase on account. With the condoms, students receive information about effectiveness and safety condoms provide against sexually transmitted diseases.

Jason Richards, sophomore, questioned why the university approved the sale of condoms in the first place because of the recent controversy over the residence halls guest policy.

"I think it's a good idea to have condoms on campus, but why would they sell condoms when they don't want overnight guests?"

Dow drop affects university pensions

By CATHERINE KAZA
News Editor

The value of one part of the university's major employee pension plan dropped 25.8 percent last week after the record-breaking fall of the Dow Jones Industrial average Oct. 19.

The College Retirement Equities Fund ended Thursday 20.5 percent lower than its Sept. 30 value of \$40.0604.

CREF is linked with Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association, a nonprofit life insurance and annuity company.

TIAA IS A FIXED annuity with a guaranteed rate of interest, based mainly on direct loans, mortgages, bonds and commercial real estate. CREF's annuity varies, since it is based on common domestic and foreign stocks.

Pam Beemer, staff benefits manager, said the university sent \$3.2 million in retirement plan money to the New York firm for the fiscal year ending June 30.

The university contributes nine to 15 percent of base salary, while the individual usually contributes one percent.

In September, employees contributed \$83,300 to TIAA, the university \$296,000.

Presently, 836 university employees participate in the TIAA-CREF plan, according to Beemer. The employees include faculty, clerical-technical workers, food service, administrative professionals and executives.

An employee who has all of his/her investment in CREF can move the entire amount only once into TIAA, although smaller amounts can be moved periodically. Once the investment is moved, it cannot be transferred out, according to Beemer.

CREF'S investment strategy is that it "traces Dow Jones very well," in this case following the decline, said Ronald Tracy, chair of economics.

Opinions varied as to the long-term effect of the sharp stock market decline on CREF and investment strategy among faculty. Tracy said while "there shouldn't be" a lot of people moving stocks from TIAA-CREF there probably will be. "They're wrong," he said.

Claire Sheahan, public information officer and assistant vice president in external affairs for TIAA, said that "CREF savings are safe and sound" despite this week's "volatility."

She said CREF income changes only once a year, reflecting market ups and downs. The next change will be in May, 1988. Meanwhile,

monthly incomes are remaining stable for retired TIAA participants.

TIAA, which she said consists of "fixed money" investments, provides a "buffer, some stability in the economic environment that common stocks are experiencing right now," Sheahan said.

SHEAHAN said while the company has received "a flurry of calls" about transferring funds, many were informational.

While university economics professors don't generally suggest selling funds as soon as its possible, which in CREF's case is the end of the month, many think it will be done anyway.

"I think a lot of people will" move money out from CREF and into TIAA, said assistant professor Sherman Folland. He said people who now have a large percentage of their retirement money in CREF will reconsider.

Tracy said "when you're only allowed one move" there shouldn't be a lot of people moving, but people will "and they're wrong," he said.

Assistant professor Harold Hotelling said it would be a "panicky response" to move from CREF to TIAA at the end of the month.

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Charter board member tells of early days

By WENDY WENDLAND
Editor in Chief

Editor's note: This is the first of a series of articles profiling the eight board of trustees members.

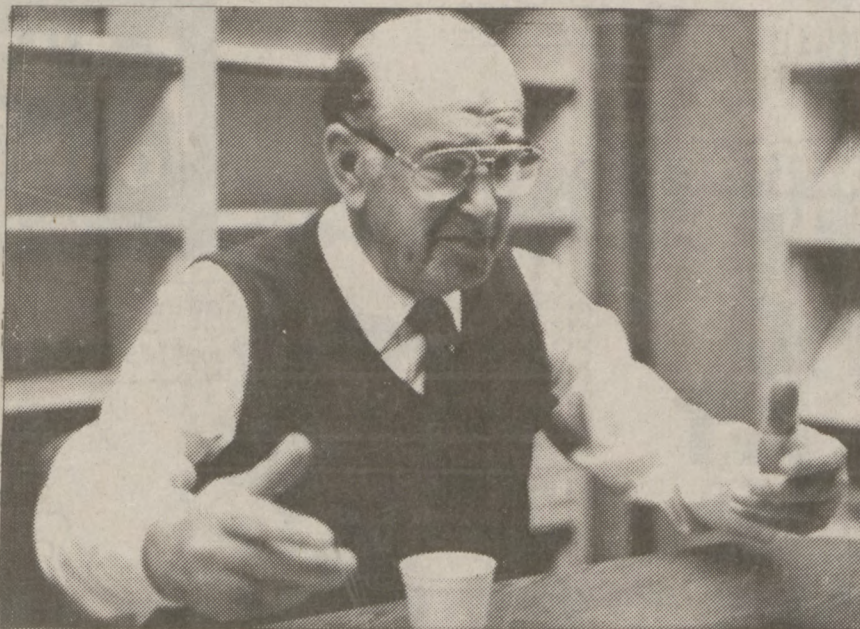
United Auto Workers pioneer Ken Morris, the reigning board member, was selected in 1960 to join the foundation of what was then Michigan State University-Oakland.

Morris, who still remembers when the hole was dug for the university's first building, watched Oakland grow from a branch of Michigan State to what it is today.

"(I was) a member of the executive board of the UAW and my jurisdiction was over East Detroit and Oakland County," said Morris. "...As a result, I got involved with OU."

A native of Pittsburgh, Penn., Morris, 72, said he never received a college education. After graduating from high school in 1934, he migrated to Detroit with the "hundreds of thousands of others" in search of employment in the auto factories.

DURING HIS early Detroit years, the automotive unions were just beginning. Morris first got involved with the UAW at the age of 21.



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Ken Morris has been a member of the board of trustees for 17 years.

Morris, a Democrat, said he remembers the days when men would come into the factories and sit all day waiting for a foreman to choose them to work the line. If the foreman didn't pick someone although he sat from early morning until late evening, that person would go home without a cent.

Morris said one time during the depression years he earned 50 cents for a day's labor. Morris said he lived off that 50 cents for five days,

eating one 10 cent breakfast from a corner diner each day.

Today, as the UAW's director of region 1-B, Morris serves approximately 34 local unions, made up of 80,000 active members and 27,000 retirees.

MORRIS said people often forget what the unions achieved for the working men and country.

"The labor movement is responsible for elevating the living standards of working people to middle

class," he said.

Morris also said pension funds and health insurance are things many take for granted today, but were actually fought and won not too long ago by the union.

"Do you think a corporation would demand workers to take health insurance?...It was men like Walter Reuther who, in 1941 helped organize the blues...Health insurance came from the labor movement but most people choose to forget it."

The Ken Morris Labor Studies Center on campus was named after the UAW leader several years ago. The center concentrates on the history and state of the working man.

"We believe...(that what's found in history) textbooks is completely inadequate in describing the hopes, aspirations and progress of the working man," Morris said.

TODAY, Morris often is a dissenting voice at board meetings. Morris said the reason for his differing opinions is his past.

"I come from a different background," he said. "The people I've associated with all my life aspire for their children to get an education...That's an achievement."

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Take a deep breath



The Oakland Post/Jill Nowaczyk

Van Wagoner resident Frank Szuba takes a breathalyzer test in Hamlin Hall lounge Oct. 21 after drinking shots of whiskey. The test, issued by the Oakland County Sheriff's department, was part of Alcohol Awareness Week. About 80 students attended the demonstration.

Oakland maintains highest student to teacher ratio

By LOUIE KATSAROS
Staff Writer

Beardslee, director of institutional research.

For ten years, Oakland University has had the highest student-teacher among the state's 15 higher education institutions.

The school's ratio has averaged 23:1 during that time, according to the state Office of Management and Budget.

The 1985-86 ratio was 22:1, while the other 14 institutions averaged 16.7:1.

Ray Harris, associate vice president of finance and administration, said, "The 1986-87 numbers aren't in yet, but I doubt the ratio has changed much. Oakland will still have the highest student to teacher ratio in the state."

However, the state ratio and Oakland's are not consistent. The state uses different guidelines in determining student-teacher ratios than what the university uses for negotiating contracts with the American Association of University Professors, according to David

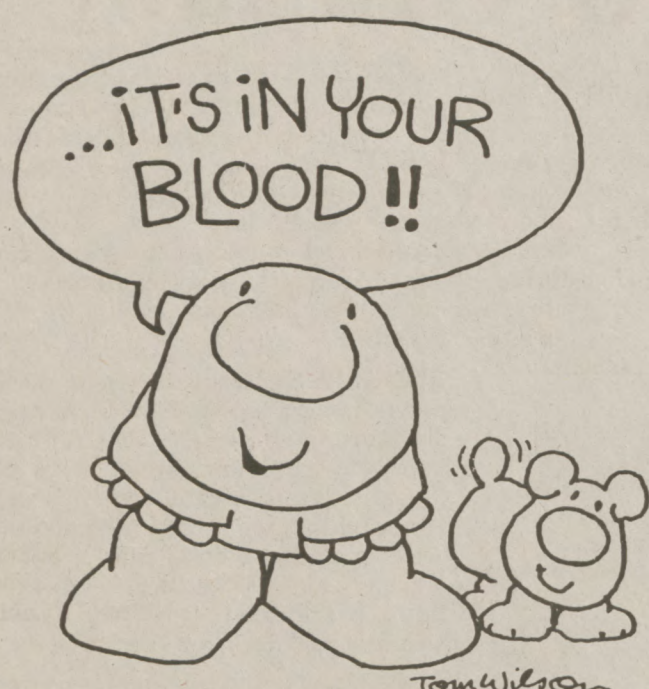
The discrepancy between the state and university is due to the counting of part-time instructors and administrators that teach. The state counts these instructors on a greater basis than the university. This measure of counting is stipulated in the union contract.

Beardslee said that research universities like University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University have lower ratios because professors may teach one class with a few students. But Oakland is still "relatively high" for a public university, said Beardslee.


