

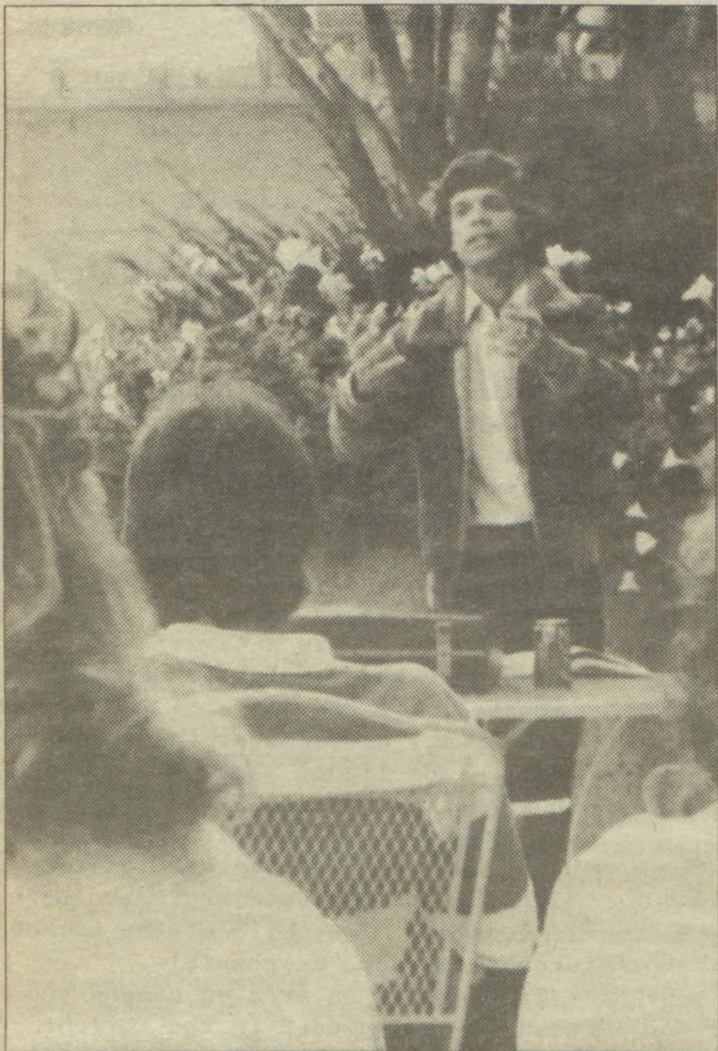
# THE OAKLAND SAIL

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## Taking class outside



The Oakland Sail/Peter Banks  
Instructor John Stella took advantage of Indian Summer Monday and taught his Rhetoric 101 class outside on the patio by the Oakland Center.

## MCC president pushes amendment providing student seats on boards

BY CATHERINE KAZA  
Staff Writer

The Michigan Collegiate Coalition, through the efforts of president Mike Margolis, is attempting to amend the state's constitution by proposing that two students serve as voting members on the governing boards of Michigan's public colleges and universities.

Additional members to the eight-person boards would require an amendment. Presently, no public institution of higher education in the state has students as voting members on its governing board.

"We're in the minority," Margolis said, pointing out that 35 states have student regents.

MCC is a three-year-old organization consisting of the student governments of the 15 four-year public institutions of higher education in Michigan. Its stated purpose is to unite those institutions in the areas of inner-communication, discussion of common concerns and as a unifying support group promoting the interests of college and university students.

Margolis said MCC's top priorities were to enhance inner-school communications and media relations, as well as research on and coordination of student voter registration.

MCC was founded in the fall of 1983 by student government members from the University of Michigan-Dearborn, OU and Central Michigan University, according to Oakland University Congress President Tony Boganey. He organized the first general assembly meeting of the MCC at Oakland in the fall of 1984, along with former Congress president Bob McClory.

MCC's predecessor was the Michigan Higher Education Student Association, which was started in the mid-late 1970's, but dissolved due to inner conflict.

Margolis first became involved with MCC and the student regents issue as a freshman at University of Michigan last year.

After approaching former Michigan Student Assembly president Paul Josephson, he expressed interest in working on the student regent issue. Margolis spent several months researching, including work in Washington. He issued a 20-page report in February.

Student representatives would make a tremendous difference on the state's college and university governing boards, according to Margolis.

"Priorities become imbalanced... (the) student interest is not represented now," he added.

The proposed system for student representation would involve a random drawing of nine

students at each institution, who, after being ratified in a general election, would listen to recommendations and appeals by interested students and select two. The two selections would have to be ratified by the local citizens, according to Margolis.

Students would serve staggered two-year terms. The possibility of two foreign faculty serving such terms as regents is also being considered, according to Margolis.

He said student regent candidates would be expected to be non-partisan, have a working knowledge of the university and a "reasonable" GPA.

Arguments that students are not knowledgeable enough to (See Student Regents, page 3)

## \$1,000 theft in dorm occurs as resident sleeps

More than \$1,000 in personal items were stolen from two male students who live in Hamlin Hall on Oct. 18, according to Mel Gilroy, assistant director of Public Safety.

One of the men was sleeping and the other was gone when a thief or thieves entered the room and stole a stereo receiver, tape deck, amplifier, a gold bracelet and a Walkman radio. The door was not locked, according to Gilroy.

The man who was asleep did not see or hear anything, Gilroy said.

The theft is still under investigation.

## EMVAT helps, hinders motorists

BY JULIE LANNING  
Staff Writer

A new 1986 GMC mid-size pickup was recently purchased and is being used as the Emergency Motor Vehicle Assistance Truck, EMVAT, according to Chief Richard Leonard of Public Safety.

Drivers can help motorists who have run out of gas, who have a flat tire, or who have a dead battery. But Leonard said they're not required to do any of those things.

They are required to write tickets for parking in a fire lane or in undesignated spaces, expired time on parking meters, and violating 15-minute and ride pool parking zones.

EMVAT driver Amos Ellis Jr. said he spends more time writing tickets than he does giving motorists assistance.

"I give out an average of 20 tickets per shift," he said. Ellis works a five-hour shift five days a week.

"Most violations are in ride pool, but after 5 p.m. we can't give out tickets for meters or ride pool," he said.

Cathy Domanico, another EMVAT driver, said she also gives out more tickets than assists. However, she added, "As the year goes on I give out less

tickets. I guess people learn not to park illegally or just get tired of paying fines."

Domanico said people have ways of avoiding tickets. "Sometimes people will keep an old ticket and use it on their car when they park illegally so they won't get a new one. I check the ones I know I haven't written. This one car had a month-old ticket on it."

Parking tickets have exceeded motorist assists over the past two years.

In the 1985-86 school year there were 3,286 parking tickets given and 731 assists.

So far this year there have been 753 tickets given out and 63 assists. Most of the assists are for jump starts for dead batteries.

The new truck is equipped with a special jumper cable apparatus. Leonard said a metal box attached to the grille acts as a battery so jumper cables can be hooked up with less effort.

The truck is also equipped with a shovel, cones, a barricade stand, a tire wrench and a gallon of gas.

The truck is not equipped with a tool kit because tools get lost or aren't returned and drivers aren't trained mechanics, Leonard said.

EMVAT is not equipped to push or tow cars but drivers can radio for a wrecker if there's

nothing they can do to help.

At a minimum of \$10 per ticket, Mel Gilroy, assistant director of Public Safety, said the money received from tickets is not used by OU.

Gilroy said that although the university has the right to run a traffic bureau, they have chosen (See EMVAT, page 3)



The Oakland Sail/Peter Banks  
EMVAT driver Michaelle Finch writes a ticket for a parking violation during the summer.



# University Congress Report

## Open Meeting / Guest Speaker

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.

TOPIC ON AGENDA: Constitution Referendums (explained below).

