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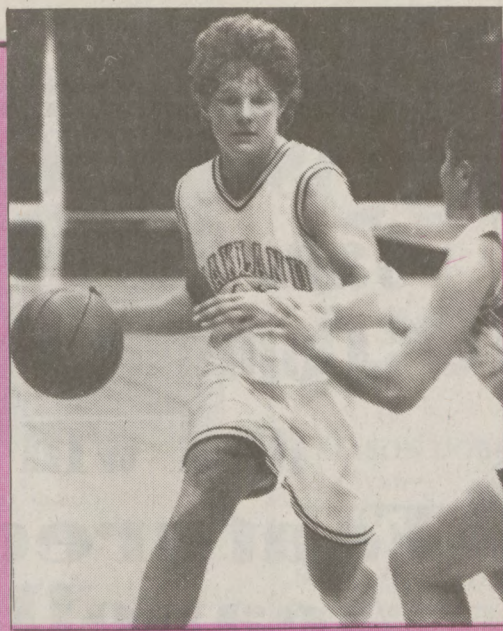
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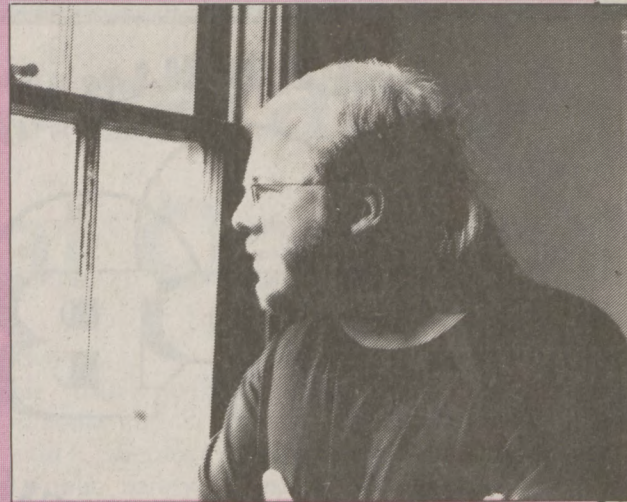
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PT student collapses during physics class

By JASON DOBRY
Staff Writer

Freshman Heather Dennison has been upgraded from critical to serious condition after suffering cardiac arrest in a physics class last week.

Dennison, 18, who underwent open-heart surgery in 1990, was found slumped backwards in her chair in Hannah Hall Wednesday at approximately 6 p.m.

"I just remember going 'Oh my God,'" witness Susan Toczykowski said. "I think by some student screaming, all the students noticed it at once. I stood

there staring in disbelief for like 30 seconds.

"It was chaotic. She was just sitting upright and it looked like she was having an epileptic seizure and gasping... and she was turning white really fast," Toczykowski said.

When police officer David Birkholz arrived, he found Greta Harney, a registered nurse and Michael Savage a pre-med major, administering CPR. Both had managed to revive Dennison a total of three times.

"The nurse is what really saved her life," Toczykowski said. "By the time the

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Ken Dennison discussed his daughter's progression at Crittenton Hospital Monday afternoon.

OU fraternity extinguished for one year

Student Affairs
Office to decide
on five fraternity
members' fate

By ROBERT SNELL
Editor in Chief

A conduct committee within the Office for Student Affairs has suspended Sigma Alpha Epsilon for one year for hazing violations.

Additional steps were taken last Tuesday but the office would not comment as to the nature of the actions.

The committee is currently investigating former members David Parry, Kurt Penrose and three others for their role in an Oct. 30 hazing incident just outside of Parry's property near Avon and John R. roads.

The results of that investigation could stretch from simple disciplinary action to expulsion.

Parry refused to comment and Penrose is not enrolled this

"Next week the
director of
chapter relations
is coming to
visit and
hopefully get
them back on
track."

Christian Coon
SAE National
Headquarters

semester.

Parry, SAE's former pledge educator, Penrose and three others allegedly encircled 10 pledges in a ring of gasoline in a field.

The incident was the peak of fraternity action termed a "haze-fest" by one member.

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Briefly...

Retirement reception

The university community is invited to attend the retirement reception for Assistant Vice President of University Relations Manuel H. Pierson.

It will be held from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday in the West Crockery in Oakland Center. The program begins at 4 p.m.

Dorm fee vote

Residence hall students will have a chance to vote on a \$5 increase in their student activities fee Wednesday, Feb. 2, outside the Vandenberg cafeteria at both lunch and dinner.

The increase is being proposed by the student-run Residence Halls Council.

RHC said the raise would help fund programs, such as floor decorating contests and holiday parties.

The council said that when the number of students in the halls decreases, the number of programs are still the same, making it hard to reach all the students.

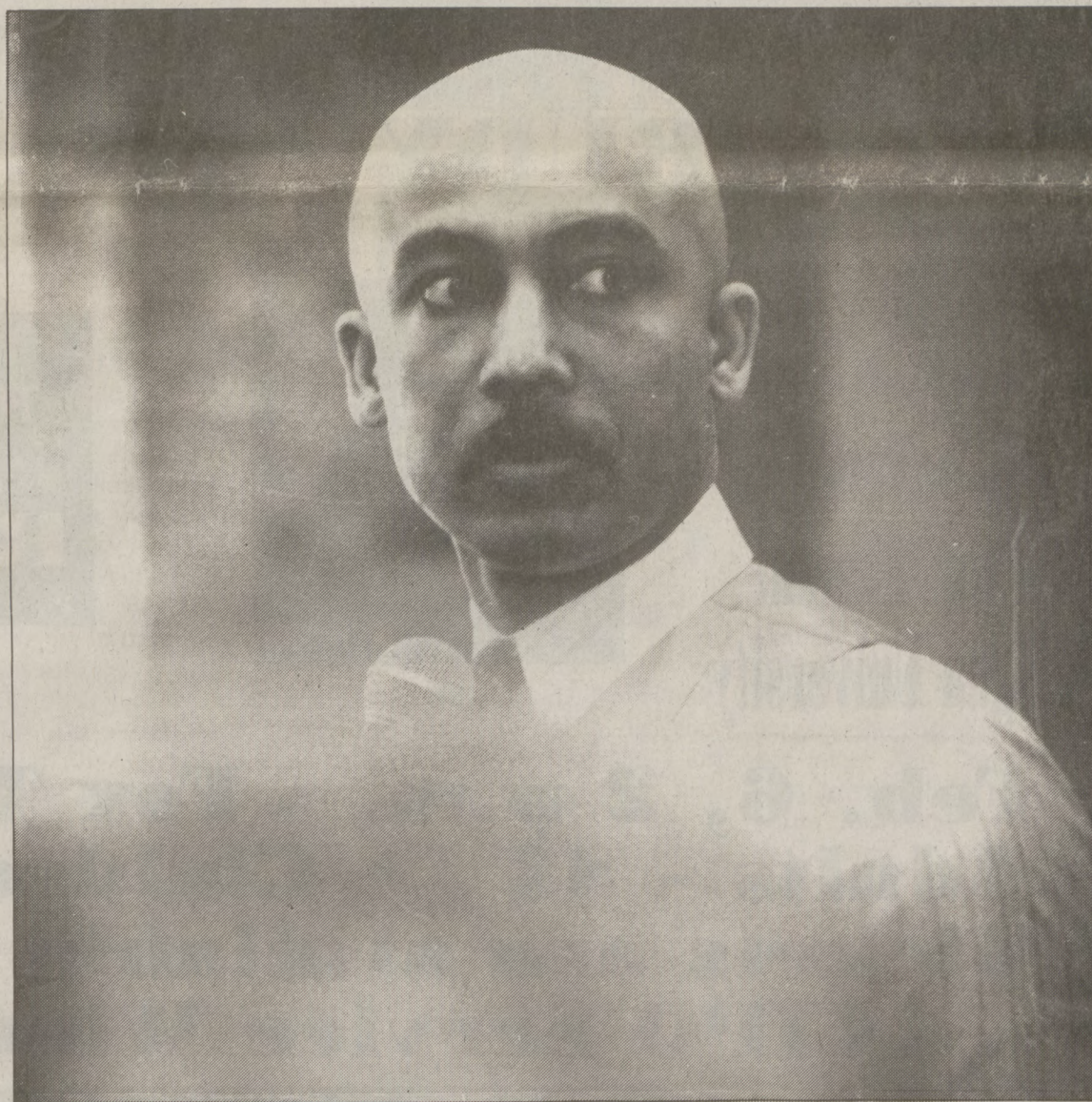
If the increase is accepted, it will be proposed in the residence hall's budget, which will be decided by the Board of Trustees March 3.

Dream Banquet

The second annual Keeper of the Dream Banquet is taking place on Friday in the OU Crockery at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25, and can be purchased in the Office of Minority Equity, 160 North Foundation hall.

Conrad L. Mallett, Jr., Associate Justice, Michigan Supreme Court will be the keynote speaker.

The topic of his speech will be: "The Tragedy of Youth Violence: The Role of the Courts and the Community."



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Montel likes the view 'in your face'

By KAREN WATTENBERG
Staff Writer

Montel Williams stood in the faces of approximately 1,050 people with a captivating message on racism, guns, spirituality and dedication.

"Right now you're not on your own time. You're on America's time and your generation's time," he said.

Williams had not come to advertise his talk show or his various business ventures. The man was here to continue what

he had started in 1989 when he resigned from his 15-year military career—motivational speaking.

Williams brought his message to America's youth, reach-

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University offers escort program

By MELISSA LAROSE
Staff Writer

Oakland University Student Congress and the Department of Public Safety and Police are piloting an escort program called "Safe Walk" that will allow the university community to call student marshals to accompany them across campus, according to the Commander of Police Operations Lt. Mel Gilroy.

The service will be available

Student Marshals
to offer nightly
campus escorts

beginning Sunday, and will run through the winter semester.

"We're fortunate at Oakland that it's a very safe environment," Gilroy said. "We'll look at all kinds of options to make it a safer environment. The university is doing everything they can to

make it the safest place."

If the pilot program succeeds, then Student Congress and DPSP will develop a more extensive service for next fall.

During the pilot program, escorts will be available Sunday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m.

The "Safe Walk" program is part of an effort that included adding six blue-light emergency

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Mike Piagentini plans on transferring to Wayne State University to pursue a degree in Mortuary Science

Student mortician learning reigns, draining veins

By SALLY TATO
Staff Writer

For Mike Piagentini, it is perfectly normal to receive a 'death call' while he is working. In fact, he would probably think it was odd if he didn't.

Piagentini is a Mortician's Apprentice so he's creepy, crawly and dismal, right? Wrong. Piagentini is as normal as any other student at Oakland University. A stu-

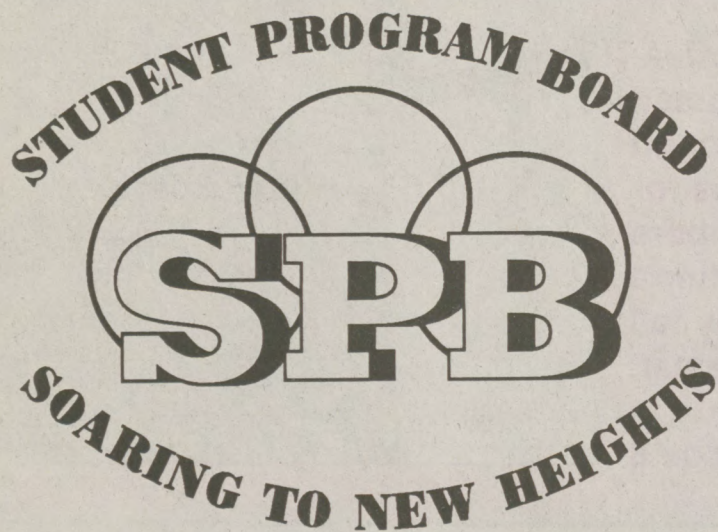
dent, that is, with a healthy reverence for the dead.

"I treat every body with respect. It may just be a shell of someone now, but somebody loved it once," he said.

He first became interested in mortuary science in the fourth grade when his class went on a field trip to a funeral home.

Then, during his senior year in high school,

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Featuring acoustic blues artist
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Student Org. Day
Jan. 26 - OC Crockery
*** Come to the SPB table**
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Featured guests:
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TONIC SOL-FA

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Game time is 7:35 p.m. and the tickets are only \$15!
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RECREATION/ LEISURE

TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m.

* Winners will advance
to the regional tournament
at Western Michigan University

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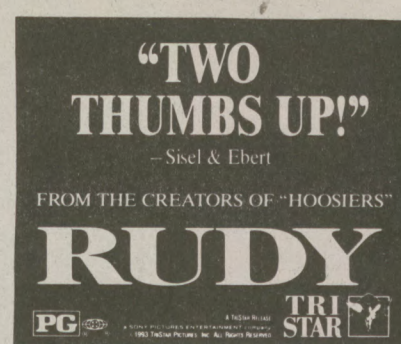
Friday & Sunday, 7 p.m.