David Lau, associate communications professor, said the statistics are "extremely deceiving" because

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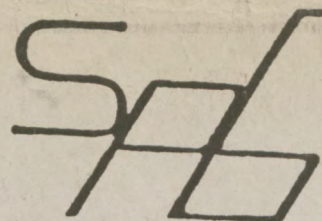
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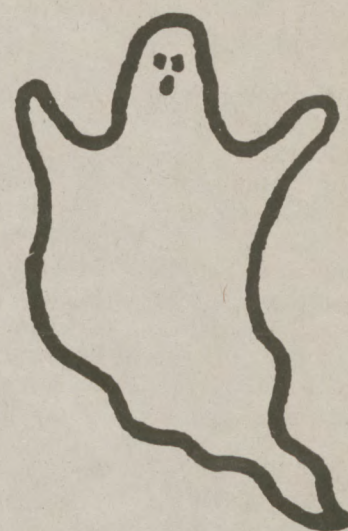
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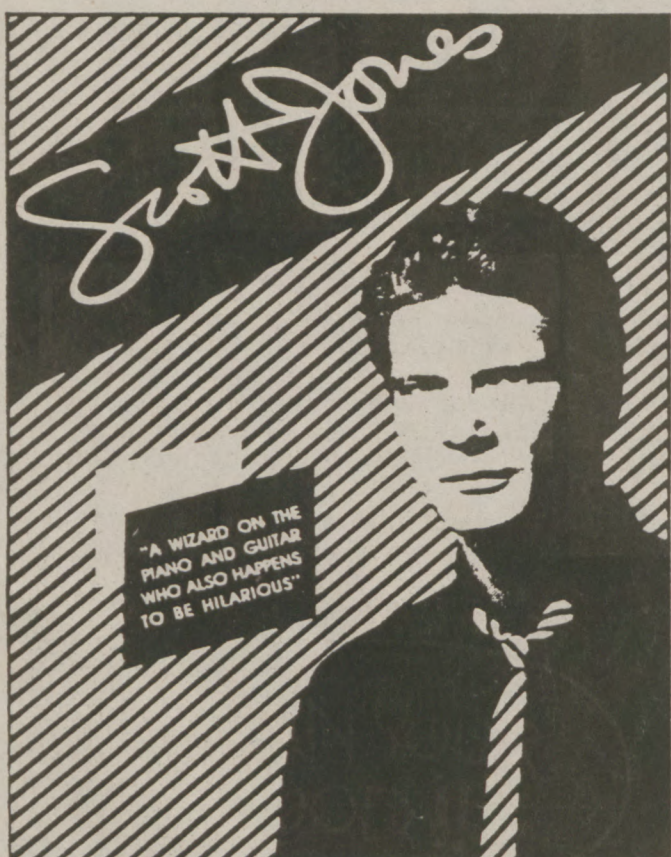
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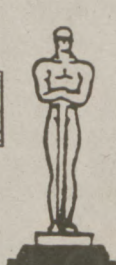


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NEWS BRIEFS

Saga worker injured in accident

A car accident involving a female university student and a male Saga-Marriott employee occurred Oct. 20 at 2:40 p.m. at I-75 and University Drive.

The man, 39, of Pontiac, was severely injured, according to Auburn Hills police. He was taken to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Pontiac where he remained until Friday. He suffered head and back injuries and a possible bruised heart, according to his employer. He was not wearing a seatbelt.

The female, 18, who lives in Hamlin Hall, failed to yield at the stop sign when exiting northbound I-75, according to police. The man, who was heading east on University, swerved to avoid hitting her. To avoid hitting another car head on, he then slammed into the guard rail.

Auburn Hills Detective Art Couture said wet road condi-

tions could have been a factor in the accident. However, the female was issued a ticket for failure to yield right of way.

Fire hits dorm

A trash receptacle fire occurred Oct. 16 at approximately 11:30 p.m. in the incinerator room on the fourth floor of Van Wagoner House.

It was put out with fire extinguishers by floor members, according to floor Resident Assistant Bernadette Galaska.

When Public Safety officers arrived the fire had been put out. According to Chief Richard Leonard there was no excessive smoke or fire so the fire department was not notified.

Galaska said she was concerned because proper fire code procedure was not followed. "The alarm should have been pulled, the building evacuated and completely checked out," she said.

Head Resident Tom Dakes could not be reached for comment.

Pensions

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Overall, he said the stock market collapse will not have much of an impact on the way people invest. "If people were careless before about investing their money," they'll still be careless, he said.

Others disagreed. "A lot of faculty will be much more risk-adverse," said Folland.

BEEMER SAID this kind of situation increases awareness and "encourages people to pay more attention to retirement planning."

She said that while the market drop can have a "significant impact on income" for those close to retirement, things will work out in the long run. "We've seen fluctuations before. I don't think it's going to have a disastrous effect on anyone," Beemer said.

Folland agreed. "I don't see why this really has to damage the economy," he said.

Tracy was not so optimistic. He said he didn't envision the Dow Jones Average reaching its recent high of 2700 in the near future. He said the country is headed for a recession, but that the government would try to postpone it until after the 1988 election.

Government cracks down on loans

By **BETTY GREEN**
Staff Writer

Stricter government regulations are resulting in fewer Guaranteed Student Loan approvals and increasing collections of due loans, according to university and state administrators.

The approval rate dropped to 30-35 percent this year from 78 percent in 1986-87, according to Lee Anderson, financial aid director. In 1986-87, nearly \$1.4 million was loaned to Oakland students under the GSL and more than \$2.2 million in 1985-86.

The test formerly used to determine eligibility changed from one based on income to eligibility.

The change only had a partial effect last year because most loans had already been processed. This year's figures won't be available until next semester, Anderson said.

STUDENTS ineligible for the lower interest GSL's will have to rely on the less favorable Plus Loan and Supplementary Loan for Students, he said. Those loans have higher interest rates and no government payment of interest.

Under the GSL program, students borrow money from

banks. The federal government offers incentives to these lenders to make the loans. While the student is in school at least half time, the government pays the interest on the loan in addition to an interest subsidy that makes the rate competitive for the lender. If a student defaults on the loan, the state pays the lender and tries to collect from the student.

Richard Robinson, the state's coordinator of school compliance for the loan program, said the state has used new methods since last December to comply with the stronger federal collection requirements.

He reported recent GSL default rates of 16 percent for the state and 13.6 percent for Oakland.

According to the Federal Funds Information for States, Michigan has more than \$150 million of defaulted loans.

ROBINSON SAID he did not think Oakland's rate was excessive. "We do not become concerned about the type of student who's getting a loan at a particular school unless the default rate exceeds 20 percent."

The state rate reflects defaults on loans made to students at public

Class add deadline may be cut

By **MISSY BROWN**
Staff Writer

A proposal to shorten the deadline of adding classes by one week is expected to be approved by the university senate this semester.

Ronald Tracy, of the senate's Academic, Policy and Planning Committee, brought the proposal to University Congress Oct. 19. It was approved unanimously.

Tracy said the proposal is trying to avoid dropping financial aid students who are still eligible for money. This happens because the date paperwork is due for financial

aid students and the date of late add are two weeks apart.

If a student receiving aid drops a class after the due date, he/she loses the money. The student is then dropped from financial aid for not meeting the required credits. In order to receive money, the student must be reinstated into the program.

Currently there is a list of unused aid. By dropping a week delay, the aid can be made available with less hassle to students, Tracy said.

The current system is a two-week add period without charge. Two more weeks are added, with a \$10 late charge to the student.

Ratio

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Oakland doesn't have graduate students teaching introductory courses, like at other state institutions. Because of this, he said, "Students at Oakland in the first few years get a better education than at the other state schools."

Harris agreed that the university's ratio is too high but said, "Oakland is one of the last ones when it comes to getting state funds."

He also said "these statistics are shown to state legislatures in Lan-

sing to help secure more funding for the university."

PROFESSORS AGREE that lack of state funding is a major reason for the high ratio. Paul Chao, assistant management professor, said, "Without the necessary funding it will be impossible to reduce the student-teacher ratio."

Communications professor Donald Hildum said that while the university's student to teacher ratio is too high, it is gradually catching up.

Still, lack of state funding for the university is not the only reason for

Morris

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"I guess you could say I'm a consumer of education...and look at it from the consumer's point of view, which is not necessarily true of the others (board members)."

The cost of Oakland University's land, Meadow Brook Hall, and every other original estate building was paid for with auto baron John Dodge's money. Morris, however, with his UAW and auto factory background, doesn't mind.

Morris said he reasons that many people in the area have relatives that once worked or still do work in the automotive factories.

"What a better way to...give something back to the people than to build a school here?" he said.

Morris said that overall, he is happy with Oakland University and how it has progressed.

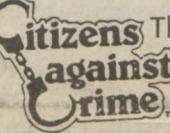
"We're not the most perfect school in the world, but we do pretty good...I like the kind of people we have running the university."

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Corrections

In an Oct. 19 article about testing for elementary education majors, it was incorrectly reported that the School of Business Administration requires a test before admittance into the major. The graduate program requires such a test.



STUDENT REPORT

The power of the students is their voice

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- * Results of the off-campus housing survey are back. There will be a report before the end of this semester.
- * Petitions will be available in C.I.P.O. this week for those interested in running in the election for either President or Congress-member.
- * Legislative Affairs Committee will hold a meeting tomorrow in the Meadowbrook room. All are welcome. Meeting begins at 3:00.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Public Relations Committee please leave your name and number in the Congress office-19 O.C.

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GIVE BLOOD!

Condom sales at health center not enough

In March 1987 University Congress passed a bill urging university officials to make condoms available for sale on campus.

Three weeks ago, students received their response — Graham Health Center started selling condoms. University administrators say they approved condom sales as a way for students to combat sexually transmitted diseases, such as AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) and unwanted pregnancies.

While the condoms are relatively inexpensive and easy to receive (they're available by walking in and requesting to purchase a package), the university's decision to sell them exclusively at the health center, and not in the residence halls slights students.

When the health center began selling condoms three weeks ago, the university did not publicize the event. No notices were sent to residence halls students, and no messages were posted on bulletin boards across campus. With the exception of one article that appeared in the Oct. 5 *Oakland Post*, students had next to no way of knowing condoms were available.

Yet despite this lack of publicity, Dr. Patricia Rogers, a health center physician, said that within the first two weeks of sales, four to five dozen (that's 48 to 60 packages) were sold. Clearly with figures such as this, the demand is out there.

The second shortcoming with the university's plan lies with the hours condoms can be purchased. The Graham Health Center is only open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. If students want to purchase a condom on the weekend or after 5 p.m. on weekdays, they're out of luck. Such time restraints may not be compatible or convenient for students who work and attend classes Monday through Friday.

