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Go jump in a lake...



The Oakland Sail/Gary Lewis  
Members of the swimmers' floor, 2 Hill, make tracks to the Beer Lake Bridge, where they practiced their dives Friday.

## Congress to determine executive voting rights

BY BRENDA COMISKEY  
Staff Writer

University Congress will vote on a bill Monday night that would prevent executive staff members from holding a voting congressional seat.

The bill, which is technically called a by-law addition, was introduced by Jim Westbrook, Keith Faber, Steve Lundy and Sue Jezewski on Sept. 22. It states that paid executive staff members are "restricted from occupying a voting congressional seat."

It was originally introduced by the same congressmembers at the Sept. 8 meeting, with an attached amendment stating that the bill would not go into effect until after the 1986 congressional term. The bill failed.

Randy Straughen, chairman of the Legislative Affairs Committee, was the only executive to have a voting seat, until he resigned his seat on Sept. 15.

According to congressional rules, a bill cannot be reintroduced once it fails if the intent of the bill is still the same, unless done so by the opposing party. Except for the amendment of the first bill, both bills are identical.

"In effect, the first bill and the amendment are similar to saying, 'cheating is illegal after winter semester but it's okay to do it before then.' The second bill says 'cheating is illegal—period.' It's basically a matter of principle and taking a stand on what's right and wrong," said Steering Committee chair Sue Jezewski.

Whether or not the amendment changes the intent of the bill is still a question. According to President Tony Boganey, "The congress agreed to attach the amendment on to the bill and then they failed it because of the amendment."

Because the bill is a by-law addition, it must be read and discussed in two separate congress meetings, to make sure each member has a clear understanding of it.

Congress also held elections to fill two vacant congressional seats at this week's meeting. Shawna Cooper won one of the seats; the other seat has not been filled yet.

The election process took about an hour and a half, and included several interviews with the six nominees. After the initial voting, Cooper was the only

nominee to acquire the mandatory two-thirds vote.

Two nominees were eliminated, and three others went on with the interview process. They were asked questions on how they plan to make themselves known to the students and the issues they plan to address.

After each interview a vote was taken, and during this process another nominee was eliminated.

As the elections went on, congressmembers debated whether they should postpone them until next week.

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## Public Safety takes fixed ID at SPB dance

BY JULIE LANNING  
Staff Writer

Altered identifications were confiscated by Public Safety at the Welcome Back dance in the Crocker on Sept. 20.

Anyone over the age of 21 with proper ID could be served beer at the dance, sponsored by the Student Program Board and the Alumni Association.

However, according to Sergeant Larry Johnson, there were four students who tried to use altered drivers' licenses.

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## Ethics requirement debated

BY CATHERINE KAZA  
Staff Writer

Concerns about program rationale and implementation procedures peppered a hearing on a proposed ethics requirement Wednesday.

Enactment of the proposal would make Oakland the first university in the state to include such a requirement, according to Richard Burke, chairman of the presidentially-appointed Ad hoc Committee on Ethics in the Curriculum.

The proposal requires that each department or school offering an undergraduate degree incorporate the analysis of moral values into existing courses so that it meets at least one of three criteria--critical evaluation,

historical analysis or exploration of moral dimensions.

The hearing was held by the University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction and the ad hoc committee to 30 students and faculty.

Some faculty had reservations about the proposal. "Is the need for this so overly compelling...I loathe the prospect of being monitored one more time," said Peter Bertocci, chairman of the anthropology department.

Anthropology professor Jim Dow added, "Why do we have to deal with this impending bureaucracy?"

If departments feel that ethical discussions cannot be suitably integrated into its courses, then they can require their majors to take a two-credit applied ethics course.

Implementation would involve departmental committees, according to Eberwein. Each committee would be responsible for preparing coursework proposals to meet the requirement, which would be submitted to a subcommittee of UCUI. The subcommittee would also be responsible for monitoring results periodically.

Sue Jezewski, one of last year's UCUI student representatives, said that she had a few concerns about the proposal as it stands. "I have a problem conceptualizing what ethics will be." Like others, she also wondered how the requirement would be enforced.

The proposal, which UCUI hopes will be in effect by September, 1988, would affect students using the 1988-89 Undergraduate Catalog, according to Jane Eberwein, chair of UCUI. The committee hopes to bring the proposal before the University Senate soon.

"It need not directly affect current students, but might very well affect them," she said.

Burke said that ethics is "arguably the most important subject in the university, more so than even reading and writing."

He pointed out that ethics is quite distinct from religion, though the two have historically had a close association in the U.S.

Sociology professor Bill Bezdek said that there are better ways to address questions of ethics, such as professional societies. "This says something to me about the

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## 2 faculty remembered

BY ALISA NASS  
Staff Writer

In appreciation for more than 20 years of service to the university, memorials are being established in the names of professors William Hammerle and Peter Evarts, who died this past summer.

The School of Engineering and Computer Science has established a William G. Hammerle Endowment Fund which will be used for invited lecturers and to promote quality education and instruction. A committee is being formed to raise funds for the

endowment, said Howard Witt, professor of engineering.

Hammerle was among the first faculty of the school when it was established in 1965, said engineering professor Gilbert Wedekind.

Committees of the English and Rhetoric departments are still conferring as one and individually on a fitting memorial to Evarts.

In his name, The Academic Support Program will annually present a \$50 bookstore certificate to a student selected for writing improvement in the program, said Cleveland Hurst, director of special programs.

## Supporting SADD



The Oakland Sail/Peter Banks  
The Association of Black Students sponsored a "Wishing Well" on campus this week to raise money for Students Against Drunk Driving.



# University Congress Report

## Open Meeting

The University Congress meetings are held every Monday at 5:00p.m., and are open to all students and faculty. All are encouraged to participate in discussions.

WHEN: Tonight at 5:00p.m.

WHERE: Rooms 126-127 Oakland Center.

TOPICS ON AGENDA: The on-campus lighting problem and the off-campus housing problem. Let us know what your concerns are.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, Sept. 29, Rooms 126-127, 5:00p.m.

## Open Seats

There are openings for student representatives to University-wide and Senate committees, including:

Academic and Career Advising  
Admissions and Financial Aid  
Campus Development and Environment  
Graduate Council  
Library Council  
Teaching and Learning  
Transportation Advisory Board

These are excellent opportunities for commuters, as well as student lifers to get involved in the committees that make differences in the OU community. If interested, contact Craig Harris at 370-4290.

## Noted Speakers

SENATOR CARL LEVIN will be on the Oakland Campus on October 16 at 4:00 p.m. in the Gold Rooms in the Oakland Center. He will address such issues as the tax reform bill and the importance of voting. Admission is free, and all are welcome to attend.

JOHN NAISBITT, noted author of Megatrends and The Year Ahead - 1986, will be speaking at Oakland on Tuesday, October 14, at 2:30 p.m. in the Crocery of the Oakland Center. He is the nation's most prominent social and economic forecaster.

## Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a position on the Steering Committee of University Congress. The Steering Committee guides the direction of congress by reviewing pending legislation, setting agendas, and interpreting the constitution and by-laws.

The appointed position is open to all students, regardless of major or class standing. Interested persons should contact Sue Jezewski at 370-4290. The next meeting is this Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the congress office.

CONGRATULATIONS to Shawna Cooper, the newly elected Congressmember. Shawna was chosen by a 2/3 congressional vote to fill a vacancy. She is junior in the Psychology curriculum, and is a floor representative to the Area Hall Council for 2 East Vandenberg.

Another seat will be filled at tonight's meeting resulting from a run-off from last week's meeting.

