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Greek Organization members speak out against last week's *Post* coverage of an alleged hazing incident by the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

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Fraternity suspended for hazing

Informer not recognized as official member

By SALLY TATO
News Editor

Following allegations of hazing, Phi Beta Sigma and its members were suspended by its National office. OU has yet to set a date for a hearing that will determine the future of the chapter on campus.

According to Phi Beta Sigma Regional Director Arnald Beckwith, chapter members must go before a grievance committee at the regional conference in Cleveland next month to answer charges of hazing.

However, only two of the chapter's three members will have to explain themselves at the conference.

Kenneth Briggs, the member who reported the hazing incident to OU police, is not a processed member and is not officially recognized by the National office, according to Beckwith. He said Briggs has not filled out the necessary paperwork and paid the membership fee since joining in 1994. So any sanctions placed against the chapter will not include him.

Briggs confirmed that he had never turned in his paperwork.

Beckwith discovered the omission after *The Oakland Post* requested verification of a statement by Briggs that a regional officer called him last Thursday and told him that "he was no longer a Sigma" because he spoke out on hazing for two articles that the *Post* ran on April 3.

When asked to confirm this, Beckwith said he had not taken those

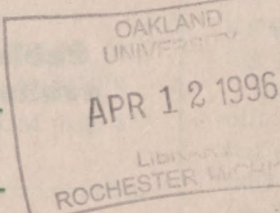
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"I don't want this to be a thing about Kenneth Briggs. I want this to inform people about the wrongness, the serious nature of hazing."

Kenneth Briggs

Spoke out against hazing incidents in Phi Beta Sigma



ARAMARK targets OC Crockery for food court



Post Photo/Ian Houston

MARRIOTT SERVICE: The OU community will satisfy their appetites at a food court instead of JWs this fall.

Food court nabs space for events

By ERICA BLAKE
Editor In Chief

The Meeting of the Minds conference, which is being hosted by OU this May, will be spread all over campus due to lack of space created by the remodeling of the Oakland Center Crockery into a new food court this spring.

Pending approval at the April 11 Board of Trustees meeting, ARAMARK food service will move onto campus this spring, installing a food court in the Crockery, inadvertently, creating a disruption in planned

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Marriott workers face job relocations

By HEIDI HEDQUIST
Assistant Features Editor

Many Marriott workers may be looking for new work later this year when a new company takes over as OU's food service.

The company, ARAMARK, is planning to offer Marriott workers jobs, but the concern is whether or not workers will be paid less for the same positions.

"I worked for them (ARAMARK) for six years. I enjoyed working for the company but they couldn't give me a raise which I had needed," said Brenda Sackrider, Marriott cashier.

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Close race for OUSC president; Landsberg wins

Increased campaigning led to high voter turnout at this year's Student Congress elections

By JAIME SHELTON
Staff Writer

A former student liaison to the OU Board of Trustees captured 435 votes in last week's Student Congress election to win the hotly contested three way race for president by a narrow margin of 86 votes.

A record number of 1,027 votes were cast, though only 986 students actually voted in the presidential race (numbers are higher since more voted on the referendum questions). Outgoing Congress President Rayissa Slywka attributed the higher than normal voter turnout to the amount of campaigning by the candidates and help from the election staff.

Garrick Landsberg, a senior in history, and his running mate, Carla Sabbagh, a sophomore majoring in psychology and Spanish, were officially named president and vice president Friday after the Elections Validation Committee dismissed five charges of campaign violations lodged by opponents Brad Perry and Barry Gray, as well as Congress member Matt Karrandja.

The Perry and Gray team earned 349 votes and the team of Angela Dodson and David Lingholm received 202 votes.

Allegations against Landsberg and Sabbagh included:

- copyright and trademark infringement
- changing campaigning policies without notification or approval of the Elections Commission or Student Congress
- wearing endorsement T-shirts within 100 feet of the ballot box
- campaigning in the hallway where the Student Congress and Student Program Board offices are located
- violating campaign guidelines and procedure

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Paige to pay back stolen funds

Judge sentences former OU secretary to jail; probation for embezzling \$41,777

By IAN HOUSTON
Photo Editor

Former OU secretary Mary Paige is currently serving her fifth day in Oakland County Jail after being sentenced April 1 on four felony counts of embezzlement from Graham Health Center's Counseling Center.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Barry Howard sentenced Paige to one year in jail with five years probation.

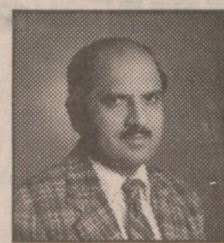
Friday, Paige will be released to the probation division's tether program where she will be confined to her house for the remainder of the sentence.

"The tether program is ordered by the judge in lieu of jail," said Oakland County Probation Supervisor, Bill Elsenheimer.

According to Elsenheimer, when individuals are put on the tether program, they are monitored 24 hours a day via an electronic bracelet that they wear around their ankle.

Additionally, Paige also required to make restitution of the \$45,166 found

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Rasul Chaudhry

An arbitrator was called in to settle a dispute over Chaudhry's suspension from OU in November, 1994. Chaudhry was suspended without pay and benefits until Aug. 15, 1995.

Chaudhry, OU still await decision

By SUE YAX
Features Editor

Though Associate Professor of Biological Sciences G. Rasul Chaudhry has been back on campus since September, the fight over his nine month suspension without pay last year and other restrictions is still in an arbitrator's hands.

His arbitration hearing was completed in January, but the arbitrator has yet to rule.

"It's up to the arbitrator as to when we hear from

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Results of Referendum Questions:

The following referendum questions passed...

- Would you like to increase the amount that the Student Program Board automatically receives from 20% to 30%?
- Would you like to increase WXOU's automatic allocation from 8% to 10% contingent upon them going FM?
- Would you like to require all automatically funded organizations to submit an expense account to the Student Congress President within four weeks of the end of each fiscal quarter?
- Would you support the creation of an endowment fund for special projects?

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CAMPUS

Four referendum questions passed Students reject two proposals; approve others



Rayissa Slywka

Congress President Rayissa Slywka said that the some of the questions, like SPB and Forensics, need further looking into. She thinks that more discussion may have yielded a better alternative for those organizations.

By JAIME SHELTON
Staff Writer

Student Program Board should get an extra 10%, Forensics will keep its current 4% funding, WXOU may receive an increase of 2%, and Student Life Lecture Board will not receive automatic Congress allocations, says those students who voted in the Student Congress elections.

The final decision, however, lies in the hands of the Board of Trustees who will put this to a vote in *

Four out of six referendum questions to increase or redistribute Congress allocations passed last week, some by only a few votes.

The referendum question regarding the Forensics Team funding to fall under the

Student Program Board (SPB) guidelines failed by only 14 votes.

Forensics team President Jeff Zinger said that he is happy with the outcome which will keep the Forensics team's outright allocations at 4% of the Student Activity Fee.

"Half of me is relieved and half of me is excited that the student body supported us. This renewed my faith in the student body," said Zinger.

SPB also received support from voters. SPB Chair Kelly Schehr said that currently the organization receives 20% of the Student Activity Fee, but often appeals to Congress for additional funding. Now with a 10% increase, SPB will be able to know exactly how much money it will be receiving to recruit entertainers.

"We will keep operating as we have been. We're not working with any 'extra money'. We ended up with the same amount as usual," said Schehr, explaining that in years past the group would have to seek additional funds anyways.

The SPB referendum question passed with only 30 votes to spare. With such a narrow margin, Congress President Rayissa Slywka said that the some of the questions, like SPB and Forensics, need further looking into. Because the student body was almost split on some of the issues, she thinks that more discussion may have yielded a better alternative for those organizations.

Though some issues barely passed or failed, 521 students favored increasing

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Sally Tato

Differentiating between the wrong and right

Pure hypocrisy.

Kenneth Briggs said he received a phone call suspending him from his fraternity Phi Beta Sigma for speaking out last week about a hazing incident in his chapter.

I believe that the National office has a zero-tolerance for hazing. However, that mentality may not have yet filtered down to the fraternity.

Sometimes pride overrules sensibility, officials explain. In other words, chapter members may disagree with hazing, but it's the stance of solidarity, secrecy and brotherhood that takes precedence.

Still, although that behavior might be expected from college students, it's unfortunate that any chapter officer would place a call to Briggs (or any other brother who had the courage to speak out) to advise him he was "no longer a Sigma."

In my opinion, a better Sigma is what he has proven himself.

Granted, it's tough hearing that the organization that umbrellas your friends, feelings and sometimes beliefs is under scrutiny, but unless that scrutiny will impose ill will upon the people involved, then a punishment is not deserved.

It seems that the consensus is that hazing, both mentally and physically, is wrong.

I agree.

But if the people who speak out, are punished, then who is going to follow in their footsteps?

Who is going to stand behind the forerunners, if the result of speaking out is the threat of suspension from above.

Not every Greek organization hazes, I know that.

However, some do or there wouldn't be a need to bring speakers onto campus to teach and reinforce the wrong in it all.

There wouldn't be a need for a National office to put a selective freeze on intake in order to weed out "known hazers."

There wouldn't be a need for Kenneth Briggs to have to seek police assistance in controlling hazing in his own fraternity.

There has to come a point when policies which limit speaking out are lifted. Otherwise, talk of zero-tolerance for hazing will remain that, just talk.

Kenneth Briggs avoided suspension on a technicality--it turns out he never filed his paperwork or sent in his check to the national, so it does not consider him an "official brother".

He says he will do the paperwork, if he sees an end to hazing. He hopes the change will come soon.

The truth is the many other fraternities and sororities have turned their backs on hazing.

He hopes the few hold-outs, including the remnants of Phi Beta Sigma, will join the majority and abolish hazing permanently.

Censorship in question after students trash copies of *Post*

By SALLY TATO
News Editor

In a suspected attempt to censor information in *The Oakland Post*, one or more students threw out copies of the newspaper last week.

Post staff became aware of the alleged theft when the circulation manager notified Editor In Chief Erica Blake that papers were getting picked up almost as quickly as he was setting them down.

"I thought at first that he meant students were picking them up because there was a hot topic topping the page ('Phi Beta Sigma charged with hazing'), Blake said. "It was only after I went upstairs in the OC that I realized that they were being thrown away."

Blake checked various trash bins and retrieved more than 300 issues, redistributing them throughout the building.

Blake notified Oakland University police. Lt. Mel Gilroy said the department is concerned about the matter, but the law does not have a statute forbidding this type of action.

Gilroy, however, said the incident disheartening.

"It's unfortunate. I think this is censorship at its worst," he said. "We have to be prepared to talk about things we don't agree with. In an institution of higher learning, it's important to hear opposing views."

Attorney Mark Goodman from the Student Press Law Center in Washington D.C. agreed and added that legislation forbidding this type of censorship is beginning to take root, as more college campuses experience this problem.

"This is definitely attempted censorship but beyond that, it's also a crime,"

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DJs still spinning the tunes for on-campus listeners



Post Photo/Patty Young

SPINNING THE TUNES: WXOU is still broadcasting to a small audience in the basement of the Oakland Center.

Station licensing in flux

WXOU awaits FCC decision on whether it will ever go FM

By PATTY YOUNG
Assistant Photo Editor

WXOU is still standing by awaiting a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) decision for reconsideration of the station's FM broadcasting license.

"It's just a waiting game. I hope that they expedite this process and give us a ruling on our appeal and until that time we have to operate as normal," said WXOU General Manager Lee McPherson.

Although WXOU is operating in the Oakland Center, it has

pursued an alternative solution. It has looked at renting out office space in the required perimeter established by the FCC which basically is outlined as half a mile south down Squirrel Road and as far north as Lake Orion, according to WXOU Faculty Advisor, Tom Discenna.

"We didn't find much. There's not a whole lot of office space that we could rent in that controlled area," McPherson said.

Dean of Students David Herman is aware that WXOU has gone out looking for an alternative station site but prefers that all other options be exhausted before setting all efforts in that direction.

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Stereos stolen from cars in lot

A Hamlin Hall resident parked his 1988 Ford Escort station wagon in the overflow lot on April 4 and returned a few hours later to find a window knocked out and the car's radio missing.