201 Dodge Hall

Admission: \$1.50

MALICE - Jan. 28 & 30

RUDY - Feb. 4 & 6



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Feb. 6, 2 p.m. - Fox Theatre

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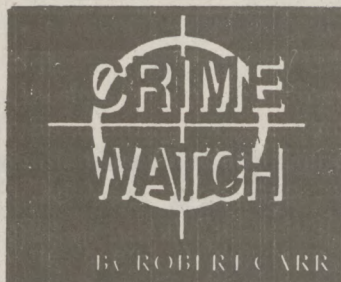
Turn this slip in at the SPB Table
on Student Org. Day to be eligible
for prizes!!!

Name: _____

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Jan. 17 - 6:45 p.m. An 18-year-old man returned to his station wagon, parked in OU's North Lot, to find \$685 of property stolen from the interior. Someone had punched out the rear lock cylinder of his tailgate, also damaging his left window shock, and removed one amplifier, two speakers, two speaker housings and two headlight covers. There was \$200 damage done to the vehicle.



Jan. 18 - 11:43 a.m. More racist graffiti was found, this time in the North Foundation Hall mens room.

"KILL ALL NI—" and "K.K.K." were written on a stall wall with a ball point pen. The graffiti was believed to have been written just prior to 1994 winter semester.

Jan. 18 - 9:30 a.m. A female student, who resides in Hamlin Hall, has been receiving annoying phone calls day and night. She said that the caller hangs up every time she picks up the phone. The calls began early December, and increased from one or two a day to several.

Jan. 18 - 10:35 p.m. A fight over money broke out between a male non-student and a female student on the sixth floor of Hamlin Hall, with the male being arrested for felonious assault.

The two had spent the evening with other friends. When the 21-year-old male was in Hamlin Circle, getting ready to leave, he reportedly asked the female for change for a \$5 bill. Someone else took the bill, and gave the male several quarters, but not the correct amount. The bill then was given to the female, who claims she threw it in the trash when the male wasn't looking.

The female then walked up to a room in Hamlin Hall, with the male following, demanding the rest of his money. When the male reached the room, he reportedly got very irate, and grabbed the female by the arm and said, "B—, give me my money."

The female told the male she didn't have his money, and he reportedly struck her in the face with his closed right fist. The female fell, grabbing a phone and chucking it at the male, who caught it. He then allegedly beat her several times with the phone, dropped it, and began hitting her in the head and face with his fist.

He then appeared to notice the number of people yelling at him to stop, hit another female, and fled the building, where he was immediately apprehended. He stated that he only hit the female once, and only in the face.

Montel

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ing over two million children, by speaking at five to ten schools a week.

Jayson T. Kirkman, a sophomore of philosophy, saw Montel speak his junior year at Detroit Northern High School.

Amazingly enough, Williams remembered pretending to shoot Kirkman in the head during a skit about drug dealers three years and 500 talk shows ago.

"We got a more personal look at Montel, more into who makes Montel," Kirkman said. "At Northern it was more, 'get out of my way.'"

So how did he feel about Oakland?

"I was very leery to talk to you today because this was only the third lecture of this nature I've done in three years," Williams said.

His speaking skills were by no means rusty.

"He has a lot of good messages, and the most powerful was the three R's," freshman Aaron Malgeri said. "The most powerful message he could have sent would have been to take control of your life."

The three R's Williams spoke of were not reading, writing and arithmetic, but restraint, responsibility and respect.

He also stressed the importance of education.

"The only reason why I stand where I stand today, is because I am an educated man."

A product of the 1960s bussing, a program designed to integrate predominantly white schools, he rose above the odds and became class president at his high school two years in a row.

At the U.S. Naval Academy, he struggled through 22 credit

semesters to achieve his degree in Engineering. He later studied Russian and Mandarin Chinese.

But his biggest pride comes from his family. Daughters Maressa and Ashley, five and ten, from his first marriage are, to him, an example of a father's unconditional duty to his children.

"I assumed the responsibility as a man and a father to take care of those children," he said in admonishing men to take care of their responsibilities.

Now Williams has a new wife and together they are the proud parents of a new son, Montel Brian Hank Williams II.

Williams' eyes teared twice during the lecture, the first time for his son.

The other tear was dedicated to his old racist third grade teacher. She failed him for misspelling one word in his Christmas story. He had spelled rapped, "raped".

His teacher then told him that is why his people could never succeed in this world.

"For the rest of my life I'll be driven by a racist who thought she was putting me down," he said.

"The only reason why a person in 1994 can look another in the eye and hate them for the color of their skin, is based on three things; ignorance, fear, and hatred." Which were also his three biggest obstacles to overcome throughout life.

Interestingly enough, he is a man of his word. Every time he offers a guest on his show help, he follows through.

His show pays more in counseling and eating disorder programs than any other show, he said.

"I hope to make you angry, I hope to make you do something," he shouted strong as ever to Oakland University.

calls and could not be reached for comment.

The suspension is the third such action against Greek organizations in the last seven years.

In the winter of 1990, Sigma Gamma Rho sorority, and in the fall of 1987 Omega Psi Phi fraternity were suspended for hazing.

Hazing

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Although the pledges entered the ring voluntarily, the act violated the university's guidelines concerning hazing by student organizations.

SAE President Mike Desantis did not return several phone

Cold, ice, wind, miserable-just another day at Oakland

By JASON DOBRY
Staff Writer

Despite temperatures of 10 below zero, OU remained open during the flurry of school closings last week, angering much of the university community.

"They were naming off entire cities because the list was too long," Michael Simon, legislative affairs director of Student Congress said in reference to the large amounts of closed schools and universities.

Simon handed out leaflets telling students angered by the decision to keep the university open to call the president's office. "They [commuters] are coming from 30 or 40 minutes away just to find out their classes are cancelled...if the students make the effort, the instructors should make the effort."

The wind-chill plummeted as low as minus 50 degrees, forcing students to bundle up, provok-

ing some to run from one class to another, and preventing others' cars from starting.

"It took me two hours to get my car started," said junior Terri May, who nevertheless feels that it was not necessary to cancel classes.

For many, the cold was more of an inconvenience than a health hazard.

Graham Health Center Medical Director Tim Eckstein treated only three frostbite victims, and all of them were "over the phone and not serious."

In contrast, Michigan State University, which closed classes Wednesday, suffered 41 minor cases of frostbite according to MSU's Communications and Planning Co-coordinator Kathi Braunlich.

Frostbite accidents were also rare in the surrounding area. Crittenton Hospital reported only two "treat-and-release" victims, and Beaumont received

five "superficial" cases.

"There's a big difference between public schools and a university," said Senior Investigator for Public Safety Mel Gilroy. "Just dress warmly...it's the same thing I tell my kids."

Campus utilities were slightly effected when a water main broke between Wilson Hall and the Graham Health Center. Also, a freeze-up in the Vandenberg Dining Hall left the heaters malfunctioning Thursday, said General Foreman of Campus Facilities and Operations Weldon Williams.

Williams estimates the total cost of the repairs to be between \$3000 and \$4000.

Frozen water also presented a problem to those in wheelchairs, although Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity Cathy Rush commends CFO's efforts to keep the campus ice-free.

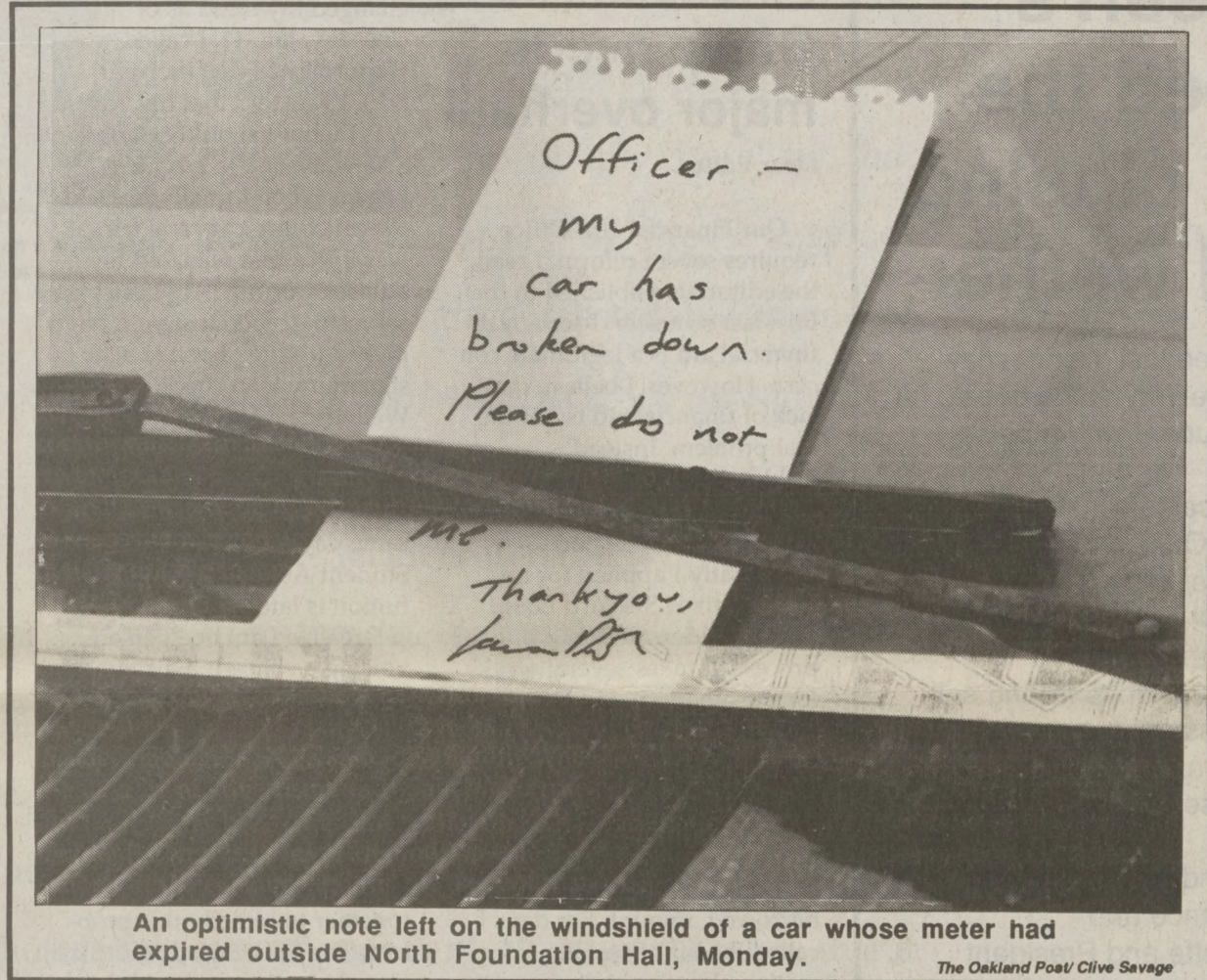
Although the call to cancel

classes or not is left to President Sandra Packard, Vice-President of Finance and Administration Paul Bissonnette and Vice President of Academic Affairs Gary Russi contribute to the final decision.

Once public safety warns the administration of heavy snowfall through its computer connections with the National Weather Service and the state police, the custodians of the CFO are recalled to operate the snow clearing equipment, said Bissonnette.

"If they...are falling behind, they call me before four or five in the morning," he said. Bissonnette then calls Russi and together they give Packard their positions on the possible cancellation.

"You may get some criticism for not closing, but you'd get more for not closing...missing a day of class is a real detriment to learning...and the taxpayers



Dennison

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ambulance arrived her eyes were completely dilated. I'll remember this until the day I die, they taped her eyes shut and I just remember saying 'I hope she's alive.'"

After briefly restoring Dennison's breathing and pulse, her vital functions ceased again. Birkholz and Harney continued to give her CPR until the Auburn Hills Fire Department arrived minutes later and stabilized her enough to move her to the intensive care unit of Crittenton Hospital, where her scar from

the previous surgery allowed Dr. David Schafer and others to vary treatment accordingly.

Her parents, Ken and Cindy Dennison, were notified by the police about 45 minutes later.

"[It] shocked us because after surgery she had done so well," her father Ken Dennison said, who drove with his wife for two hours from Ovid, just northeast of Lansing, to support their daughter.

According to the family, the hospital and those at the scene took "excellent care" of Dennison. Ken Dennison praised Harney as knowing "exactly what to do."

Amazingly enough, Harney almost wasn't in the class.

"She added into the course and I had to sign her add-slip and am I ever glad I did," Pritchard said.

The hospital expects Dennison will recover, and will soon wean her off the respirator on which her body has become dependent. After her health returns, she will visit the Cleveland Clinic to determine the exact cause of the heart failure.

Among those Pritchard credited for helping secure care for Dennison were: Erin Rozanski, Kevin Bremer, Lou Commissio, Dawn McDaniels, Toczylowski, and several others.

"In class I said they were heroes. 'To their credit they saved her life,'" he said.

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phones and improving the brightway path to make students, faculty and staff feel more comfortable around campus at night.

Students, faculty and staff can call the police dispatch from an on-campus phone if they want an escort to walk them to another building on campus or to their car.

Marshals will be equipped with a two-way radio that keeps them in contact with police dispatch and will wear brightly colored vests so they are visible and can be easily recognized.

