

## CHILD CARE NEEDS TO GROW UP



New study shows that some students want more from child care program at OU.

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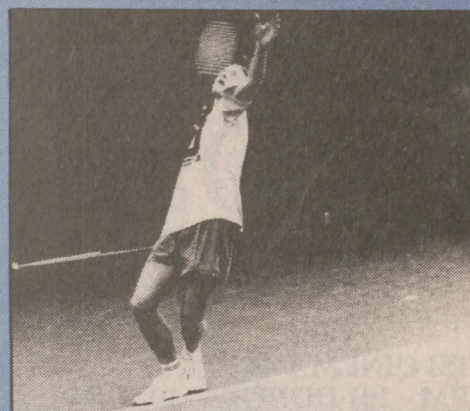
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## BACK ON THE COURTS

Men's tennis team set for play after almost getting the axe by the athletic department.

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## Briefly ...

### OUSC highlights

OU's Student Congress met last Monday, discussing among other topics, the need for more student representation on OU's various task forces. According to OUSC, only seven students are among the nine committees. Congress said that it plans to ask for more student involvement, citing a need for student feedback in the various committees' information gathering processes.

### Relations award

Nominations are now being accepted for the OU Human Relations Award, which recognizes a previous June, September, December 1992 or April 1993 graduate who has significantly contributed to increasing intergroup understanding. The winner will receive a certificate and a stipend of \$500. Nomination forms may be obtained in the Student Life Office, 144 OC or by calling 370-3352.

### NTSA grad survey

OU's Non-Traditional Students Association needs feedback from interested nontraditional students who will be graduating on June 5 regarding events to planned for the ceremony day. NTSA's graduation committee is considering having a tent during the four commencement ceremonies or having a breakfast for interested NTSA graduates. If you are interested in either or both events, please write to 60 Oakland Center by March 31.

### Committee meetings

The Board of Trustees' finance and personnel advisory committee will meet this Thursday at 8 a.m. in 101 North Foundation. The board's university affairs advisory committee will meet on Thursday, April 1 at 10:30 a.m. in Gold Room C of the OC. The next regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 1 at 1:30 p.m. in the OC's Gold Rooms.

### Task Force Meetings

Today: Steering Committee, OC Fireside Lounge, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Today: Undergraduate Education Task Force OC Gold Room, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Friday: Graduate Education Open Hearing 479 Varner Hall, 3 p.m.  
Monday: Excellence and Distinction Task Force Open Hearing for Students, Pioneer Room Vandenberg Hall, noon to 1 p.m.  
Monday: Excellence and Distinction Task Force Open Hearing for Students, OC Meadow Brook Room, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

If there are any students who would be interested in becoming a member of a task force, please call Sue Frankie at 370-2486 for more information.

### Dates to remember

Thursday - Second OU Student Congress presidential debate, noon in OC Fireside Lounge.  
Saturday and Sunday - OU baseball vs. Saginaw Valley at Pioneer Field, 1 p.m. and noon, respectively.  
Sunday - OU Athletic Banquet, 5 p.m. in OC Crockery.  
Monday - Dr. Betty Shabazz lecture, 2:30 p.m. OC Crockery.

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# Graham bandaged in controversy

By LAURA OTENBAKER  
Staff Writer

Left in critical condition by financial difficulties and the recent resignations of its head physician and assistant, the health of Graham Health Center has been questioned by many who feared the program will be euthanized.

But Jack Wilson, associate vice president for student affairs, said such rumors were unfounded and that Graham will remain open. He

pointed to OU President Sandra Packard's recent authorization to hire a physician to fill the vacancy left by physician Jane Harris' resignation in November.

Wilson said he has his hands full nursing Graham back to health. In addition to hiring a new physician, he must also find a physician assistant to replace Susan Solomon who accepted a position at Hutzel Hospital.

"I'm trying to find ways to plug gaps and keep things operating,"

Wilson said.

Concerned over the fate of Graham, OU Student Congress members plan to start a petition drive to keep the center open.

According to Congress member Jennifer Schutt, many administrators want to see the health center close up shop.

"My concern was, there's the possibility of this happening but nobody knew anything about it...This could be their way of phasing out the health center,"

Schutt said.

The decision to hire a new physician did not come soon enough for Solomon who said she has been doing the work of two people since Harris' resignation.

She said that although the heavy workload was a major factor, there were others contributing to her decision to leave Graham Health Center.

"I'm pleased they are hiring a physician, but the level of duplic-

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"I've been lied to and jerked around regarding this situation."

Susan Solomon  
Physicians Assistant

## Change closer to reality

By JASON DOBRY  
Staff Writer

The university is continuing on its course of change, launched when a new kind of president took OU's helm in June, with an ambitious strategic planning process.

Since meeting as a whole on a planning retreat in February, the 155 task force members have been gathering weekly in their nine committees to chart the university's path into the 21st century.

The purpose of this action is to provide "a navigational guide (for the university) for the next five years," Suzanne Frankie, chair of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee and dean of Kresge Library, said.

Though each task force has a specific area to develop and contribute to the planning, the Strategic Planning Steering Committee, the first of the task forces, must "Provide (a) framework for all the priorities and recommendations that emanate from these task forces," Frankie said.

The steering committee's finished version of the "vision statement," a sentence designed to sum up the goal of the task forces, will serve as the guide for the strategic process.

The statement, while not finished, is currently, "To position Oakland University to achieve national preeminence in selected areas of teaching, learning, research and service so as to be an institution of first choice throughout the state of Michigan."

Toward that end, the Task Force for University Excellence and Distinction is working to "identify areas within OU that make Oakland as distinctive place," Chair Liz Barclay said. It is also its charge to bring about external recognition of the areas in which OU already excels.

Barclay has divided her 15-member task force into two independent groups that will address the same problems. With this method, she hopes to get more ideas than she would if she had only one group attacking the situation.

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## Beer Lake II??



While spring gradually returned to Oakland University, a flooded walkway behind the Oakland Center became better suited to the returning Canadian Geese, than for students returning from the new season's first weekend. While OU has been called the Harvard of the Midwest, last week at least, the campus drew comparisons to the flooded streets of Venice, Italy.

## Graffiti loses role as pop culture icon

By MISTY L. PAQUETTE  
Special Writer

Complaints that today's college students are not what the used to be are frequent on a college campus. But rarely are they heard in reference to graffiti which many on campus have dubbed a lost art.

Bill Marshall, director of the Oakland Center, has noticed the

change in graffiti over the years. "Graffiti at OU used to be a fascination," he said. "You used to be able to use graffiti as a measurement for sub culture."

But no more. Marshall believes the graffiti at Oakland has deteriorated in quality. Bathroom stalls that used to carry poetic verses and crude but clever quips are now filled with vulgar sexual ref-

erences and derogatory racial and homosexual remarks.

"Cleverness doesn't seem to be there," Marshall said. "It's just demeaning and mean. If I saw clever graffiti, I'd say the student population is pretty bright here."

An example of the mean, demeaning graffiti was found in the Kresge Library bathroom on Feb. 11. In a complaint filed with Pub-

lic Safety, a building custodian reported finding three piles of feces on the bathroom floor and a racial epithet written in ink on the wall.

Lawrence Lilliston, chair of the psychology department, said that the purpose of graffiti used to be to challenge authority.

However, Lilliston has seen a

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## Hill House residents voice their concerns

By MELISSA LAROSE  
Staff Writer

Hill House residents met with Eleanor Reynolds, director of residence halls, during their March 17 House Council meeting to find out if they could do anything to save their building from being turned in to an upper-division hall

next Fall.

Hill House will renovated to facilitate students who are 21 and over beginning Fall 1993.

Reynolds answered questions and concerns from students who packed the hall's lounge.

"Interest housing has been very successful across the country. It's

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## Emergency phones will provide security

By ROBERT SNELL  
Staff Writer

Erica Jones, an 18-year-old Hill House resident was robbed at gunpoint last January behind O'Dowd Hall. Her case has produced few leads, but if Jones had immediate access to campus security her at-

tacker might have been caught.

Chief Richard Leonard, director of public safety and police, has proposed to OU President Sandra Packard the implementation of an emergency phone network that would provide just such instantaneous action.

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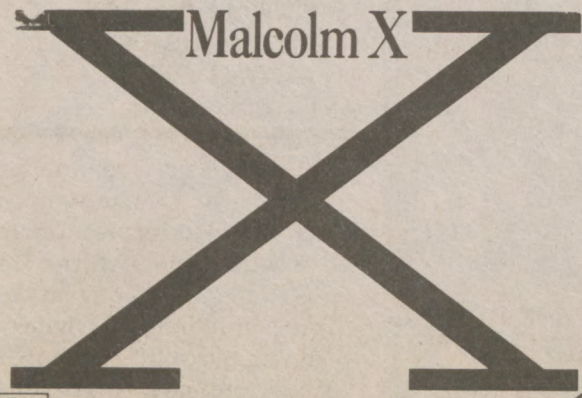
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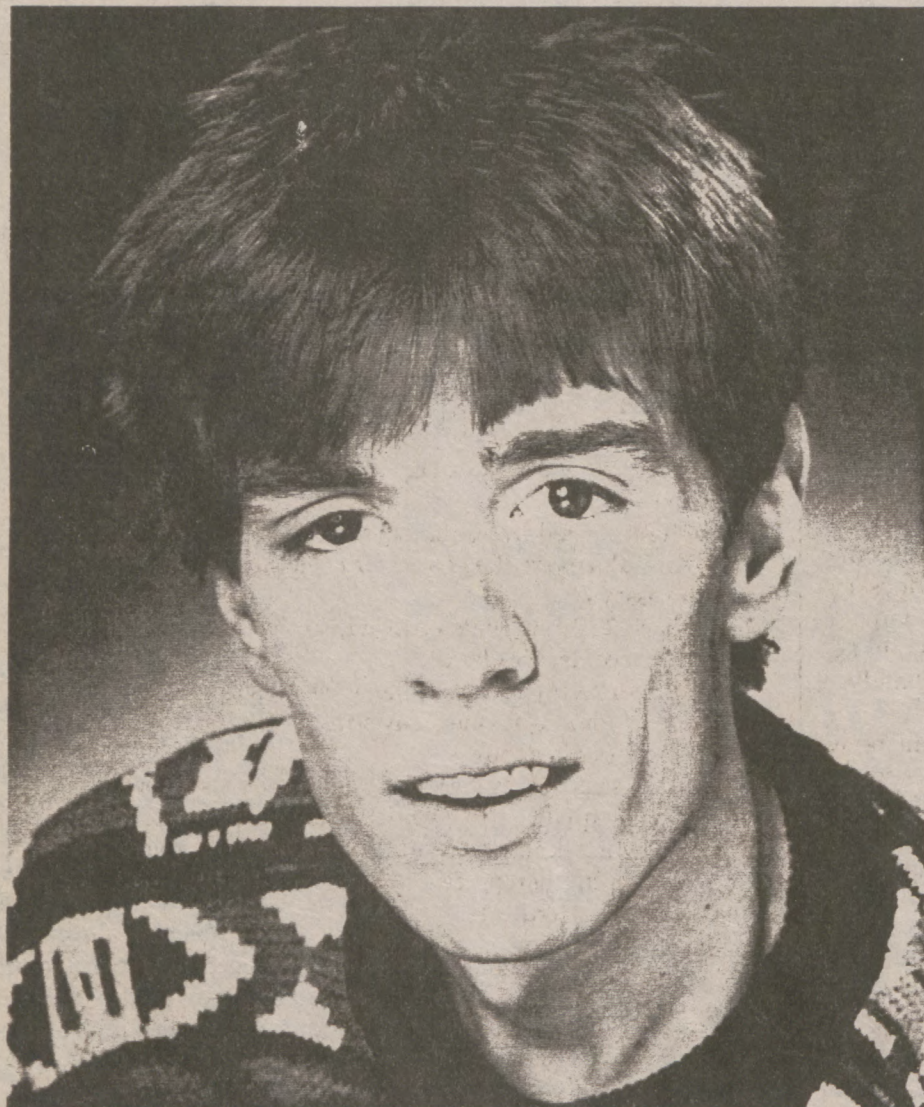
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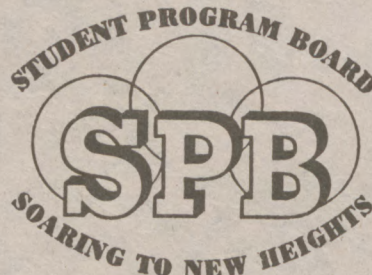