It can be argued that one of the first steps toward showing maturity and the readiness to handle sexual intercourse is being able to take the responsibility to plan ahead. But when most students are in classes or working at part time jobs during the day, many don't have the time to run over to Graham before it closes. Also, if students plan Friday to have sexual intercourse Sunday, these students, particularly residence halls ones without cars, could be without a way to get protection.

Granted there are off-campus drug stores about a mile away from the dorms, but students don't always have the time to walk a mile to a drug store, and a mile back. In the winter, chances students will walk several miles in subzero temperatures is even slighter.

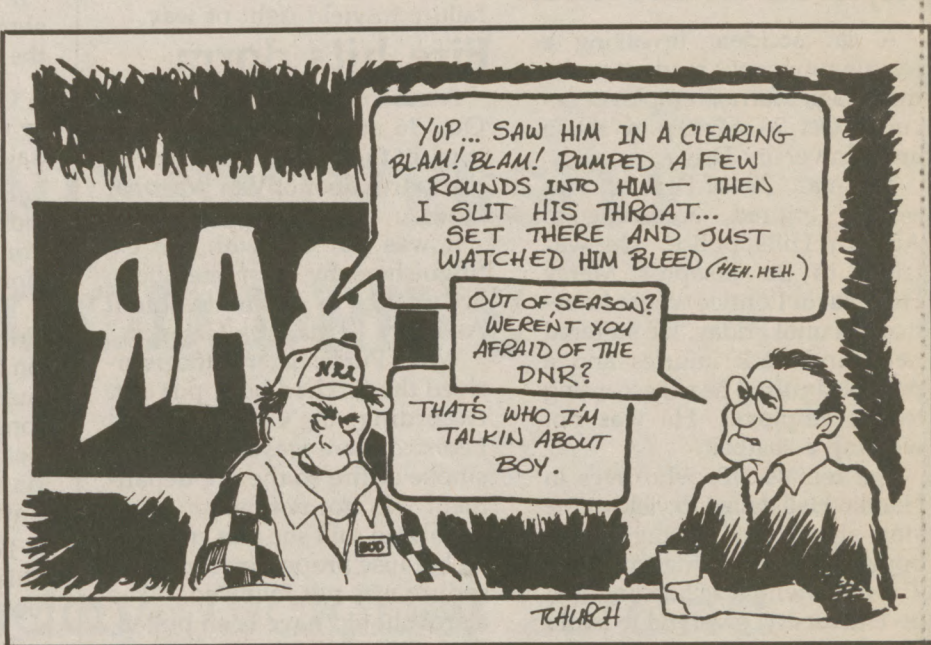
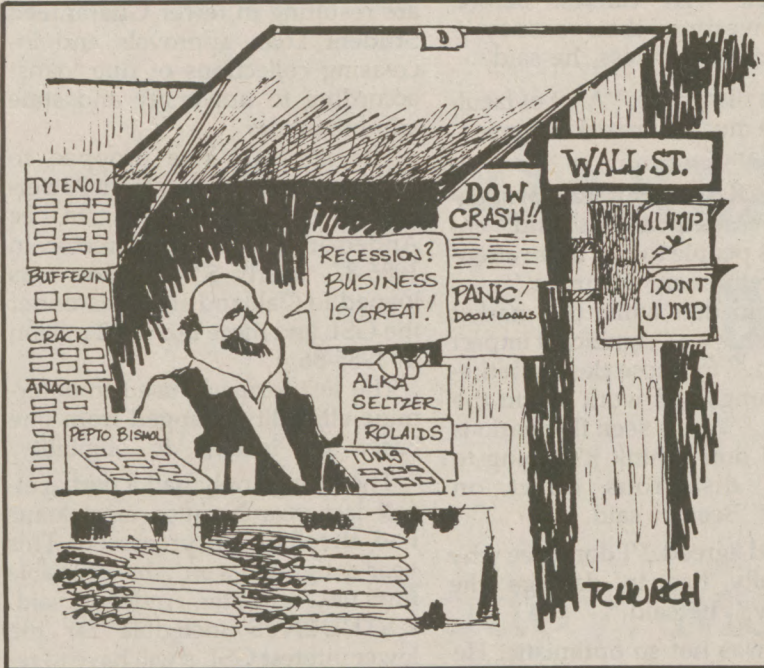
If the university is really interested in deterring the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, like AIDS, or unwanted pregnancies among its students, it should have condoms available at the Graham Health Center and somewhere in the residence halls. If condoms were sold at the Vandenberg or Hamlin desk during the evening and on weekends, and if the university would publicize that condoms are even for sale in the first place, the university could make a much larger leap in the right direction.

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Letters to the Editor

Suicide attempter moves on, offers advice to Sidney V.

Dear Editor,

If at all possible I would like to respond to the letter from Sidney V. in your Oct. 19th issue.

Sidney, I too was a suicidal person. Although it has been many years since I have thought the thoughts or attempted the act, the memory of it lives with me forever. Never can I forget the unexplainable pain that welled within my person or the anxiety and the incised loneliness that I experienced in that portion of my life.

I remember once that I layed in my bed in a boarding house unable to escape the feelings I felt, I remember that as I layed there trying to drink myself into oblivion I prayed to God to take my son from this planet. I cried and I begged God to let my son die because I didn't want him to grow up feeling the things that I felt, or experiencing the things I experienced. Maybe to some this sounds cruel, but to me at the time it was a plea of love to God for my son. I know no other way to relate the feelings of that time but to tell that story. Some how it helps people to understand the pain that must have existed at the time, and to let others know I understand.

But this story is not why I write. I offer it only to let you know that someone else has been there and you are not alone.

I read your letter and my heart went out to you; but I also knew that life doesn't have to be the way it is for you. Sidney, people don't understand—they don't know what it is to feel as you feel. When they talk behind your back or say things that may be inappropriate to your face it is because they don't know any better. I know that may sound absurd, but they don't. If they did understand they wouldn't react the way they do.

As for the officials of this school, if they had reacted to you any differently I would have been surprised. No one wants to deal with suicidal people. It makes them uncomfortable.

Because people don't understand, because they would rather kick you out instead of dealing with you, because people talk without thought, it is up to you to make the change. No one can do it for you. If you are ever to be happy it is up to you to be happy. The only thing that makes a loser is the individual him or herself, not the people around them. The last line in your letter said, "why won't people let me get on with my life?" My question back to you Sidney is; how can people let you get on with your life when you won't let yourself get on with your life?

As cruel as that may sound, it is true. No one can put you back together but you. Others will forget and forgive when you can forget and forgive. Others will love you when you can love yourself. People

will accept you when you have accepted yourself. Also, people will help you when you are ready to help yourself.

I am a happy person today. Not all of the problems have gone away; but the way that I deal with them is different. Life goes on and it is good — the first step in making it good though is a commitment to do so. Forgive yourself Sidney, and forget about all the other people. They won't be there in a few years anyway — their opinions don't really account for much. Know that you are not alone, and in times of trouble, know if there seems to be no one else there is God and he does want to help.

Sincerely,
David D.

'Equus' requires nudity in scene

Dear Editor,

We are writing in response to the letter written by Jodi K. Ahlgren and Charlotte Jensen on the play, *Equus* (published Oct. 19). We have also recently seen the play and we feel that it was performed tactfully. The play should be performed in the exact manner it was written, even in a college atmosphere, and should not be edited. College students should have enough maturity to appreciate the beauty of the human body, and they shouldn't be ashamed. The scene was not to be interpreted as pornographic. We feel the scene was of great importance in order to understand exactly what the main character (Alan Strang) was experiencing. We don't see how they could have felt the play was appalling or pornographic. *Equus* was an excellent play and it was performed very well.

Jill Reedy
Angie Durand

'Equus' actor views play as work of art, not pornography

Dear Editor,

In response to the "Equus" appalling viewers with nudity," letter in the OPINION section of the Oct. 19 issue of the *Oakland Post*, let me set a few things straight for the record. First off, let me inform our two "appalled" or should I say, mathematically uninclined correspondents, the shocking nudity which supposedly dominates the second act of *Equus* is in actuality a 10 minute segment occurring in a second act timed at over an hour long. The way I figure it, 10 minutes of an hour-plus long second act is less than 1/6 the total running time for that act. Perhaps the individuals should be asked if they attended the performance themselves, since it seems impossible to make such a gross mathematical error.

Secondly, if the mere idea of the human body naked suggests por-

nography, then I encourage you to mount a campaign against such artists as: Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Peter Paul Rubens, Delacroix and Ingres denouncing their masterpieces as cheap pornography. Perhaps a viewing of *Deep Throat* might alter your opinion on what is and isn't pornography.

Last, I want Jodi and Charlotte to know the line between acting and pornography is a subjective line, and maybe smeared, smudged or barely visible to some who view Oakland's production of *Equus*. But let me inform you "the line," for all those artistically involved in making this production happen, is a line bold and razor sharp. We are all part of a program that has strived for excellence in the performing arts, and as artists are stunned to be accused of approaching our art form on a pornographic level. I believe our work both in the classroom and in the theater reflects the philosophies of this academic institution, which holds a liberal arts education as a very noble goal.

Christopher J. Olsztyn
(alias Alan Strang)

Graduate remembers OU years fondly

Dear Editor,

I am a recent Oakland University graduate (6-87) and there are a few people I wish to reach through your publication. You see, through my years at Oakland there have been many feelings and thoughts that until now, I did not understand.

The most important thing that I learned from my college education is the ability to open myself up to knowledge, judge that information, assimilate into what I have learned and convey those thoughts to others. It is not one course that taught me this, but the combination of the "dumb" general ed stuff and the major courses, and even my electives.

There were times when I was in school that I said to myself, "why do I need to know this, what bearing is it going to have on anything, how is this going to make me more qualified to do something than I am now?" Well, it has all come into focus those bits and pieces of knowledge have become a part of me. It is the entire life long education that allows my previous thoughts to engage in my newly learned ideas creating an entirely new perspective; philosophy on life.

This may sound exaggerated, but it is the truth. I would like to extend my personal thanks to all of the persons responsible for making my graduation day one of best, proudest moments in my life.

The only way I can repay any of you for all that you have done, is by going out and utilizing all of the precious knowledge and understanding that you've given me. To all of you students getting frustrated, it is worth it, don't give up!

Sincerely,
Barbra Treat

Prof pay raise small compared to inflation

Dear Editor,

In the April 13, 1987 issue of the *Oakland Sail* an article on faculty salaries and tuition asserted that this year's average faculty increase of 7.2 percent was "excessive" in view of the relatively low recent inflation rate.

