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Acting president Lisa Wilson and acting vice president Dave Walby of Commuter Council discuss the upcoming election of officers at the forum held Feb. 9 in the OC.

Commuter Council plans March 9 election of officers

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
Staff Writer

The Commuter Council, nearly dormant for the past nine months, is now undergoing a rejuvenation and will hold an officer election March 9.

CC held a forum Feb. 9 and nominated candidates for president and vice president. Running for president are acting vice president Dave Walby and Carrie Fitzpatrick, who is working on the organization's newsletter.

Acting president Lisa Wilson will run against Rich Gizynski in the race for vice president.

The purpose of CC is to help commuters solve problems and to inform them of events and services provided by the university.

Walby said most students are not aware of many services, such as open swimming at Lepley Sports Center.

The council's chief instrument in disseminating information is a four-page newsletter which is sent to any commuter student who asks to be on the mailing list.

Walby said he would like to get 3,000 names on CC's mailing

list. Currently there are 250 names on the list.

The newsletter includes information about upcoming events like movies, dances and speeches. It also gives information such as how to appeal a parking ticket.

Wilson said they hope to get the next newsletter in the mail this Thursday. CC last distributed a newsletter in April 1986.

The reason for the council's inactivity last semester is two fold.

Their office telephone was stolen in January 1986. Without a phone, the Student Activities Board would not grant CC the \$22.71 per month that CIPO requires as rent for the phone jack.

Soon CC began to run a deficit on its phone account and the SAB cut off the rest of its funding, as is their policy when a student organization owes money.

The phone bill, once as high as \$220, has been reduced to \$117.

The council plans to retire its debt to SAB by enlisting 13 volunteers to work concessions at

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2 Greek clubs suspected of hazing get suspension

BY LYNN TEEL
Editor-In-Chief

The university suspended a fraternity and a sorority in January for alleged hazing violations, according to administrators.

Dave Herman, dean of students, confirmed only that two groups had been suspended. He declined to go into any details about the case, and said the confidentiality of student group conduct cases must be maintained.

Nancy Schmitz, coordinator of student organizations, confirmed that she instructed the Student Activities Board chair to stop allocating funds to Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, Inc., and Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Inc.

Rita Young, SAB chair, said Schmitz told her that these organizations were no longer being recognized by the university.

The Deltas were suspended for one year and will be recognized as a student organization again in January, 1988, according to

Robynn Diamond, president.

The Kappas technically were suspended from the university for a year and a half.

However, according to Herman, if the fraternity's pledge program is "substantially improved to prevent potential hazing," the last year of the group's suspension may be reduced to probation. If CIPO and a committee set up by the dean of students to review the program accept the changes, the fraternity will be recognized in Fall 1987, Herman said.

Although both groups were suspended for hazing violations, the incidents were not related, Herman said. He declined to discuss what the hazing had included.

The 1986-87 Undergraduate Handbook defines hazing as "any action taken or situation created . . . that produces mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, ridicule or any activity that threatens or endangers the life or

safety of an individual."

According to the Kappa's adviser, Robert Douglas, assistant director of Special Services, charges against the fraternity were based on statements of witnesses which said they saw a pledge with a "black eye and busted lip." Douglas said he never saw the alleged damage to the pledge, "and I saw the student every day."

Douglas said the Kappas were suspended on evidence that "was more circumstantial than substantial."

"I think the hazing charges were blown out of proportion," he said, especially because the witnesses didn't show up for the hearing. The witnesses were outsiders who were not present at the time of the alleged incident, according to Douglas.

He found it "very suspicious" that the people who made the charges were not there to back them up at the hearing. Douglas said he was told the witnesses

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Congress approves bylaw revisions

BY TIM MARINE
Staff Writer

University Congress approved the revision of their bylaws on their second reading Feb. 9, after failing by one vote to pass the reviewing to the steering committee.

An amendment to have the steering committee annually review the bylaws, and suggest amendments for Congressional approval, got a 16-2 vote, one short of the necessary two-thirds of the total Congress membership of 25.

"Bylaw readings take up too much time," said Congress member Carl Allen.

President Keith Faber objected to giving the bylaw reviewing task to the four-person committee, and said it was important for Congress to read and understand the bylaws.

Steve Lundy, steering committee chair, said if his group took over the review, they would be "freeing the Congress to get to discussion topics, which I don't think we're getting to tonight."

Congress also elected Debbie Ciupak, Area Hall Council recording secretary, to fill a vacant seat.

Student Program Board chair Melinda Alessi said, "I don't want to see all residence hall students," on Congress.

Congress member Dave McKay suggested postponing the vote a week to give a commuter student a chance to apply.

But Allen wondered how long that would take, so Congress decided to vote.

Congress approved an amendment to the bylaws mandating written notice of Congress vacancies a week before they're to be filled. The seat Ciupak won

wasn't advertised until the day of the meeting.

"We're allowing a bigger percentage of the students to know what's going on," said Congress member Dave Stillman.

At the end of the meeting, some Congress members asked if it was necessary for Faber to accompany SPB members to the National Association of Campus Activities conference in Tennessee.

"I think that money (\$500) could be better directed towards the students," said Allen.

"Why do you feel that people on SPB can't represent the students?" asked Congress member Evonne Westbrook.

But faculty representative Shea Howell said the debate was "out of order" because the money for Faber's trip is from his discretionary fund.

Sweet Sensations robbed of \$476 in goods

BY JULIE LANNING
Staff Writer

Sweet Sensations was broken into Feb. 6 and \$476 in cigarettes and lighters was stolen.

Mel Gilroy, assistant director of Public Safety, said as many as five people may have been involved in the burglary at the pastry shop on the upper level of the OC.

Two of them, Joseph Mysza, 17 and Sean Foil, 17, were issued warrants Feb. 7.

Gilroy said he also expects one

more warrant to be issued to one of two other suspects, one a female OU student and the other a male non-student.

A fifth suspect has been named but not questioned yet, said Gilroy.

Public Safety received a complaint about midnight Feb. 6 from a woman who was in the OC at an activity.

Gilroy said the woman was walking by Sweet Sensations when she noticed the door had been jimmied open. She looked inside and saw that merchandise

was scattered on the floor behind the counter. When an officer arrived at Sweet Sensations, he began questioning bystanders.

One of the bystanders was Mysza. When he was questioned by the officer, he told him he was looking for a coat he had lost.

At the same time Mysza was being questioned, officers in a Public Safety patrol car spotted a Volkswagen parked in front of the OC with two men in it.

The men were approached and when the officer looked in the

vehicle, he saw a large number of cigarette packs.

The officers made a connection between the two men in the Volkswagen and Mysza, and they were all brought back to Public Safety for questioning.

Gilroy said the three men admitted breaking into Sweet Sensations and stealing the cigarettes and lighters.

They also named the female student and said afterward they went to her home and divided up the goods.

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INSIDE

University restricts admission to majors. See story, page 3.

BAM lecturers say society too materialistic. See story, page 7.

Sophomore Johnny Johnson quits basketball team. See story, page 13.

Trustees approve library addition design

BY THERESA GEORGE
Staff Writer

The board of trustees approved the preliminary design for the Kresge Library addition at the Feb. 11 meeting.

The cost of the library construction is \$9 million. The state will provide \$7 million of the funds and Oakland University will provide \$2 million raised by the Capital Campaign fund drive.

According to board member Phyllis Googasian, the board has formally accepted the design proposal but construction of the library addition has not been

scheduled.