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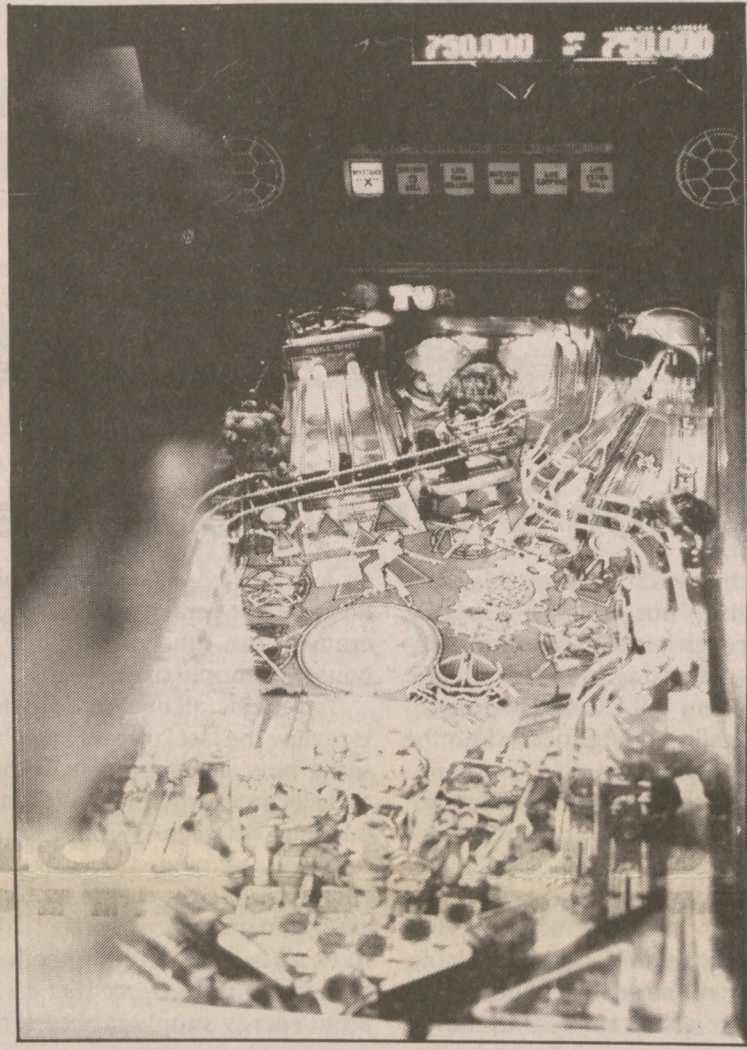
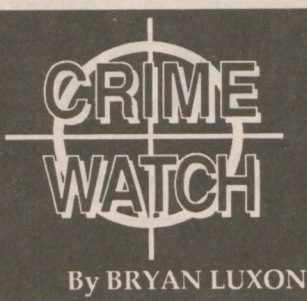


**March 15-4 p.m.** A 19-year-old Hamlin female told OU police that she had left her purse in the foyer of her suite and later discovered that \$25 had been stolen from her wallet. The next day, unknown persons entered the suite next door and stole \$14 from the desk top of another female resident. The victim told OU police that the room is hardly ever locked and persons who live on the floor frequently come and go. That night, after leaving the building because of a fire drill, another 20-year-old female (who resided in the room where the purse and wallet were left in the foyer) said \$10 had been stolen from her desk top. The female also told OU police that during every fire drill this year she has had money stolen from her room. There were no signs of forced entry. OU police still have the matter under investigation.

**March 16 - 4:45 p.m.** A conversation between a 19-year-old VanWagoner female and her visiting 20-year-old boyfriend from Detroit escalated to a fist fight while talking on the first floor. The female told police she was explaining that she wanted to end the relationship when the male became angry and said that he, "hated her," then caught her with a left hook to her right cheek, according to the report. The female stated that she retaliated with a few right hooks of her own before the male fled the building. The female does not wish to press charges.

**March 19 - 8:37 a.m.** An OU staff member reported that her wallet was missing from her purse after she left it unattended in a desk in her Oakland Center office for several hours.

**March 19 - Midnight.** A VanWagoner female who was accused last week of felonious assault on throwing a steam iron at her boyfriend was accused of assault and battery this week, after another mild discussion apparently escalated, according to a campus police report. The male told OU police that the two started arguing around 10:45 that night, when he decided to leave his room to cool off. The female locked the male out for approximately 15 minutes, while an exchange of remarks through the door. The female opened the door and attempted to kick the male in the groin while he was gathering a few belongings, according to the report. The male blocked the knee shot with his leg, but the female spun around digging the keys into his face. The report said the female then bit the man twice while he tried to remove her from his room. The female eventually went back to the suite to gather her things and grabbed the male's walking stick before leaving. In a brief interview the male said that the female can be very, "hot headed," but thought that, "they had worked everything out from the week before." The male said he does not want to press charges but would at least like to get his walking stick back.

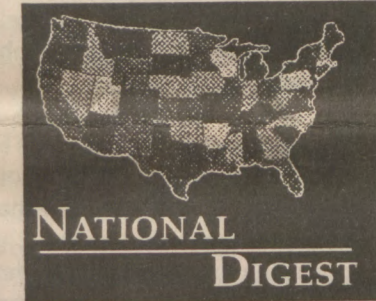
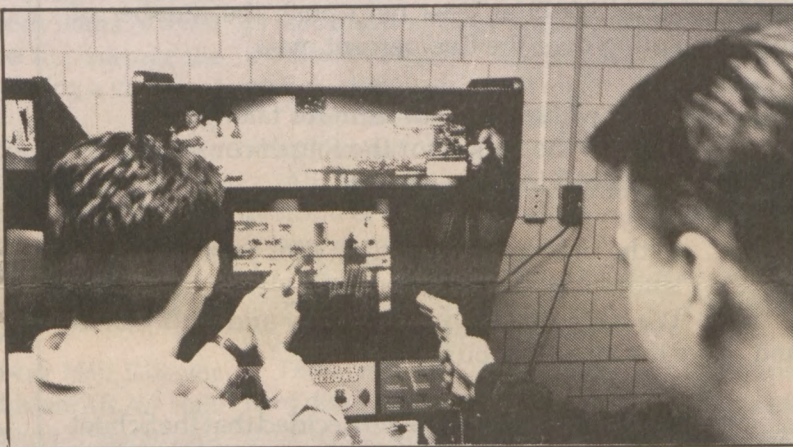


## Got a quarter?

Arcade games are; 1) A source of improvement for hand-eye coordination, 2) a cynical waste of money, 3) simple relaxation or 4) all of the above.

However you responded to the above question, arcade games like pinball, it remains one of the most popular recreational way of spending time in the Oakland Center.

- Photos by Clive Savage



### NCSU switches places

**RALEIGH, N.C. (CPS)** - A program at North Carolina State University teaches architecture students to become more sensitive to the needs of handicapped persons by switching places with people who are blind, deaf or confined to wheelchairs.

"The Sight, Sound and Motion Workshop," which was attended in February by 62 students from the Department of Design, allowed aspiring designers on the Raleigh, N.C. campus to experience life with vision, hearing, or movement impairments.

Students wear blindfolds and earplugs for hours or ride in wheelchairs to simulate the handicapped experience. Later in the day, students meet with volunteers from handicapped services organizations to discuss the events.

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"Many come out of the workshop passionate advocates of universal design," John Tector, the architectural professor who founded the program, said.

Tector said students also discuss design ideas and styles that would make buildings more accessible to the handicapped.

"It is a profound experience," Tector said. "A lot of the students are not able to express it immediately. They just didn't realize the impact a designer's life has on the lives of these people."

### Swastika graffiti found in Harvard dormitory

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (CPS)** - Students recently found a swastika and graffiti on a wall in a dorm where several Jewish students live, the Harvard Crimson reported.

Abigail S. Kolodny, a sophomore who discovered the vandalism, told the paper she was "deeply offended" by the act. Kolodny, who is Jewish, said others in her dorm were similarly horrified.

The incident was under investigation by the Harvard police.

## Rival universities engage in blood feud

**PHILADELPHIA (CPS)** - Rivalry between Temple and Penn State was notched up a bit in February when the Temple Owls beat the Nittany Lions of Penn State in a month-long blood donor competition.

This is the second year the two universities have squared off in the Lifesaver Cup. The trophy will be moved from Penn State to Temple, as the Nittany Lions won the first round in 1992.

"I thought it would be fun for students to set up a competition for blood collection," Andrea Dunn, college recruitment specialist for the Red Cross Penn-Jersey region, said.

"Blood collection is a serious thing, but it's good to have fun at the same time," Dunn said.

Penn State's goal was to get 1,000 pints of blood, and 685 students, or 68 percent of the goal, donated.

Temple's goal was 620 pints, and 630 students, or 87 percent of the goal donated.

Blood banks at hospitals and Red Cross centers in the Philadelphia area had only 67 units of O positive blood on hand in February, when the normal goal is to have around 1,600 units available.



## Congress elections stated to follow procedure

By TOM MULLIGAN  
Staff Writer

Student Congress is approaching next week's presidential elections determined to follow proper procedure.

The last congress election, held in November 1991, was tainted with accusations of racism and ballot tampering. Attention focused on the presidential race, where Derek Wilczynski, who is white, ran against Nathaniel Wells, a black student.

According to Jennifer Schutt, this year's student congress election coordinator, the results of the race were invalidated because the ballot boxes were left in the congress office the first night of balloting. Election rules state that ballots must be stored in the Public Safety office. Charges of ballot tampering ran through the university community.

Schutt doesn't know why the boxes weren't stored properly. "I don't know if arrangements were made," for the transfer of the boxes, she said.

Racist flyers, distributed by an unknown source around campus, also tainted the campaign.

The campaign's final result was that Wilczynski won in the second round of balloting by 10 votes out of a turnout of 500.

Current presidential candidates Amy Rickstad and Michael Kimsal

do not believe there was any tampering, but both agree there was improper procedure.

"It was an oversight," Kimsal admits. "The ballots were locked in a file cabinet that only one or two people had keys for."

"There was no evidence of tampering," Rickstad said.

But feelings still run high in the office of the Association of Black Students that the ballots were tampered with and ABS leader Chaunci Wyche cites racism as the factor.