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 3

### GUEST SPEAKER:

Keith Kleckner, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, will address student concerns and questions regarding the off-campus student housing issue. All interested students should attend in order to let your voice be heard!

## -911

There is a new emergency phone number available to the Oakland community. Any on-campus phone can access the public safety dispatcher by simply dialing 911. For situations which are not considered an "emergency", please call public safety by dialing 370-3331.

## Campus Lighting

Cheif Lenoard spoke to University Congress about the lighting situation on campus. He informed us that all walk-way lights have been changed from flourescent bulbs to sodium vapor. Sodium lights have better visibility because they have the same wavelengths as the sun.

Because academic activities end at 10:30 p.m. on weeknights, parking lot lights are turned off at 11:00 or 12:00 p.m., or whenever the lots are empty. The lights along sidewalks, known as the "Bright Way", are always on. However, if you find a light burnt out, call public safety at 370-4290 and indicate where the post is located. They will attend to the problem as soon as possible.

If there is an area on campus you wish to be included in the "Bright Way", you can submit a petition to Mr. Miller, the new Director of Campus Operations.

## Vacancy / Elections

There is one opening for a seat on University Congress. If you are interested in being a voice in your student government, APPOINTMENTS WILL BE MADE AT TONIGHT'S MEETING. This is your chance to be a part of the student government.

If you did not turn in your congressional petition for the election this November and still wish to do so, please call Craig Harris at 370-4290.

## Proposed Referendums

The University Congress wishes to propose changes to the student government's constitution. The changes, which are outlined below in the form of referendums, must be approved by the student body in this November's elections. The proposed referendums you may see on the ballot are:

1) To change the number of election commissioners (those who serve on the Elections Commission) from five to seven. This will increase participation in the elections decision-making processes.

2) To place the procedures for filling congressional vacancies in the BY-LAWS of the constitution, rather than keeping them in the constitution itself. This will allow the active congress to change voting criteria in case of unusual circumstances.

3) To hold the general University Congress elections earlier in the fall semester. This will allow time for a second election in case the first is invalidated for any reason.

## GIVE BLOOD!

The Red Cross and Oakland University are sponsoring a blood drive today through Wednesday in the Crockery of the Oakland Center. As of last Friday, we have 500 signed up students. Our goal is 732 pints, one more than our most successful drive. Please help us reach our goal. You'll feel great knowing you're helping to save lives. WE'RE OUT FOR BLOOD !!!!!!!

# The power of the students is their voice



# Workers League says no party helps working class

BY ANNE HOOPER  
News Editor

The U.S. is supposedly a country where people have a choice in elections.

But David North, national secretary of the Workers League, believes the present party system must give the working class a choice.

North addressed a meeting of an Oakland local of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees on campus Tuesday.

Speaking in the absence of gubernatorial candidate Martin McLaughlin, North said the party has had difficulty obtaining coverage of their campaign in the media.

He said McLaughlin was not invited to the debates between Gov. Blanchard and GOP candidate William Lucas.

"Our campaign does not represent the interests of those who run politics—big business," he said.

"The very existence of the trade union movement is in question," he said.

He cited the defeat of numerous strikes in the past year, particularly the strike at the Guardian Industries plant in Carleton, Mich. The Guardian strikers were replaced with scabs (non-union workers) and the union ceased to exist legally, he said.

North said the owner of Guardian, William Davidson, is a major backer of Blanchard.

"There is no principle difference between the Democratic and Republican parties." He said that no matter if Lucas or Blanchard wins the election, there will be an "intensified attack" on the working class.

He said that union leaders have traditionally told their members to be loyal to the Democratic party.

He questioned this loyalty and advocated the formation of a strong labor party. "It has to be armed with Socialist policies," he said.

"Whether or not we win this election, we see our campaign as a political break with the Democratic party," he said.

North said that even the union leaders have ceased to support the workers' interests. "If Blanchard wins, the bureaucrats will all get jobs in Lansing."

North said that production should be based on need. He advocated nationalizing production of steel and oil.

He said that under the capitalist system, one-half of one percent of the people in the U.S. control 45 percent of the wealth. "They've exploited the working class to get there."

He said in a Democratic system, institutions such as the courts defend the capitalist system. "They will stand up for the employer...the workers are taught that this is the nature of things, this is the way it should be."

The AFSCME local on campus does not support or endorse any candidate for governor.

## Student Regents

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serve on governing boards are unfounded, according to Margolis.

"(Students are) just as qualified as any other regent," said Margolis. "(They are) able to make legitimate change," he added.

The effectiveness of student regents would depend on the strength of the school's student government, Margolis said.

Such student representation would not pose a conflict of interest, according to Margolis. "It's a positive conflict of interest. What's best for them is what's in the public interest," he said, and added, "I go through hundreds of conflicts of interests every day."

Legally, legislation introduced by state Representative Perry Bullard in 1974 and 1976 exempted students from the state's conflict of interest statute.

Margolis said he expects opposition to the MCC proposal to be diverse, coming from regents, faculty and others. However, he is confident that the proposal will succeed.

"Once you present the facts, it is difficult to contradict

them," he said.

Gov. Blanchard and Republican party president Spencer Abraham have been receptive to the idea of student regents, according to Margolis.

While the organization is presently "foundation-building," MCC plans to begin lobbying and introduce legislation in the state senate, Margolis said, after his final report is completed in January. He hopes the proposal will pass in two years, a much shorter time than similar legislation in other states. This is feasible because of Michigan's legal status, according to Margolis.

Opposition arguments such as student conflict of interest, effective representation of students, lack of legal and budgetary knowledge and transiency will not hold up in the legislative process, according to Margolis.

"Evidence contradicts that," he said.

The role of the MCC is important in the student regent issue, according to Margolis. "MCC can serve as an excellent lobbying organization," he said.

He said that with that type of backing, people are more likely to support the statewide issue.

The majority of MCC schools are in support of the concept of student regents, although there are questions of feasibility for some.

"The main basework is not firm," according to Al Janos, Senate pro-term of Saginaw Valley State College. "I need to see the report before I make any decisions," he said.

Anna Crisovan, student government president at Eastern Michigan University, said that there are more beneficial ways to increase the student voice.

"Our students actively work with the administration...we make it (problems) known internal before we make it external," she said.

At EMU, there are four subcommittees to the school's governing board, one of which is Student Affairs, according to

## Just how drunk are you?



The Oakland Sail/Peter Banks  
Officers from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office conducted a breathalyzer test Tuesday night in Hamlin Hall, demonstrating how much alcohol it takes to go over the .10 blood alcohol level that it takes to be considered legally intoxicated.

Crisovan. Student Affairs consists of eight students and five administrators. Its adviser is a voting member on the Board of Regents.

"If we had student regents, they wouldn't have any power," Crisovan said. "I think it would be much more helpful to set up the system we have."

Oakland University Congress President Tony Boganey has some doubts about the necessity of student regents for MCC schools. He said that Oakland might lose out on a link (with the administration) through the student regents.

"It won't be as beneficial as we want it to be," he said, adding that it doesn't insure the best possible input.

For U-M, however, he said that student regents might be "a desperate step that needs to be taken."

Randy Straughen, MCC governor for Oakland, thinks the student regent proposal is a positive step in attaining a more effective student voice in university affairs. Student regents would not necessarily result in a less cooperative relationship with the administration, according to Straughen.

"If you have that good of a relationship, it won't be jeopardized if you ask for a student regent," he said. If it does, "than you didn't have that good of a relationship."

Margolis said that the decision

### Editor's Note

A story last week on the Commuter Involvement Award should have said the scholarship came from the OU Foundation. Sue Jezewski should have been listed as one of the students on the CIA selection committee.

