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Creative anachronism



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With woodwork, Allen Pruehs recreates a Viking chest discovered on the island of Gotland. Nelson Haynes observes. Both are members of the university branch of the Society For Creative Anachronism, the Bidding of Hawkland Moor. The medieval recreationist group held a collegium Saturday in the Oakland Center.

New guest policy considered

By ELIZABETH BURR
Staff Writer

The residence halls guest policy may change to include nightwatch in every dorm at an estimated cost of \$30,000 per year.

At present, Hamlin and Vandenberg halls have nightwatch, which checks in visitors. The proposed policy would affect Hill House, Van Wagoner, Fitzgerald and Anibal.

If the proposed policy passes, the cost of increased nightwatch would

not affect housing costs, according to Wilma Bledsoe, vice president for student affairs. "There will be a reallocation in the lines of the budget," she said.

The proposed policy was presented to residence hall representatives at a House Policy Committee meeting Sept. 23. The original policy change recommended by the 1986-87 HPC required guests to be escorted by residents during their stay.

A stipulation requiring 24-hour advance written consent for over-

night guests from roommates and suitemates was reviewed in early summer by Bledsoe, Eleanor Lewellen Reynolds, director of residence halls and Jack Wilson, associate vice president for student affairs, and added to the policy.

"I never would have voted for something like that," said David Lohmeier, a member of the 1986-87 HPC.

Reynolds said the house policy committee was advisory. Bledsoe added, "The policy of policy and

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Financial aid tests students' patience

By RENATE PHILLIPS
Staff Writer

Filling out financial aid forms can be less time-consuming than waiting to receive the money.

"Last year I applied for financial aid in March and didn't receive anything until December," said Raquel Moore, junior.

"Luckily, I was able to scrounge up some money...I had to drop one class because of it."

This year, Moore said she sent her parent's 10-40 tax form twice to financial aid. Unable to receive her scholarship with the form missing, she said she never received notification of the missing form.

Lee Anderson, director of financial aid, estimated that the office received between 400 and 500 documents a day from Aug. 31 to Sept. 4. Between July 1 and Sept. 4, approximately 659 people came in for walk-in advising while more than 1,700 students phoned in.

Tonya Jones, junior, hasn't had any problems with financial aid until this year. She said she sent her parent's 10-40 tax form in twice. However, Jones received notification of the missing form through the mail.

The information is still missing from her file two weeks after turning it in, according to Jones.

According to Lee Anderson, associate director of financial aid, the office switched from a manual to a computer processing system last April.

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Fair fun



The Oakland Post/Jill Nowaczyk

Alpha Delta Pi member Katie Bolen plays 'smack the pooch' at the Commuter Council Fair held Sept. 24-25 outside near the library.

Animal care conditions need to be improved

By BETTY GREEN
Staff Writer

No real progress has been made in improving the university's care of research animals and facilities in the seven years that Benjamin Bisgeier has been consulting veterinarian.

"The level of care is less than it should be," said Bisgeier, a member of the university's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee.

Vice Provost George Dahlgren said improving animal care must be made "a priority budget item."

He estimated a cost of \$50,000 to initiate changes recommended by the animal care committee and the office of research and academic development.

The recommendations call for adding a full-time, trained person to care for the animals and supervise student workers; using a surveillance officer to monitor lab conditions; conducting training sessions for researchers and animal care workers and centralizing control and management.

Dahlgren said the money would come from the academic departments involved, his budget, and/or that of the research office. Dahlgren hopes to have the money committed by the end of the semester.

He acknowledged that government regulations are tightening and that improvements must be made.

If we don't, he said, the federal or state government could recommend discontinuing funding of animal research at the university as it has done at other institutions.

Most animal research is supported by grant money from the federal government and is awarded to individual researchers. Additional money is given to the university to pay for overhead, part of which is divided between the academic departments and academic affairs.

Bisgeier said daily care problems are chronic and are caused by "lack of space, lack of trained personnel and lack of centralized control." He said while specific problems are corrected when cited, they occur repeatedly.

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Labs conduct animal research

By BETTY GREEN
Staff Writer

Animal research ranging from sperm motility to the aging process is conducted in the university's five animal research labs.

According to Barry Winkler, associate biology professor and chair of the university's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, researchers use a relatively small number of animals.

Approximately 2,500 to 3,000 animals are used per year, mainly rats. He said some larger institutions might use 20,000 or more.

Winkler said animals are supplied by breeders.

Most of the work involves out-of-body experiments to study tissue function, Winkler said. This requires removal of such tissues as retina, heart and liver. Rats, rabbits, frogs, guinea pigs and human tissue are generally used.

Winkler said a shift is occurring in some kinds of research from the use of animals to tissue cultures. In that technique, cells removed from the heart or eye of an animal produce more cells for future experiments.

The use of tissue cultures is one way to reduce the number of animals used and cut costs, he said. However, he noted that tissue cultures won't work in all situations.

Winkler said sharing animals is also being promoted. Four different researchers might share one rat; one taking the retina, and others, the heart, liver and testes.

He said the number of animals used in research at the university has remained fairly constant because of space constraints, reductions in faculty hiring and the shift to the use of culture techniques and sharing of animals. He said it was "unlikely" that the number would decrease.

The Eye Research Lab, fourth floor Dodge Hall, studies eye tissue and disorders such as glaucoma, inflammation and cataracts. Most of the work is done on animal tissue using rabbits and some human tissue.

Biology and chemistry researchers work in the third floor lab at Dodge Hall. Biology work looks at how various hormones work in the body, and the causes and remedies of gland malfunctioning. Insulin,

steroids and growth hormones are used on rats to study diabetes, stunted growth and reproductive problems.

Others study eye tissues and sperm motility, using rats, frogs and rabbits.

Some chemistry researchers study the role of natural killer cells in cancer, using rabbit and human blood.

Others use rat livers to study gene regulation.

In the first floor lab of Hannah Hall, mice are used in cancer research to study changes that occur when normal cells become malignant.

No animals are being used at the psychology lab in Pryale House where behavioral studies have been done on squirrels in the past.

The clinical research lab on Lonedale Road, just south of the main campus, is a unit of the School of Health Sciences. It is the only facility on campus that has large animals, such as dogs. Surgical research procedures are performed on a variety of animals. The lab serves researchers from the university and community hospitals.

Stress contributes to suicide attempts

Help is available for students

By JENNIFER BYRNE
Staff Writer

Suicide is the leading killer among young people aged 15 to 24, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

Two suicides were attempted and one threatened in the residence halls between Sept. 12 and Sept. 17. Dave Herman, dean of students, said that was unusual. Normally there are eight to 10 attempts per year on campus, Herman said.

Eleanor Lewellen Reynolds, director of residence halls, said that suicide attempts tend to occur more toward the middle of the semester.

Statistics can be misleading, according to Andy Blinder, a staff member of Oakland County's Suicide Prevention Center. "Many attempts go unreported, or families try to cover up and make it look accidental," he said.

Even though attempts are not limited to freshmen, some university officials think they are likely candidates. Gary Shepherd, associate sociology professor, said the beginning of the year can be a particularly stressful time for freshmen. "It is the first real break from family, familiar surroundings and taken-for-granted relationships," he said.

Robert Fink, director of counseling at Graham Health Center, said that at this time of year, students new to the university have to make significant adjustments which can lead to stress. To alleviate the stress, he said it is necessary to draw people out and get them involved. "These people feel terribly isolated," he said.

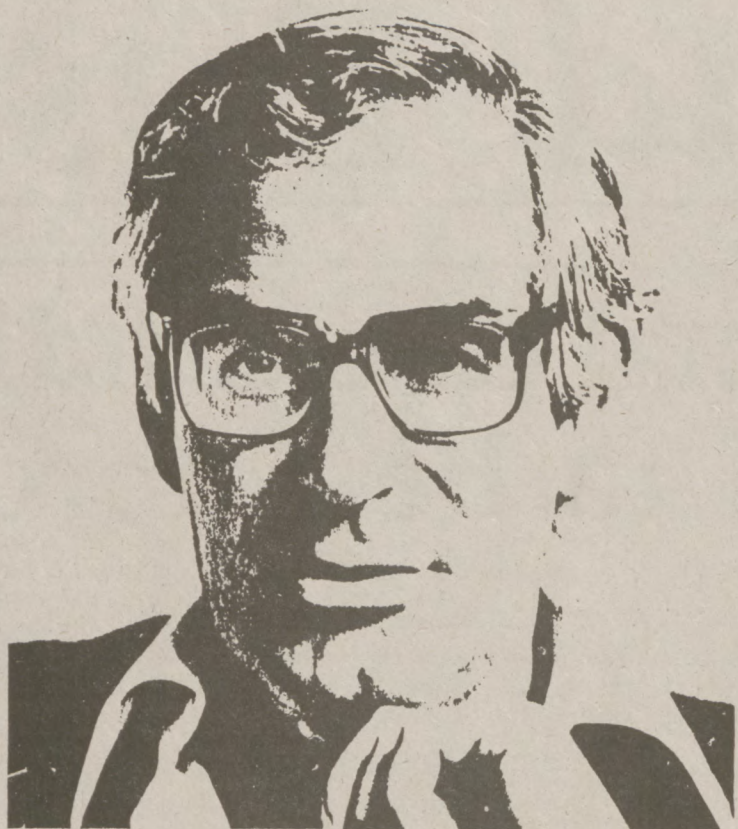
He said that friends and roommates need to be attentive. If someone suspects his or her roommate is troubled, Fink said, "Get them to talk about what is not going well."