"My personal feeling is there was more to it than meets the eye," Wyche said. "They didn't want a black to head the Congress."

But Nathaniel "Nate" Wells dismisses the notion. The former presidential candidate does not believe there was ballot tampering, but he said, "There should be a more controlled way of handling the ballots."

Schutt vows there will be no scandal this year. She said the ballots will be done on Scantron forms this year and handled by the Academic Computing Office. She also stressed that campaign ethics were emphasized from the start of this year's race.

"The candidates knew before campaigning started what the rules were, and were advised that failure to abide by the rules would result in invalidation of their candidacy," she said.

## OUSC low voter turnout elicits concern, action

By TOM MULLIGAN  
Staff Writer

Low voter turnout is a concern among the Student Congress presidential candidates.

According to Jennifer Schutt, election coordinator, 1,000 students voted in the first election in 1991 that was invalidated and 500 in the second round of balloting.

The candidates are attempting to improve those numbers this time around.

Congress is spending \$1,100 to mail out issue essays from each candidate to every student enrolled at OU, both full and part time.

The figure, cited by sophomore presidential candidate Michael Kimsal, covers the cost of printing and mailing, at bulk rate, the essays.

OU has 12,000 students enrolled, so the cost breakdown is around five cents a student.

Sophomore Amy Rickstad, the other presidential candidate, said each candidate's issue essay stresses the issues that candidate feels strongly about.

Rickstad's addresses the proposal of a campus escort service, the minority equality office, and restructuring the SAB office.

Kimsal will talk about a proposal for a campus capital reserve fund, and strengthening relationships between Congress and the OU Board of Trustees.

Both candidates called the turnout in the last election "disappointing", but said turnout at OU is higher than at other colleges. Kimsal cited Wayne State, which has over 80,000 students, but only 50 votes were cast in their last Student Congress election.

Kimsal said the 250-word essays went out Monday, so students should receive them by Thursday or Friday.

## Employment outlook improving for spring

**MILWAUKEE (CPS)** - Hiring prospects are improving for the second quarter of this year, according to a survey of 15,000 businesses nationwide.

Manpower's poll of second-quarter hiring plans showed that 26 percent of respondents said they would increase staff levels during the March-May period and 7 percent reported plans for work reductions. Another 67 percent

plan no new hirings.

"Employers are now planning new staffing beyond the seasonal variations of the past two years. It appears we are headed for a real increase," Manpower President Mitchell Fromstein said.

The figures represent an increase from last quarter, when 17 percent planned further hiring and 13 percent were cutting back, according to Manpower, a Milwaukee-based temporary help serv-

ice. For the second quarter a year ago, 21 percent of the firms surveyed were planning to increase work forces.

A breakdown of professions and hiring plans include:

- Transportation and public utilities: Hiring forecasts still lag behind most other industries, with 8 percent indicating they will trim employment rolls.
- Finance and real estate: These professions are starting to move

forward in hiring, Manpower said, although at a slow rate. Of the firms surveyed, 21 percent said they will increase personnel and 8 percent will be reducing staff levels.

- Education, public and private: Jobs in these fields, which have been hard to find in the past two years, are not loosening up. Only 12 percent plan on hiring new instructors.



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### OUR VIEW

## Thumbs salute

to President Sandra Packard for the thinly veiled threats she made to students on the Oakland Sail Board of Directors that they, unlike other university employees, would be personally liable should any type of lawsuit be brought against the newspaper. Spoken at a thank-you-for-not-filing-a-lawsuit-yet luncheon, the remarks tailed the president's request that the Sail Board stop hanging the threat of a lawsuit over the Board of Trustees head because, "It is unhealthy for the university." Isn't it about time for the board to come forward and open up instead of relying on threats and other strong-arm tactics to resolve this "philosophical disagreement?" If the board conducts its committee meetings in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, there will be no need for a lawsuit. It is that simple.

to the Oakland University Student Congress elections committee for giving it the old college try to whip up interest in the up-coming presidential elections. The awareness posters, table markers and increased debate schedule have been the best effort in years to help inform students of when and where to vote. We hope that it will at least help push the number of students voting over the five percent mark.

to the women's swim team for taking first place in the nation for the fourth consecutive year in NCAA II.

to the university community for pursuing a smoke free environment at Oakland University. We hope that students, faculty and staff join in and make the air at OU pure.

to the higher powers who decided that the School of Business and Administration deserved more representation on the Task Forces than the 13,000 member student body for whom this university exists. Seven students serve on five of nine committees.

### ANOTHER VIEW

## Actions speak louder than empty promises

As a senior, I feel that I've been around Oakland University long enough to develop some opinions on what goes on, or more accurately, what doesn't go on with student government.

With the upcoming University Student Congress presidential elections, I'd like to see some real change, and not the same bland promises made by different faces each year who seem more interested in bragging on their political science resumes that they held the office.

I'm not slamming this year's candidates altogether, but it seems that some of the past presidents get into office and do nothing for the students that truly benefit them. They serve as president and appear to succeed only in being a class clown, thinking they're hip, or smooching the posteriors of administrators in hopes of getting a letter of recommendation written for them someday. It's not a popularity contest.

I'm not saying any of this blindly. I've had classes with congress members and I've been involved in student organizations for four years which have exposed me to USC, and it seems like the same thing year after year after year.

Instead of the promises made each year on the same campaign posters that don't have a candidate could just fill in his or her name, let's see something new.

How about doing something about tuition increases that occur every year or organizing a fund raising project to improve our pathetic athletic building or put more books in our equally lame and half-empty library?

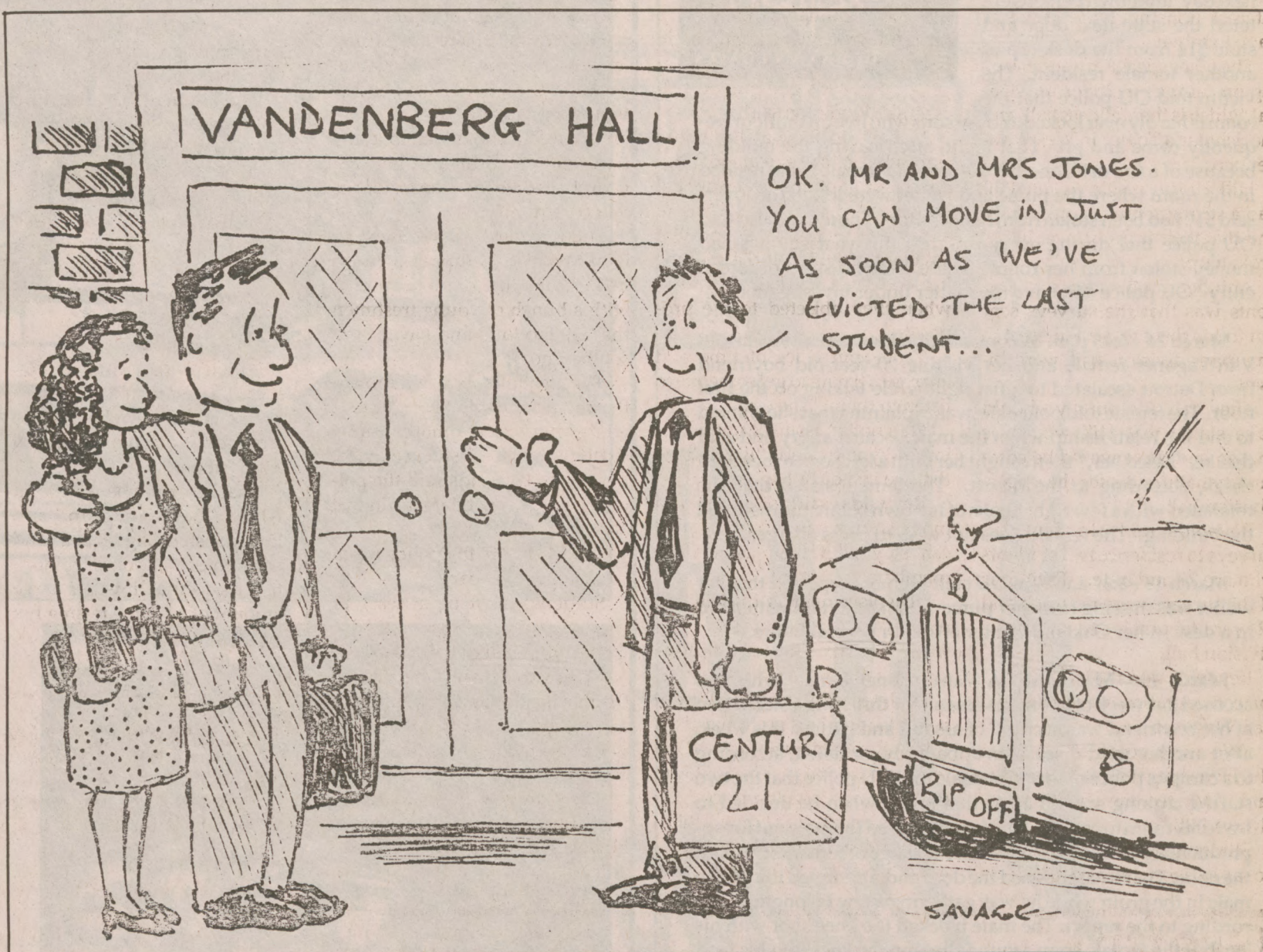
Improving communication between students and congress or the university is nice, but come on, we need more than that; something tangible that can benefit all the students, something they can point to and recognize as a real improvement for their money spent.

This is my challenge to you, Michael Kimsal and Amy Rickstad. Break away from old patterns in your quests for president of University Student Congress and view it not as a stepping stone to a political career, but as a chance to vastly improve the university for the students of OU.

Work for the people and not for yourselves.

JOE PICKERING  
Senior

# Opinion



## Clinton's honeymoon over: energy needs attention

After wasting much of his presidential "honeymoon" laboring over such issues as abortion, family leave and gays in the military, President Bill Clinton appears to be finally getting focused on the economy.

In the State of the Union address he delivered not long ago, the President claimed his "immediate priority is to create jobs" and work on "deficit reduction." While these goals are certainly laudable, they will nevertheless be impossible to achieve unless Clinton is willing to face an issue he has heretofore ignored—namely, America's energy crisis.

Although often overlooked, our nation's ability to produce energy—especially electricity—is what drives the economy. Even though Clinton has ambitious plans, he must face the reality that

no jobs can be created, no businesses can operate, and no government can function without a bountiful supply of electricity.

To see this, all one needs to do is review the last 20 years and observe how economic expansion and electrical growth parallel one another. Between 1973 and 1991, America's economy grew by 50 percent, while her electricity consumption grew by 61 percent. Almost all experts, both on the left and on the right, agree that a vibrant energy supply is necessary for a healthy economy.

Unfortunately for the administration, however, our nation's ability to meet present and future energy needs is in serious jeopardy. This is because the plants we use to generate our energy are closing down. Almost three quarters of the United States' electric-

ity comes from two sources: coal (55 percent) and nuclear (22 percent). Ironically, it has been Clinton's friends in the environmental movement that have targeted these two sources and kept new plants from being built. Indeed, the average age of many nuclear and coal plants is between 20 and 30 years old, which is considered near the life expectancy for these facilities. If new plants are not constructed when these shut down, our economy will certainly suffer a paralyzing jolt.