## Contest

The university community is in search of a new and exciting mascot: One that will generate excitement, tradition, and pride in our community. We are anxious to see what YOUR ideas are!!! If your entry is selected to replace the "Pioneer" as Oakland's mascot, you will receive a \$150 cash prize, and a free lifetime pass to O.U. sporting events.

Please submit your drawings on a standard piece of white paper by November 14, 1986. Return them to the University Congress office, 19 Oakland Center (across from the bookstore). For more information, please call 370-4290.

**The power of the students is their voice**



## Identification

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Johnson said the licenses were taken from the individuals at different times during the course of the dance.

Cameron Brunet-Koch, assistant dean of students, said, "There is a specific table to sign in at for people who want to drink." If a student presents the proper ID he is given a bracelet and ultra-violet stamp on their hands to get beer with.

The IDs are checked at the table by people who sponsor the dance. If they believe the license has been tampered with, they show it to one of the officers in charge of monitoring the dance, Johnson said. He added, "It's pretty easy to determine if they've been altered or not."

The four students were refused the stamp and plastic bracelet required to drink but were allowed to enter the dance. Their drivers' licenses were confiscated and turned over to the Secretary

## Legislature passes program to recruit minorities

The Michigan Legislature voted this month to start a \$2.6 million program to help colleges recruit minority-group students and faculty members. Gov. Blanchard, a Democrat, is expected to support the effort.

The program, called the Martin Luther King, Jr.-Rosa Parks Initiative, would provide funds to all public colleges and universities in the state to help them bring minority high school students to campuses for visits, create special visiting professorships for minority scholars and provide fellowships for minority-group students in doctoral programs.

The funds would be distributed on the basis of enrollment and would have to be matched by the colleges.

of State office. They were advised to secure new ones.

Chief Richard Leonard of Public Safety said that Michigan law requires tickets to be given out if a person is caught with an improper ID. The Michigan Vehicle Code states that it is unlawful to display or be in possession of an operator's license knowing it is fictitious, canceled, revoked, suspended or altered.

"I'm working on formulating a policy to confiscate altered drivers' licenses and issue tickets," Leonard said. For a first offense a 90-day suspension and a ticket will be given. Offenders caught a second time will get a ticket and one year suspension under the law.

## Ford awards grant

The Ford Motor Co. Fund has awarded a \$500,000 grant to Oakland's School of Engineering and Computer Science.

The grant, which will be paid over five years, is earmarked for research and instruction at the school's Center for Robotics and Advanced Automation.

## ...Beer Lake



Floormates on the second floor of Hill House go for a swim in Beer Lake at a picnic sponsored by the Beer Lake Yacht Club Friday.

The Oakland Sail/Gary Lewis

## Suicide levels go up as students get older

(CPS) -- College students' suicides usually can be traced to students' inability to cope with academic and family problems, and their problems coping often are exacerbated by drug use, a five-year study of collegiate suicides has found.

"Suicide is all too often seen as a problem solver. Some students in the midst of an intolerable situation can see no other way," said Dr. Evelyn Gauthier, a psychologist at the University of Michigan and a part of the five-year study of suicides at Southern Illinois, Chicago and all the Big 10 schools.

College juniors and graduate

students are at the highest risk of suicide, the study found.

The junior -- especially men -- face the stress of achievement tests and career decisions, Gauthier said.

Grad students, in turn, are under intense academic pressure to succeed, but don't have the advantage of "social anchors" like marriage, children and secure jobs to help them cope with it, she said.

Louisiana State University medical school professor Frank Wolf in 1984 found first year medical students seem to have the highest level of stress among all levels of collegians.

Of the 77 students who committed suicides at the 12 midwestern campuses through the five years of the study, 32 percent were grad students. Thirteen percent were freshmen. The study was formally presented at the recent American Psychological Association convention.

September and March seem to be the peak suicide seasons on

campus, the researchers said.

None of the researchers involved in the study, described as the first extensive scientific look at suicide on the college level, was sure why.

But drugs did seem to be involved in many of the recorded instances.

"Use of chemicals is one of many dimensions which increase suicide potentiality," said Michigan State's JoAnn McFall, one of the psychologists involved in the study.

"Chemically dependent" students, she said, "exhibit decreasing coping skills, impaired judgment and increasing isolation, which combine to potentiate suicidal tendencies."

McFall added that not all users try to kill themselves. "The potential, however, is there. The person is no longer in control. It adds fuel to the fire."

"If I saw someone suicidal, I would consider chemical abuse. If I saw someone use chemicals, I would certainly suspect suicidal tendencies," she said.

Both McFall and Gauthier agree the stress of going away to college can bring on plenty of crises.

For most students, going to school represents the first time away from home, the first step into adulthood, and the first taste of responsibility on a huge scale.

## ABS elects officers, sets goals for year

The Association of Black Students elected Dennis Washington president, Ellen Jones vice-president, Joseph Wheeler treasurer, Lisa Johnson recording secretary, Kathy Emerson corresponding secretary and Calvin Huddleston public relations officer Wednesday.

Washington, in his second year as ABS president, categorized the organization's goals for the year as PAUL—participation, academics, unity and leadership.

He said academics was the first priority. "It's incumbent upon black students to take a keen interest in their own academic success and to utilize entities within the university," he said.

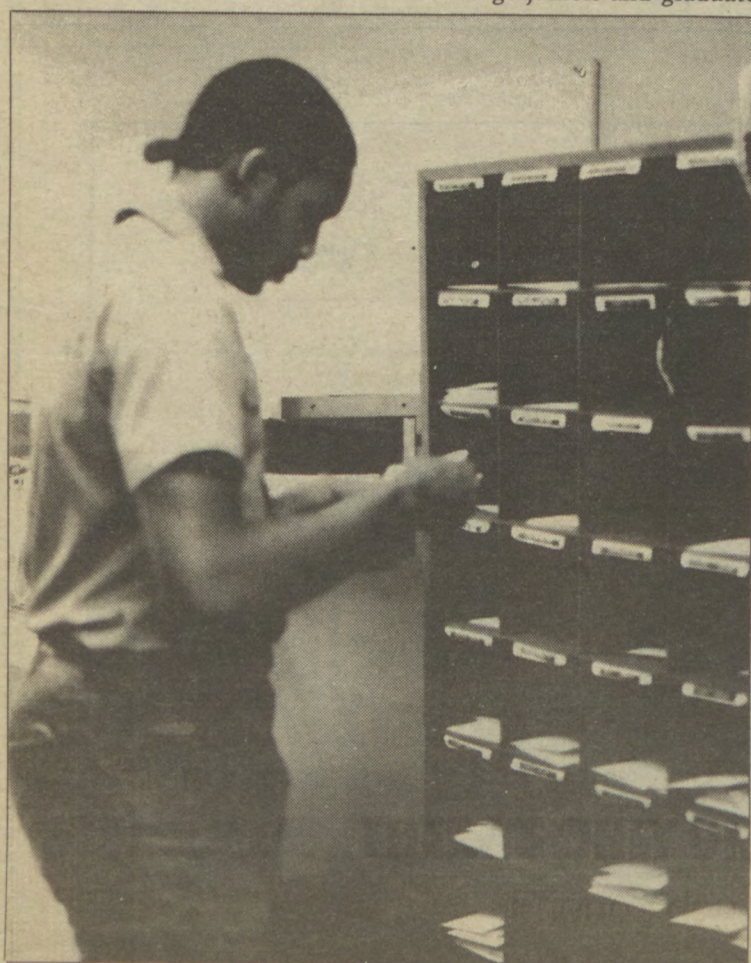
## Ethics

(Continued from page 1) effectiveness of the general education requirement."