Marshals will also be trained in recognizing suspicious criminal activity which they can call to the police dispatch who can send a police car for assistance.

Student Congress will also be distributing whistles as a part of advertising the "Safe Walk" program.

Student Congress provided funds to add two positions to the existing eight in the student marshal program. The expanded program creates additional manpower to escort people across campus.

"The 'Safe Walk' program is one particular slice

of the pie," Gilroy said about the university's efforts to make people feel safe on campus. "If it prevents one assault then it's money well spent."

"It's more of a preventative measure," said Janette David, student services director for Student Congress said. "If we can keep one person safe then it's worth it."

It has not yet been determined who will finance this program in the future.

"No one has committed money beyond the end of the semester," Gilroy said. "We try to use our resources as efficiently as we can."

The pilot program will determine how much manpower is needed and the primary hours when escorts are most needed.

"The reality is there's safety in numbers," Gilroy said. "This is really a prevention effort. They (student marshals) are eyes and ears."

Students have varying opinions about the idea of "Safe Walk."

"I don't think OU has a high enough crime rate," senior Tony Delarose said. "It's a good idea but I don't think it will be used."

"I would feel safer just knowing someone is there," senior Michelle Mittler said.

"It's a good idea but I wouldn't use it," junior Mike Henderson said. "I'm not intimidated by walking alone at night."

Death

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Piagentini, 18, tried to arrange a field trip for his advanced biology class to view an embalming at Elton Black and Son Funeral Home.

"They told me that they couldn't bring a class in but they were looking for part-time help," Piagentini said.

During his first few weeks on the job, Piagentini began to familiarize himself with his new work surroundings.

On the job, among other things, Piagentini assists in the removal and embalming of bodies.

"It's just the process of removing the blood and filling the body with formaldehyde solution to preserve and sterilize it for viewing," Piagentini said. "You only work with the bodies for two hours. You spend 48 hours with the family."

Piagentini is very comfortable with his job responsibilities.

"People perceive funeral directors as wanting people to die, he said. "No, we don't want that. The fact is people are going to die. But when they do, we want them to come to us."

Actually, Piagentini is a funeral director's apprentice and has been working at Black and Son, in Union Lake, for almost two years.

Working in a funeral home has altered Mike's personal views on life and death.

"Live for today, because you could be dead tomorrow," he said.

Oakland University does not offer a Mortuary Science Program, so Mike only plans to complete his general education courses at OU but plans to transfer to Wayne State University to earn his degree in Mortuary Science.

He is also thinking about getting a Business Degree from University of Michigan.

Piagentini's friends have mixed feelings about his decision to become a Funeral Director.

"Some of them question my decision to work with 'death', but others are happy for me," Piagentini said.

Ike Binno, a freshman at a local college, knew Piagentini in high school.

"Mike was always a wild guy in high school. It doesn't shock me at all that he wants to study Mortuary Science. Good for him," Binno said.

Piagentini's future goal is to own his own funeral home.

"There's a lot of personal satisfaction in knowing you're providing service to people in their time of need," Piagentini said.

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OUR VIEW

All The Queen's Men dropped the egg by not closing during foul wether

So why wasn't school closed last Wednesday? We'll ask that question. The very same question asked by every single student with a pulse and a reason to stay home.

Many students watched local telecasts Tuesday evening in hopes of spotting Oakland University amongst the hundreds of other closed high schools and universities.

So to whom do we assign the blame?

Last Wednesday, the problem of sprinkling salt around campus was not an issue so remove Assistant Vice President of Campus Facilities and Operations Alan Miller's house from the snowball-attack list.

Now the Chain-of-Command list has dwindled to two: Vice President of Finance and Administration Paul Bissonnette and President Sandra Packard.

California native Bissonnette's most recent run-in with frost and cold was fretting over the freezer burn on his Hungry-Man microwave dinner, so absolve him from blame.

Aha! You would be wise to follow Student Congress' Legislative Affairs Director Michael Simon's advice to call and mildly harrass Packard. (By the way her home number is 370-3030).

As if minus 50 degree wind chill temperatures were not enough to sway her decision, the thought of literally hundreds of students thumbing their collective noses at the notion of: A. Bribing their cars to start in uncooperative weather; or B. Braving the windchill and potential frostbite, which weathercasters assured could set in within a matter of minutes, would have been sufficient deterrents.

Assuming that students were willing to brave such adverse conditions, we are sure that if AAA had a seat on Packard's cabinet, school would have been closed and the president would have had her 3,000 mile reality check up.

While there were no real accessibility problems Packard should have given more serious consideration to the health and welfare of students, faculty and staff.

The number of stalled automobiles in the residence hall's parking lot was most definitely representative of the problem plaguing a large contingent of the university community.

And while All The Queen's Men faced the same issue two weeks earlier, closing classes during the first week, would have been disastrous to many syllabi, teachers and students alike.

Quite frankly, there was no clear reason not to close classes.

Instead, the community had to settle for dashed dreams, an automobile with one more dent in its quarter pannel from frustrated kicks, and legions of residence hall students wise enough to leave their alarm clocks off, and their telephones on speed-dial to Packard's house, the next time Jack Frost comes calling.

Letters to the Editor

Financial Aid Office needs major overhaul

Dear Editor,

Our Financial Aid Office requires severe reform. I read the editorials published in the Post last semester. I recognize financial aid is a legitimate concern. However, I believe that lack of financial aid is not the real problem. Instead, Oakland's students are not receiving adequate service from this Office.

Recently I applied for an unsubsidized Stafford Loan. This is, understandably, a long process. It takes several weeks for the Financial Aid Office to process and receive the loan check. The office failed to contact me when the loan check arrived. They also failed to mention an origination fee, which is 6.5 percent of the total borrowed amount. For days I called the office seeking information about my loan.

Eventually, I was able to contact my advisor and make a loan counseling appointment. You can not make an appointment via the receptionist. Therefore, it took weeks to do this because the advisor is busy with other students. The unavailability of individual appointments with your advisor leaves you two options, walk-in and call-in advising. These services are inconvenient for Oakland's student population. It takes hours to get through because the office has only one phone line. Many students miss class due to long walk-in lines.

One student told me it took her three hours to reach the office over the phone. I attrib-

uted this to the new semester. I changed my mind as of Tuesday, Jan. 11. I called Financial Aid that morning at 8:10. I was told that my advisor was in, but I should call back at 8:15 when call-in advising began. When I finally reached the office, after several tries it was 8:25 a.m. I was told my advisor was out. Any office that serves the student should have picked up the phone at 8:10. I signed my loan check on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1994. My advisor told me she would make sure it reached the Student Accounts Office that same day. It is not in the Student Accounts Office, my tuition is late.

I realize I am one person voicing a concern. I also understand the director and advisors working in the Financial Aid office have their hands tied due to the volume of students who seek their service every semester. However, the students and the administration must work together to remedy this problem. The Office needs more than one phone line, more advisors, better advising tactics, and it needs to provide complete and adequate information regarding financial aid services. It is obvious this Office can not service the volume of students that rely on it. Structural and administrative changes must take place.

As a student leader on this campus I feel Oakland's students should demand more! It is important for students to voice their concerns, but actions are of equal importance! Please contact me at 370-4290. I am willing to listen to any financial aid concerns. Let's work together and put the "aid" back into Financial Aid.

Susan Bissett

Radiation committee concludes move 'safe'

Dear Editor,

The Oakland University Radiation Safety Committee is responsible for implementation of proper procedures with regard to the procurement, use and disposal of radionuclides, as well as assurance of compliance with Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements.

Consistent with these responsibilities, the committee approved last October the permanent transfer of stored low level radioactive waste, as well as the training of university personnel prior to the commencement of the work.

On Dec. 21, 1993, the Radiation Safety Officer and I directly supervised the relocation of the materials.

In response to the article which appeared in the Jan. 12, 1994 issue of the Oakland Post, the committee re-reviewed the training of workers and the procedures used during the actual transfer.

The committee also interviewed the two employees quoted in your article. Leaders of AFSCME were also invited, but were unable to attend.

The Committee has concluded that pertinent training was provided and fully adequate safety precautions were employed to protect the health and safety of all personnel.

The committee is interested in furthering among all members of the university community an understanding of the

nature and safe use of radiation.

Accordingly, we are planning a lecture on this important subject, geared to lay-persons.

When our plans have been finalized, we will communicate them to you and ask for your assistance in encouraging attendance by students, faculty and staff.

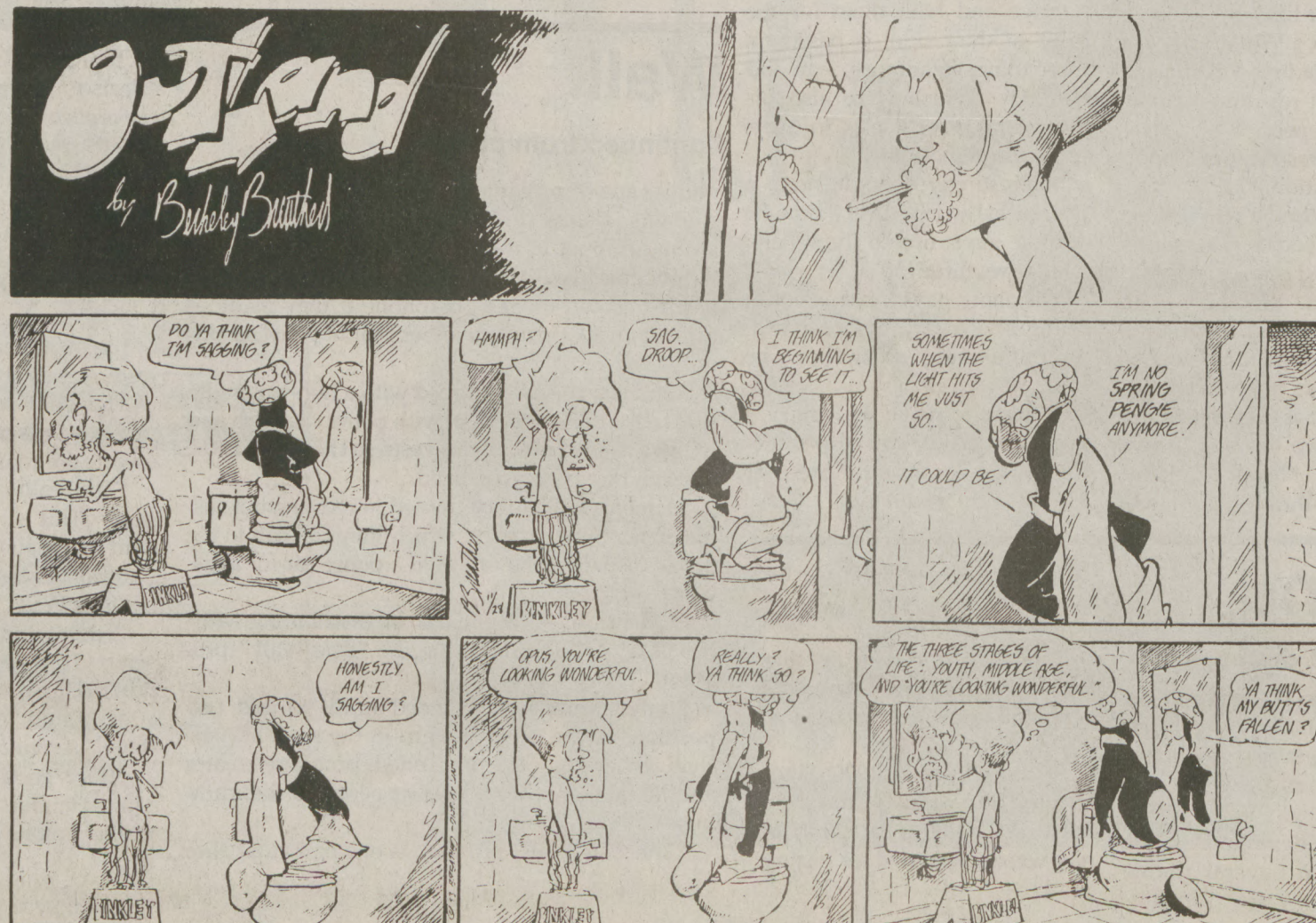
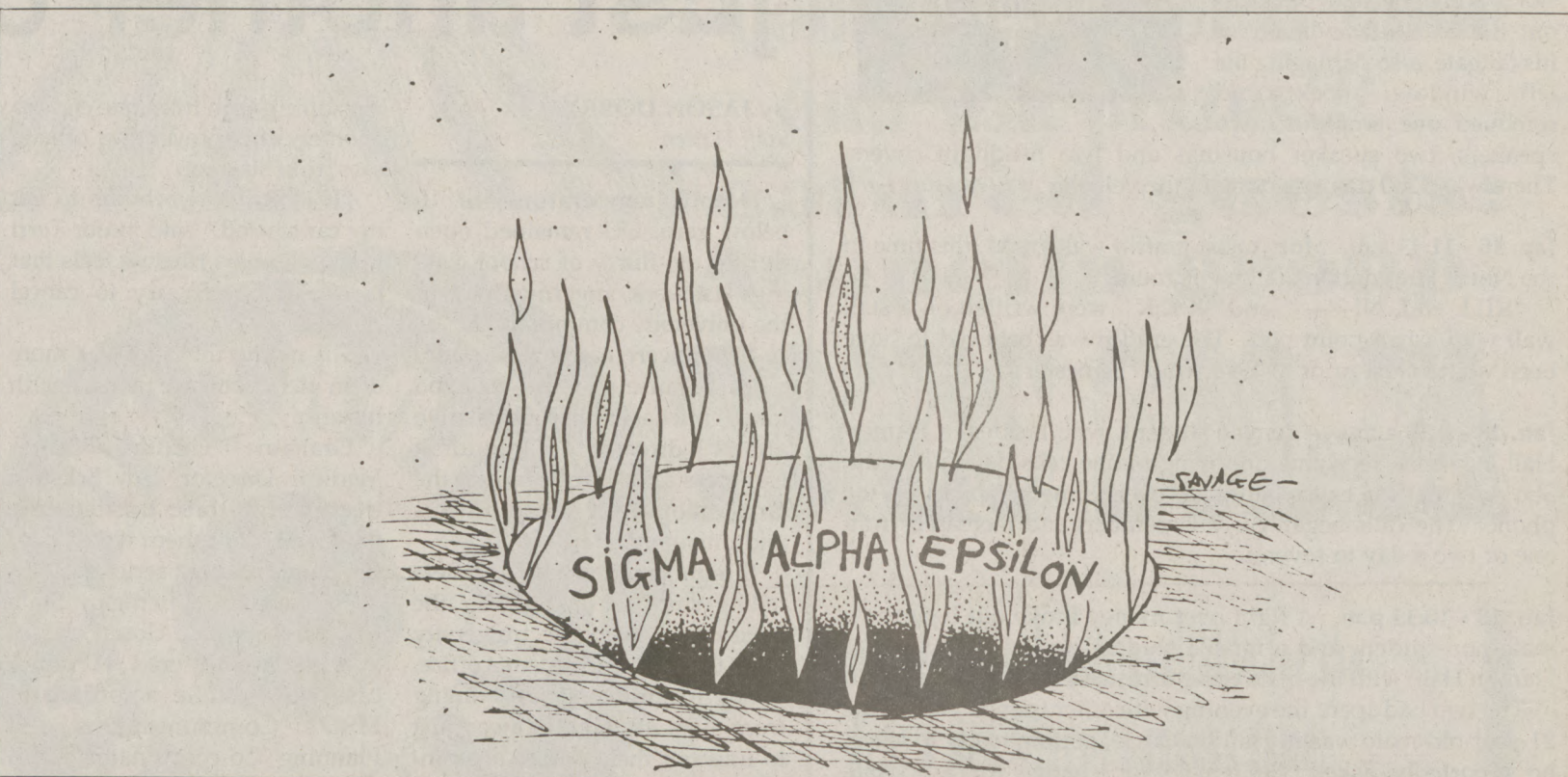
In the meantime, the committee appreciates the interest of the Oakland Post in bringing health and safety issues to the attention of its readers.