"What we have right now are the architects' preliminary drawings. Once the state gives the go-ahead we will start accepting bids on the project," said Googasian.

Rosseti and Associates have performed the architectural services to date. Now that a preliminary design has been approved, the university will assume responsibility for the development of the bidding documents and construction phases, under a contract with Rosseti.

The board meeting agenda was concluded with a presentation by University Congress Presi-

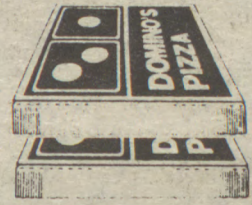
dent Keith Faber.

In his speech Faber concentrated on his administrative goals which included the development of a speaker series, implementation of an off-campus housing task force, and establishing the OU ambassadors, a group of students who volunteer their time in the community.

Googasian said the board was especially impressed with Faber's Oakland Ambassador's project and felt it was important to have students in touch with the outside community. The board also thought Faber's off-campus idea was excellent, Googasian said.

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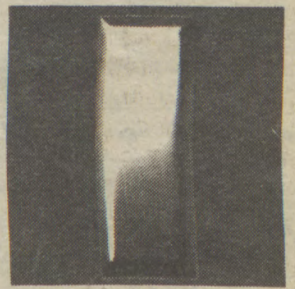
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University tightens admissions to majors

BY GREG HALL
Staff Writer

Due to stricter admission requirements, many students are finding it more difficult to gain admission to their desired majors.

According to a study by the Office of Institutional Research, fields such as engineering, computer science, nursing, physical therapy and journalism have shown a marked decrease in enrollment as a result of increased admission requirements.

The tabulation of fiscal year equated students (in credits, not head count) showed small declines in biology, sociology, music, theater, dance, psychology and certain secondary education majors which are being phased out.

Increases in enrollment in pre-elementary and elementary education and the secondary teaching social studies program have helped offset the declines in the other majors.

The study also showed that students who weren't allowed in-

to their preferred majors are part of the reason for the increase of English and psychology majors.

Director of Institutional Research David Beardslee said the decreases can be attributed to the university's desire to cut the student-faculty ratio.

"The university is committed to quality and we can't spread our resources too thin," he said.

Beardslee also noted that as Oakland's overall enrollment increased over the years, the state failed to raise its funding to the school. Oakland was thus unable

to hire additional faculty to instruct the added students and were not able to purchase new class supplies.

"Things weren't up-to-date and we couldn't spread ourselves too thin over so many students," said Beardslee.

While other majors with increased requirements have decreased in enrollment, business management's enrollment has not diminished due to the large number of students who wish to major in it.

As the tougher requirements

have weeded out the marginal students, Beardslee feels the faculty is happy with the smaller student-faculty ratio.

"While some teachers enjoy teaching less talented students, I think most of the faculty would rather work with better students," said Beardslee.

Some students who are denied admission to their desired majors leave school while others end up in the "undecided" category.

Undecided students fall into three sections: the undecided who is determining which concentration to take in a specific major, such as the science major who must choose between biology or chemistry; the student who is trying to qualify for a major after being turned down; and the student who is deciding on a major in another field.

Police Beat

BY JULIE LANNING
Staff Writer

Student found guilty of taking university flag

A student was expelled from his dorm and must pay an estimated \$800 in damages because he was found guilty of stealing the university flag.

Paul Charles Richardson Jr., 25, was found guilty through the Student Conduct System of damaging a flag pole with a chair, fire extinguisher and other tools, and stealing the flag.

Chief Richard Leonard of Public Safety said Richardson is also on probation for one year.

Richardson also had a two-count warrant issued against him Feb. 9 from the 52-3 District Court in Rochester.

He could serve up to four years and/or pay \$2,000 for malicious destruction of property and up to five years and/or \$2,500 for larceny.

Officers Bob White and Len Celletti apprehended Richardson Dec. 8 after tracking him from the scene of the crime by following footprints in the snow.

Officers get commendation

Officers Michael Bureau and Joyce Eagling of Public Safety received letters of commendation Feb. 3 for apprehending two armed robbery suspects on campus.

The commendations were presented to the officers by Chief Richard Leonard for actions above and beyond the call of duty.

Eagling spotted the suspects on campus Jan. 12 after getting a description of them and their car from the Auburn Hills Police

Department.

The Detroit men were followed to Fitzgerald House and after getting out of their car were questioned, handcuffed and turned over to Auburn Hills police by both officers.

Mel Gilroy, assistant director of Public Safety, said, "The officers did a good job. They did everything tactically right when dealing with armed suspects."

Officers Bureau and Eagling have both been with Public Safety for four years.

Mattress catches fire in Hill House basement

A smoldering mattress discovered in Hill House Feb. 10 could have caught fire from someone dropping ashes from a joint.

According to Mel Gilroy, assistant director of Public Safety, the mattress was found on the floor in the basement of Hill House about 11 p.m.

Gilroy said the mattress was in a service area and was probably a place used to smoke marijuana. "Why would someone seclude themselves to smoke cigarettes?"

A bag with flakes of marijuana and a piece of burnt rolling paper was found next to the mattress. No cigarette butts were found but a large number of used matches were.

He added there was no indication the fire was deliberately set but that someone probably dropped ashes on it and left the room without noticing anything wrong.

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The Pep Band takes a rest from cheering the home team on to victory. The band plays at most home games.

Commuters

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a Detroit Pistons' game.

In addition to the debt, several council members resigned their

posts last year due to other commitments. Those left on staff found it difficult to run CC.

Suspension

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didn't show because they "were afraid."

He resented this, he said, because he thought it was racial. "They don't have to be afraid of black students," Douglas said.

Andre Tinsley, president of the Kappas, declined to comment on the suspension.

After the fraternity rejected the recommendation of CIPO during mediation, the group was suspended through the hearing process coordinated by the Dean of Students office.

The sorority, however, was suspended through the CIPO office, and accepted the recommendation that resulted from mediation.

Diamond confirmed that her sorority was suspended for hazing violations, but she declined to discuss specifics. She said the Deltas were not happy with the suspension, but did not appeal because "it was highly suggested" that the group accept the decision. She did not say who made the suggestion.

Diamond feels the "system as far as CIPO is concerned is unfair. It's unrealistic. You have to plea bargain."

She said the pledges had not complained of being hazed, nor had any of the pledges filed a complaint against the sorority.

The Delta president said "there was some truth to the charges . . . by CIPO standards we were hazing, but by our stan-

dards we were not."

Tammy Williams, a Delta who was pledging at the time of the alleged hazing, said she "had no complaints" with the sorority. "I think (the university's) allegations were altogether wrong. I don't think they really believed what we said."

Williams also declined to reveal what the exact hazing charges included.

The suspension "really upset" the sorority, she said. "The Deltas have shown they work hard for on-campus (activities). We really work hard for other public services. It was unfair."

The sorority's adviser, Elizabeth Glass, director of Upward Bound, declined to comment on the suspension.

The fraternity and sorority cannot receive any SAB funding, hold events on campus, post banners in the OC or have a mailbox in CIPO. A suspension does not prevent the organizations from meeting off campus, Herman said.

The two groups also lose their seats on Greek Council for the duration of the suspension. According to Jim Lambouris, Greek Council president, the Deltas and Kappas were absent from his list for Winter 1987 as members of the organization, but he said he wasn't told why the two were suspended.