The student told police that he had recently bought the car and that he wasn't familiar with the make of the radio, but thought it might be a Panasonic pull-out.

He said he would try to contact the previous owner to get a more exact description; including make, model and serial number.

In a similar incident, an OU police officer was patrolling the overflow lot on the same night when he

noticed a 1993 Dodge Shadow with its rear window smashed out and the radio missing.

The officer ran a check on



the plates and contacted the owner of the car, a Hill House resident. The owner told the officer that he parked his car there a few hours before and that there

was nothing it wrong with it when he left.

A Kenwood CD/radio player, valued at \$500, was stolen.

Busted Minors

Five minors were caught with a keg of beer in a West Vandenberg elevator on April 4.

Police were called by the head resident.

The resident had heard about a party on the sixth floor of W. Vandenberg and was on his way there to see the new RA for the floor when the elevator doors opened and he caught the students.

They were issued tickets.

Power outage leaves OU, Auburn Hills in the dark

Classes were canceled, computers shut down and voice mail fell silent when OU's campus was left in darkness due to a power outage Tuesday morning.

The power failure, which lasted from 7:28 to 8:53 a.m., affected OU and its immediate surrounding area, including sections of Auburn Hills. Approximately 250 Detroit Edison customers were affected by the shut down.

"The outage was caused by a cable failure at our Rochester substation," said Scott Simons, spokesperson for Detroit Edison.

Students arriving for their 8 a.m. classes congregated in the Oakland Center to hear whether or not the power was going to be restored. Marriott served free coffee to those waiting to hear if classes would

resume.

"There was coffee made so (the power) must have been on this morning," said senior Gina Scowronek, whose morning class was canceled in Dodge Hall.

Detroit Edison crews were sent out soon after the problem was reported and besides various inconveniences, power was restored before any major problems occurred.

"We had a couple officers at the intersections controlling traffic until the road commission came out and fixed the lights," said a representative of the Auburn Hills Police Department.

Power returned back to OU's campus with no damage occurring.

--Post staff contributed to this story

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EDITOR'S VIEW

Trashing *Post* chips away at 1st Amendment

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; of abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

This is the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States.

We all know its components. Few choose to argue against the principles. However, people seem to have forgotten what these principles mean.

The Constitution is not a book of laws, instead, it is a set of rights guaranteed to every citizen and every group in this country. Clearly, it demands respect.

Last week's edition of *The Oakland Post* informed the OU community of an upsetting and unfortunate hazing incident by one of the national fraternities on campus. This incident was first reported to the police, an investigation was launched and a hearing was set for the member involved. This incident was not fabricated by the *Post*. We merely reported what had occurred.

Then the *Post* experienced what has happened at many college campuses across the country, the paper was thrown away. Apparently somebody felt threatened by the contents of the publication. These individuals evidently thought they should take it upon themselves to remedy this situation by throwing out the *Post*, (unless it was the story on International Night or perhaps phone registration which lead the unknown individuals to discard hundreds of dollars worth of newspapers).

With this action, these individuals chipped away at the foundations of the beliefs of this county: the freedom of the press.

While some people may not enjoy hearing about what goes on in the world today, the news will continue to be reported, the good as well as the bad. And, as is guaranteed by the First Amendment, everyone has the right to see or hear this information, whether or not they agree with the news judgement of the paper or station.

By trying to bar the community from the information in the *Post* last week, not only was the First Amendment jeopardized on this campus, but we came one step closer to the acceptance of censorship.

A very disturbing thought indeed.

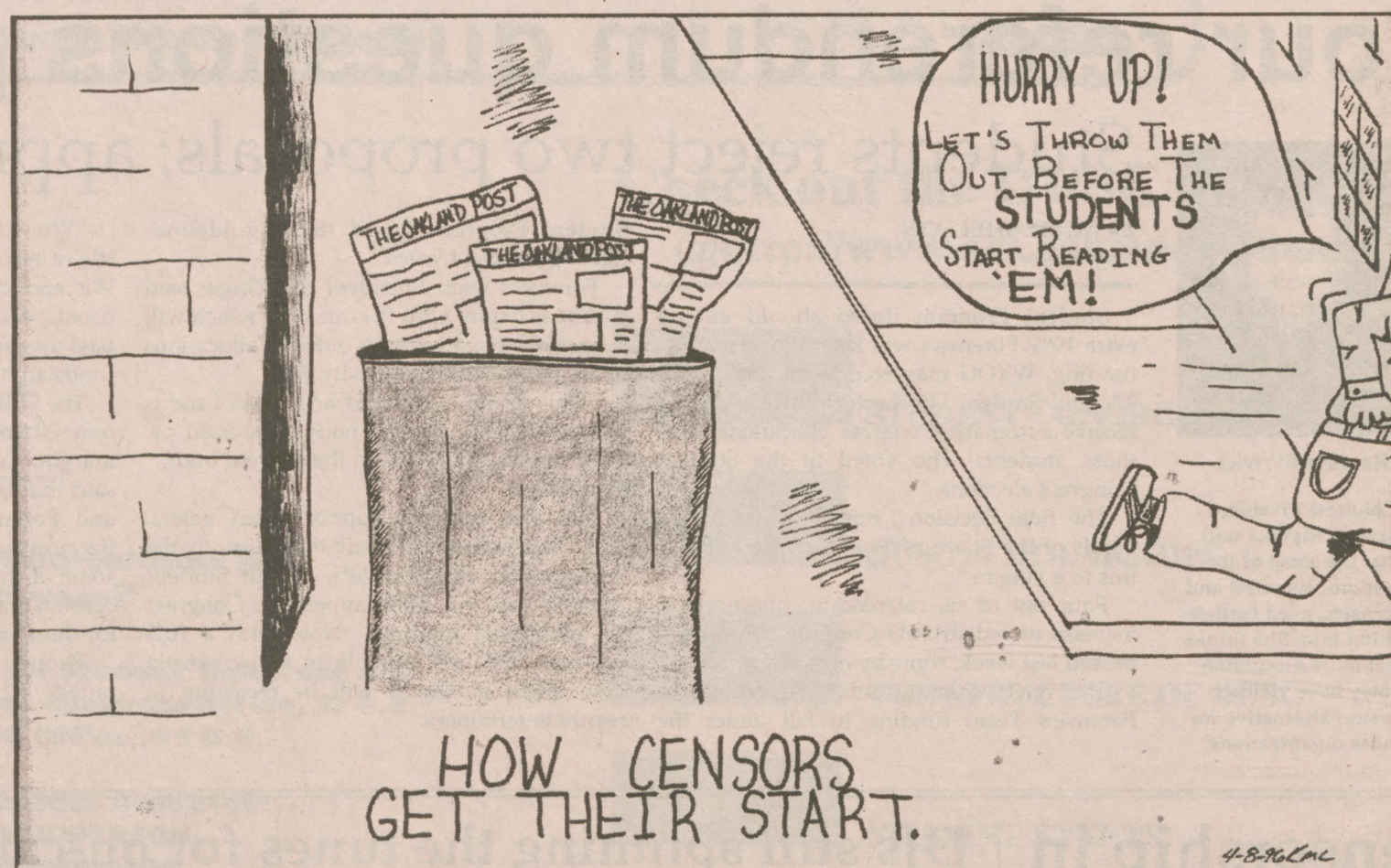
The *Oakland Post* does not sell its papers. We are not trying to shock our audience nor are we "search(ing) for a scandal." We are merely reporting the news. We are the watchdogs of this campus and are protected by the Constitution.

We are not perfect. We do make mistakes which we try to correct. We publish letters critical of our coverage. That is the essence of the free press.

Basic fundamentals like press, speech and religion are the bedrock on which this nation is founded. Those who attempt to subvert these freedoms may some day erode this foundation.

None of us can afford to allow that to happen.

OPINION



Letters to the Editor

Greek students respond to campus hazing incident

An Urge to Learn

Dear Editor,

I am writing in reaction to the numerous articles on hazing that were in *The Oakland Post* in the April 3, 1996 issue. I would like to make a few points a little clearer to the public at large about this very sensitive issue.

First and foremost, hazing was never called "initiation." They are two completely separate entities. Initiation is an esoteric ritual and usually involves some type of oath to the fraternity or sorority to exemplify the standards that the organization represents. A Greek organization's ritual is sacred and is the driving motivational force that makes the men and women of the Greek organization succeed and excel. It is what binds us to a common goal as brothers or sisters. Hazing is a cruel power trip that a member performs over a person who wants to be let into these secrets and mysteries. Hazing is about control. Hazing has nothing to do with a Greek organization's ritual of initiation. I am not so ignorant to say that hazing does not exist. It does and it is practiced. This is a very unfortunate condition and many fraternities and sororities do all that is in their power to stop it. But to say that "years ago" Greek organizations

"I encourage everyone to learn more about the Greek letter organizations on your campus and abroad."

based their common bond as brothers and sisters on a perverse control tactic such as hazing is not only wrong and ignorant, but also irresponsible seeing how such statements in the media can have a lasting effect on the public at large.

I would like to challenge the editor to produce the source of your information. Where are you authorized to say that "at one time," hazing was "the accepted norm" or that it was even called "initiation"? Since when did "everyone who knows fraternity or sorority alumni" hear "stories" about hazing? The very statement "everyone knows" is irresponsible because everybody does not know and that is where the root of the problem lies. The Editor's View is full of uniformed sweeping generalizations about the history and present condition of Greek organizations and the ignorance you demonstrate is what perpetuates incidents of hazing.

I encourage everyone to learn more about the Greek letter organizations on your campus and abroad. In fact, Wednesday, April 10, 1996 at 8 p.m. in the Hamlin Lounge of Hamlin Hall there will be a forum called "It's all Greek to Me!" on the issues facing Greek organizations today in which ALL students are welcome to attend. Also, the week of April 8-April 14 there will be several events on campus that the Greek organizations will be involved in such as a Games Day on that Wednesday afternoon and the Greek Olympics on that Sunday.

I encourage all students to learn about these issues and organizations. It is only through knowledge of the subject that we can absolve it.

Sincerely,

Gabriel Gazoul
Sigma Pi Fraternity
Junior
Philosophy / Sociology / English

Speaking Against Accusations

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the article, "Phi Beta Sigma charged with hazing" which I found to be very disturbing. I found the accusations that were brought up by Mr. Briggs to be upsetting and damaging to the other Greek organizations on campus. As a member of an African American sorority, I did not get into my sorority for the "status symbol" that Mr. Briggs stated as a reason for joining. I joined my sorority because of the things I believe that my sorority stands for, not as a way of building myself up.

There are African American fraternities and sororities such as mine, who do not believe in nor practice hazing as a way of

"making a new brother or sister" into the organization. In my opinion this article will hurt these organizations when they try to intake new members. These potential new members may feel that what has happened in one instance may happen to them. In no way am I excusing what may have happened, but I feel that Mr. Briggs should state a formal apology to the other Greek organizations for some of the statements that were made in the article.

These statements may, if they have not already, hurt and discredit the names and reputations of the African American Greek Lettered Societies that exist here at Oakland. I deeply apologize to the young man whom these things may have occurred to.

Sincerely,

Kejah Goode
President
Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc.

"As a member of an African American Sorority, I did not get into my sorority for the 'status symbol' that Mr. Briggs stated as a reason for joining."

Kudos to the Post Online

Dear Editor,

I am so happy to see that the *Post* is finally online. As an OU graduate with VERY fond memories, I will be sure to visit on a weekly basis.

I only hope that this is an official effort and that support for the online version will continue class after class.

Sincerely,

Jamie Colpean
OU alumna

The last issue of *The Oakland Post* will be on the stands next week (April 17).
Look for the paper this summer.

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Letters to the Editor

Greek speaks against hazing coverage

Attack on Post Coverage

Dear Editor,

As an active member on campus with OUSC, WXOU, SAFB and Theta Chi I was outraged by the most recent issue of the *Post*. When I picked up the paper and the first line I read included hazing I was upset to see these allegations that some Greek organizations still do these asinine practices, especially here on campus. All Greek organizations are different and all of them do different things to their members, to their new members (pledges), on their campus and in their community. However, according to *The Oakland Post*, the only thing Greeks do is haze, nobody wants to stop it and everyone is afraid to speak out on it. I'm sorry but the *Post's* search for another scandal is not there.