Since the article was printed without giving the Oakland University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) an opportunity to comment and as that was the final issue of the *Oakland Sail* for the winter term, it was impossible for the AAUP to respond immediately.

Viewing this increase in the time-frame of a single year, as the article did, distorts the facts. Inflation has been eroding faculty salaries and living standards, to the detriment of higher education and the weakening of the academic profession, for at least 20 years. In 1971, in the first contract the AAUP negotiated at Oakland, a third year associate professor, that is, a tenured teacher with approximately 10 years experience, had a midrange salary of \$14,302 (assuming the average department factor of 1.058). In 1987-88 a third year associate professor has a midrange salary of \$30,364 using the average department factor (1.074). Since the university now contributes 5 percent more to the faculty member's retirement plan than it did in 1971, we'll add that in to get a 1987-88 salary of \$31,882. These figures show that the salary of our third year associate professor is now 2.23 times what it was in 1971. By 1987, however, the Consumer Price Index for the Detroit area had increased approximately 2.77 times the 1971 figure (using an official estimate for 1987). If the faculty salary had kept pace with inflation, it would now be \$39,617, which is \$7,735 more than it is, or about 24 percent higher. That is a fair measure of how far behind we still are after the 7.2 increase is included.

Furthermore, the increase is not out of line with increases gained this year by faculty at other Michigan public universities. Figures available for 11 universities, including Oakland, show faculty raises ranging from 7.85 percent to 4 percent with an average of 6.45 percent.

No one should think that the increase in faculty salaries has exceeded the increase in the cost of living. Just the opposite, in fact, is true.

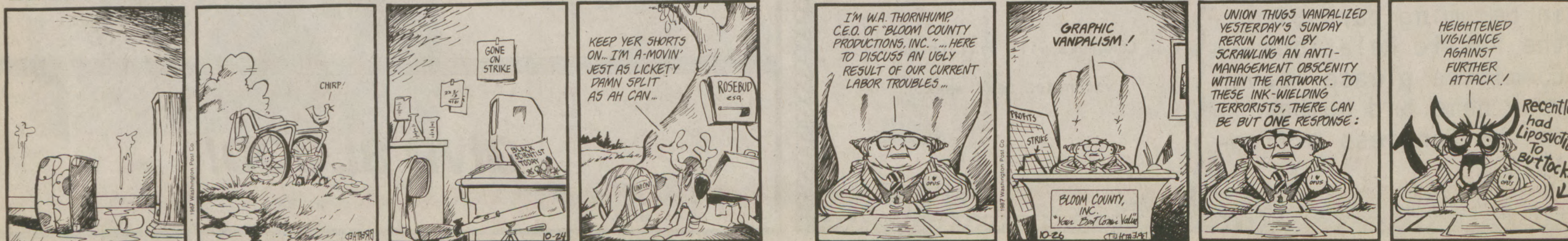
John Barnard, president,
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BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed



Fortunes told



The Oakland Post/Jill Nowaczyk

Lynn Finn reads tarot cards and tells fortunes in the Oakland Center. The SPB sponsored event ran from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. last Wednesday.

Group finds science fiction 'gaming' exciting pastime

By DAWN SCHAFFER
Staff Writer

The Order of Liebowitz is a club for those who find science fiction, fantasy and gaming exciting. "Step in the door once, and you're a member," said Mike Lucas, the secretary of the club. With 16 members, it's one of the few places on campus where the men outnumber the women 2 to 1. Named for science fiction book, *Canticle for Liebowitz*, the club started in 1972. One of the group's main hobbies is gaming, which includes role-playing and Dungeons and Dragons. Each year the members hold a gaming convention, Nova. It includes games, movies, science fiction art, and comic book artists.

They tried to book Stephen King as the guest of honor this year, but his \$5,000 appearance fee was a stumbling block.

The convention is free to Oakland students and will be held at the end of March next year.

The club enjoys role-playing games. The players take on personalities of characters in a wide range of settings: medieval, old West, spy games and the future.

For example, "Toon is a cartoon role-playing game where players can be Bugs Bunny or Road Runner. Movies that are utilized include *Ghostbusters*, *Star Wars* and *Star Trek*.

Lucas said anyone who listened to old radio plays and imagined being one of the characters would enjoy role-playing.

Each of the club's games has a

game master who controls it using a rule system none of the other players have access to.

If a player wants his or her character to climb a wall, the game master announces the chances of succeeding. If the chances are two in six, a roll of the die determines whether or not the character jumps. A roll of one or two succeeds.

The club is basically a social group, said Lucas. Its office, downstairs in the Oakland Center, is a small room adorned with movie posters including *A Nightmare on Elm Street* and *The Blob*. Members come in and out all day, relaxing, talking and doing homework.

"The people in (the club) are a lot of fun. This office is one place where you can get away with saying anything," said Lucas.

See CLUB page 6.

On-campus jobs practical option for students

By ALISA NASS
Staff Writer

Some Oakland students are finding that taking a part-time job on campus is a convenient way to work and go to school.

"I just tell them my schedule and they work around my school. It's a good one (job) to have in between classes," said sophomore Sally Sanson, who works at the campus bookstore.

The number and variety of jobs available on campus can be surprising.

In addition to the more visible student jobs at the library, food services and bookstore, students also are employed in departments such as chemistry and English.

"It's a pretty good job," said senior Julie Van Laar, of her job at the library.

"You meet students coming in and out, and the people you work

for are good," she said.

"I've worked here for over two years," said junior Peggy Lee, a dispatcher for the Department of Public Safety.

"When I was a freshman I lived here and wanted to get an on-campus job. I like this job, you get to know a lot of things that go on, on campus," she said.

Dispatchers are responsible for taking telephone calls and using the police radio to send officers to situations ranging from illegally parked cars to fights on campus. They also obtain information, such as a suspect's criminal history, for officers through the computerized Law Enforcement Information System (LEIN).

"Since it's on campus, I don't have to leave. Living in the dorms, it would be a lot easier to work on campus," said junior Denise Simmons, an office assistant for public safety.

During the fall-winter semesters last year, 1,500 students worked on campus at one time or another, said Lee Anderson, financial aid director. The student payroll came to \$1,565,000. That figure includes state and federal money for work-study programs, he added.

The average pay rate for students on work study, whose "salary is being paid by an agency other than the university," is \$3.50 an hour, Anderson said. Students not involved with work study average \$4 an hour.

The student employment office is in the Financial Aid Office, located in North Foundation Hall.

Anderson said the combination of the two offices allows a better monitor of students whose financial aid restrictions limit the amount they can earn.

"There's a wide range of student jobs available. Almost all departments and offices need student

Haunted house, parties planned for Halloween

By JENNIFER BYRNE
Staff Writer

A haunted house, parties and a dance are all part of Oakland's Halloween celebration this week.

The residents of Fitzgerald House will be having their eighth annual haunted house Friday from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Senior David Lohmeier and sophomore Bert Van Dyke are in charge of the event. Lohmeier said the haunted house is the biggest event all year for Fitzgerald.

"Everybody participates with costumes and setting up. We really have a lot of fun doing this, and we really try hard to make it great for everyone," he said.

The women's wing on the second floor will be transformed into the haunted house. Residents donate their rooms, and the hallways and

bathrooms are used.

Last year the house attracted more than 600 people and now the residents are hoping to top that amount. "We have already begun to advertise around campus and we will be going to some of the high schools in the area to try and get some of those kids over," said Van Dyke.

Other Halloween celebrations include the residence halls' "Spirits Week." An ice cream tasting contest will be held in Hamlin Lounge Wednesday at 8 p.m. Different brands of Cookies 'n Cream ice cream will be tested by volunteers from the audience.

There will be a pumpkin hunt around the residence halls Thursday. Anyone who finds a pumpkin can claim a prize at the Vandenberg desk. Prizes include candy and

record albums.

Throughout the week a floor and door decorating contest will be held. The judges will decide on a winner Friday, and the floor will be awarded \$25.

Saturday's Halloween dance will be sponsored by the Student Programming Board. The Commuter Council will be donating cider this year, said Nicole Young, assistant chair of SPB. "There will also be dry ice for the spooky effect," she said.

The dance is a huge event, said Jean Ann Miller, coordinator of residence hall programs. "Some of the costumes are incredible."

One person comes every year dressed as a case of bud light, and another guy who came as the Big Boy won a prize said Nannette. See HALLOWEEN page 6.

Students combine travel, studies

By THERESA GEORGE
Staff Writer

Pursuing college credit while traveling to the country of their choice is becoming a popular option for students.

Oakland sponsors three trips in which students can obtain college credit, according to Margaret Pigott, director of the Study Abroad program. Students pick a subject to concentrate on such as business, literature or art history and study it within a foreign environment.

One option sends students to Corpus Christi College at Oxford University in England. The six-week, eight-credit program costs \$3,200 which includes room and board. It also covers special trips throughout the country to places that relate to the students' field of study.

"Tours of Shakespeare's birthplace and the cities he wrote about are very popular spots," said Pigott.

A year-long trip to Japan is available to juniors and seniors who maintain a 3.0 grade point average. The program's cost is an equal exchange; students pay the equivalent of a year's room and

board and tuition for Oakland. The students live with a Japanese family in Nagoya, an industrial town, and study at Nanzan University where all courses are taught in English.

The newest program is a trip to Vienna, Austria, Pigott said. Ten students are accepted to go on the single-semester, 16-credit trip. The \$3,699 cost includes travel, books and room and board with a family in town.

Also an Oakland faculty member accompanies the students to Austria to teach a specialized course.

Other trips to Spain, Italy and France are available through through students' foreign language departments, but the university does not sponsor them, Pigott said.

A possible way to get credit for these trips is to be tested by an Oakland language professor after returning, she added.

One student, Christine Morissette, studied in Dijon, France for a year and received Oakland credit. She was placed in a program for foreigners where she met people from all over the world, she said. Her classes included French

literature, grammar, vocabulary, history and wine tasting.

"I was prepared for what I was to experience," she said. "In France the lifestyle and ways of thinking are very different, so you have to be ready before you go there."

Morissette said she also enjoyed being able to travel to surrounding countries and experience the different cultures.

Donna Bieniewicz took a three-credit course in Seville, Spain that was accepted as Oakland credit.

"In Seville, the students who studied were forced to speak in Spanish because the instructor didn't know English. Our class was geared towards increasing vocabulary through discussions involving Spanish politics and art," she said.