Lambouris said Greek Council is "completely against" hazing

Robbery

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Gilroy added that 63 packages of cigarettes and nine Bic lighters were recovered from the Volkswagen, and an additional 13 packs and 25 lighters from the female student.

Although the investigation is ongoing, Mysza and Foil, both of Rochester, have already been arraigned in the 52-3 District Court in Rochester for breaking and entering.

Mysza was jailed because he couldn't post a \$2,500 cash bond. Foil was released on a \$1,000 personal bond.

Both men have a preliminary exam date set for Feb. 19.

Chance to get good job leads freshmen to get education

BY FLORI ROSENBERG
Staff Writer

The benefits of financial success are leading motivators to attend college, according to a survey conducted of freshmen.

The American Council on Education and the University of California, Los Angeles conducted the survey at colleges nationwide.

The results say a chance to get a better job led 83 percent of OU freshmen to attend college; 74

percent were motivated by high pay.

However, 73 percent also ranked learning as an important reason to go to college.

Goals involving material success have replaced more socially-oriented priorities of past decades, according to David Beardslee, director of institutional research.

"In the sixties and early seventies, there were jobs out there," Beardslee explained. In this

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EDITORIAL

Commuter Council showing signs of life after lying dormant

Commuter Council is like the "little engine that could."

The organization has been out of steam, but they're starting to gain some momentum. They have a newsletter coming out soon and are holding officer elections March 9.

We must give credit to the students who are trying to revive the corpse. In effect, this organization has been dead, plagued with debts and a stolen phone.

The vast majority of students at the university are commuters, and yet they are represented by one of the weakest organizations on campus. Attempts to resuscitate Commuter Council in the past have largely failed.

Unfortunately, not enough of the commuters were interested. The reasons cited are varied, but legitimate. It is a pain to have to come back to campus for events. Weather does play an important role. Time spent driving could be spent studying instead. The list goes on. And on.

Yet, throughout all of its troubles, Commuter Council has never completely disappeared -- the heartbeat was just incredibly weak, kind of like a hibernating animal's.

The fault of its failure to become an active organization does not lie completely with the officers. They can only do so much for the organization if not enough people care about it.

Perhaps not many students cared because there wasn't a reason to do so. Now, with the Commuter Scholarships being awarded, more students will have to be involved.

With luck, these recipients will have some innovative ideas, ideas that will sound interesting to a wider variety of the commuters.

Those commuters and dorm students who don't become involved with activities outside the classroom are missing an important part of the educational experience. College years are much more enjoyable if there's some break from studying and working. Sure, homework and jobs take a lot of time, but with a bit of clever time management, the extracurricular activities can be enjoyed.

It's difficult to explain why becoming involved is so important and valuable. The whole experience of being involved in a group, of doing something positive and fun gives a person a great feeling of accomplishment.

The *Sail* hopes those students who are trying to bring back Commuter Council are successful. If the population of commuter students allows it to become such, that organization can be a strong, vital part of university life.

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Letters to the Editor

Student leaders capable of serving on input committee

Dear Editor,

This is in response to an article published in the *Sail* Feb. 2 about the formation of the Student Input Committee.

The chair of the committee was reported to have said that people without congressional experience would prove inefficient in setting up the committee's forum and therefore, weren't recruited for any positions on the committee.

For the past three years, I have been in a position of authority in a student organization. In these three years, I have performed every administrative task possible for this group, from designing publicity items to writing the constitution.

These tasks have required me to work closely with many prominent figures on campus. None of these people have ever pronounced me "inefficient" when it comes to accomplishing what I set out to do. It should be noted here that I have never had any congressional experience.

I have known many other leaders of student organizations and a majority of them have never had any congressional experience. These leaders have performed many of the same tasks I have, from setting up fund raisers to writing charters for their organizations. Some of their ideas have worked and some didn't. The point is that they have tried to establish groups that have reflected what the

Newspaper should write about more pertinent events

Dear Editor,

For the second week in a row, the *Sail* has had an article regarding the man who passed out anti-rock music information two weeks ago on the front page. And this week there was additionally an editorial on freedom of speech, etc. Aren't there more important matters to be written about?

I can think of at least one that should be important to OU students: the university's termination of the Secondary Education Social Science program.

The university's suggestion that students in this program "may wish to change (their) program major or investigate majoring in social studies education at another university" does not promote confidence in the university or make a student feel a part of or wanted at the university.

Perhaps the *Sail* should investigate what other programs the university plans on eliminating in the next few years. Will it be business, engineering, nursing or journalism next?

Sincerely,
Janet L. Akehurst
Junior

students stand for at the time.

In short, the Student Input Committee was designed to collect ideas and criticisms from all types of students, not just those with experience in Congress. Any student who is willing to become involved with such a committee is going to have the desire to accomplish something, a quality that would more than make up for their lack of experience with University Congress.

I am quite pleased to note, however, that the writer went on to quote other committee members on their doubts as to whether or not it was a wise move to approve an input committee with only one out of six members

not connected with Congress.

Working on the University Congress I'm sure is an experience which teaches people a great deal about how formal government bodies work. It is not, however, the only organization on campus.

If Congress really wanted a committee that would reflect a true cross-section of all students, more than one person without congressional experience should have been appointed to that committee.

Sincerely,
Natalie Olsen
Coordinator, CoffeeHouse
Productions

Rules of literary contest need to say 'open to all'

A writing contest was recently held at OU for Black Awareness Month. The topic, "Black Family: Community, Challenge and Crisis" was enough to discourage anyone from entering who was not born black or had not grown up in a black family or community.

However, the topic is acceptable, for in and of itself it does not exclude any person or groups of persons from entering the contest, and it does address the theme of this year's BAM.

What would deter non-blacks from entering the contest were the rules and regulations for the contest that were available at the CIPO office.

These stated that the contest was open to all black students currently enrolled in the university, and furthermore, the "subject must come from, as well as illuminate a black perspective in this country."

Cutting library funds dangerous precedent

Dear Editor,

Library Dean Frankie echoes the feelings of many faculty when she reports being pleased that President Champagne provided \$80,000 (\$40,000 to be spent at this late date, academic year 86-87) for library acquisitions (Letter to the editor, Feb. 9). Is this enough?

How far will that amount take us in keeping adequate library acquisitions? Is it an increase, decrease or leveling off of the budget for purchases over recent years?

A number of faculty were frankly alarmed about the original announcement to freeze purchases and we learned about this plan only weeks ago.

The sad experience of university libraries going such a course has resulted in holdings setbacks

These statements, whether or not they were intentional, excluded non-black students from the contest.

According to BAM contest sponsors, it was not intentional; the only intention was encouraging black students to enter.

I submit if this was the intention, then the statements should have appeared in posters and flyers announcing the event, not in the rules and regulations. Or, if it had to appear there, it should have read, "The contest is open to all black and non-black students currently enrolled in the university."

How much more enlightened would we all be if the topic were discussed from all perspectives in this country, rather than just a black perspective.

Jacqueline Vaneecke
Junior

from which there appears to be no recovery. The budget is simply never generous enough following such unenlightened freezes to permit catching up.

I recognize that from time to time budget constraints become a reality. How a library within a fine university can ever be an area considered for a budget freeze I admit is nearly beyond my comprehension. Computers are now a close second in this regard. Both areas need uninterrupted, enlightened attention and a generous budget, for they are not frills in the educational process, but are the tools of business -- teaching, learning and scholarship.