According to Sally Tato who has "never joined a sorority" it is "out of site, out of mind." She makes claims of the occasional speech or meeting implying that Greeks don't want the problem to go away. I'm sorry but do research before you write. If the *Post* did their homework and reported on campus news they would have written on Dave Westol, the executive director of Theta Chi, coming to campus to do his award winning "Hazing On Trial" to the Greek community. They would know that many Greek organizations have a zero tolerance rule toward hazing with strict punishments toward those found guilty.

The editor's view also throws out accusations of initiation being known as hazing. She added that EVERYONE has heard of the paddling and humiliation that is a part of initiation. I'm sorry Ms. Blake but the individuals that I've talked to describe initiation as a feeling of exhilaration and warmth from being accepted and welcomed to a lifelong friendship. My ceremony had all brothers going out of their way to make me feel comfortable and at ease, to make me feel welcome.

Ms. Blake, I would also like to address your point about Greeks facing negative publicity. When the top headline of the paper mentions hazing, the editors view deals with hazing and three other articles address hazing, how can we fight this? In some articles there was not talk of incidents or organization, but Greeks as a whole. One article (by College Press Service) was about a hazing incident at West Virginia University. I'm sorry but I don't care about WVU. If the *Post* wants to address Greek activity, talk about what is on our campus. Look at our seminars on alcohol,

"(The Post) would know that many Greek organizations have a zero tolerance rule toward hazing with strict punishments toward those found guilty."

eating disorders, diversity and hazing. Come help us at our clothing drives, when we volunteer with the special Olympics or play with abused children. Donate when we collect money for people like Tina Biggar or Lighthouse. Come to our social events, philanthropies and educational seminars, but please don't attack us for what you don't know. This may have gone over the word limit for Letters to the Editor, but please print it. Don't put a number limit on the truth.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Drouin
Theta Chi Fraternity
Sophomore
Sociology

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Guest Cartoon



OUSC Elections

Dear Editor,

The ultimate challenge was issued and the students responded by coming out in full force last week and by casting their ballots made the elections something to talk about. A few weeks ago I issued a challenge to the student body to prove me wrong and showing that the students actually care about the elections. I did not think

that a thousand students would vote but the students proved me wrong and in the end over 1025 votes were cast. To President elect Landsberg, I wish you the best of luck and for a friendly reminder that I hope you keep your campaign promises. To the voters, thank-you for saving the Forensics team. It was a close vote, decided by 14 votes, but in the end the right choice was made. To the Vice President candidate that tried to cut the Forensics team funding, now you know why you finished in a distant third. To the OUSC in years to come, please do not try to fight against the students

because in the end you will lose. Lastly, to the referendum committee and especially Dave Lingholm, I hate to say that I told you so but I told you so! Once again students of OU we scored a major victory in the election and hopefully you will make your representatives fight for your student concerns.

Sincerely,

Matthew P. Karrandja
OUSC
Junior
Communications / Finance

Space

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events.

"When I first heard about the relocation, I was not very happy with the whole process," said Mike Sevilla, who is Chair of organizing committee of the Meetings of the Minds on campus. "It's (the conference) going to work, however. We got the rooms we need."

Organizers of that event and others, who currently use the Crockery, still doubt the wisdom of converting the popular space for a food court.

Studies done by Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Jack Wilson concluded the Crockery space on the upper level of the Oakland Center would be the most profitable place to house the new food arena.

Although long awaited, some feel that the addition, however desirable, creates even more space problems for the university.

Planners say that the lower level is not as desirable for a food court and sees less student traffic.

Critics of the proposed plan argue that students and others will migrate downstairs if that's where the food court is freeing up the upper level for meeting rooms and large lectures.

"By the loss of the space

which the Crockery currently provides, students aren't going to have anywhere to have speakers come in until new areas can be built," Sevilla said. "I've expressed dismay at that, but I was told that the university has plans for coping with that in some way."

"We are losing a major space, it's too bad we can't get a replacement space sooner," said Paul Franklin, Coordinator of

Campus Programs. Franklin and the Student Life Lecture Board are responsible for bringing in speakers such as Greg Louganis, Barry Williams and Terry McMillan.

Events such as speakers which draws crowds more than 500 will be relocated to the Meadow Brook Theater, a situation which proved successful when Susan Faludi came to campus last Winter.

"There's a lot of people who are concerned about the loss of a multi-purpose space like that, and I'm sure there would be a lot of concern if a new multi-purpose room wasn't built quickly," Franklin said. "However, if we put the food court in the wrong space, it would also be a detri-

ment to this campus. We have to balance out what we need, and what the students want," he said.

The Crockery will require \$1.3 million in renovations, the least amount of any space in the OC. Once construction is complete, the area currently occupied by J.W.'s and the Hot Shoppe will be renovated into more multi-purpose rooms adding space and helping solve some of the

problems created by the construction. "It's a change," said Mary Beth Snyder, Vice President of Student Affairs. "It will be a different use of space in the building and it will require people to have

to think more flexibly and creatively about space."

While most members in the community agree the food court will benefit OU and are willing to be inconvenienced, the potential loss of some outside sponsored events continues to cause concern.

"This may effect a number of external groups that come to campus," said David Downing, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "I think these groups give us a lot of exposure that we need."

The Oakland Press, sponsors an

"Excellence in Education" banquet which has been held in the Crockery for the past four years.

"We still want to hold it at OU," said John Cusumano, senior editor of *The Oakland Press* and organizer of the banquet. "We've been really pleased and are currently working to figure something out for next year."

OC officials are confident, that with a little flexibility, everyone who has a use for a space such as the Crockery can be accommodated.

"This building is really a lot of corridors and we hope that by adding the food court we will open it up and give the students a center, a nucleus, whether they eat there or not," said Richard Fekel, director of the OC. "I hear some concerns but I really think that we'll be able to find that we can accommodate most events, not all, but we'll try to work our way around it."

General consensus among the OU community is that a food court will be a plus for students and the university, despite the problems of space which may develop until the Recreation Center is built or the OC is remodeled and a new multi-purpose room is added.

"We have to recognize what the students want and what the students need and I'm sure that the percentage of students who will benefit by the food court will outweigh the inconvenience," said Kelly Schehr, chair of Student Program Board.

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Chaudhry

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them for the decision," said Eileen Bantel, executive director of American Association of University Professors.

The arbitration hearing was expected to be completed last summer but extended into the fall semester and then into January.

"I remember thinking maybe we would have a decision by the end of February or the beginning of March, and here it is mid-April and we still don't have a decision," Bantel said.

Chaudhry's lawyer, Stephen Landau, would not comment on the arbitration.

Chaudhry was suspended November 4, 1994 for nine months without pay by former president Sandra Packard for failing to inform the University

he was working with live HIV in a multi-user laboratory.

Chaudhry, a member of the AAUP, objected to the suspension and disciplinary action which included a ban on any laboratory research work until this May.

When the dispute could not be resolved, the AAUP and Chaudhry exercised a contract clause requiring arbitration.

An arbitrator was mutually agreed on by the two sides to settle the dispute.

Sources close to the process said both OU and the AAUP added witnesses necessitating additional hearing dates. Schedules of the witnesses and the participants had to be juggled to accommodate the availability of the arbitrator, thus delaying the process until January.

Chaudhry returned to the classroom last fall.

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dures while petitioning.

Landsberg and Sabbagh already have plans for next year's Student Congress, which kicks off in the spring semester.

Landsberg said their first objective is to increase Congress publicity around campus. By holding press conferences and public forums at least twice a month, he believes the new Congress will be able to connect better to the student body.

"Congress needs to be an organization which can truly respond to student concerns," said Landsberg.

Though all students on the ballot who ran for the 15 Congress seats were successful, Landsberg is hopeful the Board of Trustees will approve an additional 10. By adding these extra positions, he believes Congress will be more diversified and better able to serve underrepresented campus groups.

"We need a Congress that is respected and represents all students," said Landsberg.

Landsberg hopes to have all cabinet applications turned in for Congress approval by the end of the Winter semester. He said that he will be looking for committed students who will be able to serve the entire year in the paid executive positions. Unlike last year, he does not want any cabinet members to resign before their term is over.

"We're going to change things around here," said Landsberg.

Besides the possibility of more Congress seats, the new president is also planning to change the meeting format.

Taking advantage of a new Congress constitution, which doesn't require Cabinet members to be present at meetings, Landsberg said he will meet with his cabinet once a week. They will not be present, however, at the Monday Student Congress meetings.

Landsberg says this will increase productivity by having just the law-making body present. Cabinet reports will be submitted in writing and not read aloud so the meetings will move faster.

In addition to internal changes, Landsberg has already met with Industry Night Club and Pike Street Restaurant owners in Pontiac to increase OU publicity off campus. Landsberg hopes to make the city a "college town" to increase OU spirit in the surrounding communities. He said that Rochester lacks a college atmosphere and that Pontiac could provide the outlet they are looking for.

"It's all in its infancy right now, but we're talking," said Landsberg.

Landsberg is also planning an "OU Night Out" which would allow student organizations to set up tables in Pontiac one Friday or Saturday night. He explained that it would be similar to OU's own Student Activities Fair. Students could also receive discounts at participating businesses.

"We definitely have the attention of the student body. Now we have to keep it," said Landsberg.

Censor

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said Goodman, who works for the Student Press Law Service.

Goodman cited examples from the University of Florida and University of Texas, where one or more students have been prosecuted for stealing free campus newspapers.

"We've heard the argument that there is no law forbidding this but are you suggesting that if I went into McDonald's everyday and took all their ketchup packets home with me so that I never had to buy ketchup that the police would not get involved and action would not be taken," Goodman questioned.

Locally, staffers at the Michigan Daily, U-M's campus

newspaper, have also encountered attempted censorship. On March 27, a student allegedly stole about 7,700 of the more than 15,000 issues distributed that day and posted signs that said the paper would not be printed, said Michigan Daily Editor In Chief Ronnie Glassberg.

Glassberg said the student said he did not agree with the newspaper's editorial critique of a minority student government party that appeared in the issue the day before.

The newspaper is looking into the possibility of filing a civil lawsuit against the student.

"I think it's equivalent to censoring a student newspaper," Glassberg said. "If they have a concern, write a letter to the editor, join the paper, start another paper."

Suspension

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actions but did admit that any of his officers could take it upon themselves to suspend a member. The final decision, however, would have to be made by Beckwith.

"I haven't taken any official action," Beckwith said Monday afternoon. "No brother would be suspended by this office for speaking out against hazing," he insisted.

Beckwith did concede, though, that chapter peers who might have been unhappy with Briggs' decision to speak out, could have recommended a suspension.

"Peers may have felt that he shouldn't have spoke out. To them, he had no right to do it," Beckwith said, reinforcing that he still had the final say in any regional suspension decision.

Things unfolded differently, though, when Beckwith realized that Briggs was not an official member and therefore could not be disciplined by the National office.

"Kenneth Briggs is not a processed member of the the organization which means he cannot be suspended. The claim that he was suspended is false," Beckwith said early Tuesday morning.

State Director Winston O'Neal explained that the paperwork process ensures that members meet the qualifications of the fraternity, including a minimum 2.5 GPA, as well as provide officials with a tracking system for members.

O'Neal explained that he has requested that Briggs complete his paperwork, but said Briggs has not mailed it in yet.

Briggs admitted that he hasn't completed his paperwork and said that he won't officially join yet because he doesn't agree with everything that goes on in

the OU chapter, including hazing.

He did confer with Beckwith Tuesday, however and confirmed that he agreed to complete the paperwork next month, if he saw a change in the chapter. He will base his decision on the way the National office handles this incident, he said.

"I don't want this this to be a thing about Kenneth Briggs. I want this to inform people about the wrongness, the serious nature of hazing.

"Right now, if I thought things were changing, I'd write a check tonight, but I don't think things are going to change. I consider myself a Phi Beta Sigma because of the process I went through to get in," Briggs said.

In 1994, Briggs was allegedly hazed by members of the chapter. However, no formal complaint was ever made, OU did not investigate the allegations.

Due to the suspected hazing

against him, Briggs was accepted into the fraternity, but never completed the paperwork or paid his national fees so that he could be considered an official member, said Kevin Early, associate professor of sociology.