Eberwein responded, "if the ethical issues are not presented (in individual courses), the person is not likely to make connections."

Dennis Washington, president of the Association of Black Students, thought the committees needed to look at other options. "We need to deal with how we can become more aware of the general world environment," he said.

"If this isn't the way to go...what are the alternatives?" said Eberwein.



The Oakland Sail/Jules Malouin  
Larry Holmes, an employee in the university mailroom, sorts correspondence. Mailroom workers pick up the mail from the Rochester Post Office every day, Monday through Friday.

## Mailroom employees pick up slack for U.S. service

BY MICHAEL JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The U.S. Mail service says that mail is delivered, come rain or shine—but not to OU.

Six university mailroom employees pick up several hundred pounds of mail every Monday through Friday at the Rochester Post Office.

Since they don't work on Saturdays, the university doesn't get mail on Saturdays.

Rumors that the mail in the boxes in the Oakland Center is only picked up twice a week are untrue, says Bud Beeler of the

Rochester Post Office.

"In my 13 years as a dispatcher I can recall only two times the mail wasn't picked up or delivered. I can assure you, absolutely, that the mail is picked up from its points on campus on a daily basis," he said.

Rochester Post Office employees try to separate the departmental mail from the dormitory students' mail, said university mailroom employee Gina Hawn.

Workers at the Vandenberg and Hamlin reception desks sort the residence halls mail and place it in individual students' boxes.



# EDITORIAL

## Congress should pass bill denying paid staff members voting seats

University Congress has the chance Monday night to correct a mistake made two weeks ago when they defeated a bill which would have prevented executive staff members from holding a voting congressional seat.

Since 1982, Congress members traditionally were expected to give up their seats as student representatives if they accepted a paid executive staff position.

The reasons for this are obvious: Congress didn't feel anyone hired by the president should be allowed to vote, the implication being that a president could pressure his exec staff to vote a certain way on an issue.

In 1982, Congress president Zach Shallow was caught shoplifting in the Bookcenter. His executive staff held voting seats on Congress. Shallow's resignation was rejected by Congress, 11-11. Despite this incident, Congress never put the unwritten rule on the books officially.

When Randall Straughen, a Congress member, became chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee, he became a member of the executive staff. Straughen, however, did not give up his voting seat and served both positions.

This is not to question his intentions or his effectiveness in either of his two positions; this is more a matter of principle and of setting a poor precedent.

No Congress member should hold a paid position; no executive staff member should be allowed to vote. Plain and simple.

The original bill said paid executive staff members should be "restricted from occupying a voting congressional seat." An amendment to the bill said the bill would not go into effect until after the 1986 congressional term ended.

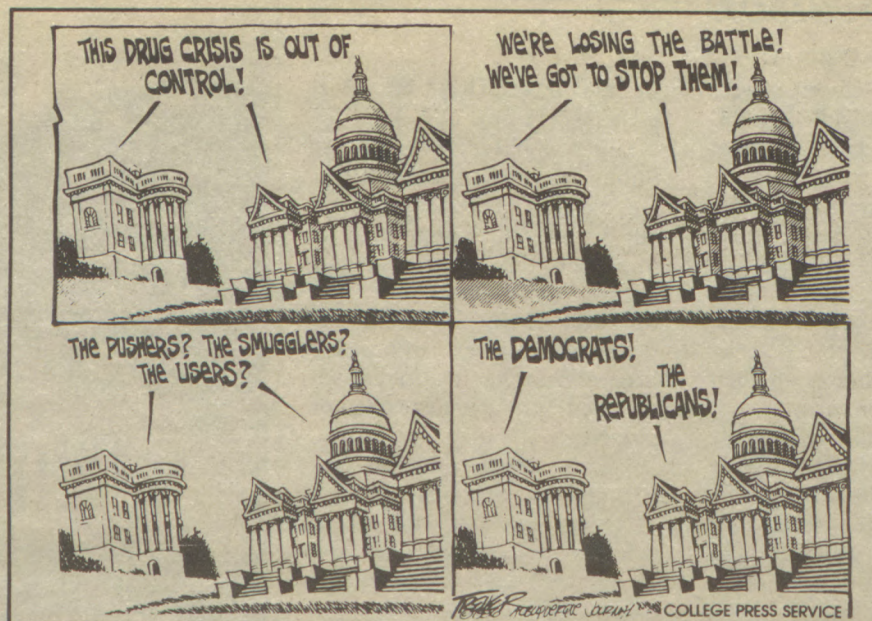
The bill failed, and Straughen resigned his seat the next week, saying that "with a lot of incoming freshmen, it's not fair for me to hold two seats."

Incoming freshmen aside, Straughen holding both positions was unfair -- both to students and to the reputation of Congress.

The bill being reintroduced Monday night is without the amendment, which should never have been tagged on in the first place. The bill should go into effect immediately.

We hope Congress members will not vote the bill down again, saying the point is moot now that Straughen resigned. His not resigning his voting seat immediately made the bill necessary in the first place. Congress should insure this doesn't happen again and take this opportunity to place the unwritten rule on the books.

It is vital that Congress members have no ties to the president and his or her executive staff to insure their autonomy.



## Letters to the Editor

### Policy statement for students missing class not well known

To the *Oakland Sail*:

I found it interesting to note that none of the people interviewed in your article "Professors say athletes must be responsible, reasonable" by Daniel O'Brien, in the Sept. 22, 1986 issue of the *Sail* were aware of the following policy statement:

Attendance -- All trips by officially sponsored activities which require students to miss classes must meet the following conditions:

1. No one activity may schedule trips involving more than a total of five class days in any one semester.

2. It is the responsibility of each participating student to ascertain whether the proposed trip is compatible with his academic responsibilities, and to

make any necessary arrangements with his instructors.

3. In order to maintain some control over the number of such trips, the dean of students should be informed of each one, and will make an annual report to the Academic Policy Committee.

This statement appears in the minutes of the OU Faculty Senate (2-20-68 I think!) and, to

my knowledge, has never been changed. Professor George Matthews searched this out for me about ten years ago, after a professor refused to let a student athlete make up an exam.

Glenn A. Jackson  
Professor of Engineering  
and Faculty Representative for  
Athletics