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Selective service sign-up required for aid

BY THERESA GEORGE
Staff Writer

Male students who fail to register for selective service run the risk of ineligibility for state or financial aid.

Nine states including Michigan have now enacted legislation that denies financial aid to male students who fail to register.

Carol Boswell, supervisor of the Selective Service public affairs department in Washington, said Michigan's registration law is identical with the federal law. Michigan legislation states that men must register within 30 days of their 18th birthday in order to be eligible for student aid, job training benefits, and federal employment.

According to Lee Anderson,

director of financial aid, federal law requires males 18 and over applying for financial aid to sign a registration compliance statement. "If the student refuses to sign the form, our office is obligated by law not to disburse funds," Anderson said.

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UNIVERSITY CONGRESS REPORT

Carmita Lee and Michelle Gray from the G.U. Pom-Pom squad add their charm to the weekly Monday night Congress announcement.

CONGRESS OPENING

At the March 2nd meeting a congressional vacancy will be filled.

At last week's meeting University Congress member, Dave Stillman, was appointed Student Representative of the Faculty Senate and Debbie Ciupak became the newest University Congress member.

The following Senate and University-Wide committees are looking for additional members...

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There is going to be an Open Forum for all students on Wednesday, March 4th at 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. This forum will give students the opportunity to voice their concerns and ask Administrators their questions.

Survey

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period of opportunity, "students had careers in mind," but they were not "agonizing over finding a job," he said.

Today's college students were in high school during the last recession in Michigan. Beardslee feels it is natural for them to be concerned about financial security.

Freshman Theresa Schena agrees with the survey results. She said that she knew she would attend college as soon as she started high school. "If you don't go to college, you don't get a high-paying job," she said.

Phyllis Russell, a freshman hoping to major in engineering or computer science also intends to use a college degree for a chance to do well financially. She expects a salary of \$33,000 a year after graduation. "I don't want to be a bag lady," she joked.

Another freshman, Terri Switkowski, concluded that society is entering a post-industrial period. She feels that specialized knowledge is becoming crucial. "We have to work for everything we get...It's getting so technical" she said.

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FEATURES

BAM lecturers say society too materialistic

BY CHRIS MEIKLE
Staff Writer

James and Grace Boggs, veterans of the Civil Rights Movement, lectured on the condition of the black family as part

of Black Awareness Month last Wednesday.

Shea Howell, assistant professor of communications, opened the lecture and Dr. Patricia Rodgers sang the *Negro National Anthem*.

James Boggs' lecture was titled, "Where Do We Go From Here?". In it he claimed today's society is made of people who fend only for themselves.

Boggs said most people only get a job for its paycheck. He said

he wonders why people don't work to increase their human skills and creativity.

Boggs believes that a person becomes whole by expanding his or her mind and using his or her hands. With technology increasingly taking over some jobs, humans are being "deskilled," said Boggs.

Boggs said a social change is needed to create a better society.

Boggs believes people are more than a commodity. Too great a focus is placed on material things, creating frustrations that drive people toward drinking, drugs and crime.

Boggs claimed that today's "free" society is like a prison. For an example, he said some people are afraid to walk alone at night for fear of assault.

Not only is the economic system declining, but human relationships are also, said Boggs. Boggs believes the family structure and human values are being lost.

"Inside young people today there is a continuous struggle. A struggle for fairness and judgment," said Grace Boggs.

As Grace Boggs stated, the first Civil Rights struggle was over human rights and how others should be treated.

The Boggs' think the first sign of a Civil Rights movement is change. This occurs when people

question their rights and fears.

People need to be willing to take risks not only for themselves, but for the benefit of the entire country.

The Boggs have lived in Detroit for 30 years. They recently returned from San Francisco, where they spoke to several colleges about the decline of black families.

James Boggs came to Detroit from a small town in Alabama. "I guess you could say I'm a renegade," said Boggs. He arrived in Detroit as the labor struggle was going on and has been involved in every struggle since then.

"In Alabama, I was reminded of my place 24 hours a day. I always wondered why I could mix the white man's biscuits with my own black hands but I couldn't eat near the white man."

In coming to Detroit, Boggs saw many different forms racial discrimination. It was for these reasons he chose to reach out and get people to question their place in society.

Black Awareness Month continues through Feb. 19. Dr. Alvin Poussaint, a script consultant for the "Cosby Show" and a Harvard associate professor of psychiatry, is giving a lecture Monday in the O.C. Crockery from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Loneliness counseling available on campus

BY CATHERINE KAZA
Staff Writer

For those suffering from acute loneliness, there's been a breakthrough worth paying attention to.

The treatment- special group counseling at the Graham Health Center.

The 'doctor'- Violet Heise, a second-year intern at the Psychology Clinic Counseling Center.

Heise, who also works at an out-patient clinic in Belleville, said she likes to think the eight weekly counseling sessions that began Feb. 10 will be a cure-all for loneliness victims.

The session's goal is "identifying (the) experience of loneliness for each person," according to Heise.

The idea for the group, which currently has six members, emerged as the psychology field studied loneliness more. Heise said the clinic is trying to reach people in a different format.

Though loneliness varies greatly from person to person, Heise said there is one common thread.

"Loneliness signals (that) there is something important missing," from the person's life, whether it be casual friendship or a "significant other."

Lonely people need to feel comfortable being alone before they can maintain or initiate relationships, said Heise.

Heise said there are difficulties forming a loneliness group.

"It's hard for people to say they're lonely. It's not exactly a stigma, but..."

Heise said there is an important distinction between loneliness and being alone.

Though "we have a very social society," Heise said people who like being alone shouldn't be pushed. "It's okay to get to know yourself... Some people are more solitary."

In overcoming loneliness, which Heise said is a passive state, it's important to take action steps. Gaining self-confidence is a first step.

"Don't be afraid to do things alone," Heise said. She recommended involvement in activities with a focus other than meeting people.

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The Oakland Sail/Art Stephenson
James and Grace Boggs spoke on the condition of the black family last week as part of Black Awareness Month. Both are noted Civil Rights, Black Power and Labor movement veterans.

The Greek System:

1980 arrival triggered new customs

(Editor's note: The following is the first of a three part series on Oakland's Greek system.)

BY ANITA FITCH
Staff Writer

Students with brightly colored matching jackets, like those a little league baseball team wears, are seen cluttering the Oakland Center daily.

But these students aren't baseball players and their coats don't have Joe's Pizzeria on the back. Instead they display Greek letters.

Fraternities and sororities wear similar attire such as the jackets to raise moral and show spirit. Gamma Phi Geta member Wendy Hige thinks the coats resemble cheerleaders' coats.

Greek systems have been a popular part of campus life at colleges and universities all over the United States for years.

Oakland's first fraternity began in 1980 with the formation of Theta Chi. But even before Oakland's first official organization, there were other social groups. Groups called "The Toads of the Short Forest" and "The Intrepid Souls" had many of the same philosophies as the fraternities of today.

A popular rumor has circulated campus since 1971 claiming Matilda Wilson's will included a stipulation forbidding Greek organizations, inter-collegiate sports and reserve officers' training corps to form at this institution, said Jack Wilson, associate vice president for student affairs.

The rumor is false. The will is a public document and no such restrictions have been placed on the university.

"It was the teaching staff at Oakland who were against fraternities and sororities. They were highly skeptical," said Wilson.