Early, who was faculty advisor for the fraternity from 1991 until the fall 1995 semester, supports the National office's decision to suspend the chapter until an investigation is completed.

Last Wednesday, a formal disciplinary hearing was held to investigate charges of hazing by a member of Phi Beta Sigma. The recommendations of the hearing panel were not disclosed.

"Typically in hazing incidents, individuals involved run the risk of being suspended or expelled, and the groups runs the risk of being suspended or expelled," said Dean of Students David Herman.

Any student found guilty of hazing and receiving a sanction has the right to appeal, he said.

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FEATURES



Patty Young

Sailing through registration, is it a breeze or a typhoon?

By using the OU's SAIL System to register for the upcoming semesters, not only have you avoided the never-ending long line in the Crockery but you get to listen to friendly and courteous recorded operators when registering for classes opposed to an annoying computerized voice.

Despite these two great benefits one dark and gloomy task still wreaks havoc on students: The quest to find classes that don't conflict with jobs, clubs, extra-curricular activities, athletics, and a social life.

As you peruse the schedule of classes, your mind is racing "What am I going to do?"

The class that you've been dying to take for the past two years is finally being offered but it interferes with your employment.

If you don't work you won't have the money to go to school, so quitting work isn't an option.

However, here's a possible solution for your dilemma.

Inform your employer that you've been called for jury duty and that you are required to appear in court every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 2:40 p.m. to 3:47 p.m.

Then at the end of the semester, tell your boss you can return to your regular shift and that you served on the recent Kevorkian Trial.

When he or she inquires about it say, "I'd prefer not to discuss the case as I'm experiencing nightmare's of Dr. Kevorkian dressed as Thomas Jefferson chasing my grandmother." (If you played your cards right on this one you may even get the day off).

Another obstacle to tackle is that dreadful Tuesday/Thursday 3 p.m. to 4:47 p.m. class as it coincides with when your campus organization meets.

You have two choices here. One, don't take the class or get the organization to change the meeting's time. This could be a little tricky because all of the organization's members are having the same conflicts like yourself.

If worst comes to worse, make sure you get on the publicity committee and change the time on all flyers, etc. This way you are always in the position to alter meeting times.

The last of your course selections falls on the most important night of the week for television viewing which causes you to become distressed as you can't bear the fact that you'll miss an episode of *Friends*.

Especially the one where Phoebe sings her acoustic version of *Smelly Cat* on MTV's *Unplugged* and meets John Popper from the Blues Traveler, he asks her join the band as his back up singer.

I have one word to resolve this situation for you. Well actually its only three letters VCR.

This does seem like an awful lot to go through just to register for classes and as a student who pays tuition at this university, I propose that the registrar further enhances its high tech SAIL System by developing an additional function.

The recording should say something like "Welcome to the Oakland University SAIL System. If you're calling from a touch tone phone, press one. If you're calling from a car phone, honk and press two. If you're calling from a pay phone please deposit another 35 cents, and press three."

"Press eight to manually select classes for the upcoming semester. Press nine to have your conflict free schedule completed for you free of charge."

O.K., I'll admit, that would never happen. The university would tack on some outrageous fee for that service.

After you've finalized your class schedule, yet another earth shattering revolution torments you.

Your tuition bill and how you intend to pay it.

One popular method that I personally take advantage of is OU's deferred payment plan (by the way, today is the due date for the first payment of Spring/Summer semester).

Then there are the other obvious forms of payment: cash, credit cards, cashier checks, regular checks, travelers checks, and first newborn savings bonds, short term loan CD's, and money orders, children.

Just kidding about the first born, but at times it sure seems like they'll take just about anything to get some money from you doesn't it?

So whatever way you decide to register for the upcoming semesters; over the phone, standing in line or not registering at all, may you get the classes you want and maybe you won't have to use the above tactics.

And hopefully everything will be smooth sailing.



HERE KITTY, KITTY: Royleen Supanich, offers a dinner treat to one of the many cats who temporarily find shelter in her home.

Catering to stray cats

By JILL SERES
Staff Writer

Meadow Brook Hall was becoming a dumping ground for cats. Cruel, thoughtless people often dump unwanted pets along the side of the road, on college campuses like Oakland or out in rural areas in the mistaken belief that the animals can fend for themselves.

Often the cats and dogs are killed in passing traffic, starve to death or are killed by predators like foxes. Few survive.

Forty-three furry felines, however, owe their lives to a Meadow Brook Hall staffer who wouldn't stop trying to help.

Described as "extremely kind" by co-workers and a local veterinarian, Royleen Supanich, assistant program administrator at Meadow Brook Hall, is credited with a search and rescue effort that, at times, had her bosses hissing at her to stop.

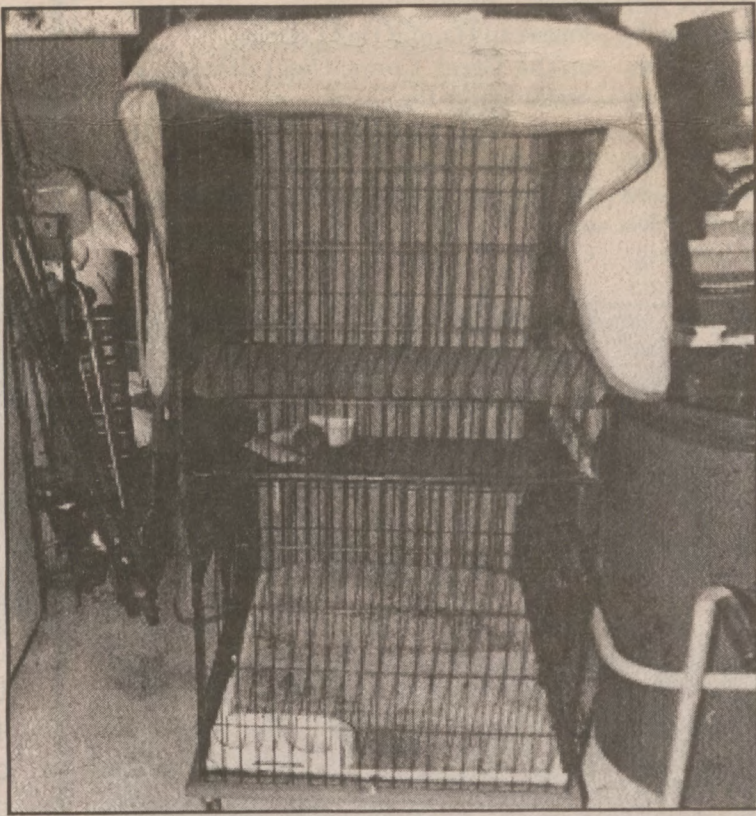
Last weekend Supanich captured Chinny, the female of the only remaining pair of black and white felines. Her goal is to tame and capture Chinny's mate Schnitzer, and find a single home for the couple before construction is due to begin at the Hall, as soon as the ground thaws.

"She loves animals - she has quite a few pets herself and hates to see anything going hungry," Catherine Stewart, room attendant at Meadow Brook Hall, said.

For the past four years, Supanich has been feeding the cats every night, weekends and holidays included, with the help of her husband Ron.

Supanich doesn't want to think about the money she has spent on cat food but she shops for them every week. (A bag of dry cat food costs about \$4 and will last a cat about two weeks, a can of cat food costs about 30 cents.)

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Post Photos/ Patty Young

A PLACE TO CALL HOME: Supanich and her husband Ron, house the strays they find in these large cages, kept in the garage, until a home can be found for them. Ron must park his car outside in order to give the cats a place to stay.



Waiting to compute in the labs

By DORCAS GRAHAM
Staff Writer

It was the night before her essay writing sample was due. Julie Schunder, an OU student went to a local copier store to print the document that she'd typed at the University's computer lab that same night. The computer opened her disk.

Her document wasn't there. The computer at OU's Kresge's Library was defective and never saved it.

"I was so angry that night," said Schunder, "that is why I hardly ever use the computers here at school."

Other students report computers often aren't working properly and there are no signs posted on the monitors.

Karrie Kardasz, OU senior said that defective computers are common. She comes to the lab about three times a week.

As soon as we know that the computers are down we post signs," said Vinod Kalothia an Academic Computer Services (ACS) technician at the Dodge lab. He says it's up to the students to let the technicians know when a computer they are using is defective.

Sometimes students leave the computer and know it's not working

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Expressions of artistic talent

By ERIN BROWN
Staff Writer

The artists among us will have a chance to showcase their work this week with the arrival of Meadow Brook Art Gallery's student and faculty installment.

The works on display were selected from a variety of students' photos and paintings, and pieces from each of OU's four art instructors will also be present.

The show will begin with Friday's opening, which will take place from 5-7 p.m.

Dick Goody, a painting lecturer at the University, is serving as the show's guest curator. Goody revealed that narrowing down the possibilities for the show was a rather rough task.

"This is a nerve-wracking process since people's egos are involved," said Goody. "While

last year's show wasn't comic, this year's show has a more serious theme and vision to it."

Another nerve-wracking aspect of the show is that it may be the first time that many of the students' work is on display for the public's viewing.

One cannot major in art at OU, therefore this show may be the only time student's work can be critiqued by their peers and the public.

"This show gives the art history department an opportunity to focus on their art students," said Debra Watson, assistant to the curator of the Meadow Brook Gallery. "Since there is no art major available here, they can't do any graduate shows or any others here."

While there is currently no art major available at OU, Watson

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Family ties subject of Saturday film fest

By HELENA STOVALL
Special Writer

Everybody has at least one. Some have more.

They are there from birth until death, in sickness or in health, for better or for worse.

No, it's not a spouse, but they count too. Yes, that's right, it's all about family. There are family heirlooms, family names, family crests, family loyalties. And with this unrefundable package deal comes family feuds, family disputes, family coun-

selors.

Every family has them.

These are the ties that bind.

Those ties are the topic and title of this year's 14th annual film festival. It is sponsored by OU's Women Studies Concentration and the College of Arts and Sciences.

Planning the festival is the responsibility of the Women's Studies Film Festival Committee comprised of three men and three women: Susan E. Hawkins, Natalie Cole, Barbara Mabee, Robert Eberwein, Niels Herold, and Brian Murphy.

The festival is a one day event, Saturday, April 13 from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at OU. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. in North Foundation hall room 156. The fee is \$10 which includes morning coffee and a light lunch.

There will be two films both dealing with family issues and a discussion will be conducted by professors Murphy and Hawkins. Along with their discussion, the Director of the Film and Video Studies Program at U-M, Gaylan Studlar will also speak about the films.

The first film, *Gas Food Lodging*, by Allison Anders, chronicles a single mother and two daughters struggling to keep their heads above water despite racial, economic and family tensions.

The second film titled *Imitation of Life* which was remade in 1958 by Douglas

Sirk. This film deals with the pressures of trying to become a successful career woman and the obstacles standing in the way.

"This shouldn't be limited to women's issues," Professor Cole said, "but also for those interested in film." For film buffs, film scholar, Gaylan Studlar will be guest speaker to open up and generate discussion.

According to professor Susan Hawkins, "It (film festival) gives women and men in the community a chance to get together and talk about issues." This exchange of views during discussion opens up lines of communication and new ways to look at the family along with women's issues.

"Gender is represented," Professor Eberwein said, "and films contribute to forming and maintaining views of reality." He said that we're all human and our perceptions of femininity are like our perceptions of masculinity.

"People define themselves in a gendered group and it affects how they think and what they ascribe to," said Eberwein.

Eberwein also said that any male should want to make an effort to examine his perception of women in the past and ask himself if he's been looking the right way.

Whether the issues deal with women, the problem of race or family tensions, the film festival committee has shown it on film and they are all tied in together.



Photo Courtesy: Women's Studies Committee

THE TIES THAT BIND: Guest speaker Gaylan Studlar will be discussing the films and help to answer questions.

Greeks aren't geeked about Greek Week

By JILL RYDER
Staff Writer

Greek Week, April 8-14, is supposed to be about fun and games, meeting the community, sharing ideas and issues, togetherness, and spirit, but so far it hasn't turned out that way.

"Greek Week is a flop," said Steve Kasper of Sigma Alfa Epsilon. According to Kasper around, "Two hundred students couldn't get a room," on campus for their skits and programs.