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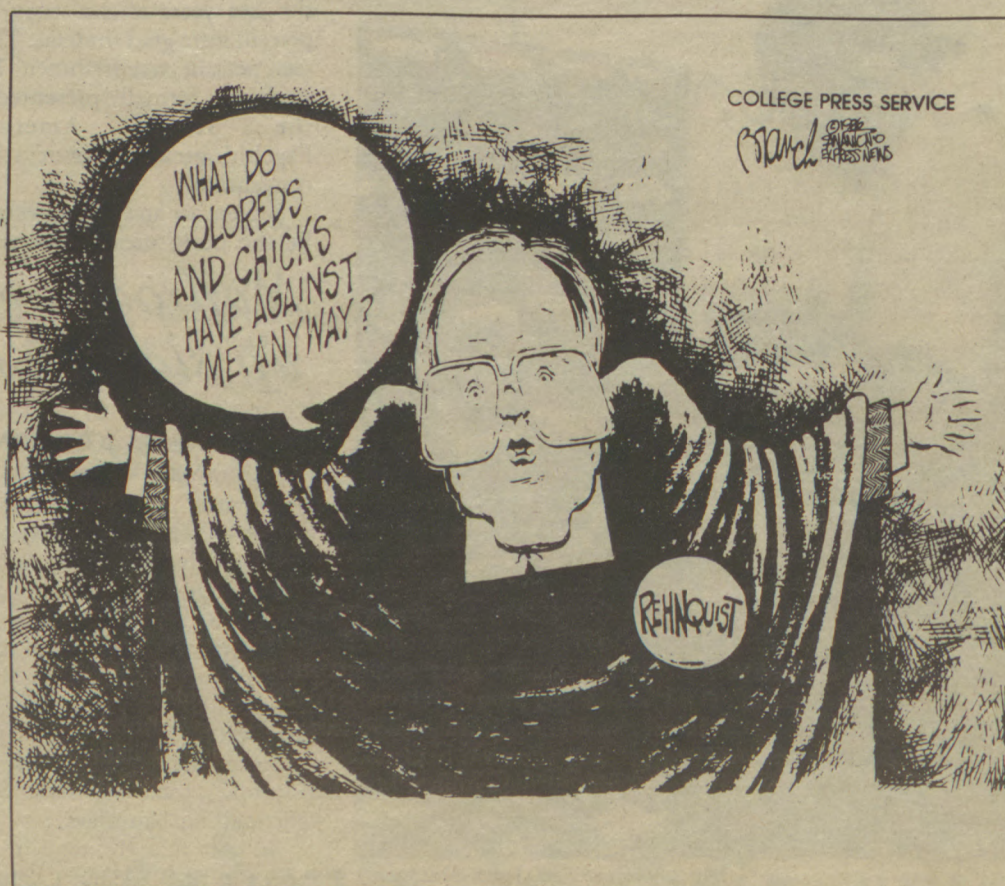
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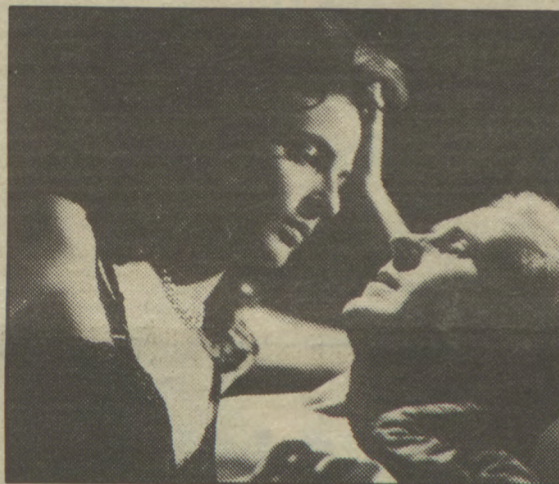
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## Congress

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Executive Assistant Rob Waters said, "Congress cannot postpone elections without reopening nominations."

"In this kind of situation, it is up to congress to decide whether to open or close nominations," said Sue Jezewski.

Waters motioned to postpone elections and reopen nominations Sept. 29. The motion failed.

"It's unfair to keep these people in suspense all week," argued congress member Keith Faber.

The debate went on, as congress member Sean Higgins said, "If a candidate is willing to come here two weeks in a row, it shows commitment."

Waters then motioned to postpone elections and keep nominations closed. The motion passed, and at Monday night's meeting Joe Schlichting and Tony Soade will compete for the vacant seat on congress.

Congress also discussed shortages in on and off campus housing and possible reasons for the problem.

## Fight in dorm started by 3 men

BY JULIE LANNING  
Staff Writer

Three students were questioned by Public Safety concerning a fight in Vandenberg Hall Sept. 20.

Sergeant Larry Johnson said the fight began around midnight when a resident of Vandenberg confronted three men for walking room to room knocking on doors.

Apparently the fight started in the foyer of the building when one of the three picked up some empty beer cans and threw them at the other student. Johnson said the student was then punched in the forehead. He refused medical attention.

While the fight was in progress a witness called Public Safety for help. A description of the three men was given to police. On their way to Vandenberg, police

saw three men fitting the description leave the building.

After questioning them they were taken back to Public Safety, interviewed and released.

Johnson said the fight was a misdemeanor not committed in the presence of police and there was nothing they could do unless someone had filed a complaint.

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# FEATURES

## OU majors don't mull over money

BY DAVID LOPEZ  
Staff Writer

Apparently money isn't the main motivator for some OU students, contrary to a national trend.

A College Stores Research & Educational Foundation survey found two-thirds of American college students consider money seriously before choosing a major.

At Oakland, however, in an informal survey conducted by *The Sail*, 38 percent of the questioned students said they chose their major for the money while 43 percent said they did not.

Also David Beardslee, director of office and institutional research, said the top three majors with the most undergraduate students are management and economics, engineering (not including CIS) and pre-nursing.

Beardslee also said enrollments in the Liberal Arts and Sciences dropped from 2,600 to 1,600 during 1975 to 1985.

During those same years, enrollment in Engineering and CIS rose from 600 to 1,000 and a similar rise occurred in nursing.

Despite an apparent trend in students opting for majors associated with higher incomes, during 1985 an increase occurred in the elementary and secondary education majors.

Citing a "strong interest in an education major" due to the "possibility of many teaching jobs starting relatively soon," Beardslee said he expects an increase of 400 in the education majors in 1986.

The increase may be attributed

## Tiger night has small turnout

STEPHEN PAGNANI  
Staff Writer

The smell of hot dogs and peanuts, the roar of the crowd, the excitement of winning, or the disappointment of losing - there is nothing like a night at the ballpark.

Six people experienced the thrill last Tuesday during SPB, Student Program Board's, third annual Tiger Night.

"It was a pretty good game," said junior Pat Lewis. "(But) things fell apart in the end."

The Tigers were leading 3-2 until the ninth inning when the Toronto Blue Jays tied the score and won 6-3.

The game was the Tiger's second to last home one of the season.

"It (the Tiger game) was a great way to meet people," Lewis said enthusiastically.

Despite the low turnout, Lewis said he would not hesitate to go

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to the anticipation of many teachers retiring along with an increase in the birth rate of children soon to be of elementary school age.

Of the students in *The Sail* survey, 70 percent of those majoring in business, finance, computer science and engineering said they chose their major based on potential salaries.

Some 30 percent of those in nursing and health services agreed their major was chosen for money.