After all, continued Wilson who is pro-Greek, this university was based on and still contains "G.D.I.'s - God damn independents." Wilson sees G.D.I.'s as people who do not wish to join clubs or groups.

Nonetheless, the Greeks have withstood the disapproval of G.D.I.'s and faculty. And in so doing, they've brought humor and unusual customs to campus.

Theta Chi began as Delta Alpha Sigma. The D.A.S. stood for "Drugs, Alcohol and Sex," said Wilson.

However Theta Chi Treasurer, John Horvat, denies the "Drugs, Alcohol and Sex" version and claims the D.A.S. stood for

"Dedicated American Students."

Horvat's version could be correct since the original founders were significantly better academically than the existing members, according to Wilson.

Theta Chi claims to have the highest grade point of any Greek organization on campus with a 2.6 average. Forty percent of Theta Chi's last pledge class could not be accepted because of sub-standard grades, said Horvat.

In 1981 Omega Psi Phi, nicknamed the Q's because their Greek sign resembles a Q, formed on campus. This group has the unusual tradition of barking when they see each other.

Omega Psi Phi President, Richard Swope said, "We bark because it's fun."

The Q's are presently in danger of losing organizational funding from the university. Nancy Schmitz, coordinator for student organizations, said funds will only be given to organizations with 10 or more members.

Unlike the Q's, Sigma Pi, the fastest growing fraternity on campus, has no problem meeting the 10 member requirement. After only one pledge class they have nearly the same amount of

members as Theta Chi, which has been here for seven years.

Sigma Alpha Sigma was started in 1982 as a commuter fraternity. The letters S.A.S stood for "Students against squids." They considered Theta Chi to be the squids, said Wilson.

Alpha Delta Pi was the second Greek organization and the first sorority on campus. Their goals are "social, sisterhood, service and scholarship," as stated in the "Go Greek" pamphlet available at CIPPO.

There is a wide spectrum to chose from when looking into the Greeks on campus. Phi Sigma Sigma, Gamma Phi Beta and Delta Sigma Theta make up the sororities. Alpha Phi Alpha and Alpha Kappa Alpha conclude the list of fraternities.

If students are more interested in careers than a social atmosphere, they can join Alpha Kappa Psi (business), Pi Sigma Alpha (political science) or Tau Beta Pi (engineering). The career oriented fraternities are usually co-ed.

Wilson said, there is an adolescent need to affiliate in college. Whether it's in a social organization or an academic club, the Greek organizations meet these needs.

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Food preparation varies in dorms, OC

BY THERESA GEORGE
Staff Writer

Many students who have sampled the campus food service, Saga, in the Vandenberg cafeteria and in the Oakland Center restaurants believe a substantial difference exists between the two food's quality.

Cathy Conigliaro, a Hamlin dorm resident, recently ate some pizza in the Vandenberg Cafeteria.

"It didn't even compare to the pizza I had at the Oakland Center," said Conigliaro, who felt the cafeteria pizza crust was too tough.

Another dorm student, who wished to remain anonymous so not to upset close friends who work for Saga, said she feels the cheese on the cafeteria's pizza had a "consistency of leather."

"They shouldn't leave the pizza out so long uncovered. The same goes for dessert items such as pudding and doughnuts," she commented.

Carl Bender, Saga's food service director, said the food service is organized by board and retail. Board food, served in the

cafeteria, consists of a three choice menu. Its food is prepared in large quantities. Retail food is served in the Oakland Center and is more-or-less cooked to order.

Bender said differences between the way the two are prepared depends on factors like time, quantity and production restrictions.

Jane Hanson, production manager at Saga, said the best example for the differences in Saga food production is pizza.

Hanson said Wild Pizza's ingredients, like sauce, dough and toppings, are prepared by hand daily. It takes one person three hours to make 12-30 pizzas.

In contrast, Vandenberg's pizza ingredients are prepared in advance. Both use the same sauce recipe, but the cafeteria pizza's crust is pre-made with pizza shells.

"To prepare enough pizza to feed approximately 1,000 dorm students, Vandenberg cooks work from 7 a.m. - 11 a.m. making 3,000 pieces of pizza," Hanson said.

Michelle Cosgrove, Saga Food Service manager of the O.C.

restaurants, said Wild Pizza uses the same ingredients as Vandenberg.

"Our pizza is cooked to order. Vandenberg has to cook their pizza ahead of time. There is no way to get around it," said Cosgrove.

Cosgrove said the main difference that exists between the two pizzas is holding time. Wild Pizza is served to the customers a few minutes after it comes out of the oven, making it appear fresher. Once Vandenberg pizza is cooked, it sits out on steam tables to stay warm before it is served.

Cosgrove added that dorm students do have a choice when it comes to fresher food. They can either grab what is available if they are in a hurry, or wait a few minutes and receive a fresh piece from the oven.

If students have complaints concerning food service in the dorms, Saga encourages them to speak out in the form of "love" letters.

"Saga cafeteria management is required to answer all letters as long as they are not obscene. Our management asks students to be as specific as possible about their

complaints such as providing low calorie dressing or a different flavor of ice cream. Saga does what it can to accommodate student requests. Most of the problems are easily solved," said Cosgrove.

Junior Pam Keczmer worked in the Oakland Room during the recent residence hall sponsored "Meet Me In the O.C." Keczmer said that evening's entrees

and desserts were excellent. The items on the menu, like hen and steak, were totally different from what the dorm students get on their "specials night" in the cafeteria.

Keczmer said that she feels there is a difference in the quality and appearance of the food offered in the O.C. and the cafeteria because of the time needed to prepare these items.



The Oakland Sail/Art Stephenson
A Saga employee prepares dinner en masse for the Vandenberg cafeteria.

Forensics team takes 3rd

BY LAURA GAUSS
Staff Writer

The forensics team kicked-off the second semester with a 3rd Place victory at the Glass City Invitational Tournament in Toledo last January.

Seventeen universities participated in the invitational and the top six awards were presented to: Eastern Michigan University - 1st, Bowling Green University - 2nd, Oakland University - 3rd, University of Nebraska - 4th, Indiana-Purdue University - 5th, Ohio State University - 6th.

Oakland had "exceptional performances" by Leeaundra Preuss with a 1st and 2nd place, Tom Zizka with a 2nd and 6th place and Robyn Schultz with a 5th place. Other team participants were Nichelle Lee, Robert Waters, Jon Spyridakis.

Zizka, forensics team president, said in each event groups of 30 people are broken down into groups of six for judging. There are three preliminary rounds in which participants are judged.

Scoring is based on two criteria. The first is a straight scale where points range from one to six, with one being best, six the worst. The second is a percentage scale which ranges from 100 - 75. The best individual score would be 1/100 and the worst would be 6/75. The final scores are compounded to determine the winning team.

The top individuals in each preliminary event go on to compete in a final round which determines which team members will go onto national competition.

Zizka said "By breaking into

the final round, it enables you to go to nationals, but we require members to take a 1st thru 6th place at least twice before we send them to nationals."

Lisa Binsfeld, who has been on the team for two years, said she enjoys competition and competing against other schools.

"We have to research and write our own speeches and then they are judged against other speeches from other schools."

There are about a dozen members on the team and they spend about 10 - 15 hours a week in research and writing, but many feel the time is well spent and say they enjoy doing it.

The coach, Kathy Rhadigan, is pleased with the performance of the team.

"Our team this year is slightly smaller than in past years, but I

still expect to take about 10 members and 37-38 events to national competition in April."