The traditional Mock Rock and skits couldn't happen due to lack of space at night.

Vice President of Greek Council, Tracy Roeder said Greek Week's "Not as good as

it's been in the past due to poor planning."

The committee that sets up the activities hadn't been formed when the new officers, elected March 5, took over.

At the ice cream social held Monday night at the Theta Chi Fraternity House only about 20 people attended, ate their ice cream, and then "Left and went bowling. There was nobody there," said Evanna Stefanakis of Alpha Kappa Sigma.

The All Greek Luncheon held Tuesday seemed to bring out some of the spirit of the Greeks with about 80 students in attendance. They were there to discuss ideas.

Plans for the rest of Greek Week include venturing outside for Games Day on Wednesday from Noon to 2 p.m., and then at 7:30 p.m. there's the It's All Greek to Me

forum, in Hamlin Hall Lounge.

The Greek Council will discuss issues pertaining to the Greek community.

A visit to the Lowry Children Center, to play and share with the children, is planned for Thursday. To attend the visitation, meet at 11:15 a.m. in the exhibit lounge of the Oakland Center.

On Friday from Noon to 2 p.m. head to the open field next to the rock for a game of flag football. (Bring old clothes. It could get messy.)

Greek Week comes to an end on Sunday at 11 a.m. with Greek Olympics which include such sports as a marshmallow eating contest, tug of war, and relay races.

OU EVENTS

The Mainstage presents comedian Joel Zimmer in the Crockery at 8 p.m. April 10.

MTD's gripping production of *All My Sons* continues in Varner Studio Theatre.

Show your gratitude at Faculty Recognition Day April 12 in the Crockery at 3 p.m.

Listen to the OU Community Chorus at their concert in Varner Recital Hall at 8 p.m. April 12.

Celebrate Make a Difference Day April 13 in the Residence Halls.

Groove with Michael Gulezian April 13 at 8 p.m. in the Underground Coffeehouse.

Experience the Oakland Chorale/University Chorus at 3 p.m. April 14 in Varner Recital Hall.

MUSIC

Check out *The Meteors* April 10 at St. Andrews Hall at 8 p.m.

Rockers 7 Year Bitch jams St. Andrew's Hall April 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Rock with Ministry April 12 at The State Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

Don't Worry Be Happy because Bobby McFerrin is in town performing with the DSO April 12-13 at 8 p.m. at Orchestra Hall.

Bring out the kids to see Tubby the Tuba and his Instrument Friends at Mercy High School Auditorium at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. April 13.

Christian musician Michael W. Smith will share his message at the Palace April 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy the music of Ginka Ortega and Friends as part of Brunch With Bach April 14 at 11:30 at the DIA.

Iggy Pop pops in at the State Theatre April 14 at 7:30 p.m.

THEATRE

Abelard and Heloise entices audiences at the Hillberry Theatre beginning April 12.

89X sponsors the satirical modern play *Suburbia* beginning April 12 at the Bonstelle.

The enchanting musical *Beauty and the Beast* has been extended through May 26 at the Masonic Temple Theatre.

The long running Andrew Lloyd Webber hit *Cats* purrs its way back to the Fox Theatre April 12-21.

Sam Shepard's *Tooth of Crime* runs through April 14 at the Trueblood Theatre in Ann Arbor.

Oleanna continues at the Detroit Repertory Theatre until May 5.

The Purple Rose Spring Comedy Festival runs through May 19.

Evening in the Garden continues at the Hillberry until April 27.

FILM

The popular children's novel *James and the Giant Peach* comes to life on the big screen on April 12.

Those wacky Canadians the Kids in the Hall make their feature film debut in *Brain Candy* opening April 12.

CIPO This Week!

We hope you are excited about the 1996 year. Please read this ad on a weekly basis to find out some of the programs and services available to you. CIPO PROGRAMS will offer a variety of programs this year which we hope the OU community will find interesting and enjoyable. The winter schedule includes:

Student Organization Recognition Night
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It will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms. Don't miss it!

The Student Life Lecture Board

The Student Life Lecture Board SLLB would like to thank all those who supported the lecture program during the 1995/96 year. This year has been very successful as we sponsored four major lectures:

Greg Louganis
Terry McMillan
Patricia Russell-McCloud
Barry Williams

We would also like to thank the staff of the Oakland Center for their support and assistance in setting up the lectures over the past seventeen years. The SLLB hopes for a speedy return to the Oakland Center. Look for lectures in the next few years to be held in the Meadow Brook Theatre.

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This week's quotation is:
"Losers visualize the penalties of failure; Winners visualize the rewards of success!"

Dr. Rob Gilbert

Cigar Society puffs along; drawing both men and women to its crowds

By College Press Service

IOWA CITY- They might not be too choosy about the swill they drink on the weekends, but there's one thing some University of Iowa students know how to enjoy: a good cigar.

About 40 members of the Iowa Cigar Society have been puffing away at monthly meetings since January, when the group qualified for student-club status with the university's student-government association.

According to its membership materials, the club's founders were inspired to cultivate "an enjoyable and relaxing atmosphere in which connoisseurs may gather, share and further their knowledge on the essence of cigars."

Despite cancer warnings and the sometimes unpopular stench emitted by the cigars, the group-one of Iowa's more unusual student clubs-has attracted local residents and at least one woman to its ranks. But there is a catch: the group must hold its Sunday meetings at a local restaurant.

Job Switch

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ARAMARK District Manager Tom Minor says that the company will do its best to keep workers wages at a comparable rate although he is not sure if some changes will be made.

"I'm currently reviewing what current wages are," he said. "Once we get our local management in we'll be able to tell better (what wages will be) but I think that it'll be pretty darn close."

According to Marriott Senior

Food Service Director, Mary Ann Berry, on average Marriott employees make around \$8 per hour. "That (figure) is distorted, a little by fact we do pay our chefs a fair amount," said Berry.

Minor said that all Marriott workers will be offered positions at ARAMARK and will be given preference over new workers for their positions.

According to Minor, there also be approximately 10-12 new positions added with the building of the food court. "With a food court you also end up with a need of a lot more part time staffing," he said.

With these additional positions, workers will also have

opportunities for some job changes.

"What we have done, is asked them to expand on what their abilities are so that there can be some job growth," said Minor. "Sometimes you find that workers, if qualified, would like to switch positions."

Minor feels that he has had positive responses from Marriott employees. "We've had two employee meetings and most have responded well with their attendance and listening," he said.

Marriott is also attempting to transfer those employees who do not wish to work for ARAMARK.

A job fair will be held at the Courtyard Marriott, Auburn Hills, April 12. All Marriott properties in the area have been invited.

Berry hopes that the job fair will help find transfer positions for many workers.

"Unfortunately I can't guarantee they will have something they like or have someone they want to work for, but I am trying my best," she said.

Already several employees have been placed in new jobs. "Our catering manager went to another company. Chef Richard (Flack) will go to another Marriott operation," said Berry.

Paige

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missing by OU's internal auditor, David Vartanian. According to Vartanian, that is the total amount missing from what he alleges to be about a five year period of embezzlement.

"If we feel that amount is unfair, we are entitled to a hearing," said Paige's attorney Larry Kaluzny. According to Kaluzny, Paige has not yet

decided whether she will contest the amount of restitution she is required to make.

She was sentenced after entering a plea of no contest to four felony counts of embezzlement last February.

"A no contest plea means you don't admit it and you don't deny it," said Kaluzny.

According to Kaluzny, one of the reasons for entering the plea is because of the possibility of a civil case. "A no contest plea cannot be used against her in a civil case," he said.

OU is not planning on filing civil charges at this time, said Sharon Campbell, OU's media relations director.

A person in the tether program is not allowed to leave the confines of his house except for a specific reason such as work, school, counseling, religious ceremonies, etc. When allowed to leave for any reason, there are very strict time constraints on when to be back inside the house. "If they come in late, they go right back to court," Elsenheimer said.

Currently the cost of housing one inmate in Oakland County Jail is approximately \$10,000 for every six months, he said.

Elsenheimer estimates that, because people on the tether program also rent the equipment used to monitor them, that entire amount is saved as a result of the program.

Elsenheimer also added that most people appreciate the chance to serve their sentences in their own home and that the program has about an 85% to 90% success rate.

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WXOU

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"It's pretty costly in the area and we'd rather not pursue that option until we've done everything else," Herman said.

Meanwhile, those affiliated with the station must wait for an already delayed decision from the FCC. Herman says that the decision could be handed down anytime from one to five months from now and attributes the delay of an FCC's decision, in part to government shut downs which occurred throughout December and January, and the amount of time involved for FCC engineers to analyze WXOU's submitted information.

"The reason it takes so long is that the engineers have to analyze all the information you send to them. They give that to the regional office and then it goes to the Commissioner's office," Herman said.

WXOU had planned to begin broadcasting last August but was stalled by a letter from the FCC indicating that WXOU engineers station made a clerical error on the 1990 construction permit application. On the application the wrong location of the station was cited. Technically, WXOU is located in the basement of the Oakland Center on the campus of the university which is considered to reside in both Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills.

Six years later, WXOU is still unable to broadcast outside the

walls of the Oakland Center. McPherson says that a lot of the staff at WXOU has been working at the station for a lengthy amount of time and feels that they deserve the opportunity to be able to listen to the station in their own cars.

"That's a long time to broadcast to no one and because of that you just would like a minimum reward. Just going out to your car and hearing your station would make the whole waiting game worth it," McPherson said.

Attempting to rectify the mistake on the construction application and obtain its broadcast license, OU hired Washington D.C. attorney William Malone in September to file a Special Temporary Authority Wavier (STA) that if

approved would allow the station to broadcast while the discrepancies with the FCC could be resolved.

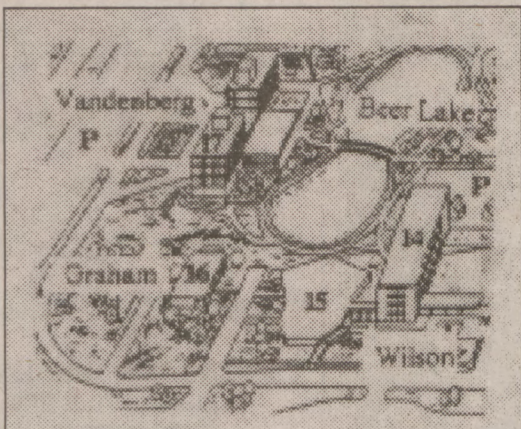
At the same time, Malone also filed a petition for reconsideration of the broadcasting license denial. Both were denied by the FCC in October. Again, due to another technicality the STA was not granted because the waiver was not filled out on a FCC form. This prompted Malone to re-apply for the STA on a standard FCC form and the petition for reconsideration of the broadcasting license denial that WXOU is currently awaiting the FCC's decision on.

Discenna anticipates an FCC decision in August and says that there's really nothing anyone can do for right now.

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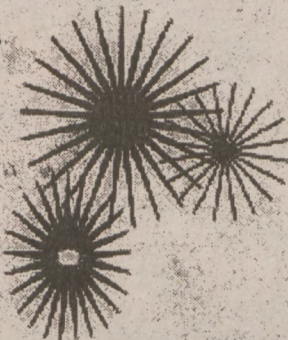
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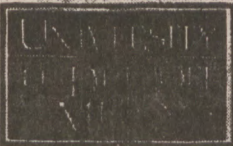
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Cats

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"I feed them when I get there, and I feed them when I leave," Supanich said, about taking care of the cats around her work schedule.

Leaving can be late as 2 a.m. after an evening event when she's wearing high heels and a cocktail dress.

Supanich found a home for the first cat she rescued, but the next time she heard meowing it came from a litter of four kittens, an all-black, an all-white, a tabby and a white with black markings.

Supanich initially went to the Humane Society with the strays. Because the Humane Society admitted it might have to euthanize at least some of the kittens if they weren't adopted, she decided to find homes for them herself.

According to Joanne Berry, assistant executive director of the Michigan Humane Society, adoption rates average 20% in the area and there are no reliable statistics kept nationally.

Like the Humane Society Supanich wanted to make sure the kittens were spayed at the appropriate age so they would not contribute to the pet overpopulation problem.