Fink added that if someone is suicidal, one way or another it will be expressed. "It is better to run the risk of saying something than not, and if you really are concerned about someone, speak to an R.A. (resident assistant). There's a limit to how much responsibility a roommate or friend can or should take on."

If a friend has attempted suicide, the best thing to do is to talk to people and understand your own feelings, Fink said. "Get life going as normal as possible, and let the person know you are there."

Counseling on campus is available at the psychology clinic in the Graham Health Center, or at S.H.E.S. Resource Center in the basement of O'Dowd Hall.

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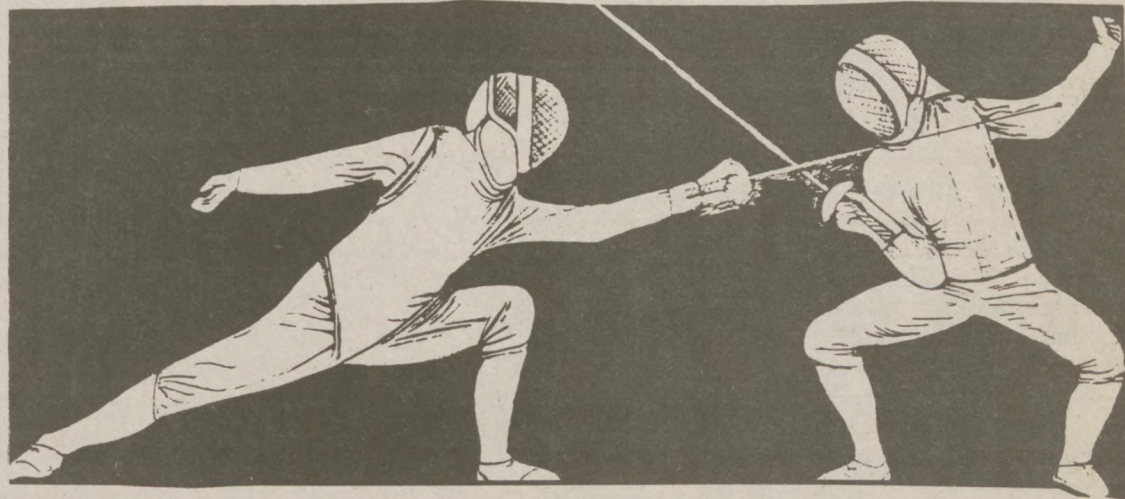
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NEWS BRIEFS

\$600 stolen from student

Approximately \$600 was stolen from a WOUX employee Sept. 20 between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The female was attending a student organization workshop at Sunset Terrace. Cash and checks were taken from her purse, according to Public Safety.

Dorm resident possibly set up

A Van Wagoner male resident claims \$180 was stolen from his room Sept. 20 between 4:30 and 5:30 a.m. He said two men approached him, asking change for the vending machine. One man disappeared shortly after, while the

other continued to talk to the complainant. He noticed the missing money shortly after both men left. Public Safety believes the men set up the resident.

Congress meets

Two congressional vacancies were filled at the Sept. 21 meeting of University Congress.

Stephen Hart and Derrick Lewis were voted in after two closed sessions. Joe Schlichting received steering chair.

Congress also discussed: the removal of "staff" from the schedule of classes, the current speed limit on campus and the organization of an ad hoc committee on minority concerns.

Police information compiled by Jennifer Byrne.

Bug search



Two biology students of George Gamboa search for wasps on the southwest side of campus. The university land is being donated to the Oakland Technology Park. *The Oakland Post/Paul Paris*

Accreditation important

Editor's note: The Sept. 21 story on program accreditation contained several factual inaccuracies. We regret the errors.

By THERESA GEORGE
Staff Writer

Whether or not an academic program is accredited could make a difference in the future career or educational plans of university students.

In accrediting academic programs, the department conducts a two-year self-study of its curriculum, faculty and students, according to Sheldon Appleton, coordinator of the university's self-study for a 1989 accreditation review.

The study is then submitted for evaluation to the professional association the department wants to be affiliated with. Members of the accrediting agency then look over the study to see if it meets the association's criteria.

If interested, the agency visits the institution to confirm information by checking records and student files. Appleton said a decision about program accreditation is usually reached by agency members within a few months after the visit.

John Tower, associate dean of business administration, said that accreditation can also be a factor in

whether corporations in other states will donate money to the particular academic program.

He said the undergraduate and graduate business administration programs are in the middle of a joint accreditation process. The American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business accredits business schools, according to Tower.

Other Michigan schools currently accredited in both undergraduate and graduate business administration programs include Michigan State University, University of Michigan, Wayne State University and Western Michigan University.

"Right now the quality of Oakland's MBA program ranks second to U of M," Tower said.

Tower said although the accrediting agency is increasing membership requirements, business administration plans to maintain its present standards.

William Macauley, associate professor of political science, said the graduate public administration program has recently been accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Administration.

Macauley said that the lack of accreditation of a specific program might prove to be a disadvantage to students applying to graduate schools outside of the state. However, he said it is not a big deal in Michigan institutions.

Animals

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Cliff Snitgen, manager of the clinical research lab, agreed on the need for trained workers. "The program has always had students with no prior experience, trained on the job, working part time and with a high turnover rate," he said.

Snitgen emphasized the importance of a central authority to ensure uniform quality care in all facilities.

While others agree on the need for more personnel and better cleaning, some thought the situation was less severe.

Mary Otto, director of the research office, said, "Usually problems are not serious to animal health and comfort."

Barry Winkler, associate professor of biology and chair of the animal care committee, said, "Our research depends on having healthy animals. For the most part, we meet inspections satisfactorily."

However, he added that there is a need for "more consistent personnel" and "a little more professional" orientation of daily

caretakers. He said the problem of providing appropriate care is complicated by its "365-day-a-year" nature.

Last year \$60,000 was set aside, partly from grant maintenance money, for the purchase of new animal cages. The cost will be approximately \$45,000. The remaining \$12,000 to \$15,000 will be available for other needs.

Bisgeier said cages alone won't solve the problem and viewed the purchase as one step in a series of many that must be taken.

One matter under consideration is the installation of a glassware and utensil washer and dryer that might be used to wash portable cages.

Dahlgren said he is searching for space to install the 10-year-old equipment donated by General Motors. The cost of installing water, drainage, power and ventilation might be \$1,000 to \$5,000 depending on the site.

Dahlgren expects to decide whether to install the equipment and act on the decision by the end of the semester. Bisgeier said installing the equipment, which may have cost \$60,000 each when new, would be "a step forward."

Aid

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"The dam broke after the move-in date for the dorms," Anderson said. "We received so much material that we got a little on the swamped side and we're still digging out."

Next year, Anderson hopes to eliminate the document jam-up by mailing follow-up letters in February instead of April.

"The problem is either we're sending our follow-up letters out too late or people are hanging on to their documents for too long," Anderson said.

Another problem is understaffing between summer and fall semesters, Anderson said. Most students prefer a vacation at this time. The office employs five to seven part-time and full-time students, most involved in data entry, when fully staffed. One or two students work between summer and fall semesters.

Other full-time employees are the financial aid director, associate director, two financial aid advisers and a financial aid officer. These employees work on a rotating schedule for walk-in advising which ensures one person is always available for advising during office hours. They also divide paperwork, such as the review of late fee waiver applications, when there is an overload.

Guests

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procedure rests with the board of trustees," she said.

According to Bledsoe, the policy went from the HPC to residence halls to student affairs and finally to the trustees. Bledsoe said the board would act after her recommendation, but she didn't expect any change in the policy until winter term.

The proposed policy is more specific than that recommended by the 1986-87 HPC, differentiating between the terms guest and visitor. According to the policy, a visitor is a university student or staff member, and a guest is anyone else.

The proposed policy allows residence hall students to have visitors in their rooms at any time, while guests are limited to 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

An overnight guest is allowed only if he or she is the same sex as the resident, and if written permission is obtained 24 hours before arrival.

While the proposed policy doesn't sanction cohabitation or premarital sexual intercourse, Lohmeier said it doesn't place any limitation on homosexual students and their overnight guests.