Leeaundra Preuss, a communications major, said, "I feel the forensics team is a valuable part of my education."

As a freshman Preuss took two events to the semi-finals, an event which takes only the top 12 people in the nation. Her goal this year is to make it to the finals.

On Feb. 13 and 14 the forensics team was to hold its 5th annual Pioneer Classic Invitational. Some schools that were to attend are Eastern Michigan University, Central Michigan University, Wayne State University, Indiana-Purdue University, Columbia University, Hillsdale College and Ball State University.

Professor to teach in Vienna next fall

BY ANITA FITCH
Staff Writer

Charlotte Stokes, an associate professor of art history, was recently selected to teach in Vienna, Austria next fall.

To win this opportunity, Stokes wrote a proposal that competed against 19 other proposals from schools like University of Detroit, Alma College and Eastern University.

The Midwest Consortium selected Stokes for the Study Abroad program. This is the first year Oakland has participated in this program.

While in Austria, Stokes will be teaching a general survey course dealing with the Vietnamese succession, a group of painters that began around 1900. The painters are known for their bright colors and their sexually explicit, but easy to understand pictures, according to Stokes.

"Teaching art abroad appeals to me because I was struck by how much you learn by actually seeing the art, not only reading about it," said Stokes.

Students can join Stokes in Vienna this fall, according to Margaret Pigott, an associate pro-

(See Vienna, page 12)

Student's love for business pays off

BY ALISA NASS
Staff Writer

Sophomore Sharon Molnar was selected by *Crain's Detroit Business*, a business weekly, as the 1986 Newsmaker of the Year scholarship recipient.

Molnar, who will receive a \$2,000 scholarship, accepted the award Feb. 5 at a luncheon for the Women's Economic Club of Detroit in the Westin Hotel.

Governor James Blanchard, named *Crain's* Executive Newsmaker of the Year, shared the spotlight with Molnar.

"It was really nice," said Molnar. "It's something I will never forget. The governor talked to me and signed the award."

"Everyone from *Crain* knew who I was and came up and greeted me," said Molnar, who was seated at the speakers table with the governor and executives.

President Joseph Champagne and Ronald Horwitz, dean of the school of economics and management, accompanied Molnar to the luncheon. Molnar said her

parents, who also attended, were very happy about the award and had many people coming up and congratulating them.

The scholarship application states that scholarship recipients must be sophomore or junior business undergraduates who display extraordinary academic skills, leadership and entrepreneurial skills. *Crain's Detroit Business* works with the faculty and administration of a college or university in the Detroit area to select the scholarship winner.

Molnar maintains a 3.76 grade point average in the school of business administration with plans to major in international marketing. Molnar holds a Student Life Scholarship, is an active member of Area Hall Council and is on the Student Programming Board Dance Committee. She has also been involved with the Marketing Club.

Molnar is currently pledging to the business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi.

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Today, Monday, February 16, Dr. Alvin Poussaint; Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Associate Dean for Student Affairs at Harvard Medical School, best-selling author of *Why Blacks Kill Blacks* and *Black Child Care*, and script consultant for *The Cosby Show*, will be speaking at Oakland University.

Dr. Poussaint is an expert on a variety of issues concerning the state of the family in American society, particularly the black family. He will share his knowledge and insight on the dissolving of the nuclear family, single parent households, two-career families, stress-related illnesses, and many other issues that affect the black family.

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Loneliness—

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Self-incrimination is another obstacle in overcoming loneliness, said Heise.

"People who are lonely tend to blame themselves... People get fatalistic about it. It's not true. Loneliness can change."

Vienna—

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fessor of rhetoric and earn OU credit.

Pigott said the program costs \$3,500 which includes housing, street car passes, tuition, concerts, along with several other things. Students can apply scholarships and student loans to the tuition cost, said Pigott. Airfare is not included in the \$3,500 estimate.

Students choosing to participate in the program stay with Austrian families and do not have to know another language, said Pigott. Most courses will be taught in English by foreign professors.

Stokes will be giving a lecture March 5 in the Oakland Center on her trip. Students wishing to learn more about studying in Austria can contact Pigott in the Rhetoric department.

Student produced news-cable show to air on Friday

Tribune United Cable will soon air a show produced entirely by OU students in Advance Television Production class.

Called "The Inside Look," the 15 minute news magazine program begins Feb. 20 at 5:30 p.m. The first program is to focus on the Oakland Technology Park and Black Awareness Month.

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SPORTS

OU to conduct tests on area high school runners for unique 3-year study

BY MICHAEL JORDAN
Staff Writer

Oakland University's Exercise Science program and Department of Psychology are cooperating in a three-year research program involving high school cross country runners.

This research, the type of which has rarely been done primarily in the United States, is the brain child of Dr. John Stevenson, Assistant Professor of Exercise Science, School of Health Sciences. While attending the American College of Sports Medicine National Conference in May, 1986, Stevenson decided that a research project that concurrently covers all scientific aspects of distance running,

would be an interesting challenge. Stevenson was granted a Faculty Research Fellowship grant worth \$4700, with which to start the project.

"In order to better understand the human performance phenomena, the research must include all approaches," said Stevenson, who has been the head coach of the cross country program at Oakland University for the past two years. "These approaches will include biomechanical, physiological and psychological aspects of distance runners."

Stevenson and his student assistants will be joined by Dr. Robbie Stewart, Associate Professor of Psychology, and a group of his student assistants.

"People need to realize that different qualities exist in different runners," said Stewart.

The extensive research project will involve large amounts of laboratory testing. Stewart and Stevenson are hoping to test several area high school cross country teams, but they have not yet decided which schools will be tested. The runners will be brought to the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute, where they will be administered such tests as: hydrostatic (underwater) weighing, maximal stress tests and musculoskeletal assessments. Blood analysis and other medical laboratory tests will be sent to an area testing lab of analyses.

The runners will also undergo extensive psychological testing by Stewart and his assistants.

"Along with the many psychological factors we will be taking into consideration, we will be looking into failure motivation," said Stewart. "This has never been done before in this type of research."

Most of the biomechanical data collected will be taken by Stevenson to the Biomechanical Division of the Department of

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The Oakland Sail/Anita Fitch
Dr. John Stevenson (left) and Dr. Robbie Stewart standing next to one of the instruments that will be used to test the high school cross country runners. The purpose of their research is to eventually improve the performance of the average distance runner.

Bitteringer sets mark as men's team falls

BY PETER AUCHTER
Staff Writer

Junior Scott Bitteringer passed a personal milestone Saturday when he scored the 1,000th point of his career.

Bitteringer, a guard, scored 28 points against Northwood Institute at Midland but the men's basketball team still fell to the Northmen 76-71 in a Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference game.

The loss drops the Pioneers' conference record to 8-4 and their overall mark to 17-7.

The team played without the

services of sophomore Johnny Johnson who quit the team on Friday. (See related story below.)

Bitteringer now has 1,007 points during his three seasons as a Pioneer. That places him eighth on the all-time scoring list in school history.

He is only four points away from Bill Peterson who holds down the number seven slot on the list.

Freshman Stacy Davis was the other double figure scorer for the Pioneers. He had 16 points and also pulled down 12 rebounds.

Northwood led 34-32 at

halftime. James Simmons scored 18 points to pace the victors.

The Pioneers rallied at the start of the second half to gain the advantage. Northwood momentarily regained the lead with eight minutes left in the game.