A story on John Naisbitt last week should have listed the Student Life Lecture Board as a sponsor of his lecture.

to have student regents would be optional if the proposal passes. However, he said, "I have a hard time understanding why a university's (student government) wouldn't want a student regent...they don't want to jeopardize their relationship with the university."

The attempt to gain student regents by amending the state's constitution will be "quite a challenge," according to Margolis. Whatever the outcome, he said it will be "excellent lobbying experience."

Margolis said that the benefits for MCC are legitimacy and unification. "We need to do something to prove ourselves," he said.

### EMVAT

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not to do so.

The revenues go to the Auburn Hills Police Department. "(The) administration feels the revenue is not substantial enough to offset the staffing and upkeep of EMVAT," he said.

EMVAT runs Monday through Friday, except on holidays, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and will assist motorists if they call Public Safety at 370-3331.

Public Safety is in the process of purchasing a new radar gun for timing car speeds.

Gilroy said the present radar units can't be certified in court because they have tightened procedure on old radar units.

"We use our radars as a mode and then normally rely on pacing," he said. That involves following a car and judging by certified police speedometers to determine if people are speeding, he said.

Gilroy said Public Safety will buy one of three different types of radar guns as the request is approved.

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# EDITORIAL

## Voting privileges should be utilized

It's that time of the year: the leaves are falling fast while the political flyers and signs are popping up even faster. A person can't watch television without seeing an advertisement for at least one candidate running for office. Newspapers carry polls telling which candidate has the lead, and they run stories on mud-slinging campaigns sinking to new lows in taste.

Democracy in America.

Even OU can't escape the syndrome: posters for the presidential candidates are plastered over bulletin boards everywhere on campus, each one explaining why he or she deserves to be elected.

Democracy on the university level.

All the hoopla can grate on one's nerves after a while, until all the slogans, all the issues begin to sound alike. It's a bit overwhelming, especially as the election date approaches.

The big "who cares" attitude looks more and more inviting; for college students, this is an easier trap to fall in to than for most others. It's hard to keep up with current events when classes, exams, papers and studying seem more real and of more immediate importance.

Why take the time to vote?

In the words of Mark Twain, "... all political power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority and instituted for their benefit; and that they have at all times an undeniable and indefeasible right to alter their form of government in such a manner as they think expedient."

A vote is voice, and if we choose not to vote, we are choosing to remain silent. We're also throwing away years of struggle to earn that vote.

Perhaps because we have the right to vote, we don't understand what a precious commodity it is. To many people in the world, having a voice in the government is an unheard of occurrence. We Americans take voting for granted and we shouldn't.

No matter how sick we get of hearing the same empty promises, we should never use that as an excuse to not vote. That's apathy and laziness at its worst. As students or faculty and staff of an institution of higher education, we should be expected to vote. In the pursuit of knowledge, it follows that we should be more interested in world and national affairs; at least enough to get to the polls and support the candidate who most closely reflects our beliefs, be they democrat, republican, socialist, independent or other.

There's enough time left before the voting booths open next week to read the papers, listen to the news and choose a candidate, or decide which way to vote on any number of issues. Take the time to care, if not for oneself, then for the people who struggled to get that vote and who had the sense to use it.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Extravagant presidential home absurd misuse of school funds

Dear Editor,

It seems like just yesterday when we were reading in the *Sail* about how the university was spending thousands and thousands of dollars to redecorate Sunset Terrace to suit the tastes of our then incoming President Champagne. The expenditure seemed an outrage to many of us; but we grudgingly accepted it as perhaps an appropriate gesture of goodwill toward our new leader.

Now we are told all that expense at Sunset Terrace has been flushed down the drain and that the university has shelled out another \$240,000 for another home to support our president in the style to which he has apparently become very much accustomed. To put value on that figure, we might note that it could pay a year's salary for 10 new full-time faculty members in Arts and Sciences or provide 120 additional sections taught by part-time people.

Students and faculty who have had to cope with ridiculously large general education classes and students who are closed out of course after course at registration have more than a little reason to grumble at the president's personal extravagance.

Of course, the instructional budget seems one of the last places to which money filters down at OU; but, whether or not

the money would be spent in more productive ways, the principle remains that the expenditures we are asked to make to support President Champagne's lifestyle are outrageous.

In addition to luxury housing, the president is provided with a housekeeper and a car at our expense. He also has utilities and other expenses paid by the university and makes free use of university maintenance and grounds personnel for his own household needs. And, of course, all of this is on top of an already generous expense account and salary (which was increased substantially last year.)

Many Oakland students come from hard-working families, and many must work to support themselves while attending the university. Many faculty and staff

must survive on very modest incomes; and we all have to pay our own living expenses. In the face of all this, the extravagant expenditures that we are asked to support President Champagne are absurd. The president himself should have the good sense to present a more modest image to a community such as ours. Since he obviously doesn't, the Board of Trustees should have the good sense to curb his extravagance.

As it is, we can only wonder at the values and priorities of our president and speculate about what other kinds of extravagances we and the taxpayers are supporting.

Sincerely,

David Mascitelli

Associate Professor of English

## Physics department wants accurate science reporting

Dear Editor,

For the second week in a row, the *Sail* has published an article concerning the physics department containing a number of grievous errors. The article, under the headline "Students monitor crash tests" by Anita Fitch errs in the following ways:

1. Our senior students, Bruce Silver and Bill MacIntyre, are not

involved in any way with crash testing nor with the development of distortion-free wide-angle lenses. Their work, which they are accomplishing in a beautiful and ingenious way, is limited to characterizing the results of crash tests conducted by Chrysler Corporation engineers.

2. The properties of a lens can be described by (among other things) the Nodal Planes (not "Nodle" Planes as described in Fitch's article). The Nodal Planes are a pair of conjugated planes (not lines) which are outside the lens (not in the lens).

3. Silver and MacIntyre are supervised in this project by Robert Williamson, professor of physics, not Joanne Williams, assistant professor of medical lab science. (Interestingly there is a J. Lynne Williams who is associate professor of medical lab science; she may be known to Fitch, but not to Silver and MacIntyre.) Thus, it is Professor Williamson who is the recipient of a Chrysler Challenge grant. Clarence Bennett provided assistance to the project not only as a "resident electronics expert" but, more importantly, in his role as physics department electronics shop manager.

Please do not conclude from this second letter in two weeks the physics department has any ill will toward the *Sail*. We do expect, however, the same accuracy in reporting science and technology stories as in any other stories. We would be delighted to assist reporters in developing "scientific literacy" by enrolling them in one of our introductory physics courses (several of which carry general education credit).

Sincerely,

Norman Tepley

Professor and Chairman  
Department of Physics

## Casualty count growing in battle of computers

Judging by the number of comments and rumors circulating concerning Multics -- and their zealous presentation -- it is clear that Oakland University is again approaching a computing crisis. As usual, there are opposing forces of "good" and "evil," amply supplied with ammunition of "facts" and "myths." The battle lines have been drawn, and the call has gone out for warriors to profess allegiance and join the battle.

For the aid of the spectators, I have composed a scorecard: In one corner we have the Computing Center Staff defending the righteous virtue of the (aging) maiden Multics. In this corner, carrying the tweed banner, we have a few bombastic business professors touting the upstart challenger VAX. In this corner, wearing multicolored apples on their chests, we have a diverse collection of Personal Computer users clamoring for more. In the corner with the big blue banner, we have the "others," mostly quarreling amongst themselves. And in the corner flying the banner of Cray, we have the super-computer proponents. How many corners does this battlefield have?

The battle has begun! The jousting is fierce and passionate,

the (s)word play thick and deadly. The casualty count increases steadily. So come along, don't be shy. Join the fray -- learn the battle cries: "Long live the maiden!" "Power to the users!" "Death to the infidels!" It's a battle to the death, and none shall waver until victory is declared.

Wait a minute. Who's going to declare victory? Each of the standing warriors? The great computer gods?

