

Teachers face bleak future

(Editor's Note: This is the first in a five-part series about the OU school of Human and Educational Services (SHES), formerly the School of Education, written by Staff Writer Betsy Schreiber and editors Mark Clausen and Gail DeGeorge. This article deals with the job outlook for SHES graduates with particular attention to job prospects in teaching. Other stories in the series will cover the re-accreditation process for the secondary education programs, the Human Resources Development program, and curriculum problems in some of the SHES programs.)

By Betsy Schreiber
Staff Writer

Employment prospects for education graduates remains bleak, without much light at the end of the tunnel.

"The predicted declining enrollment will be with us well into the 1980's...The prospects for new teachers are dim."

—William Mangrum
personnel director



If past trends in education continue, the number of teachers will continue to exceed the number of positions. The oversupply is expected to continue until the mid-1980's, according to the Michigan Occupational Information System.

Only about 50 percent of the certified teachers from OU have found full-time teaching positions in their first year after graduation, said Ronald Kevern,

director of Career Advising and Placement.

NATIONALLY, THERE are approximately 13 million secondary and elementary teaching positions, with approximately 13,000 annual job openings. Michigan employs approximately 75,000 elementary and secondary teachers.

Part of the problem in finding employment lies in student teaching.

The number of student sites available has been reduced 50-60 percent in the last five years, due to the pressures from the MEA to reduce the number of student teachers, said William Jorns, director of field services in the School of Human and Educational Services.

This produces an added strain on employment prospects for education graduates, since their student teaching record can be the first thing a school district considers in hiring teachers.

A FURTHER blow to education graduates comes from teacher unions. According to Dick Lange, Executive Director for MEA Local 1, the union is making an attempt to encourage local schools to hire laid-off teachers from other districts. "We feel we have an obligation to continue with people who

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Tuition hike expected in fall

Appropriation short of mark

By Jay Dunstan
Sail News Editor

A tuition increase is inevitable for OU students next fall according to Donald O'Dowd, university president.

The increase will be caused by an insufficient increase in state funding for OU as recommended by Governor William Milliken's fiscal 1980 budget.

"A tuition increase is mandatory next year," said O'Dowd.

THE STATE budget would give OU less than half of their requested increase, particularly in the area of salary and wage adjustments. Milliken's budget would allow for a five percent increase in salaries and wages for state civil service employees.

"It doesn't even seem the legislature could give us enough to meet modest increases in wages and salaries," O'Dowd said.

The legislature may amend the budget before they vote to make it official, and could possibly increase the salaries and wages to seven percent.

O'Dowd said a tuition increase wouldn't be the only bridge to fill the gap. "It would also have to come out of programs as well as cutbacks in university activities."

ALL FOUR of OU's major union contracts expire this year. The Association of American University Professors (AAUP) contract between the faculty and the university expires in July.

According to Budget Director Ray Harris, a strike is not out of the picture. "That's always the possibility," he said, "I'm not saying that on the basis of any inside information. The chances are no worse or better to other bargaining sessions we've approached."

Several faculty members have indicated they will ask for as much as a nine and a half percent increase in salary.

"WE HAVE faced this before and I expect it (the increase) will come down to where the federal guidelines are now," (continued on page 2)



Van Wagoner meets Van Wagoner

(Photo by Chris Oullette)

Van Wagoner residents had a rare treat last night when they had a visit by the man the dorm was named after, Murray D. Van Wagoner. Van Wagoner and his wife of 55 years spent much of the evening "just telling jokes," according to one observer. Van Wagoner House was finished in 1965. "It doesn't matter how much money you have, if you have your health, you're wealthy." He challenged the students to maintain a reputation: "Make sure you keep up the good name of Van Wagoner and I will try to too."

Speaker sheds light on Iran's revolution

By Doug Susalla
Sail Staff Writer

A little more light was shed on the Iranian situation yesterday by Professor James A. Bill, associate director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Texas.

He called the Middle East "a difficult part of the world, a place Americans have a hard time understanding." He emphasized that we should develop "a new consciousness of the forces in Iran."

During his speech at the Oakland Center Bill came down hard on U.S. media coverage of the country, saying, "Iran has been lost in the shuffle" in all the other Middle East coverage.

He said the media has presented "a very distorted picture of Iran," letting the U.S. make what he feels are "serious errors in understanding Iran's society."

THE COUNTRY "has been covered very superficially, and the Shah has been viewed much too uncritically" he said.

When he visited Iran last November, Bill said, he returned with "no doubt in my mind that this was a revolution...only the Shah's military power enabled him to survive this long."

The revolutionaries include a diverse coalition of: "... a professional middle class (doctors, students, lawyers, etc.); the merchant middle class; and the embryonic industrial working class," said Bill.

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Guest commentary

Involvement will banish mediocrity

By Robert Alan Anderson
Special to the Sail

Perched on the brink of achievement or tragedy, a lone figure closes his eyes to reality. He is able to see both sides, but chooses to walk the lonely and cold line known as mediocrity. For him, the bitter winds and adverse conditions play the part of non-involvement.