I will appreciate, as well, an opportunity to work with your staff to foster balanced and accurate reporting.

Sincerely,

Donald A. McCrimmon
Chair OU Radiation Safety Committee

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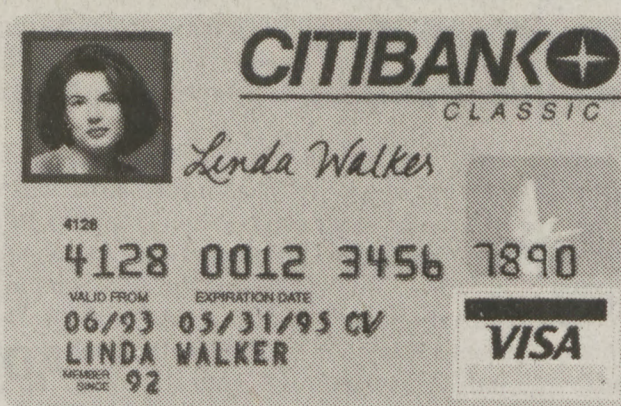
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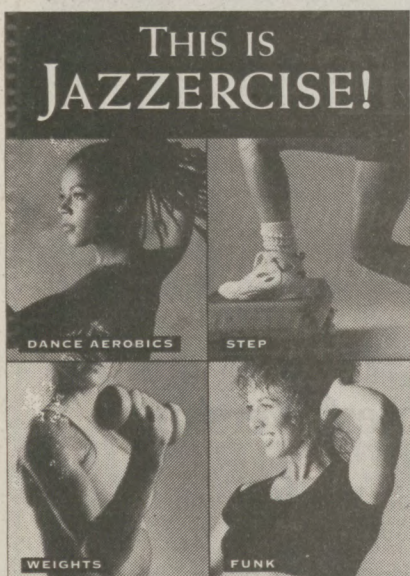
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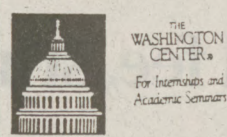
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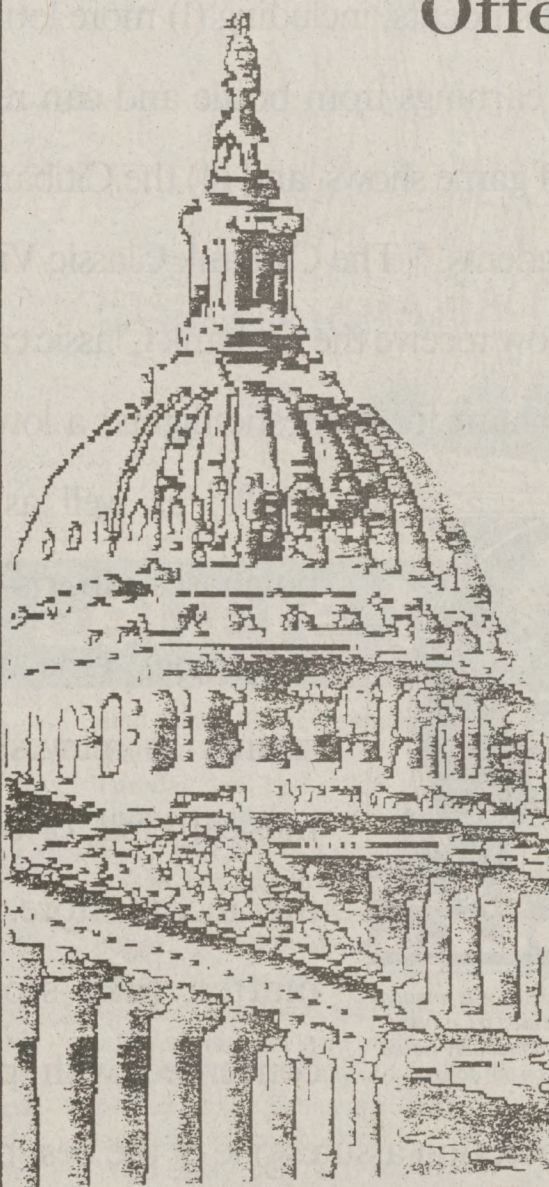
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Features

International flavor highlights diversity

By KIM COOMER AND
KEN POWERS
Staff Writer and Asst. Features Editor

A 14 year tradition of ethnic food, singing, dancing and musical numbers continued its legacy this past Saturday at OU.

International Night '94, co-sponsored

were prepared by students to tantalize the taste buds.

After dinner, guests were asked to sit back in their seats and enjoy the ethnic entertainment that was in store for them. A variety of students as well as professionals brought the audience into a different time and country with their performances such as a french opera singer

International Night was a valuable experience for all who attended.

"It's (OU) a mostly commuter school and I didn't realize that we are culturally-diverse until I came here to International Night, and this cultural diversity makes this school much more unique," she said.

Rosanna Palmer, president of ISO said that the purpose of the event was to show the university community that different cultures could come together and have a good time.

"We wanted to make them (the students) have fun and take the stress off of all our lives. We should be able to live in unity," she said.

Corinne Latcha, who was invited by OU student Moski Rahman, also said that the atmosphere of International Night catered to cultural diversity.

"They (the people who attended the event) are appreciative of different backgrounds and the richness of our own individual heritages," she said.

Itticheria feels that programs like International should be given more often.

"I think that programs like these help

people understand more so that we can express our culture as well as appreciate other peoples' cultures," she said.

Nevertheless, the majority of students who attended did not live on campus. Junior Dorian Walker said that the reason why a lot of students did not come

"In fact, the only way that I found out was through a friend. I would never have known that this event was going on because there were not a lot of fliers up," he said.

Wearing a colorful African designed costume, senior Tiffany Thomas dis-



Dancers charm the audience with hypnotic movements.

by the Chinese Friendship, International Students Organization, Jewish Students Organization and Non-Traditional Students was a booming success.

Rosanna Palmer, organizer of the event and President of the International Students Organization welcomed the audience by explaining "our goal is to create an atmosphere so that people of different race, sex, religion and culture are comfortable and able to socialize with each other."

Over 100 people from different cultures were present to taste the food and experience an international extravaganza.

Cuisine from around the world such as shrimp fried rice, lasagna, Indian rice, stuffed cabbage, Tanduri chicken as well as desserts from Germany and India

and an internationally renowned dance group that performs dancing in the form of a prayer.

Rick Shelley, performed American Folk music which enticed the crowd to clap and sing along.

Italian folk dances performed by Denise Silverio, The Ukrainian Dance Group, The West African Drumming Ensemble and ethnic songs from Spain and Germany transformed the Crockery into a callopie of global sounds.

Steve Acho brought two cultures together by performing Billy Joel songs in Japanese, while singing the chorus in English.

In between performances Dr. Kevin Early, assistant professor of sociology, who served as the master of ceremonies.

Senior Sonia Itticheria felt



Drummers entertain the crowd at International Night.

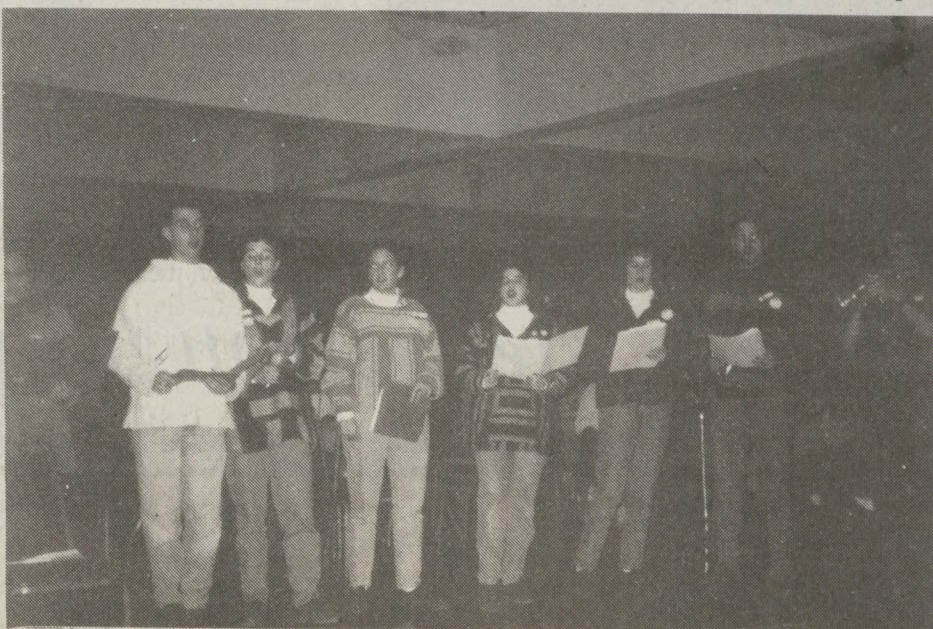
to International Night was because the event was poorly advertised on campus.

agrees with Walker because she said that there was a banner announcing International Night in the OC.

"A lot of students didn't come out because this event is totally different. Sometimes difference can be a challenge. But if we held a party in here a lot of them would have come out," Thomas said.

And Thomas also said that until OU students learn to appreciate culturally-diverse events, they will never succeed in the world, outside of college.

"These students must recognize that the world is global and they must think globally. The world isn't going to come to them," she said.



Chorus of singers highlight spirit of diversity.

Profs new book details "The African Experience" Khapoya overcame odds by education, challenging barriers

By TRACI McDOWELL
Staff Writer

There's a shy, boyish quality to Vincent Khapoya as he wriggles in his seat, obviously enjoying the success of his new book, "The African Experience."

Although he'd never tell you he's an author, he's happy to talk about it once you've brought up the subject.

The book, just published in late 1993, is already being used as a textbook at some universities around the country.

"I always wanted to write this," said Khapoya. "There really isn't a full text by a single author to introduce a person to Africa."

Khapoya, a political science professor who's taught at OU for

20 years, is already working on a second edition of the book, this time including many pictures of Africa that aren't in the first one.

"I just wanted to finally get it published," he said. "If you

"Writing a book is OK, but getting three degrees was my biggest achievement. If you only knew what humble beginnings I came from..."

-Vincent Khapoya

notice there aren't any pictures in the book but I think it needs some."