Bitteringer's jumper put the

Pioneers back on top for the final time with a little more than a minute to play.

Northwood's Kevin Brown sank two free throws several seconds later to give the host team the lead again.

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With road win, 78-68

Lady Pioneers top Northwood

BY TIM DYKE
Staff Writer

One of the major problems with the women's basketball team is its lack of outside shooting this season.

Junior Sarah Knuth and sophomore Leah Fenwick solved that problem Saturday afternoon as they led the Lady Pioneers to a 78-68 win over Northwood Institute in Midland.

Knuth hit two 3-point jumpers at key moments and Fenwick hit from the outside throughout the contest.

"We needed Leah's offensive thrust in the lineup," said Coach Bob Taylor. "But to get into the lineup she knows she must improve defensively and we feel she is doing that."

After falling behind by six points early, Knuth canned a 3-pointer which sparked The Lady Pioneers to a 15-point scoring surge that gave them a 21-12 lead with less than nine minutes left in the half.

The teams traded baskets after that and the Lady Pioneers led 33-21 at halftime.

Another factor in the victory over the Northwomen was that Oakland was able to capitalize on the turnovers its opponent made. That was something that Nor-

thwood was able to avoid in an earlier win over the Lady Pioneers.

Oakland made 13 steals, five by Fenwick and four by junior Sonja Pearson.

"The pressure killed us," said Northwood head coach Mary Vielvig. "We didn't react to pressure and didn't initiate our offense."

The Lady Pioneers gained their biggest lead in the game at the 15:02 mark with a 47-27 advantage. Northwood rallied late to within eight points with less than five minutes left but couldn't overcome the Lady Pioneers.

The Northwomen got their main offensive thrust from center Sharon Berry. She scored 24 points.

Fenwick made a career-high 18 points for Oakland. Knuth added 16 and junior Kim Klein and sophomore Celeste Sartor added 11 points apiece.

Another bright spot was the play of junior guard Margaret Boyle. She is establishing herself as the top guard in the GLIAC, averaging eight assists a game.

Boyle hit that mark against Northwood. She now has tied the school record for assists with 165.

In their last non-league contest of the year, the Lady Pioneers

fought off a pesky Spring Arbor team en route to a 67-61 win. Oakland jumped to a 10-point advantage early and held the Cougars to one field goal during the first 10 minutes of action, but that didn't keep the Cougars from scoring.

Spring Arbor shot a hot 85 percent from the free-throw line (12-of-24 in the first half) and trailed by eight points, 34-26, at halftime.

The big problem for the Lady Pioneers was weak outside shooting and foul trouble. The team started the game without the services of freshman Amy Atkinson who is out with an injured ankle.

Every forward finished the game with four fouls for Oakland. Freshman Debbie Delie fouled out of the game midway through the second half.

With the foul trouble, the team was forced to back off of its usual high pressure defense. "We had to back off of our aggressiveness," explained Taylor. "We have to learn how to make the adjustment to how the referee calls a game."

Taking advantage of the situation allowed Spring Arbor to get back into the game. The Cougars tied the game with two minutes

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Air Force gets clipped by men's swim team

BY ROBERT RAIBLE
Sports Editor

The Air Force Academy swim team had its wings clipped by the Pioneers Saturday.

Johnson leaves team; turn for worst for season

The men's basketball team was having a season dreams are made of until Friday. That's when starting guard Johnny Johnson decided to leave the team.

The sophomore from Detroit cited personal reasons and a conflict with head coach Greg Kampe as his reasons for leaving.

Johnson was the team's second leading scorer with a 12.6 points per game average.

The Pioneers played in Midland Saturday and head coach Greg Kampe wasn't available for comment at press time.

OU started off on a bad note, losing the 400-yard medley relay, but recovered enough to win every other event. The final score was 113-102.

Senior Bruce VerBurg had an NCAA qualifying time in the 200-yard backstroke with a first place time of 1:57.12.

VerBurg anchored the 400-yard freestyle relay and his performance helped OU to barely beat the Air Force with a time of 3:09.71.

VerBurg also took first in the 1000-yard freestyle event at 9:45.03.

With a clocking of 1:42.43, junior Mark VanderMey came in first in the 200-yard freestyle.

A first place finish was also recorded by VanderMey in the 100-yard free at 47.33. He also placed first in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:07.65.

The Pioneers also sauced the Tartars of Wayne State at an

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Coach Righter happy with school's new baseball team

BY PETER AUCHTER
Staff Writer

The university hasn't had a varsity baseball team since the 1980 season. But that certainly hasn't dampened the spirit of local athletes any for our national pastime.

Sixty-five men tried out for the Pioneers baseball team last fall much to the delight of Coach Rod Righter.

"I'm elated with the number of students that came out," said the long-time coach of area sand lot leagues recently.

"That number of students (65) didn't surprise me. Southeastern Michigan is a fertile territory for baseball players," said Righter.

Presently, Righter has cut the number of players on the team down to 19. He said he might add one more student to the roster before the season begins in April.

One goal that Righter has for the team's first season back in the GLIAC is to remain competitive.

"I feel very good about the team. They are very fine gentlemen that are representative of the school," Righter said.

"We want to accomplish as much as we can and do the best job that we can in the GLIAC," added Righter.

"I am pleased with the progress we have made so far."

The Pioneers finished first (1978), second (1979) and third (1980) during their last three seasons in the conference.

Last season Ferris State captured the GLIAC title with a 14-3 record.

When the athletic department dropped the wrestling program last spring it opened the door for the return of baseball, one of the few successful sports in which the

Pioneers competed during the 70s and early 80s.

The baseball program was cut itself back in 1982 when there just wasn't enough money to go around.

"They (the athletic department) was talking about cut-backs," said a former Pioneer John DelCampo. DelCampo, who graduated in 1979, presently is the head coach of Fraser High School's basketball team.

The Pioneers open the season on the road against Aquinas College April 3 with a pair of games against the Saints. All 16 teams the Pioneers face (seven home, nine road) will be double-headers.

The team ends the season May 12.

While Spring is still over a month away, Righter feels confident about the way his team will perform on the diamond.

"I'm pleased with the progress we have made so far," he said.

Men

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That sparked the Northmen who then went on to score seven straight points during the final moments of the game to seal the win.

The men's team returns home to face Ferris State 7:30 p.m. Thursday and then the team travels to Detroit to visit the Tartars of Wayne State 3 p.m. Saturday.

Halftime of Thursday's game against the Bulldogs will feature the grand finale of the great airplane toss.

That game is also Diamond Night at Lepley.

The Pioneers end the regular season next week against their two Upper Peninsula GLIAC foes. Michigan Tech visits Lepley 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Lake Superior State College comes in for a game 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Women

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left but then, after trading baskets, the Lady Pioneers rallied.

The team scored three straight baskets and made a free-throw to seal the victory.

"Our offense was there," said Cougar head coach Darrel Dunkel. "We just couldn't get the shots to go in and made some key mistakes."

Pearson scored 20 points and grabbed eight rebounds to pace the winners. Knuth and Fenwick each made 14.

For the Cougars Lynn Johnson had a game-high 26 points while Linda Crouch added 13 and Evelyn Smith-Stokes had 10.

Oakland resumes action with a rematch against GLIAC foe Ferris State 5:30 p.m. Thursday at home. The team then hits the road for the last time this season Saturday when they travel down I-75 to take on Wayne State at 1 p.m.