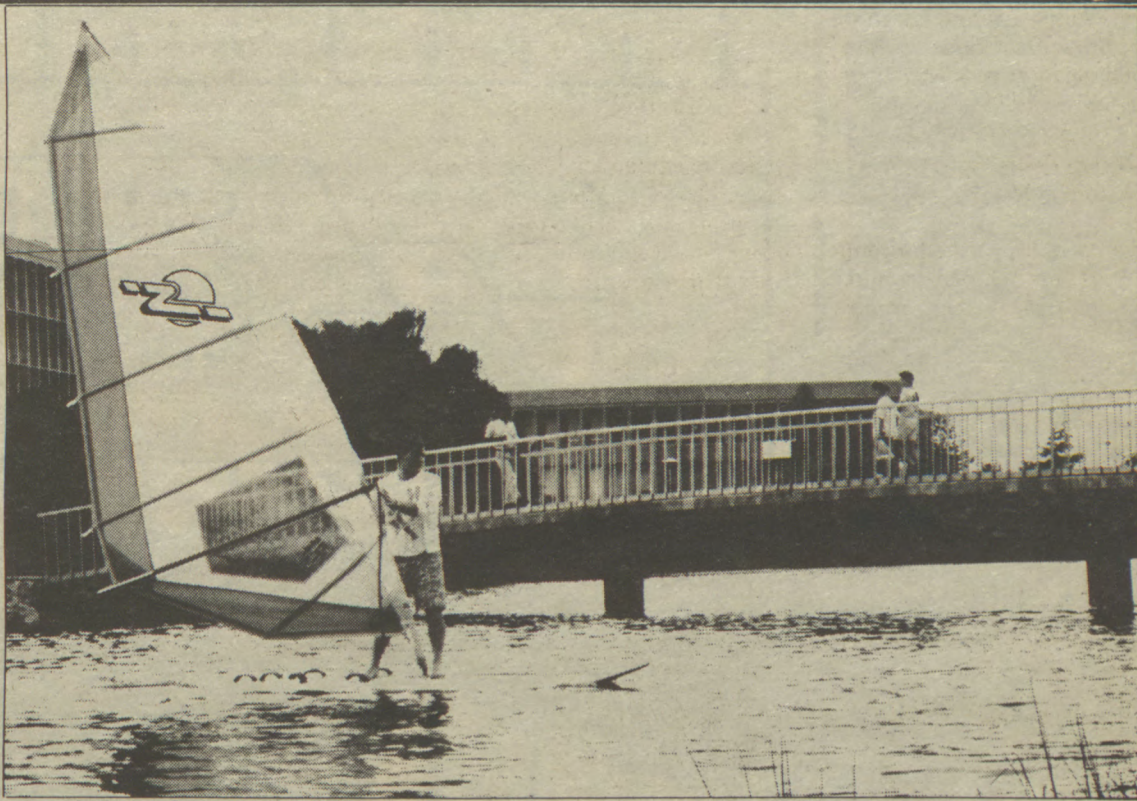
And only 12 percent of the students in education, journalism, psychology, political science and sociology said wage potentials influenced their decisions.

"The market is good," said Gus Mattia, a senior in electrical engineering, when asked what made him choose his major.

While Mattia did admit money was a factor, he also said he felt engineering would be challenging.

Junior Bonnie Pruis said she chose her major in medical technology because she liked it.

"There's not a lot of money in my career," said Pruis.



*The Oakland Sail/Gary Lewis*  
Pat Jackman of Coastline Styles windsurfs on Beer Lake during Friday's T.G.I.F. party.

## Surf's up

### Beer Lake Yacht Club holds after school party

The Beer Lake Yacht Club sponsored its Third Annual T.G.I.F. party last Friday afternoon to celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of fall.

It featured a windsurfing

demonstration on Beer Lake. Music, ice cream, a helium balloon send-off and complimentary buttons saying, "Resident Halls: We make excitement", were also provided.

The Alcohol and Drug Awareness Committee served a

non-alcoholic "O.U. Cooler" to promote the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, which starts October 20th.

T.G.I.F. was open to all students, residents and commuters.

-Anita Fitch

## Naster both delights, entertains students

BY WENDY WENDLAND  
Features Editor

Balancing portable stairs on his chin and cracking "weanie" jokes were all part of the fun last Tuesday night when comedian David Naster came to campus.

Part of the SPB, Student Program Board, lecture and special event series, funny man Naster both entertained and delighted some 50 students with his one man variety show.

"When you were growing up, didn't you hate it when your dad would say, 'Don't you get smart with me.'? It's like, yeah Dad, I'd hate to break down the level of communication," joked Naster.

Naster, who's hour and a half show included everything from stand-up comedy to juggling to balancing nearly anything on his chin, has been the opening act for several professionals, including the Little River Band and Barbara Mandrell.

Naster said he made the switch from night clubs to college entertainment some two years ago.

"I get to perform before more people this way and I can do my show," said 33-year-old Naster. "At the night clubs, you're before some 25 to 50 people drunk. . ."

A large part of Naster's show involved audience participation.

Asking for student's names, calling them on stage and referring to them throughout the show, Naster made sure everyone got involved.

Jim Uicker was called on stage and told to mimick Naster. Given a pair of black shades, a leather cap and a kazoo, Uicker rode an invisible motorcycle around the stage with Naster.

"I'm a ham. I enjoyed it," said Uicker with a grin.

In another stunt, Naster stole Craig Nelson's black Reebok cap. Running around the stage teasing Nelson, Naster finally gave the cap back after balancing it on his chin.

"That (the black Reebok cap) is my hat," said Nelson. "No one touches my hat. But I did play around with him."

Dressed in white sweats, tennis shoes and a black Swatch sweatshirt, Naster was non-stop energy. When senior Dennis Washington tried to leave the show early Naster didn't let it slip by.

Hopping off the stage, Naster chased Washington down the aisle, the whole while yelling for him to come back.

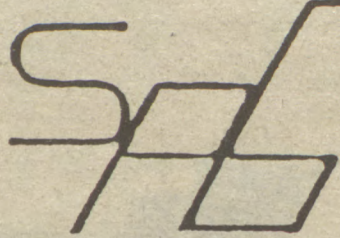
"The audience was wonderful," said Naster, a Kansas city resident. "They came to have a good time, I came to have a good time, so it worked well."

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*The Oakland Sail/Peter Banks*  
Comedian David Naster clowns with students during his hour and a half show last Tuesday.





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## Student shows knack handling show horses

BY JEFF LEHMAN  
Staff Writer

While most people have heard of the term beginner's luck, what about beginner's skill?

Carol Downing, an 18-year-old pre-med student, must of had plenty of beginner's skill when she recently won five ribbons in the Goodells 4-H horseback riding competition.

Downing, prior to the competition, had no horseback riding experience.

"I always wanted a horse, but I live in the middle of the city," said Downing, who's from Port Huron.

Downing said her interest in horseriding happened by accident.

While in Port Huron Northern

High School, Downing met Lee Munro through a mutual friend. Munro rode horses in competition and one day Downing decided to accompany her to a competition.

After watching Munro compete, Downing developed an interest for horseriding and decided to lease a horse from a friend.

The horse, named Chulo, was seven-eighths Arab and one-eighth Apolusa. Since Chulo had only been used for trail riding Downing had to train it for competition.

Downing decided to compete in a novice horseriding competition where there were a number of separate events.

These events were equitation, where contestants were judged

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## Open Space

### *Detroit dinosaurs crowd compacts*

BY TIM MARINE  
Staff Writer

The new and improved OU parking lot, with 400 additional entries, is a compact concept ahead of its time, and ahead of users who can't comprehend what compact means.

I think too much sophisticated college education has fogged the brains of some OU owners of large vehicles; they've forgotten the meaning of the simple words in life.

Compact is an adjective that can generally be applied to a Chevette, Horizon or any Japanese jalopy. Compact doesn't apply to a Buick Regal, Lincoln Continental or GMC truck. But somehow these American monster-mobiles are squeezed into the compact spaces. Good old American determination beats the system again. Meanwhile we compact owners drive to the edge of the campus to park.

I haven't noticed any of the meter-monitoring masses cracking down on any of the monster-mobile morons, but we wouldn't want them to miss ticketing someone parking five minutes too long in a meter space. Priorities, you know.

Apparently compact has to be defined specifically for the benefit of some of the fender heads who can't read the writing on the ground. (Compact Cars Only.)

Send the vigilante meter-meisters out with rules and let them measure any car over-parking with its bumper sticking halfway into the aisle. A couple of weeks of strict enforcement, with fines fluctuating with the amount the limo lies outside the lines, would send the offending ogres to another parking area, or to a Yugo dealership.



## Students jam

*More than a thousand people rocked Sept. 20 at the SPB sponsored Welcome Back Dance.*

*The first dance of the year was held in the OC Crockery from 9-1 a.m., and the five member band Caruso provided the tunes.*

*Free Budweiser beer was available for those 21 and over.*

*Rob Caruso, (right), plays the saxophone for the enthusiastic crowd (above).*

Photo story  
by  
Peter Banks



## Support groups provide assistance for students

BY FLORI ROSENBERG  
Staff Writer

With hopes of providing a friendly ear or advice from someone who's been there, St. John Fisher Chapel has started two unusual student support groups.