Jim Nykanen, a HPC representative, said Reynolds explained that resident assistants won't be looking for trouble, and will be reasonable to situations that arise. However, Nykanen added, "I wouldn't want to be the one person not understood and nailed to the wall."

Area Hall Council is presenting concerns about the proposed policy to the board of trustees at its Oct. 14 meeting. Council president Debbie Ciupak encouraged students to attend. "Be concerned," she said. "If not, it will happen."



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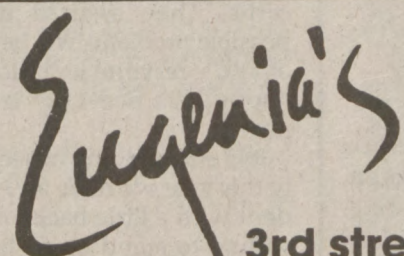
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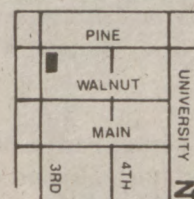


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This group is told that in the real world self sacrifices are often necessary if a person is to be successful in a competitive market.

Offices on campus that close from 12 to 1 p.m. weekdays should take a lesson in this "real world" philosophy by scattering their lunch hours and staying open during this time.

Few classes are scheduled between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m., and consequently this is when most students have time to run errands. If a student can't see an administrator or pay a bill because the office is closed, that office is not serving the university community like it should.

Recently the Post called several campus offices and asked if they were open between noon and 1 p.m. While some, like the office for the school of business administration and management and school of nursing were open, most were not.

Offices for financial aid, placement and career services, student bill payments, accounting and the school of engineering and computer science all close for lunch.

Some offices said they close because of one-person staffs, but others said they close because it is "university policy."

What type of policy would make a rule that hurts students who, because of a job or other time constraint, only have one hour a day free, that time being lunch? Students who attend night classes often can't get to an university office by the time it closes at 5 or 6 p.m. If these students try to come to school during their lunch hours, they're out of luck again if the office is closed from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Simple solutions, like staggered lunch hours or a telephone answering machine could eliminate a lot of hassle for many students.

Most professional businesses do not completely shut down for lunch. Offices on campus shouldn't shut down either.

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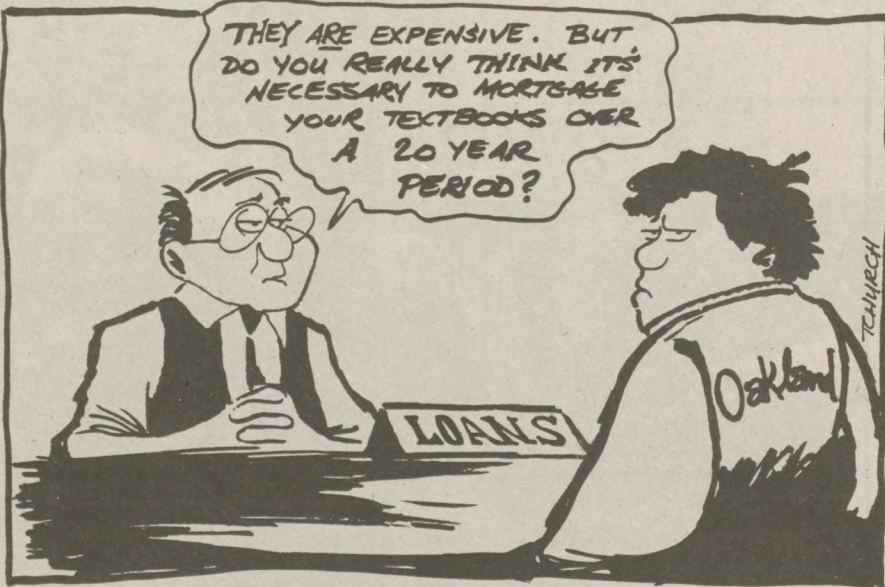
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Letters to the Editor

Student believes apathy major problem among dorm residents

Dear Editor,

The current scandal over the Residence Halls guest policy is only a small part of the greater pathetic state of student rights on campus. The rights of dorm students are being taken away one by one and there is no one there to stand up for them. It seems like every year we are losing the right to do something else.

It is supposedly the responsibility of Area Hall Council (AHC), the dorm student government, to represent the majority of the students. However, it usually doesn't turn out that way. The job of AHC president has in recent history just become a springboard for students who want get RA positions. At least the last three AHC presidents became RAs part way into their terms or the year after. I can't remember the last time that an AHC president has had a view opposite to the one coming out of the Residence Hall office. And, when they are questioned about their views, the standard response is, "You students just can't understand that..." What kind of answer is that?

An incident last year epitomized this very clearly. A group of students in Fitzgerald House, concerned over this very same issue of the overnight guest policy, invited Eleanor Reynolds to answer questions in an informal setting. Mrs. Reynolds arrived with troupe of AHC puppets. It seems like the only reason that they were there was to tell the students what a nice lady Mrs. Reynolds is and how lucky we are to have her as our Residence Hall Director. Not only did the AHC representatives fail to bring up any issues, but they ridiculed other students who had valid concerns. They assured us that all possible problems will be taken care of and everyone will ultimately be happy. We see how true that is now.

It is encouraging to see that finally this year we have an AHC President with a little backbone, who is willing to stand up to housing on valid issues. Debbie Ciupak has already demonstrated that she is more concerned with representing the students than being "best friends" with the Housing Direc-

tors. Students must realize that their apathy must be overcome, or they risk losing all voice in any decisions that are made.

Andrew Zura, senior
President Fitzgerald House, 86-87

Suicide "blurb" tasteless, appalling

Dear Editor,

Regarding the blurb about the attempted suicides that were reported in The Oakland Post (on 9/21): I was appalled. Is anything that personal really necessary and even in good taste for print?

With the information that was printed about the attempts, it would not be that hard to figure out who those particular people might be, especially if people were around on the day and time of the attempt. Not printing the names of the people does not guarantee anonymity.

Need it be said that suicide is a personal and private matter? Did The Post even take into consideration how these people might feel reading the article? What The Post did was a blatant intrusion of privacy. When I first read the article, I could not believe The Post was serious. Unfortunately, I now know that newspapers will do anything in the name of "news," even when it is actuality pure sensationalism.

Margot Chobanian

Student thinks sex on students' minds more than story said

Dear Editor,

I'm very concerned with the recent article in the Post (Sept. 21 issue) regarding sex. The thoughts of sexuality are natural human functions. I would be very interested to see who the students were and how the test was conducted. I know that most of my friends and myself are quite normal individuals, but I also know that we think about sex more than what was stated in the article - one percent of the time during a 24-hour time span. Speaking for myself however, I'm a very healthy minded young adult who goes to school, holds a part-time job, has friends and a social life. With all of my time

pretty well accounted for, I still find time to think about sex at least 50 to 90 percent of the time during different parts of the day.

I think the article should have given a more realistic perspective. How many times has a conversation that has nothing to do with sex been turned around to a topic along those lines? Tests have also shown that subliminally our minds are thinking on a very sexual basis. It seems that anyone who has taken any courses on psychology would know that people think about sex more often than they think about any of life dilemmas. I'd like to see another article regarding the qualifications of the researcher in the article, and I also think it would be very interesting to see an article about the students on this campus and how often sex crosses their minds each day. I think the finding would be contradictory to the article in your recent publication. In any case, I think this would give someone something to think about and also a fantastic idea for a future article. I think the person assigned to such a task would have an extremely good time with the research needed to complete a story of this "nature."

Sincerely,
Beth Morgan

New roads, fun run too much in one day

To the Editor,

Saturday, Sept. 12 the Rochester Apple Amble took place. This annual Rochester event is made successful by Oakland University student participation.

Saturday, Sept. 12 the roads on campus were repaved. This was a very necessary event and I am glad that it is finally done. (Even though it was supposed to be done before classes started.)

I find it very unfortunate that those two events were planned simultaneously. There were a great deal of confused and angry people trying to get onto campus Saturday.

Is it possible that you can find out who planned the repaving of the roads for the same day as the amble so that I might put a gold star on their foreheads?

Thank you,
Deborah A. Ciupak

Suicide briefs fail to serve useful purpose

Editor,

Your report in the September 21, 1987 edition of the details of three suicide attempts serves no useful purpose. True it is "news." However your inclusion of many details makes the individuals involved fairly recognizable on a small campus such as Oakland's. Do these details inform or do they serve more to become the stuff of gossip?

A person makes a suicide attempt out of a deeply painful sense of despair. In the aftermath of a unsuccessful suicide attempt, the person experiences strong feelings of shame and embarrassment.

Your style of reporting simply intensifies such feelings without enlightening the public in any worthwhile way. Hopefully you will consider a change in your treatment of this topic so that individual privacy and integrity are better protected and the information is more socially redeeming.