On one side he sees the possibilities for success, on the other for disaster. There are groups of friends and acquaintances on both sides of the line, but the effort he would have to expend to reach either side seems to be too much. He settles for his comfortable position on the line, not realizing that a strong wind could make him lose his balance, placing him at a severe disadvantage. He is a line walker, someone who is afraid to become active, or even help himself.

The same choice is made by Oakland students daily. Far too many of us choose to walk the line. We choose to bury our heads instead of dealing with the problems of the University, or joining a student organization to help develop a sense of community so very lacking at OU.

We can clearly see both sides. Surrounded by those making the extra effort to push away from the line, while others fade into the side of tragedy.

The marks made by the involved 'achievers' at Oakland are highly visible. Political events and activities are attracting more interest than ever. Educational programs in all areas of interest: the performing arts, innovative programming, and highly successful social events, fill the calendar and round out our curriculum.

These events happen because students make them happen. They actively seek other students to aid in their ranks as members of University Congress, student organizations, and other diverse activities. The major common bond these students share is that they are no longer 'line walkers.'

Yet more than 70 percent of the students still balance on the line. With books held up to their noses, many still refuse to leave the ranks of the mediocre. They don't even take note of the winds that may spell trouble for them, such as:

- The proposed credit change that could bring up costs for students, and create an "over-load" by trying to pack too many classes into four years of learning. (Not to mention the effects it could have on night students.)
- The surprisingly high dropout rate of freshman students.
- An incredibly poor advising system that may be affecting many other areas of our education.
- The comparatively high cost of 'red tape' in the administration.

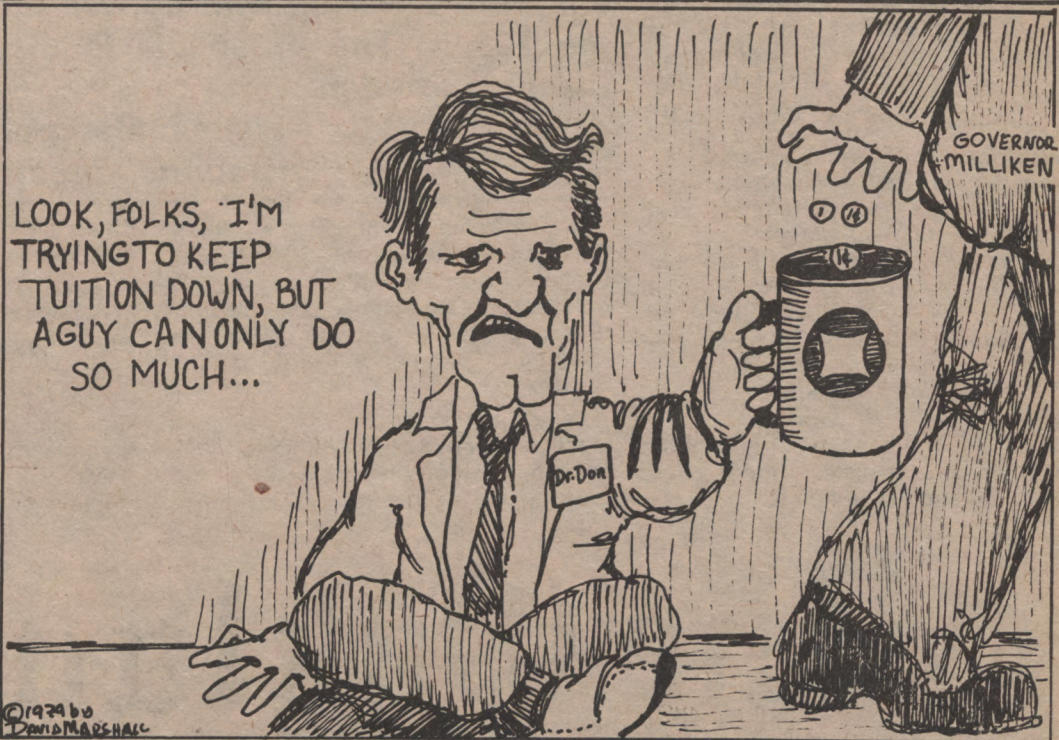
These problems have the potential of severely affecting every student on campus and must be dealt with. Joining some activity, or becoming active to solve these problems directly is the only way students are going to come out ahead.

All of these issues can be dealt with by students who will put forth the extra effort to make their education worthwhile. A solution is not going to come about if we continue to ignore our situation. We've got to stop balancing on a very fragile line.

We have the exciting chance for a much better educational experience if we push away from non-involvement. We will see our opportunity for top-notch education crushed if we remain uninvolved.

Will you join me in stepping off the line?

The Marshall Arts



SAB to give \$ valentine

Half of surplus open for plans

By Sheba Bakshi
Sail Staff Writer

The Student Activities Board (SAB) may buy a Valentine's present for OU students.

SAB members are asking students for ideas on how to spend the \$8,968.40 surplus discovered in the SAB account.

Dean Waldrup, chairperson of SAB, told Congressmembers at the Congress meeting yesterday that the surplus in SAB's account resulted from an underestimation by the CIPO (Campus Information, Programming and Student Organizations) office.