"Spanish is much easier to learn when you're in the environment and living with a native family," she added. "I highly recommend the trip to anyone interested in the Spanish language."

For more information on Study Abroad, call Pigott at 370-4131 or 652-3405.

Popcorn sale



Oakland Post/Jill Nowaczyk

Renee Richardson, Kandy Richardson and Jamie Marks scoop up popcorn in Hamlin Lounge for Seven North's fundraiser.

Concern over Sexually Transmitted Diseases rises

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD's) are a leading health problem; of all infectious diseases, they rank second only behind the common cold in frequency of occurrence.

The renewed interest in STD's has been heightened by concern over AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), the most recently identified and deadly STD. We will address AIDS separately in a future column.

Let's start with some basic information about STD's in general.

What is an STD?
The term applies to any of a number of infections that are spread by various sexual practices between sexual partners. Years ago, the popular term was "VD" (Venereal Disease) and referred mainly to two conditions, Gonorrhea and Syphilis.

It is now known that over 20 diseases can be sexually



Dr. Pat Rodgers

transmitted. Diagnosis and treatment of STD's is vitally important, since potentially serious health consequences can result if the condition goes undetected/untreated for a period of time. Virtually all STD's are treatable and preventable.

How are STD's spread?

Sexual practices that transmit disease include intimate contact involving the exchange of body



Susan Hayden

fluids. This includes genital contact, oral and anal sex, and possibly deep "French" kissing.

Determining the presence of an STD depends on an examination by the doctor. It will not "go away" by itself, nor will you develop immunity from a previous infection.

Left untreated, STD's can pose serious threats to the future health of affected individuals. Risks include pelvic inflam-

matory disease (PID) with scarring of reproductive structures, infertility and damage to a developing baby. Studies have shown that STD's also play a role in the induction of certain malignancies (cancers).

Treatment depends on a number of variables, including the type of organism identified, stage of the illness, and organ involved. A variety of drugs may be used.

It is difficult to provide a comprehensive, definitive summary of symptoms, since conditions other than STD's can produce similar phenomena. Remember, infected individuals may not show symptoms at all. In general, if you notice an unusual genital discharge or sore, if you experience pelvic pain, or pain with urination (especially in males), see your doctor.

Next: Risk Factors, Prevention, and "Safe Sex."

Weekend alternatives offered at Cranbrook

By CHRISTINA FUOCO
Staff Writer

The laser light show and hands-on science museum at Cranbrook Institute of Science are two weekend alternatives and are only 15 minutes from campus.

Lasera is a 45-minute laser light show synchronized to rock music. This is not a light show where beams of light shoot through the sky like the light sabers in *Star Wars*.

Instead, while sitting in tilted chairs, the audience watches shapes like ovals and squares

"dance" to popular songs on the ceiling of the institute's planetarium. Each presentation is live to allow creativity.

"Depending on the demonstrators, each show could be a different program, but with the same music," said Doug Goudie, coordinator of *Lasera*.

It usually takes one to two months to program a show, but the process of synchronizing is an ongoing process, changing and evolving with every presentation," he added.

See LASER page 6.

What's Happening

Blood Drive: The annual campus event will be held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and tomorrow in the Crockery.

A goal of 732 pints, the amount collected last year, was requested by the Red Cross.

Call CIPD at 370-2020 for an appointment to donate.

Scott Jones: The Mainstage performer will combine serious music with a comedy act.

Jones will perform at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Crockery.

HRD Advisorama: Information on internships, career planning and class selection will be offered to students interested in Human Resources and Development.

The program will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday on the first floor of O'Dowd.

Dr. Strangelove: Cinematheque's next presentation will be shown at 7 p.m. Saturday in 201 Dodge.

Pontiac-Oakland Symphony: A concert with guest harpist Patricia Terry-Ross will be performed at 3 p.m. Sunday at Pontiac Central High School.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Call 334-2390 for more information.

Personal financial management: Cranbrook schools will offer a 1-evening seminar at 7 Wednesday.

Three financial planners from the Detroit area will be available.

The class will cost \$10. Call 645-3635 for more information.



Courtesy of Robert Solomon and Associates
D.B. Sweeney and Charlie Sheen star in *No Man's Land*.

Laser

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Lasera has been running four and a half years at the institute and has achieved popularity since its beginning. Goudie said he knows people who have come back to see the same show 15 times. This was the case with a show synchronized to Pink Floyd's album *The Dark Side of the Moon* last year. "The regulars" claimed each presentation they watched was different, Goudie said.

The latest addition to the series is Pink Floyd's *The Wall* which begins this Friday and runs until mid-January. This laser show will utilize new equipment and allow for more shapes, patterns and complex images.

On Saturdays and Sundays, a

family oriented *Lasera* is presented. The current show, presented in the afternoon, is synchronized to the big band sound of Glenn Miller. It will run until Nov. 27.

The science museum is another option. Each hall deals with a different theme.

One area is filled with hands-on experiments concerned the ideas behind chemistry, physics and math. For example, participants can check out holograms or play with sound waves.

Other sections include the mineral hall, which contains hundreds of exhibits. A computer terminal at the beginning of this hall provides a brief background of minerals.

Predictable film lacks excitement

By CLAUDETTE ZOLKOWSKI
Staff Writer

No Man's Land has all the ingredients for a good adventure movie, but ultimately the plot is predictable and the characters never really come to life.

Benji Taylor (D.B. Sweeney) is a 22-year-old rookie cop undercover as a mechanic in a Porsche repair shop. His purpose is to "bust a cop killer."

Ted Varrick (Charlie Sheen) is Taylor's suspect. He is a bored rich kid who happens to own the repair shop. The only excitement in his life is stealing Porsches, giving them a new life and selling them "out the back door" of the shop.

A car chase, some romance and a crooked cop had promise to

breath life into the movie. Unfortunately it didn't happen that way.

Competing car thieves provide the seemingly endless car chase. They make a few appearances prior to the chase and none after. Their existence is explained no further than a comment by Varrick in the middle of the chase, "They do this for a living."

Feeble sparks fly between Taylor and Varrick's sister Ann (Lara Harris). Initially the viewer may wonder what will happen when Ann discovers Taylor is investigating her brother. Curiosity soon turns to boredom; the subject is never mentioned.

The crooked cop in the story appears almost as an afterthought. This is disappointing because the potential for interest is there.

However, it appears too late in the movie to have an impact.

The movie's only success is in showing the inner turmoil of a naive rookie cop (Taylor) on his first undercover assignment. His inability to deal with two identities is reflected in the admission "I don't even know when I'm lying anymore," to his superior.

The movie is action-packed. The action, however, is not connected in any logical way. The lack of character and plot development leave the viewer waiting for an explanation of the actions.

No Man's Land does, however, provide a grand showcase for some fantastic looking Porsches. Fans of fast cars may be the only ones who enjoy the movie that opened last Friday.

Halloween

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McCleary of SPB. Senior Lauren Hurley said she has been to the dance for the past two years and has seen some "awesome costumes."

"Last year two people came as a toothbrush and toothpaste. They looked great, like they should be on a T.V. commercial," she said.

Area Hall Council and the residence halls will provide the

judges and prizes. First place prize is \$75, second \$50 and third \$25.

The Student Involvement Committee will be hosting a party at St. John Fisher Chapel for the children from Married Housing and parish members. There will be games, prizes and candy for the children. The party will be held in the early evening. For more information call 370-2189.

Club

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The second week in January the club will hold a mini-convention called Ground Zero, featuring games and science fiction and horror films.

Steve Diem, president, talked about the club's uniqueness. "We talk about things of major importance to things that don't make any difference. How fast a unicorn can move (for example)."

\$300 FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROJECTS

Currently enrolled sophomores, juniors and seniors are invited to apply for undergraduate research grants. These awards, limited to \$300, are made possible by contributions from the Alumni Association.

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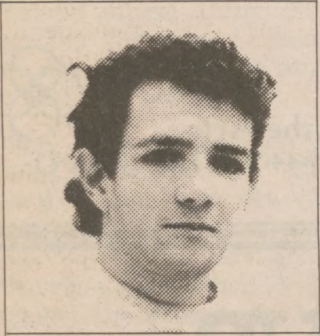
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MEETING THIS WEEK!

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In His Own Words



Joe Burley

Blade Runner

(Editor's note: Joe Burley is one of the most avid fencers in the Fencing Society of Oakland University. He usually fights with an epee, and has an E rating with the United States Fencing Association.)

What's fencing like? Though the world conjures up images of dueling knights, and Errol Flynn carving up bad guys right and left, it's not like fighting with a sword at all; not to me anyway. It's not a random and impulsive thrashing of blades at each other either.

It is a highly technical, strategic, competitive and traditional elaboration of a competitive art form. Typical movements are not big and flashy, making "whooshing" noises in the air, but rather they are small, subtle, precise and efficient.

Natural athletic ability is not necessary to succeed, as in most sports. Experience, strategy and concentration are much more valuable attributes. Because of this, fencing is a sport for almost anyone. Fencers range from four to 80 years old. The range of experience is just as diverse. Even if one begins at age 50, one can fence competitively in tournaments against other beginners.

Contrast this with basketball. If you haven't taken it up by age 16, forget it, you're too far behind to start. As a fencer matures, there is a trade-off of agility and quickness with experience. Whether the net effect is beneficial depends on the individual.

I joined Oakland's fencing club in my freshman year, and after three years of training seven hours a week, I feel competitive with my NCAA and USFA peers. Last year I earned an E rating and made it to the USFA Division II national championships.

Rating System

The fencing rating system replaces the cold hard stats that quantify a person's ability in most sports. One may qualify for a rating by placing in a tournament with a certain caliber of fencers in the final. A rating lasts seven years before it has to be re-earned. In the Michigan division, about 2 percent are A's, 3 percent B's, 9 percent C's, 11 percent D's, 15 percent E's and 60 percent unclassified.

Fencing is actually several sports in one. There are three different weapons; foil, epee and sabre, each with its own set of rules. My weapon is epee, and I fence foil and sabre for fun and to give my teammates someone else to practice with.

Women traditionally have been limited to foil. The proliferation of women's epee in the '80s is almost complete, though it's not an Olympic event yet. Just recently women have been allowed limited opportunities to fence sabre, but it isn't sexism that prevents women from fencing all three weapons. Rather there is a shortage of female fencers, and not enough to go around in epee and sabre.