He also plans to update the section on South Africa that he says is already out of date due to the recent developments.

Khapoya teaches Introduction to Africa and African Politics this semester, but surprisingly doesn't require his students to read his book.

A bright smile continually peeks through his beard and you come to realize that he's not a person who brags about his achievements.

"Writing a book is OK, but getting three degrees was my biggest achievement," he said. "If you only knew what humble beginnings I came from..."

Khapoya was born in Kenya,

where his family continues to live. His father was an unskilled laborer and his mother a housewife. He says that his father was determined to educate his children and that value was instilled in him.

"I knew that education was my only way out," said Khapoya.

Khapoya applied for a scholarship after graduation, competing against 3000 other students. He was one of the 18 selected.

"I was so lucky I just didn't know what to say."

Khapoya went on to receive a Ph.D. from the University of Denver and started teaching at OU immediately.

But don't let his nice-guy image fool you.

Khapoya knows how to stand

up for what he believes in, and is not one to back down.

He was suspended from high school in Kenya when he led a strike. He and other students boycotted classes.

"We had poor supplies," he said.

Khapoya also fought the flagrant racism of the '60s. He refused to leave a restaurant in Oregon when the host wouldn't seat him. Only after the police and a NAACP representative showed up would he leave. Khapoya tries to teach this to his students.

"There's always a cause and you must stand up for yourself," he said. "There is a cost, but you must be willing to pay that price."

In class, Khapoya has a gentler

side. His smile constantly shines and there is a relaxed atmosphere.

"He keeps the class interested," said Sarah Cloyd, an African-American Studies major who's had Khapoya as her professor for more than one course. "He lectures, but in a story format."

"There's never a dull moment in his class," added LaShawne Watkins, who silently ate a full-course meal during Khapoya's lecture.

But don't make the mistake of running down to add his course thinking the relaxed teaching style will get you an easy 4.0. Khapoya already handed out guidelines for a research paper due in April.

The statute of limitations has run out on my own hard-core drug use and, the cornstalk people have been gone for a long time.

Most people that know me would say I'm sane, at least in the same ballpark of sanity as most of the faculty and students at OU. Speaking of faculty, no doubt a number did their own share of psychoactive experimentation back when getting high was an accepted route to profound revelation. No way would they admit it, there are careers and a professional facade to maintain.

This is not going to be an anti-drug column, because I'm for the legalization of just about every drug out there. So is Joycelyn Elders, the U.S. Surgeon General, who took the heat for her views last fall.

The fascist mentality refusing to even consider Elders opinion persists, and seems to be increasing, with common sense being the last consideration.

"Sex and drugs are part of life," said former Surgeon General Dr. Antonia Novello at an AIDS conference last year. Then Prez Clinton took office, and proposed another \$13 billion budget for the war on drugs, completely ignoring the advice of his own appointed surgeon general, Elders.

It's time we recognize the absurdity of trying to legislate the human preoccupation with altered states of consciousness. The system that we have is creating victims. I'll go so far as to say it's intentional, a bonafide conspiracy.

For some background on a journalism assignment last fall I called a gas station in West Detroit. I asked the cashier, "Hey, you got a

crack house around the corner?"

"We've got 20 crack houses around the corner," was his proud reply.

So here I am thinking, where did that \$13 billion go? Maybe it went to Rochester, or Bloomfield Hills received funds for special equipment, and those Texas dirigibles to catch smugglers are mighty expensive, too.

Our country has more people in jail than the population of many industrial countries. Many are in the slammer because of drugs. I quit because being stoned is a lonely universe. Had I been caught, I'd be just getting out now instead of attending this fine institution.

I was lucky. Many aren't. Still, I don't understand punishing people for getting high. Killing someone on the highway, obviously is wrong. But then we have bars.

When something is illegal, there's money to be made. To me, that's causing more problems than some addict with a crack pipe. Getting stoned usually takes people out of circulation, they sit around and marvel at the stupidest things. But when money is involved, folks get hurt.

No doubt, Montel Williams is adamantly against drugs. Dope does get in the way of developing minds. He said something though that could apply to this mess we're in, of blood in the street because someone needed a few bucks for a fix.

"Our priorities as a nation need to be adjusted."

Our priority right now is punishment. Ask yourself, when it comes to drugs, who ends up being the whipping boy?



LARRY V. WEISS
COLUMNIST

Good Health for life

By DIANA PLETZ
Staff Writer

How many times do you hear people complain about eating better or the need of exercising?

Well, some students at OU are being inspired to do just that through Health Science 201.

Students actually learn what a healthy life-style consists of and how to achieve one's goals towards a physically higher quality of life.

The course is divided into two sections. The first, taught by Professor Rick Delorme covers the issues of health and disease prevention.

Inspired to take better care of herself, Dina Rice likes the emphasis on good nutritional habits.

She used to exercise to look good, but now she has changed her diet and established an exercise routine that will positively effect her now and years down

the road.

"I really should do this just to be healthy," she said.

The second section, taught by Professor Richard Rozek, deals with chemical and biological dangers as well as exposures and safety in the environment.

"It's real life, that's what makes the class so interesting," explains junior Jason Fritz, a physical therapy major.

The issues examined in class all relate to what we do to ourselves physically and the impact it will have on our individual future.

Delorme does not claim to have all the answers, but believes students will get what they put into the course.

"It's up to the students," Delorme said. "They can take the lessons in just as information or begin to practice what they learn within their own daily lives."

Coffeehouse brews 'Underground'

By CHRISTINA L. WALKONS
Staff Writer

Plug in the coffee pot, dust off the instruments and tune the vocal cords. It's time to let the music and atmosphere take control.

The campus coffeehouse, now called the Underground, is ready for a spectacular winter semester.

While the feature acts play music, open microphone performances, at the coffeehouse include poetry reading, acting out skits, singing, dancing, juggling and comedy acts.

According to Coffeehouse organizer Rick Shelley, attendance last semester was steady; however, he would like to see more people attending.

"I'm still surprised at how many people don't know about it," said Shelley.

Shelley participated in the coffeehouse in

1982 and was shocked to find it nonexistent when he returned to Oakland last year. Shelly, who plays guitar and sings, revived the program last winter semester as a student organization.

This year SPB has taken responsibility. "It's a format not covered on campus," Shelley explains, hoping for continued success.

Right now it is part of the Lecture/Special Events Committee, but is in the process of becoming its own committee.

Kelly Schehr, a SPB Concert/Dance chairperson, says that the board is pushing to make the coffeehouse, a special committee.

"It's a good opportunity for students and we support it 100 percent," said Schehr.

"It's a supportive network," Shelley explains. "The coffeehouse lets people develop their talent on stage."

Anybody is encouraged to shine their abilities in front of a receptive audience of coffee sippers and bagel consumers.

Zarek, a performer and psychology major at Oakland, says the Oakland coffeehouse is back to the traditional type of coffeehouse.

"It's about music. People come for the sake of music," Zarek said.

While he would like to see more people attend, he's content just to have a place to release his feelings through music. His guitar is a part of him.

"It's a therapeutic thing," Zarek admits.

Zarek has played other coffeehouses like Java and Roaches with Germs in Royal Oak. He also has his own show called United Solution Gathering which has played in Royal Oak in the past. He hopes to become a feature act in Oakland's program in the future, as well as assisting Shelley with organizing.

Communications major, Cynthia Stevens, would like to pick up the torch as organizer when Shelley leaves. Stevens, also a music lover, feels the coffeehouse is "something people enjoy." Stevens is concerned about the low involvement and wants to include more students, especially commuters.

"If I have to knock them over the head, I will," explains Stevens.

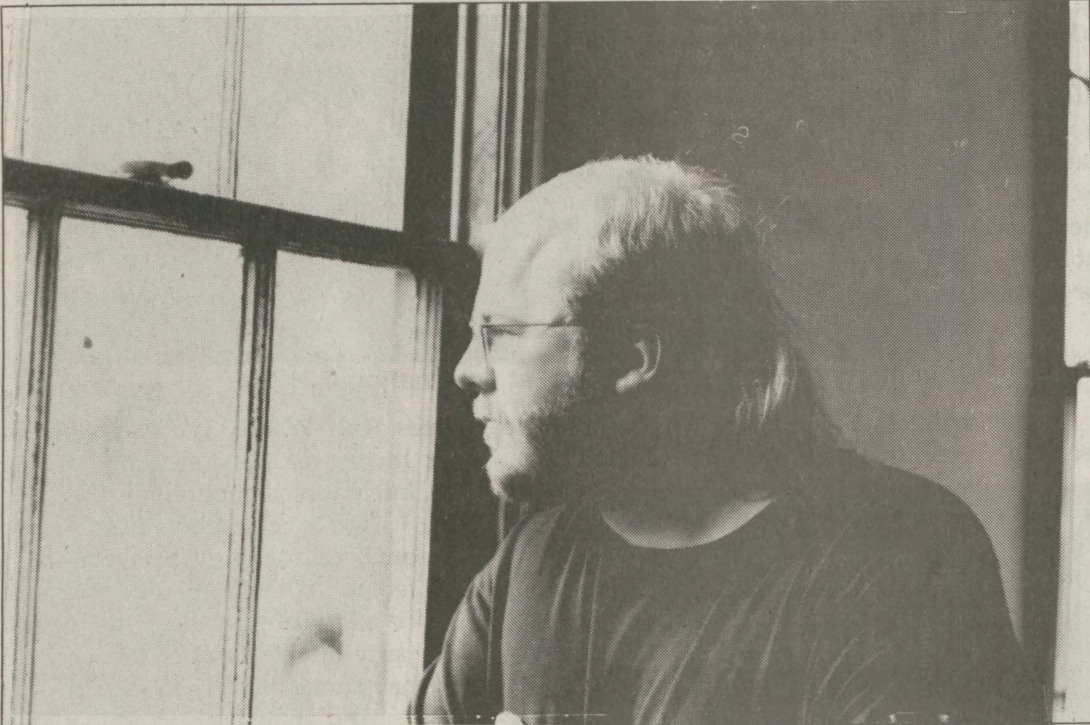
Stevens wants to see more international acts, branch out with a variety of Hispanic, Japanese, Irish and African-American acts.

"It's a good concept idea that just needs expanding," Stevens said.

Both Stevens and Zarek feel Shelley is doing a great job.

"Rick does a lot of work with no just reward," admits Stevens.

Whelley continues to hunt for feature acts, lure amateurs and fill patrons with coffee, tea and bagels. Shelley says the coffeehouse is a place where performer "make magic down there."



Visionary behind coffeehouse, Rick Shelley, contemplates its future.

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AFRICAN AMERICAN CELEBRATION	THE MONTH'S EVENTS:	1 Residence Halls Film Series ABS- African Dance Group: Fireside Lounge	2 Residence Hall Student Art Exhibition Opening	3 Office of Minority Equity/ A.A.C.M.C. Film Series: <i>Imitation of Life</i> 3:30-12:30 P.	4 SPB Coffeehouse 7:00-11:30 P.M. Abstinence	5
6	7 University Student Congress/Honors College Boyz in the Hood 7-9:30	8 Residence Halls Film Series/ ABS- 128-130 7-9:00/ Collegiate Men & Women-Abstention 7-10	9 Residence Hall/Marriott African American Dinner Vandenberg Dining Ctr. 4-7:00 P.M.	10 SPB Comedy Show (Main Stage) Alpha Phi Alpha-9:30-11 Jazz in the Abstention	11 Res. Halls Field Trip African American Museum & Steve's Soul Food / SPB Coffeehouse	
12 Residence Halls/BFS Network - Dessert Theatre - "Mo Better Blues" Beer Lake Yacht Club	13 Residence Halls Discussion on Interracial Friendships - Hamlin Hall 10 P.M.	14 Residence Halls Film Series HRD Career Day	15 ABS and SPB presents: Reggae Night Crocker 8:00P.M.	16 Residence Halls / BFS Network - International Fashion Show	17 O.M.E. Film Series: A Gentlemen's Agreement Richard Fields: Pianist Varner Recital Hall - 6:30	18 ABS: Lecturer Ronald J. Henry Black Historian
19 O.U. Gospel Choir Concert E Crocker	20	21 Residence Hall Film Series BFS/ABS Talent Show	22 "Salute to Black Women" William Pickard - Black Entrepreneurs - Then and Now 7-9 P.M. 128	23 Closing Ceremony Gold Room 12-3 Oakland Center Kim Worthy	24	25
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Musketeers cut up the stage

By KARA MICOL
Staff Writer

Oakland University's Department of Music, Theater, and Dance presents Peter Raby's humorous adaptation of the Alexandre Dumas classic, "The Three Musketeers."

Though this is the largest on-campus theater available for student use, the thirty cast members crowd backstage. Some students will play as many as eight roles in this forty scene production. Several cast members of "The Three Musketeers" have been nominees of the Irene Ryan Acting Competition. Last year's OU presentation of "Cloud Nine" placed in the top six at the American College Theater Festival in Washington, D.C. This year's cast combines Oakland's experienced and amateur actors for the production of what director William Carter refers to as "a sprawling extravaganza of blazing steel and lightning wit."