SAB has already decided to spend half the money on a student loan program and midsemester activities.

"THE REST of the surplus," said Waldrup, "should be used for something that will benefit the university."

Waldrup asked Congressmembers for ideas on how to spend the extra money. Suggestions made were: purchasing another Xerox machine for student use, buying a microwave oven for the Oakland Center grill, getting furniture for the grill patio, or financing WOUX's plan to go FM.

Congressmembers Gary Morehead, Kevin Appleton, and Robert Anderson argued that since the money was originally designated for student organizations, it should be spent on those organizations.

Moorehead said that the Sports and Recreation building and the Oakland Center already had their own fees.

Cathy Beilman, Financial Planning Committee (FPC) chairperson, said that the student activity fee money allocated to SAB was not just paid by student organizations

but by all students.

WALDRUP said that SAB would only take suggestions, the ultimate decision, "as to what to do" with the surplus, would be made by the SAB committee.

In other discussion, Mary Sue Rogers, Congress President, asked the board to pass a motion supporting a library check-off fee.

The fee, which would be

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around seven percent," said Harris.

The other three contracts to expire this year are the Police Officers of Michigan (POAM) with Public Safety, the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), and the Clerical Technical Association.

Budget Committee Chairperson William Connellan said, "We always hope for more (state appropriations), but it (the increase) was pretty reasonable. It's not at all surprising."

O'Dowd compared the current Iranian situation to the Oil Crisis of 1973. He believes if a situation comes to light such as the economic problems of 1973, it could be a hard year for OU. "I have a great feeling of uncertainty this year because of the Iranian crisis," said O'Dowd.

Contract negotiations, budget increases, and tuition increases could bring a long, hot summer for OU administrators, and a harder and more expensive fall for OU students.

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similar to that of PIRGIM's would allow students the option to donate \$1 to the library during registration.

The money would be used to purchase reference books, like encyclopedias, dictionaries and atlases.

Last April Congress approved the library check-off fee, but it was tabled by OU President Donald O'Dowd until more input could be obtained.

LETTERS...

Schools should expand view, not produce \$

To the Editor:

"In one age, the schools train for war, in another, for religion; now it is typically education for producing and getting wealth."

The above quote rings a sharp note of truth for the academic scholar of 1979. Although it was stated by Clarence Darrow nearly a hundred years ago. Just exactly what have we learned over the last century? Apparently nothing, for the student still continues charging blindly ahead in hot pursuit of the gold at the end of the rainbow. It appears that the basic purpose for students attending college is to learn the secret of the Midas touch.

If my acrimonious assault on the student body appears offensive, good. Hopefully it will cause the student to stop and do a little reassessing of values. For if each of us seeks after our own material ends, then we've become nothing more than a sterile society. Education is designed to broaden ones scope, not ones pocket.

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have begun in the school district and are successful," said Lange. According to Jorns, the Macomb County MEA is going a step further, and starting a "teacher bank."

"If any teacher goes on leave, or an opening comes up, the district must go to the teacher bank first," he said. "There may be more jobs, but if the unions are successful, they will all be filled with teachers who have been pink-slipped."

In Oakland County all but one union has contract negotiations coming up this fall. The potential for them to mass together and make solid demands this fall is there.

PERSONEL directors from school districts in Michigan and surrounding areas feel the prospects for education graduates are challenging, but dim. In addition to the oversupply of teachers, they say other reasons are declining enrollment, migration patterns, and contractual agreements with return requirements.

"The predicted declining enrollment will be with us well into the 1980's. Lay-offs at the state and national level are stabilizing," said William Mangrum, Director of Personnel in the Carmen-Ainsworth

Community Schools outside of Flint. "The prospects for new teachers are dim."

In the Southfield Public Schools, conditions in the elementary level are worse because the decrease in enrollment created largest declines in the lower grades.

BUT KEVERN said recent figures compiled by the Michigan Department of Education would support that job opportunities for teachers are getting better throughout the state, particularly in the secondary level.

The Director of Personnel for Detroit Public Schools, Eugene M. Gilmer, said, "we're going through a cycle. In the late 1940's we hired many teachers, they're now retiring."

THE MICHIGAN Occupational Information System states that pressure exerted to reduce the student-teacher ratio will open new positions.

There are specific areas of education in which the employment prospects are brighter. Many school districts are reporting a serious shortage of full-time substitute teachers.

"There appears to be a shortage of teachers in such high school disciplines as

chemistry, math and physics," said Kevern.

In the Rochester Community Schools, a high-growth area, they are employing less teachers. Larry Westley, Director of Personnel calls the future for education graduates, "bleak."

Opportunities, however, are opening. Some personnel directors feel that the oversupply will turn around and create a balance.

THE CROWDED market has resulted in a decreasing number of students choosing careers in education. The record year for teacher production nationally was 1972, but since then, the supply of teachers has dropped.

"Pressures in the classroom, including discipline problems have motivated teachers to leave the field," said Kevern. "Early retirement and buying in of military time (related to early retirement) have also encouraged teachers to leave positions with the schools. This provides open opportunities for the new teachers."