Robert S. Fink
Director, Counseling Center and
Psychologist

Library still collecting rest of \$2.5 million

To the Editor,

We were very pleased to see in the Sept. 14, 1987 Oakland Post Kelley Jean Rohan's fine article on the library.

It is quite correct in stating that of the total \$11.5 million raised, \$1.5 million is designated for an endowment fund, the proceeds of which will be used to buy additional library materials.

It is important to add, however, that we have not received all of this \$2.5 million to date, as many of our generous donors have pledged their contributions to be paid over a five-year period. In addition, we spent last year with a total of \$513,207 to purchase books and journals for the library, which helps put in perspective the impact of these gifts and pledges (i.e., a \$1 million increase in our budget, if received in one year, would allow us to triple our acquisition rate, not increase it by 5 percent as noted in the article.)

One final note -- it is true that a "penthouse" is planned for the new library. However, before we are besieged with comments and requests regarding this space, it is important to note that the penthouse will be used for electrical, mechanical, and heating and cooling equipment. (Sorry about that!) Congratulations on the new Post!

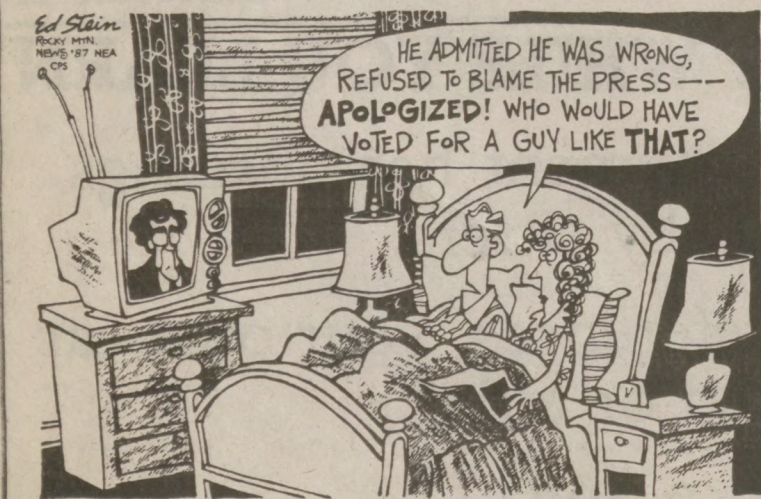
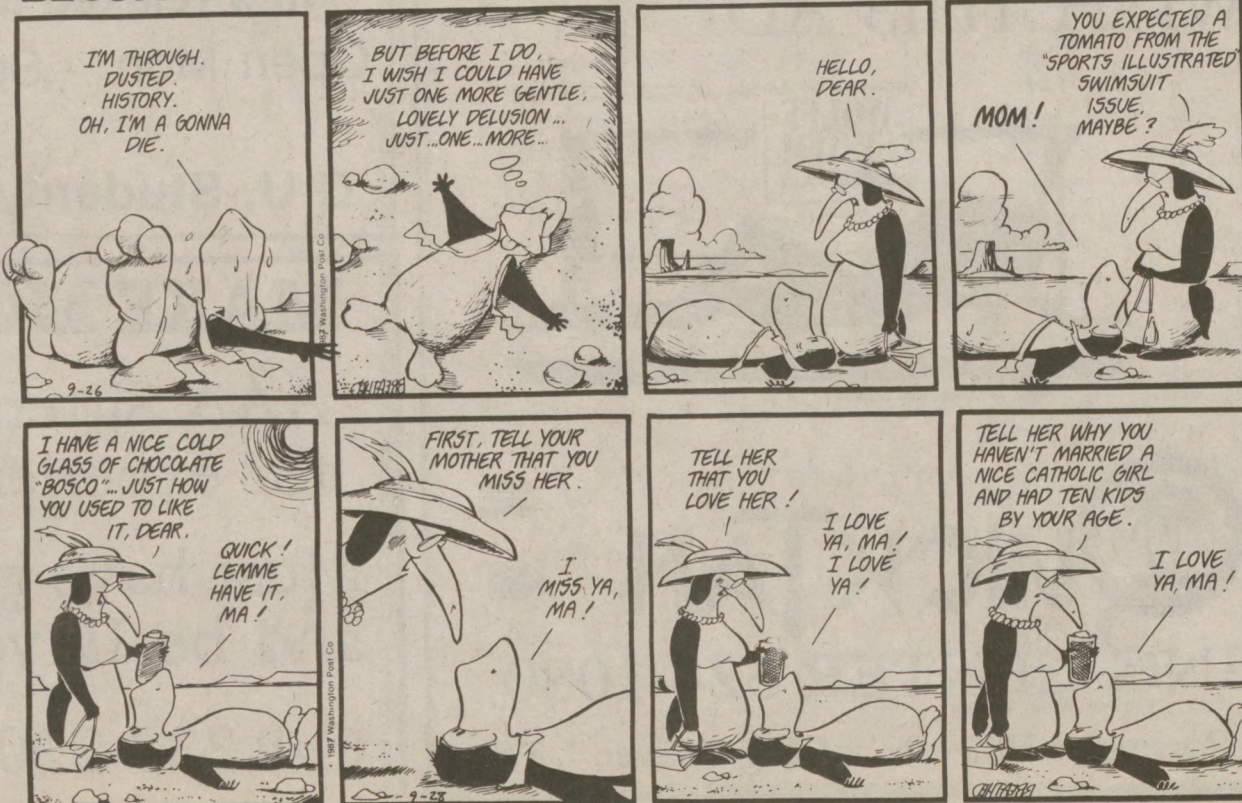
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From left to right: John Keevil, Preston Redding, Pierre Redding and Scott Williams.

The Oakland Post/Art Stephenson

Jabberwocks head Mainstage season

Group sings hits from 50s

By CLAUDETTE ZOLKOWSKI
Staff Writer

The Jabberwocks rocked the Crockery last Thursday night in the first Mainstage of the year.

The Jabberwocks are from Boston and were making their first appearance in Michigan. They have opened for the likes of Chicago and The Judds.

Scott Williams, Pierre Redding, Preston Redding and John Keevil make up the group. The members met while attending college.

The Jabberwocks are an acappella group which means they perform without instruments. Their act consists of songs, comedy, improvisa-

tions and a little strategic audience participation.

Thursday's performance included a variety of Motown and 50s songs. "We do more pop stuff," said Williams.

The group joked with the audience about teaching them a dance step. "There are a lot of white people out there... it will take days, maybe months," teased Preston Redding.

The audience was invited to sing along to tunes like *Teenager in Love*.

The group claimed one song, *Rockin' Robin* was an attempt to "help young collegiate caucasian kids how to count."

They also sang "a little tune

See Mainstage page 6

Transcendentalist recommends meditation for relaxation

By DAWN SCHAFFER
Staff Writer

Michael Gramlich, describes himself as a teacher, energizer, sharer and writer of many topics, including a way to combat illness by meditating.

Gramlich's meditation classes are offered to Oakland students at the Oakland Community College-Auburn Hills campus.

"Most people think that meditation is sitting in a corner and vegetating, but it's really being physically active and it is also very definitely mentally and physically active as well," Gramlich said in an interview.

Gramlich, 59, believes meditation should be an important part of every child's education, as early as first grade.

Students of all ages are faced with anxiety, and meditation is a way to control stress and learn to relax, he claimed. "A simple deep breathing exercise could help control stress from exams."

People who are meditating find a need for less sleep at night, Gramlich noted. He mentioned that he gets

by on five hours of sleep each night and an afternoon nap.

Gramlich said his relatively small classes consist of students, faculty, business people and housewives. He explained there is no typical meditation student.

Among Gramlich's favorite students are those who are skeptical. Gramlich tells doubtful students: "You can deny the existence of the cosmos, but the cosmos won't deny your existence."

For the layman, Gramlich describes the cosmos as all the universes, not just the physical, but the non-physical, too.

An Oakland University student who asked to remain anonymous, recommends the Meditation class at OCC. She said, "my stress level is lowered. I'm more laid back. The conversations in class are interesting and inspirational."

Gramlich feels he lives a simple life and looks forward to the payback explaining, "The good things you do come back around. It's nice to help others become aware; when you teach, you learn. It's altruistic, I'm not looking for anything tangible."

Born in New York, Gramlich earned his bachelor's degree in International Communications from George Washington University in 1958.

In 1961 Gramlich began teaching, not by lecturing, but by getting people to do group and individual meditation. He described his introduction to teaching as a "fortuitous accident."

In 1966 he earned his Master of Arts in Teaching from the University of Massachusetts.

In 1972 Gramlich moved to Michigan and has been teaching meditation classes.

Gramlich is not looking for followers, "You can't make anyone a servant or follower without yourself becoming trapped."

Gramlich has written books, articles, poems and tapes covering a range of topics. *Mehuselah's Children* is a work about how meditation can help the immune system combat A.I.D.S.