Carter has been a theater instructor and shop foreman at Oakland University for the past six years. This fall Carter appeared as Nick in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

He has been in the theater business since he was five years old. His experience encompasses acting (both for fun and professionally), stage crew, lighting, and teaching. Carter has directed before, but "The Three Musketeers" is his directing debut at Oakland University.

Last year, when Carter was invited to



direct this season, a combat play was selected, because Carter is the combat instructor. Carter is quick to point out that the dueling scenes in this production are more dancing than fencing. "Every move is carefully choreographed. You want all your actors back for the next performance." "The Three Musketeers" is the first combat production at Oakland University since the "West Side Story" performance two years ago.

Teaching classes, making the set, fixing the lights, and directing has been a great deal of work for him, but students in his Stage Craft class have helped ease the load. Students involved in the Theater Department's Costume Design class worked on "The Three Musketeers" wardrobes.

Oakland University senior and "Musketeer," Rick Carver, said, "Bill (the director) gave alot of freedom to the actors. It's been alot of work, but it's well worth it!"

"The Three Musketeers" shows at 8:00p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 2:00p.m. on Sundays, January 28-30 and February 4-6. Tickets are on sale now at the Music, Theater, and Dance Box Office at 370-3013.

Rabbi lectures on Kervorkian, Abortion

By ELIZABETH CARTER
Staff Writer

"What is the definition of life?" Rabbi Avraham Jacobovitz of Machon L'Torah asked the audience last Thursday at the group discussion entitled "Kevorkian, Abortion and Judaism."

"Life is life and life is immeasurable...not quantifiable," he answered.

Although dressed in the pin-striped costume of a business man, Jacobovitz, an orthodox rabbi, proved to be a speaker of great philosophical thought and Orthodox Judaistic theory.

Jacobovitz expounded by saying that many people perhaps feel that committing suicide is an escape from the misery.

"There is no escape, we go from one world to another," he said. When people begin to realize that, he observed, they discontinue trying to commit suicide. Problems will not go away.

"The bottom line is, you see what you get," Jacobovitz said, regarding life.

Jacobovitz also presented the group with three more questions, including what is a human being, who is the owner of a life and how do we define what is ultimately good or ultimately bad? All three questions just as difficult to answer as his first one.

Jacobovitz, during the discussion, tackled the question of "What is a human being?"

Many times, he noted, a human being defines oneself by his or her name or career. But that is evading the question, Jacobovitz stated vehemently. Humans are defined by more than tangible characteristics.

"What defines the human being is not flesh," Jacobovitz said.

A human is of both spiritual and physical matter, 'host and rider' respectively, according to Jacobovitz. What differentiates man from animal is the soul.

"Who is the owner of life?" was also discussed. Does contribution (the act of reproduction and birth) to a life necessarily mean that you are owner of that life i.e. a child?

We give credit where credit is not due and do not give credit where it is due," he said. Creation of a child does not give ownership to a parent.

The last question of how we define good and evil was debated by Jacobovitz.

He discussed Berlin in the 40s to illustrate his point of what is good and evil. Suppose you were to go up to a Nazi at the time and ask him if in his opinion the extermination of the Jews was good or bad?

"Good," the group was hesitant to answer.

In other words, zeitgeist usually dictates what is good or bad in a certain situation at a certain point in time.

"Our sense or morality is in a constant decline," Jacobovitz observed about the present time.

In regards to the Kevorkian situation, Jacobovitz feels that the Kevorkian case has been drowned in emotion.

"We (the Orthodox Jewish community) aren't so much concerned with Kevorkian the man" Jacobovitz explained in a telephone interview before the discussion. "We are concerned with the lack of value people put on life."

Jacobovitz feels uneasy with the easy attitude people are taking about a "heavy-duty" issue. From a philosophic perspective, Kevorkian's practice is ridiculous, he added.

Kevorkian was unavailable for his comments regarding the Orthodox Jewish community's attitude towards assisted suicide.

Abortion is approached in approximately the same way as assisted suicide is in the Orthodox Jewish community.

"If there is a serious problem with the mother, physically or mentally, the abortion would be permitted," Jacobovitz said. But in any other condition, abortion is strictly forbidden in the Orthodox Jewish faith.

Jacobovitz pointed out, though, that he by no means intends to minimize anyone's suffering. The orthodox faith believes that people are obligated to help those who are suffering. However, the faith feels you must take the good with the bad.

"To take the easy way out is superficial," Jacobovitz said. "Life and death is dictated by God."

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Robak had a pair of big games in OU's big weekend wins over Northern Michigan and Michigan Tech. Robak scored 17 points, including two big triples in overtime in OU's 109-100 win over NMU. On Saturday, Robak was OU's top scorer with 21 points in Oakland's 82-73 win over MTU. Robak hit a combined 11 triples in two games.

THE PIONEER DIRT BOX

•**Men's basketball**
-The Pioneers were tops nationally both in scoring (102.9) and three-pointers made (12.4) in the latest NCAA II national stats. OU were also second in free throw percentage (.755). Currently, Oakland is averaging 101.2 points and 12.3 triples per game and is shooting .747 from the free throw line.
-Senior forward Tom Eller became the seventh player in OU history to go over the 1,500 mark in OU's Thursday night's win against NMU.

•**Women's basketball**
-OU made a school-record 38 free throws in its 109-100 win against NMU last Thursday. The 42 attempts also ties a school mark. OU shot .905 from the stripe for the game, well above its team percentage of .658 coming into the game. With the game on the line, OU was 12-12 from the line in OT.

THIS WEEK IN PIONEER SPORTS

Thu., Jan. 27, -Women's Basketball vs. Northwood University, 5:30 p.m.
-Men's Basketball vs. Northwood, 7:30 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 28, -Men's swimming at Clarion University, 4 p.m.
-Women's swimming vs. Eastern Michigan University, 7 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 29, -Women's and Men's Basketball at Saginaw Valley State, 1 and 3 p.m.
-Men's swimming at Edinboro University, 1 p.m.
-Women's swimming vs. Northern Michigan University, 12:30 p.m.

-information compiled by Andy Glantzman, Sports Information director

OU sitting pretty atop GLIAC



Senior Angie Bond played the entire 45 minutes versus NMU.

By ERIC DeMINK
Sports Editor

Look who's sitting on top of the GLIAC this week. It's not Michigan Tech. It's not Northern Michigan. Let's see... could it be Oakland?

No doubt.

At least for one week, anyway.

Oakland (9-0 GLIAC, 14-2 overall) threw off the yoke this weekend when it dispatched said menaces and vaulted into sole possession of first place in the conference.

Saturday's win over fourth-ranked Michigan Tech was OU's sixth straight (fifth straight in the GLIAC) and provided a good barometer as to where the Pioneers will go this season.

On Thursday, Jan. 20, Northern Michigan provided the launching pad for the Pioneers as it handed the Wildcats its fourth conference loss with a 109-100 overtime decision.

Lurking in the shadows, the Wildcats were looking to upset the Pioneer wagon train and perhaps sneak in for a share of the conference lead.

But the Pioneers were wise to the ambush, shooting down those

intentions before they materialized. Well, almost.

The Wildcats led 39-36 at halftime with both teams shooting just under 40 percent.

Both teams picked up their games in the second half, though, as OU crashed the gate early going on a 7-0 run. NMU's triple gunner Amy Boynton then hit on a trey to close to 43-42.

OU led for much of the second half up until the 4:14 mark when the Wildcat's Wendy Jamula popped in consecutive threes, giving NMU its first lead since the 13:42 mark of the stanza.

Oakland then traded baskets up to the 28 second mark when senior guard Angie Bond made a steal and scored on a drive. This gave OU a 86-85 lead.

But Bond fouled Leanne Hudson driving for a layup with 9.8 seconds left for two shots. Hudson hit on the first tying the game at 86-86 but missed on the second, sending the game to overtime.

Stepping up another notch, the Pioneers won going away in the extra stanza, scoring 23 points in five minutes including three triples. In the process it set an NCAA record for points scored in

an overtime by a women's regardless of division. The two teams combined score of 37 (23-14) was also a record.

Senior guard Kelli Krajniak led Pioneer scorers with 23 points and 10 rebounds, while senior forward Patty Robak and sophomore Heather Bateman each contributed 17. Bateman also pulled down a game-high 19 boards.

Northern Michigan has a talented squad," Coach Bob Taylor said, "but they haven't been playing consistent enough to win."

OU's 82-73 win over MTU Saturday, snapped the Huskies 11-game winning streak.

Patty Robak, named Pioneer of the Week and GLIAC Player of the Week, provided the spark for OU in this contest with 21 points in 26 minutes. Krajniak and Bond added 13 each and Bateman grabbed 11 rebounds giving her 30 in two games.

Although the teams were tied at 32 at the half, Bond hit a trey 26 seconds into the second stanza and OU never trailed the rest of the way.

"If anything I underestimated their athletic ability," Taylor said. "They are probably as tough a team as we will face all year."

Gold rush!

Cagers stake claim to first in muddled GLIAC

By KEN FILLMORE
Staff Writer

The men's basketball team is, as head coach Greg Kampe quoted Indiana University basketball coach Bob Knight, "positioning itself to get in position" as it earned a share of first place with Saginaw Valley State University in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference at Lepley by defeating Northern Michigan University, 96-71, Thursday and Michigan Technological University, 82-79, Saturday.

OU caught the Wildcats still thawing out in the opening stages as the Pioneers jumped out to a 20-6 lead with the contest only 5:32 old and never really looked back as it held NMU to 27.4 percent shooting (23 for 84) and 12.5 percent (3 for 24) from three-point range.

NMU, without sophomore guard Erik Racine who became ill last Wednesday, was down 52-32

at halftime, but cut the deficit down to 13 on two occasions in the second half.

On the second occasion, with Oakland ahead 69-56, the Pioneers broke the Wildcats' back as senior forward Tom Eller knocked down a three-pointer with 8:21 to play after junior guard Bryan Borchardt previously missed three shots on that same possession.

Eller's trey started a 12-0 run in a span of 2:28 to wipe away the slimmest thoughts of a NMU comeback.

"We knew that this (game) was going to be for first place in the conference, and we just all pulled together and finally played like we were capable of playing," Eller said.

"Now, with each game as we go on, we have to just play and worry about ourselves. We can't be worrying what else is going on in the league."

According to Kampe, the key to victory was senior guard Ty

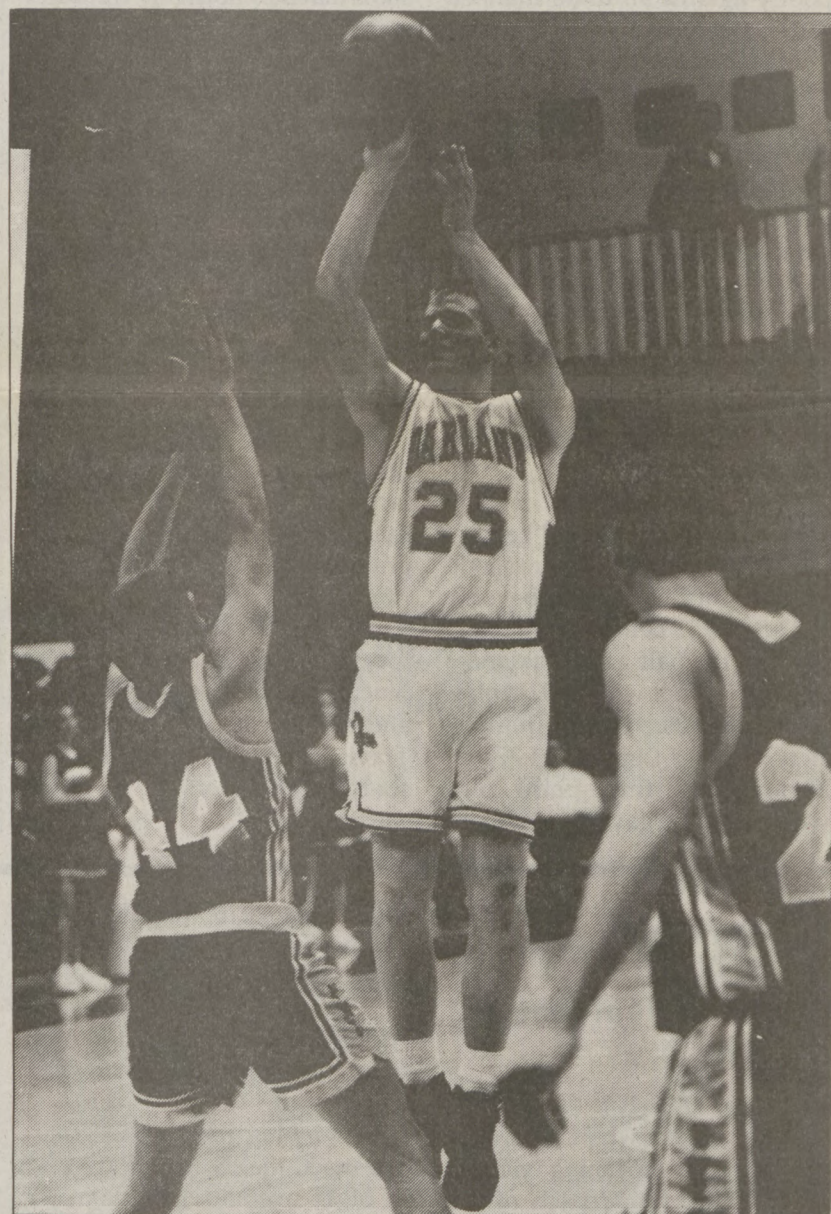
McGregor's defensive effort against NMU's senior guard Kurt Godlevske, one of the GLIAC's leading scorers. Godlevske only salvaged two points, making one of 14 shots from the field.