In the Lake Orion School District, for example, business and some areas of industrial and vocational education are best, according to James Hoag, Personnel Director.

Many personnel directors say there is a shortage of teachers in special education, such as deaf, blind, or physical handicapped, and new programs are being developed in those areas.

"Dedicated professional teachers remain in need," says Kevern. "Yes, the job market is competitive, and while marketability is an important career factor, competency and dedication to a chosen field is even more important."

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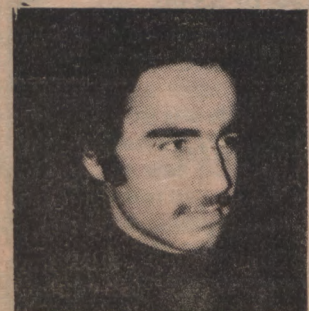


"No not yet. It's the first time I've ever managed it. It's my senior year so it's about time to become a good student."

David Koch, Senior,
Economics

"Yeah. I have three classes and each of them has an incredible amount of reading, and I work, and that makes it difficult."

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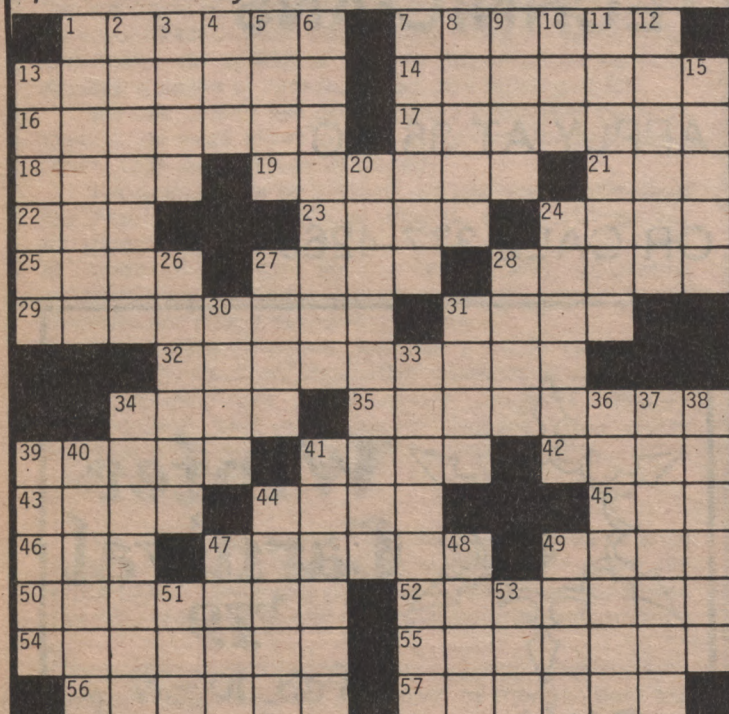
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Carnival packs calendar

Events to 'snow' OU

By Daryl Fortler
Sail Staff Writer

Although most students would find a warm breeze from the south a welcome relief from the snow and bitter cold, the rites of the season will be celebrated as OU holds its annual Winter Carnival. "It'll Snow For You", will run February 10-17.

"We have a full schedule this year," said Jan Kubik, coordinator of campus programs at CIPO.

The carnival begins Saturday with a governance workshop. Sponsored by Area Hall Council, the workshop will include representatives from colleges and universities from across the state who will focus their discussions on effective student governance.

THAT SAME night, AHC is also sponsoring a semi-formal Valentine's Dance held in the Oakland Center, with entertainment provided by "Imagina-

tion".

Other events scheduled for the carnival include an ice skating party on Beer Lake on Monday, Delta Alpha Sigma, the sponsoring organization, will also provide hot chocolate to keep skaters warm.

TUESDAY WILL be student organizations day. Held in the Fireside Lounge of the O.C., clubs and organizations will recruit new members through demonstrations, literature, and pamphlets.

The "Love Concert," by Collegium Musicum under the direction of Lyle Nordstrom, will be this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The concert, a Valentine's Day tradition at OU, will be previewed in the Fireside Lounge the day of the concert with the regular performance at Varner Recital Hall.

Hearts with every date on the calendar will fill the Bookstore Wednesday as students look for one with their birthdate on it. A successful find entitles them to

a prize donated by the Bookstore or area merchants.

THE SOUND of jazz will fill the Abstention Coffeehouse on Thursday night, as "Focus", featuring Mike Blanchard and Marcus Belgrave, two renown local musicians, return to OU. to swing all with a brassy beat.

On Friday, an afternoon dance with music by the "Whiz Kids" will be held in the O.C., as well as a pep rally and a float contest.

A PICKWICK Games Tourney, Snow Sculpture, and a "Short Film Orgy," where films and cartoons being shown all day so students can stop in between classes and watch, are also being planned.

A photo contest and an indoor picnic in the Iron Kettle that will run all week, are two more events taking place during the carnival.

Carnival Calendars will be available during carnival week, listing all the events to take place during the celebration.

Warm welcome greets award-winning pianist

By Daryl Fortler
Sail Staff Writer

Award-winning pianist, Cynthia Raim, played to an enthusiastic audience Wednesday in a concert at Varner Recital Hall. The audience showed their appreciation for her talents by applauding non-stop long after she left the stage.