Organizations connected with A.I.D.S. research are considering the offer to study the effects of meditation on the immune system, Gramlich explained.

Gramlich said he can send energy across the phone

wires. For example, if he is talking to someone who is tense, he can send energy and can hear as the person calms down. He referred to it as "distant healing."

Sending energy across the phone is a lot like praying in some religions, Gramlich added. "Distant healing" is used by Christian, Catholic people. Prayer and energy go to people who are not physically near you. We call it sending energy because it's non-verbal."

Gramlich said he started learning about meditation after he found he had "intense psychic experience," an awareness of other people and what they were feeling across a distance.

"I enjoyed the experiences, I wanted to know how I get more of this. Something said meditate," he said.

"Man can be alone in nature and survive quite nicely, but in a city or any populated situation, he or she has to interact with the people around him. It's the quality of the interaction that determines the individual's well being or lack of it. Meditation is a way to do all this and develop quality relationships."

Belly Dancer



The Oakland Post/Jill Nowaczky

As part of Septemberfest and Meet Me In the O.C., a belly dancer provided entertainment for snackers in the Fireside Lounge last Wednesday. Cider and doughnuts were served.

Choir tours Europe

By CHERYL WEINERT
Staff Writer

After touring countries like Germany, Austria, Italy and Iceland the Meadow Brook Estate group has returned to Oakland.

MBE, a show choir group, sent six members on a tour of Europe from August 5 to September 14.

Paul Ayotte, Mike Gordon, Mike Maddelein, Jennifer McClure, Kelly Oresky and Anita Schamante went.

Their director, Mike Naylor, who toured Germany himself, had sug-

gested the trip for next spring. Oresky then wrote a letter to the armed forces entertainment office explaining the group's potential. The group auditioned for an officer who came from Washington D.C. to see them.

He decided that he wanted the group to tour immediately instead of in the spring.

Since the group toured to entertain people in the military, the Department of Defense sponsored them.

See Choir page 6

New group explores cultures

By JENNIFER BYRNE
Staff Writer

The (Sub)Cultural Cafe is a new organization on campus.

According to President and Founder Margot Chobanian, this group is the first of its kind.

"It is going to be a discussion group for anyone who has a curiosity, interest or knowledge of subcultures," she said.

Chobanian, a senior, explained that the club will look at contemporary groups like beatniks, hippies, art groups, film movements and mods.

She stressed that the club is open to anybody. Participants will study, discuss and enjoy various subcultures.

So far, the group is planning visits to the Detroit Institute of Arts and to coffee houses.

Professor Brian Murphy of the Honor's College is the group's advisor, and has agreed to give a lecture later in the semester.

Vice President and co-founder of the group Denise Piechnik, a sophomore, is very excited about its future. She said it has a lot to offer. "We have had great support. We are affiliated with the DIA and have a lot of good ideas."

"I hope it does well," said Secretary Kathryn Koch. "It's a new concept on campus."

Koch added that the university's nearness to Detroit contributes to the demand for a group like (Sub)Cultural Cafe.

Junior Evan Genest who has joined the organization said, "I heard about it, and it caught my attention. I think it's going to be a real big thing."

For more information call 370-3984 after 5 p.m.

'Baby Boom' chuckles with working mothers

By JULIE GLEESON
Staff Writer

The upcoming film *Baby Boom* is a pleasant light hearted comedy that deals with a career woman suddenly facing motherhood.

The plot centers around "a woman of the 80s" named J.C. Waitt (Diane Keaton). The audience can have fun and a little empathy for the woman as her life is turned upside down. Lucky J.C. is the recipient of an unexpected inheritance from a recently deceased cousin: a one-year-old named Elizabeth.

J.C. is a management consultant of a top ad agency who is married to her work. She learns that she may become partner in the company and has no room in her life for the experience of motherhood.

J.C. faces the job with creativity though. When desperately trying to diaper little Elizabeth she finally conquers the task with a large piece of duck tape that is strapped around the baby.

This is just one of many scenes that the audience can get a quick

chuckle and relate to the situation.

Feeling the strain of a crumbling career, J.C. escapes to the country to try to master her new role as a mother and get a new perspective on life.

At this point of the movie, J.C. becomes an object of pity; she is in unfamiliar country and learning the meaning of boredom.

The movie does pick up when J.C. meets the town veterinarian (Sam Shepard) who brings her some romance. He comes into her life at the time when she needs someone the most. He tells her it is the little things that matter.

J.C. picks up momentum. She puts her ambition to work by creating a gourmet baby food business.

The ending turns out to be an unexpected twist that should surprise everyone.

Diane Keaton plays her role as a reluctant working mothers wonderfully, and the baby in the film is adorable.

This film tugs at the viewer's heart.



Courtesy of Rick Smith

Monica Molinaro works with a student in her studio art class.

Class encourages creativity

By SHARISE WEBB
Staff Writer

Monica Molinaro says she has one of the most creative jobs on campus.

Every Tuesday and Thursday students get a chance to relax and let their imaginations go in her studio art class, she claimed.

"Studio Art is a hands on experience," Molinaro said. "It's being able to express yourself in a physical way by shaping and building."

Molinaro went on to say the best aspect of the program is displaying creativity in drawing, painting and sculpturing in three dimensions.

"Fine art is not for profit; it is creation made from nature. You don't need much for drawing," she said.

The university has always offered studio art courses, but Molinaro

feels they are more focused and visual to students now. The classes are smaller, and offer more individual help and an invigorating environment, she explained.

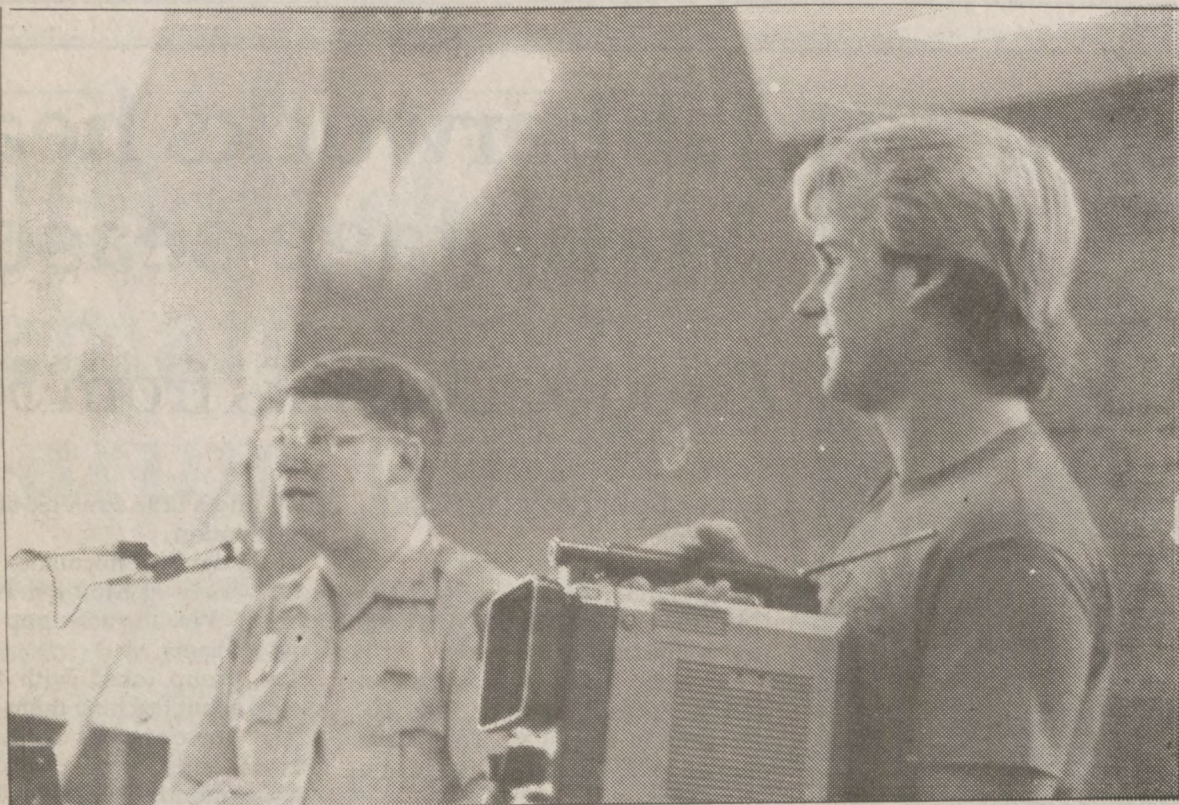
Molinaro isn't the only person with enthusiasm for the program. "The class is fun, challenging and even weird at times," claimed student Dallas Washington.

According to Molinaro, some take studio art courses to get away from strict academics. "It is not as technical as other classes because you use your own creativity and imagination."

Although Oakland does not offer a major in studio art, students have not been deterred from taking the class.