There are several ways we compete. One is with a three person team (four for the ladies) in NCAA competition. Typically we face U of M, MSU, Wayne State, Notre Dame, Ohio State, U of D, U of Windsor, Case Western Reserve, and Eastern Michigan.

Another way to compete is individually in USFA competitions. Also, there are USFA team competitions, and opportunities to fence individually for team ranking. Most importantly are the individual and team championships in the NCAA and USFA.

Short Circuit

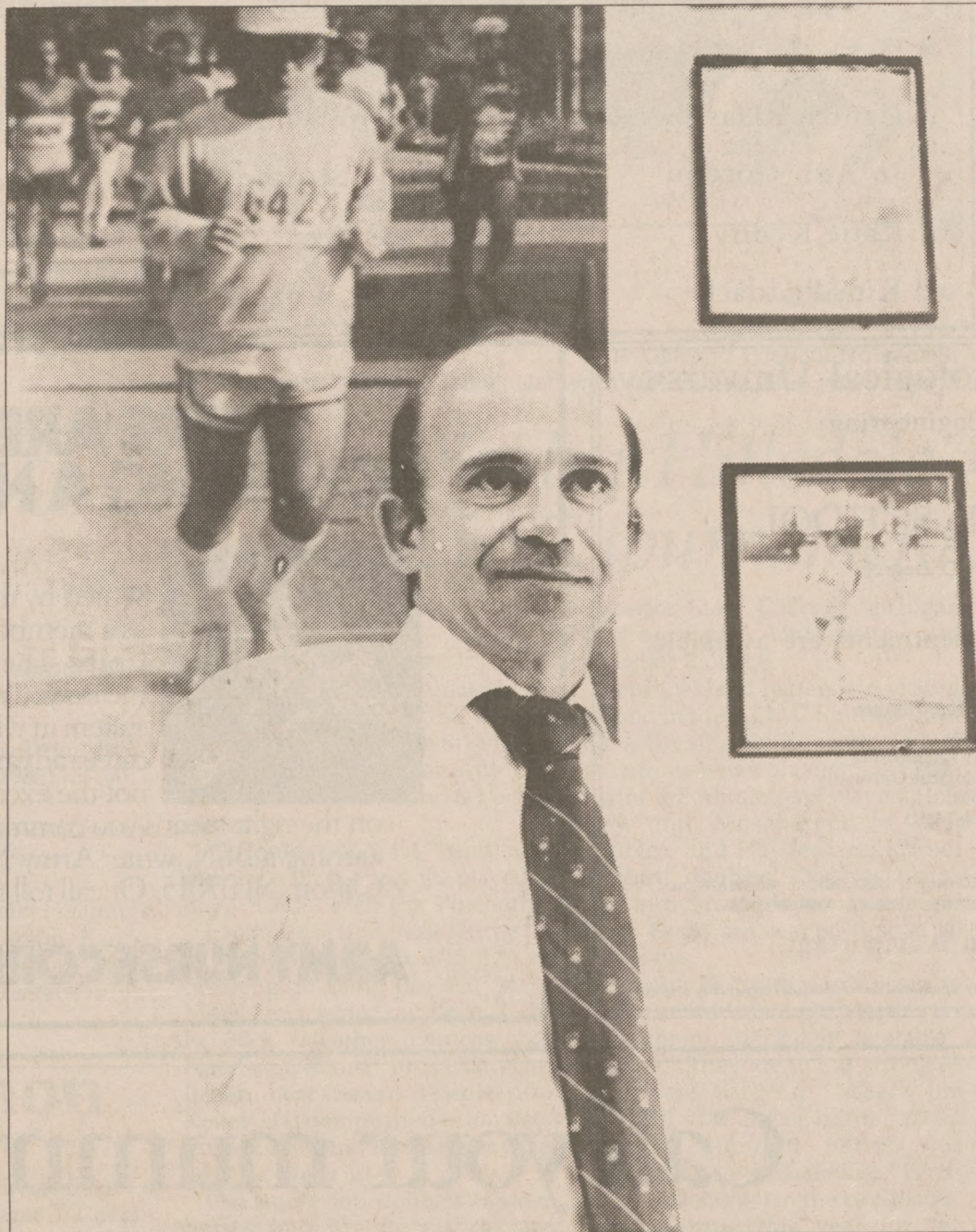
The worst thing about fencing is the maintenance and testing of electrical equipment, and the waiting in between bouts. Scoring in competition is done with electrical weapons. Consequently, they are subject to breaks and failures. Weapons must meet certain specifications, such as for tip stiffness.

Bringing a broken or "illegal" weapon to the strip can result in a warning, or a negative touch against you. Weapon failures are fairly common. Also, fencing is not a continuous sport. Each round usually involves four to eight people fencing one on one against everyone else. After getting hyped up in a one-to-five-minute bout, you have a 10-to-20-minute wait in between bouts. It's a stop and start process that's physically and emotionally taxing.

Worse can be the wait between rounds when results are being tabulated and the next round set up. At the national championships, the wait was two hours. You can imagine the anticipation that builds, waiting around for the finals. I'm just starting to learn how to turn my concentration and adrenaline on and off at a minute's notice.

But it's all well worth it. There's much more to fencing than athletic performance. I'm sure this leads to its popularity with a wide spectrum of people. I've made a lot of friends with fencers from schools all over Michigan, which when on the strip, are arch rivals.

That's the spirit of fencing. You rarely see disagreement and anger directed at an opponent or official. Most commonly, you get mad at yourself. For example, for falling for an opponent's trap or getting over anxious and missing a parry. Good sportsmanship is tantamount in fencing. Fencing has much more to teach the world than strategy and technique.



The Oakland Post/Art Stephenson
Athletic Department Business Manager Ron Forbes ran in the Detroit Free Press International Marathon.

School staffer runs in marathon

By RALPH ECHTINAW
Sports Editor

Ron Forbes, who usually wears a suit and tie to work as the athletic business manager, put on his running clothes Oct. 18 and set a personal record in his ninth Detroit Free Press International Marathon.

Forbes, 43, crossed the finish line at the Belle Isle casino three hours, 32 minutes and 47 seconds after he left Jackson Park in Windsor, Ontario. "That's 13 minutes better than I've ever done," he said. "I had a great day."

Forbes placed 171st out of 376 men between the ages 40 and 44 who competed in the 26.2 mile race.

The Detroit Police Department estimated that 10,000 spectators watched the 3,084 entrants run the course that started in one country and ended in another.

"I kept expecting to hit the wall," said Forbes. Not to be taken literally, hitting the wall describes a near total loss of control of one's body. "It's almost a feeling of complete exhaustion," Forbes said.

Forbes began training for the marathon July 1. At that point his runners' log showed 10,600 miles behind him since he started running seriously in 1979. "I put on another 650 miles since then," he said. By September Forbes was running approximately 53 miles per week.

He became interested in running in the late '70s, consulting Dr. Alfred Stransky at the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute about a program or "exercise prescription" in Stransky's words. "He's the one that really got me interested," Forbes said.

After a treadmill test, Stransky gave Forbes an exercise program to follow. All students, faculty, and staff are eligible to take the test. "I can't say enough about his accomplishments," Stransky said, "I think it's terrific."

Asked about the proverbial runners' high, Forbes said, "I've experienced that many times," but never in a marathon: "It's a feeling that you can keep going and going. You just feel so good inside." When he does get the high, it usually comes after five or six miles are behind him.

In 1983 Forbes decided to try and raise money for Multiple Sclerosis through his marathon. He called a dozen friends two days before the race and convinced them to pledge a certain amount per mile. That added up to \$370.

Since then he's started soliciting pledges earlier, raising almost \$6,000 in the last four years.

Forbes planned a recuperation vacation to begin immediately after

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Northwood Institute falls to Pioneers, Spikers get ready for conference matches

By TIM DYKE
Sports Writer

After finishing off Northwood Institute in three games at home Oct. 20, the Pioneer spikers got a much needed week off to collect their thoughts and allow some nagging injuries to mend.

Against Northwood, the team started with a 15-8 win, let the northwomen get close in the second, 15-11, and pasted them in the third game 15-6. Tracey Jones led the team with nine kills.

Ann Harrison, who currently leads the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) with 29 service aces, hit for a 9.23 percentage and scored eight points in the match.

At the Pioneer Invitational Oct. 16-17, the Pioneers taught Slippery Rock a lesson twice, beating them 15-10, 15-12, 15-12 and then 15-11, 12-15, 15-10, 15-10.

In between the Slippery Rock matches, the spikers went two games up

on league rival Wayne State University (15-9 and 15-13) before dropping the next three (11-15, 10-15 and 12-15) and settling for second place in the tournament. Wayne won the tournament with a 3-0 record. Slippery Rock claimed the basement with an 0-3 mark.

In the past two weeks Coach Bob Hurdle's crew has been through the grinder. Included were a road trip to New York, a road match at Hillsdale College, and five matches in three days at home.

In that span the spikers endured injuries, travel fatigue and tough losses to Saginaw Valley State College and Wayne State. The loss to conference rival Saginaw could have detrimental effects down the stretch in Oakland's bid for a second-place GLIAC finish.

"I feel it was a needed rest," said freshman Holly Hatcher. "The team was just wore down after the New York trip."

Against Northwood, the spikers may have got back on track. They'll

get a chance to prove it Tuesday against Grand Valley State College, which could be the start of the toughest and most important week of the season for them.

The team then moves to the Ferris State tournament Oct. 30-31. The match there against seventh ranked Ferris is an important conference meeting between two of the top three GLIAC teams.

Nov. 3 the Pioneers face eighth-ranked Wayne State, also on the road.

"I think all the coaches agree that winning on the road in this conference is not an easy thing to do," Hurdle said. "Having the comfort of your daily schedule not being interrupted and being aware and comfortable in your home facility is a distinct advantage."

Unfortunately for Hurdle's crew, they enjoyed home court advantage early in the GLIAC schedule and didn't use it to their best advantage.

The team has suffered an unusual number of injuries this year, according

to Hurdle. At least two regulars have been out of the lineup in two of seven league matches.

Some tentative play hurt them in the matches against Wayne and Ferris at home as well. The spikers now face hostile road crowds in their attempt to make up the crucial conference matches they lost earlier.

"If we can win all three, we will be in great shape. Two out of three will be good, and if we get one out of three we are in serious trouble," said Hurdle on the upcoming road matches.