Who's in charge here, anyway?

Gerald V. Post

Assistant Professor of MIS  
Past chair, Academic Computing Committee

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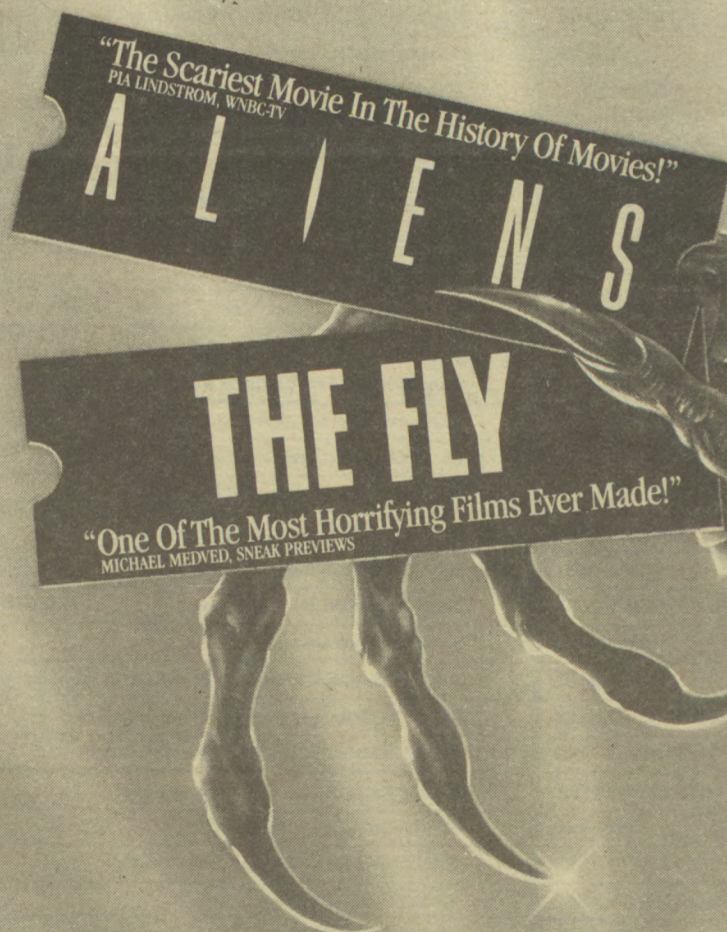
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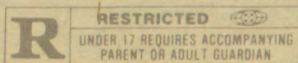
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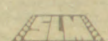
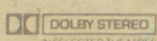
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# FEATURES

## Greenhouse is treasure; rich in history, tradition

BY WENDY WENDLAND  
Features Editor

Oakland University has a treasure box of unusual buildings on campus, many left over from its glamorous Meadow Brook Hall days, that appear to be relatively unknown.

One of these gems, rich in history and tradition, is the campus greenhouse.

Built in 1914, the original purpose of the six room structure was to supply the Dodges with various plants and flowers.

Today the building, located next to the Dodge Farmhouse and Katke-Cousins Golf Course, supplies the university with much of its flowers and furnishes plants for special events, like the president's dinner.

The University's only full time greenhouse employee is John Wendland, groundskeeper, a colorful character with a passion for geraniums that earned him the nickname geranium cowboy.

Dressed in a Yosemite Sam tee-shirt with the cartoon character holding geraniums instead of guns, Wendland is a country Western buff. With his numerous cowboy hats, each also containing geranium slogans, Wendland said much of his plant's success is from listening to country music.

One of the greenhouse's rooms is filled with some 100 varieties of geraniums, all part of Wendland's collection. Varying in sizes, colors and textures, the plants are growing in everything from pots to rocks to moss covered sticks.

Many of the plants have scented leaves, with fragrances

ranging from lemon to nutmeg to peppermint or apple.

Another novelty is the greenhouse's tropical room. Complete with a pond and goldfish, the room, which has a ceiling approximately 18 feet high, is overflowing with vast vegetation. Much of the plants are from Matilda Wilson's, Oakland University's founder, collection.

A 65-year-old Jade tree, one of the Wilson's originals, is in this room. There's also a grapefruit tree that sprung from a seed Jan O'Dowd, former Oakland University president Donald O'Dowd's wife, found in her grapefruit one morning.

Wendland said O'Dowd gave him the seed and asked him if he could plant it. Before the O'Dowd's left Wendland gave them a dish of grapefruit grown from their seed.

Today the 15-year-old plant no longer bears fruit, but Wendland said he's working on it.

In the East Wing of the greenhouse is a prickly pear cactus that is also from Wilson's collection. The cactus is only supposed to bloom once a year, but thanks to Wendland's green thumb, the plant is always in bloom.

Wendland may be the greenhouse's only full time employee, but he does get some help. Wendland has one student aide year round, and usually has a couple in the summertime. He also gets help from volunteers.

"Without them (the volunteers) this (the greenhouse) wouldn't be here today," said Wendland.

Volunteers, often people from local garden clubs, gave some 1,500 hours of work to the greenhouse last year.

Al Nordheden, director of horticulture and landscape design and architecture supervisor, said the greenhouse is generally self-supporting. University funds pay for Wendland's salary, but the greenhouse earns money for new seeds and materials from plant sales.

"The money earned (from plant sales and fund raisers) produces the flowers on campus," said Nordheden. "There is no costs to the university (although) it does pay the utilities."

The greenhouse, which will hold its plant sale during Meadow Brook Hall's annual Christmas walk in December, is open daily.

If interested in the building call 370-4510 for a weekday appointment, or stop by Sunday between 1 and 6 p.m. Tours are free with a student id.



The Oakland Sail/Peter Banks  
Groundskeeper John Wendland, otherwise known as the geranium cowboy, is Oakland's only full time greenhouse employee.

## Blood drive aims for 700 pints

BY JOHN HEINEY  
Staff Writer

It's blood-drive time again and if Oakland reaches its goal, 700 pints of blood will be gathered between Monday and Wednesday.

While a "Be nice to me, I gave blood today" sticker marks the end of the blood donating process for most students, staff and

faculty, it's just the beginning of comprehensive process for the Red Cross blood banks.

Within two hours after donation the blood is delivered to the blood bank in Detroit that serves the six county metro area, according to Frank Bahorski, the bank's assistant technical director.

Here technicians have three hours to separate and prepare the several blood components before

deterioration. Almost all blood is separated to allow maximum use of every blood unit.

"If you can make blood components . . . you make one donation effective for up to three patients," Bahorski said.

For instance, when someone is operated on they may only need red blood cells. By having the blood separated by plasma, platelets, etc., it can be used for

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The Oakland Sail/Gary Lewis  
The Society of Automotive Engineers coordinated the National Collegiate Driving Championships, held in the Dodge Hall overflow lot last Monday and Tuesday. Some 408 students test drove a Dodge Daytona Turbo Z around an obstacle course.

## Precision, speed wins test drive for student

BY MATT ANSTET  
Staff Writer

Precision and speed were the key elements of last week's national Collegiate Driving Championships held in the Dodge Hall overflow lot.

Coordinated by the Society of Automotive Engineers, students could test drive a Dodge Daytona Turbo Z around an obstacle course last Monday and Tuesday.

Oakland attracted the second largest turnout in the nation with 408 participants.

Sophomore Neil Childs had the best time with 16.39 seconds and won an all expense paid trip to the Grand Finals in Daytona Beach, Florida. There he will

compete for \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 worth of scholarship money and the use of a Dodge Daytona Turbo Z for one year.

By taking first place at OU Childs won a luggage bag, wallet, Goodyear hat, leather driving gloves and a stopwatch.