It must be further noted that other sources of electricity cannot be expected to meet our needs. They simply do not match the efficiency and output of these two sources. While Vice President Gore may tout the merits of "renewable" energies such as solar and wind power, these are unlikely to

produce much more than a percent or two of our current energy needs. Other sources such as hydro and natural gas, which collectively generate 19 percent of our electricity, are effective energy producers, but are unfortunately limited by factors of geography and supply.

In short, President Clinton is faced with a serious problem. If he is sincere about reviving the economy—and we all hope he is—then it is imperative he respond to this impending emergency by ordering the construction of new nuclear and coal facilities. If, on the other hand, he fails to do this, he may find himself staring into a much "darker" recession than the mild one he inherited.

D. SCOTT BEAN  
Student

## Office of Minority Equity will help minorities, not hinder

Whereas many people have been opposed to the establishment of the Office of Minority Equity, I feel it is necessary to present information from a supportive perspective.

The goals of this office are not racist. They focus on the needs of African-American, Hispanic-American and Native-American students. These groups have become the focus of the office because Oakland University has a serious problem with the retention and graduation rates of these students.

Whether the reasons are financial or academic, OU has not been responsive to the needs of these students and this office is a reliable means of dealing with the problem.

I understand that other students may have problems as well, however; we must first attack the problem where the need is greatest and that need lies with these groups of minority students.

People have stated that the goals of the office are insulting and unfair; I suppose these people feel Affirmative Action is also un-

fair.

The purpose of this office is to help these students combat the difficulties they are faced with as the result of being ethnic minorities in an environment that is insensitive to their cultural and preparatory differences.

If that means the office should offer scholarships to attract these students who, because of financial disadvantages, might otherwise go to college, then why not?

If that also means the office should institute strategies to en-

sure that they are fairly represented in their fields of study, then so be it. I am not insulted by this. I am confident that any minority student can successfully compete with others within their majors if given a chance.

Many times all that's needed is encouragement, persistence, and opportunity. The Office of Minority Equity will help meet these students' needs and provide that opportunity.

EBONY COLEMAN  
Student

### WRITE A LETTER

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## Watch your use of isms

In reference to your article on "Library Rape" I would like to say to Mr. Hodge: You just don't get it, do you? To equate vandalism of the library to rape of a woman is insensitive at best and sexism at its worse. Does a library have feelings? Can a library feel violated. Is it's life changed forever? I think not. A library is a thing and a woman is a living human being. It is obvious that you have the two confused.

I agree that racial graffiti and vandalism of the library is a serious reflection on all of us at OU, but the library was cleaned up

and is as good as new. It's not so easy to erase rape from a woman's life. She'll never be as good as new. The trauma will remain with her for life. I do not intend to sit idly by while racism or sexism or any other ism eats away at the foundation of our school, nor should you. The editors should take another look at their isms. The headline "All suffer library rape" added insult to injury. We need a class on rape awareness at this university and I suggest Mr. Hodge and the Post's staff attend.

RITA GRAY

MARGARET SIAVOSHANI  
Journalism major



## Hill

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been successful here," Reynolds said. "No matter what special interest housing I do, students have to move."

The other special interest housing on campus includes the Anibal, which is the wellness hall, and the Scholar's Tower in West Vandenberg.

Hill House residents felt Hill had a strong sense of community and that their "family" was being broken up.

Another concern of the residents was that the surveys sent out to see there was an interest in an upper-division hall were biased.

They felt the survey should have stated that Hill would be chosen and there would be community bathrooms for the upper-division hall.

Reynolds said she sent 260 surveys to residence hall students who are 21 and older. Fifty-four of the surveys were returned and 42 were favorable for an upper-division hall.

Reynolds said the two halls up for consideration were Hill and Van Wagoner.

"We were going to renovate Hill House regardless," Reynolds said. "My recommendation was always Hill."

Students said they felt they had no say in the matter and that it was

a decision of the administration.

Reynolds said she asked Residence Halls Council and the House Council representatives for feedback in November on what they thought of an upper-division hall.

She said the response was positive so in January she wrote a proposal which was approved in February.

"I believe it's going to be successful," Reynolds said.

"I have to look at the entire community," she explained. "Students want options (in residential housing)."

Collene Schmid, a resident assistant in Hill, felt that no one listened to her floor members when they objected to the proposal.

"They put a lot of time and energy in trying to get someone to listen to them," she said.

"It's not an issue of not listening," Reynolds said. "It's an issue that we just didn't agree."

Reynolds said she plans to move students in groups so they can stay with their same floor members.

"Displacement is difficult no matter what we do," she said. "We want to make the transition as easy as we can."

In defense of saving Hill from being turned into an upper-division hall, a resident who asked not to be named said, "The building itself is just a building but the people in it make it a home. I think the number of people in attendance (at the meeting) against the

resolution far outweigh the number responding to the survey."

Resident Janeece Hayes, 19, said, "I'm not in favor of it. It's just something we're going to have to deal with."

Resident Dawn Thomas, 21, said she could see both sides of the issue. "I don't have any strong feelings either way. Segregation between ages, that's just another type of segregation." But, she went on to explain she understood the need for special interest housing to draw people in to the residence hall community.

Hill resident Kathy Kinney, 22, is in favor of the upper-division hall. "I like it. I don't like living with a bunch of young freshmen that are too loud and have yet to set their goals."

The alcohol policy will remain the same which is that students who are under 21 cannot consume alcohol in the residence halls. However, Reynolds said the policy may be changed if she finds it necessary.

"We'll look at the policy when we go in to the year."

Students must be at least 21 years old by Sept. 5 in order to live in the upper-division hall however, Reynolds said she will be flexible in allowing students who are not quite 21 to live there and will consider each situation separately.

The plan was originally called for single occupancy rooms, however, doubles are now available.

## Shabazz to visit OU on Monday

By KARYN DUNFORD  
Staff Writer

Betty Shabazz, Malcolm X's widow, will be coming to OU on Monday, March 29, at 2:30 p.m. in the Crockery of the Oakland Center.

The Student Life Lecture Board and the Student Program Board have are sponsoring the visit of the this Detroit-born community activist.

Shabazz is the current Director of Communications and Public Relations at Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York.

She also serves as the vice president of the Addiction Research and Treatment Corporation and a member of the American Education Research Association.

Shabazz has spent time in Africa, the Caribbean, and Europe studying social and economic conditions of minorities, as well as invest a large amount of her time raising her six children in accordance with her late husband's beliefs and



teachings.

Although Shabazz is a lifetime member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), she also is involved with other social, community, and government organizations.

Shabazz was recently featured in the book "I Dream a World: Portraits of Black Women Who Changed America," and she hosts a radio talk show "A Forum For Women."

Shabazz has several degrees in-

cluding nursing (Brooklyn State Hospital School of Nursing), bachelors and masters in Public Health Education and Administration (Jersey City State College), Ph.D. in Education (University of Massachusetts).

Shabazz is coming to OU to discuss her life with the late Malcolm X. Tickets are \$7 for the general public and \$5 for OU employees and Alumni Association members, and if tickets are purchased before March 26, there is a \$1 discount.

## Vandenberg's Scholar's Tower improves with age

By LESLEY TOTO  
Special Writer

After a rocky first year of operation, West Vandenberg's Scholar's Tower is improving with age.

According to Jean Ann Miller, assistant director for student development, the changes in residence halls are just the start of a facelift designed to improve the quality of living on campus for students.

Located on the 4th, 5th, and 6th floors of West Vandenberg, the tower is geared to challenge the students academically while offering a variety of social programs.

"It's a 100 percent improvement over last year's program," Miller said. She also credits the programming committee for maintaining the variety.

The program involves 105 students, 32 male and 73 female, and requires each student to maintain a 2.8 grade point average and to participate in four activities per semester.

Monitored by West Vandenberg Hall Director Valerie Kehres, the resident assistant (R.A.) staff must also meet the program's criteria. Plus, any incoming freshmen must be recipients of a merit-based scholarship such as Student Life or Presidential awards.

Senior R.A. Jennifer Fauss said she requested placement in the tower because she was "used to the programming in Anibal and wanted experience in

running programs in this atmosphere."

The programs vary from multicultural to student concerns to fun and games. Discussion topics can range from stress management to Olympics of the Mind competitions to "Meet the Faculty" night.

Fauss said that one of the more successful game programs is "Assassin" in which students attempt to "knock off" opponents by using water bottles.

Junior R.A. Eric Carr, 21, finds the male residents of the Scholar's Tower to be "pretty supportive of the unique atmosphere" and sees his responsibilities as an R.A. slightly different under these conditions.

"There is less disciplining but more program planning," he said.

All the students and Miller agreed that the major problem of the Scholar's Tower is a flawed study/computer room.

"It needs more computer programs, right now it only has Word Perfect and Lotus," Wa Kan, a 19-year old sophomore said.

The computers currently do not accommodate hard disks and lack guide books for students having trouble, but Miller said OU is working on updating the systems to increase accessibility.

Other problems include the lack of lounge, as in the other dorms, where students can watch television or play games, but there is discussion underway to change the Beer Lake Yacht Club back to a student lounge, Miller said.

## Graffiti

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drastic change in the types of graffiti between 1930 and 1993. "The state of graffiti at Oakland is absolutely pathetic. A lot of it is directed toward ethnic groups."

The first phase of graffiti that Lilliston described took place between the 1930s and 1950s. He categorized the graffiti as, "scatological, obscene and crude, but clever," he said.

The graffiti was also characterized by obscene rhymes. "It was a challenge to authority that wouldn't be (a challenge) today," Lilliston said. "You can walk through Oakland Center anywhere and hear those words."

The second phase occurred during the 1960s and 1970s. "The attempt was to write lines that were viewed as clever, as eye catching and for which the meaning was not immediately apparent," Lilliston said. This type of writing evolved from the popular lyrics of the time, including the Beatles' hit, *Strawberry Fields*.

Lilliston does not attribute the change in graffiti completely to the popularity of drugs. "I don't think you can separate the two of them," he said. "The culture had changed to a point where people were willing to explore new things, new ideas."

The '80s and '90s sparked the third phase of graffiti art. "This is a very low point in graffiti nationally and locally," Lilliston said. "Most of the graffiti you see now is not inventive, it is crude. You just don't see graffiti in rest rooms the way that you used to."

Dean Purcell, professor of psychology, believes that television is partly to blame for the uncreative graffiti today. "I think a lot of the lack of creativity and spontaneity comes out of television and the

easy solutions that people have learned to expect," he said. "You solve your problems in 10 or 15 minutes."

Lilliston agrees that students have become passive. "I think the level of graffiti does reflect these social changes," he said. "The purpose of graffiti is to creatively challenge the boundaries. We have a generation of students that don't want to challenge authority. We can't even get them to speak up in class."

Students at Oakland seems to have different reasons for not participating in graffiti artistry.

Junior Bob Weaver, said he has only written graffiti on the chalkboards hung in bar bathrooms. He once wrote, beneath the scrawled message "Jesus Saves" and Gretzky scores on the rebound.

Weaver said that he is not an avid graffiti artist. "I'm a reactionary versus an innovator. I don't want to be the first person to go forward, but if someone has a viable conversation, I don't mind participating."

Kim Nutkins, who has been a custodian in the Oakland Center for the past four years, is assigned to clean graffiti out of the bathrooms daily. "We're supposed to take it out every day," she said. "It's important to our higher ups because they don't like the racial things."