"I love it. It's drawing what you see and feel," Washington said. He feels the hardest part of the class was trying to adjust to the instructor's methods.

Going...Going...Gone!



The Oakland Post/Jill Nowaczyk

Sergeant Richard Tomczak of Public Safety auctioned off five years worth of lost and found items in the O.C. last Tuesday. The event was sponsored by CIPO and Public Safety. 191 bids were sold; the most expensive being a diamond ring for \$200.00.

(Information compiled by Alicia Cunningham.)

What's Happening

Horseback riding: Sponsored by the Student Program Board, sign-up begins today and continues through October 7 at the CIPO service window.

The outing will be October 10.

David Halberstam lecture: The Pulitzer prize winning journalist will be speaking at 2:30 p.m. in the Crockery.

Tickets are \$1.00 for students, \$3.00 for employees and \$5.00 for the public. They are still available at the CIPO service window.

Equus: The first production of Varner's Theater Series, the performances are October 9-11, October 16-18 and October 23-25.

Tickets are \$5.00 for students, \$6.00 for children under 12, and \$10.00 for the public.

Call 370-3013 for more information.

Guys and Dolls: Meadow Brook Theater's season opener, the play will begin a four-week run October 8.

Flavio Varani: The guest artist will open Pontiac-Oakland Symphony's 33rd season 3 p.m. Sunday at Varner Hall.

Varani, a pianist, has performed throughout Europe and in South America. In the United States, he appeared at Carnegie Hall and the Lincoln Center.

Tickets are \$4.00 for students and \$7.00 for general admission. Call 334-6024 for information.

Keith Haring: An artist known for his graffiti drawings in New York City subways, he will open at the Cranbrook Academy of Arts tomorrow.

Haring covered the walls of the museum's North Gallery with a mural last Thursday, and his work will be on display through November 1.

Call 645-3311 for more information.

Future Zoo: The Great Lakes premiere of the exhibition begins Thursday at Impression 5 Science Museum in Lansing.

The show depicts a future Earth with no humans and new animals. The exhibition runs through January 3. Call 517-485-8116 for more information.

The Circus: Ringling Brothers and Barnum Bailey will present their show in the Joe Louis Arena.

The circus will run from October 6-11. Call 567-7474 for more information.

Choir — Mainstage

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MBE also received help from Pat Nicosia, Oakland's director of budget and financial planning and Frank Cardiman, the director of the Center of Economics and Management.

The group left for Europe after three weeks of planning.

They toured Germany by bus three hours a day, and they performed at night. Maddelein said the group tried German food and the deserts were a delicacy. They saw the Alps for the first time.

When describing the night life in Germany, Maddelein said, "... anymore than three beers and don't bother standing up."

After five weeks in Germany, they moved on to Iceland, which has 21 hours of daylight in the summer. The group played a midnight game of volleyball after their shows. They were supposed to tour the Azore Islands after their four weeks in Iceland, but a hurricane near the islands prevented them from going.

Maddelein said the group had problems with the train system. "If you ever go to Europe," he joked, "go first class because if you don't, you will end up sleeping on the luggage rack or standing up during a seven hour train trip."

The MBE performed 38 shows on the tour and each was a variety show lasting 55 minutes. They performed a version of *Footloose*, a 50s medley, tunes from Broadway shows, and a country medley.

Audiences ranged from seven to 1,000 people. Some performances were in remote areas that usually do not receive outside entertainment, said Oresky.

"I was very surprised to find out that after we performed, the local people wanted our autographs... we were signing our own posters," she said.

The DOD gave the group a Morale Support Medal, which enables future members to tour Europe next year. Also, future members will be able to go on other overseas tours like the Philippines.

When asked about the tour, Ayotte said, "The trip was very successful and enjoyable."

about drugs" known as *Love Potion No. 9*.

Only *The Good Die Young* was their salute to more contemporary music.

"Every now and then we get a good audience," said Keevil, like OU students, he added.

Students enjoyed the performance.

"It was great. It was stupendous. It was better than *Cats*," claimed Randy Straughen, a senior.

Jim Uicker, a junior, feels "They were a fun group."

"They were great a cappella singers," said Mike Hynes, a junior.

Before the show the Student Program Board drew names for prizes that included bumper stickers, passes for SPB movies and sweat-shirts from the bookcenter.

The next Mainstage performance will be comedienne Brett Butler 8 p.m. in the Crockery October.

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In Their Own Words

For as long as I can remember I have been a sports fan who always rooted for the underdog. To me the greatest moments in sports are the upsets; the teams or individuals who beat the odds; those who did what everybody said couldn't be done.

How ironic it was then to be involved in one of the great sports turnarounds of my time.

The year 1986 was meant to be a rebuilding season for the Pioneers. Or so everybody said. Virtually the entire starting lineup had graduated, leaving Coach Gary Parsons with a seemingly impossible job; to replace lost talent with equal or better talent.

Could it be done? Just about everybody I encountered doubted it. Former players expressed their doubt. "Oh," they said, "it wouldn't be too bad, maybe even a .500 season." They said we would still defeat the Westerns, the Spring Arbors and the Central Michigans, but there was no chance of holding our own against the perennial power houses.

But so it was; a predominantly freshman team setting out to do the impossible. "Good luck," they said.

Individually it was hard at first. Trying to maintain confidence in yourself as an athlete when everyone else has lost faith is a truly difficult task.

As a team we couldn't seem to gel. We were losing games that we shouldn't, and only winning the "gimmies." At times it seemed we didn't have any luck at all. By mid-season our record was mediocre and we all knew it.

Then something happened. We traveled to Akron, Ohio to play the University of Akron, the eventual runner-up in the NCAA Division I finals. We were soundly and thoroughly beaten 4-0. We were humiliated. It was the last straw.

The trip home was dismal. Everybody kept to themselves, perhaps searching their souls for an answer.

Suprisingly it came. Not in any definite form but as an attitude. It became evident at the next practice. Everyone played with a spirit that wasn't present before, a sense of reckless abandon, a style that would dictate the outcome of the weeks to come.

With eight games remaining on our schedule we exploded, going 7-0-1 and gaining a playoff berth. What a turnaround! From mediocre, to playoff contender.

The playoffs began. Round 1: Lock Haven, overtime victory, 1-0. Round 2: Cannon University, victory, 2-1. Round 3: Davis and Elkins, victory, 1-0, and a first ever appearance in the final game.

"Could it be happening?" they all asked. Everyone by now had changed their tune or eaten their words.

And so Round 4: The national championship game against Seattle Pacific University in Seattle. The scene was set. Four-thousand people cheering for the opposing team, 3,000 miles away from home. Nothing to lose and everything to gain. David and Goliath.

Alas, it wasn't our day. We lost 1-4 and thus became the second-best team in the nation.

Yet I'll never forget what happened after the game. It made me realize that while we had lost, we actually won. We proved our point. We silenced the critics.

At the trophy ceremony following the game the Seattle fans stood and offered a standing ovation. It was the statement that said it all. They knew and they understood. What more could be said. We had played our hearts out, lost but still won. We did all we could. We went to our limit. How sweet it was.

Tattooed soccer player hopes for playoff return

By KANDACE NOVOTNY
Sports Writer

For Pioneer Erik Enyedy (pronounced en-id-ee), soccer is the only game in town.

He knows his role on the team and can clearly define it: "There are two types of soccer players. You could compare them to piano carriers and piano players. My role is like a piano carrier because like a carrier I do a lot of the dirty backbreaking work, a lot of running and moving. It's less skillful (than other positions), but hard work. Many players on the team are more talented, but you need both types together to win games. Without one, neither would exist."

Skill, talent, hard work - whatever Enyedy is doing, it seems to work. He has already tallied one goal and three assists this season.

Enyedy's two objectives are "to help the team make it to the playoffs again and to personally score five goals this season."

He anticipates stiff competition from the University of Missouri-St. Louis and Davis and Elkins College, both of which OU played in a home tournament last weekend.

Later in the season Enyedy looks forward to playing Eastern Michigan University; "Last year EMU was the worst game of the

season. We should have beat them because we had the stronger team, but we didn't, and we're looking forward to redeeming ourselves."

Enyedy was introduced to soccer by his father at age 4: "My dad played soccer in Hungary, which is where my family is originally from. In Europe, soccer is the most popular sport, and since it was also my dad's favorite game, he wanted me to play. Besides introducing me to the game, he was my first coach and coached me for a lot of years after that."

Enyedy has stayed with the game ever since, and after 15 years it remains an important part of his life. He decided to attend Oakland University after playing three years of varsity soccer at Southfield High School because, "Basically Oakland has a very high reputation soccer team as well as high standards for academics."

Although other sophomores start for the Pioneers, Enyedy seems to have several qualities that set him apart from the rest, including a soccer ball tattooed on his back. "Soccer has always been an important part of my life and a tattoo seemed like a unique way to show how much I love the game."