Later, she took a sick kitten to local veterinarian Avi Zechory from Meadow Brook Animal Clinic, who said he would treat any kittens she brought in at no charge and find homes for them.

Zechory, who received his degree from the University of Guelph, Ontario 14 years ago has been treating stray cats from campus grounds, since he began practicing in the area in 1990. Actors performing at Meadow Brook Theatre and living in the trailers brought him strays.

"(Supanich is) the one who does all the work. She really should be commended," Zechory said.

He recalled how distraught



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BIG OLE FAT CAT: Deuteronomy, one of the strays that Supanich has taken in, will remain in her home as part of the family.

Supanich was when a 10-week-old litter of kittens she found died of feline leukemia, a disease transmitted from cat to cat and especially prevalent in strays. The cost of vaccinating against the disease is \$20.

The veterinarian helps too, stabilizing and examining the kittens at no charge, (Supanich pays for the adult cats' medical costs) and finding homes for them with the stipulation that the new owners bring the kittens back for neutering or spaying.

One litter of kittens that Zechory found homes for had been born to a cat Supanich called "Mama", a sick stray needing an operation.

While gaining strength for surgery, she nursed kittens abandoned by their mother, who were also found homes by Zechory.

By this time Mama had been with Supanich for four months, and Ron suggested they keep her to add to their adopted family of strays—four cats and two dogs.

Ron builds cages, shovels snow and provides straw and food for the homeless cats in winter, and wonders where his wife is when she's watching the birth of another litter in the early morning hours.

Last November there were so many cat cages in the garage that there was no room for Ron's car, so he gave his wife a

two-story cage to house the strays for Christmas.

Co-workers help out by giving her money for sterilizations for the cats, and by feeding them when she is out of town.

"I can't stand to see anything hurt, hungry or abused," said Supanich, "People can be cruel, animals are not cruel, they protect themselves and their young."

There are many reasons why people desert their pets.

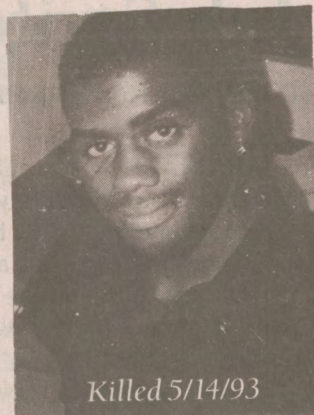
One of the reasons people dump cats when they get beyond the cute kitten stage is because they don't want, or can't afford the cost of neutering. Sterilization costs range from \$27 - \$48 for males, and \$37 - \$75 for females.

Supanich, however, does not want the Hall to become a cat house, again, and is worried that publicity will lead to more cats being dropped off.

She's retiring as the cat lady and suggests that people should take any litters of kittens to a veterinarian.

"They are very good at finding homes for kittens. They usually have a waiting list for people looking for kittens," Supanich said. "For adult cats, take them to Animal Rescue (in Pontiac) - they will not put them to sleep."

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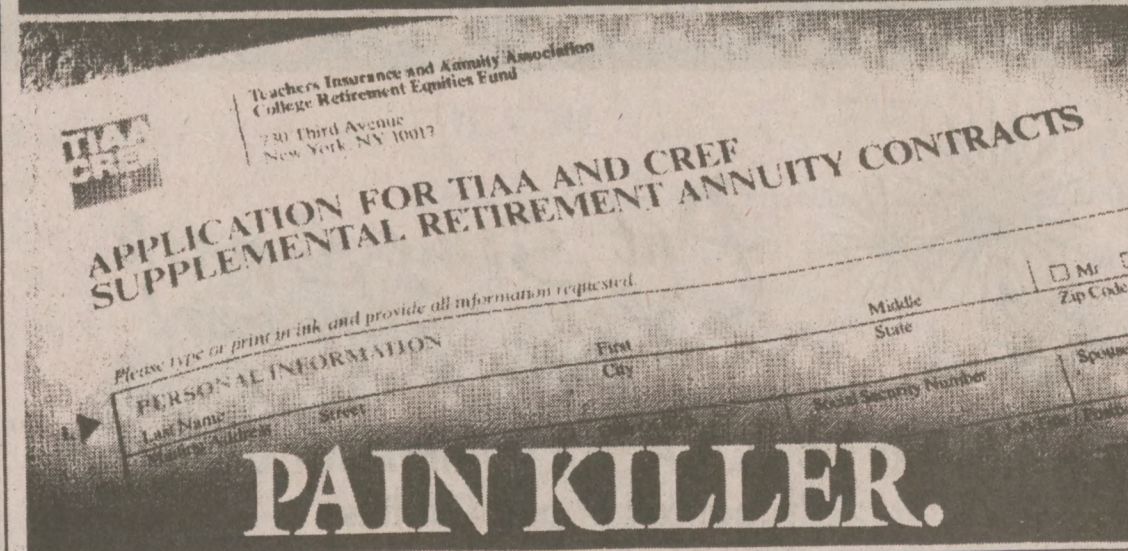
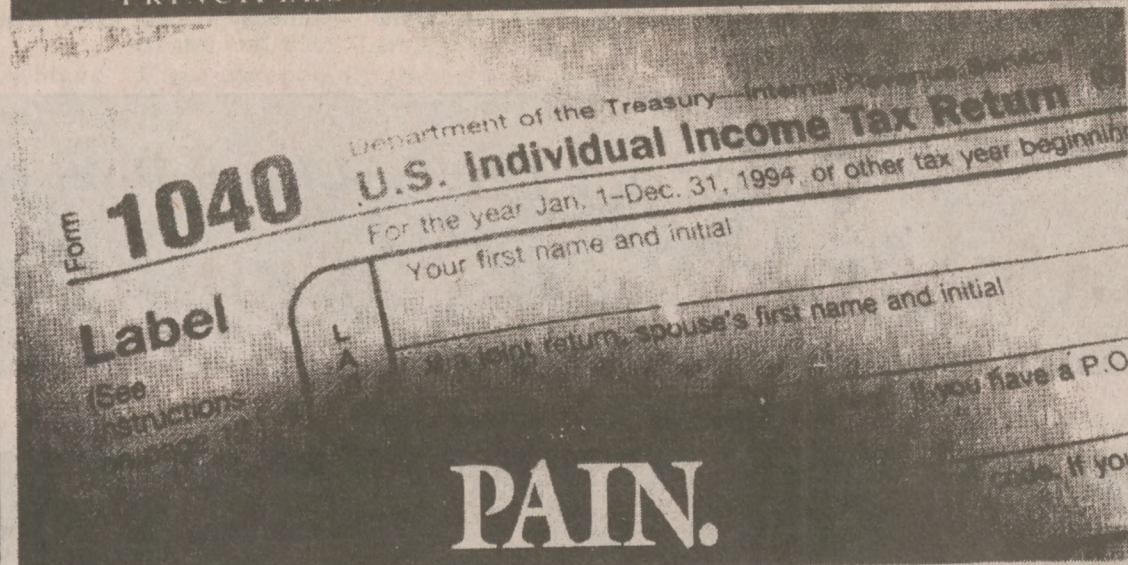
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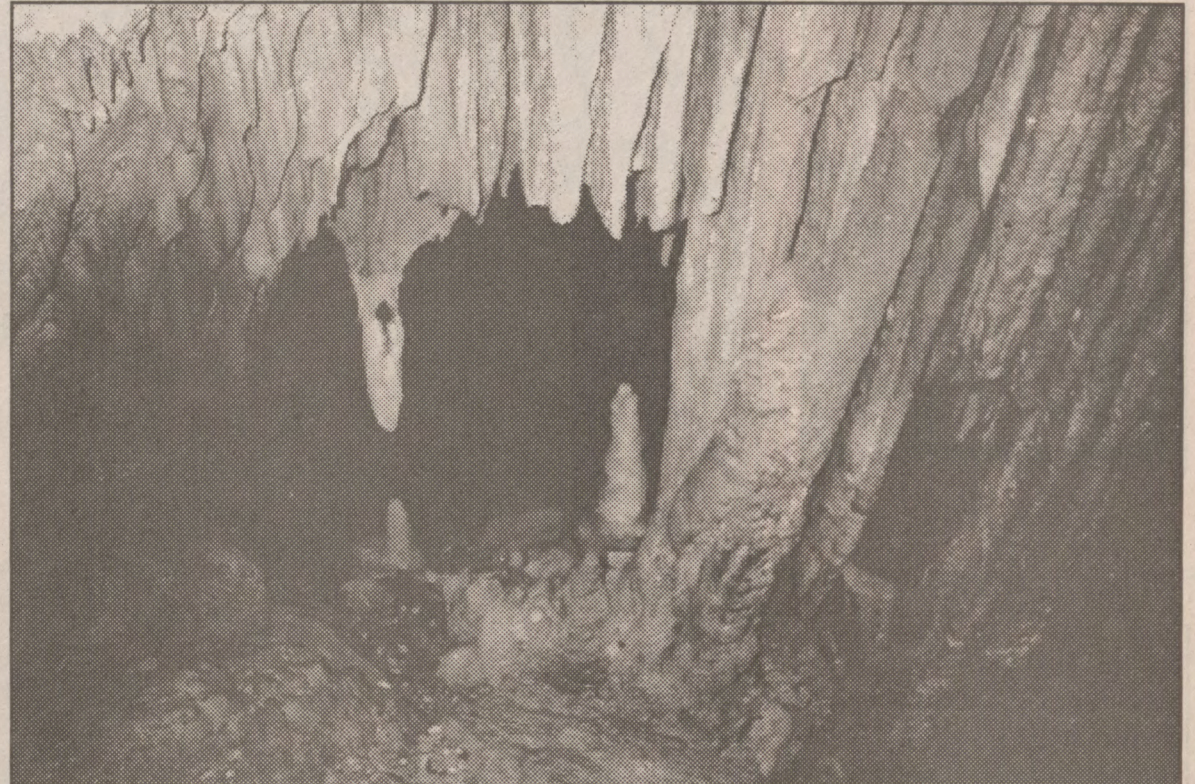
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Spelunking

Navigating the underworld

By CHRIS TAIT
Sports Editor

Two paths diverged before our group of 18. One led tourists on concrete walkways guarded with crystallizing steel hand rails. The other, splintered off into the shadowy recesses of the dissolving limestone.

As members of Mammoth Cave National Park's "Intro to Caving" tour, we chose the path less traveled.

Scotting and ducking our way through the winding chambers that once flowed with mildly acidic water, our park ranger prepared us for the first test of the trek into the largest known cave system in the world.

After a little crawling and rock climbing, our hard-hat clad group spilled out into a very large chamber known as "Grand Central Station."

However, each member of the tour faced one challenge before he could reach that chamber. To test everybody, all 18 spelunkers squeezed and squirmed through a "test hole."

The test hole served as a personal gauge to measure how much you really wanted to continue voyaging into the pitch black world of cave exploration.

Once through, and everybody successfully traversed the hurdle, our guides for the three and a half hour tour corralled us into a meeting area where they talked about the major obstacle of the tour: "The Keyhole."

"The Keyhole" term derived from the fact that one portion of our tour's route required each member to wriggle through a tight space that resembled an old-fashioned keyhole.

The reason that Rangers Samantha Teodorski and Gregg Bailey stopped after the test hole was because once a person had committed himself to going through "The Keyhole" it was a long way back to "Grand Central Station" which offered the only other way to exit the cave.