Another important factor was the resurgence of senior forward Jeff Plank. In limited work, Plank contributed in various aspects other than scoring against Hillsdale College on Jan. 15. Against the Wildcats, he came out of his slump completely by scoring 12 points off the bench in just 15 minutes.

"I feel I'm a decent shooter so I just keep on shooting the ball no matter what. The good shooters keep on shooting. So, tonight, I just got out of my slump played hard, and things came through," he said.

Sophomore forward Jason Burkholder led the Pioneers with 21 points, making 10 of 15 shots from the field, and six rebounds.

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Sophomore Matt Stuck leads Oakland in three-point attempts.

Swimmer Lessig finds she can adjust to winning

By CHUCK NASSAR
Staff Writer

If the women's swim team is to win a fifth straight national title, you can bet that Ellen Lessig will be around to help make it happen. The sophomore from Livonia is one of Oakland's premier swimmers and most talented athletes.

She is a leader, a hard worker and a national champion in her own right. However, Lessig is first and foremost a team player.

"Swimming is not an individual sport. Although some people may look at it that way, we always have the team in mind. If I ever get on a team that thinks of itself as just a bunch of individuals, then I'll quit."

Lessig began her career at age

six when she joined a club team. She continued to swim with different clubs throughout junior high and into high school when it was suggested she try out for the high school team. Lessig found swimming in high school very enjoyable and loved every minute of it. But her decision to swim in college was not so easy.

"I had a hard time trying to decide if I wanted to be an athlete or just another college student. Once I decided to play a sport I had to decide between playing volleyball at a junior college or swimming here at Oakland."

Fortunately for OU, Lessig decided to swim and she gives much of the credit to Coach Tracy Huth.

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Ellen Lessig



Photo by Bob Knoeka

Promising freshman Isaac Farnsworth in action against EMU.

Tankers take three, Hovland gets 100th win

By ERIC DeMINK
Sports Editor

The number one ranked Pioneers left its path to the nationals littered with three more victims this past weekend when it walked all over the likes of defending 14-time NCAA III champ Kenyon College Jan. 21

and two other pretenders, Ashland University and Ferris State Jan. 22.

Coming off a thrashing of Division I Eastern Michigan the previous week, OU scoffed at the challenge of inferior rivals.

On Friday, Kenyon provided the fodder for this runaway train as Oakland humbled the Lords at

its stately manor in Gambier, Ohio by what was an indubitably lopsided score, 173-68.

In all the Pioneers captured 12 of 13 events including both the one- and three meter boards.

"There was no letdown for us," Coach Pete Hovland said, "and for that matter there hasn't been a letdown for us all season. We have good strong leadership in our captains that won't allow it."

"Championship teams will it not to happen," he added.

Against a KU squad in the throes of a down year, OU scored at will with eight different individuals winning races.

Senior co-captain Sean Peters was the lone multiple winner capturing the 50- and 100-yard freestyle events.

More of the same fate was to be shared by Ashland and Ferris State in a double dual meet Saturday.

The Pioneer tankers, in defeating the tandem, handed Hovland his 99th and 100th victories of his 13-year coaching tenure at OU. Hovland's overall

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Kenyon no match for surging Pioneers

BY CHUCK NASSAR
Staff Writer

After splitting two tough meets last weekend, the women's swim team got back on track and coasted to three easy victories this weekend. On Friday the Pioneers beat nine-time Division III champ Kenyon College 157-85; while on Saturday they captured wins against Ashland University 72-22 and Ferris State 64-31.

The 72 point victory over Kenyon was quite a surprise to head coach Tracy Huth. According to Huth, the Pioneers thought they were going to have a real dog fight on their hands. They anticipated quite a showdown between the two defending NCAA champions.

"I don't know if it was a combination of them not swimming real well or us swimming very well,"

Huth said. "All I know is we expected a much tougher meet and it didn't happen."

Oakland swam hard and buried Kenyon right from the start. They captured wins in the first four events and dominated the one and three-meter diving competition.

"We figured the first three or four events would decide the outcome. It was pretty evident that our one-two finish in the 1650 sent them reeling. Then Kristen Nagelkirk won the 200 free and I knew there was no one who would even come close to Ellen [Lessig] in the 50 free. Finally we had Amy [Comerford] win the 200 IM," Huth said.

But the real standout was sophomore Kristen Nagelkirk, who, according to Huth, was the key to an easy Pioneer win.

"Kristen swam a very good

meet. She is the top returning 500 freestyler in the country; she is very fast and very talented," Huth said.

He was also impressed with the performances of sophomore Debby Nickels and freshman Jennifer Stair. Huth was especially impressed by Stair because she never swam the 1650 freestyle before.

"To come in and place second in a race you've never swam before is really great," he said.

Oakland's divers turned in some great performances as well. Sophomores Michelle Rademacher and Becky Bach traded first and second places on the one and three-meter boards while sophomore Angela Puchalsky finished third in both events.

The winning seemed to get even easier on Saturday as neither Ashland University nor Ferris

State posed an extreme challenge. However, the team did use this back-to-back weekend to prepare themselves for the tough conference and national meets coming up.

According to Huth he used this opportunity to switch some people around and try them in different events.

"I wanted to give the team a chance to race in events they don't normally race in," he said.

This weekend brought Oakland one step closer to winning an unprecedented fifth straight Division II championship. Overall, Huth was very impressed with his squad of champions.

"I think this weekend just goes to show we have a very solid team and some really good depth. I am very pleased with the way it turned out."

OU is 8-1 on the year.

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Eller added 17 points, five boards, and four assists to the cause.

Darrian Summerville led the Wildcats with 23 points and 10 boards.

Against the Huskies, the Pioneers got away with playing poorly against an undermanned squad and won.

MTU was without high-scoring forward Matt Trombley, who is out for the season with a broken bone in his foot, and junior forward Jason Konkell, who broke team rules Friday night and did not dress.

Each squad opened up flat and established leads with a streaky scoring run in the first half. But the Pioneers' 12 turnovers and lack of movement proved more costly as the Huskies took a 38-35 lead into the locker room.

MTU increased their lead to eight early in the second half before defense and three-point shooting brought OU back and beyond. A 23-8 in 6:56 before the midway point in the half gave Oakland a 61-54 advantage with 11:02 to play.

Tech tied it up almost immediately with a 7-0 spurt in 1:27, but Burkholder's three-point play with 6:42 to go gave the stubborn

Pioneers a lead it would never relinquish with the score 67-64 at the time.

OU increased the lead up to seven with as late as 1:02 left and made eight of 13 free throws in the final 3:22 to hold on.

"That team (MTU) without the players that they are missing is not a very good team. I give them all the credit in the world because they played as hard as a team can play, and they started making shots that they normally wouldn't make. But I give our team credit, too because they were able to withstand that and win the game," Kampe said.

Plank and senior forward Ken Crum led the bench corps that outscored MTU's bench 40-16. Plank had 14 points and seven rebounds while Crum had 23 points, making six triples in 10 tries, and five boards, each accepting the victory with their mates and their coach.

"No matter how it looked or how we played, I'm elated by the fact that we won. It's another hurdle that we got over. The program took another step forward," Kampe said.

The Huskies were led by junior forward Nick Joseph's eight for nine field goal shooting, 22 points and six boards. Senior forward Travis Harris added an 18-point, six-rebound effort in a losing cause.

PIONEER Basketball Standings					
WOMEN			GLIAC		
	W	L	W	L	Overall
OAKLAND	9	0	14	2	
Michigan Tech	8	1	13	2	
Lake Superior State	7	2	13	3	
Ferris State	4	4	12	4	
Northern Michigan	4	5	9	5	
Saginaw Valley State	4	5	11	5	
Grand Valley State	3	5	8	8	
Wayne State	2	6	8	9	
Hillsdale	2	7	7	9	
Northwood	0	9	3	13	
MEN			GLIAC		
	W	L	W	L	Overall
OAKLAND	6	3	13	3	
Saginaw Valley State	6	3	10	7	
Lake Superior State	5	4	8	9	
Northern Michigan	5	4	10	9	
Wayne State	5	4	10	4	
Ferris State	4	4	6	9	
Grand Valley State	4	4	7	9	
Hillsdale	3	6	6	9	
Michigan Tech	3	6	8	9	
Northwood	3	6	6	8	

Race

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record is 100-39-2.

When asked when he would get his 100th coaching victory, Tracy Huth, head coach of the equally successful number one ranked women's squad said, "I don't know, I'll have to be a crafty veteran like Pete."

Swimming individually, to-

gether against both squads OU quashed Ashland 72-23 on one count and FSU 73-22 on the other.

"We swam different crews on Friday and Saturday and in each situation both groups performed well overall," Hovland said.

In winning its sixth consecutive meet, the Pioneers captured 10 of 11 events with one-meter diving run as an exhibition.

Despite its conquests, Oakland was unable to qualify any individuals for nationals.

But Hovland said the Pioneers

have a nucleus of 12 or 13 individuals that other teams can't touch.

"Unfortunately, teams like these don't provide us much of a challenge, but we have yet to swim at the level of our competition. When we do I will be very disappointed."

OU has two other road meets before the GLIAC Championship which has turned into something of joke with the Pioneers having won it 16 years straight.

"What we have got to be con-

cerned with is getting up for those four days in March (at the nationals)," he said, "if we don't we may find ourselves in a familiar position, second place."

The Pioneers, who have improved its record to 7-0 in dual meets will be shooting for its first ever dual meet season when it swims its two final dual meets of the season in Pennsylvania. The Pioneers went 11-1 in both 1975 and 1983, which is closest they have come to an undefeated campaign previously.

Team

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"I remember spending hours with my parents trying to decide between volleyball or swimming. Then Tracy called and invited me to the campus. On the way over I had pretty much decided to play volleyball but after meeting with Tracy I left wanting to be a Pioneer."

As a Pioneer, Lessig has had to make some big adjustments, like budgeting her time and dividing it between academics and training. But in the classroom, as in the water, the industrial health major strives for excellence.

"Tracy is really big on academics and the fact that we are student-athletes. He never wants us to sacrifice our studies because we are students first and athletes second."

This season has been tough for especially since she began the

season out of shape. It's also been tough because swimmers and coaches from around the division know who Ellen Lessig is and they're out to get her.

"I know there are some good swimmers out there who want to the championship and that's fine. But if someone wants the 50 free they'll have to take it from me because I'm not giving it away."

As she settles in to the role of a team leader, Lessig is looking toward the future. Each year her goals are to perform better than the previous and to qualify for nationals. This year she wants to win the 100 meter freestyle.

"Last year I was real close to winning it so watch out 'cause I'm coming."

Lessig is very confident they can win a fifth Division II championship.

"We definitely have the ability and the confidence to go all the way. I think we have a winning attitude but our challenge is to keep it, the opportunity is there and it's knocking at our door."

Senior Patty Robak and the rest of the Pioneers silenced critics this past week when OU knocked off perennial nemeses Northern Michigan and Michigan Tech.

On Saturday, Jan. 22 the Pioneers defeated the Michigan Tech Huskies who were ranked fourth in the country in NCAA II.

Robak was instrumental in both victories, scoring 17 points against NMU and 21 against MTU. The OU win knocked the Huskies out of first place in the GLIAC.



Photo by Bob Knooska

OU intramurals

Men's Floor Hockey Standings

Eastern Division	W-L
University Drive Bullies	5 - 0
Nine-Inch Stix	4 - 1
Supernaut	3 - 2
Spam	2 - 2 - 1
Flaming Mestizos	2 - 3
Penthouse	0 - 4 - 1
Animal	0 - 5
Western Division	W-L
Golden Seals	4 - 1
Sin Bin	4 - 1
Mixed Bunch	4 - 1
Nine-South	3 - 2
Dead Beat Club	2 - 3
GTBRLDTLPTPIA	1 - 4
Molson Icing	0 - 5

Tuesday, Jan. 18
Nine-Inch Stix 8, Dead Beat Club 3.
University Drive Bullies 7, Animal 0.
Sin Bin 10, GTB 3.
Mixed Bunch 8, 9-South 2.

Wednesday, Jan. 19
Golden Seals 7, Molson Icing 0.
Penthouse 7, Spam 7.
Supernaut 5, Flaming Mestizos 3.