Obviously, besides being an athlete, Enyedy is also a student.

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A Pioneer goes up for the ball as his teammate grimaces.

The Oakland Post/Jill Nowaczyk

Volleyball team goes to 11-1, beats nationally ranked team

By TIM DYKE
Sports Writer

The Volleyball team, off to an 11-1 start, beat Lake Superior State College last week and hopes to be nationally ranked after last weekend's Northern Kentucky Tournament.

The team opened its conference season Sept. 19 with a three-game sweep of Lake Superior State College 15-1, 15-6, 15-6.

"The Lake Superior match was one of the finest matches any of my teams have ever performed," said Coach Bob Hurdle. "They just went up there and played some excellent volleyball."

Three teams in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) are ranked in the latest national poll. Wayne State University, Ferris State College and Grand Valley State College for the moment enjoy the bragging rights. Although some might say the exclusion of Oakland was an oversight,

Hurdle says he doesn't mind, as long as his team continues to play well.

In the match against Grand Valley last Tuesday, Hurdle said both teams fought hard, carrying the match to its five-game limit before the Pioneers prevailed 15-12, 2-15, 11-15, 15-5 and 15-10.

The Pioneers got several bright performances. Sue Lormin checked in with 20 kills and a .333 hitting percentage.

Tracey Jones finished the match with a .429 hitting average. Kelly Williams turned in a good performance with a .625 hitting percentage. Kris Morrison came off the bench to lead the team with 16 points and a .964 serving average.

Good volleyball is becoming standard practice when the Pioneers take the court. They're 2-0 in the GLIAC but still have a lot of games to play with big matches against Wayne State University on Thursday and Ferris State College on Saturday coming up. Both are

favorites to finish at the top of the conference standings this year.

"I was really pleased with the way we kept our poise in both the Lake Superior and Grand Valley matches," said Hurdle. "Our intensity was really high and our concentration was excellent."

The Pioneers have been hot all season, and Hurdle's biggest problem seems to be preventing the team from peaking too early. He noted that some aspects of their game could stand some improvement; passing for instance.

Last weekend they competed in front of the chairman of the ranking committee (at the Northern Kentucky Tournament) and a good performance should draw a national ranking in the poll.

"Sure, it would be nice to be ranked," Hurdle said. "But at this point I'm not concerned. The only time I worry about rankings is at the end of the year when they count."

Soccer boys clean up, beat two opponents

By DAVID HOGG
Sports Writer

The Pioneer soccer team extended their winning streak to four last week with two tough victories over the University of Southern Indiana and Western Michigan University.

Sept. 19 the team traveled to Evansville, Ind. to defeat Southern Indiana 4-0.

Last Wednesday they met Western Michigan in Kalamazoo, slipping past the Broncos 2-1.

In the Indiana game the Pioneers started out "very poorly," according to Coach Gary Parsons. At the half the score was tied 0-0. It stayed that way until 25 minutes remained when midfielder Earl Parris scored to make it 1-0 Pioneers.

Fifteen minutes later, the offensive downpour began. Parris scored again. Simon Mayo booted one in with a rare assist from goalie Vince Aliberti. Paul Phillips added the fourth goal with less than two minutes remaining to cap the triumph.

Aliberti's shutout extended the Pioneers' shutout streak to four games. Parsons wasn't completely satisfied though, calling his team's performance "up and down" and adding that some "foolish fouls" hurt them in the first half.

Alan Stewart, John Stewart and Erik Enyedy earned assists for the Pioneers in the game. Parsons praised defenders Matt Paukovits and Brian Fitzgerald for their contributions to the shutout.

In the second game, against Western, Oakland got on the board early when Alan Stewart scored an unassisted goal just nine minutes into the game.

The Stewart family struck again 20 minutes later when Alan's brother John scored with a joint assist from Enyedy and Phillips. The Pioneers took a 2-0 lead into the locker room at halftime.

In the second half a defensive mix-up led to Bronco Bill Edwards kicking the ball away from OU goalkeeper Nino DiCosmo and scoring to make it 2-1. DiCosmo suffered a minor injury on the play and was replaced by Jeff Vkratsis.

The game was a battle for the last 30 minutes, but Vkratsis and the Oakland defense kept Western off the board and Oakland hung on for the win.

While "thankful" to get the win, Parsons was "not happy" with the performance of his squad: "We didn't play very well at all. We were average to mediocre," he said.

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The Oakland Post/Paul Parris

Tennis players practice early in the morning.

Saginaw takes a beating again, netters victorious

By SUSAN STOKES
Sports Writer

The Women's tennis team returned home feeling the thrill of victory after they beat Saginaw Valley State College 8-1 in the season's first away match.

Number one netter Marge Messbarger lost 3-6 and 2-6 to Terry Bako, but came back to win her doubles match with partner Kris Jeffrey 6-0 and 6-3. Jeffrey won her singles match, defeating Tammy Manninan 6-2 and 6-2.

Rounding out the roster, Heather Duncan trashed Mary Doukaert 6-4 and 6-0; Gretchen Ballen overcame Linda Taeglis 6-3, 6-7 and 6-2; Kelley Hayden beat Monique Steenhouse 6-4 and 7-5; and number six player Lori Kiffner wasted Kellie McDonald 6-0 and 6-2.

In the rest of the doubles matches Duncan and Ballen beat Doukaert and Taeglis 4-6, 6-2 and 6-2; Hayden and Kiffner dispatched Steenhouse and McDonald 6-4 and 6-3.

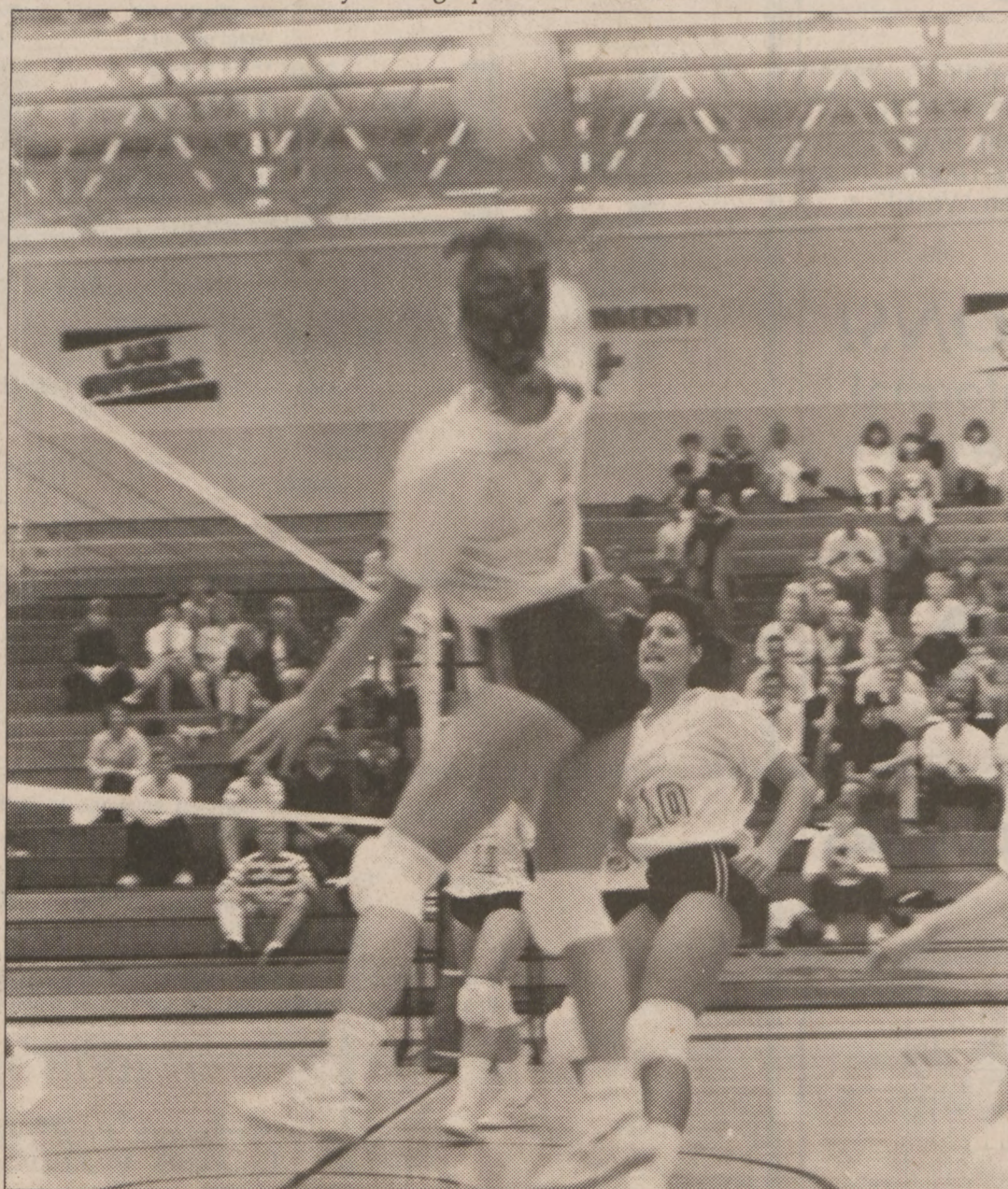
Coach Jim Pinchoff said he was pleased with his team's performance and is optimistic about the season. The only negative has been the poor weather cutting into the team's practice time. It's unproductive to practice in the rain, said Pinchoff, and even more difficult to reschedule practices around the women's varied calendars.