Both the Friendly Family Program, for students living far from home, and the Married Housing Support Group, for those trying to balance the responsibilities of school, marriage and children, are sponsored by the church's Student Involvement Committee.

Teresa Barber and other Student Involvement committee members compiled a list of OU student living far away from home, and then came up with the idea for a Friendly Family program last year.

The group then presented the second family concept to the congregation during mass.

"More families volunteered than we had kids to do it," Barber said.

The committee then set up an initial meeting to acquaint students with their second families.

"From there they more or less took it on their own," said Barber.

Some families offer occasional home-cooked meals, others took their new family members on trips to a cider mill or Tiger game.

Besides doing things for the student, second family members are also available to students if they ever need someone to talk to.

"It was neat," said Therese Roys, a student from Grand

Rapids who participated in the program last year.

Roys said her hometown seems farther away from school than it is since she doesn't have a car. "I get real homesick," added Roys.

Roys said her second family had her over for dinner occasionally and would call to make sure she was alright.

Kwek Chang, originally from China, participated in the Friendly Family Program last year. He said he especially enjoyed spending Thanksgiving weekend with his second family.

"You never get to eat a turkey on campus," joked Chang, who's second family also took him to the Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit.

"The program is especially worthwhile for students who rarely visit their own homes. It's

a different kind of exposure," said Chang.

Although Chang enjoyed the group, he thought families should try to visit the dorms so they could understand the students' position.

While the Friendly Family program started in 1985, St. John Fisher Chapel's Married Housing support group is even newer.

Formed this year, the group has only had one informative meeting, meant to determine the direction participants want to go in, said Nancy Boutumasi, of Married Housing.

Boutumasi said the five mother/students who attended the meeting wanted advice on disciplining children.

Boutumasi is expecting more people to come to the next

meeting in October because the group is switching their meeting time from mornings to evenings.

While mothers were the only ones to come to the first meeting, Boutumasi stressed it is open to all parents, regardless of their sex. It's not necessary to live in Married Housing, either, said Boutumasi.

Boutumasi said an important aspect of the group is to give parents a chance to relax, meet and talk to other people. Plans for crafts, chats and instruction on cardiopulmonary resuscitation on infants are also being formed. Child care is provided in the chapel basement during meetings.

For more information on the Friendly Family program call 373-6457 or for the Married Housing's support group call 370-2918.



# Jugglers share their skills

BY KIM KERCHOFF  
Staff Writer

Concentration, muscle coordination and the use of peripheral vision are the three keys to successful juggling, said Rick Schnitker, a member of the Variety in Motion team who performed around campus last Thursday.

Schnitker and partner Mardene Rubio held a juggling workshop for any students interested in learning how to juggle.

At first crowd participation was small, but as the workshop went on, more and more students joined in.

Senior Lauren Balick and sophomore Carrie Fitzpatrick were two of the participants in the beginner's group.

Neither Balick or Fitzpatrick ever juggled before. But by the end of the workshop, both had the basics down.

In the more advanced group were juniors Dave Wirth and Art Stephenson. Both were interested in learning more advanced tricks to add to their juggling skills.

Schnitker and Rubio, both from Baltimore Maryland, have been performing together for three years. The two met four years ago when Rubio was a beginner.

"Rick taught me everything I know," said Rubio.

Schnitker has been juggling for the past 10 years and performing professionally for the past six.

Before he met Rubio, he performed with a group called the All American Mini Circus. When Rubio learned the ropes, she too joined this group and began juggling professionally.

The Mini Circus toured all over the world. About three years ago while touring Europe, Rubio

and Schnitker were in a serious car accident.

Schnitker broke his wrist and Rubio had many severe injuries that forced her to relearn everything she had ever learned about juggling.

The accident happened at the time when the All American Mini Circus began to break up, so instead of looking for others, Rubio and Schnitker began what is now Variety in Motion.

The pair became very dedicated to their profession and began to work out three to five

hours each day. They travel together all over the world performing for colleges, night clubs, conventions, benefits and other such benefits.

The team is also trying to get on the Johnny Carson and David Letterman shows.

"To get on a show like that (Carson or Letterman) takes a long time," said Rubio, "but I think we will do it."

Schnitker and Rubio's show includes juggling, unicycling, magic, clowning, dance juggling and more.

## Tigers

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with SPB again.

Originally scheduled for Monday night, the event had to be changed to Tuesday.

"Tiger stadium had us scheduled for Tuesday and couldn't change it," said Geoff Hall, chairman of SPB's recreation and leisure committee.

"It (the error) definitely affected attendance. People who had made plans to go Monday couldn't change on such short notice," Hall added.

SPB didn't discover the ticketing error until early Monday when they called Tiger Stadium.

A higher percentage of tickets

had been sold this year than had last year, said Paul Franklin, CIPO's (Campus Information, Programs and Organizations) coordinator of Campus Programs.

"We ordered 200 tickets last year and ended up giving most of them away," Franklin said.

He added that this year 20 tickets were ordered and most had sold for the original night.

Franklin said turnout for the event often depends on how well the team has performed over the season.

"The better the team is doing, the more likely people will go," he said.

Despite the low turnout, CIPO will help sponsor the event again.



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## Tigers

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"It (the audience) was very diverse. There were couples, groups of guys and groups of girls. I could tell they were older too."

SPB chose Naster at the National Association of Campus Activities last year.

Sophomore Carrie Fitzpatrick, SPB's chairwoman of lectures and special events, said SPB typically spends around \$1,000 for entertainers.

"I was really pleased," said Fitzpatrick. "There was a lot of audience interaction."

SPB Chairwoman Colleen Ochoa said a couple of things went wrong with Naster's show that hurt the size of the audience.

"For one thing it was a Tuesday night, which is a really bad night," said Ochoa. "Plus we couldn't get it in the OC, and this week isn't the best. Lots of people have exams."



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## Horse

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on sitting still in the saddle, English pleasure, where the horse is judged on how well it makes transitions from different steps and bareback, judged on riding a horse bareback.

Downing received a third place ribbon for equitation, a first place for bareback, a fifth place for English pleasure, and a third and sixth place ribbon for two other riding events.

Downing competed against 15-20 people in each of the contests.

Despite her early success, Downing does not plan on becoming more serious in horseriding.

"It's too expensive . . . I just want to do it for pleasure and fun and whenever I get the chance," she said.

## Sneak Review

### *Color Purple - stark and wonderful*

BY JIM UICKER  
Staff Writer

This week during the Student Program Board's Weekend Film series, an Oscar-nominated film, *The Color Purple*, comes to 201 Dodge Hall.

The movie is based on the book of the same title written by feminist author Alice Walker. The book is written as a series of letters from the main character, Celie, played by Whoopie Goldberg. The first letter series was to God, then later to Celie's sister in Africa. Together they comprise a sort of diary that tells the heartbreaking story of a young, underprivileged black woman growing up in a southern society during the first half of the twentieth century.

Celie is abused as a child by her stepfather, then as a wife by a man she never wanted to marry, until she eventually falls in love with her husband's strange and abusive, yet beautiful lover.

Steven Spielberg directs this stark and wonderful story. He uses the same straightforward colorful style that he used for *E.T.* and *Gremlins*. This is something of a drawback since the story calls for a much darker mood than he uses.