James Ivory, an Oakland Center custodian for the past eight and a half years, said that he hasn't seen many changes in the graffiti art since he's worked in the O.C. "There's a lot more on gay bashing," he said. "That's about the only difference I see."

Mike Petroni, president of the campus Gay and Lesbian Alliance agrees. "The hate is from ignorant people," he said.

Graffiti artists generally write in ink, pencil, and felt-tip marker.

The custodians are equipped with a special graffiti remover that "kind of takes the paint off," Nutkins said.

Lilliston, who dubbed graffiti, "a male phenomenon," seems to be accurate as far as Oakland is concerned. The stalls in the men's bathrooms of the Oakland Center have graffiti-remover blotches covering nearly 75 percent of the stall walls. The women's bathrooms have possibly 10 percent or less.

"There's a lot more in the men's bathrooms," Nutkins said. "In the women's we find just a little something now and then."

Lilliston hopes that the 1990s will be a "renaissance" for graffiti. Lilliston explained that in the past, marginal groups, such as women, have been the most avid graffiti artists. He believes that the '90s would be the perfect time for a renaissance of women graffiti artists in particular.

"Nothing would make me happier than to walk into the men's room over in Oakland Center and see it filled with good, vibrant, alive, creative graffiti," he said. "Maybe five years from now the rest rooms will be covered with great, creative, clever graffiti."

Some, however, do not take graffiti so lightly.

According to campus police, carving or writing messages into rest room walls is illegal and is treated as vandalism or defacing property, according to Senior Investigator Mel Gilroy.

"It's a misdemeanor," he said. "If it's biased, we try to get it to the prosecutor even faster."

Kevin Early, assistant professor of sociology, said he also takes graffiti like to February incident in Kresge very seriously.

"It's a form of terrorism," he said.

Special writer Darren Jones contributed to this report.

## Graham

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ity that has been exhibited has been overwhelming to me and I can't work with this administration," she said. "They were willing to let things operate as they were, indefinitely."

Solomon said she is sad to leave the university, but the situation made it impossible for her to do the best for the university and its students.

"I've been hobbled ... I feel like I've been lied to and jerked around regarding this situation. I'm also significantly underpaid for what physician's assistants in the area are getting paid," she said.

Since Harris' resignation in November, Wilson said, "the Health Center has not been able to see nearly the same amount of

students as usual," because Solomon was the only person available to treat students.

According to Wilson, Graham recorded more than 6,000 visits last year, showing a need for health care on campus. Commuter students make up 60 percent of patients treated at Graham, while dorm residents account for 40 percent.

Graham Health Center will operate under a new, reduced schedule. A physician will see students four days a week. The physician's assistant will be available five days a week. During the spring and summer semesters, the physician's assistant will be available to treat students Monday through Friday.

Solomon believes this schedule means reduced services to students. "Here, our real aim is to educate as well as provide health care. When students come to the GHC, I want each of them to learn

something about their health care or their treatment. But if there isn't time provided for that, it will cease to happen," she said, adding that she does not foresee a bright future for the health center.

"The president seems to be committed to keeping GHC open, but not committed to the quality of care. I have no great hopes as far as what the administration will permit where the scope of services is concerned," she said.

Graham Health Center is a more affordable option for students than going off campus for health care. An office call at the health center costs \$15 versus the \$40 usually charged for an off-campus office visit.

According to Wilson, having a health center on campus is "like having a fire station. You hope that you won't have to call them, but if you do need to, it's there." Staff Writer Mary Lowe contributed to this story.

## Phones

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By next fall, the "blue light specials", as Packard calls them, will blanket the university at six sites, essentially encircling the campus with a collar of caution.

A speaker-box with a button that connects callers with on-campus security officers and a blue mercury vapor light, mounted atop a metal pole, serves as an evening beacon for passersby in need of assistance.

The phones, which will cost OU \$20,160, are not only a good investment, but also serve as a criminal deterrent, according to Leonard who worked with an identical system during his tenure as a lieutenant at Wayne State Univer-

sity.

"I think it's money well spent," he said. "I know that the system works from working at WSU and from talking with the bad guys on the street."

The emergency phone system is utilized by 16 universities across Michigan including Michigan State, Wayne State, Central, Western, and Eastern Michigan Universities, according to Ramtech Corporation's sales and marketing manager Eleanor Kelley.

Apparently, the system has a reliable track record across the state.

"We receive a lot of phone calls from people in distress," WSU Public Safety Lt. James Eisel said. "It provides easy access to people who need it in an emergency."

## Force

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Katie Kazarian, Coordinator for Academic Advising, heads the Task Force for Student Development which is charged to, "plan for the advancement of student recruitment and service including athletics and facilities that support residence life."

Kazarian said the student development task force is one which requires student input to work to its full potential. Students are encouraged to attend the open meetings to put forth their recommendations. Students could also "send us anything in writing—the good and the bad," Kazarian said.

When all of the amendments are finally drafted and proposed in early October, it will be up to the Task Force for Resources, headed by Ray Harris, the acting vice president for finance and administration, to estimate costs for the changes such as professor payrolls and new offices.

Harris said his goal is to "hit the ground running" come November, instead of sitting in the interim until the draft is actually presented.

Following the completion of task force research and planning, the administration will assign priorities to the suggested changes. The prioritized list is scheduled to be submitted to the Board of Trustees in January of 1994.





# CIPO THIS WEEK

(Campus Information, Programs and Organizations)

## CIPO Programs

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

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Come out and give someone a second chance. The annual April Blood Drive will be held on Monday, April 5 in the Gold Rooms from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.. Please give blood! Call CIPO at 2020 to make an appointment or walk in (Those with appointments will be given preference.) **Give Life, Give Blood.**

### Coming Attractions:

*Less Stress Week*  
Week of April 5, 1993

## Student Life Lecture Board

### Dr. Betty Shabazz ( My Life with Malcolm X )

Dr. Betty Shabazz is the widow of civil rights leader Malcolm X. In her own right, she is currently the Director of Communications and Public Relations at the Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York where she has taught and published major research. She is one of the 75 persons featured in the book *"I Dream: Portraits of Black Women Who Changed America"*. Dr. Shabazz has shown a commitment to improving the educational system in the United States as well as improving the relationship and understanding between races. Hear her speak with us **Monday, March 29, 1993 at 2:30 p.m. in the OC Crockery**

Tickets are:

- \$2 for OU Student
- \$5 for OU employees and Alumni Association Members
- \$7 for the general public
- Tickets purchased by this Friday (March 26) will be discounted \$1.

### Jean-Michel Cousteau

Jean-Michel Cousteau is the son of legendary ocean explorer, Jacques Cousteau will be here to speak **Monday, April 12, 1993 8 p.m. in the Oakland Center Crockery**. Since 1979 Jean-Michel has served as Vice President of the Cousteau Society and has spent his life exploring the seas about the Calypso. Jean-Michel has been the executive producer of several Cousteau Society films including *Jacques Cousteau: the First seventy five years; Cousteau/Amazon* and the Emmy Award winning *Cousteau/Mississippi*.

Tickets are:

- \$2 for OU Students
- \$5 for OU employees and Alumni Association Members
- \$7 for the general public
- Tickets purchased Friday, April 9 will be discounted \$1.

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# Features

## Impossible ideal not for all

*Experts stress that society and starvation don't mix*

By THERESA O'KRONLEY  
Features Editor

Warning: Living in the United States may cause anorexia nervosa.

This may sound a little strange but many experts in the field of eating disorders, would be quick to agree.

According to Ken Castanga, associate director and therapist of the eating disorders program at the University of Michigan, cases of anorexia nervosa are increasing.

"Dieting, exercising, fasting and a preoccupation with food and weight are so much a part of our culture that it is unusual to find a teenage girl or woman who is not or has not been concerned with weight," he said.

"Women have become more concerned over the last three decades with altering their body shape and these feelings become more enforced with ads. They're surrounded by it and it's getting worse," he said.

This reasoning may explain why the disease is a predominantly female one.

According to the American Psychiatric Association, 95 percent of anorexics are women and that as many as one in every 250 women suffer from anorexia.

OU Professor Susan Hayworth-Hoepfner has been querying her students as part of an ongoing research project looking for clues to link the stress of living up to feminine identity in our Western culture and

eating disorders.

Responses from all of her classes were similar and found that males are "content" with their bodies, while women are not.

"The female students have a distorted body image and see their bodies in a state of transition," she said.

Barbara Talbot, a clinical psychologist at OU's university community counseling, agrees that societal influences add pressures to women who may suffer from the disease.

"In our society, we give women a very clear message that they are their appearance and are to define themselves by their beauty and body. Our society, in some ways, sets up virtually impossible standards for women," she said.

These "standards" are ones in which OU junior, Elizabeth Schneider, tried to live up to.

A recovering anorexic and bulimic, Schneider feels that most women judge their own worth with appearances of others.

"Look at the magazines. All successful women, that are affluent in whatever, aren't ever ugly and they're never fat. Women see this and they connect that with the thought that the only way they can be successful is to live up to some ideal of what others think they

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THERESA  
O'KRONLEY

### Distorted views can do harm

As I worked on the anorexia nervosa article, I couldn't help but become more disturbed with each interview.

Every doctor or specialist I talked to felt our society was a big factor behind the disease's continued increase.

I don't disagree. As a matter of fact, I feel our society is the main reason behind the problem.

Our society is a very weight conscious one and the value we place on thinness is growing. We seem to admire those people who are thin and look down upon those who are overweight.

Almost everyone is concerned about their weight and tries to control it in some way, but as the emphasis on this increases, so does the number of people who let it get out of hand.

The cycle continues. The doctors and specialists realize it, they talk about it, but how does that help the problem?

Anorexia is not just a disease that can be diagnosed, treated and then the victim lives happily ever after.

Simply put, anorexia is a living hell.

A person can't possibly understand it unless they've lived through it.

I've been there and I know. Just imagine it. What it would feel like if food ruled your entire existence. If every thought that entered your mind was related to what you were or weren't going to eat that day.

If every activity you planned had to be mapped out to the second and every day you got by without eating was viewed as your biggest accomplishment ever.

Imagine waking up crying and having no idea why you're so sad, only to be the happiest person in the world an hour later.

Think about having your friends and family watching you drop 30 to 45 pounds off your already thin frame and every attempt they make to help, you view as them only being jealous and hating them all for it.

Imagine yourself working out for three or four hours every day and finding it unable to sit through an entire class because you're afraid that the inactivity will make you gain weight.

Think about being 18 years old, hooked up to an EKG machine and told that if you don't start eating, your heart will stop beating.

Think about losing your friends, your relationships, your mind and if it goes too far, your life.

That is anorexia. It's not simply a disease of weak-minded individuals who need control. I had control of my life. I knew where I wanted to go, what I could accomplish and how I was going to get there.

What I couldn't do, was realize that I was sick and that the ideal outward appearance I was striving for was an impossible image handed to me from every angle.

It can happen to anyone, for any number of reasons and it doesn't end.

It's been four years since I was diagnosed and two since I

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## Child care options in demand

### Students ask OU for changes and help

By JEANNETTE AVOLIO  
Staff Writer

The growing number of students at Oakland University who have dependent children is causing a need for more child care options.

OU's current child care facility, the Matthew Lowry Center for early development, doesn't meet the needs of many students.

Senior Kristina Gerbowski is currently doing an independent study on this matter to find out how other students feel about the situation.