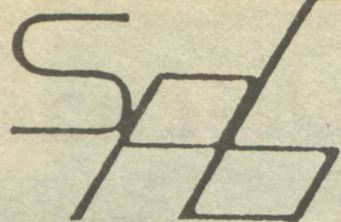
"(I'm) extremely excited to say the least," said Childs. "I was kind of surprised because there were a lot of good drivers out there."

Neil said his decision to compete was spontaneous.

"I've always liked nice cars and fast cars," he said, "so I thought I'd see what I could do."

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# Forensics team displays winning material

BY STEPHEN PAGNANI  
Staff Writer

Members of the award winning forensics team presented a variety of national award winning speeches and skits last Tuesday in Varner Hall.

The program, first of three scheduled for this year, was to demonstrate what the forensics team is doing and has been doing, said Kathryn Rhadigan, faculty advisor to the team.

The team placed 7th among 118 colleges and universities at the 16th annual National Forensics Association Tournament in Bloomsbury, Pennsylvania last spring.

Dillon said Oakland's high standing in the National Tournament was especially significant because many of the other schools had much larger teams.

This year Oakland's forensics team has about 25 members.

The first presentation, a speech given by Thomas Zizka, placed 8th out of 300 at the national tournament.

Zizka presented an informative piece on fireworks. He covered their invention, use and

place in societies throughout history.

Kelley Dillon, president of the team, followed Zizka's speech with a prose interpretation.

Taken from *When I was a Child*, by Lillian Smith, the reading was centered on life in the Old South.

Dillon sensitively portrayed the hardships of segregation. Dillon played a child who was raised believing she should love all people and is then told she cannot play with another child because of that child's race.

The next speech, given by Leeaundra Preuss, placed 10th in the nation. Preuss demonstrated the lack of global knowledge among Americans, and argued in favor of increasing educational requirements for students.

The United States is the only country in the world where a student can graduate from college without being fluent in at least one other language, Preuss told the audience. She also cited an estimated \$173 billion loss in potential business because American companies lack the people qualified to work in other

countries.

Robyn Schultz and Dillon then presented an act from the play *Taken in Marriage*, by Thomas Babe. The sequence was expressively performed facing the audience to give the viewer full impact of facial expressions. The scene involved two sisters, one about to be married, who have not yet resolved family differences and childhood disputes.

Zizka gave the final speech which won first place in every competition except the state and national tournaments.

A reading and interpretation based on the deathbed writings of Ludwig Von Beethoven, Zizka passionately depicted the turmoil that the composer must have gone through in accepting his deafness.

Finding materials is probably

the hardest part of the presentations, Dillon said.

"We are always looking for new ideas," she said.

"Our goal right now is to take first place at the state tournament next April," Dillon said.

She added that Oakland won first place four years ago and has placed in the top four every year since.

## Professor gets inside look at Japanese life

BY ALISA NASS  
Staff Writer

Nagoya, Japan was the setting of a scientific and cultural exchange for Sheldon Gordon, assistant professor of biological sciences.

The Seventh International Congress for Eye Research invited Gordon to a symposium for his research on the corneal endothelium from Sept. 22 until Oct. 1.

Gordon has researched the mechanisms by which tissues repair themselves after an injury at Oakland since 1982. His research is federally funded by a National Eye Institute grant.

While Gordon was in Nagoya with his wife, Andrea, he made lots of cultural observations. Nagoya has a population of 2.5 million which supports several universities.

"The Japanese have pride both individually and in their country," said Gordon.

Gordon said his general impressions of Japan were ones of cleanliness, low crime, friendliness and honesty.

"Trains were right on time. If you were late by 30 seconds you missed your train," said Gordon. Gordon added the stations were clean and the cars free of graffiti.

Late at night you would find women alone and other people using the subway with no fear of crime said Gordon.

Another interesting feature of

the subway was the fare adjustment booths, said Gordon. If someone was uncertain of the fare that person would put in the minimum amount. After getting off people would pay for any extra time at the adjustment booths.

Dress was essentially western with only a few women wearing the traditional kimonos said Gordon. Men, however, generally wore suits of their choice.

"Everywhere you ate you received a hot towel for wiping your hands and face prior to eating," said Gordon. "Most restaurants don't expect Westerners to eat with chopsticks and so without asking they give you silverware and are surprised when you ask for chopsticks."

Tipping, prevalent in American society is not common practice in Japan. The Japanese consider their service part of their jobs said Gordon.

Bowing is an important form of politeness which the Japanese extend among themselves as well as to foreigners. On newscasts the commentators will routinely bow their head to the audience before and after the program.

Japan still leans toward a regimented society with school children usually dressed in uniforms said Gordon. Older children tended to be in groups of the same gender he said.

The friendliness, cleanliness, low crime and food makes Japan an ideal country to visit said Gordon.

## Rockin' for Jesus



The Oakland Sail/Greg Winay  
The Azusa Street Band, a Christian music group, played in the Oakland Center Crockery last Wednesday night. The band was sponsored by Deeper Life, a Christian organization on campus.

## Blood

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more than one patient said Bahorski.

A sample of all donated blood is tested for disease, blood type and RH factor. The test results are automatically entered into the blood bank's computer records.

Precautions are taken to ensure the safety of the blood donor and recipient. The blood bank has a lab dedicated solely to quality control. Everything is monitored here, from freezer temperatures to blood purity.

After going through all of the above processes, the blood is labeled, stored or shipped for an emergency. Red blood cells last for 40 days in refrigeration, while frozen plasma can last up to a year.

Especially rare types of blood can be frozen for later use if treated with a glycerol that acts as an anti-freeze for the cells.

The bank makes two daily hospital deliveries. If a hospital requires an extremely rare blood, the bank can locate and send it. Rare blood is often delivered all over the world.

With the decline in the number of factories in the area,

the Red Cross is relying more heavily on schools for group donations. High schools and universities are responsible for 10 to 20 percent of the donated blood, said Bahorski.

Bahorski said there is a chronic shortage of blood. He said one reason for this is the fear of con-

tacting a disease while donating it. Bahorski said the process is completely sterile and the threat of contacting a disease is no greater than being operated on.

The Detroit blood bank handles 1,000 units of blood each day.

## Alcohol Awareness Week brought variety of events

Hamburger tasting and breathalyzer tests were all part of the activities last week when Oakland participated in the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness week.

Noon lectures were held Monday thru Friday to educate students on the hazards of alcoholism.

Some of the highlighted activities included the create a cooler night on Monday and the breathalyzer demonstration on Tuesday.

On Friday eight students taste-tested hamburgers from Elias Brothers, McDonalds and Oakland University's own Saga.

The students, who were recruited from the Fireside Lounge, filled out a questionnaire voting for each burger on a scale from one to three.

Elias Brothers won first place, second place went to Saga and third place went to McDonalds.

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week was sponsored by Area Hall Council, Association of Black Students, CIPO Programs, Commuter Council, Graham Health Center, Residence Halls Programming and the Student Program Board.

-Jim Falvo and Peter Banks contributed to this report



## Car

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While S.A.E. coordinated the event, the Chrysler Corporation, Goodyear, National Highway Traffic and Safety Commission and the National Safety Council sponsored it.

Al Alvarez, president of the S.A.E., said Oakland was chosen for the national event because of increased membership in the S.A.E. which has grown from three to 78.

The theme of the test drive was alcohol awareness and automotive safety.

Students were allowed one practice run and one timed lap. One second was added to a

driver's time for each pylon he or she knocked over.

The test driven car was locked in first gear and could only reach 25 miles per hour. Other safety precautions included a remote control kill switch, helmets and safety restraints.

"People had a lot of fun," said Alvarez. Alvarez ran the course in 19.72 seconds.

When asked if the event will be held next year Alvarez said, "Definitely, with a lot greater success."

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# Singer Nancy Vogl performs at Barn

BY NATALIE OLSEN  
Staff Writer

Singer/songwriter Nancy Vogl brought her tales of love and hardship to the Barn Theatre last Thursday night.