When asked about what it takes to become a concert pianist, Raim said, "It takes a whole mixture of things, one must be prepared for just about anything. It can be marvelous, depressing, it can be a struggle and a heart-break. The thing to remember is to always be aware of what your true worth is, musically and personally, despite any bad feedback."

A native of Detroit, Raim has been playing the piano since she was two. At seven, she was awarded a scholarship from the Music Study Club of Detroit.

SHE ALSO received scholarships from the National Music Camp at Interlochen and a seven-year scholarship to the Interlochen Arts Academy. When she was nine, she became the youngest soloist in the history of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, playing Mozart's Piano Concerto in F Major in its entirety.

While still very young, Raim played the Rachmaninoff-Paganini Rhapsody under the direction of Arthur Fiedler in the Toledo Symphony.

Raim received a degree in Music from Curtis Institute in Philadelphia where she studied under Rudolf Serkin. While at the Institute, she was honored with many awards which included second prize in the J.S. Bach International Competition, and Festschwarz Award for the most promising pianist at Curtis Institute.

AFTER GRADUATION Raim won first prize in the Three Rivers National Piano Competition. She was soloist

with the Pittsburgh Symphony in May of 1977 and will continue to appear in major solo recital series in Pittsburgh and Baltimore this season.

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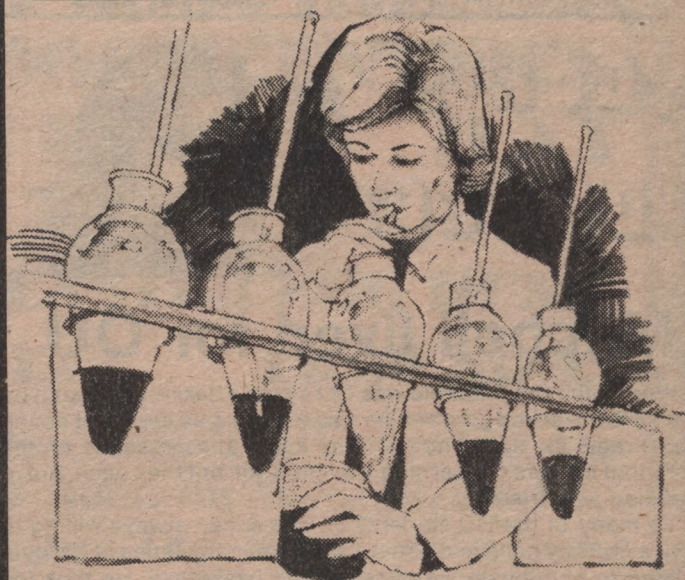
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Eye league championships

Matmen capture tournament

By Dave Robinson
Sail Sports Writer

OU's grapplers established a new page in the record books last weekend when they captured their first Invitational Tournament. Six teams competed besides OU, including host Adrian College.

OU entered at least one wrestler in nine of the ten matches. A strong performance by eight OU wrestlers earned them honors in making it to the finals. "It was super," said Coach Max Hasse.

Mark Christensen (151 lbs.), Mike Eble (135 lbs.), and cocaptain Tim Chapel (178 lbs.) all emerged as tournament champions. "It was good for the team," said Christensen of the tournament. "It showed how tough we are."

PHIL LIEBLANG, Rick Blakey, John Whitfield, Paul Johns, and Kirk Shoemaker were runner-ups. Three of the five runner-ups lost by only one point in the finals.

Chapel also set an individual record for the 1978-79 season when he pinned his opponent in 24 seconds.

Other teams that participated in the tourney were Hope College, Alma, Grand Rapids Baptist, Sieana Heights, and Southwest Michigan.

On January 31, the grapplers recorded their second shut-out in their four year existence when they downed the University of Windsor, 39-0. Coach Hasse couldn't think of a better way to end the home season.

OU FINISHED the regular season with a dual match

record of 6-1 bettering their record in the last three years (7-5, 6-7, and 5-9-1 respectively).

At the beginning of this year Hasse predicted improvement. What happened during the year is more than improvement, it's respectability.

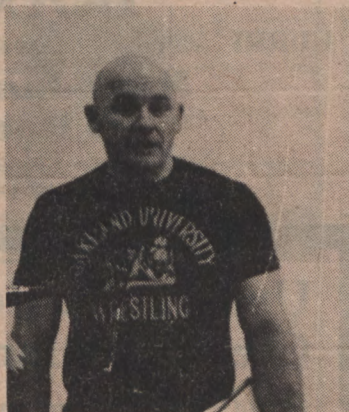
OU has its League Tournament on tomorrow. OU has gradually improved over the last three years placing 4th, 5th, and 6th.

It is likely that OU will place third or possibly second in the tourney which is held at Grand Valley. GV is seated number one with Lake Superior State second.

"**LAKE SUPERIOR** State has more money wrestlers," said an honest Max Hasse. "They're able to bring in the blue chip athletes with full rides."

The grapplers may be hurting at the 135 lbs. spot if co-captain Mike Eble continues to have rib problems. Ron Coleman was lost earlier in the year due to a broken thumb.