"The philosophy is great for learning at Matthew Lowry, but it should also satisfy different needs, for instance a drop-off. Many students need to attend classes or functions at various hours and would take advantage of a center where they could drop off their children for a couple of hours," Gerbowski said.

She added that other problems arise because it is not open summers, evenings or during final time.

Other students agree that the current program isn't adequate. Senior Terrance Flynn is a full-time student and a single father who got involved because, "I don't want others to go through what I've been through."

"One semester, I got up at 4 a.m., got ready, woke my son at 5 a.m., drove him to daycare, went to work from 6 to 7 a.m., drove to OU for an 8 a.m. class, went back to work and then returned to OU for a night class, all because this particular class wasn't offered at any other time," he said.

As a result of incidents like this, the OU student Congress formed the Child Care and Saturday Class Committee (CCSC) which Flynn currently chairs.

In addition, Flynn is vice president of the Non-Traditional Stu-

dents Association (NTSA).

The purpose of the CCSC is to, "address student concerns and offer possible solutions to the appropriate channels," Flynn said.

Recently, the CCSC met with Sandra Packard, OU president and David Herman, dean of students, to discuss this issue and submitted solutions with respect to liability and cost.

"Saturday classes and services, such as the Academic Skills Center, will give working parents more options in finding child care because more people are off on the weekends," Flynn said.

He also said that there is a great difference in the night and day environments.

"OU is geared more for the traditional students needs and lacks support for the students who have children and cannot attend day classes or services," Flynn

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Photo above: Children at the Matthew Lowry Center for early development leave with their parents after a long day.

Photo Right: These two children are anxious to board the bus to be taken home.



The Oakland Post/Clive Savage

#### Proposed solutions

- Establishing a CO-OP program.
- Establishing a data base list of students available to provide child care services.
- Offer more Saturday classes.
- Establish a drop-off center for night-class students.
- Offer child care scholarships to alleviate cost.
- Increase student activity fee by one dollar to pay for alternatives.
- Offer more Saturday and evening services.



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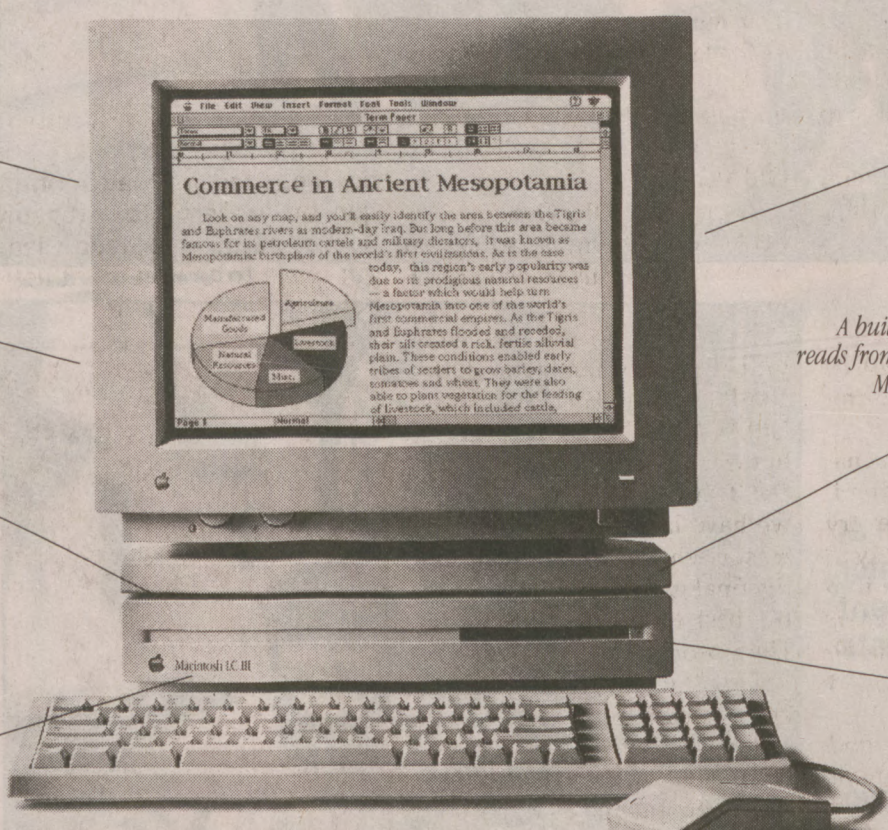
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# Sports

## BACK IN THE SWING

*Spring season success hinges on confidence of youthful talent*

By JOHN HONOS  
Sports Editor

If youth means inexperience and inexperience breeds inconsistency, then head golf coach Dave DeWulf will have to ally with potential and luck.

And if a golf team comprised of five freshman, four sophomores and one senior equates to inexperience, then DeWulf will have to use his 25 years of expertise to give his fledgling team a crash course.

"With this young of a team you just don't know what is going to happen. You could go out there and win or you could go out there and lose," DeWulf said.

DeWulf will use his experience to educate and instruct his golfers on a game that is 99 percent mental.

"It is my job to get them ready mentally, and prepared to do the best they can do. That is all I can ask and if they can do that- that is a success," DeWulf said.

But, ultimately the onus will be placed on the players to gain the mental aspect of game and to play at the

college level.

"All of these players have the physical ability to play at the college level or they wouldn't be here, but the ability to concentrate and focus has to come from them," DeWulf said.

Throughout the winter, team members practiced by hitting balls into a net and working on their swing at DeWulf's golf shop. The Pioneers also took a spring break trip to Florida for some real on-the-course experience to warm-up for the season.

When talking about weaknesses of his team, DeWulf knows inexperience is his biggest hazard. He also feels the short game will suffer until they can get on the course and practice around the green.

Not only will the Oakland golf team have to deal with inexperience, but it will have to fill a void left by last year's captain, Rick Howles.

The Pioneers will have to fill Howles' legacy of being one of the top six players in the Great Lakes region. Last year, he was named GLIAC Player of the Year, most valuable player, and to the All-District team.

OU also lost two starters from last year's team in Bill Durham, who dropped out of school, and Matt Greco, who is ineligible this season.

Senior captain Matt Holmes and sophomore Todd Heifner are the only two seasoned players qualified to handle the task of leading the youngest OU contingent to date. Both are expected to carry the bulk of the weight at the star, until the younger players gain some tournament experience.

Holmes, the veteran and leader of the team, will use his experience to aid DeWulf in honing the skills of the younger players and in helping them reach their potential. Holmes will begin the season in the number two spot for the Pioneers.

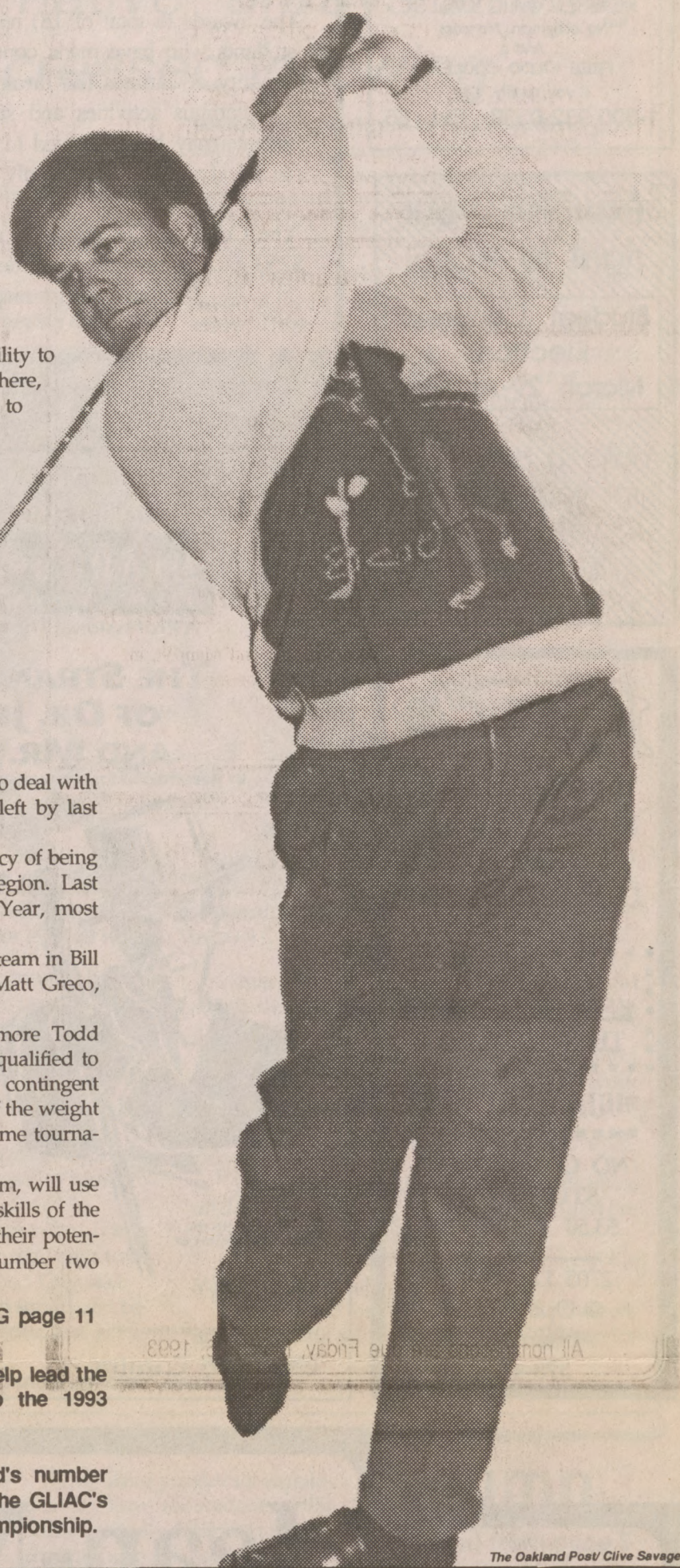
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Right: Senior Captain Matt Holmes will help lead the young Oakland Pioneer golf team into the 1993 season with his experience.

Left: Sophomore Todd Heifner, Oakland's number one golfer looks to challenge as one of the GLIAC's elite and lead his team to a GLIAC Championship.



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## Conference powerhouse WSU represents GLIAC in Elite Eight

By JOHN HONOS  
Sports Editor

As March Madness reaches its zenith with the NCAA Division I tournament, reaching New Orleans and winning the national championship is every team's ultimate goal.

Powerhouses such as Michigan, Kentucky and North Carolina gain national exposure and are able to showcase their talent.

But what about Springfield, Massachusetts? Where is Springfield?

Isn't it cold there?

Well, Springfield is where the Division II basketball crown will be won and where dreams will be played out, or dreams will be broken.

While the Division I tournament blitzkrieg coverage dominates the surface area of every sports page, if you look closely in the back of the sports page in a distant corner you will see names like Troy State-Alabama, Philadelphia Textile, Washburn, and Wayne State.

Yes, there is basketball beyond the Division I tournament, and it is not the histrionics of the NBA, it is the no frills working man's style of basketball, called Division II.

Non-Division I schools have produced such marquee players as Joe Dumars, from McNeese State, and Terry Porter of the Portland Trailblazers, from University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The Division II championships will tip off Thursday, March 25, and the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference will be represented by the Wayne State University Tartars.

"We just want to represent the GLIAC in the best way we can.