Commentary

Spring is in the air and time is right for baseball at OU

BY MICHAEL JORDAN
Staff Writer

Outside right now, the temperature is about 35 degrees, there's not much snow on the ground and the recent warm temperatures have made it feel like spring. It's the middle of February and what does that mean? Spring Training!

Yes baseball fans, it's that time of year again and here on campus, the recently re-instated baseball program is getting into full swing.

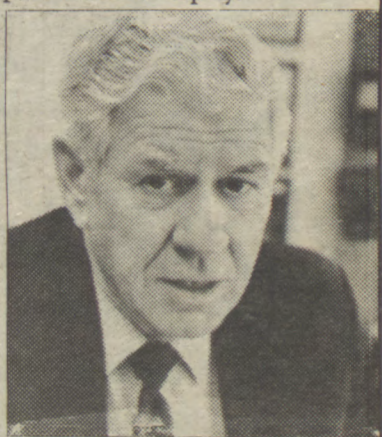
Baseball players can be seen running up and down the stairs at Lepley Sports Center.

Crack! Snap! Pop! These are the sounds of players batting baseballs into large nets in the multi-purpose rooms at Lepley.

Beads of sweat can be seen rolling down the foreheads of the players as they work out on the Nautilus weight machines in the Lepley basement.

No, it's not easy to rebuild a forgotten baseball program but head coach Rod Righter, with his many years of experience, will meet the challenge head on.

Even though the baseball field is now a sea of mud, the players are having visions of warm, spring days when the Pioneers will try to build their new program into a GLIAC championship contender.



Coach Righter

This year, the Pioneers will be hosting six GLIAC teams for a total of 12 home games, while their overall GLIAC schedule will consist of 24 games. Most of their schedule will be played after the winter semester ends, but Athletic Director Paul Hartman doesn't feel that that will hurt the enthusiasm for the sport.

"We have a pretty good group of (spring semester) students," Hartman said. "We have mostly commuter students and we hope that the ones who like baseball will come out and watch their team."

Since the team will not be a money-maker, Hartman said that not a great deal of money will be spent on promoting the sport. The team will have to depend on sheer interest to draw fans this season.

Will the team get the fan support it deserves in this, its first season in seven years?

Since baseball is allegedly America's number one sport, let's hope that its spring season doesn't keep true Oakland fans from attending Pioneer games.

Judd Folske, head baseball coach of the 1986 GLIAC Champions Ferris State, thinks that the addition of Oakland will make the competition in the GLIAC tougher than ever.

"Now that the championship will be based on 24 games instead of 20, it will be a much more exciting and competitive season," he said.

Snap! Crack! Pop! Yes, the sounds of baseball are here at Oakland once again!

On another note: As I was driving toward Lake Orion last week, I noticed that construction on the Auburn Hills Entertainment Center is moving along at a fast clip. I'm glad, because I think that the Pontiac Silverdome is the worst place in the world to watch a Pistons basketball game.

Player-of-the-Week Scott Bittinger

The junior guard scored 28 points for the Pioneers against Northwood Institute Saturday.

He has now passed the 1,000-point mark of his career with a total of 1,007. He is the eighth all-time OU scorer and is only seven points away from besting Bill Peterson's seventh-place spot.

Bittinger, along with junior Pete Schihl, is 1986-87 co-captain of the Pioneers.

He is an excellent outside shooter, helping his team rack up the points every game with the new three-point shot rule.

As a freshman, Bittinger

scored a season high 21 points against Northern Michigan University.

The Toledo, Ohio native is majoring in accounting.

This is Bittinger's second time as the *Sail's* player of the week.

Swim

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away meet Friday. The final score was 118-40.

GLIAC championships take place Feb. 26-28 at Michigan Tech University in Houghton.

Intramural champs in hockey crowned

BY MARC MORANIEC
Staff Writer

Two intramural hockey champions were crowned last week.

The Gamecocks captured the men's title Monday while The Hanson Family won the co-ed hockey championship.

The Gamecocks beat Grogery, 3-2, before 150 fans at Lepley. Gamecocks captain Michael Martin praised his opponents.

"(Grogery is) a very tough team," he said. "They're a very spirited team."

Martin also commented on

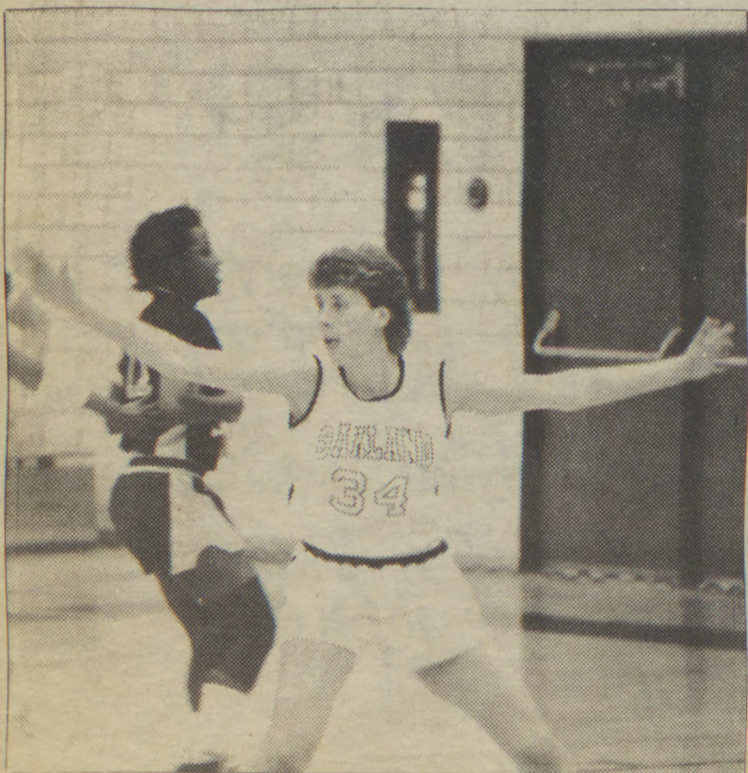
Shawn Clemmons, the intramural coordinator.

"She's doing a really good job," he said.

Dave Murcer scored the game-winning point for The Gamecocks late in the third period.

Last year The Gamecocks lost the championship to The Pontiac Blues.

The Hanson family waltzed through the regular season to a perfect 8-0 record. They then blasted The Penetrators, 5-2 and then took the championship by blitzing Dawg's Dozen, 8-3. Top scoring for the "Family" was led by Jim Metz and Dave Boyce.



The Oakland Sail/Art Stephenson
Junior forward Sarah Knuth clears the lane during Tuesday's game against Spring Arbor College at Lepley. The Lady Pioneers won 67-61.

Research

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Musculoskeletal Research at the Cleveland Clinic. There, Stevenson will analyse the data and bring the results back to Oakland University.

Also helping the research team will be Dr. Bruce Meyers, a local sports podiatrist, who practices in Rochester. Meyers will be working with the musculoskeletal research of the lower limbs.

While the runners are being tested, their coaches will be interviewed so they will be much more aware of what's going on with their runners. If there are any problems in an athlete's performance, the research team will work with the coaches in trying to solve the problem.

Along with being tested in the laboratory, the runners will be tested and evaluated periodical-

ly throughout their entire competitive season.

Stevenson said that it is the hope of the research team that this research will enable them to develop performance models with which an athlete's potential performance could be improved.

If the research is determined to be valid, these models could be used with similar sports such as swimming and cycling.

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