Men's Basketball Standings

Gold Division	W-L
Baecdafucup	2 - 0
Jordan Stoppers	2 - 1
The Ducks	2 - 1
Flaming Mestizos	1 - 1
The Edge	1 - 1
The Chumps	1 - 1
The Dawgs	0 - 2
Boofers	0 - 2
Black Division	W-L
The Simpsons	3 - 0
The Missionaries	3 - 1
Out of Control	3 - 1
Breakaway Gypsies	2 - 0
Theta Chi	2 - 1
Penthouse	1 - 2
The Scrubs	0 - 2
Just Players	0 - 3
The Briscos	0 - 3
Trix	0 - 3
White Division	W-L
5-East	2 - 0
Roch Yu	1 - 0
Murmur	0 - 1
OXB Team	0 - 2

Monday, Jan. 17
The Simpsons 38, The Scrubs 22.
Breakaway Gypsies 43, Just Players 42.
Theta Chi 53, Penthouse 22.
Theta Chi 28, Jordan Stoppers 25.
Five-East 20, OXB 0.

Wednesday, Jan. 19
Out of Control 45, Just Players 35.
Missionaries 32, The Briscos 25.
Penthouse 45, Trix 38.
The Simpsons 31, Theta Chi 30.

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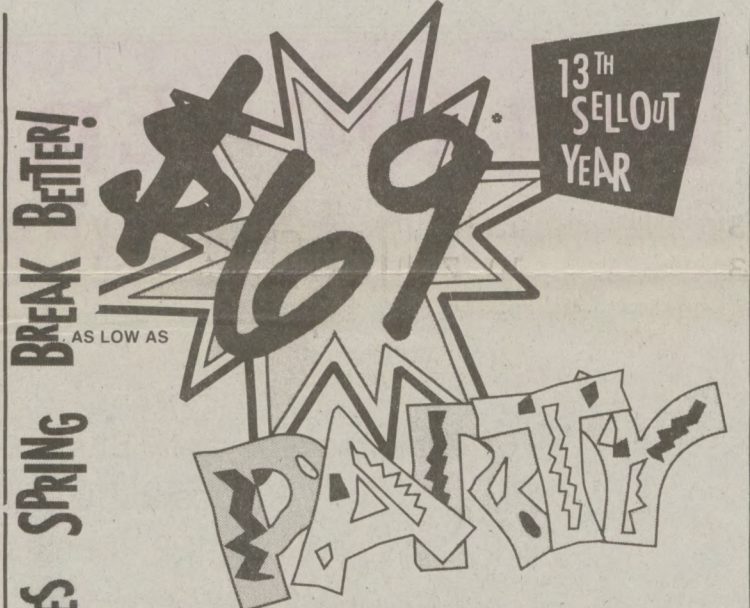
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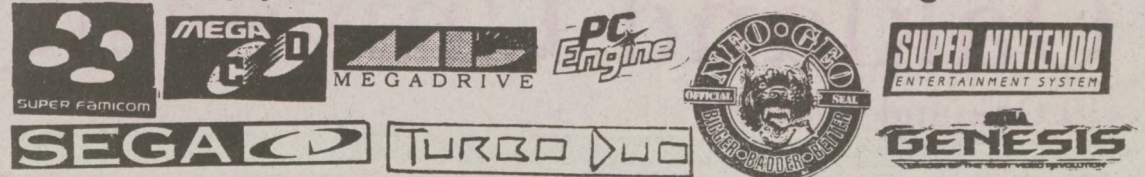
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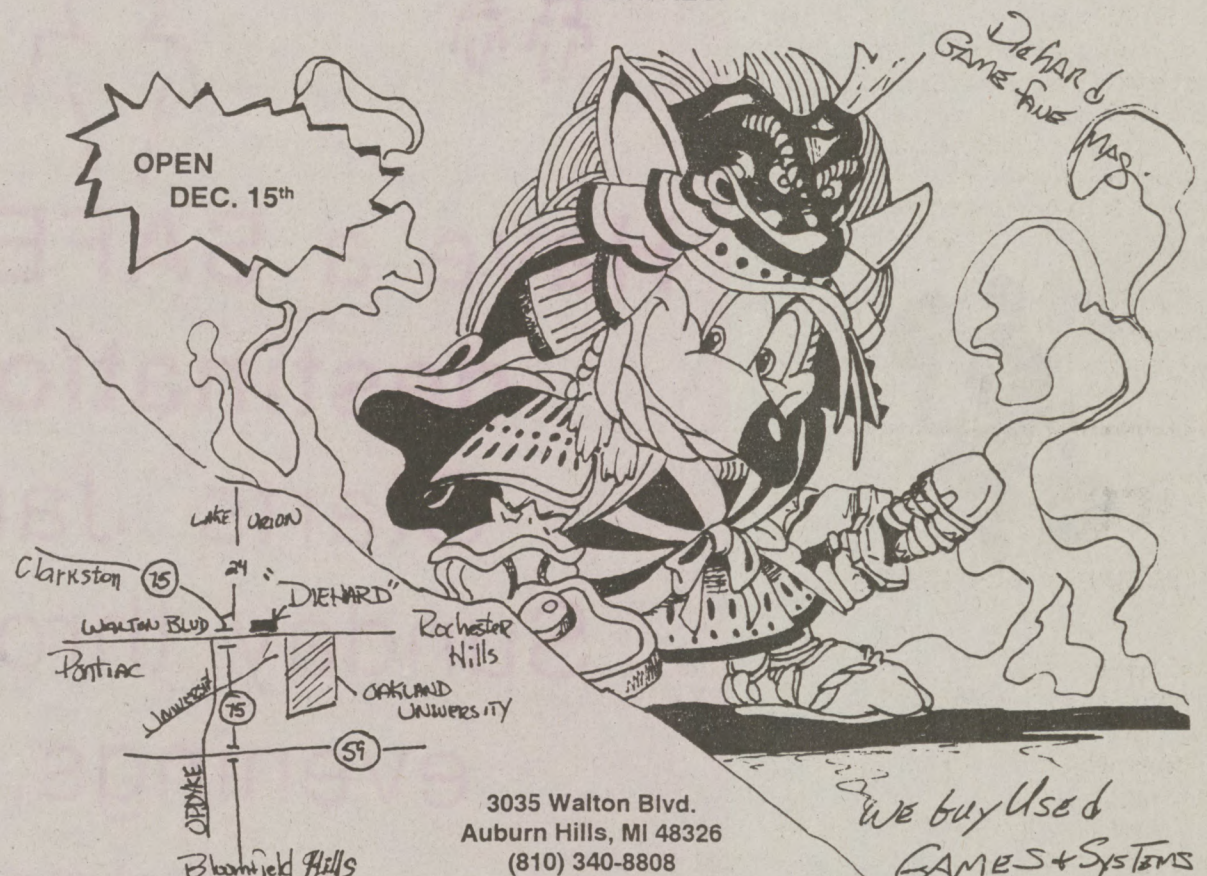
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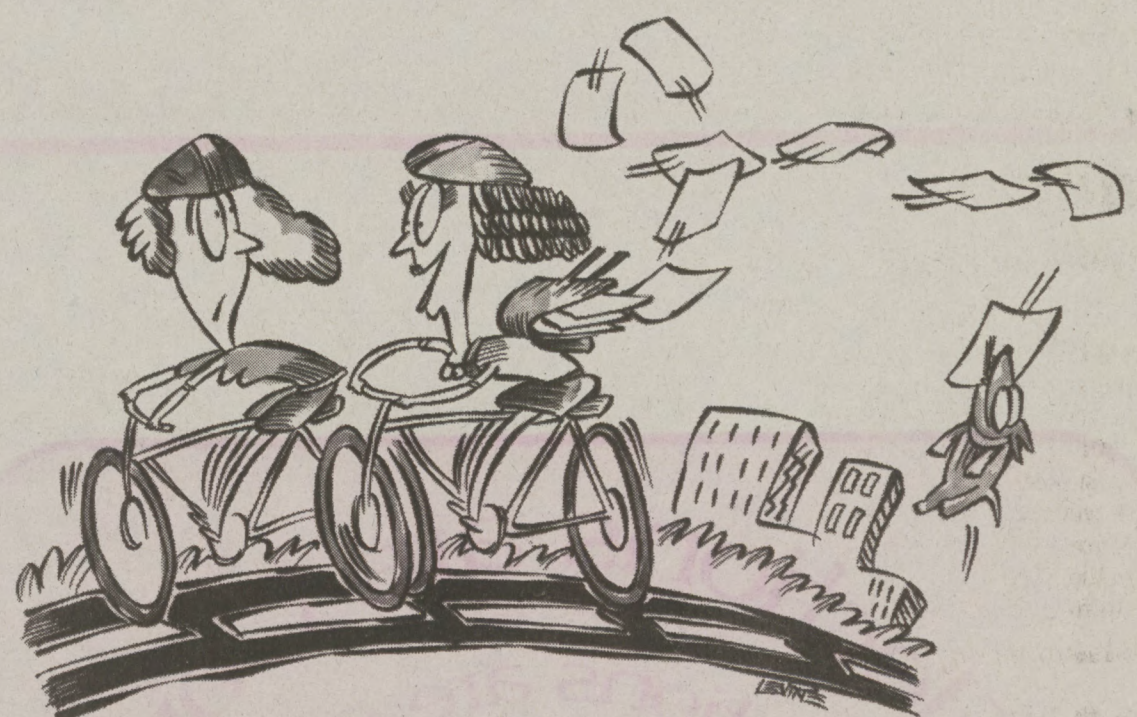
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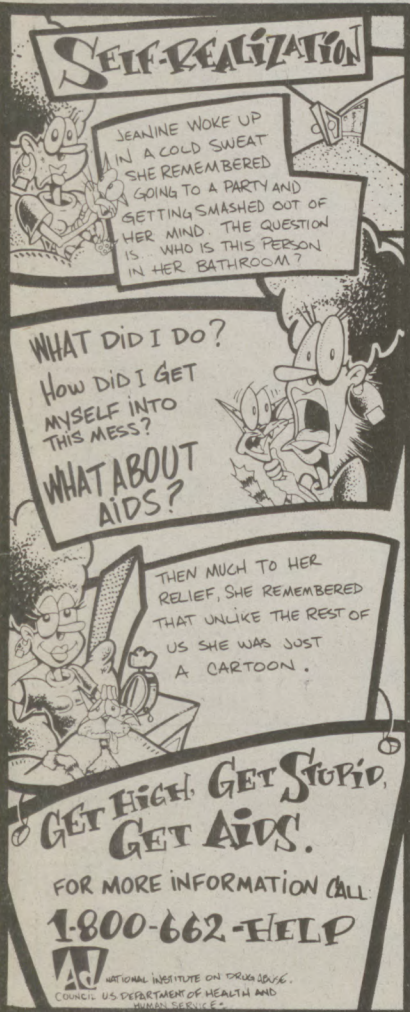
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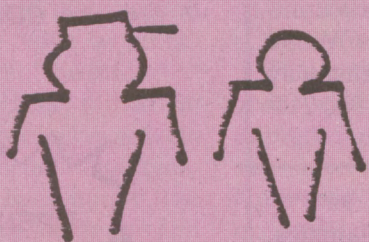


Oakland University Student Congress

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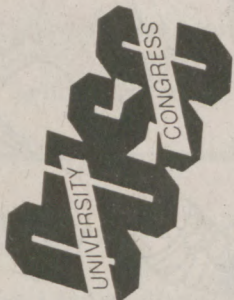
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Safety in Numbers!



Have a **SAFEWALK** to your destination at night.
Starts January 30th!
Sunday through Thursday evenings, 6pm-12am

Please call STUDENT SERVICES at 4293 for info.
Applications being accepted for student marshal positions. Call Sgt Steele at 3331.



OAKLAND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS!!!

STUDENT CONGRESS WANTS TO HEAR YOUR PROBLEMS AND CONCERNS!!!
COME SEE WHAT WE ARE DOING (good or bad).
MEETINGS;
MONDAYS, OAKLAND RM at 4:00pm.

1994 WINTER BUDGET PASSED

Oakland University Student Congress Proposed Budget Winter 1994 Semester

Revenue:			
Fees for Winter 1994	10,500*15.00	\$157,500	
Projected surplus		59,489	
Total Revenue			216,989
Student Fee Distribution:			
Student Program Board	10,500*3.00	31,500	
Student Activities Board	10,500*3.00	31,500	
WOUX	10,500*1.20	12,600	
Oakland Post	10,500*.90	9,450	
Performing Arts Board	10,500*.90	9,450	
Forensics	10,500*.75	7,875	102,375
			114,614
University Congress Operations:			
Services, Supplies and Phone		3,000	
Office and Machine Maintenance		6,500	
Labor		13,500	23,000
			91,614
University Congress Operations:			
Student Services		9,200	
Legislative Affairs		7,033	
Discretionary		2,000	
Student Program Board		13,145	
Committee and Elections Coordinator		700	
Public Relations		10,500	42,578
			49,036
Congress Appropriations:			
CIPO Support		2,500	
Student Life Lecture Board		4,000	
Kresge Library Tribute Gift		1,000	
University Student Congress Scholarship		2,000	
Naair Program		660	10,160
			38,876
Required Minimum Balance In Master Account			10,000
Total Unbudgeted Funds			\$28,876

The Elections are Coming!!
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Did you know that to run in the Oakland University Student Congress Elections you need to fill out a petition? They'll be awaiting you with further instructions in CIPO starting February 1.
(For more information, call Fariha at 370-4290)