Only one grappler will be lost



Coach Max Hasse

to graduation at the completion of the season, John Whitfield, who is currently having a good year compiling a 10-8 record.

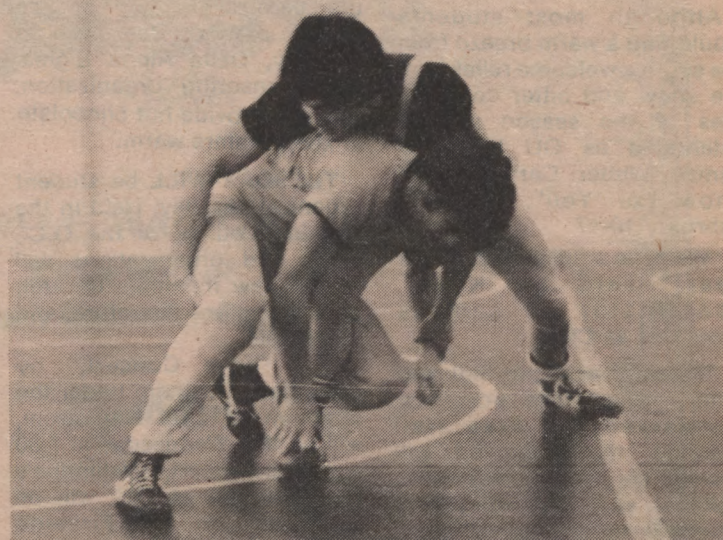
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HWT-None.

OU 1978-79

Regular Season Statistics	Win-Loss-Tie
Mike Eble	20-9
Mark Christensen	15-8-1
Tim Chapel	15-8
Phil Lieblang	9-1
Paul Johns	9-5
Kirk Shoemaker	12-9-1
John Whitfield	10-8
Ron Coleman	6-6
Dan Lemaster	8-9-1
Bob Nicks	4-6
Dennis Gustafson	5-9
Dan Gustafson	4-9
Tony Sullivan	2-9
Rick Blakey	5-10
Ken Masters	5-13
Martin Stebbins	1-8
Carl Michayluk	0-1
Steve Socin	0-2



EYE TITLE: Pioneers Dan Lemaster (top) and John Whitfield prepare for the league championships on Saturday.

(Photo by Chris Van Meter)

Spirit ignites Pioneers

By Stuart Alderman
Sail Sports Editor

Spirit capsized the men's cage team, the cheerleaders, the Pioneer mascot, the pep band, and most importantly the spectators who attended the basketball game against Lake Superior State College on Monday.

The Sports and Rec. facility offered a \$50 award to the dorm who displayed the most spirit at the game. The special event entitled 'Empty the Halls', attracted the largest crowd ever to attend an OU basketball game in a long time. Van Wagoner residents won the spirit award in leading the cheers for OU in an 98-85 victory.

"**IT WAS** a good crowd," said acting Pioneer coach Lee Frederick. "The crowd makes a big difference. There was a certain kind of electricity present, which took over. The crowd kept things going."

On each basket, each move by the players, and each call made by the referees, the crowd reacted with spirit never exhibited before. Coach Frederick even got caught up in the excitement. With 8:45 left in the game, OU's 7-foot Bjorn Rossow committed a foul underneath the Pioneer basket. Frederick disagreed with the call and counteracted by signaling to the crowd to make some noise--the crowd responded with a rash of boo's.

THE CAGERS played one of their best games of the season in extending their winning streak to three games. The Pioneers shot a sizzling 71 per cent from the floor in the first half hitting 20 of 28 shots. For the game, OU shot an impressive 65 per cent from the floor (38 of 58).

OU jumped off to an 8-1 lead after only 2:29 while controlling the tempo to a 50-40 halftime edge. The Pioneers continued their dominance in outscoring the Soo Lakers 10-4 in the first 4:10 of the second half to lead 60-44. By then, LSSC began to

taking over for Jim Mitchell on pack their bags in preparation for a long ride home.

Once again it was Senior Tim Kramer scoring 26 points and grabbing 11 rebounds to pace the Pioneers. Junior Rich Brauer chipped in 14 points as Rossow played a strong game coming off the bench to net 13 points. Craig Harts added 12 points. Eleven of OU's 12 players scored in the Pioneers fourth conference win against five losses. OU stands at 10-11 overall.

"**THE GUYS** are gaining confidence," said Frederick whose record stands 4-3 since

Jan. 17. "They feel good about themselves." The victory was revenge for OU as they lost to LSSC 56-51 in an earlier matchup, which was the Soo Lakers only conference win this season (1-9).

The Pioneers have only three home games remaining, all on Saturday afternoons. "We think we got a good thing going and we hope to see you out here at our remaining games," said captain Kramer over the public address to the large crowd with 2:12 left. Monday was what Pioneer basketball is all about--excitement, enthusiasm, and entertainment.

Soo Lakers no match for women

By Chris Van Meter
Sail Sports Writer

OU's women cagers hauled in another victory Monday night by defeating Lake Superior State College 87-59.