This style, on the other hand, serves to make the violent nature of the male characters seem more horrifying. Violence seems so out of place in such a pretty picture.

Celie's story is given life by Goldberg's stunning dramatic debut. She plays a woman who, at the beginning of the film, has no heroic attributes whatsoever. She makes this character into one of the most heartwarming and endearing of the 1985 movie season.

Goldberg's performance makes this film, while not Oscar material, one of the best films of last year.

*The Color Purple* should have won an Oscar. "Miss Celie's Blues" should have beaten Lionel Richie to the "Best Song" award. The music alone makes this movie worth seeing.

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# SPORTS

## Cross country team places low at Kenosha

BY TIM DYKE  
Staff Writer

With freshman Ken Osmun being the only bright spot, the cross country team showed poorly at the Midwest Collegiate Championships in Kenosha Wisconsin, Saturday Sept. 20, finishing a dismal 20th.

Defending Division I champion, University of Wisconsin, placed first in a strong field of 25 teams. Hillsdale College placed an impressive second overall, and first among GLIAC foes. Other GLIAC teams competing were Saginaw Valley, placing seventh and Michigan Tech, finishing 18th.

Hoping to finish in or near the top half, the Pioneer harriers came nowhere near that goal and placed only one runner within the top 100. "I think the biggest factor was psychological," said coach John Stevenson, "we were running in a higher quality race than we were used to, and forgot that in the advance preparation buildup."

Freshman Ken Osmun was a lone exception, running in his first official college race, the Holy native established himself as one of the team's top runners. Placing 46th in a field of 256, Osmun maintained a 5:16 mile pace while covering the 8,000 meter course in 26:21. It's a really big confidence builder for me," noted Osmun. "I didn't think I would finish first and kept pushing, looking for Dave (McCauley)." "Ken ran a very smart race," said Stevenson,

"It's surprising to see that kind of maturity in a freshman."

McCauley finished second for the team placing 104th with a time of 27:16. John Brabbs and Karl Zubal finished ten places apart with Brabbs taking 163 in 28:02 and Zubal 173 in 28:15. Rick Schapic placed 198 in 28:51 to round out the scoring.

The team looked to vindicate their poor debut performance by competing at the Bulldog Invitational Saturday, where they faced several conference foes. "We would like to finish in the top half and high among conference teams," said Stevenson. Taking steps to curb another let-down,

(See Cross, page 14)

### Club continues to struggle for winning season

BY MARC J. MORANIEC  
Staff Writer

The women's soccer club played two games last week, resulting in a tie and a loss.

The first game was played Sept. 14 at Bowling Green University. The two teams played to a 1-1 draw, with Oakland's only goal scored by Chris "Cricket" Baker. The assist was credited to Amy Daiek.

Sept. 17 the club traveled to  
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The Oakland Sail/J. Stevenson  
Jerry Zubal running in the Kenosha, Wisconsin race. Oakland University placed 20th out of 25 teams. Ken Osmun had the best showing of any freshman at the race.

## Roadhouse rallies past intramural rival for win

BY H. PETER AUCHTER  
Staff Writer

As the saying goes, all good things must come to an end and so went the long winning streak of the Penthouse intramural softball squad early last week.

Archrival Roadhouse had the honor of being the first team to knock off last year's champions and they loved every minute of it. The final score was Roadhouse 5 and Penthouse 4.

"They beat us last year for the championship so we were fired up for this one," said Dante Spagnola of Roadhouse.

The game began on a sour note for the Roadhouse gang, Penthouse scored four runs in the first inning to take what appeared to be a commanding lead over their longtime rivals.

But Roadhouse gave their competition an early peek at what was to come when they rallied for two runs in their half of the first themselves.

Before long their bats were booming again and it produced

the narrow margin of victory for them. This gave Roadhouse the revenge they have been seeking since losing the that final game last year but the slim victory by no means had put an end to the war between these two clubs.

"They (Penthouse) said they were looking forward to seeing us in the playoffs this year," Spagnola said, "...and so are we!"

In other men's softball action during the week the Artesians won a forfeit game over the 12 Ounce Curlers and the Ugombos crushed the Crusaders 20-1 before the Roadhouse-Penthouse game took place at 5:30 p.m.

The co-ed softball league also continued their season last week with the Outfield whipping the Bottom of the Fifth 10-2 Monday. The Cardinals didn't even have to suit up for their forfeit win over Muscle Spasms Wednesday (they dropped out of competition last week). The Outfield then continued to hold the hot hand by dumping Reynolds Rap 7-3.

## Pioneers blanked by Eastern

BY MIKE JORDAN  
Sports Writer

For the first time in Oakland's history, the men's soccer team lost to the Eastern Michigan University Hurons 2-0 on Sept. 24.

The Pioneers failed to capitalize on five corner kicks and 12 shots on goal, while EMU had only seven shots on goal and two corner kicks.

EMU opened their scoring drive at the 50:47 mark when forward Ricardo Sanchez put a shot past goalie Vince Aliberti. Forward Jussi Rautanen capped the shutout with a goal at the 66:06 mark of the game.

The Pioneers, however, tied with New York Tech for third place in the National Invitational Soccer Tournament held here on Sept. 20, 21. The game, held on the first day of competition, ended with a score of 3-3. Marty Hagen led the Pioneers with two goals and one assist while Gray Haizel scored OU's third goal on an assist by Ender Ibisoglu. New York Tech scored the tying goal with only 13 minutes left in the game.

On Sept. 21, Oakland faced Gannon and were shut out, 1-0. "It was a weird game," said Coach Gary Parsons. "The first

half was an evenly played game; the play went up and down."

Parsons felt that the team did not play the second half of the game as intense as the first half. He couldn't explain why the team didn't play as well the entire game but commented that midfielder Hagen seemed to get tired near the end.

"We put a lot of pressure on them (Gannon) and they stood

up to it," said Parsons. "I am really proud of the guys. We played into their strength and they held us off."

Haizel was voted the most valuable offensive player of the tournament. "I can't believe it," he said.

The Pioneer's next game will be Wednesday at East Lansing where they will take on the Michigan State Spartans.

## Volleyball squad faces tough foes while away

BY H. PETER AUCHTER  
Staff Writer

In the middle of their longest road trip of the year, the volleyball squad is still searching for some consistency in their play.

This week the Lady Pioneers, whose record was 5-6 after Tuesday's win over Hillsdale, get into the heart of the GLIAC schedule with games against Saginaw Valley Wednesday and Grand Valley State Saturday.

The spikers played in the Upper Peninsula this weekend at Michigan Tech and at Lake Superior State to kick off this four-game trip.

The Lady Pioneers opened their home GLIAC season on a high note when they slipped past the Hillsdale Chargers in five games Tuesday.

The visitors took the first game 15-10 for an early edge before Oakland stormed back to take the next two games 15-3 and  
(See Volleyball, page 15)



## Hillsdale stops tennis team's winning streak

BY TIM DYKE  
Staff Writer

It's becoming apparent that the women's tennis team seems to like a good fight. However, journeying to foreign soil proved to be too much, as the Hillsdale Chargers handed the lady netters their first defeat Saturday Sept. 20.

Tight matches are becoming common place to the team now, 3-1(2-1 in GLIAC). It was their second consecutive match that was decided in the last game. "It was a very exciting match" commented coach Donna Dickinson, "I was pleased that everyone seemed to play well". A major ingredient to the team's inspired play is the level of the team's experience gained from a year ago. "We have a lot more experience" pointed out Gretchen Ballen, "and that gives us a better positive attitude with our playing".