To compensate, the team has been practicing indoors at the One-on-One Athletic Club in West Bloomfield where Pinchoff is a pro.

Pinchoff's aim this year is to finish first in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC). His long-term goal is to establish a tennis tradition here.

He would like to toughen OU's schedule in the future. "Eventually I want to eliminate the two-year schools we play," he said. When a potential recruit looks at Oakland's schedule, says Pinchoff, they are

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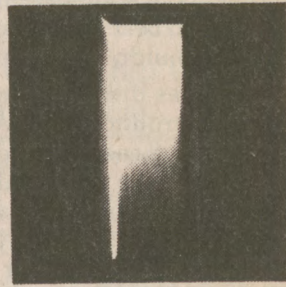
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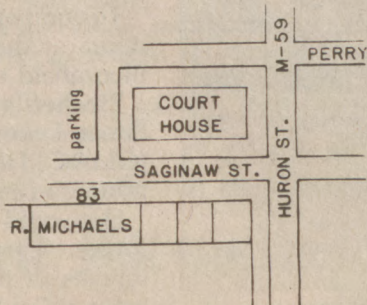
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SOCCER

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Edwards' goal broke Oakland's shutout streak at four games, or more than 440 minutes. The school record for consecutive shutouts is seven, set in 1982. Parsons said the team was not concerned with the streak, and wasn't bothered by its end.

One of the highlights of the season thus far has been the contributions made by new players. The three leading scorers, Earl Par- ris (4 goals, 4 assists), Sel Eren (5

goals, 1 assist) and Paul Phillips (2 goals, 4 assists), are first year Pioneers. Paukovits has played well on defense, while the team's new goalies Vkratsis and DiCosmo are as yet unscored against.

The importance of newcomers has led Parsons to worry about the team's maturity level: "I'm concerned with our ability to handle adversity and to keep our composure. If we overcome that, we will be a very good team."

Next up for the Pioneers are the Michigan State University Spartans. Game time is 3 p.m. Wednesday, on the soccer field behind the Lepley Sports Center.

While Oakland would appear to be the favorite on paper, having a series record of 8-3-1 against State, Parsons disagrees: "Regardless of how well or poorly Michigan State is doing, this is always the big state rivalry game of the year. So they always play us tough. We've never had an easy game against State."

Soccer club stays unbeaten, Nagler scores 4 in one game

By MARC MORANIEC
Sports Writer

The Women's Soccer Club improved their record to 5-0-1 with twin wins over Calvin College and Western Michigan University Sept. 19 and 20, and a tie against Schoolcraft Community College last Wednesday.

The Pioneers took a close one from Calvin 3-2, with Denise Piwkl and Lori Nicley scoring first half goals to put Oakland out front 2-0. For Nicley it was her sixth goal in just four games. In the second half, Piwkl scored again to snap a 2-2 tie and give Oakland the victory.

Visiting Kalamazoo the following day, the Pioneers took on Western Michigan. The game was decided early as the club unleashed a first half barrage, led by Kathy Nagler, that led to a 7-1 pasting.

With the score 1-0, Nagler took over. Exploding on Western, she scored four consecutive goals to give the Pioneers a commanding 5-0 lead. Dorene Dudek and Sara Voikin chipped in with scores of their own to complete the rout.

Three days later the Pioneer men's soccer team visited Western and showed them that our men are

just as tough as our women, beating their opponents 3-2.

As it turned out, the women's club could have used some of those seven goals they scored in Kalamazoo last Wednesday against Schoolcraft. Playing at home, the best they could manage was a 0-0 tie. However, Schoolcraft's team has varsity status, and all the money and support that go with it. As a club, the Pioneers lack the same advantages.

Next Saturday the club meets the Western Michigan Broncos again, this time on their home turf behind the Lepley Sports Center.



One of the Pioneer soccer club players tries to keep the ball away from a Schoolcraft player in their game last Wednesday.

The Oakland Post/Art Stephenson

Cross country runners place 26th, need more experience, says Commerson

By MARY RUBY
Sports Writer

The cross country team, on its first road trip of the season, placed 26th out of 28 teams at the Midwest Collegiate Championships in Kenosha, Wis.

Coach Hal Commerson attributed the poor finish to the team's lack of experience.

"I was not disappointed with our effort considering it was the first college cross country meet for four of our runners."

Ken Osmun lead the way for the Pioneers placing 48th with a time of 26:58 for the five-mile run. Sean Miller was 122nd at 28:02; Barry Valko 160th at 29:03; Jeff Kepich 180th at 30:52; and Mark Spezia

183rd at 31:49. Weekend warrior Todd Robertson missed the meet because of a prior commitment with the Marine Corps Reserve.

Although the Pioneers' running times were relatively slow, Commerson said the condition of the course was not a factor in the race.

Commerson said he considers this the first cross country race of the season. "The Apple Amble (run on Sept. 12) was a downhill, paved course with various age groups," he said. In contrast, 300 college-age men participated in the Kenosha meet. "The field (of runners) was outstanding and it was a tough course," Commerson said.

Ken Osmun, the Pioneers' lone returning runner from last year's

squad, found the going tough. Not feeling well, he experienced a temporary loss of concentration during part of the race, according to Commerson. Osmun added that the race "was kind of disappointing for me."

Commerson said he's encouraged by the team's positive attitude and continued enthusiasm despite the race results. "This experience should help us the rest of the season, and hopefully make us stronger," he said.

The six-member team traveled to Ferris State College in Big Rapids last Saturday for the Bulldog Invitational. Next weekend they will participate in the Monarch Invitational in Warren.

ENYDEY

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He says that although the season is very demanding, he doesn't find it a problem balancing soccer and school work.

During the season he carries 12 credits; off season, 16: "Soccer is the most important thing during the season, but I realize that academics are what I'm here for. I try very hard to keep my priorities straight. I keep an even balance between my school work and soccer."

The dedication, long bus rides, and road trips are nothing new to Enyedy but the long hours take their toll. "At times it's tough, between classes and practice. It gets very tiring and I have to miss a lot of classes because of away games, but to me, it's worth it."

The high point of Enyedy's soccer career thus far was advancing to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II finals last year: "It's what every player strives for. All my life I've waited to play college soccer. To make the team as a freshman and then go to the national championship . . . it's a player's dream."

Enyedy feels that the team has a good chance to make it back to the playoffs this year. He believes Oakland has enough talent, and looks to junior captain, John Stewart to lead them there: "I really look up to John. He's an excellent player, is calm, and knows the game really well; all good qualities for a player to have."

Enyedy has two more seasons to play for the Pioneers and after he graduates he hopes to keep playing soccer, although probably not professionally: "I see myself playing soccer for a very long time. I will keep with it until I stop enjoying it, which will probably never happen. I can't imagine soccer not being a very important part of my life. I love it."



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Erik Enyedy practicing his craft.

TENNIS

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more apt to be impressed if all the opponents are four-year schools.

He wants to sharpen the public's interest in the tennis program here, and talks about establishing "lines of communication" between local tennis talent and Oakland.

Pinchoff has some ideas for what he plans to do here next year, but most importantly he would like to get at the untapped potential already existing in Oakland's players. He wants to make them the best they can be.

The team seems pleased with the season thus far, two lopsided wins over Saginaw, and prepares to face defending GLIAC champion Ferris State College. Ferris finished first in

the conference last year, followed by Wayne State University and Oakland.

According to Ballen, Ferris will be tough because "They recruit from all over, and they have a lot of talent to back them up." Ballen would like to see the Pioneers place first in the GLIAC, but anticipates a second-place finish behind Ferris.

As for their new coach, the net- ters seem to like him. "He's great, a real asset to the team," said Messbarger. "Coach Pinchoff pushes us, he makes us work to develop the talent we have and use it fully," she added.

After 10 off days, the Pioneers face Wayne State 3 p.m. Tuesday at home. Friday they travel to Big Rapids to take on Ferris.

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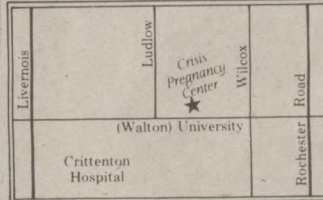
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