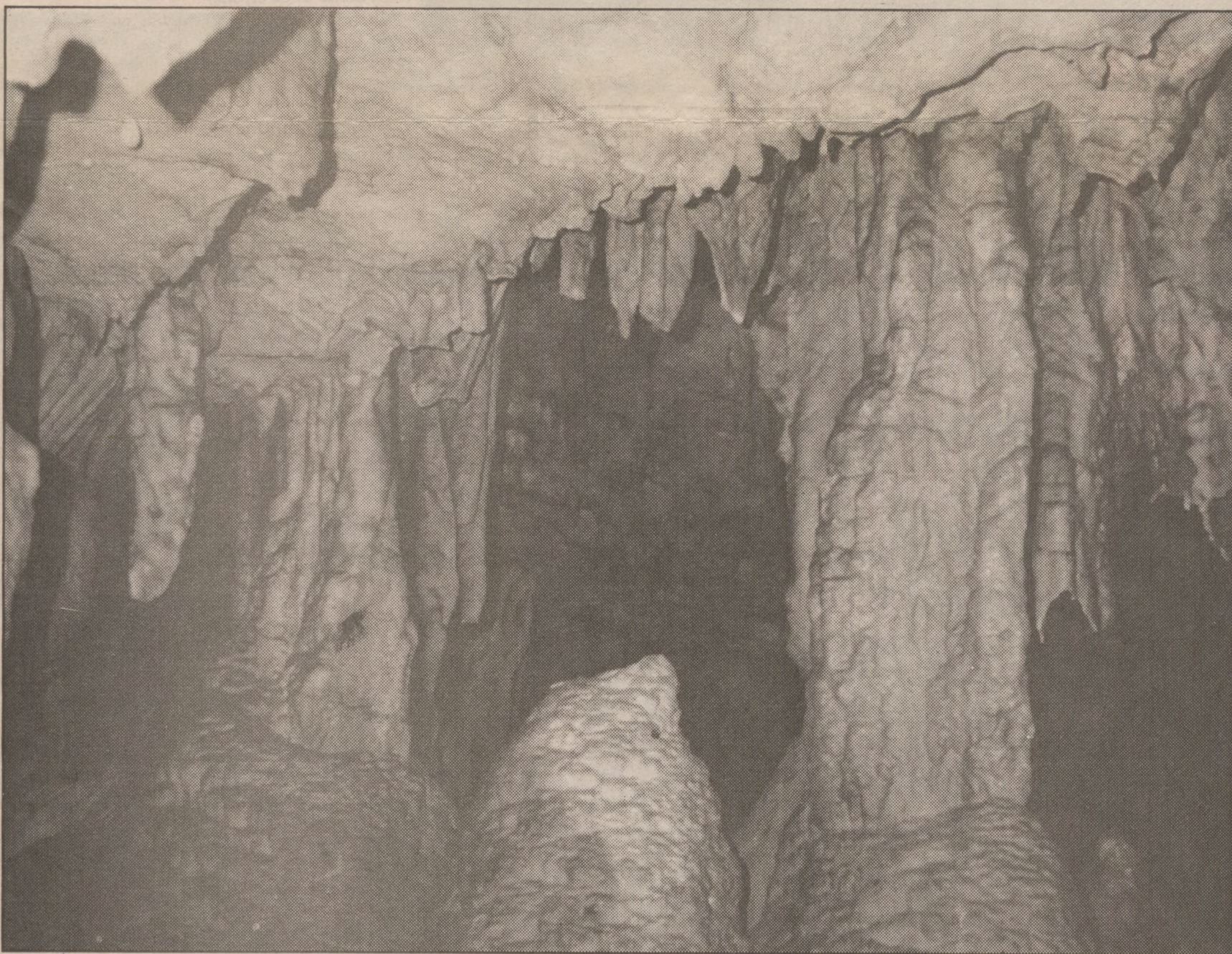
Having experienced rangers leading the tour comforted my friend and I, who imagined what it would be like to squeeze through a shadowy crevice only to find a dead end.

One element about the park stood out during my two-day visit, and that was the high ranger to visitor ratio above and below ground.

The strongest lure for me was that not only was I squirming through caves, but I was also rock climbing and problem solving as I scaled various limestone formations en route to another chamber and another adventure.

"The Keyhole" posed a nice challenge, but it also whetted everyone's appetite to come back and go for the advanced six and half hour "Wild Cave Tour."

But that's for next year.



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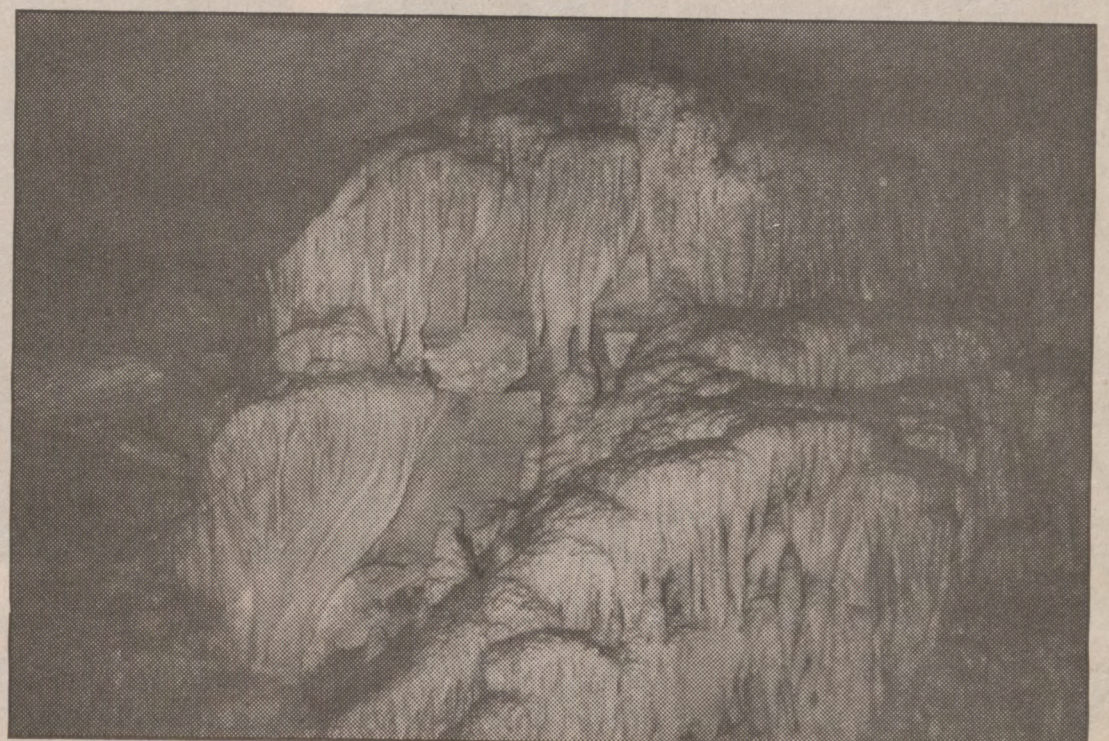
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Pioneer of the Week



Aaron Carpenter
Designated Hitter
Baseball
6-1, 205, Senior

Carpenter set a school record by reaching base safely in 11 straight plate appearances over four games against Hillsdale College. Carpenter had five hits, four walks, and was hit twice by pitches during the streak. The previous record was 10 set by Dave Robinson in 1977. Overall Carpenter was 5-7 batting (.714) and reached base 11 times in 13 plate appearances (.846 on base percentages). For the weekend he scored three runs, drove in four, had four RBI's. His slugging percentage for the weekend was 1.286.

-Information compiled by Andy Glantzman, sports information director

Pioneer sports week

Wed., Apr. 10

•Men's Baseball Team travels to Siena Heights College (2 p.m.)

Thur., Apr. 11

•Men's Baseball Team hosts Michigan Christian College (1 p.m.)

Fri., Apr. 12

•Women's Golf Team travels to Angola, IN. for the Tri-State Invitational

Sat., Apr. 13

• Men's Baseball Team battles Northwood University (1 p.m.)*
•Women's Golf Team travels to Angola, IN. for the Tri-State Invitational
•Men's Golf Team travels to the Grand Valley State Invitational

Sun., Apr. 14

• Men's Baseball Team battles Northwood University (1 p.m.)*
•Men's Golf Team travels to the Grand Valley State Invitational

Tue., Apr. 16

• Men's Baseball Team faces University of Detroit (3 p.m.)

* Denotes double-header.

Pioneers split with Chargers



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SWING TIME: A break in the below normal temperatures allowed the Pioneers to play its first home games against Hillsdale College last Saturday and Sunday. Junior infielder Jeff Harwood and his teammates won Saturday's double-header, but lost Sunday's match-ups. After this weekend OU sits in second place (5-3) in the GLIAC standings behind front runner Mercyhurst College (5-1) while HC drops to third place (7-5).

By DAVID CAMERON
Special Writer

With old glory waving in center field, OU opened up its 1996 home season by taking two from Hillsdale College, winning 9-3 and taking the nightcap 3-0 last Saturday.

OU's bats came alive, scoring two runs in the second, third, and fifth innings in game one, to make a winner of senior Tim Hellebuyck.

Hellebuyck won his third straight game, limiting HC to three runs on four hits, striking out three in tossing a complete game.

OU senior Aaron Carpenter had a big day, breaking open a 2-2 tie in game one, depositing a inside fastball over the "Green Monster" in right field in the OU third. Carpenter's home run ties him with senior Derrick Ross for the lead in home run with two each. Junior Ted Vlaz, Ross, and freshman Eric Paul each had two hits for OU.

Hellebuyck, though pleased with the victory said: "I really didn't throw well today, but I'll take the win."

Senior Bill Masching was the story in game two as OU completed the sweep. Masching scattered two hits on the frigid afternoon, blanking HC 3-0.

In tossing his second straight shutout, Masching baffled HC, changing speeds and handcuffing Charger batters. OU snapped a scoreless tie, tallying all three runs in the fourth without the aid of a hit. OU third baseman Jeff Harwood lead off the fourth, reaching first base on an error by HC starter Andy Adams. After a walk to Carpenter, OU first baseman Charlie Winstel was hit with an Adams curve. Vlaz walked on a 3-2 pitch to force home Harwood. The younger Paul then grounded to HC second baseman Dave Tykoski to bring home Carpenter. OU added its final run when Winstel scored on a wild pitch.

HC returned the favor on Sunday, sweeping two, 6-2 and 5-3.

OU's game one starter Matt McClellan dropped his first decision of the season to fall to 2-1. McClellan didn't receive much support as OU's hitters could only produce two hits and two runs.

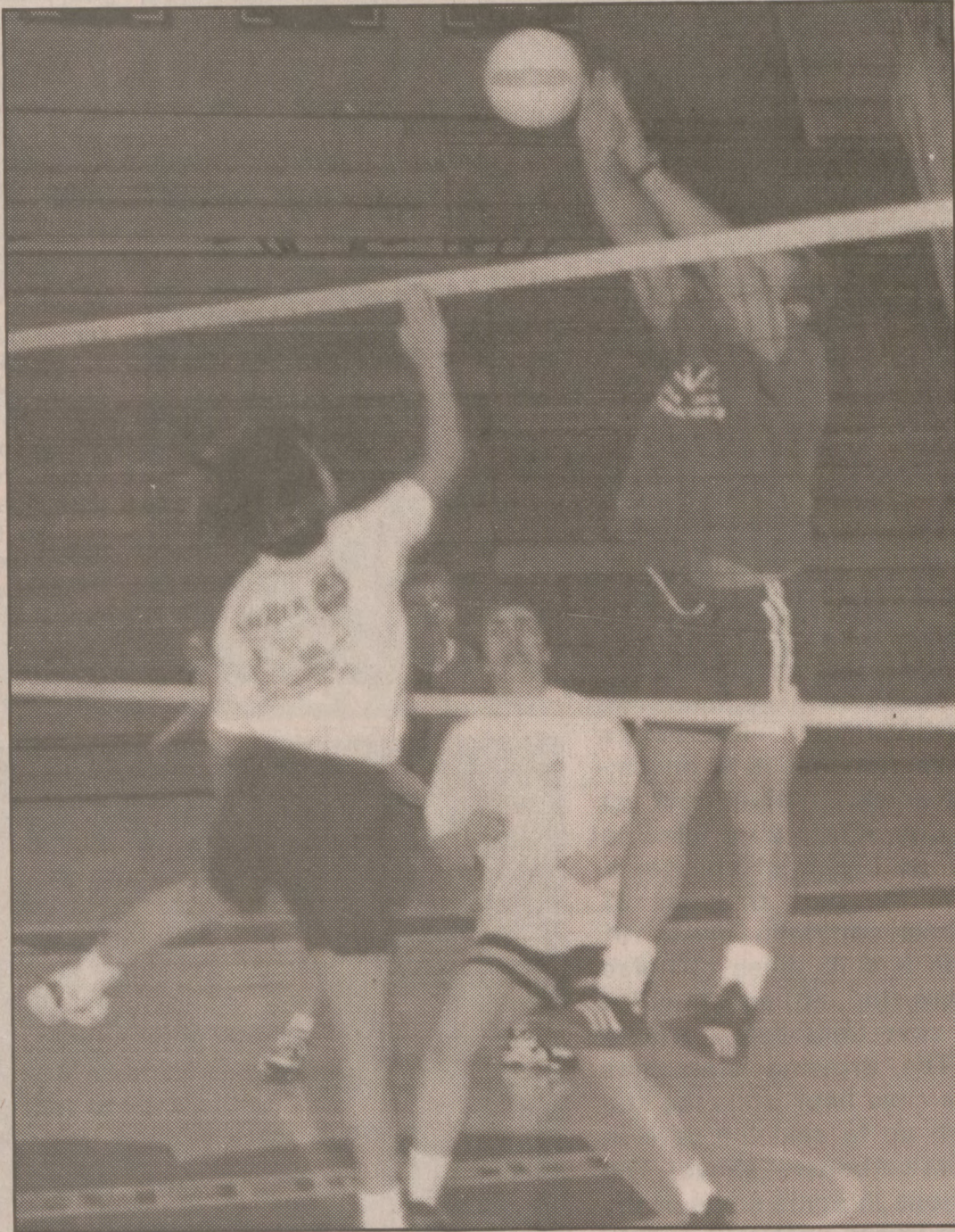
The game two story was more of the same as HC received great pitching en route to a 5-3 win. OU sophomore Jason Boron fell to 0-4 on the season as his team made three errors.