We want to put on a good show to show the strength of the GLIAC nationally," WSU Sports Information Director, Richard Thompson said.

After winning the the GLIAC tournament, Wayne received an automatic bid to the NCAA II Tournament.

Since then Tartars have masterfully reached the elite eight and are hoping to bring the crown back for themselves as well as the GLIAC.

Incidentally, the Oakland Pioneers swept Wayne State this year in their two regular season meetings.

In arriving to the elite eight, WSU had to beat a favored Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne and GLIAC rival Northern Michigan in the Great Lakes region.

"If we continue to play the way we have lately, I do not see any reason why we cannot make it to the final game. I feel we are one of the best teams in the country," Thompson said.

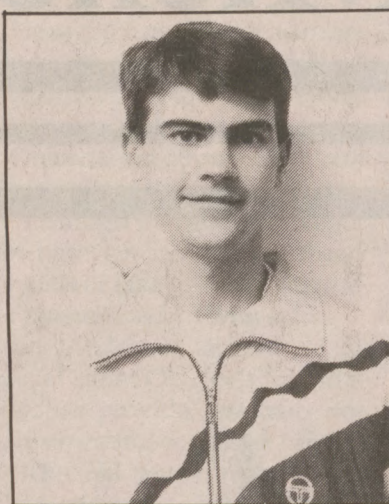
On Thursday, the Tartars will face Philadelphia Textile, the champions out of the East region.

Philadelphia plays a deliberate and patient game as opposed to Wayne State's quick-paced and defensive style. If Wayne comes away victorious they will reach the final four, where they will play the winner of the North Carolina-Central and California State-Bakersfield game.

After a disappointing start this year which was compounded by the academic ineligibility of their premier player, Danny Lewis, the Tartars had trouble living up to their potential and preseason billing.

Wayne was picked ninth in a

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Senior standout Jim Fleming, OU's number one singles and doubles seed, will lead a contingent of Pioneers into a pressure packed 13 game season. Fleming came to OU on an athletic scholarship for tennis.

## Men's tennis looks for firm footing on shaky ground

By ERIC DeMINK  
Copy Editor

The 1993 spring edition of the Oakland University men's tennis team is still looking to get off the ground after nearly having its feet cut out from under it by sports department budget cuts.

The Pioneers also found themselves without a full-time coach as Kris Jeffery is committed to the women's squad when schedules conflict.

Such is the adversity they face. Almost like King Arthur without Excalibur.

But given their fate, the netters

hope to turn what looked to be a bad situation into something retrievable.

Jeffery will field a veteran squad led by seniors Jim Fleming (number one seed singles and doubles) and Dave Brown (number two seed singles and number one seed doubles). The Pioneers are hurt by the loss of several players including Chris Dobson who was lost to eligibility, and who was Fleming's doubles partner last year.

OU will fill it out its roster with sophomore Brett Edwards (number three singles), freshman Matt Brown (brother of Dave Brown,

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## Spring training!

The women's tennis team commenced its first spring training season ever at Oakland University on March 5. The spring season was instituted to further the teams match experience and ready them for their fall GLIAC campaign.

On March 5 the Pioneers defeated the University of Detroit-Mercy at their home court of Rochester Hills Tennis and Swim Club, 7-4.

In a close match against Calvin College the Pioneers were defeated 4-5 on March 6.

The Pioneers' misfortune continued as they were blanked, 0-9, on March 12 by Kalamazoo College.

Rebounding on March 18, the Pioneers soundly beat Northwood, 7-8.

But, last Saturday, the Pioneers were blanked again, 0-9, by Albion College.

The Pioneers hope to bounce back at 1 p.m. on Friday against U of D-Mercy at home.



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Junior Lisa Bielenda returns serve with a forceful backhand.



ERIC  
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## College sports: Litmus test for the true athlete

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s the clock ran down to infinity during the first overtime of the

Michigan-UCLA college basketball game on Sunday afternoon, so did many amateur hearts replicate its agonizingly slow march to fruition.

That awkward instant when the gods intervene and ordain who will walk away the victors, is what frames college sports as the superior spectacle.

Indeed the veil of unpredictability partitions college athletics from the professional circuit.

Just as with prostitutes, with professionals you basically pay for what you get and leave.

There is no loyalty to fans. But why should there be? Professional sports is a business. Professional athletes are business people. The greater the skill the higher up on the corporate ladder one sits.

Looking down from this elan, one tends to lose focus. When one becomes myopic in this sense, one becomes detached.

Ergo, emotionless.

It is by this reasoning, that a college athlete can be considered the truest athlete.

Unlike their professional counterparts, college athletes are allowed to be human. They are allowed to make mistakes and not worry about who will be signing their next paycheck. Their franchise is gratuitous.

Sure, there are many who receive full-ride scholarships, but this is a one-sided contention. In fact, athletes that receive these scholarships are getting a college education as well. For better or for worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, till graduation do us part. What a wonderful marriage is this.

The sad part with this union is that it ends every four years with graduation. Graduation to what?

If I'm an outstanding athlete in college, and am fortunate enough to be drafted into the pros (if there are pros), I might last a few years if I stay healthy and make enough money to retire on. Wait a minute retire on? What happened to the rest of my life?

And if I'm a marginal athlete? What then? My chances are severely limited unless I have an education to fall back on...rather soar up to.

Lem Barney, where are you now?

Still, everyone's got to grow up someday, and when and when graduation the nest one would certainly fool not to answer the proverbial door when opportunity knocked. But at what price?

Mysteriously, the word team seems to disappear when one talks of professional sports but not without valid reason. Why should I worry about someone else when my own head's on the block? Unless, of course it is a championship then we have to pull together as a what? -a team.

The college athlete has only four years to accomplish something special. But whether or not Jimmy King hits the game winning shot is not important. For it is not a selfish shot that he trajects. His concern is for winning-not winnings.



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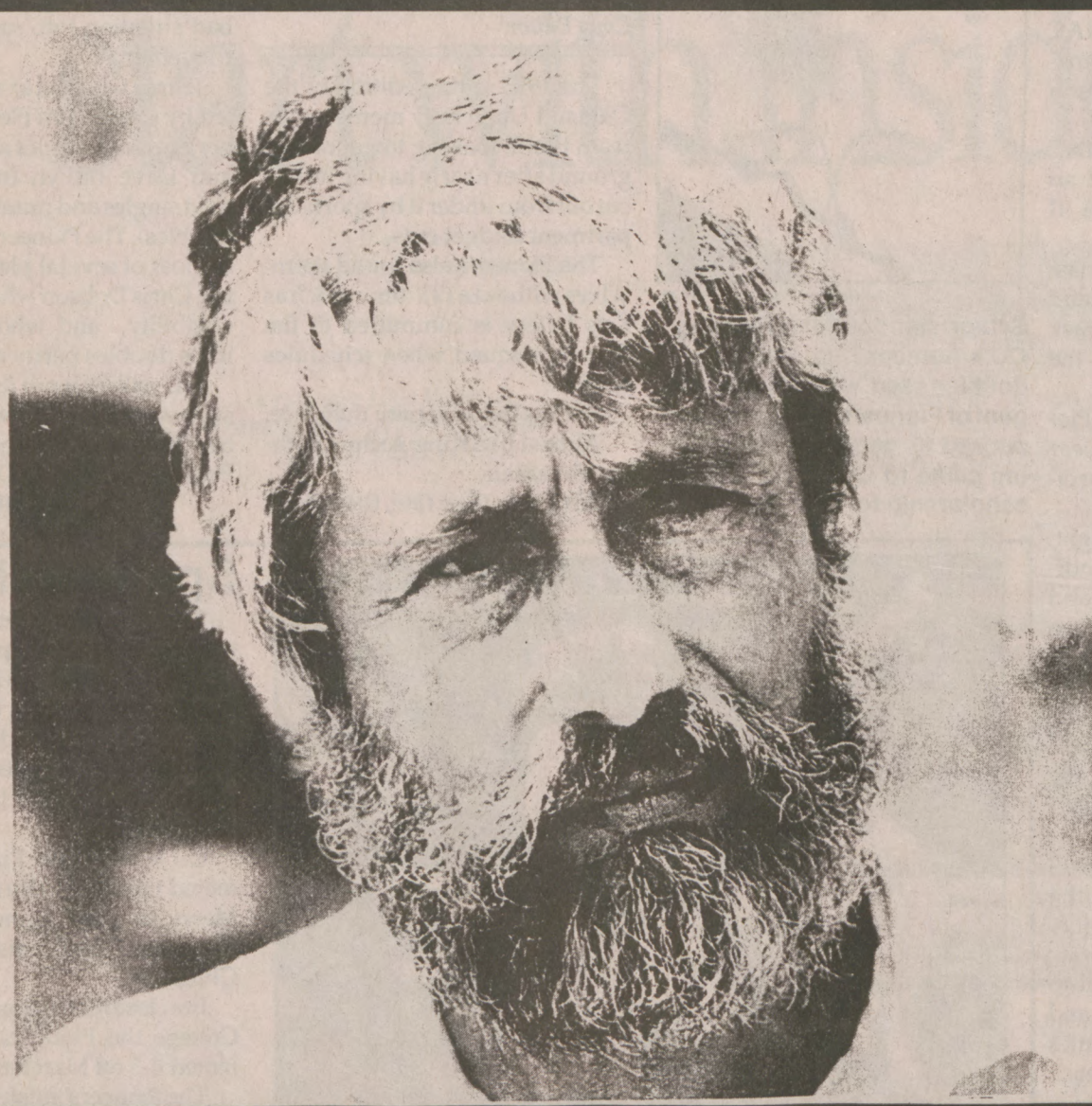
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## Swing

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"We need to get off to a good start this season to gain some confidence especially for the younger guys," Holmes said.

Heifner continues as the Pioneers number one golfer from last fall and looks to be the legitimate successor to Howles' legacy.

"I think we are going to take the season, tournament by tournament and just gain some experience. I think we have a lot of potential and if we live up to our potential we'll be good," Heifner said.

The one unknown variable who could spark the team this spring is sophomore Kevin Valentine. Valentine won the Pioneer's home tournament at Katke-Cousins last fall and will take the third position on the Pioneer roster.

Sophomore Ron Prohm will start in the fourth position, freshman Jeremy Niederstadt in fifth, and sophomore Dave Hubert will round out the lineup in the sixth spot.

"If two of these three guys can step forward and play well this season, we will win some tournaments this year," DeWulf said.

The freshman are raw, motivated and talented and with ex-

perience they can refine their game. In addition, if Holmes and Heifner play consistently well, the Pioneers will have a successful season according to DeWulf.

The three ideals DeWulf tries to instill in his players, on and off the course, are to be positive, confident and optimistic. He tells his players that the best golfers are the players who concentrate and focus their energy to the task at hand.

According to DeWulf, these are the ingredients for a successful athlete and student.

"First you must learn what not to do, before you can learn what to do," DeWulf said.

## Net

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number four singles), sophomore eligible Steve Acho (number five singles) and junior Mike Vogel (number six singles). The netters also carry two freshmen, Doug Keller and Matt Canterbury (numbers seven and eight).

Of the freshmen group, Matt Brown has shown the most promise.

With the number of upperclassmen in the lineup, Jeffrey feels the

Pioneers could finish in the middle of the pack in the GLIAC.

"I'm not quite sure where we will be strong or weak this season. I believe with the loss of a couple key players we are little below our talent level of last season, but we do have some depth so it's really hard to say," Jeffrey said.