One thing last week's rest provided was a chance for injuries to heal. Sue Lormin and Cindy Walsh are back from ankle injuries. The lower back soreness that's plagued Holly Hatcher is nearly gone. And setter Kelly Williams, recently hobbled with an ankle problem, is expected to be back at full strength for the Grand Valley match.

The Pioneers now rest at 17-9 overall and 4-3 GLIAC.

Soccer team loses close game, Al Stewart ejected for fighting

By DAVID HOGG
Sports Writer

The red-hot Pioneer soccer team left home with a four-game winning streak Oct. 16, but came back with a loss.

Oakland lost 2-1 to the Battling Bishops of Ohio Wesleyan University.

Wesleyan scored the first goal, as has been Oakland's practice up until now, in the first five minutes. It came after Oakland sweeper Matt Paukovits tripped a Bishop. Charlie Blanchard took the penalty kick, rifling the ball past goalie Vince Aliberti.

The score stayed 1-0 until after halftime. Two minutes and 40 seconds into the second stanza, Blanchard took a cross from Dominic Rominelli and shot it into the Pioneer goal, giving OWU a 2-0 lead.

The Pioneers finally scored with 20 minutes left when John Stewart converted a penalty kick.

However, the Pioneers were unable to score again, suffering their second loss in the last 11 games. Oakland, ranked ninth in Division II, saw its record slip to 9-3-1, thanks to the number-one ranked Division III team.

The game was marred by a fight with two minutes left that cleared the benches as everyone got involved. Bishop Blanchard took offense to a tackle by Pioneer Al Stewart and kicked him. The two were on the ground when, as Stewart said, "Their

whole bench jumped me, so our bench had to come over."

Stewart and Blanchard were ejected from the game, as was Rominelli, who led the charge against Stewart.

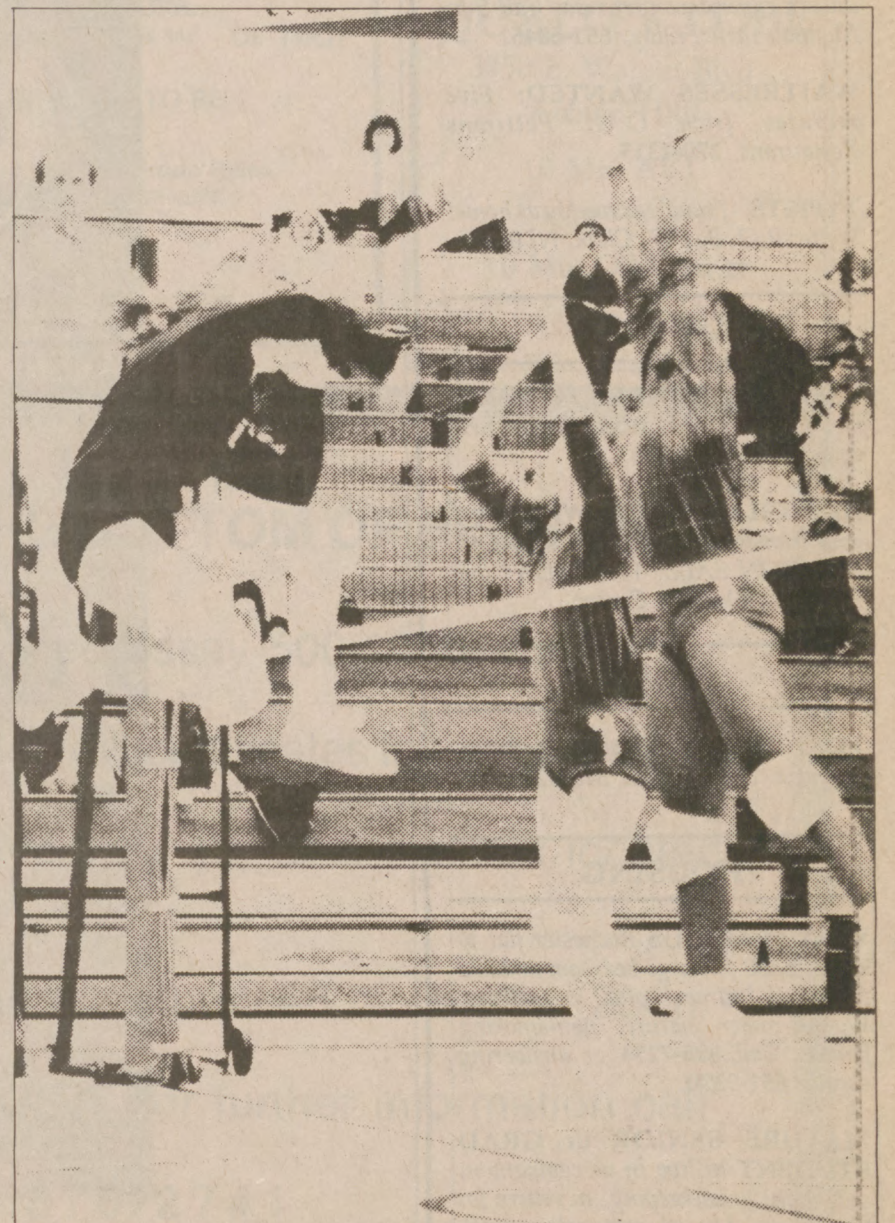
Oakland Coach Gary Parsons said the key to the game was Wesleyan's defense: "We haven't played a team that played good high-intensity defense since Western Michigan (Sept. 23). They forced us into mistakes, and capitalized two of them into goals."

The Pioneers now embark on a very important stretch of games. They play a tough Siena Heights College on Wednesday and have two more games Saturday and Sunday in the Central Region Classic. Oakland will take on the Lewis University Flyers on Saturday and the Northern Kentucky Norsemen on Sunday.

"Lewis is battling for a playoff spot in our region, and Northern Kentucky has beaten Lewis once already this season," Parsons said. Parsons believes that if his team doesn't lose the rest of the way it should make the NCAA playoff, despite the loss to OWU.

"The Wesleyan game didn't hurt us too much, because they are not a Division II school. The Lewis and Northern Kentucky games are both against Division II schools in our region, so they are very important."

The Central Region Classic will be played at Oakland University. Oakland's games are at 2 p.m. on both days.



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A Pioneer spiker goes up for a slam in the team's victory over Northwood Institute last Tuesday.

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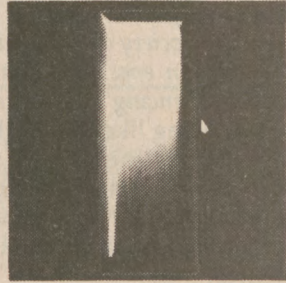
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'Old' swimmers return, outswim Pioneer tankers

By SUSAN STOKES
Sports Writer

Former Oakland tankers returned to their alma mater Oct. 17 for the second annual Alumni Meet. They beat the current edition of the Pioneers 118 to 111 in front of about 100 spectators.

Men's swimming Coach Pete Hovland said the meet is "a lot of fun, and designed to let new swimmers meet the 'old' swimmers that they have heard so much about."

This year's event pitted 55 alumni against the Pioneers' 33-man swimming and diving team. The participation was down slightly from last year's event which brought back 69 former Pioneers.

Hovland attributed the drop to the fact that our "alumni are coming from all over the country and from all over the world." No statistics are kept, but next year "we will work on determining the oldest participant, as well as who came the farthest," Hovland said.

Originally the meet was scheduled to be held every other year, but the response was so good last year that officials decided to make it an annual event.

So far the meet has involved just the male swimmers. Next year however, Hovland plans to include former female Pioneers. Work is under way on an address list of the former lady tankers to facilitate their participation in 1988.

The alumni took first place in eight of the 14 events, including diving.

Hovland stacked the alumni relays with eight rather than the traditional four swimmers. He said it "gives them some help and makes the meet more competitive." The Pioneers swam the events with four swimmers.

Events, winners, their last year at Oakland (if available), and their times or points are as follows:

200-yard medley relay: Alumni Bill Lockwood, Jeff Pryor, Brad Goff, Steve Hussey, Paul Karas (1977), Bill Kempf, Gary Lauinger and Terry Koehler, 1:33.40.

400-yard freestyle: Alumni Tracy Huth (1984), Mike Schmidt (1984), 3:34.19.

50-yard backstroke: Freshman Hilton Woods, 25.05.

100-yard breaststroke: Sophomore Jim Surowiec, 1:02.75.

One-meter diving: Alumnus Rusty Eubanks, 301.875 points.

50-yard butterfly: Freshman Rich Orr, 23.75.

100-yard freestyle: Senior Mark VanderMey, 47.56.

100-yard backstroke: Senior Rich Swoboda, 55.31.

50-yard breaststroke: Alumnus Huth, 28.85.

100-yard butterfly: Alumnus Alan Faust, 52.40.

100-yard individual medley: Alumnus Bruce VerBurg (1986), 57.00.

Three-meter diving: Alumnus Eubanks, 327.075 points.

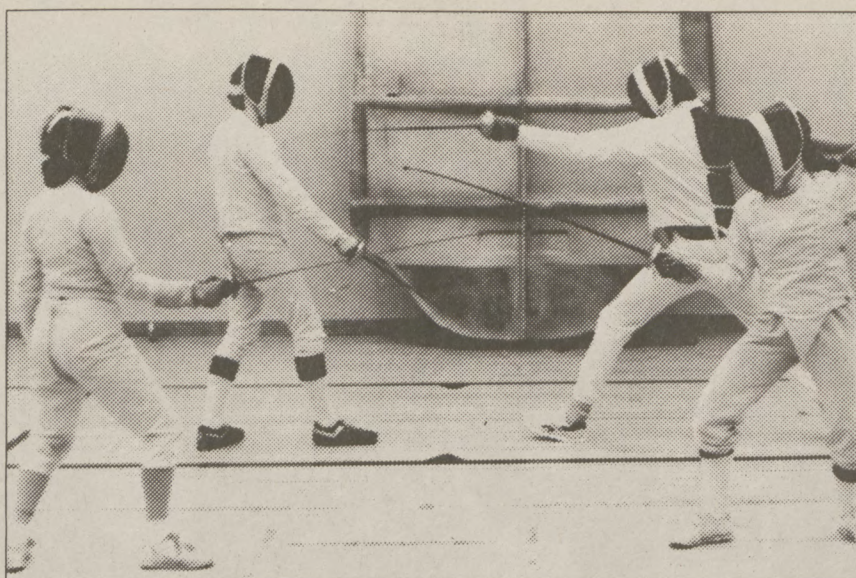
200-yard freestyle relay: Alumni Mike Koleber (1986), Kempf, Karas, Bill Colvett, Curtis Jonas (1982), Faust, Hussey, Scott Teeters (1978), 1:23.98.