OU Head Coach Steve Lyon was pleased that his team was able to play at home, after being forced to play on the road or cancel the last two.

"Its always exciting to get a chance to play on your own field. We're 18 games into the season and we haven't played a home game--that's pretty tough," Lyon said.

Playoff fever

IM volleyball champs crowned



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CHAMPIONSHIP POINT: Wild Beasts and Banshees player, Dave Mancier jumps for a block against Originality. Unfortunately it wasn't enough as they were forced out of competition in the IM volleyball play off matches held Monday at Leply Center. Winners of the mens division were Haven't Graduated. OANOC captured first place in the womens division. In the upper co-ed division, GTSOH reigns as champs. Originality took first in the co-ed lower division.

Intramural volleyball standings

Team Name	W	L
Co-ed Lower		
1. 2+2	1	7
2. Anibal Crackers	3	4
3. Brady Bunch	6	2
4. Killer Aces	5	3
5. Lab Rats	1	7
6. Originality	7	1
7. Team 2	4	4
8. Wild Beasts and Banshees	6	2
9. WYSIWYG	2	5
Team Name	W	L
Co-ed Upper		
1. Blank	0	7
2. Burk!	4	1
3. Don't Ask	5	1
4. GTSOH	6	0
5. Team 1	3	3
6. Sweat Hogs	1	5
7. Vivarin	2	4
Women		
1. J. Crew	1	5
2. OANOC	6	0
3. Question	1	5
4. We Have Tools	4	2
Men		
1. Haven't Graduated	6	0
2. Water Hogs	1	5
3. South	2	4
4. Adams	3	3

Standings as of Friday, April 5

Art

Continued from page 7

emphasized that the campus and surrounding community still has shown a marked interest in the works at the Meadow Brook Gallery.

"We had a Picasso on loan from the DIA, and while it was here, 9,300 people attended in six weeks," said Watson.

"We have many supporters in the community who contribute artworks and fundings; our collections is almost 1,000 pieces, and it has become very valuable," said Watson.

This art appreciation and

excitement shown by Watson was also evident in students waiting for their pieces to be shown.

While some were apprehensive about which works would be chosen, others are just happy there will be a show.

Christina Trogan, a second year photo student, was not in the Meadow Brook show last year, but was in the CIPPO sponsored show.

The results of the CIPPO show saddened her.

"The winners of last year's CIPPO show were, in my opinion, were too bland and traditional," said Trogan. "There aren't any prizes at the

[Meadow Brook] show, but it will be much more creative and more artful. I'll be proud to be a part of it."

Watson wanted to encourage students and faculties to attend the opening this Friday, especially if they are interested in the arts. She said that it is not a formal affair, refreshments will be served, and it will give one a chance to mingle with the art society at OU.

No admission will be charged, but donations would be appreciated. The Meadow Brook Gallery's hours are Wednesday 1-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 2-6:30 p.m.

Computer

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properly but never say anything to the technician.

Students also complain of long waits to use the computers. One student said he's waited up to 20 minutes to get a turn on a computer.

"You're standing there waiting to type out a paper for your class and you see people who are just playing games. And when you finally get ready to print it takes forever," said the student.

"I think that there should be certain times or certain computers for just Internet and E-Mail," said one first year student.

"Games aren't allowed to be played on the computers at all," said Kalothia, "people don't read signs."

Kalothia said that the techni-

cians try not to keep students waiting any longer than 10 minutes for their material to be printed.

The lab will hold the documents up to 24 hours if they must wait longer.

There are certain computers just for Internet users in Kresge library, but most students don't know it.

Also many students aren't aware of the computer lab at Dodge Hall which opens an hour earlier than Kresge's and stays open just as late.

Technicians and the supervisor all agree that students must work with them to improve the efficiency of the lab.

Take heed to posted signs that state rules and regulations for usage.

If you must print graphics consider how busy the lab is. A full 8 1/2 x 11 page of graphics can take up to 15 minutes to print.

Although a technician is

available at all times, generally students are left on their own. It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with the applications they need.

"Students wait until the last minute to do their assignments," said Cork. "There's nothing that we can do about that."

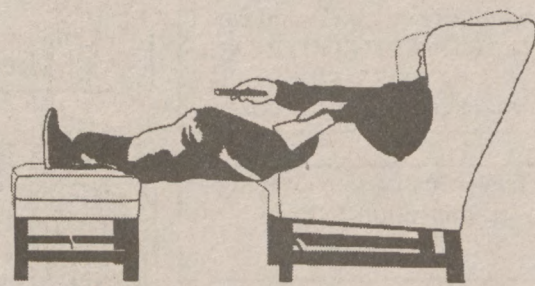
Both Kresge and Dodge will be receiving new printers by fall of 1996.

OU has a new Science and Technology building under construction. It should be completed sometime in 1997 and will contain a computer lab about the size of Kresge's.

OU currently has two labs. One at the Kresge library and one at Dodge Hall.

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Referendum

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WXOU's funding to 10%, provided the station goes FM before July 2000.

The station plans on upgrading its equipment and working area with the extra monies.

"We are very happy. We're anticipating being FM, so we will need to upgrade our options. The extra money will come in handy," said WXOU General Manager Lee McPherson.

Unlike WXOU, the Student

Life Lecture Board (SLLB) will not have automatic funding from the Student Activity Fee. With the failing of the referendum question, SLLB will continue to receive its funding in part from SPB and in part from Congress itself.

"(The failure of the SLLB referendum) is a shame. I'm not sure the students knew what the Student Life Lecture Board is. Congress could have written that question better," said Slywka.

Coordinator of Campus Programs Paul Franklin agreed with Slywka's reaction. He is disappointed with the outcome,

but said it should not affect the SLLB funding.

Franklin said that SPB currently contributes \$6,000 and Congress between \$13,000 and \$15,000 each year, totalling about 5% of the Student Activity Fee. This is the same amount posed by the referendum question, but coming directly from the Student Activity Fee rather than SPB and Congress.

"Theoretically (the failure of the referendum question) should not have any affect on SLLB. (The question) was not something we pursued or initiated, but we did support it," said Franklin.

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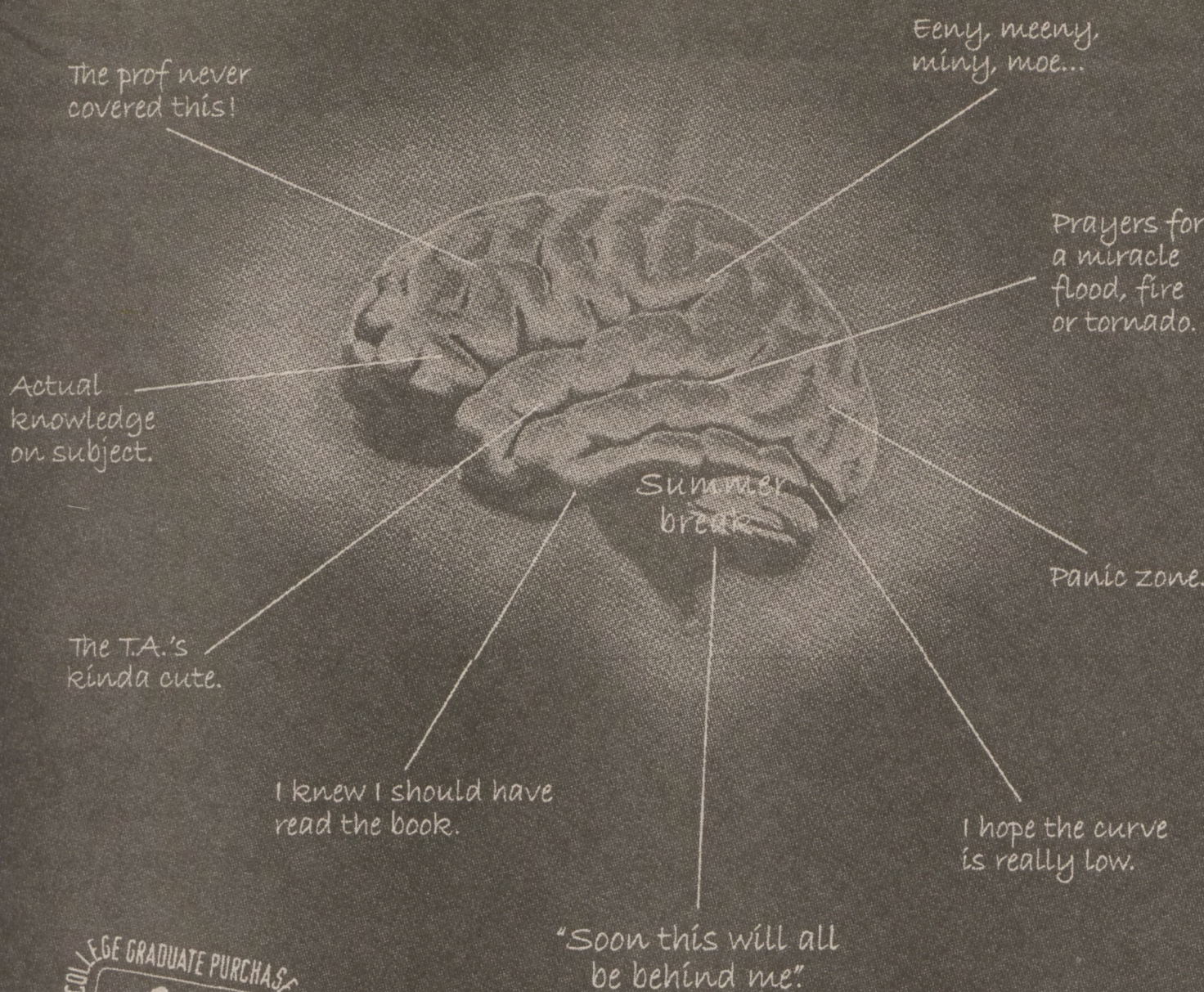
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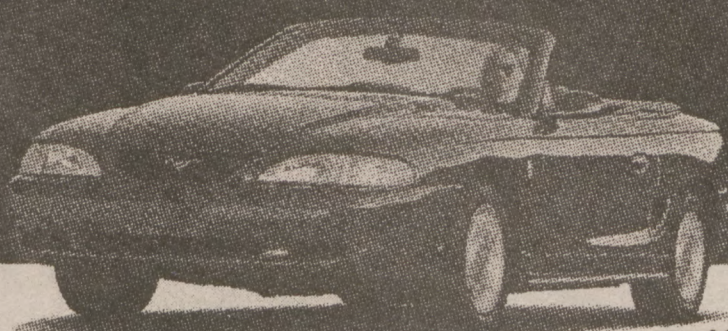
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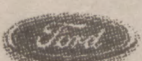


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