In preliminary action this season the Pioneers ran up against some tough competition against Calvin College (March 17), an 1-8 setback, and 0-9 stoning at the hands of a strong Northwood Institute squad (March 19). Fleming scored OU's lone conquest in

the contests. It is indeed a bit early in the season as the Pioneers have been practicing for nary a month.

According to Fleming, the Pioneers schedule a slate of tough matches early to get them prepared for the GLIAC.

But that tough is compounded by the limited budget they are yoked with. This budget does not allow for much travel and hampers their experience that is to be gained by this exposure. The Pioneers are in fact forced to engage in fund raisers to stay afloat.

"We raise more money than any other OU sports team," Fleming said.

## Elite

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Division II preseason poll by Sports Illustrated and ranked number one in the preseason GLIAC coaches poll.

When Lewis became eligible on Jan. 1, the Tartars chemistry began to gel and their play stepped up a notch.

Lewis was an obvious catalyst for the team and was named the most valuable player of the GLIAC postseason tournament.

The Tartars have won 12 of their last 14 games and bring to the elite eight one of the hottest teams in the nation.

# Making his name known Rochester native always striving for increased following

By THERESA O'KRONLEY  
Features Editor

Mark March 31 on your calendars because comedian Geechy Guy will be performing two concerts at OU and recording them for a hopefully soon-to-be released tape.

Don't know who he is? Don't worry, because if he has his way, you won't forget his name after his shows.

"I just hope to put together a funny show and make people laugh so the next time they hear my name, they'll know me. If I'm funny enough, eventually everyone will know me," he said.

If you recognize his name, that should come as no surprise either. The Rochester native has been doing comedy professionally since he was 21.

His entertaining career began as a juggler and a magician and by the age of 16 he started performing his comedy routine and his love of stand-up comedy began.

"So I dropped the juggling, no pun intended, and concentrated on my stand-up act," Guy said.

His first performances were in the Holly Hotel and at various local clubs such as Mark Ridley's Comedy Club in Royal Oak and Miss Kitty's Comedy Club in Oxford.

He soon realized that if he was going to go anywhere though, he would have to move to California.

"There really is no other place to be. If you plan on accomplishing anything, you have to be here. This is where everybody is," Guy said.

The move must have did him some good because his impressive list of credits just keeps growing.

In addition to his ten appearances on "Star

Search," Guy was voted by the Canadian Organization Of Campus Activities as their 1992 Comedy Act of the Year and has landed national TV appearances on shows such as "Comic Strip Live," MTV's "Half-Hour Comedy Hour" and HBO's "One Night Stand."

The name Geechy Guy is a bastardized translation of the Japanese word "kichigai," meaning crazy, which may explain his next venture.

"I'm planning on opening an amusement park in Wisconsin. The joke is that I'm going to call it 'Liability Land,'" he said.

But the reality of the matter is that he's doing it for himself.

"I'm a big amusement park fan and it has always been my dream to have a theatre where

I can always perform. This way, I can stay there for the three months during the summer and enjoy myself," he said.

When asked what was the hardest part about doing the stand-up circuit, Guy was quick to answer, "the traveling."

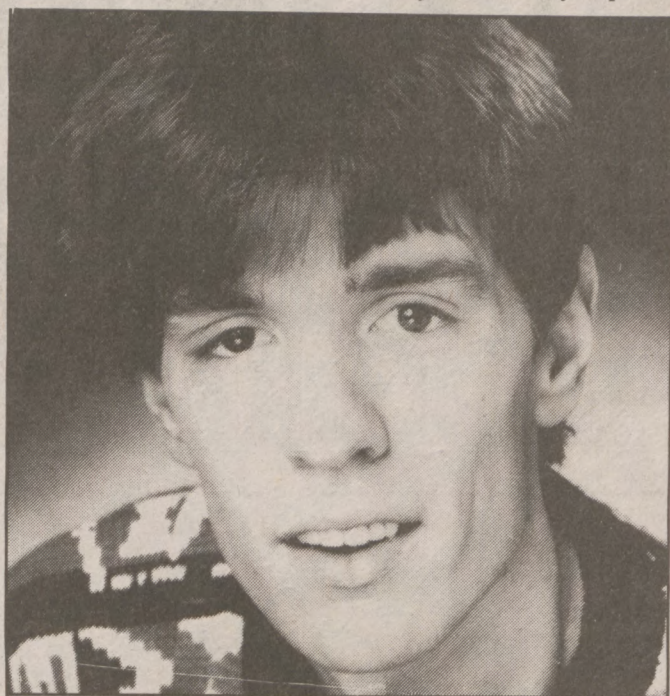
"I've been doing this full time for almost eight years now and I'm lucky if I'm home a full week all month," he said.

He was quick to point out that there's a good part to all of it too.

"At least I'm not stuck sitting in the same office all day long. I'm doing what I want to do and I'm enjoying myself," he said.

Guy will be performing at 8 and 10 p.m. in the Varner Recital Hall.

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## Child

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said.

He said the motivation to overcome obstacles in scheduling and daycare was to make things better for his son, by getting a degree.

Financial aid opportunities are also a concern for some students.

"I realized that going to school part-time wouldn't get me ahead very fast or take full advantage of my financial aid," Flynn said.

Lee Anderson, director of financial aid at OU, feels financial aid does provide assistance towards meeting child care needs.

"The old government forms asked students to list dependent children, but this year they've eliminated that portion to simplify the forms," he said.

"Our office provides a supplementary form for students to fill out, specifically designed to locate students who will need additional funds for issues such as child care," Anderson said.

He also pointed out that scholarships, such as the American Association of Women Scholarship, are available to help fund non-traditional students with dependent children.

Another source of support that students can find is in the Student Life Office.

Flynn said that Nancy Schmitz, dean of students, was a lifesaver towards his situation by offering her support and encouragement.

"It's hard enough to be a good student, but it's impossible when you have the added stress of wondering whether you have adequate child care," Flynn said.

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ended treatment, but it's far from over.

Food still consumes many of my thoughts. I think about every thing I eat, I worry that I don't work out enough but things are different now because I've been there before and know that it's something I never want to have to go through again.

Doctors can SAY society creates the problem, but society needs to SEE the problem to realize it's real.

Striving for a perfect outward appearance is basically not worth the time.

If there's nothing worthwhile making up the inside, what do you really have to live for?

## Anorexia

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should be," she said.

These pressures don't automatically mean that a person is going to become anorexic, but they do increase the possibility for the at-risk individual.

For anorexics, dieting and weight loss take on a function that is unanticipated and unplanned. The anorexic's emotional well being is determined by what has or has not been eaten and their dealing with stress is done through controlling their eating.

"The increased pressures of society in general are not diminishing and those suffering from the disorder cope through their mechanisms of eating or not eating," Ruth Weissberger\*\*, co-chair of the Special Interest Network on Eating Disorders said.

Although the disease is most often associated with females, its prevalence has recently been increasing among the male population as well.

"Our society is more and more beginning to stress the same ideals for men but in different ways. Men, for probably the first time,

are beginning to be judged by their physical appearance," Talbot said.

Weissberger\*\* agreed.

"Advertisements now put women in the position of looking at men like men have previously looked at women so there is an increase in men's identity of the body," she said.

### Features of anorexia:

- \*Intense fear of becoming obese
- \*Disturbance of body image
- \*At least 25% of normal body weight loss
- \*Refusal to maintain normal weight
- \*Loss of menstruation (in women)
- \*No known physical illness to account for weight loss

Castanga pointed out that more men are less likely to seek help or admit they suffer from anorexia.

"Men seek out mental health purposes in a lesser number than woman. Our society allows, if not encourages, women to be weak

and rely on other people. Men may be out there suffering in silence rather than going to places that can help them," he said.

According to Dr. Alexander Sackeyfio, director of the eating disorders unit at Royal Oak Beaumont, a major increase in diagnosis has been detected in young male chief executive officers.

"They felt they needed to contain the food they eat during functions and meetings so what begins as bingeing and purging (bulimia) turns into excessive dieting," he said.

Sackeyfio also stressed that treating males is much more difficult than treating females.

He pointed out that most treatments are geared towards females and that males are, "more resistant to treatments because therapy focuses on women and understanding their issues," he said.

Whatever the reason for becoming afflicted, those suffering from anorexia need help.

According to the American Psychiatric Association, about one-half of all anorexic patients recover permanently. About 10 percent die of self-starvation and the rest will continue to have repeated relapses.

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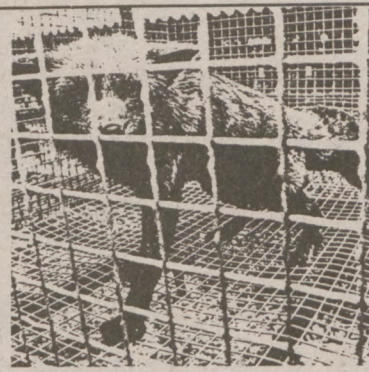
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# ELECTIONS

## PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES



### Platform-Amy Rickstad

"As you enter positions of trust and power, dream a little before you think." These inspiring words were proclaimed by Toni Morrison in a commencement address in 1988. Morrison's point is quite simple; in order to be a successful leader you must first have a vision.

My name is Amy Rickstad, and I hope to be the next President of University Student Congress. My vision is quite simple; I want to work for all students by making student congress more visible and responsive to every student.

For the past two years I have been actively involved in Student Congress. Serving one semester as a congress member and three semesters as Executive Assistant, I worked beyond my constitutional duties and upheld these offices to the best of my ability. My commitment to the office of the presidency would as well exceed status quo expectations.

My goals for actualizing my vision of the Presidency and maximizing the position to its fullest potential include the following:

- \*Improve communication between students and congress
- \*Implement an escort service to escort students across campus at night
- \*Restructure Student Activities Board to allow easier access for student organizations to receive funding
- \*Assist in the implementation of the Office of Minority Equity
- \*Open communication with student government presidents of Michigan universities

I believe these are realistic goals which are in the best interest of students at Oakland University. I sincerely hope you can put your faith in me as a candidate and help me make my vision real.

Sincerely,

Amy A. Rickstad



### Presidential Platform - Michael Kimsal

(your name here)

As a student, you have unlimited potential to better yourself. Likewise, we as a student body have unlimited potential to better Oakland, not only for ourselves, but future students as well.

I, Michael Kimsal, am asking for your vote for President of Student Congress to provide the leadership necessary for student government.

As President, these are some issues which I feel would help create a better university, responsive to the concerns of students...

- Strengthening relations between the students and the Board of Trustees.  
Currently, no formal link exists between the Student Congress and the Board, which in effect leaves out the whole reason behind OU's students.
- The establishment of a campus escort service.  
This service needs to be offered, as it is on most other Michigan campuses.
- Starting a proposal research fund.  
This would pay students or faculty, in the form of grants, to investigate and propose real solutions to student concerns (childcare, night services, etc.)
- The formation of a capital reserve fund.  
A "rainy day" fund, if you will, which would demonstrate the fiscal responsibility of students by not spending for spending's sake, but saving (with interest) for truly worthwhile projects.

These are but a few ideas which would benefit students both present and future.

In closing, I would like to you to remember that regardless of the outcome of the election, one thing is certain. I will not win. My opponent will not win.

You, the student, will win.

Thank you,

Michael Kimsal

Presidential Platform Form #4096B FF 346 JRN

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