The show, produced by CoffeeHouse Productions, was the fifth stop of Vogl's three week tour of various Midwest cities and college campuses.

Her melodies focused on everything from love to children

themes. Her repertoire also included several protest songs such as *O America*, a song about mining camps in the early 1900s and *3 Mile Run*, a tale of three women protesters who died within the past 10 years.

Vogl has been touring on the college circuit since 1974, first as a member of a feminist touring band, then solo.

Vogl said she considers herself an art form that emerged from the women's movement.

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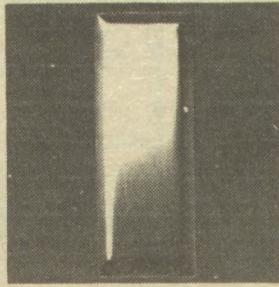
In the Oct. 20th Open Mike Night article, Jim Prehn was mistakenly stated as being a SPB chairman instead of an SAB chairman.

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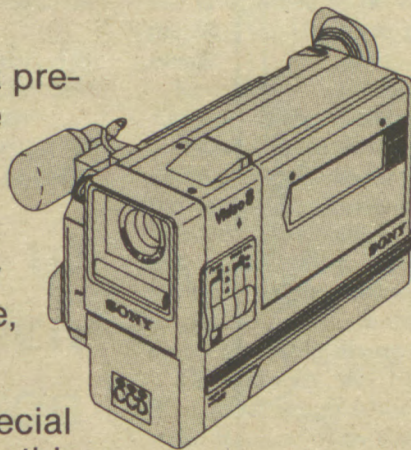
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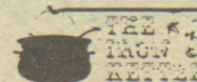
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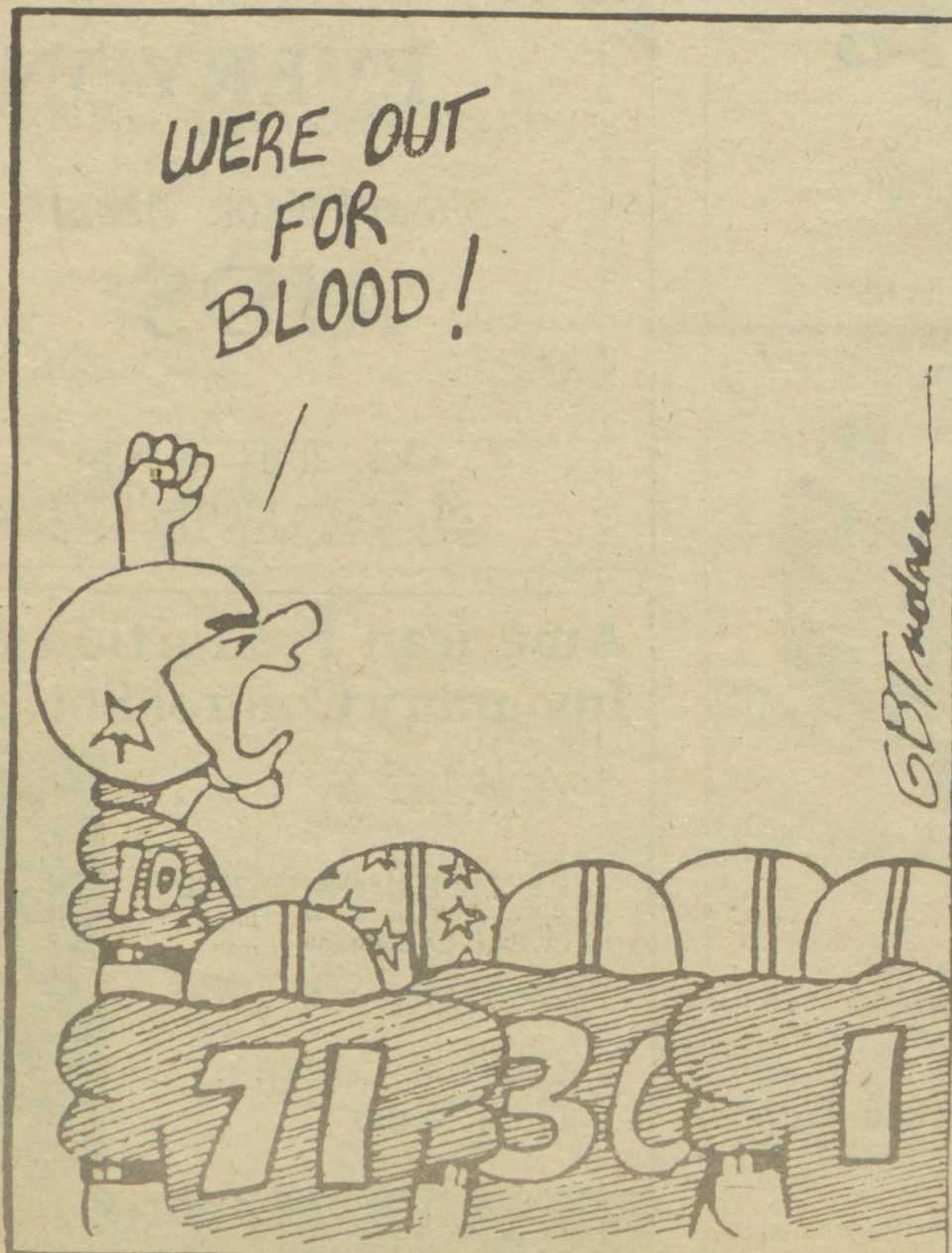
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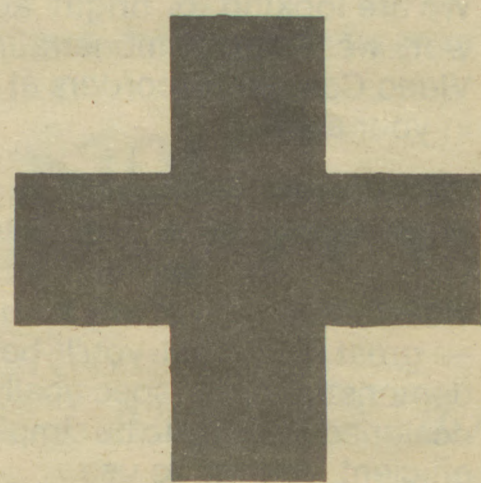
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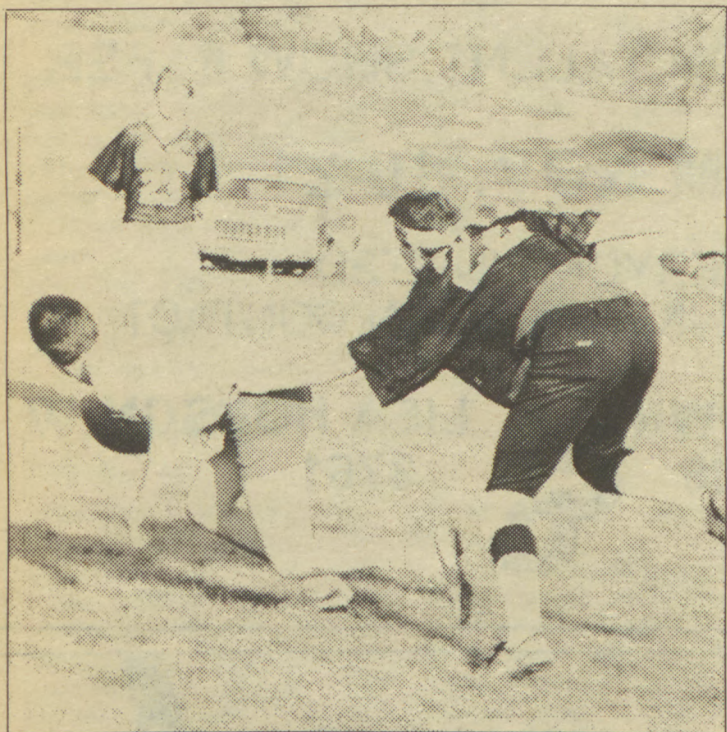
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Team Budweiser and the Trim battle for the intramural championship Tuesday. Team Budweiser won in double overtime 20-14. They squeaked by Jaws in the playoffs Monday in triple overtime.