The Pioneers never trailed as they held the Soo Lakers scoreless for the first 7:30 grabbing a 6-0 lead.

Midway through the first half the freshman duo of Lynn Yadach and Cathy Ehgotz combined for 11 points to put the Pioneers up 25-8.

WITH 3:27 remaining in the half, Ehgotz and teammate Jeanette Fisher united for eight points to put the contest out of reach 41-25 at halftime.

The cagers shot 45 percent from the floor while OU's stingy defense allowed the Lakers a feeble 26 per cent from the field. "A game like this is good for us," said Pioneer coach Rose Swidzinski, "We moved well defensively."

Senior Kathy Hewelt led the Pioneers once again in scoring 26 points. In the last four games Hewelt has scored over 20 points per game for a total of 92 points. Ehgotz chipped in with 21 points as Yadach and Helen Shereda scored 13 and 12

points respectively.

"Tonight's game loosened up a bit," said Hewelt, "Getting everyone in the game is a big moral booster."

THE PIONEERS are gearing up for a big weekend as they travel to Illinois State for the Second Annual Redbird Tournament. The eight game tournament opens today when the Pioneers meet Illinois State (7-11).

The women get a second chance against nationally ranked Memphis State, who beat them earlier this season 94-74, if both win their first game of the tourney.

Southern Illinois, Central Mississippi, Wisconsin La-Crosse, Western Michigan and Northern Kentucky round out the eight team field.

OU swim teams face Big 10 schools

The Buckeyes from Ohio State invade the Sports and Rec. building to face the men's swim team tomorrow evening at 7:30 p.m. The women's swim team hosts the Spartans from Michigan State on Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

ROCK'S KORNER



Mitchell lived for OU

Who is Jim Mitchell? He was OU's men's basketball coach up until a few weeks ago when he was replaced by assistant coach Lee Frederick. I am not writing about the legalities or the personal matters concerning why he is still not the coach, but of the man as a friend.

To many of the OU students he was a man always willing to give a friendly hello and smile. I saw him many times in the gym talking to non-varsity athletes playing basketball. He took the time to show interest in the student body.

HE TOOK TIME out from his full time job as a head coach to tape many of the soccer players ankles in the fall when OU didn't have a trainer.

I remember back in 1977 when the baseball coach was detained for a game against Alma College. Coach Mitchell stepped in for the first game to help out. Everyone said not to 'swear' (not that the team did it a lot or anything), but for the game you felt an enormous amount of respect for a man who stepped in as a stranger to the game.

The simple fact that I'm trying to get across is that he took time out for others.

RUMOR HAS it that he might be leaving OU to return home to the Blue Grass state of Kentucky for business. If he does slip away from us, as many others have in our sports department, the coach will not be forgotten.

JIM MITCHELL'S contributions to OU can never be summed up on paper. He makes me proud to refer to him as a friend, a friend to many OU students, and one who will succeed in whatever he does.

Students shovel snow from plow-less places

By Kevin Kassel
Sail Staff Writer

Students who found themselves slipping and sliding their way to class after the last snowfall will find clearer paths due to the efforts of some Fitzgerald House residents.

A snow removal program for Fitzgerald residents and the University will go in effect whenever the grounds department is unable to complete all snow removal on its own.

AT THOSE times, the residents of Fitzgerald will be responsible for clearing required areas around Fitzgerald, Pryale, and Anibal Houses, the Central Heating Plant, and the Sports and Recreations Building.

Required areas are steps, entrances, and paraplegic ramps. These areas are inaccessible to plows, and must be shoveled by hand. Fitzgerald is only planning to do 29 of the 165 areas on campus.

There are more areas available for any groups who are interested in making money the same way.

THE PROGRAM, created mainly by Fitzgerald resident William Twietmeyer, will earn money for the dorm's house council. Twietmeyer said, "What we've been offered is money from maintenance to help get the snow shoveled."

University Engineer George Karas said the plan is, "a hell of a good idea." He added the agreement could be used for, "not merely a paralyzing snow, it's (for) normal snow too."

Grounds Department Supervisor Bill Gardner agreed, saying, "All we're trying to do is make it better for everyone concerned."

THE SNOW removal program was introduced at a meeting of the University Senate Twietmeyer said. Twietmeyer approached Vice-President for Student and Campus Affairs Ken Coffman later and after a few more meetings, an agreement was reached.

"It's kind of hard to get the girls in on it," Twietmeyer said. "We'll probably get fifteen or twenty guys, about a third to half the guys in the wing."

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Signers translate play for the deaf

By Betsy Gesaman
Sail Staff Writer

The paint was still wet on the set of the Theater Arts Department's upcoming play, *The Rivals*, when its cast and crew were transformed into television personalities for WJBK-TV2's PM Magazine.

The reason for the filming of yesterday's rehearsal is that *The Rivals* will open its two week run next Wednesday with a special preview for a deaf audience. The spotlight will be on four experts in sign language who will convey the dialogue of the 12 actors. This idea was intriguing enough to bring PM Magazine to OU, with the help of Anna Hampton of the Office of Public Relations, who contacted them.