Though falling short against Hillsdale, bowing 5-4, the team showed its tenacity and willingness not to give up. Needing victories in the three remaining games to clinch the match the Oakland team responded with two consecutive triumphs and a hard-fought third match before succumbing. Ballen was routed in her opening set against Kris Farling 0-6 but stormed back 6-2, 7-5. Kris Jeffery walked all over Natalie DeVore 6-2, 6-0, to tie the match.

In the deciding match at number one singles Marge Messbarger fell early to Janet Milezarski, rebounded in the second, but was overwhelmed in the third falling 3-6, 6-4, 1-6. "It was an interesting match" commented Dickinson, "both players possessed the same strengths and were able to neutralize each other."

Rounding out the singles competition, Shelly Schram was ousted by Susan Wiedie 2-6, 0-6 at the three spot. Losing at five singles for the first time was Kelly Hayden who fell to Lil Peterson 1-6, 1-6 and Cindy Hitchcock emerged victorious over Kim Wells in the six slot.

Messbarger and Jeffery continued to dominate the number one doubles slamming Milezarski and LaVore 6-2, 6-2. But Hillsdale had final say in the remaining two games with Lori Kiffner and Schram being debased by Wiedie and Peterson 4-6, 2-6. Bonna Andrus and Julie Plevonia were humbled in two sets by Lisa Jacquin and Sharon Hammond 5-7, 1-6.

Powerhouse Ferris State rambl-ed into town on Sunday bringing with them three returning conference champions and two national qualifiers from a year ago and sporting a 14-match winning streak. Results of the match were unavailable at press time.

The team now looks for Grand Rapids Community College at

home on Wednesday with a 3:00 p.m. start, and will make a weekend northern road swing to Lake Superior State on Saturday and Michigan Tech on Sunday.

## Cross

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the team sat down and discussed their problems and tried to come to some solutions. "It came out real positive" said Stevenson,

Stevenson also noted that training was intensified appropriately.

Although the team is off to a sluggish start, Stevenson feels that the early-season woes can

have a positive effect in the long run. "If we are going to have problems it's good to have them early so you can analyze and solve them," he noted. "That way you won't make the same mistake."

The team will stay close to home next week, traveling to Macomb Community College for the Monarch Invitational on Friday.

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## Volleyball

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15-8. But then the Chargers rallied with a narrow 15-13 win in the fourth game to knot the match at two apiece.

Oakland won the final contest handily, 15-8, to please the home crowd.

Several Lady Pioneers stood out in the big win. Tracey Jones and Missy Ward had 13 kills apiece and Sue Lormin added 12.

Senior Bridget Bohnet led the team with seven solo blocks and three block assists. Setter Kelly Williams had 46 assists during the match.

Earlier in the week at the Wayne State Tournament, Sept. 19-20, the spikers dropped two out of their three games.

They began the tourney in fine fashion, topping Slippery Rock University in three straight games, 15-5, 15-2 and 15-6, giving them reason to believe they finally found the right mix of players to produce winning results. Jones paced the squad with 12 kills and also had three solo blocks and three block

assists.

The Lady Pioneers then ran into some tough competition, however, and were wiped out by Indiana-Purdue University (Fort Wayne), 15-4, 15-8, 15-12. Bohnet had 10 kills and had a hand in seven blocks as did Jones in the three games.

In the final match-up of the tournament, the Lady Pioneers went up against the host club and lost 15-8, 16-14 and 15-3. Once again Bohnet, a tri-captain, led the club with five solo blocks and three block assists.

After the first 11 games of the year the squad statistically shapes up like this:

## Club

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Canada to play the University of Windsor. The result was a 2-0 loss for Oakland.

"We were missing some key starters and still kept the game close," said Daiek.

OU's record now stands at

Bohnet is first in kills with 78. She is followed by Jones (64) and Lormin (53). In blocks Bohnet leads with 24 solo and 20 assists; Jones follows with 19 and 20 and Anne Harrison places third with 9 and 13. Williams tops the team's stat sheets with a .98 service percentage with Noelle Graham second at .96 and Kris Morrison third at .939. Harrison leads the team in points with 57 followed closely by Morrison with 55 and Jones with 54.

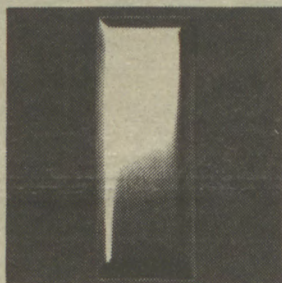
The next home game is against GLIAC foe Northwood Institute 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7 in Lepley.

1-3-1. Over the weekend the club play two games. Saturday they saw action against Calvin College, while the opponent Sunday was Central Michigan University. Results were unavailable at press time.

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## Sports Corner

### NCAA makes mistake with rule 48

BY ROBERT RAIBLE  
Sports Editor

As everyone who follows college sports knows, the National Collegiate Athletic Association enacted Rule 48 this past fall with the result that thousands of young people won't be going to school this or any other year.

Rule 48 requires that all prospective freshmen athletes have at least a "C" average. This rule was meant to counter the abuse many college athletes suffer from their schools, many of which usually made a tidy profit by exploiting their players. The end result of this exploitation was that many athletes were pushed and shoved through college only to be dumped back where they came from without a worthy education.

Most college officials say they are in favor of Rule 48 because of the principle behind trying to protect people from unethical schools.

I say the rule is more cosmetic than substantive. It attempts to solve the situation by hurting the victims of a poor educational system rather than going to the root of the problem.

By requiring a "C" average and certain standardized test results, Rule 48 expects a high-quality student regardless of the quality of that student's school district. This means that prospective students from poor and workingclass communities have an even worse chance at getting a higher education than they have now.

Many people from the workingclass have no other way to go to college except on some sort of scholarship, and now the NCAA has taken that opportunity away. Contrary to popular belief, many scholarship athletes try to make something of their college education. Now they can't even be given the chance.

What will big universities do now that they can't give scholarships to the uneducated poor? I don't think they will give the money to these people out of the goodness of their hearts, especially if there's nothing in it for them.

True, there is a problem with colleges accepting people only on the basis of their athletic performance, but it is wrong to deny these people any kind of a college education altogether. The real solution would be to address the inequities in our educational systems and make a higher education a right and not a privilege.

There should be open admissions and free tuition to all students regardless of social or economic background. There should also be remedial programs created to help students from poor school districts catch up.

By giving ideas like Rule 48 undue publicity, the NCAA only sweeps its problems under the rug.

## Player-of-the-Week

### Ken Osmun

Running in his first college competition, Ken Osmun led all Oakland runners and placed 46th at the Midwest Collegiate Championships on Sept. 20 in Kenosha Wisconsin.

A state qualifier in cross country and track at Holly High, Osmun completed the 8,000 meter course in 26:21 and ranked seventh among competing freshmen in the competition.

Figuring himself to be the team's fourth runner, Osmun has already established himself as one of the team's best and was the number one runner heading into last weekend's Bulldog Invitational.

Although he has experienced early success, Osmun is keeping it in perspective "It's kind of shocking, but I know I have to keep working hard," he said.

For his exceptional showing in his first college performance, the *Sail* chooses Osmun as Player-of-the-Week.

### Invitational results

Freshman Ken Osmun of the men's cross country team finished among the top 20 in the Bulldog Invitational held Saturday at Big Rapids, home of GLIAC rival Ferris State.

Osmun placed 19th in the race but it wasn't enough, as the Pioneers completed the day in fifth place out of the 13 participating teams.

Host Ferris State won the invitational with a total of 58 points and they were closely followed by Central Michigan who finished second with 59 points.



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