## Athletic Department allocated over \$856,000 for 1986-87 year

BY ROBERT RAIBLE  
Sports Editor

(This is the first part of a two-part series.)

The Athletic Department's projected total revenue for the year ending June 30, 1987 is \$856,474.

However, Athletic Director Paul Hartman, said that the actual amount might be "closer to a million," considering additional sources such as alumni gifts.

According to the budget released by the department's business manager, Ronald Forbes, total revenues are split into two funds, general and auxiliary.

The auxiliary fund consists, usually, of money that does not

come out of tax dollars.

Hartman stressed that the school's three percent rise in tuition this year did not affect the amount of money the athletic department has to work with in its budget.

"A tuition increase has nothing to do with our budget," he said.

Since the state discontinued its Full Time Equivalent program, funding for the school is no longer based on the number of students attending but instead is based on a yearly percentage increase. Thus, said Hartman, "the more students we have, the less money we have (per student)."

The athletic department's share of this year's increase will come to about \$50,000, according to Hartman.

Expenses are broken down into three broad categories: athletics administration which totals \$565,692; The Lepley Sports Center's allocation, \$227,307; and the Health Maintenance/Health Improvement Program's amount \$62,955.

Total expenses are projected to be \$855,954.

Under the athletics ad-

ministration heading, salary compensation's total expenditure is expected to be \$255,958. Hartman said the coaches' and administrators' salaries increased by about "five or six percent" across the board over last year. Using that percentage, the top five salaries are: athletic director, \$50,596; business manager, \$31,810; head basketball coach, \$32,277; women's basketball coach, \$30,730; and head swimming coach, \$28,938. Hartman jokingly admitted that not all of his staff are satisfied with their paychecks.

"The majority of our coaches feel they're underpaid," he said.

Insurance will take a fairly big bite out of the budget with a price tag of \$18,000.

Oakland has 11 varsity teams, all of which will be sharing a total of \$129,432, allocated on the basis of certain needs said Hartman. The largest piece of the pie will go to men's basketball which will use \$26,000 on such things as officials' salaries and travel expenses. Women's basketball will receive \$25,000 and men's swimming will get \$16,000. Cross country will get the smallest

(See Budget, page 15)

## NCAA Division II championship within reach of men's swim team

BY MICHAEL JORDAN  
Staff Writer

With 19 returning members and the help of coach Pete Hovland's proven recruiting talents, the Pioneer men's swimming team will have plenty of firepower to back them in their quest for a 1987 NCAA Division II Championship.

Hovland feels that he had a moderately successful recruiting year.

"It (the recruiting) was nothing like the previous year," said Hovland. "We didn't have a very big graduating class last year. I think there will be some surprises (from the freshman) this year."

Last year, the team had 10 freshmen, some of whom just

missed the qualifying standard for the Division II Nationals. The qualifying standards have been lowered in some events this year and Hovland feels that this with the fact that 10 freshmen will be returning, might make it possible for all of the returners to qualify.

"Our big thing, if we go anywhere this season, it will be because of the big group of sophomores," said Hovland.

"They (the NCAA) slowed the standards in the events (in which) we have a lot of depth. We could qualify just about the whole team."

Hovland said that Jim Surowiec and Scott Seeley could be the two key freshmen.

"If they do come through, we will be pretty good," he said.

The top returning veteran is Mark VanderMey. VanderMey, who represented the United States in the Goodwill Games this past summer, has already qualified for the NCAA Division II Nationals in the 100 and 200 breast stroke and will be defending his national title in the 100 breast.

In January, the Pioneers will be regaining the services of Jeff Colton, who took a year off from swimming. Colton was a two time national champion in the backstroke events as a freshman, and is expected to be a shot in the arm for the team in these events.

Returning senior All-Americans Mike Koleber, Steve Larson and Bruce Verburg will be a strong foundation for the team throughout the whole season.

Junior diver Mark Duff, who was a national qualifier as a freshman, will be returning after a year's absence to help the Pioneer's young diving team.

The Pioneers will be facing their usual tough schedule this year. Hovland feels that if the Pioneers can get some large crowds at their home meets this year, the team can possibly finish the dual meet season with only one to three losses. But, he also emphasizes, the team's dual meet record is no indication whatsoever of how the team will finish at nationals.

Hovland commented that the race for the second place position at nationals will be tough.

"The meet will be close, with Tampa, Cal State Northridge and us battling it out for second

(See Men's, page 15)

## Women's swimming to rely heavily on freshmen during upcoming season

BY MICHAEL JORDAN  
Staff Writer

Coach Mary Ellen Wydan will have her work cut out for her this season, taking a young but experienced team into the 1986-87 season.

With only six returning team members, the Pioneers will have to rely heavily on their nine incoming freshmen.

Freshmen Karen Helwig and Gabrielle Soupal will be backing returning All-American Nancy

Schermer in the freestyle distance events. Co-Captain Schermer was a seven time All-American last year and will be concentrating on the distance freestyle events this year.

Freshmen All-League prep swimmers Shelly Pilarski and Shelly Conley should help strengthen the team in the sprint freestyle events while receiving help from freshman Kelley Geddis.

School record holder Ginnie

(See Women's, page 15)

## Lady Pioneers surprised on road by Schoolcraft

BY H. PETER AUCHTER  
Staff Writer

On paper it looked like the women's volleyball team would have an easy week of work, but as it turned out they had their hands full with Schoolcraft Community College Thursday.

The Lady Pioneers only match of the week went the distance but they managed to hold off Schoolcraft winning, 14-16, 15-5, 12-15, 15-13 and 15-6.

That win ups the squad's overall record to 12-14 while their GLIAC mark remains at 4-6.

While the team continues to improve its play as a whole several individuals are having outstanding seasons themselves.

As of Oct. 20, senior Bridget Bohnet still leads the GLIAC stat sheets in blocking with an average of 1.86 per game. She has 36 solo blocks and 29 block assists.

Sophomore Tracey Jones stands seventh in the league with an average of 1.37 bpg. She has 22 solo blocks and 26 block assists.

Missy Ward tops the GLIAC in serving with 30 aces in 33 games which averages out to .91

per game. Sue Lormin is third with a .69 average and Anne Harrison is seventh with a .60 serving average.

Freshman setter Kelly Williams is fifth in the league in assists an average of 8.66 per game.

(See Volley, page 15)

## 3 players reach final round in tennis tourney at Northwood

BY TIM DYKE  
Staff Writer

Confidence can be an intangible key to an athlete's performance. And it was a major ingredient in helping the women's tennis team place three players in the finals at the GLIAC conference championships in Midland Friday.

League power Ferris State continued to flex its muscles by placing a person in every finals spot. With confidence flowing and team spirit at an all time high,

(See Tennis, page 15)



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## Budget

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amount, \$2,500.

The university's newest sport, baseball, will be starting from scratch and will use \$16,432.

Hartman said that the ultimate decision as to who gets what rested with him, but he said he never made his decisions without first consulting the respective coaches.

"You've got to consider the nature of the sport itself," he said. "Such things as the number of players and the number of games they will play."

Hartman also added that

because of its status as a "rallying sport," basketball received the most money.

Basketball will also receive the largest amount of scholarship money, \$54,000. The team now has 12 players on scholarships.

## Men's

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place," he said. "Cal State Bakersfield should win it. On paper, they are the superior team."