THE PREVIEW will "give the actors a chance to have their last dress rehearsal with an audience," said Adeline Hirschfeld-Medalia, director of the play. The deaf audience "will get a lot out of watching it. There's a lot of sharing with the audience - they should respond a great deal," she said.

"It's fascinating to watch. The signers combine symbols and words and use lots of facial expression. They have put in a tremendous amount of work." The four signers will work in teams of two to spell each other. "It's very strenuous work," said Hirschfeld-Medalia.

The special performance for the deaf was the idea of Mary Wells, a theatre arts and psychology major, who is the promotion coordinator and one of the signers for the play. Both of her parents are deaf.

"I grew up in an extended family situation, with my grandparents teaching me English and Polish, while learning sign language at the same time," she said. "I've always been interested in entertainment for the deaf. Their mode of entertainment is limited. Radio is out, and TV is

also limited unless they have an interpreter right there."

"At first, I kind of put it (the performance for the deaf) off," said Hirschfeld-Medalia. "But as we went on, it became more intriguing. It will keep the actors on their toes because the timing is off--the laughs will come after the effect."

"THE CAST has been prepared," said Wells. "We try to sign it as they are saying it. At the most, we are three or four words behind, but even that can be disastrous. It's quite a challenge."

One time consuming point was changing the 18th century language into sign language. "We can't interpret it directly," said Wells. "We have to go from 18th century English to modern American to sign language, which is like another language." The language transformation has taken several weeks.

"We have to make up signs for certain words," she said. "Each character has to have a name sign, so the audience will know who is speaking. We usually take the first initial of their name and some characteristic of their personality. We spent all day last Saturday on the name signs."

Wells has had previous experience with the deaf in theatre work. She has worked with the Detroit Sign Company, an organization where the deaf perform. "When I started there, they would only sign popular songs. I started broadening their scope, going into poetry and mime," she said. "I would reverse interpret, saying the words as they were signing them."

THE OTHER signers for *The Rivals*, Monalee Ferrero, Betty Miller, and Maureen Wagner, wanted the experience of stage signing. A couple of them are



SIGNING ON: Mary Wells speaks lines from "The Rivals" with her hands for Kathy Zimmerman (playing Mrs. Malaprop, left), Kim Werkman (Lydia Languish) and Chris House (Captain Absolute). Leslie Walden films the scene.

instructors and are bringing their classes to watch the special performance.

Several other deaf organizations have been invited, among them the Detroit Association of the Deaf, St. John's Deaf Center and the Michigan Association of the Deaf. "We hope to have 75 people turn out, but we'll be pleased with 30 or 40," said Wells. The play and signing are "something I really get involved in. I hope they will do more like it at Oakland."

Regular performances of *The Rivals*, a light-hearted romantic comedy will be in Varner Hall's Studio Theatre, Feb. 15-18 and Feb. 22-25 at 8:30 p.m. There will also be Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. General admission is \$3, \$2 for OU students and senior citizens. For information call 377-2000.



LOOKING ON: Ron Sanders, PM Magazine host, and Adelaine Hirschfeld-Medalia, director, watch the action on stage. (Photo by Carla Mitchell).

Iran



BILL: A new consciousness of the forces in Iran. (Photo by Doug Susalla)

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HE DISCOUNTED the media's oft-repeated reasons behind the revolution, saying it is not a reactionary revolt against modernization.

"Fighting corruption, oppression by the Shah, and self defense (of their religion)" are the bases of the struggle. "The U.S.," according to Bill, "has preferred to portray it as a movement of a few radicals."

"But," he said, "you aren't going to get a handful of Marxist-Lenists organizing millions of people (for demonstrations.)"

BILL SAID the Shi'ite religious leaders command tremendous respect in Iran, and that they worked, "with grassroots support," to organize against the Shah.

Bill also complained about the media's coverage of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the leader of the opposition to Prime Minister Bakhtiar's provisional government.

NOW THAT the country has been racked by violent protests, he said most economists think it will take at least ten years to return to that economic high.

Bill said he is not optimistic about a peaceful settlement to the conflict in Iran. He is confident that given time, the problems can be resolved. "It will not be government by turban," he said. "Khomeini has said he will have no part in the government."

He said that "most Americans don't like him (Khomeini), he doesn't do a good job in Western PR. But Bill said he thinks the U.S. has a "vested interest in finding out who Khomeini is and what he's about."

According to Bill, before the Shah's problems erupted into violence 14 months ago, "Iran was considered by experts to be one of the six most powerful industrial countries in the world."

BILL CAUTIONED that the military, whose officers are still largely loyal to the shah, is a force to be reckoned with. He said a civil war could result if the military attempts a coup. He feels the U.S. should be in touch with all sides in the issue.

Until recently, "the U.S. decision-makers didn't know what was going on in Iran..." "America has stood stubbornly against the social forces developing in the country," he said. "I don't think you can prop and buttress walls against change."

According to Bill, Khomeini's recent nomination of Mehdi Bazargan to head the opposition government was a step forward. Bazargan, a veteran anti-shah activist, "is well respected by many of the factions in the struggle," said Bill. "Bazargan might just be able to do it."