Marathon

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the marathon. He traveled with a group of 26 to Las Vegas. "I'm going there to lick my wounds from today's race," he said. "I might play a little bit of blackjack if I can find a table."

Unlike many others, Forbes can't remember a time when he didn't make a profit from gaming in Vegas. "I go expecting to win," he said, claiming that everyone who loses there goes expecting to lose. But he's not a James Bond style gambler, "I don't bet the paycheck," he said.



Oakland fencers Chris "Spike" Cameron, Joe Burley, Meg Hawkins and Lance Foster.

Netters clobber Hillsdale, begin GLIAC tournament

By SUSAN STOKES
Sports Writer

In its final home match, the women's tennis team bagged Hillsdale College for an 8-1 victory, wrapping up the season with a 5-1 conference record and an 8-1 overall record.

"I could not have been more pleased with the way we played today," said Coach Jim Pinchoff.

In singles action, Kris Jeffrey lost to Kathy Heimberch 9-10 in a tie-breaking 10-game pro set. Marge Messbarger wiped out Kelley Rahilly 10-5; Heather Duncan beat Natalie DeVors 10-5; Gretchen Ballen beat Susan Wiedie 10-7; Kelley Hayden pushed aside Betsy Pollock 10-4; and Lori Kiffner topped Kim Wells 10-8.

Oakland's top doubles tandem, Jeffrey and Messbarger defeated Heimberch and Rahilly 10-7; Duncan and Ballen squeaked by Wiedie and Lil Petersen 10-9 in a tie breaker; and Hayden and Kiffner tromped Kris Tarling and Amy Schaffer 10-6.

Last weekend the netters traveled to Midland to participate in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) tournament.

The Pioneers faced familiar GLIAC opponents Ferris State College, Wayne State University, Saginaw Valley State College, Lake

Superior State College, Michigan Technological University and Hillsdale College.

Four Oakland netters are seeded second in the GLIAC for their positions. Messbarger is second among the number-two players; Lori Kiffner of the number-six players; Jeffrey and Messbarger in first doubles; and Hayden and Kiffner in third doubles. Doubles teams and individual players from first-place Ferris are seeded first in all categories.

But the Pioneers don't seem to think Ferris is so tough. Messbarger calls them "definitely beatable" because "they are not as strong as they were last year." Coach Jim Pinchoff said earlier in the season that he thought Ferris was vulnerable to a challenge. Ferris beat Oakland 9-0 in the two teams' only meeting this year for the Pioneer's sole loss.

Unless she advances to the national championships, the Midland tournament will be the last for senior Kris Jeffrey. She and Kiffner are in their last year of college eligibility.

Pinchoff said he's optimistic about the tournament. Lately Messbarger is winning more often, and "playing with more confidence," he said.

Teamed with Jeffrey, the two of them have a 5-1 record as doubles partners.

Number-five netter Hayden, who has improved her game since last year, is "really happy. We've played really well this season." A senior next year, Hayden would like to move up "a step higher and play second doubles." She realizes that "(It's) not an easy position," but said she welcomes the challenge.

Burley just misses first place at U of D

By RALPH ECHTINAW
Sports Writer

E-rated Joe Burley came in second out of 13 in epee Oct. 18 at the University of Detroit fencing tournament for C-rated fencers and under.

The United States Fencing Association rates fencers on an A-to-E scale. A being the best. Three weapons are used in the sport, epee, foil and sabre.

Five fencers from The Fencing Society of Oakland University participated in the competition.

Chris "Spike" Cameron placed seventh of 18 in women's foil. Yet unrated, Spike beat D-rated Elena Quail, who eventually finished first. Spike discovered Quail's strategy was to attack "before you can do anything," and countered by not falling into the trap. "She was getting upset (because) she was losing."

E-rated Todd Dressell was knocked out in the first round of sabre, placing eighth out of 14. "Double stripping" again, Dressell fenced foil in the tournament as well, reaching the semifinals before be-

ing eliminated. Double stripping means to fence two weapons in one competition. To fence both weapons, Dressell had to run up and down a set of stairs four times to get from one competition to the other until he was eliminated in sabre.

Assistant Coach Tom Decker placed third in epee, right behind Burley. Decker lost one of his bouts to Burley 5-1. And Lanae Hutchinson, who joined the club just last month, fenced foil in her first competition.

Next weekend several of the club members will participate in the Michigan Regionals team competition at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

With Eastern they have something of a feud going. Dressell said that EMU Coach Jim Vesper has a low regard for Oakland fencing and Oakland fencers have a low regard for Jim Vesper.

"(He's) not very well behaved in general as far as sportsmanship goes," Dressell said. Fencing Coach Paul Franklin said he has challenged Vesper's squad to a team competition but received a negative reply from Vesper.

Soccer club disqualified from OSU tournament

By MARC MORANIEC
Sports Writer

The Women's soccer club traveled to Ohio State University for a tournament Oct. 17, won one game and tied another, but came away disqualified for employing players who did not attend Oakland University.

The decision to disqualify the Pioneers was made by the tournament's director Gene Harper after personnel from the Siena Heights College team complained. Siena lost to the Pioneers 3-1.

Club President Sara Voikin said she feels they were disqualified because they were winning.

She adds that last year at the same event they also used non-Oakland players, but didn't win anything, and were not disqualified.

If they were a varsity sport and in a division they would take four losses in the misshap. However,

they are a club and their record is not official. Dorene Dudek, the club's vice president said they will probably count the two games they played at the tournament, making their record 9-2-3.

In another game, the Pioneers beat the University of Michigan 4-0 last Thursday at Oakland.

Lori Nicley got things started for the club as she scored the first of her two goals early in the game, giving OU a 1-0 lead in the first half.

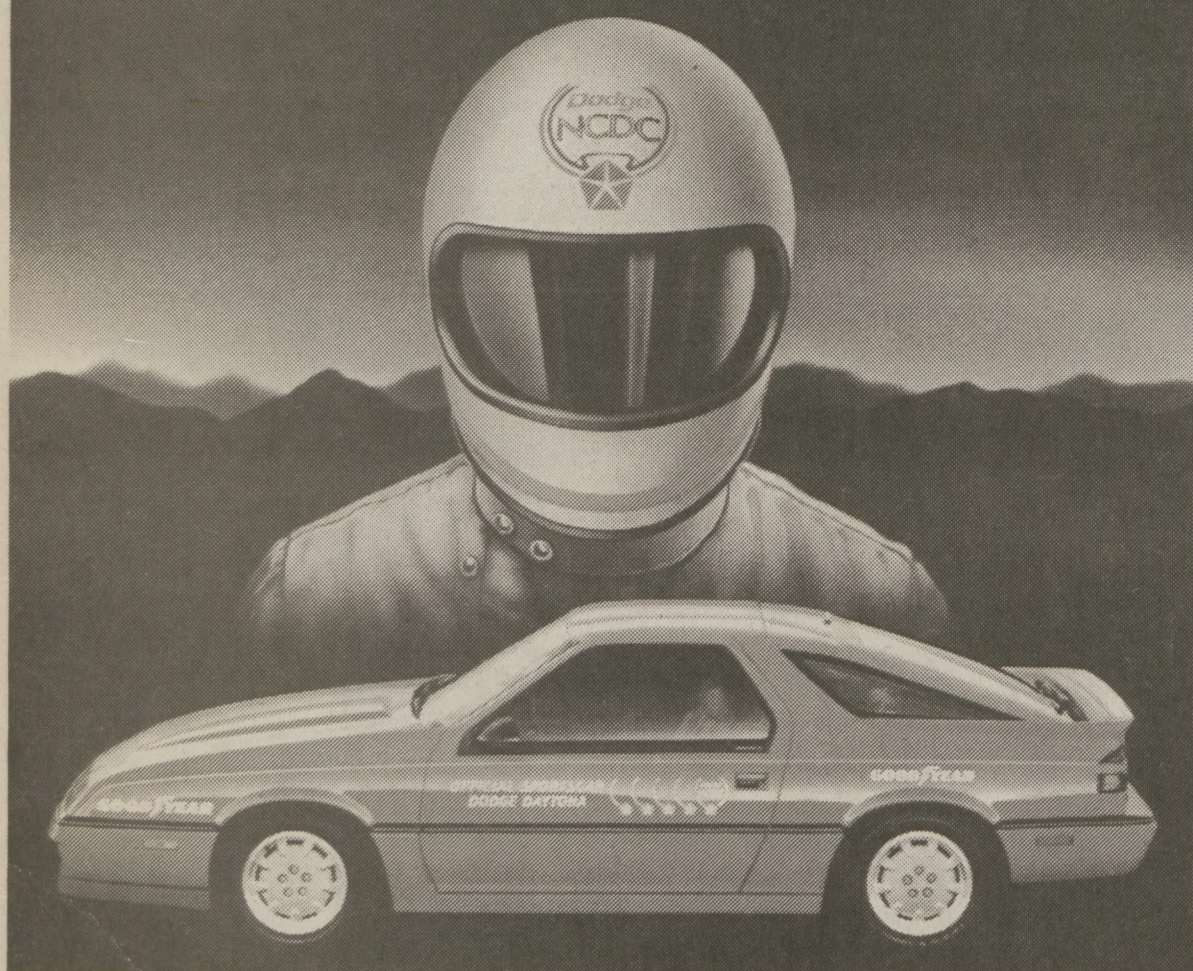
Oakland kept the play in the Wolverines end of the field for most of the game. In the second half that pressure paid off three more times.

Renee Denomme and Kathy Cole scored, making it 3-0 Pioneers. Nicley scored her second goal and the club completed its second whitewash of Michigan this season.

Kris Moore, Amy Aylesworth, and Patti Larsen got credit for the shutout as the team's three goalies.

Oakland closed out its season last Sunday against Central Michigan University.

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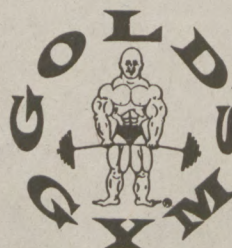
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