Women's basketball will use \$46,000 for such purposes and men's swimming will use \$36,200. Men's and women's tennis each will use \$3,000.

Baseball will utilize \$9,200 for its scholarships.

In early season competition, the team held their annual Gold-Black intrasquad meet on Oct. 17.

VanderMey made national qualifying times in the 100 and 200 breast stroke while anchoring the Gold team's victorious 400 freestyle relay. But this was not enough, as the Black team won 89-88. Cooper was the top swimmer for the Black team, winning the 500 and 1000 freestyle events. The 400 medley relay team of Verburg, Surowiec, Eric Dresbach and Dave Rogowski was also victorious for the Black team.

On Oct. 18, the team held an alumni meet in which the alumni won 119-118.

Hovland doubts the alumni's ethical standard in winning the meet.

"In one race, the alumni had a guy leading off that had grey hair, and at the finish, the guy all of a sudden was bald. I definitely think the meet was fixed," Hovland said.

## Tennis

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Oakland was in fourth place after Friday's matches ended and in good shape to put on a fight for second along with Lake Superior State and Wayne State.

It's a new feeling for the team to be near the top of the heap after finishing in the cellar last year, but they feel confident of their chances and were not surprised by qualifying in three final's positions.

Freshman Cindy Hitchcock continued a successful rookie campaign by qualifying at the six singles spot. But seeking the title will not be easy. She will face Ferris State's regular number five player who was moved down because of an injury in the lineup.

"I think I can do a good job," said Hitchcock, "I will just really have to concentrate."

Julia Plevnia, with new partner Shelly Schram, also looks for success at the number three doubles slot. Though unseeded when entering and having to adjust to new partners, they were not surprised by reaching the finals.

"We were confident" said Schram, "we seemed to work well together."

Adding to an already successful season at number two singles, Kris Jeffrey continued to roll by also reaching a berth in the finals. She will face Ferris State's Diane Makonnen who is 7-0 this season,

the breast stroke events and the IM events.

The Pioneers will need added depth in the relay events with the loss of seniors of Linda Scott and Kim Pogue and will have nowhere to turn but to their freshman class.

OU has a potential national champion in Lee Ann O'Neill, who was All-American in both the one and three meter boards. O'Neill will also have the task of helping OU's three freshmen divers, Nicole Kelsey, Shelly Wilson and Cathy Stafford, learn the ins and outs of Division II competition.

In past years, the team's main weakness has been lack of depth, and this year is no different. But, as in the past, with the coaching talent of Wydan and the experience the swimmers gain throughout the season, the Pioneers will most likely be in contention for another top ten finish in the NCAA Division II Championships.

out when the Zips exploded for three second half scores, including one just 46 seconds into the final half.

This week the team faces Davis & Elkins College Saturday and Alderson-Broaddus College Sunday on the road.

## Windsor downed by soccer club 3-2

BY MARC MORANIEC  
Staff Writer

The women's soccer club rallied from a 2-1 deficit to knock off the University of Windsor, 3-2.

Cheryl Saunders scored to break a 2-2 tie and give Oakland the victory. Windsor scored first, to gain control of the game early.

Oct. 11 the club traveled to Ohio to compete in the fifth annual Women's Buckeye Tournament at the campus of Ohio State in Columbus. Oakland placed 5th out of eight teams in the tournament. They lost two games and tied two others. Ohio State beat OU 3-1. Nicely scored the lone goal.

## Women's

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Johnson will be returning to lead the team in both the butterfly and breast stroke events. Freshman Shelley Steyaert, who was Catholic League champion in the 100 fly as a senior, will be providing competition for Johnson. Geddis could also help the Pioneers in this event.

The Pioneer's top returning backstroke, Kristi Spicer could have shot at qualifying for NCAA Division II nationals in both the 100 and 200 backstroke. She will be pushed by returning sophomore Anja Juges and freshman Debbie Cheney.

Along with Johnson, Helwig will also be helping the team in

## Volley

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The Lady Pioneers play at home Tuesday against GLIAC rival Saginaw Valley at 7:30 p.m. before hosting the Pioneer Invitational over the weekend.

## Soccer team blanked 4-0

## Akron zips by Pioneers

BY H. PETER AUCHTER  
Staff Writer

The men's soccer team had a tough time scoring last week — they only made one goal — but they still managed to split their two games.

The Pioneers topped Siena Heights 1-0 Oct. 19 on the road behind Marty Hagen's first half goal at the 26:36 mark. Brian Fitzgerald and Simon Mayo both had an assist on the play.

Kurt Hanus earned the shutout in goal.

Then the Pioneers visited Akron, Ohio to battle the Zips and they lost 4-0. Derek Gaffney scored two goals to lead Akron while Neil Turnbull and Shawn Docking each tallied once apiece. Gaffney also had two assists for the victors.

The Pioneers trailed by just a goal at the half but were blown

## Pep club to meet

The Pep Club will be having an informational meeting Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m.

It will be held in room 125 of the Oakland Center and is open to all those interested.

## Commentary

## Sports don't need technology

BY ROBERT RAIBLE  
Sports Editor

Imagine going to a baseball game and seeing not a human but a machine behind the plate. This machine would have an electronic eye and would emit a "beep" if a pitch was a ball and a "boop" if it was a strike. This electric umpire would be perfect in every way, and no coach could argue with its flawless decisions.

Despite this new-found accuracy, however, something would be missing from the game, a vital human element; trusting the umpire to make honest, correct calls. To take that part of the game away would be a tragedy. Likewise, football needs the 'human element.'

Pete Rozelle, the NFL football commissioner, told an owners' meeting two weeks ago that the instant-replay rule might not be used next year. Good.

Sure, the instant-replay rule, it could be argued, is a technological improvement but who said technology is always good. Even though some officials do make mistakes, they hardly make enough to warrant the intrusion of electronic officials into the game.

People go to sporting events to get away from their everyday world of hustle and bustle technology. They want to see some old-fashioned competition, and they like to boo at stupid refs or blind umpires. They can't do that to a computer.

Technology has slowly crept into the world of sports. Most people will say this is good. I say it's not.

Besides the instant-replay rule, here are two more examples of modern day mess-ups:

Astroturf. Ever since the time of the first Olympics, competition has taken place on good old ground. Why does football, and worse yet, baseball, have to be played on plastic now-a-days? Are the owners afraid their players' uniforms might get a little dirty?

Domed stadiums are other "improvements" that do not improve the game. Sure, sitting on metal bleachers in the snow isn't exactly a barrel of laughs, but just imagine watching a University of Michigan game in the Silverdome... boring!

I'll take the cold and wind anytime. The crisp air of an Ann Arbor fall is ten times better than the combination body odor/cigarette smoke wafting around in the "dome." Also, hotdogs don't taste as good with tons of fiberglass overhead.

So all you owners out there, if you really want to improve the game for the millions of fans around the country, don't change a thing, we like it just the way it is.

## Player-of-the-Week

## Mikael Carlstrom

The defenseman from Springfield Technical Community College in Massachusetts was an All-Regional choice while going to that school.

The 26-year-old sophomore is

originally from Perstorp, Sweden and played for a soccer club there.

For his fine defensive efforts this past week, Carlstrom is the *Sail's* Player-of-the-Week.

## Fencing Tournament results

On Oct. 19 the Fencing Club hosted a tournament at Lepley Sports Center. Here are the results.

| Men's Foil     | w-l | comments         |
|----------------|-----|------------------|
| Erin Stileski  | 5-5 | semifinals       |
| Mark Rudnicki  | 5-5 | semifinals       |
| Darren Mallard | 2-3 |                  |
| Paul Franklin  | 1-4 |                  |
| Todd Dressel   | 0-5 |                  |
| Men's Epee     |     |                  |
| Tom Decker     | 8-6 | 3rd place trophy |
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